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## ROLL OF HONOUR.

### OUR FALLEN HEROES.

**ADAMSON, F. F.**, Sergeant (from Orepuki)—Otago Mounted, 3rd Reinforcements. Missing since May 1st. Aged, 23 years.

**ADAMSON, W. A.**, Bombardier (from Invercargill)—C Battery, Main Force. Killed in action. Aged 20 years.

**ALEXANDER, W. A.**, Pte (from Gore) — Wellington Battalion Main Force. Killed in action in August at the Dardanelles. Aged 23 years.

**ALDRIDGE, A. G.**, Lieut.—Wellington Infantry Battalion. Killed in action, August 10. Aged 30 years.

**CHRISTOPHERS, V. J.**, Trooper—Otago Mounted Main Force. Killed in action at the Dardanelles, May 31st. Aged 30 years.

**COCHRANE, E. G.**—Canterbury Battalion, Main Force. Killed in action. Aged 23 years.

**FELLOWES, A. R.**—Canterbury Battalion. Killed in action at the Dardanelles, April 27th. Aged 21 years.

**FRASER, K. G.** (from Lumsden)—Machine Gun Section, Wellington Battalion. Killed in action at the Dardanelles, April 27th. Aged 26 years.

**GARMSON, J. W.** Pte.—Ambulance. Died of enteric at Suez in his 21st year.

**HOWIE, W. G.**, Lieut.—N.Z. Field Artillery. Wounded; died at Gibraltar, in his 23rd years.

**LYTTEL, D. J. A.**, Lieut.—Otago Battalion, Main Force. Killed in action at the Dardanelles in May. Aged 27 years.

- MARSH, J. B.**, Pte (from Wyndham; enlisted at Waimate)—Canterbury Battalion, 4th Reinforcements. Killed in action, August 8th. Aged 26 years.
- McNAB, ANGUS**, Capt.—R.A. Medical Corps. Killed in attending the wounded, 30th October, 1914, in North France. Aged 39 years.
- MITCHELL, W. A.**, Corp.—Died of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles. Aged 23 years.
- SELBY, W. G.**—Main Force. Killed in action, August. Aged 35 years.
- SCOULAR, J. L.**—South Canterbury Battalion. Killed in action at the Dardanelles, between 25th April and 1st May. Aged 22 years.
- SUTTON, C. K.**, Corp.—Died at Lemnos Island, October 9th. Aged 22 years.

#### WOUNDED.

- BATH, FRANK**, Sapper—Main Force, Ambulance; then Signalling Department.
- CHARLESTON, A. A.** (Terence).
- DRURY, GORDON de C.**—Enlisted at Christchurch; Artillery; returned to the front.
- FRIEND, JOHN**, Driver (Mataura)—Shot in the eye.
- FORSYTH, NORMAN L.**, Corp.—Accidentally shot in knee at Samoa; recovered; Earl of Liverpool's.
- FRASER, W.** (from Waimatuku; enlisted in Hawke's Bay).
- FRASER, NORMAN D.** (son of Manager Bank N.Z., Mosgiel)—General Sir Ian Hamilton's Bodyguard; enlisted Otago Main Force.
- FINDLAY, FRANK** (son of J. F., Manager N.Z. Govt. Life, Auckland).
- FINDLAY, IVAN H.**; typhoid; returned N.Z., Nov. 1st.
- GRANT, E. M.**, L-Corp.
- GRAY, HARRY**, (from Nightcaps)—N.Z. Engineers, Main Force.
- GUY, JAS.**, Trooper—Otago Mounteds.
- HOUSTON, JOHN**, Sapper—N.Z. Engineers; enlisted at Wellington.
- IVE, CHAS. H.**, Sergeant—Main Force.
- KEAST, R. FRANK**, Lance-Corp.—N.Z. Engineers.
- KING, W. S.** (Winton)—6th Reinforcements.
- LYMBOURN, R. H.**, Pte.—Machine Gun Section, Otago Battalion, Main Force, returned to the front; again wounded.
- MCQUEEN, JOHN A.**, Corp.—Main Force; returned to the front.
- MACRAE, IAN**, Lance-corp.—Main Force.
- MORRIS, ARTHUR**, Corp (son of Inspector, Bank N.Z., Wellington).
- MCQUARRIE, WALTER**, Pte.
- PATTON, J. W.**—Returned to New Zealand, November 1st.
- PAULL, R. L.** (Wyndham).
- RITCHIE, T. R.**, Capt.—N.Z. A. Med. Corps.
- ROBERTSON, G. L.**, Sergeant—N.Z. Artillery (returned to In'gill, Oct.).

- STOUT, ERNEST**—Enlisted in Christchurch; in England.
- SALMON, C. W.**, Sapper—N.Z. Engineers; D.C.M.; returned to the front.
- SEDDON, G. H.** (Wellington)—Samoa; re-enlisted in 4th Reinforcements.
- STEWART, A. B.**, Pte (Georgetown)—Canterbury Batt. Main Body.
- SKERRITT, GEORGE**, L-Corp.—Ambulance, Otago Infantry.
- TIMPANY, THOS. A.**, Corp.—In the hands; severe enteric.
- WILLIAMS, HERBERT R.**, Sergt.—Returned to Invercargill Novem-

#### MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

- SALMON, CED.**, Sapper, N.Z. Engineers.—Distinguished Conduct Medal, Dardanelles. "On May 2, during operations near Gaba Tepe, and, again, on May 5, for conspicuous bravery in defending exposed portions of the position."
- WYLIE, THOS.**, R.A. Med. Corps—Promotion to captaincy and O.C. of Medical Division, North France. Sir John French's despatches, May 31st, 1915:—"Lieut. T. W. Wylie, for gallant and distinguished service in the field." It is understood that this refers to the Battle of Neuve Chapelle.
- LINDSAY, A. BONAR**, Capt., R.A. Med. Corps; served one year North France.

#### ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

- ALEXANDER, W. A.** (from Gore), enlisted at Dannevirke, Main Force. Died from wounds.
- ADAMSON, F. F.** (from Orepuki), Sergt., Otago Mounted; missing. Aged 23 years.
- ADAMSON, WM. A.**, Bombardier, Main Force. Killed in action. Aged 20 years.
- ADAMSON, H. G. K.**, 8th.
- ANGUS, ROY.**, N.Z. Engineers
- ALDRIDGE, A. G.** (from Auckland), Lieut., Wellington Infantry. Killed in action, August 10. Aged 30 years.
- BUSH, THOMSON.**
- BUSH, LANCE T. T.**, Lieut., C Co., 7th Infantry.
- BAIRD, W. S.**, Capt. R.A. Med. Corps, firing line. N. France.
- BAIRD, BRUCE**, Captain R. A. Med. Corps, firing line, N. France.
- BROOKE, BURTON.**
- BONTHON, ESCOT**, 6th Mounted.
- BARLOW, A. E.**
- BATH, F.**
- BALLANTINE, L.**, 9th.
- BAXTER, BRUCE**, Corp. Machine Gun, 7th.
- BAXTER, LINDSAY** (enlisted in Victoria, Aust., April, 1915).

BAIN, GORDON R., Sergt. N. Z. Artillery, Main Force.  
 BALLANTYNE, STUART A., 7th.  
 BRENNER, CED. H., Auckland Section, Main Force.  
 CARTER, C. L., 10th.  
 CHRISTOPHERS, VICTOR, Trooper; killed in action, May 31st.  
 CHRISTOPHERS, HERBERT H., Samoa; Lieut. B Co., 2nd Batt. Earl of Liverpool's Own.  
 CHRISTIE, R. LYALL, Med. Dresser; returned to complete degree, October.  
 COCHRANE, EDWIN G., Trooper. Killed in action.  
 CAVELL, ARTHUR.  
 COWIE, J. A., Capt. Med. Base Hospital, England.  
 CUTHBERTSON, DOUGLAS, Lieut., 5th Field Artillery.  
 CATTO, JOHN.  
 CUPPLES, ERROL (Otautau); enlisted Wanganui; 10th.  
 CARSWELL, FRANK, 8th.  
 CHARLESTON, A. A. (Terence).  
 CHARLESTON, ALLAN, Samoa.  
 DOBBIE, EZRA A.  
 DALE, DAN S.  
 DRURY, GORDON de C. (Canterbury).  
 FORTUNE, RAYMOND (from Orepuki), 7th.  
 FELLOWES, A. R. (Canterbury). Killed in action.  
 FISHER, CHARLES J.; Samoa; re-enlisted.  
 FORSYTH, NORMAN L., Corp.; Samoa; N.Z. Rifle Brigade Earl of Liverpool's.  
 FINDLAY, FRANK.  
 FINDLAY, IVAN; returned N.Z., November.  
 FRASER, K. G., Machine Gun Section, Wellington Battalion, Main Force. Killed in action, April 27th.  
 FRASER, HUGH R., Ambulance, Main Force.  
 FRIEND, JOHN, Driver Artillery.  
 FINDLAY, J. GILBERT, Gunner, Artillery.  
 FINLAYSON, THOS. (from Wyndham), 7th.  
 FERGUSON, JOHN S.  
 FALLOW, N. H.  
 FORD, SPENCER (Otautau), 7th Mounted.  
 FOSTER, WALLACE, 7th Mounted.  
 FRASER, NORMAN D., Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton's Bodyguard. Wounded.  
 FRASER, WM. (from Waimahaka), enlisted Hawke's Bay; wounded.  
 FREW, DAVID; 10th.  
 FORRESTER, JOHN, Ambulance, 7th. Wounded  
 FINDLAY, OSB., Corp., Ambulance, 8th.  
 GRAY, HARRY, N. Z. Engineers. Wounded.  
 GRANT, ERN.

GILMOUR, OSWALD, Gunner, 5th Battery, N.Z.F.A.; invalidated.  
 GRIEVE, ROB. G.  
 GUY, JAS.  
 GEORGE, ERN. (from Bluff; enlisted Port Chalmers), Signaller, 8th Otago.  
 GARMSON, J. W., Pvt., Ambulance. Died October 2, 1915, of enteric at Suez.  
 GILMOUR, ARTHUR, Corp., C Company, 8th Reinforcements.  
 GILMOUR, BERT. H., N.Z. A. Med. Corps, Base Hospital, Egypt.  
 GILCHRIST, NORMAN D.  
 HOWIE, W. G., Lieut., Artillery. Died of wounds at Gibraltar.  
 HAMILTON, DOUG.  
 HAIN, STAN., Gunner; invalided, England.  
 HANNAH, J.  
 HOUSTON, JOHN.  
 HORAN, E. A., Sergt., P.O. Dept.  
 HAY, J. REG. B.  
 HAMON, CLIVE, Ambulance.  
 HENDERSON, J. ALAN. Enlisted at Timaru; 6th.  
 HEWAT, JOHN P., Lieut., Canterbury Infantry, 5th.  
 HANAN, STAN., Sergt., 8th Mounted Ambulance.  
 IVE, C. H., L.Corp., Main Force. Wounded.  
 HISKEENS, CARL; 10th.  
 JOYCE, NEVILLE, Lieut., 7th (enlisted at Timaru).  
 KING, WM. S. (Winton). Wounded.  
 KING, ROB (Winton).  
 KEAST, FRANK (from Makarewa), Lance-Corp., N.Z. Engineers.  
 LAMONT, NISBET; 10th.  
 LINDSAY, A. BONAR, Capt., R.A. Med. Corps; mentioned in despatches.  
 LYMBOURN, RICH. H. (Lumsden and N. Taieri), Otago Machine Gun Section. Wounded.  
 LINDSAY, ERN., Capta. R. A. Med. Corps.  
 LINDSAY, IAN.  
 LAMBETH, THOS. A., 7th.  
 LAMONT, STUART.  
 MCKILLOP, E. R., Sergt.; Samoa; 6th Reinforcements.  
 MEHAFFEY, JOHN, R.A.M.C., New South Wales; New Guinea Exped.  
 McQUEEN, JOHN A., Corp. Wounded; returned to front.  
 McQUEEN, JAMES.  
 MITCHELL, W. A. Died of wounds received in action.  
 MACPHERSON, ERIC. (enlisted Otago); Main Force; Ambulance; three months' in hospital.  
 McNAB, ANGUS, Capt. R.A.M.C.; killed in action.  
 McNAB, JOHN, Lieut.; enlisted in England.

MILES, F. F., Lieut., 9th Glosters 78th Brigade.  
 MCKENZIE, ROB. C. (from Ctapiri); Main Force.  
 MACAN, GEORGE.  
 MacGIBBON, ROY C., Lieut.; enlisted in England.  
 MacGIBBON, FRANK O., R.A. Med. Corps.  
 MAIR, H. LINDSAY, 8th.  
 McCAW, W. A., Ambulance with 5th.  
 MACALISTER, ALLAN B., Gunner, N.Z. Artillery.  
 MACALISTER, JOHN, Gunner N.Z. Artillery.  
 MCKENZIE, A. ROY, D Squadron Otago M.R., 6th.  
 MILLER, STANLEY C., 8th.  
 MacGIBBON, David A. (Gore), Artillery.  
 MacGIBBON, STANLEY (Gore).  
 MACDONALD, ARTHUR (from Enwood).  
 McQUARIE, C. G. W.  
 MACDONALD, MORELL (son of Herbert A. M.), 7th Otago Section.  
 MCKENZIE, GEO., Sergt. (from Bluff), 7th Otago Section.  
 MACRAE, IAN, L.-corpl, Main Force. Wounded.  
 McGLURE, WILFRED (B.N.Z., Geraldine, formerly Bluff), 10th.  
 MACKAY, J. R. (from Woodend and Goods N.Z.R., Bluff).  
 MILNE, ALEX. (from Woodlands), Sergt. 8th Mounted.  
 MARSH, J. B. (from Wyndham). Killed August 8th.  
 MORRIS, ARTHUR, Corpl., Wellington. Wounded.  
 McDONOUGH, JAS. C.  
 MULLAN, JAS. (West Plains), P.O. official at front.  
 MCKENZIE, IAN ROY (enlisted West Coast; from Bluff), Sergt.  
 NELSON, DON. A. (Wallacetown), 10th.  
 NEAS, RUD (West Plains), Main Force.  
 PAULL, R. L. (Wyndham).  
 POW, JAS., Capt. Earl of Liverpool's N.Z. Rifle Brigade.  
 PAY, W. H., 8th Mounted Otago.  
 PAYNE, J. T. W.  
 PORTER, NEILL, 10th.  
 PATTON, J. W. Returned November 1st.  
 PRICE, ERIC C. J.  
 PILCHER, FRED. (enlisted Hawke's Bay).  
 RITCHIE, T. R., Capt. (from Winton), N.Z.A. Med. Corps. Wounded.  
 RYBURN, M., Sergt., Main Force.  
 REID, CEC. N.Z. Rifle Brigade, Earl of Liverpool's.  
 REID, SYD. A., Sergt E. Co. 9th.  
 REID, CHAS. E., Lieut. B. Co. 8th.  
 RIGG, R. R., 6th.  
 RABBIDGE, E. G., 5th Mounted.  
 RYAN, J. T.  
 RICHARDSON, GEO. (Wyndham).

ROBERTSON, G. LOGAN, Sergt. N.Z.Art., Main Force. Wounded. Returned October.  
 SALMON, CEDRIC W., Sapper N.Z. Engineers. Mentioned in despatches. Distinguished Conduct Medal. Wounded.  
 SEDDON, GEO. H. (Wellington), Samoa; Dardanelles; 4th; wounded.  
 STEVENS, J. RONALD (Riverton).  
 SKERRITT, GEO., L.corpl. (from Bluff), Main Force; Otago Ambulance. Wounded.  
 SIMON, FRANK, Lieut.. 9th Royal Dublin Fusiliers.  
 STOUT, ERN., Canterbury Battalion. Wounded.  
 SCOULLAR, J. L. (S. Canterbury; from Edendale).  
 SMALL, LIONEL, 10th.  
 SMITH, CYRIL (son of Manager B.N.Z.).  
 SCANDRETT, ERIC, 6th.  
 STEAD, JAS. L.  
 STEAD, NORMAN F.  
 STRANG, CLEM. R., N.Z. Rifle Brigade Earl of Liverpool's.  
 SPROAT, HUGH G., Artillery. 8th.  
 STEWART, ALEX. B. (Georgetown), Canterbury Regiment, Main Force. Wounded.  
 SUTTON, KEITH, Corpl., Artillery, Main Force. Died of diphtheria at Lemnos.  
 SPENCER, R. B. (Bluff).  
 STRUTHERS, J. B., Lieut., 9th.  
 SAMPSON, W., N.Z. Artillery, 8th.  
 STOBO, ANDREW. Dangerously ill in Trentham Camp with cerebro-spinal meningitis. Discharged.  
 SELBY, W. G. Killed in action.  
 TOTHILL, COMPTON, Samoa; N.Z. Reinforcements.  
 TOTHILL, GEORGE, Artillery, Australian Main Force.  
 TANGNEY, B., L.-corpl.; Samoa; 8th.  
 TEMPLETON, W. Main Force, Otago Infantry.  
 TIMPANY, THOS. A., L.-corpl., Main Force. Wounded.  
 TRAILL, ROY. Convalescent in England from heat apoplexy.  
 TRAILL, ARTHUR W., 8th.  
 TRAILL, CHAS. N.Z. Rifle Brigade, Earl of Liverpool's.  
 TRAILL, EDWIN, N.Z. Rifle Brigade, Earl of Liverpool's.  
 WATSON, JOHN (from Winton; enlisted Oamaru).  
 WILLIAMS, HUGH R., Sergt. (from Awarua). Wounded; returned New Zealand 1st November.  
 WALLIS, K.  
 WYLIE, T. W., Capt. R.A.M.C. Firing line, North France; promotion and mentioned in despatches.  
 WILSON, FRED J. (Orepuki).  
 WEBBER, CECIL, (South S.; enlisted Timaru). Mounted.

**WILCOX, HAR.**, Sergt. 7th.

**CHRISTOPHERS, VICTOR J.**, Trooper, Otago Mounted, Main Force, killed in action at the Dardanelles, May 31st. Aged 30 years. "Vic." was at the school during the years 1900-1902, a good scholar and a good athlete. He was a prominent member of the Invercargill Football Club and the Rowing Club. Quiet and unassuming, our late friend was universally beloved. His brother Lieut. Herbert H. Christophers, is now at the front.

**ADAMSON, W. A.**, Bombardier, C Battery, Main Force. Killed in action at the Dardanelles. Aged 20 years. He received promotion on active service. He was a member of the clerical staff of Messrs Broad, Small and Co. at the time of his enlistment.

**ALDRIDGE, A. G.**, Lieut. Wellington Infantry Battalion. Killed in action at the Dardanelles. Aged 30 years. He attended school in 1900, coming from Lumsden. He rose rapidly in the N.Z. Railway service, and became a train-running authority in the Auckland office. He was married just before his departure for the front.

**MARSH, J. B.**, Private Canterbury Battalion, 4th. Killed in action last August at the Dardanelles. Aged 26 years. John "Bull" came to the School from Wyndham during 1904 and 1905, achieving a reputation in cricket with bat and ball. After serving in the Bank of New Zealand at Wyndham and Winton, he joined his father in printing. At the time of enlistment he was living at Waimate.

**ALEXANDER, W. A.**, Private Wellington Battalion, Main Force. Killed in action at the Dardanelles in August. Aged 23 years. He was an M.A. of the N.Z. University. He was a brilliant exponent of Rugby back play; representing Otago and the South Island on several occasions. At the time of enlistment, he was an Assistant Master at the Dannevirke H. S. A tribute to his memory occurs elsewhere.

**ADAMSON, F. F.**, Sergt., Mounted, 3rd. Frank has been posted as missing since last May. He is in all probability one of the many victims at the terrible landing at Gaba Tepe. He was an M.A. of the N.Z. University, a junior and senior scholar. He attended school from Orepuki from 1905 to 1909; was a good lieutenant of Cadets and a fine bat. He was on the staff of the Ashburton H. S. at the time of enlistment. A tribute to his memory occurs elsewhere.

**SUTTON**.—Died at Lemnos Island, on October 9th, Corporal Charles Keith. Aged 22 years. He was probably wounded, but finally succumbed to diphtheria after a month's illness. Keith on leaving School entered the service of Messrs Kirk and Webb.

and later that of Messrs Ross and Glendinning. His employers completely equipped him before his departure with the Main Body, as a member of the Artillery Section.

**FRASER, KINNEAR GEORGE, M.A.**, killed in action at the Dardanelles, April 27th; aged 26 years. He was a member of the Machine Gun Section of the Wellington Battalion. K. G. attended School during the years 1903-1907, being dux in 1907. The next four years he attended Otago University, holding Junior and Senior University Scholarships. He was then appointed to Napier Boys' High School, from the staff of which he resigned to enlist. He was a brilliant pupil, and had a sweet, engaging disposition. A tribute to his memory from his fellow dux will be found elsewhere.

**SCOULAR, JOHN LAMB (Jock)**, killed in action at the Dardanelles between 25th April and 1st May; aged 22 years. Jock entered the service of the Bank of New Zealand at Wyndham, and was subsequently transferred to Timaru, where he saw eight years' service. He was a private in the South Canterbury Battalion. At School, 1905-1907.

**MITCHELL, W. A. (Ally)**, on May 26th died of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles; aged 23 years. Ally hailed from Ocean Beach, near Bluff. He was a good cricketer, and for many years represented Southland in Association Football as full-back. At the time of enlistment he was in the service of Messrs J. G. Ward and Co., and was a sergeant in the Territorials.

**FELLOWES, ARTHUR RUSSELL**, Private: killed in action at the Dardanelles, April 27th; aged 21 years. He attended School during 1908, coming from Waipapa. He enlisted in Canterbury.



## MILITARY NOTES.

Lieut. Reg. Hawkins is Adjutant to the Canterbury Military District during the war, being allowed off by his employers, the National M. and A. Co., Christchurch.

Roy Traill had the misfortune to get an attack of heat apoplexy in Egypt. He is making a slow recovery in England.

Lyall Christie looked thin and worn after his four months with the Medical Corps in Gallipoli. He has returned on orders to complete his medical course.

W. A. McCaw, who was with the N.Z. Base Hospital in Egypt, was one of the survivors of the "Marquette" disaster in the Mediterranean.

Capt. Tom Wylie expresses the opinion that the British Force in North France has dug in for the winter.

The names of those we were unable to identify in the photograph published in our last number are: Chas. J. Fisher (1904-5), Arthur Macdonald, A. G. Aldridge (Lumsden) (1900), Compton Tothill (1907).

Of the six boys, officers in the three companies of Cadets in 1908, three have commissions on active service, Lieuts. C. E. Reid, J. P. Hewat, F. F. Miles. F. F. Adamson has fallen on Gallipoli, while the other two would like to go to the front, but are married men with a wife and child each. Capt. Pow, a member of the group, is also at the front. Four boys out of a group of six is a good record for School Cadets.

This is what Private Lynch, whose letter was penned at the rear of the firing line, after a month's hard fighting, writes:—"Poor old Jock Scoular has gone, and he died game. He was badly wounded, but refused to drop out of the fighting, and continued, despite advice to have his wound attended to, until he was hit again badly. He was then taken to the rear of the line, and died later on the hospital ship. He wrote a long letter home after he was wounded."

Particulars received in Dannevirke concerning the death from wounds received at Gallipoli of Private W. Alexander, formerly master at Dannevirke High School, show (says the News), that he was hit in the back by a bomb, making nine wounds. He had to undergo an operation, and survived that, but unfortunately cellulitis of the leg set in. He had to be operated on again—a serious ordeal—and never rallied. He was given a military funeral and flowers were put on the soldier's grave.

Mr B. Tangney, of the Railway Department, was, prior to his departure for Trentham, entertained at a social by the residents of Fairfax, and presented with a purse of sovereigns and a soldier's outfit. Mr J. Brownridge, who made the presentation, referred in highly appreciative terms to the action taken by Mr Tangney in again volunteering for the front, and mentioned how at the commencement of the war Mr Tangney was one of the first to send in his name, and was a member of the contingent that took possession of Samoa.

From "The Scindian": Private K. G. Fraser belonged to the machine gun section, of which eventually he was the last man left, the others being shot. Yet despite the fact that he had a shot through the leg, he gallantly struck to the gun until he was riddled. Yet it was what anyone, knowing Mr Fraser, who had seen him play on the football field, would expect.

Sergeant Herbert R. Williams, of the staff of Messrs Royds Bros. and Kirk, returned on crutches on the 1st of November. He hopes to discard them for a stick before the end of the month. A bomb played mischief with his leg. We are pleased to say that he is very cheerful, although looking rather seedy yet.

Sergeant "Slocum" Robertson, of the staff of Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., got it badly in the shoulder. There are still broken bones there. He intends going into the hospital to try and get matters righted.

Eric Macpherson, formerly of Lumsden, who went with the Ambulance of the Main Force, has been in hospital for three months in Egypt with a weak heart.

Stan. Hain had a bad turn of typhoid at Malta, and was sent to England for convalescence.

Jack Macalister is in Malta with a bad attack of dysentery.

Ivan Findlay lost three stone through typhoid; he is picking up slowly.

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## TRIBUTES TO MEMORY.

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### W. A. ALEXANDER.

The death of W. A. Alexander brings home to us again the fact that war takes the flower of a country's manhood. Will had a promising career in front of him. In 1904 he entered the Southland Boys' High School with an Education Board Scholarship. Two years later he won a senior scholarship, being first for Southland, and in 1908 he put a fitting end to his school days by winning a Junior University Scholarship. He then entered the Otago University, and there he was the most brilliant science student of his year. He was always at the top of his classes, and in his final year he passed the M.Sc. degree with first-class honours.

He excelled also in every branch of sport. He was a good runner and a good cricketer, and as a Rugby wing three-quarter he had few equals in New Zealand. Many a time have I seen him electrify the crowd with one of his brilliant straight dashes for the corner. I was associated with him for eight years, five years at school, and three at the University, and although we had many a hard struggle, I never saw him hesitate in a difficulty. In many

a game he turned defeat into victory, and he could always be depended on to face cheerfully the most trying situations.

In his dealings with his friends he considered life too short to make trouble with anyone, and his good nature made him a general favourite. He was among the first to respond to his country's call, and I am sure that when he went to his death he met it with his characteristic cheerful fearlessness. We join with his parents in mourning for his loss, but with them we feel proud that he gave his all, even his life, in the cause of Liberty.

J. N. M.

#### F. F. ADAMSON.

Among those ex-Southlandians who have laid down their lives for the Empire, the name of Frank Adamson will ever occupy an honoured place. He was practically contemporary with two other brilliant students who have also fallen, K. G. Fraser and W. Alexander. I hold it as a privilege to have known Frank Adamson, and the remembrance of his sunny nature will keep his memory fresh with all his friends. Of a quiet and very modest nature, he had a cheery word for all. In all the time that I knew him I do not think I ever heard him speak a harsh word. Whatever he did, he did well, for his was a nature that abhorred doing things by halves, and he spared himself not at all in doing his duty. He was one to whom the words of Browning may fitly be applied: "One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward." Southland has lost a very brilliant student; we have lost the firm friend, the cheery comrade, who was always ready to lighten another's difficulty; a lovable and high-minded companion who exerted over us all a silent but great influence for good. He has given his life in the discharge of his duty, and he himself would not have wished it otherwise—"Sed miles, sed pro patria."

J. M. B.

#### "K. G."

The present-day boys of this School will not know the subject of this article, but many of the old boys will remember him well. It is for them that I write, but I also have in mind the performance of a duty to a friend—the only friend I ever had, and a friend who never failed me. My only fear is that I cannot do justice to a life that I want to do justice to, that the points that endeared him to me are too subtle to be brought out by my weak lines. For I can say this,

that K. G., as we always knew him, was a friend worth having, and I am prouder of him at the present moment than I ever was when he was alive.

We first met, as we were so often to meet afterwards, at an examination. This one was held in Gore. As boys will, we had told one another where we came from, our names, etc., but one stout little fellow wouldn't tell any of us anything. So curious were we to find out that one of us peeped over his shoulder in the room and saw written on the top of his paper the words "Kinnear G. Fraser."

A few weeks later we met again—this time by the side of Puni Creek, both enjoying the ducking of some late-comers who had not yet suffered for their past sins.

After this and during the whole of our school course of five years we were pretty good chums. We took the same classes, the same examinations, and even the same dux medal. During those five years all of us came to look on K. G. as the cleverest boy in the School. I will go further, and say that he was the cleverest young fellow I ever met. Learning was no trouble to him. He was always top of his class. But I must add this fact also—he hated work like poison. Had it not been for this constitutional inability to apply himself closely to his work, there is no saying how far he would have gone. Personally speaking, I am sure bad teaching methods had a good deal to do with this. During his first term K. G. was so easily ahead of his class that he was promoted a year ahead of it. In his new class he was a nuisance to his teachers, as he could not work along with the boys ahead of him. The teachers used to give him a book to read while they persevered with their all-important matriculation pupils (we used to take Matric. in the second year then).

In spite of this, K. G.'s school career was very successful. He passed to the University with a scholarship. Here again, the second big mistake in his education was made. If anybody ever had a mathematical brain, that one was K. G. I think he knew this too, but still he allowed himself to be pushed into a language course—a course which he never liked, because language to K. G. meant cram; and cram and K. G. never could get on together. Still, he got his M.A.

After this our courses in life separated and I saw very little of him except for a day or two once a year. True, we used to correspond, but even that got rarer and rarer, till it finally died out.

It was during those four years at College that the friendship between us was really a friendship. We both took the same classes, both hated the same subject—English, and both liked walking. We attended the same Bible class, where K. G., without any desire other than to get information, used to be counted a rank sceptic because his questions were so frequent. He became known throughout the

College as the cleverest man there, if he would only waken up and show what he really could do. He knew his own failing only too well. But K. G. could not swot at subjects he did not like.

During all this time I always found K. G. to be, in a superlative degree, what boys called decent when I went to school. A bad word never crossed his lips, nor did anything questionable in taste get anything of sympathy from him. He had a silly little habit of punning, at which he became a past master, and puns would come from him on all sorts of occasions. His only other vice was a liking for those abominations called "Turkish cigarettes."

As a sport K. G. was good at everything. Football did not seem to attract him at school, though he played a fair game and would tackle anything. In those days he generally played full-back, yet we find him front-row man in the Hawke's Bay team later on. Another member of the same team told me that Fraser was the best forward in the team, but it was an awful job to get him to train.

At cricket K. G. was first-class. His batting and bowling were both fair, but his fielding was superb. I am sure Mr McGrath will tell you that K. G. could not be beaten in the slips. The pity is that he did not follow up the game when he left school.

Boys, I haven't said all I would like to say. However, I have tried to give you a glimpse of a really fine character. Copy his manliness if you can, be as unselfish and full of feeling as he was, be looked up to as a straight fellow like K. G., and you will be remembered in your school in the future, as he is remembered, as a fine type of boy for any school to turn out—in fact, a typical Southland High School boy.

M.A.

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#### THE LATE LIEUTENANT LYTTLE.

(Contributed to Mataura Ensign.)

The late Lieutenant D. J. A. Lyttle, who has been reported as killed in action at the Dardanelles, was an extremely popular and talented young officer, and the news of his supreme sacrifice for the Empire will be received with mingled feelings of pride and the deepest regret by the wide circle of his acquaintances and friends. Mr Lyttle, who was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Lyttle, of Chatton Road, Gore, was born at Waikaiā in 1888. He received his early training in his father's school at Longridge, where he obtained an Education Board scholarship, and proceeded to the Southland Boys' High School at Invercargill. During the two years (1902-03) Lieutenant Lyttle spent at Invercargill, he took a prominent part in the school sports. Electing to enter the teaching profession, he

was appointed third assistant at the Gore School, in which capacity he served for seven years. He was then promoted to the position of first assistant at East Gore School, but owing to a decrease in the attendance he was transferred to Kaitangata as second assistant. After two years' service under the Otago Education Board he returned to Gore as first assistant in the Gore School. During the whole of his teaching career the late Lieut. Lyttle won the respect of his colleagues on the various staffs on which he served, and by the warm interest he took in the various activities of school life he endeared himself to all his pupils. He coached the boys in their sports and drill, and, himself an ardent naturalist, he was the guiding spirit and organiser of many a pleasant excursion and field day. He was the founder of the boy scout movement at Gore and acted for several years as district commander.

As an authority on local geology and botany and as a mountaineer Lieutenant Lyttle was well known, especially in connection with the exploration of the West Coast Sounds region. In 1906-7 he made his first trip to the West Coast via McKinnon's Pass in company with Messrs Ireland, Jones, Fraser, and Blundell. His second trip in 1908-9 with Messrs Grave, Talbot, and Gifford was a most arduous one. The party left the beaten track, and during their exploration of the Routeburn and Hollyford Valleys, Moraine Creek and Lake Adelaide they subsisted for 13 days of continual rain upon the most meagre provisions, eking out by wild cress and snowgrass. During this trip Lyttle's Falls, 1000ft. high, were discovered in the vicinity of Lake Adelaide. In 1909-10 the late Lieutenant Lyttle was one of Mr Grave's party who set out to discover a new route to the West Coast. The route is now known as Grave's Pass, and at the present time it is being cleared and made practicable as an alternative route for tourists. During this trip Lieutenant Lyttle, owing to ill-health, was obliged to leave his companions, and without compass or map to make his way home alone through a trackless and unexplored wild of mountain and bush. Missing the crossing of the Hollyford, he was swept down the stream, bruised and battered among the rocks, until finally by a miracle he was thrown upon the other bank in an exhausted condition. In 1910-11 Messrs Lyttle, Talbot and Grave accomplished the feat of scaling Mount Balloon, an undertaking hitherto considered impossible. A photograph of this peak will show it earned its reputation. In 1911-12 Messrs Lyttle and Grenfell (now serving at the front) made a trip to Preservation Inlet. Here again they were within an ace of losing their lives, as during a sudden storm they were caught in an open boat, and Mr Grenfell was obliged to hold the boat against the sheer face of a cliff by clinging to a ledge with his finger for more than an hour, Lieutenant Lyttle meantime

lying incapacitated in the bottom of the boat. Lieutenant Lyttle had twice done the volcanic district of the North Island, once with Mr Grenfell alone, and later with Messrs Grenfell, Mackenzie and Strachan. On the latter trip Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngauruhoe were successfully scaled. In 1912-13 Messrs Lyttle and Catchpole visited the Blue Lake, and in 1913-14 a party of four—Messrs Lyttle, Grave, Talbot and Mackenzie—explored Monkey Creek. During these trips Lieutenant Lyttle earned for himself a reputation for intrepidity and nerve, but for which characteristics his own life and those of his companions would again and again have been jeopardised.

The late Lieutenant Lyttle always took a great interest in military matters. While at Gore he was associated with Mr Grenfell in cadet work, and while at Kaitangata he received a commission as second lieutenant with the 14th (South Otago) Regiment. He was a close student of military tactics, and followed with the greatest interest the operations of the great campaigners of recent times. It is strange to record that he had made a special study of the battle lines of Plevna. At the call to arms he offered his services within 24 hours and left with the main body of the Expeditionary Force.

#### THE LATE A. H. HIGHTON, M.A.

(Contributed.)

Pupils of both schools during the later eighties will have read with regret the notice which appeared in the press some months ago announcing the death of Mr A. H. Highton, who was Rector from 1886 to 1893. Those were the days of small things. The Boys' School numbered less than sixty and the girls' only about thirty, the combined roll-call being held in the long room. No teacher ever had the good of the school more at heart. He laboured assiduously to bring it up to university scholarship standard, and his pupils, so far as they can claim to be judges, have memories of competent and accurate scholarship in both the main divisions of the curriculum. Mathematics and Science were, however, his choice; and on the appointment of Mr Austin as first assistant, he handed over the language classes to his care. It was to the late rector's efforts that the School owes its laboratory, and great was the interest he took in it when it was opened. But in spite of his competence and high ideals Mr Highton never seemed to get quite enough support with the boys. The cause of this was probably a certain aloofness due to shyness, the shyness that is often misjudged through shielding itself by sarcasm. Sometimes, as in the criticisms of essays, this sarcasm was rather much drawn out—a quality in a teacher that

is apt to produce smouldering resentment in a boy who feels that he is being made a target without opportunity to reply. He was jealous for the honour of the School, but somehow or other he failed to inspire his pupils with enthusiasm. He rather conveyed to their minds a suggestion of repression. His temperament prevented him from getting into sympathetic touch with them, and made him a trifle suspicious of any undue freedom on the part of the genus puer. Though he took an active interest in the annual sports and a more moderate interest in the school games, there was always the feeling that the interest was more conscientious than spontaneous. He was keenly anxious for the welfare of the School, but was never quite one with the boys. The defect was temperamental and made it difficult for him, even though he wished them well, to have other than an official relationship with his pupils. The same hampering constraint showed itself in a certain nervous agitation on the somewhat rare occasions when discipline had to be enforced. He was a strict master though by no means harsh, and would brook no trifling with the authority of the masters. The present writer remembers standing dumbfounded at hearing him give an imposition of six thousand lines of Milton to a sixth form boy who had presumed on the dignity of his position to cut detention. It will be remembered by pupils of that time that a sensation was caused in school circles by the whole assistant staff being given notice at the instance of the Rector, and new assistants being appointed in both schools. He was not a man about whom legends gather or about whom characteristic anecdotes can be told. He was too aloof in his manner for that. Even on the street he seemed to be by himself. Every morning he used to ride into town from his home on the Bay Road, then walk up to the School with his riding whip under his arm and his morning paper open before him, scarcely seeing anyone. But he was one whose memory commands respect for his high integrity, his jealousy of anything that affected the honour of the School, and for the essential kindness of his manner towards his pupils, even though the consciousness of his position made it impossible for him to be quite at ease with them. At the time the incidental defects perhaps bulked larger in the boys' eyes than the real virtues of the man. They might have preferred governance in a larger mould and with a more spontaneous energy. But in the perspective of the years they can come to a juster judgment, and think of their old master as one who set before himself the highest ideals for the School of which he was the head, and whose very limitations were partly due to a conscientiousness pushed to excess.

J. C.

## CORPORAL CED. SALMON.

### WINS THE D.C.M. MEDAL.

At the beginning of last May or the end of April, Corp'l. Ced. Salmon, who came to the School from the Bluff, and who was touring in Canada on the outbreak of war, found himself, as an experienced member of the N.Z. Engineers, called to explore the line ahead for the guns. The following is his narrative to his father, now posted at Hawera:—

At daybreak the hells of the navy were opened. There had been incessant firing all night long. It was nothing, however, to to-day's fighting, but . . . (I cannot remember what I was going to say here.) The enemy's howitzers had here suddenly got our range and I had to beat a hasty retreat, as the shrapnel got very thick. This morning the colonel, major, Captain McNeill and myself were going over a proposed road to enable a big gun to be mounted, when their sharpshooters got right on to us to pick us off. I got it in the boot, and Captain McNeill in the calf. He was helpless and we had to carry him out of the fire zone, the snipers trying to get us all the time we were doing this, but they had no luck. Last night the snipers tried to get us whilst we were making gun emplacements. I was holding a small branch in my hand (for disguising purposes), and it was broken off short by a bullet, but that was the nearest they got to us. As the proposed road is a very open one, we will wait until nightfall for further work on it, but in about an hour's time I am going right as far ahead as I can get to ascertain what command our guns would have and what the enemy have got. "Tis now lunch time and I'm hungry."

This ends the diary notes, the writer evidently having gone on his errand and there met "it." He writes on May 10 from Heliopolis Hospital that, after a week's campaigning, he got "it" in the right shoulder, and it made writing a bit difficult. He hoped soon to be well enough to return to duty. Thought that the New Zealanders were proving themselves well and were the best soldiers there. He had seen his brother the day previous to his being wounded and he was very fit. Simmonds, of Hawera, was working hard and still going strong.

Bravo, Cedric! May you long be spared to wear the Distinguished Conduct Medal!

(He is now back at the front.)

## EDITORIAL.

**ROLL OF HONOUR.**—We publish in this issue a Roll of Honour that we feel sure all will read with the deepest interest. We are proud that this small School has provided ample evidence, by the action of its Old Boys, that our motto is true and deserving, "Non scholae sed vitae discimus." At the Empire's call to its sons, the most southerly secondary school in the world has, equally with the most northerly, rallied around the Flag of Empire and of Freedom. Some 180 names are on the Roll of Honour; 17 have already fallen; some 30 are wounded; and three have already been mentioned in despatches. We know that the Roll is incomplete; we can only complete it by the goodwill of boys, past and present. The Editor will be grateful for the intimation of omissions, and also of errors. It is difficult to know of the enlistments in our far-flung battle line. Please forward us information.

The sympathies of Old Boys as well as the present boys go out to parents and families in bereavement for the loss of dear ones. The loss is keen to all who know the fallen; we all feel in this war the personal loss of a beloved school-fellow or friend; how much deeper the loss by those nearest and dearest. Time and again we have felt the heart-pang, but what can we do? Better the death of our dear one than the presence of the brutal and bestial German barbarian! Time, the great healer of woe, has already eased our pain; it will ease it still more. At the same time we have this consolation, that our Old Boys have fallen in the noblest of causes, the defence of our homes, the fight for freedom and liberty, the downfall of barbarism, however tinged with a self-styled culture. For we must not forget that even in the distant Dardanelles, it is our homes in New Zealand that are being defended. Besides the Balkan aspirations, we know now that these fair lands were also coveted. God, to think of it!—to be crushed beneath the heel of an arrogant Prussian! Who would not take on the khaki and give his best to defend his sisters and mother? Our manhood has been tested. That supreme hour has come. Proud we are that Southlanders have borne the test. While we grieve to see our wounded return, maimed for life probably, we are proud of them as they nurse their arms or hobble on crutches. May they recover, and hand on to their children the glorious story of this fight for freedom! May we never forget what we owe to them and to the fallen!

**CONGRATULATIONS.**—We desire to congratulate Corp'l. Cedric Salmon, N.Z. Engineers, on his Distinguished Conduct Medal. Bravo,

Cedric! Little we thought that the boy from Bluff, who, owing to a temporary physical infirmity, could not take gymnastics and could not engage in cricket and football, was to be the winner of a medal for bravery on the field of battle. This is one of the many illustrations of this terrible war that prove that our hearts are loyal to the corps. Many and many a name could be pointed out of boys, shy and modest by nature, who in response to the call, were found in Trentham Camp preparing for Europe. Of course the sports were bound to be there, the keen footballers and cricketers. They could not help answering the call. But that the apparently listless and easy going, too, should join them is the surprise, and a welcome one. The old Empire is not decadent after all. Decadent! She never manifested more life; she pulses with animated life. A new lease of life, a more binding Imperial cement, "ties which, though light as air, are strong as links of iron." Burke was right a hundred years and more ago. Blood is thicker than water. Though we have no written constitution, our sentiments have rung true. The Empire has stood the test—its manhood has not failed. Captains T. A. Wylie and A. B. Lindsay have also been mentioned in despatches for meritorious services with the British army in Northern France.

Further, we congratulate three Old Boys in attendance at the Otago University this year, on their successes. J. W. Hinton has been awarded the Beverly Scholarship in Physics; J. G. Imlay the Macandrew Scholarship in Economics; while J. G. Anderson, B.Sc., our 1911 Dux, had the honour of being nominated by the Professorial Board as Otago representative for the Rhodes Scholarship Competition. These three distinctions is one year must be very satisfactory to the Rector and staff.

**MEMORIAL TO OUR FALLEN HEROES.**—While it is premature to talk of memorials to the fallen, we may be pardoned, owing to our appearance only twice a year, at intervals of six months, if we mention that an Old Boy has expressed his desire and willingness to bear the expense of a suitable memorial on the School walls to the fallen, as it is an evidence of his admiration of the services rendered by our heroes, and of his devotion to his old School. In the ripeness of time his desire will be gratified; in the meantime we congratulate him on his noble sentiments and on his true patriotism in offering his sons to the service of the Empire.

**A GOOD RECORD.**—In a photograph of the Cadet officers of the School in 1908, there are six boys and masters who were officers. Of the boys two were married in 1912 and have young families; they would like to go to the war, but feel they must stay and look after

their dependents. The other four are at the front. F. F. Adamson probably gave his life last April; F. F. Miles, our Rhodes Scholar, is with the 78th Regiment, the Glosters; J. P. Hewat left with the Sixth Reinforcements, while C. E. Reid left with the 8th. Capt. Pow is in charge of a company of 300 men in the N.Z. Rifle Brigade, Earl of Liverpool's Own. So that of six boy lieutenants in our Cadets of 1908, three have gained lieutenants' commissions and are on active service, while F. F. Adamson has already given his life. We consider this a good record for our Cadet corps that is worthy of mention.

**THE NEW SPORTS GROUND** was heavily top-dressed in the early spring, levelled up and rolled. The growth of grass has been splendid. It has just been cut and will now be kept short in readiness for use in 1916. Our long-deferred hopes seem close to fruition. Lucky our successors will be. No more Puni. They will be able to slog and punt to their hearts' content. Joy to them!

**ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.**—We welcome to the Board Messrs J. T. Carswell and J. Crosby Smith as representatives of the parents of the pupils. The latter has already held a seat on the Board, and is well known for the close attention he gives to the welfare of the Schools; the former is an Old Boy who has always taken a deep interest in us. We hope that more Old Boys will be found sitting among the Governors as the years roll on. Who could be more fitted for the duties than those who have passed through the School! They took their seats at the September meeting, and hold office for two years.

**HON. JOSIAH A. HANAN** is again to be congratulated on holding the portfolio of Education, this time in the Coalition Government—a worthy honour. This Old Boy has already manifested considerable activity in the affairs of his department. It is worth recalling the fact that the Minister has long advocated the abolition of Party Government. It seems, therefore, all the more fitting that on the first abolition of party he should be found worthy of the confidence of the House by election to Ministerial office.

**ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.**—Eighty-three boys are sitting for the examinations conducted in November and December by the Education Department for Public Service Entrance, Senior Free Places, and National Scholarships. Twenty-eight are sitting in December for the University examinations. Three have already had their Junior Free Places extended for a year, and thirty-five will soon be granted their Senior Free Places without further examinations.

## SCHOOL NEWS.

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The most notable feature of the Second and Third Terms has been the number of departures from the School. This has been caused without doubt by the war, and masters have been affected as well as pupils. Mr Struthers has enlisted as lieutenant, and is now in training at Trentham. On the last day of the term the school assembled in the Gym., and Wild in a neat speech expressed the regret of the School at losing Mr Struthers. However, while we were sorry to see him leave us, we were glad to know that he was going to perform his duty to the Empire. Wild then gave him a wristlet watch as a token of our regard for him. The Fifth Form gave him a separate send-off in the Floral Tea-rooms. Mr Struthers left Invercargill the same day as the First Fifteen, who bade him a final farewell in Timaru.

A great number of senior boys have also left the School. The First XV and the First XI have suffered greatly. No fewer than four of XV left during the season, namely: B. Mehaffey, who is now in the office of Rattray, Armstead, and Murray; N. Smith and A. Fleming, who have gone to Wright, Stephenson and Co.; J. Fraser, who is teaching at the South School. Already two more of the team have gone: T. Macdonald to the Union Sheamship Co. and D. Leckie to the South School. Three of the cricket team have gone: J. Fraser, B. Pope, and A. Jackson to the National Bank.

Others that have left the School are:—K. de Castro, to Nelson College; J. Miller, to Mair, the chemist's; R. Cameron, to the Loan and Mercantile; C. Vallance, to the Labour Department, Invercargill; W. Paterson, to the Agricultural Department, Invercargill; P. Kirker, to the Bank of New Zealand; F. Haigh, to the Lands Department, Wellington; G. Mitchell, to Henderson and Co.; Jim. Young, to the Bank of Australasia; A. Brighton, to New Zealand Railways.

Mr Chapple has joined the teaching staff.

The Carnival gained us a great number of holidays. It also gained us three half-day parades, in favour of the Army and Navy, the Industrial and Retailers', and the Public Bodies' and Schools' Princesses respectively. The gymnasts of the School were called on three times to perfom in public, and it was admitted every time that they gave the best item on the programme.

Now the Carnival is over, we must work once more on account of the fast-approaching public exams. Football has given way to swimming and cricket. Cricket is rather slack as yet, but the fine weather has drawn quite a crowd to Avenal every night to enjoy a bathe.

The Athletic Sports took place in fine weather, and although no records were broken, some good performances were put up.

The last month of the School year is likely to be very busy, since there are to take place the exams., and the different school championships.

The School has once more decided to give up the school and sports' prizes, and devote the money to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. The decision was arrived at by ballot, and was almost a unanimous one in favour of sacrifice. There was a difference of opinion about the allocation, but the majority favoured the Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

During the winter the Rector gave us an interesting address on "Italy, and its Entrance into the European War."

The Cocoa Club was a great success during the Second Term. H. Howie acted as hon. treasurer; D. Henderson, L. Thompson, J. Walsh, P. Kirker were the Committee of Manageemnt.

On the 5th October, we had the privilege of hearing an interesting lecture on "Telephones, Telegraphs, and Wireless Telegraphy," by the Government Expert from Dunedin. In a lucid explanation he held our attention for an hour and a-half.



## OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

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South African papers recently to hand give some account of the travels of the late Mr G. H. McCulloch, an Invercargill boy, who made a name for himself in Rhodesia. He was a son of the late Mr McCulloch, who was for 28 years resident magistrate at Invercargill, and was educated at the Southland Boys' High School (states the Southland Times). Over 20 years ago he went to Africa, and found his way to Salisbury, Rhodesia, and was for some time empolyed by the South African Chartered Company. Later he became magistrate at Salisbury, but prior to this he served as a telegraph line repairer during the Matabele war. He also volunteered for service during the South African war, but was prevented from rendering service by an order from the South African Chartered Company forbidding their employees from entering the ranks. This order was inspired by a fear that the Boers in Rhodesia would cause trouble, and that the employees of the company would be needed in their own territory. The late Mr McCulloch was always a keen hunter and made many excursions into the African wilderness, twice traversing Uganda. Each of these trips occupied about 18 months, and the traveller was accompanied only by

natives. During the last year or two of his life Mr McCulloch gave the bulk of his time to big game hunting, and it was during one such excursion into the wilderness in 1913 that he contracted sleeping sickness. He went to London for treatment, and spent the last nine months of his life in the School for Tropical Medicine, but could not be cured. In the Johannesburg Illustrated Star of 1913 he told an interesting story of an elephant hunt under the heading of "Wanderings of a Hunter's Pen," a story which reflected much of his devotion to the silent places and his unassuming good nature. Through the courtesy of his sister, Mrs Geo. Burnes, we are privileged to give in this number this, his last article to the press.

Professor Albert Acheson has been elected President of the Technology Club of Syracuse, the principal town in New York State outside New York itself. The election, which was made unanimously on the motion of Professor John E. Sweet, Past-President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, is the highest honour of its kind which could be conferred in that city, and it is eloquent testimony of the fact that youth is no bar to progress in the States. As Consulting Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Gas and Electricity, "Ache" has had to check specifications for plants often costing many hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the Mayor of Syracuse now asks him to overlook the plans for all the big city engineering works.

Frank Acheson recently presented his Thesis for the Jacob Joseph Scholarship, won some time ago. The Thesis, which deals with a few aspects of the ancient Maori Land Tenures, has been approved of by the Professorial Board and Council of Victoria University Council, and it will now be placed in the College Library.

Errol Cupples has been up at Wanganui for some weeks doing senior relieving work in the Native Department there. He has nearly worn away the beach at Castlecliff with strenuous footwork, trying to become fit to tackle the heights of Sari Bair later on. He enlisted in the Infantry some time ago, but was thrown out, being under age. After waiting a bit, he had another attempt and enlisted in the Artillery; but this time did not go into details as to his correct age, with satisfactory results. He is just waiting to be called up, and in the meantime is hoping to qualify for non-commissioned rank.

George Seddon, of course, has stopped a Turkish bullet. He was always a fellow who would look for trouble.

Poor old Pat Lyttle is missing, believed to have been killed. Some of us saw him the day he left for the front, and it was good to see his genuine affection for the old School.

Roy G. MacGibbon, of Mataura, after joining the Territorials in Scotland, obtained leave to complete his B.Sc. in Engineering at Glasgow. This he has succeeded in doing, and now hopes to serve his country again.

A. W. Jones acquired an interest in the firm of W. A. Ott, Ltd., on the 1st November, and is now styled manager.

Colin Lindsay is now with the National M. and A. Co., Winton.

Alister Brass left the employ of the National Bank last April, spent a few months in Messrs Macalister Bros' office, and has now gone to Fiji to engage in cocoa and rubber planting.

Adolph Miske has gone to Queensland to engage in sugar planting. Phil. Wild is now accountant with Messrs Macalister Bros.

Eric Cockcroft has gained his B.Sc. degree. He is to be congratulated on his successful coaching of the Timaru High School Fifteen, the champion team among secondary schools in the South Island.

James W. Sawers is now with the Union Bank of Australia, Sydney.

R. G. Christophers entered on his duties as County Engineer at Dargaville on August 1st. Before doing so, he visited the south for a few days.

Captain Robert Fraser, Defence Staff, was stationed in Invercargill for a few weeks, but left for Wellington immediately after the parade on the anniversary of the declaration of war.

Claud Hamilton's address is now c/o J. Kirkpatrick, architect, Atlas street, Pitt's Buildings, Sydney.

Welton Smith has now taken up photography with Mr C. Campbell, Tay street. To him we are indebted for the fine view of the sports' pavilion.

Old Boys in Interprovincial Football this year were:—Geoff. Fortune in the back division for Otago; Jas. Stobo and Alister McLeod in the forwards; Geoff. Henderson, Norman Cowie, and T. Baird in the backs, for Southland.

W. H. Pay was fourth assistant at Albany street, Dunedin, before he left for the front.

On his departure for the front, W. Sampson was presented by the staff of the Education Board with a pair of binoculars and a wristlet watch.

Maurice Royds has taken Reg. Hay's place as auctioneer to Dalgety and Co.

John H. Huffadine has taken J. Forrester's place in the Southland Frozen Meat Co.'s office.

Leon. Hanan is now Private Secretary to Colonel Valentine, Inspector of Military Hospitals.

In June last Malcolm McCartney received his LL.B., after a course of study at Victoria College. He has resigned from the Public Trust to take a prolonged holiday in Australia, with a view to thorough recuperation.

In June last Herb. Rattray, Bach. Dental Surgery, was appointed assistant dental surgeon to the Christchurch Hospital.

P. B. Macdonald has begun the practice of Magnetic Healing in Invercargill.

J. M. Burt qualified for his Pharmacy diploma last July. He is still with Mr Hiskens.

Clive Hamon is now an Associate of the N. Z. Society of Accountants, by examination, and has joined the Audit Department.

Teddy Whitmore is now in the Public Works Department, Greymouth.

C. H. Thompson has won his Associateship in Mining at the Otago School of Mines.

Leon A. Wild and Jim McQueen played for Canterbury Agricultural College First XV, this season.

Dr Warren H. Young is a resident surgeon at Christchurch Hospital.

Geoff. Fortune has been in Invercargill P.O., relieving for some months.

A. Ern. Reynolds has been transferred from Lyttelton to Port Chalmers as Clerk of the Court.

Fred H. Joyce takes his place at Lyttelton.

J. Reg. B. Hay, who gave up his position in Dalgety and Co., as auctioneer, in October, was farewelled by his friends among the auctioneers and stock agents and presented with an automatic revolver on the eve of his departure for Trentham Camp.

Lance Hay is now a fully qualified surveyor by license.

Rob. King was the recipient of a gold wristlet watch from friends in the Winton district on the occasion of a farewell at Browns in October.

J. M. Boyne for athletics, J. G. Anderson, S. R. Macgregor, and A. A. Reid for hockey received "Blues" from the Otago University Students' Association this year.

Rob. Hawke has started farming at Little Bush, near Invercargill.

Bob Marris, P. Gilfedder, and E. Cupples played together for the Second XV of the Wellington Club this season.

Norman A. W. Wallis, formerly of Forth street, left for England in October to study for a commission in the Imperial Army.

#### TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS:

Lindsay McCaw, Wendon Valley.

Nisbet Lamont, 1st Assistant, Otautau.

J. E. Fraser, P.T., Tisbury; transferred in Nov. to South School.

D. F. Leckie, P.T., South School, November.

W. H. C. Sinclair from Oturehua to Waipahi, Otago District.

#### MARRIAGES.

RATTRAY-HAGGITT—On August 12th, at Christchurch, Herbert Rat

GILMOUR-WILSON—On July 29th at Timaru, Dr Bert H. Gilmour, formerly of Winton, to Irene Wilson, of St. Albans, Christchurch. Left for Base Hospital, Egypt.

MATHESON-CURRIE—In July at Wellington, Alex. Matheson, Inspector, Bank of N.Z., to Miss Currie, of Napier.

ANDERSON-KING—In August, Hugh Anderson, elder son of R. A. Anderson, Esq., to Miss King, both of Hokonui.

MACALISTER-ANDERSON—On November 2nd, Horace, eldest son of W. Macalister, Esq., to Irene, elder daughter of R. A. Anderson, Esq.

ALEXANDER—In September, Matthew Alexander, of Gore, to Miss —, of Thames.

CHRISTOPHERS-DODDS—In September, Lieut. Bert Christophers, to Miss DODDS, of Ohokune.

HENDERSON-MCLEOD—Geoffrey Henderson, of the staff of Messrs W. Henderson and Co., to Jessie McLeod, of Caroline.

#### DEATHS.

MACDONALD.—Francis Baldwin, at Bluff, August 28th; son of the late T. M. Macdonald, Enwood; aged 43 years. Accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun. At School 1886-1887.

HIGHTON.—A. H. Highton, M.A. (Cambridge) on the 27th May, at St. Kilda, Melbourne. Rector of this School, 1886-1893. A tribute to his memory, by an old pupil, occurs elsewhere.

IRVING.—At Invercargill, August 2nd, Edward Stewart Irving, formerly of Wyndham; aged 20 years. After leaving School he joined the staff of the National Bank; he was also a member of the Star Football Club.

MACPHERSON.—At Waipiata, October 2nd, Greville Macpherson, of Wyndham; aged 23 years. At School, 1906-7.

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#### TERM EXAMINATIONS, 1915.

R. R. Macgregor—3rd Senior Latin; 3rd Senior French.

K. G. Archer—1st Junior Latin; 2nd Constitutional History.

D. A. Frew—Aegrotat, Junior Greek, Junior Mental Science.

J. G. Imlay—2nd French Phonetics; 2nd Senior French; 1st Economics; 2nd English History; Macandrew Scholarship in Political Economy.

- C. L. Carter—3rd Senior French; 2nd Mechanics; 3rd Senior Heat; 2nd Senior Chemistry; 3rd Geology.
- W. T. Cody—2nd Economics; 2nd English History.
- J. H. Murdoch—2nd Economics; 1st Currency and Banking; 1st Statistical Methods.
- D. S. McNaughton—2nd Economics; 2nd Economic Geography.
- E. A. P. Crockroft—2nd Economics.
- R. G. S. Watson—3rd Junior Physics, Theory and Practice.
- J. W. Hinton—1st Senior Electricity, Theory and Practice; 1st Geology; Beverly Scholarship in Advanced Physics.
- J. G. Anderson—3rd Honours Electricity, Theory and Practice; Otago nominee for Rhodes Scholarship Competition.
- A. A. Reid—3rd Junior Physics, Theory and Practice; 2nd Inorganic Chemistry Lectures; 3rd Inorganic Chemistry Practice; 3rd 3rd Organic Chemistry; 3rd Biology, Theory and Practice.
- W. H. Young—1st Surgery; 1st Theory and Practice of Medicine; 2nd Stomatology.
- F. J. Mulholland—3rd Surgery; 3rd Theory and Practice of Medicine; 2nd Stomatology.
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## AN ELEPHANT HUNT.

(By the late G. H. McCulloch, in Johannesburg Illustrated Star.)

An Elephant Hunt.—Instead of burdening the reader now with a lot of preliminary description, I shall, as it were, jolt him along the spoor after the elephants, until we rest for a few minutes under a tree to consider the work in hand.

I was laid up in camp with a touch of tonsilitis. So in the early morning Mr Operator went out alone with four native trackers and the cinematograph, to look for elephant spoor. In the afternoon a tracker came hurrying back with a note reporting fresh spoor four miles away, where camp had been made, and where I arrive at night-fall. When light enough to see the spoor next morning, we hurried along it as quickly as possible. The fallen trees, the mangled roots and bark, and other signs showed that four elephants and a young one had passed along some eighteen hours or so ago, making it the day before at about mid-day.

At eight o'clock led us across the railway line (peg 1526 miles from Capetown), where luckily a ganger was at work, who very unselfishly spared us about two gallons of water—a very scarce

thing. After this the signs show that instead of loitering along, the elephants have travelled pretty fast—due east—as though with a particular purpose—water perhaps, or frightened by a passing train. Our success then merely depends on whether we can go faster than the elephants or not.

At 12 o'clock we have travelled perhaps twenty miles, then, hungry and thirsty, and perspiring a great deal, we sit down in the shade and have some cold rice and jam and a little water.

But this is a leafless, shadeless bush country, and there is really no shade, and the sun vertical.

Having hurried the reader along to this point, I must now, as arranged, explain what our object is and how we are going about it.

Here in this part of Southern Rhodesia the elephants, through years of protection, have increased in numbers and becoming bolder, damage property on the farms near the railway. This being my occupation permission has been given me to shoot some bulls out of the herds in the hope that the remainder will go away.

In order to photograph the elephants and other wild game a cinematograph camera has been sent from Johannesburg in charge of a gentleman who now accompanies me, and whom I shall call Mr Operator.

The first thing to be done is to find fresh spoor which sometimes takes weeks of hard walking, then it has to be followed pretty quickly. This resolves itself into a race, so one's equipment must be arranged for racing. Not an unnecessary ounce should be carried.

Thin helmet, thin flannel shirts, with collar and cuffs ripped away; thin khaki trousers lengthened, then tied under the knee and round the ankle (or Boy Scout breeches), lawn tennis boots with leather uppers, and thin chrome soles and rubber heels for silence and ease; a sash on to which is fixed a sheath knife, a Browning pistol, a cloth bag, with an open mouth into which to dip hurriedly for cartridges; a leather satchel, and Kodak round the shoulders, and, lastly, prism binoculars slung round the neck.

Tracker No. 1 carries cinematograph machine, 28lbs; No. 2 carries tripod, our jackets and second rifle, 30lbs. load; No. 3 carries 25lbs. rice; No. 4 some game meat; curry powder, salt, apple rings, jam, aluminium outfit, ammunition and rifle accessories, say 25lbs. load; No. 5 carries ten full water bags, about 80lbs. load, which unfortunately, is subject to loss of weight very rapidly in the hot weather.

At this time (October, 1912) Matabeleland is at the driest part of a dry year. Excepting the large rivers and private wells the country is dry and waterless, with a hot sun and shadeless bush. We are

in the middle of a severe drought. Having now swallowed enough rice and jam, and having explained the position, we must hurry along after the elephants, still keeping east.

Three wart hog are photographed at 25 paces. One gets into the habit of going along silently, some times walking almost right on to the game with the Kodak.

At 2 o'clock the signs still show that the elephants are travelling fast, no loitering and pulling down of branches. Just a straight trail on which the scrub and undergrowth is beaten flat. Now, only one bag (less than a gallon) of water remains between us two and the five trackers. Hot and thirsty we each have a short drink, which makes no impression at all. Under similar circumstances I suppose we all do much the same thing, and that is to turn over in the mind our favourite drinks. On this occasion I had (in my thoughts) iced champagne and stout; gin and ginger beer iced, and then more drink and more ice again; all in impossibly large tumblers; one falls to wondering what one would really give for all this to be set down in front of one—the birthright may be, or your pet rifle; or only a modest sovereign. Then, if you come to water and have a long drink, your delirium ceases, and you would not give twopence for any of the fine drinks.

As it is we are still pegging along feeling pretty thirsty at four o'clock. We lie full stretch in the shade for a few sweet moments and drink about a cup of water, which makes absolutely no impression. Then, on again at five o'clock, when the spoor leads us to the bed of a dry stream. The trackers scratch a hole in the sand and bring to light any amount of good water. We try to drink moderately, and stop at the fourth cup. It is a good rule not to drink too much water; afterwards you can withstand thirst better. One of the trackers had to sit quite still, like a frog, for a long time as the result of drinking so much water. One might almost have thought he was going to croak.

We shall not leave this delightful place to-day. We enjoy some enormous platefuls of hot curry and rice with plenty of gravy, rice, and dried fruit, more jam and more water. A fire is made some twelve feet in length, in front of which we lay on bundles of grass and literally fall asleep; clothes on, of course. A lanyard round the neck and a Browning pistol on the end. The veld is a very safe place, but nevertheless, I think it a good habit to cultivate the habit of having the pistol at your fingers ends, and of jumping to your feet on the least suspicion. After a time you do it almost in your sleep without inconvenience; and you are at a considerable advantage in case there is something wrong. After about ten hours sleep you wake at dawn with the strength of a giant. On this particular occasion, at about eight in the evening, great blue and black clouds

came overhead, with thunder and lightning; apparently the drought breaks to-night. We have not even an overcoat, to say nothing of a tent, so we strain the poor legs of the cinematograph tripod out to their extremest limit to make them do for the skeleton of a kind of hut. The trackers put on leaves and grass, apparently by magic, and the shelter is complete; of course, the sky then cleared at once, no rain fell, and the drought continued.

It is now daylight, so we must make plans and stop chatting. Mr Operator came straight from the city on to this work. He has had two weeks' steady walking, followed by the last two days' hard going; now the boots are troubling. We decide that he had better return to camp with a tracker, a water bag, and some of the things, I to continue with the other trackers after the elephants. The cinematograph machine goes on with me, for, although I have never worked it, I have watched it being worked, and may be able to photograph some elephants successfully. So we separate. At about 7 o'clock the spoor takes me to the Umnyati River, in which there are large pools of water. Here are marks where the elephants have stood in the shade of a tree. To get the shade while standing there the sun must have been at three o'clock; so they reached the river sixteen hours before us. (Good river, delay them as long as possible, let the water be sweet and cool.) I have a hurried bath in the cool water, and after bolting some food, continue on the spoor. It takes us for some time turning and trudging about in the heavy sand and among the green undergrowth of the river bed.

To save time and labour, we must discover where the elephants left the river bed. This is not difficult, and at 10 o'clock we are going full tilt after them only six hours behind. The river delayed them all night. The trackers and myself agree that we must now go through the heat of the day at our very hardest to overtake the elephants at their mid-day rest. (I wish I had not this tonsilitis.) Eventually, at about 2 o'clock, a tracker spots the hindmost elephant sauntering along. The guns are carefully examined. They consist only of two .400 single barrel, falling block expresses (not magazine). The one in my hands and the other, as a second gun, in the hands of the gunbearer, who is to have it always ready for me. He is warned not to shoot, and that if he does he will be taken to the police. But he is to shoot if the elephant is catching hold of somebody. He repeats these instructions aloud to prove that he understands. The cartridges are all quite handy; and the rifles in order. Ashes from a small tin show a light wind blowing across. The trackers and myself bending very low, hoist the cinematograph machine along, and are quite out of breath when we mantle it some hundred paces from the herd. The place is very bushy, but not too bad; light and wind favourable. I get the view-finder on to the nearest elephant,

and set the camera in motion. Then take some of the other elephants, but it is not satisfactory owing to the bush. Then the elephants disappear in that silent, magical sort of way they have, and one experiences a feeling of great disappointment. However, a tracker and myself carry the cinematograph machine (mounted on the tripod) between us in a gingerly sort of way, much as one might carry a very weak lady. We hoist it along at the run, and when pretty well out of breath, get it fixed up about seventy paces from the herd in comparatively open country, with the wind still favourable. The legs of the tripod are extended till the camera rests about three feet from the ground in long grass. I sit working the handle of the camera, and have a loaded rifle across my knees, and a gun-bearer lying down behind me with a second rifle, also loaded.

There is no difficulty in getting the view-finder on the elephants, as they wander about in the open at only fifty to seventy paces distant. I also take a couple of snap-shots with the kodak. Now the herd have edged away out of view, but a bull remains some seventy paces from the camera; so I decide to shoot him and chance getting good photographs after the shot. The sights of my rifle wander, as it were, up the shoulder of the bull seeking the heart. Just then the wretched gun-bearer fires the second rifle, and the bullet hits the ground near the elephant. It put me off a little, but I believe my bullet passed through his heart (not the gun-bearer's heart), and he plunges forward some twenty paces, where he is joined by the rest of the herd. I had expected to see them put their trunks under him to help him along, as they usually do. Then by chance they came almost straight for the cinematograph machine, and were hurrying past at a distance of seventy-two feet, when they suddenly noticed it. It must be explained that on firing the first shot I reloaded instantly and brought the view-finder on to the herd, working the handle steadily, so that they were in the middle of the picture all the time, and as they tramped up past the camera. Now, when they saw the camera and myself and the gun-bearer, they stopped and stood in a line, seeming to swell themselves out—ears, head, tails and trunks up. They were apparently ready either to charge or run away. The latter the most likely, but one can never tell. The old bull was already mortally wounded, and might make a dying charge. I was not at all happy; never having worked a bioscope camera before, I had to concentrate my attention on it as much as possible, and at the same time to impress on the gun-bearer in a low voice, and I am afraid in rather low language, not to shoot again. In situations like this it is hardly legitimate for people accustomed to it to become nervous or even excited. One is in training, as it were, living on plain food and water, without tea, coffee, or tobacco—while on the spoor—and, of course, one is always anticipating an encounter.

Only about ten seconds elapsed from the moment of the first shot until the herd were standing blowing themselves out in front of the camera. I then took a frontal shot at the bull's heart, re-loaded and resumed the cinematograph handle as quickly as possible. That was the second shot at the heart. On receiving it he staggered back and sank to his knees, then rose for a moment; but I always hate this part of it. Anyhow, the story is finished now, the rest of the herd hurried about in the background of the picture for a little, then stampeded away; the cinematograph handle working steadily throughout. There remained now only the crashing of the woods being torn down by the bolting elephants; and the old bull lying dead near the camera. The tension over, the trackers rushed in to examine and rejoice over him, so I turn the handle a little longer and take several Kodak photos. Some trackers are left to cut out the tusks (only small ones), and others accompany me to the main camp on the railway. After twenty miles we sleep in the veld, having done about thirty-eight miles or more for the day. Ten miles to camp next morning. What a glorious bath and breakfast, and what a pleasure to rest reading the mail and the newspapers, and to reflect that I had got a valuable moving picture! I could almost hear the applause of the crowd in the picture theatres. But "pleasures are like poppies spread." When Mr Operator came to examine the machine he discovered that I had placed the handle in the wrong hole, and that no picture at all had been taken.

"Matters of opinion." — As these lines cannot claim much literary merit, they must needs be useful, so here and there in the foregoing narrative some hints have been let fall. Such, for instance, as the best kind of equipment for rough travelling. No final knowledge is claimed, for nearly everything of this kind is a matter of taste.

Instead of burdening the above narrative, I am using this column to make suggestions as to how people can get along better when thrown on their own resources away from civilisation. Why do you carry a weight of perhaps 5lbs on your feet instead of, say, 2lbs? In reply you re-echo the old fallacy: "Thick soles are the things for walking distances." After a good deal of perseverance I have discovered that it is only a matter of accustoming the feet to light boots, upon the same principle that you could accustom the feet to go without boots at all. Painful and worrying at first, then gradually comfort and speed. With my light boots (chrome leather tennis boots weighing  $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs) I continually walk long distances in comfort. Of course, they wear out quickly, and one must take simple precautions—but I must not burden these columns with too much detail.

It is positively sad to think of the British Tommy and Territorials and others sweating through a campaign with riding breeches, gaiters and boots (either thick or medium). In this matter and some

others I admit not having examined the case for the other side. No doubt thick boots will last longer (longer sometimes than the unhappy man who has to wear them). But excepting in wet weather and with an overcoat, I think the gaiter has no legitimate place in this world. Even although well cut, I look upon riding breeches as terrible agents of destruction. Let the reader tie his trousers under the knee for a minute, and round the ankle. Then put on a pair of light comfortable boots. Let him banish from his mind the idea of a comfortable country and fresh horses. Instead, imagine a campaigner walking up and down hill, in the hot sun looking for water, or walking in the rain hungry and fatigued. Now as the reader stands in those togs, let him decide whether the ununiformed man has not an advantage over the uniformed man of about five miles a day.

Another suggestion in the above account is about tea, coffee, and tobacco. I like all three in moderation, or any other way, but in hunting dangerous game it is advisable to study the nerves. Let any nervous concert performer, rifle shot, or any one else stop these things, just a few days before the event and see the difference. It is worth doing it if only for the pleasure of the next few cups and pipes afterwards. I daresay that there are many monsters actually taking nerve tonic and tea at the same time. The reader has no doubt noticed the hint that the next best thing to a supply of food and water in the veld is the habit of doing without it—or with very little of it. It is, I submit, a matter of practice just as much as the thin soles or anything else. I have sometimes gone more than forty hours without food and not felt hungry, having accustomed myself in the course of hunting, and from the force of circumstances, to do with very little food when necessary.

I have encroached on these pages a good deal more than originally intended. My idea is that, as the African veld is being filled up more and more every day, anything to do with the veld and its problems (or its pleasures) must have a certain amount of interest for more people than we usually imagine.

Later on in its wanderings my pen may dip into such subjects as lost in the veld and what to do; the African native; Uganda to the Limpopo—twice—with stock; manners and customs of the white man; and some more about elephants.

## COLONEL ROOSEVELT.

EX-PRESIDENT U.S.A.

Last Tuesday week I had the privilege of meeting Theodore Roosevelt. The Chancellor of Syracuse University and the Heads of Departments were invited to meet Teddy at the home of Mrs Wilkinson, where Teddy has been staying during the Barnes-Roosevelt libel case, being tried in this city.

Mr Roosevelt is certainly a wonder—his memory is remarkable and has created quite a sensation during the trial. He remembers every action and every speech. He told us stories of his election campaign twenty years ago out west. He remembered the names of the Senators and Committee Chairmen who were with him on those occasions.

Chancellor Day exchanged "Wild West" stories with the Colonel, and both agreed that the "Wild West" no longer exists. "Colonel," said the Chancellor, "one of the first stories I remember about you was of the occasion when you were asked to ride a "broncho" pony. You accepted the "dare" and mounted the pony, which gave four bucks, and the last they saw of you or it was a cloud of dust going down the road; but you returned later, still on the pony." The Colonel gave his characteristic laugh and showing his teeth in true Rooseveltian style, said, "Yes, Chancellor, but in the meantime I had ridden the dern thing all the way from his head to his tail!"

The Colonel told us of the early days when he was electioneering; how, when he had addressed a large audience of miners, he turned at the end of his speech and remarked to the chairman that he did not pride himself as a speaker, but he felt pleased with the way he had held his audience of miners that night. "Wal, Colonel, you made a good speech, but if Sam Wilson here (who sat behind the Colonel with a revolver at each hip) had not passed round word that he would shoot anyone who interfered with you, I guess you would have had a merrier time."

Wishing to find out what the Colonel knew about New Zealand, I let him know that I came from the Fortunate Isles. (This was when we were having a quiet chat.) "Well, that is interesting," he said. "Of course, we are all interested in your legislation, but apart from that, what I should like to go to New Zealand for, is to see the wonderful scenery, those Southern Alps in the South Island, and the Hot Lakes district in the North Island. I have always been

interested in the New Zealand lizard—the one with the eye in the centre of the forehead." Then he asked about the Maoris, which name he pronounced with two syllables as we do—not with three as the Americans usually do. "They have four representatives in Parliament, don't they?" "Do they assimilate with the whites?" He was rather surprised to find that they do not as a rule.

I had heard Mr Roosevelt speak in public several times and so was fairly familiar with his appearance and mannerisms. The cartoons are very faithful to him. His teeth are practically perfect—in fact they are perfect, the only blemish being a small space between two teeth on the upper row. He displays these teeth and snaps out his words even in private conversation when at all animated, and there is rarely a moment when he is not animated.

He appears to be in the pink of condition—almost as clear skinned as a baby. In height he is 5ft 9in, and broad and chesty.

It was interesting to see that he was as good a listener as he was a story-teller. You may know that our chancellor, Chancellor Day, was one of the first men to deride President Roosevelt in the height of his fame. Chancellor Day could scarcely find suitable names to call Teddy. (It may be mentioned that Chancellor Day and this University has been largely supported by Standard Oil money, and that President Roosevelt at that time was bringing action against the Standard Oil Trust.) Hence it was remarkable to find Chancellor Day

Hence is was remarkable to find Chancellor Day at Theodore at Theodore Roosevelt's reception and to hear them swapping stories. The Chancellor explained it by saying that Teddy had changed in recent years; and the Colonel explained that it was due to the Chancellor agreeing so determinedly with him on the "Lusitania" disaster. I am enclosing newspaper clippings giving their opinion on Wilson's apparent slowness in calling Germany to account. As I said earlier in this letter, the prevailing sentiment however is that President Wilson was only acting with due caution and that his note to Germany is firm enough.

Some of Roosevelt's comments on President Wilson's inaction I would not care to have published even in New Zealand. He is very bitter against Wilson for not bringing Germany sternly to book over the violation of Belgian territory and over the "Lusitania" outrage. Teddy is a man of very quick action. He decides momentous questions almost intuitively, whereas Wilson has to weigh the pros and cons. Teddy usually hits the right answer—but not always.

(Extracts from a letter received from Albert Acheson, Head of the Mechanical Engineering School at Syracuse University, New York.)

## THE TRIP TO TIMARU.

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The excitement displayed on receipt of a letter from Timaru High School by the members of our usually most sedate (?) First Fifteen was most evident and quite pardonable. The letter suggested no less than a tournament among the XV.'s of Christchurch, Timaru, Otago and Southland Boys' High Schools to be played at Timaru and to extend over a week. A week, ye gods! We had confidently expected a repetition of the trip to Dunedin and Timaru of two years ago, and some of us perhaps even hoped for another flood. But the prospect of a week at Timaru without having to depend on anyone or anything almost took our breaths away. One or two of the 1st XV. had travelled two years ago, and others had been to the South Canterbury town for pleasure; the rest, less fortunate, listened with gaping mouths and unbelieving ears to their lucid descriptions of the beauties, natural, artificial and native, of Timaru. The next letter from our Timaru friends, however, was surely calculated to send shivers of excitement down our backs and to make the heart beat even faster than it does on Saturday nights. This letter gave an outline of the stay at Timaru. The Rector took us into a small room and carefully shut the door before he read it to us, presumably to prevent our grunts of joy from getting into the yard. When we heard of the motor rides, picnics, concerts and general blow-outs we were going to have, one might have seen our delighted grins a mile off. The only fly in the ointment, with some members at any rate, was the fear that they wouldn't have time to see the beauties of Timaru. Naturally, we immediately wrote up and rejected the proposals—of course!

It was definitely settled, then, that we were to leave Invercargill on Saturday, the 28th of August, at the unearthly hour of 6.10 a.m. Wonderful to relate, everybody managed to get there in time, though John Findlay of course had to roll along when the guard was taking out his whistle. The first hundred miles or so, one of the most sublimely uninteresting stretches of railway to be found, was made all the more wearisome by a rather thick mist, which also made the atmosphere mighty cold. This period consequently was devoted to cards (when possible) or to the sleep that was not to be obtained the night before.

Dunedin was reached about 11 a.m. We found out that the Otago boys had gone on ahead of us. The next stage of our journey, to Oamaru, was over a rather remarkable stretch of railway. Climbing hills is at no time very interesting, however, and after six or seven hours in the train, it is really a dreadful bore, don't you know.

Our interest was slightly aroused by a curly-haired chap, who put forward the somewhat doubtful claim that he was a returned trooper. Of course, we were too polite to tell him straight out that we didn't believe him. Still, as he could juggle a bit, or thought he could, and as he really managed to get a few notes out of a mouth-organ with the aid of his nasal organ, he was acceptable.

From Oamaru to Timaru we experienced the dusty heat of the Canterbury plains, blown into our faces by a good strong nor'-wester. Consequently, the dining-car was well patronised; too well, in fact, for we had to form a queue for about half an hour. We were all very pleased to get to Timaru about 4 o'clock, after ten hours' travelling through the cold of a South Otago mist and the heat of a South Canterbury north wind.

The first item on the programme after we alighted at Timaru—we were the last of the three visiting teams to arrive—was a speech by the Mayor, and then a most welcome feed. Immediately afterwards we were handed over to our hosts.

Our programme showed that we were free on Saturday night. Caroline Bay and the Marine Parade held strong attractions for all. (N.B.—The seats on the Marine Parade are exceptionally well erected.)

On Sunday morning we were supposed to collect at the Post Office and thence go to church. It was nowhere reported that extra seating accommodation was required. Sunday, by the way, was beautifully fine, and many took advantage of the opportunity of seeing over a large Home liner which was in port. The sight of a big steamer coming in, too, was interesting to us harbourless Invercargillites.

On Monday the first round of the tournament was held. We played Timaru first and were handsomely whopped, while Christchurch succumbed to Otago. An account of our matches will be found later on.

On Monday evening we were invited to the pictures. An unofficial estimate of the percentage of players who turned up is about 50. Pictures can be seen any time, but the Marine Parade can only be admired when one is in Timaru. The best critics say that the view is undeniably far better at night,—by moonlight for preference.

On Tuesday afternoon we were taken a most enjoyable motor ride to a place called Hae-te-Moana Gorge, about 25 miles from Timaru. There must have been fully 20 cars drawn up at the Post Office for that trip. It was enjoyed by all, though those who were not right at the front were almost choked with dust. We had about two hours' stay at the Gorge; it is a very pretty place bounded on both sides by high steep hills, one lot covered with dense under-

growth and the other bare. A small stream in which we could see fish ran in the valley. After a time we were plentifully fed on tea and cakes, and then we made back for Timaru.

Before we left on this trip, by the way, we said our final "good-bye" to Mr Struthers. He had stayed over to see our match, but went up to Christchurch on Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday evening it had been originally intended to hold a combined concert at the Rectory, but an outbreak of measles there put an end to that idea. Our shaking performers once more felt at ease.

All Wednesday was free for us to do as we liked. In the evening part of our entertainment was an evening at the theatre where the play "A Scrape o' the Pen" was being acted. We are sure that everybody present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and that those who had not been willing to give up anything else made a mistake for once at any rate.

On Thursday the final matches were played at the Caledonian grounds. We played Christchurch, and being the losers in the first day's game, we played first. A draw was the result. Once again it was a beautiful day. Indeed we had fine weather throughout the trip. We were sorry to see our old friend Otago go down to Timaru, and yet we rejoiced a bit too; it would have been rather solid if Otago had beaten the team that ran up 30 points against us.

On Thursday evening all four teams with the masters in charge were entertained in some tea-rooms. Proceedings lasted over two hours. Numerous speeches were made somehow or other by each captain. Loppy's speech somehow or other got mixed in with those of the umpires. However, we all got away safely at last and had a last fond look at the bay and its accompanying objects of interest. Late hours were the order that night, we understand. Why not, anyhow? Football was over for the year, and didn't old Horace say "Carpe noctem" or something like that?

At 11 o'clock on Friday morning we assembled at the station with our belongings. Tender farewells were said, and we boarded the train with a case of cordials, some packages which we afterwards found contained cakes, and the knowledge that a case of fruit had missed the train. These, we understand, were presents of our Rector, to cheer us up on the homeward journey. It is a fact that the return generally seems shorter than the original journey. It wasn't long before we reached Dunedin with no outward sign of the refreshment taken on board at Timaru. At Dunedin the carriage quickly emptied, and when the chaps returned, pockets were bulging healthily with bottles and bags. The gorge that followed defies description. Pies and cakes, chocolates and fruit, disappeared in no time, washed down

by a plentiful supply of lemonade and such like. Such was the power of consumption of our 1st XV. after two matches, however, that everybody was quite keen on filling up again at Clinton.

At 9.15 p.m. we reached Invercargill again, after an exceedingly pleasant week at Timaru; a holiday which, without any doubt, everybody who participated in it will remember for many a long year.

G. W.  
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## CADET NOTES.

O.C. Major Pearce; Second-in-Command, Lieut. W. Cody; Platoon Commander, Lieut. L. Chapple; Artillery Section, Lieut. J. Stobo; Company Sergt.-major, P. Rice; Platoon Sergts., H. Ryburn, G. Wild, L. Cameron, H. Dyer; Section Commanders—No. 1 Platoon: D. Henderson, J. Findlay, D. Leckie, J. Fraser; No. 2 Platoon: N. Berdtson, Paterson, Brash, R. Fraser; No. 3 Platoon: D. Manson, L. Johnson, L. Soper, A. Horwell; No. 4 Platoon: P. Gardner, J. Donald, Sheppard, C. Fraser.

During the year drill has been carried out fairly regularly. On the few days that were too stormy for outdoor training, we received instruction on "The Use of Infantry in War." The work for the second and third terms has consisted mainly of the new company drill, and progress has been satisfactory considering that the drill is entirely new to the school. The Platoon Sergeants have entered heartily into their work, and consequently have helped the instructors to bring the company up to its present standard.

The Artillery Section has been working well, and receives regular visits from the Permanent Staff. We have not been fortunate enough to see them in action yet, but they have come forward well to man their guns on the stage for tableaux at patriotic concerts.

This year we have been very fortunate in having a regular attendance of the Staff Sergeant-majors, and their work has been appreciated by us.

The annual shooting on the miniature range has been completed, the championships have yet to be fired on the Defence Department's range.

We completed three of the six half-day parades that we are supposed to do in the year, during the recent Queen Carnival. On August 4th, a parade of all the military forces was called, to which the school turned out in great strength, marching with the other companies to the Post Office, where several patriotic speeches were delivered by leading citizens, then to Rugby Park to be dismissed. On two

other occasions we were called out, once, 27th September, to line the streets while a procession passed, and at an earlier date, September 18, to form a guard for the Schools' Princess, while she paraded the streets in state.

At the end of the Second Term, Lieut. J. B. Struthers left us to join the 9th Reinforcements, in which he received a commission. His loss has been keenly felt in this cadet corps, which he commanded for four years, but we have found a worthy substitute in Mr Cody, who for the past term has taken command. Mr Chapple succeeds Mr Cody as Platoon Commander.

## FOOTBALL.

**Captain:** L. LOPDELL.

**Deputy-Captain:** P. RICE.

**Secretary:** H. RYBURN.

**Committee:** L. LOPDELL, P. RICE, J. FINDLAY.

### NAMES AND RECORD OF FIRST XV.

#### WINNERS OF THE SECOND GRADE BANNER, 1915.

Played 10; Won 8; Lost 2. Points for 161. Points against 65.

P. Rice (Deputy-Capt.), J. Findlay, R. Royds, I. MacGibbon, N. Smith, O. Melhop, T. Macdonald, B. Mehaffey, R. Stephens, W. Grant, H. Dyer (Reporter), A. Fleming, D. Leckie, G. Wild, L. Lopdell (Capt.), D. Manson, L. Cameron, L. Soper, J. Mayo, H. Ryburn, L. Johnson, M. Sheehan, A. Coutts.

Like all other things, football has been affected by the war. Consequently, this year School, who had hitherto played third grade, entered into the Second Grade Competition. Thoughts were somewhat divided as to our prospects, but after a few weeks' training the team struck something like good combination, and it was fully expected that it would have to be reckoned with. Our expectations were realised, and, after some very exciting matches, School were successful in winning the Second Grade Premiership for 1915.

To a great extent Lopdell was responsible for the success of the team. Throughout the whole season his play was magnificent, and time after time he saved many a dangerous position. The forwards were about evenly matched; and, considering the fact that they were up against much heavier opponents right throughout the season, their work is deserving of the highest praise.

The high state of efficiency of the team was entirely due to the efforts of Mr McGrath, whose wide knowledge of the game went a long way towards bringing the First XV. to the high standard it attained. The First XV. express their heartiest thanks to Mr McGrath for the most valuable coaching he has given them.

#### A CRITICISM OF THE TEAM.

Lopdell (captain).—First five. Gave his backs plenty of chances. Good kick and take, excellent tackle, very vigorous and energetic with his team. Defence excellent.

Wild.—Played full-back with credit. At centre improved every game; made good openings; good kick.

Soper.—Wing-three. Fast, fair kick and take; runs with judgment; should be a good player when set; sound tackler.

Manson.—Straight and strong on the wing. Tackles well, and with kicking and taking improved, will be good.

Ryburn.—Played wing and full-back. Cool and awkward to stop. Tackles with determination. Did some good scoring runs.

Johnson.—At second five, plays with more than ordinary ability. Passes with excellent judgment; kicks well. With more weight should be able to keep up family records.

Coutts.—Half-back. A glutton for work. Feeds the first five well, and plays unselfishly. Defence very sound in kick, tackle, and rush-stopping.

Cameron.—Front row. Fast in the open and always on the ball. Dribbles well and handles fairly. Hooking commendable.

Rice.—Does his share of hooking. Solid on line and in tackle; keeps going all through the game.

Findlay.—Very good on line; fine tackler and dribbler; always battling, win or lose.

Grant.—Strong forward, good in pack, on line, and in thick.

Sheehan.—Winger. Clever and resourceful; good to his half; tackles well and dribbles excellently.

Melhop.—Dashy on the line break; good spoiler, and best when playing against bigger teams.

Leckie.—Clever at short-end of line. Tackles, dribbles, and feeds out with judgment.

MacGibbon.—Improving every match. Dribbling and packing good; always at practice.

Stephens.—Very good take on the line; packs well, and keeps going.

Macdonald.—Good, fast forward in following up. Was doing well in the team.

Fleming.—Clever in front row. His packing, too, was missed. Sturdy and persevering.

#### FIRST XV. v. SOUTHERN.

April 28.—Won, 63 to nil.

Shortly after the kick-off Lopdell scored from a passing rush. School continued to attack and from another passing rush Coutts scored, Lopdell converted. Even play ensued and Southern forced their way into School's 25, but they were driven out. School took the ball down the field into Southern 25, where Findlay scored from a line out. Lopdell make a good but ineffectual attempt at goaling. Shortly afterwards Lopdell again scored. Rice kicked a good goal. Play was fairly even for a short time but School's backs got going and Lopdell scored an easy try. School continued to attack, and from a scrum near the line Findlay scored. Not long after Johnson scored from a passing rush and Lopdell converted. Half-time then sounded. School attacked strongly at the opening of the second spell and forced their way into Southern's 25. Play remained steady for a short time, until Fraser scored from a passing rush. Rice converted with a good kick. From another passing rush Lopdell scored. Rice again kicked a good goal. After a good piece of forward play, in which Cameron was conspicuous, Lopdell scored. Shortly afterwards, from a mark by Sheehan, Rice kicked a goal. School's backs obtained the ball from the kick-off and Johnson scored. Another passing rush ended in Lopdell scoring a try which Rice converted. From a dribbling rush by School's forward Ryburn scored. Sheehan picked up the ball in a scramble in front of the goal posts and transferred to Johnson, who scored. Lopdell kicked a goal. All the School players played well. Among the backs Lopdell was always brilliant, while in the forwards Findlay and Rice stood out prominently.

#### FIRST XV. v. INVERCARGILL.

June 3.—Won, 13—9.

School won the toss and played with the sun. Soon after kick-off School attacked vigorously. From a scrum on the line Lopdell secured and placed the ball between the posts and added the major points. School again attacked and from a dribbling rush Dyer scored. Lopdell again converted. Invercargill Club now carried the ball into School's twenty-five, but Ed. Smith saved cleverly. A good kick by Johnson put the Invercargill Club on the defence. From a scrum in the corner Coutts dodged cleverly on the blind side and transferred to Ryburn, who scored. The kick at goal was unsuccessful. Half-time was then called. During the second spell Blues did most of the attacking, and secured two tries from forward rushes and a penalty goal. School now woke up and kept the game in neutral territory till time was called. School 13, Blues 9. In the forwards Rice, Cameron and Leckie were always prominent, while all the backs played well; Smith at full-back played a safe game.

## FIRST XV. v. STAR.

June 9.—Won, 22—3.

School kicked off against the sun, and play settled down for a while in School's 25. Good kicking by the School backs took play to half-way, where numerous unsuccessful passing rushes took place. After some time, however, Manson scored from a rush in which Lop-dell was conspicuous. No goal resulted. After the kick-off play remained about half-way until, after an exciting exchange of kicks, Ryburn scored from a passing rush. Lopdell made a good but ineffectual attempt at goal. From the kick-off Star broke away, but Soper saved in great style and put Sar on the defensive. From a passing rush Ryburn again scored. Rice kicked a good goal. From the kick-off the forwards took control of the ball and a brilliant piece of work by Leckie placed School on the offensive. Half-time then sounded with the score, School 11, Star nil. From the start of the second spell Star attacked, but good line kicking relieved. School gradually forced their way into their opponent's 25, but an infringement spoilt a promising rush. Fleming smothered the kick and several passing rushes ensued. Fraser made a great dash, but was stopped and Star took play to half-way, where it remained for some time. Star forwards took the ball into School's 25, where from a mark they kicked a goal. Thereupon School livened up considerably and L. Cameron, following up fast, beat the opposing backs and scored. No goal resulted. From the kick-off Star set off on a dribbling rush, but Soper saved brilliantly. School forwards then took command of the ball and from a dribbling rush L. Cameron again scored. Play then settled down about Star's 25, where School started a passing rush which ended in Lopdell's scoring. Rice kicked a good goal. Full time then sounded with the score, School 22, Star 3. All the School backs played well, Lopdell and Soper especially. Rice, Leckie and Fleming were the pick of the forwards.

## FIRST XV. v. ATHLETIC.

June 16.—Lost, 27—3.

From the kick-off School attacked and Athletic were soon compelled to force down. School continued to attack and from a mark Rice kicked a goal. School still continued to attack, but Athletic livened up considerably and took play down the field, where after some exciting play near the line they scored. Good following up by Cameron put School on the offensive, but Athletic gradually took the ball to School's 25, where they scored from a scrum. Half-time sounded shortly afterwards. Athletic 6, School 3. Right from the beginning of the second spell Athletic attacked strongly. Their

vastly superior weight told in spite of the efforts of the Schcol players. They attacked almost all the time and took the score to 27 before full time sounded. In the forwards Cameron, Rice and Leckie played well, while the pick of the backs was Lopdell and Soper.

## FIRST XV. v. SOUTHERN.

June 23.—Won, 6—3.

School kicked off and Southern immediately attacked, but a mark by Johnson relieved. The forwards took the ball to half-way, where play remained for some time. Southern, however, by forward rushes, took play back again into School's 25 and compelled them to force down. From the kick-off Southern again attacked. A good kick by Mayo and rushes by the forwards took play down the field, where Lopdell had an unsuccessful shot at goal. School kept up the attack and shortly afterwards Rice kicked a goal. Thereupon Southern infused more dash into their play and carried the ball into School's 25, where after some exciting scrambles near the line they scored. A few minutes later half-time sounded. School 3, Southern 3. From the commencement of the second spell Southern set up a strong attack and School were kept busily defending. A kick from a good mark by Wild gained a lot of ground and another kick by Mayo put School on the offensive. Hard kicking, however, spoilt many chances and Southern forced down three times. After a period of very patchy play near half-way, Southern again attacked, but Coutts relieved by good line kicking, and School forced their way into Southern 25 where, from a mark by Manson, Lopdell placed an excellent goal. Southern immediately rushed play into School's territory and were on School's line when the whistle sounded full time. School 6, Southern 3. In the backs Lopdell, Coutts and Johnson were the best, while of the forwards Rice and Grant were always conspicuous. The match was played with thick snow on the ground.

## FIRST XV. v. WAIKIWI.

July 7.—Lost, 11—8.

School won the toss and played with the sun on their backs. Waikiwi attacked right from the start and kept School busily defending for some time, until a mark relieved and play shifted to half-way. An infringement spoilt further progress and Waikiwi returned to the attack. School were compelled to force down. The forwards took the ball from the kick-off and by forward rushes put School on the offensive, but a School player got off-side and Waikiwi again attacked. Forward rushes in which Melhop figured conspicuously relieved the pressure for a short time. Waikiwi forwards, however, broke through the School defence and after an exciting race for the ball Waikiwi scored. No goal resulted. From the kick-off play settled down in

School's 25 until Fleming, by good play, took the ball down the field. School continued to attack until half-time sounded. Waikiwi 3, School nil. Soon after the kick-off School rushed play into Waikiwi's territory, where Cameron received a pass and dashed over the line near the corner. No goal was kicked. From the kick-off Waikiwi broke right away, but Ryburn saved in brilliant style. School continued to attack strongly but hard kicking spoilt many chances. From a free kick Rice had a good but ineffectual attempt at goal. The attack was kept up and Lopdell scored from a passing rush. The same player converted the try. From the kick-off, however, Waikiwi attacked and after a series of forward rushes they succeeded in scoring. A good goal was kicked. Shortly afterwards Waikiwi again scored. They kept up their attack and kept School defending until full time was sounded. Waikiwi 11, School 8. This game was easily the best played this season and produced good, fast play. For School Coutts, Johnson and Lopdell played well, while Melhop, Rice and Cameron were the pick of the forwards.

#### FIRST XV. v. WINTON.

July 14.—Won, 23—9.

Soon after the kick-off School rushed play into Winton's territory and three minutes after the kick-off Soper scored from a passing rush started by Lopdell. Rice converted the try. From the kick-off School continued to attack, but hard kicking spoilt several chances. Soon, however, Soper again scored from a passing rush. No goal was kicked. The attack was kept up, but a School forward got off-side and spoilt a chance of scoring. After a period of interesting play about quarter way, Soper received a pass and was enabled to score his third try. No goal resulted. From the kick-off Winton broke away, but a knock-on stopped progress. School were attacking when some time, but good line-kicking by the backs relieved the pressure and carried play into Winton's territory, where Ryburn scored near the corner. Rice made an excellent but ineffectual attempt at goal. Play then remained at half-way for some time until Ryburn broke away but a knock-on stopped progress. School were attacking when half-time sounded. School 14, Winton 0. From the kick-off School attacked but Winton broke through the defence and set up a strenuous attack on School's line. A passing bout by the School backs took play up the field and Lopdell, seizing an opportunity, potted an excellent goal from about half-way. The forwards, at this point, seemed to fall off considerably and did not show any of the dash that characterised their play in the first spell. Winton, by repeated forward rushes, soon scored. No goal was kicked. They continued their attack, but their efforts were spoilt by hard kicking and School found relief in

forcing down. From the kick-off Lopdell obtained the ball and ran right through from half-way. Rice converted. Winton, however, were not to be denied and their forwards carried the ball into School's 25, where they scored from a scramble near the posts. The kick was smothered. As the result of fumbling by our backs Winton again scored. No goal was kicked. Soon after full time sounded with play in neutral territory. School 23, Winton 9. In this spell School did not show as much dash and combination as they did in the first spell. The passing of the backs was very accurate and the line-kicking was, with few exceptions, good. The forwards played very well in the first spell, but relaxed their efforts considerably in the second spell. The pick of the backs were Lopdell, Coutts and Soper, while in the forwards Melhop, Rice and Fleming played well.

#### FIRST XV. v. ATHLETIC.

August 11.—Won, 9—3.

School kicked-off and Athletic immediately took play into School's 25, where they had an unsuccessful shot from a free-kick. A good kick by Lopdell carried play into Athletic's 25, but a mark spoilt further progress, and School were pushed back into their own territory. Athletic's forwards, being vastly superior in weight, were beating our pack from the ball, but hard-kicking spoilt all their efforts, and many force-downs resulted. Although they were attacking for practically the whole time, they were unable to break through School's defence, and the spell ended with no score on either side. Soon after the start of the second spell School were compelled to force down. From the kick-off Athletic's forwards obtained the ball and they scored near the corner. No goal was kicked. Thereupon School livened up considerably and gradually forced play into Athletic's territory, where Lopdell scored after a good run. The kick failed. School kept up the attack and soon afterwards Manson scored from a passing rush. No goal was kicked. After a period of somewhat loose play about half-way School returned to the attack and from a free kick Lopdell kicked an excellent goal. From the kick-off Athletic attacked strongly but School succeeded in preventing them from scoring until full time was called. School 9, Athletic 3. The play of the first spell could scarcely be called football, but the second spell saw better combination on the part of both teams. The pick of the backs was Lopdell and Johnson, while in the forwards Findlay and Rice played well.

#### FIRST XV. v. WAIKIWI.

August 18.—Won, 14—0.

From the kick-off School forwards took play into Waikiwi's 25, but the latter returned to half-way and soon after, as a result of a mis-kick by one of the School backs, they set up a strong attack. How-

ever, they were unable to break through the defence, and Coutts, by good line-kicking, took play to half-way. From a free-kick Waikiwi failed to find the line, and play shifted into their 25, where Lopdell scored near the corner. Rice made a splendid but ineffectual attempt at goal. School kept up the attack, and shortly afterwards Lopdell kicked a goal from a free kick. From the kick-off Waikiwi attacked strongly. They were awarded a free kick in front of the posts, but failed to kick a goal. School then took play to half-way, where it remained until half-time was sounded. School 6, Waikiwi nil. Waikiwi attacked from the commencement of the second spell, but Lopdell relieved and play settled down near half-way. Dribbling rushes by Waikiwi's forwards put School on the defensive for some time, until Soper relieved. Shortly afterwards a passing rush by School's backs ended in Ryburn scoring an excellent try between the posts. Lopdell converted. School continued to attack and play remained in Waikiwi's 25 for some time. At this point Leckie, who had been playing a magnificent game, had the misfortune to receive a kick and had to be carried off. Waikiwi then had an unsuccessful shot at goal. A free kick awarded to School put them on the offensive, and Lopdell scored. No goal was kicked. After this the play became of a decided scraggy nature and no further score was registered. School 14, Waikiwi nil. Of the forwards Findlay, Rice and Cameron played well, while the pick of the backs was Lopdell and Johnson.

#### FIRST XV. v. GORE HIGH SCHOOL.

This match was played at Rugby Park under conditions which favoured fast, open play, and resulted in a win for School by 55 points to 3. The game was almost entirely confined to the backs; in fact, only one try was obtained by a forward.

School won the toss and Gore kicked off. Play remained for a short time in neutral territory, but School gradually took the ball into Gore's 25, where Soper made a good dash for the line. He was well stopped, however, and Johnson, getting the ball from a scramble, scored a try which Lopdell converted. Shortly after the kick-off Lopdell succeeded in scoring between the posts. Rice was successful with the kick. After a period of loose play in which Gore forwards showed to advantage, fumbling by School's full-back put School on the defensive, but Lopdell saved with a good kick. Gore were not to be denied, and returned to School's 25, where they were awarded a free kick. School immediately took play into Gore's territory and Lopdell again scored. School backs were throwing the ball about in great style, and soon Wild was enabled to cross the line. A few minutes later Manson scored from a passing rush. Lopdell converted. From the kick-off the backs again got going, but hard kicking and knocking-on spoilt many chances. Gore forwards obtained the ball,

and started a dribbling rush, which was well stopped by Coutts. School were awarded a free kick and Lopdell had an unsuccessful shot. From the kick-off Gore carried play into School's territory, but a mark by Wild gave relief and School returned to the attack. Half-time then sounded. School 21, Gore 0. Right from the beginning of the second spell School set up a lively attack on Gore's line. Soon after the start Lopdell ran through and scored. Rice converted. Shortly afterwards Leckie got over but lost the ball. From the kick-off Johnson scored his second try. After a period of play about Gore's 25, Johnson again scored by good cutting in. Rice converted. A period of dull, uninteresting play followed, until Lopdell kicked a good goal from a mark. Gore forwards then carried the ball into School's 25, where, after some tight play, they scored a well deserved try. The kick at goal was good but ineffectual. Shortly after the kick-off Ryburn, after a brilliant run, scored between the posts. Rice kicked the goal. A good run by a Gore back put them on the offensive, but a mark by Cameron relieved. Lopdell broke away, but was well tackled and Johnson, obtaining the ball, scored between the posts. Gore, by forward rushes, then took the ball into School's 25 and had hard luck in not scoring. They kept up the attack for a short time but Ryburn again broke away. After beating several opponents, he was brought down near the line. From a passing rush which was then started Wild scored between the posts. Lopdell converted. After some play about half-way School again took the offensive, and from a scrum Coutts scored an easy try. Lopdell kicked the goal. Full time was then called. School 55, Gore 3.

All the School played well. The game was essentially open and it was due to the superior combination of our backs that the score was so big. The forwards were fairly evenly matched.

#### TIMARU v. SCHOOL.

Lost, 30 to nil.

Timaru kicked off against a strong wind and immediately assumed the offensive. Numerous passing rushes by their backs were stopped by sure tackling, until School's forwards took play to Timaru's 25, but all efforts were fruitless and Timaru returned to School's 25. From a mark by Coutts Lopdell put the ball out at half-way, where School's backs attempted a passing bout from which Timaru obtained the ball and started a dangerous rush, which was well stopped by Melhop and School took the offensive. From a free kick Lopdell had an unsuccessful shot at goal. School were keeping up a hot attack on Timaru's line, but hard kicking spoilt an excellent chance and Timaru forced down. From the kick-off Timaru took play into School territory, but a magnificent kick by Lopdell cleared, and School again returned to Timaru's 25, where Rice had an unsuccessful attempt at

goal. As a result of a bad mis-kick by a School back Timaru broke away. Ryburn saved, but Timaru returned and a force down resulted. By good passing Timaru kept School busily defending for some time. Finally their centre three-quarter ran right through and scored near the corner after a brilliant run. No goal resulted. Immediately after the kick-off they again scored. The attempt at goal was good but unsuccessful. Timaru's backs, who were much superior in weight and speed, were completely outclassing School's back division and soon they scored another try, which was converted. They continued their attack, but excellent defensive work by Coutts and Manson prevented them from scoring. A dribbling rush was magnificently stopped by Soper, but Timaru's backs obtained the ball from the scramble and scored. No goal resulted. From the kick-off School attacked, and from a mark Lopdell had an unsuccessful shot at goal. Timaru then returned to half-way and half-time sounded with play in neutral territory. Timaru 14, School nil. From the kick-off School carried play into Timaru's 25, but their defence was impenetrable and they soon returned to half-way, where their forwards broke away and School were compelled to force down several times. In spite of excellent kicking by Coutts and Lopdell, Timaru kept up a strong attack and they scored from a scrum near the line. No goal resulted. A few minutes later they again scored from a passing rush. The kick failed. After forcing down several times School took a hand in the game. Sheehan broke away, but a splendid effort was spoilt through lack of support and Timaru returned to School's territory. Wild then got away but was overtaken by the faster Timaru backs. Another dash by Sheehan proved fruitless, owing to his being unsupported, and Timaru, obtaining the ball, scored a brilliant try which was converted. Play then settled down about half-way, but the Timaru centre again ran through. The kick was successful. Full time was then sounded. Timaru 30, School nil.

The score does not give a fair indication of the game. School certainly had more of the game than would be judged from the size of the score. The Timaru backs were much superior in weight and speed and showed a greater knowledge of the finer points of the game. Their forwards, although lighter, displayed more vigour than the School pack.

#### SCHOOL v. CHRISTCHURCH H.S.

Drawn, 8—8.

From the kick-off Christchurch attacked, but good kicking cleared the School line and play moved to half-way, where Christchurch were awarded a free kick, which again put them on the offensive. Their efforts were spoilt by hard kicking and Manson forced down just in time. From the kick-off play continued to remain in School's

25 until a dribbling rush, in which Rice was conspicuous, took the ball to half-way, where Christchurch started a passing rush from which Lopdell broke away, but he was tackled and play settled down near Christchurch's 25. From a free kick Christchurch again assumed the offensive, but Coutts relieved and a free kick took play to half-way, where a brilliant dribbling rush, headed by Findlay, was started. The ball, however, bounced off a School player and a force down resulted. Bad handling by School's backs let Christchurch away and superior kicking by their backs put them on the offensive. Melhop relieved and Ryburn took play to Christchurch's 25, where Lopdell had an unsuccessful shot at goal. School attacked strongly. Ryburn made a great dash for the line but was pushed out at the corner. Half-time then sounded with no score. Soon after the commencement of the second spell the Christchurch wing three-quarter obtained the ball near half-way and after a sensational run scored a magnificent try. The kick was successful. From the kick-off School rushed play into Christchurch's 25, where Lopdell kicked a goal from a free kick. Both teams were exerting themselves to the utmost and play went from one end of the field to the other, until it finally settled down near Christchurch's 25, where it remained for some time. Christchurch broke away from a line-out and were soon attacking strongly. Good work by Melhop took play to half-way and a short time afterwards Lopdell had an unsuccessful shot at goal. As a result of bad handling by School's backs Christchurch assumed the offensive and, in spite of good defensive work by Soper and Manson, they scored near the corner. The kick failed. Christchurch continued to attack but a mark by Rice drove them back. Lopdell took play to half-way, where Manson obtained the ball and made a dash for the line, but he was overtaken and pushed out in Christchurch's 25. From a scramble near the line Sheehan picked up the ball and crossed the line. Lopdell converted. Soon afterwards full time sounded, with School attacking strongly. School 8, Christchurch 8.

The teams were very evenly matched. Both sides threw the ball about freely and a fast, open game resulted. A feature of the match was Lopdell's brilliant tackling.

#### THIRD GRADE COMPETITION.

As the First Fifteen were promoted to Second Grade, the Seconds also went up one and played Third Grade. Consequently they had more and harder matches than in previous years, with the result they attained a higher state of efficiency, as the result of the match with Otago shows, when compared with those of former years.

**Captain:** T. MacDONALD.    **Deputy-Captain:** D. HAY.

**Secretary:** R. G. STEVENS.

## SECOND XV. v. ATHLETIC III.

April 28.—Won, 12 to 3.

Athletic scored first, early in the game. Shortly afterwards, however, Vallance secured the ball about half-way and ran right down the line. The kick failed. Towards the end of the spell Lindsay scored from a scramble, the bounce of the ball beating an Athletic man. In the second spell the game was fairly even, though the School forwards kept the ball in Athletic's twenty-five most of the time. Soper scored two splendid tries by brilliant dashes along the touch-line. No goals were kicked. School thus won by 12 to 3. Mills played a fine game on the wing; Royds and Melhop followed up well. Our tackling was poor, but our condition was better than that of our opponents.

## SECOND XV. v. STAR III.

May 5.—Won, 12—8.

School scored first, Soper securing a good try near the corner. Shortly afterwards Mayo scored, and not long afterwards he scored again. No goals resulted. Even play followed till half-time. Early in the second spell Soper took the ball from a kick by a Star man and dashed across near the corner flag. Once again the kick failed. Star, who had been strengthened by two or three new players, now began to press, but they were sent back to their own twenty-five. They rallied again, however, and School were compelled to force down. Shortly afterwards a Star man scored in good position and the try was converted. The School players livened up again, however, and easily held their own until the end.

## SECOND XV. v. WAIKIWI.

June 3.—Drawn, 3—3.

The game was strenuously contested throughout, Waikiwi having slightly the best of the play owing to superior weight in the forwards. Waikiwi scored in the first spell. Late in the second spell Soper scored for School near the touch-line. In the first spell Waikiwi had several shots at goal from free kicks, but all were fruitless. The ground was in many places practically under water, so the backs could not do much. The forwards packed well at times, but for the most of the game the heavier opponents kept them defending.

## SECOND XV. v. ATHLETIC.

Lost, 16—0.

Early in the game Athletic were awarded two free kicks from which they obtained six points. Later in the first spell they secured a try, which was converted. At half-time the score was 11 to nil

against School. Soon after the commencement of the second half Athletic again scored and again converted, bringing up their total to 16. Thenceforward School had, if anything, the better of the game, but were unable to score.

## SECOND XV. v. STAR.

Lost, 30—0.

In the first spell Star easily had the better of the game. After the kick-off School pressed but were forced back by superior weight. Shortly afterwards, Shand scored for Star. The kick failed. At half-time Star were well ahead. In the second half School for the most part had the better of the game, but superior weight told near the end. School pressed hard keeping the ball well into the enemy's territory, and were attacking strongly when the whistle sounded. Considering their size and weight, School put up a good game. All the team played well, especially Mills and McDonald in the forwards, and Mayo and Vallance in the backs.

## SECOND XV. v. WAIKIWI.

Drawn, 14—14.

Shortly after the kick-off School were pressing hard and from a line-out Mayo made a good score. Kingston converted. Then Waikiwi livened up and scored soon after the kick-off. No goal resulted. After some even play Kingston goaled from a free kick. Then Macdonald scored, but the kick failed. Waikiwi added six more points to their score, and then half-time was called, School 11, Waikiwi 9. In the second spell Waikiwi pressed strongly and soon scored between the posts. The kick was successful. Some time after R. Fraser made a good score. No goal resulted. Waikiwi pressed hard but School defended till time was sounded. School 14, Waikiwi 14. For the School Macdonald, Mills, Royds and Lindsay played well in the forwards, while Mayo Brown and Jefcoate were the pick of the backs.

## SECOND XV. v. BLUES.

June 30.—Won, 20—0.

For the first quarter of an hour Invercargill were attacking but after that School were the attackers, though the teams were fairly evenly matched. Half-way through the first spell Melhop scored beneath the posts and the try was converted by Wild. In the second spell tries were obtained by Jefcoate and Melhop, both of which were converted by Wild, and a try was also obtained by Hay, which was splendidly converted from a difficult angle by Holz. When time was called School were still pressing on their opponents' line. The best of the School forwards were Melhop, Royds and Mills.

## SECOND XV. v. ATHLETIC III.

July 14.—Won, 8—3.

Play was fairly even after the kick-off. About half way through the first spell Berndston, by good following up, scored. Kingston was successful with the kick. Strenuous play continued for a while, and then Kingston goaled from a free kick. The Athletics rallied after this and had the better of the game till half-time was called, with the score 8—0 in favour of School. In the second half School had, on the whole, the better of the game. Our forwards were now packing better, but Athletic managed to get through and score. No goal resulted. School then attacked vigorously and play was fairly even till time was called, School thus winning by 8 to 3. Of the forwards the pick were Berndston, MacGibbon and Mills, while Mayo and Trapski were prominent among the backs.

## SECOND XV. v. STAR.

July 28.—Lost, 13—11.

Star won the toss and kicked off with the sun at their backs. The play was strenuous for a while and some time after the kick-off School was compelled to force down. Play was taken to Star's twenty-five, where Melhop made a great dash and scored. The shot at goal failed. By a forward rush Star took the ball into School's territory, who were obliged to force down. By some good play the ball was forced into Star's twenty-five where, from a passing rush, Ryburn scored. Holz converted with a grand kick. Just before half time Star scored and converted. The score was then 8 to 5 in favour of School. In the second spell School led off and play was in their favour most of the time. Soon after Star scored, but failed with the kick. Then the ball was taken back and Holz kicked a goal from a free kick. The game became very strenuous and near the end Star scored. This try was converted. Shortly after time was called with Star 13, School 11. The game was, on the most part, in favour of School. Some features of the match were the great play of Brown at full-back and Holz's goal-kicking.

## SECOND XV. v. WAIKIWI.

August 18.—Lost 3—0.

School kicked off and play was kept near Waikiwi's goal for some time. About half way through the spell Waikiwi got the ball and one of their number, after a long run, outdistanced the School players and scored. The kick was not successful. On the whole Waikiwi had the better of this half. In the second spell School played much better. They had the ball most of the time, but failed to score. Two or three shots at goal were taken, but these failed,

owing chiefly to the wind. School were better than their opponents in this spell. Holz saved repeatedly by good line kicking. The best players were Mayo, Holz and Brown in the backs and Lindsay, Stephens and Mills in the forwards.

## SECOND XV. v. BLUES.

Won, 9—0.

In the first spell Blues had the advantage but were not able to score owing to the way the School backs tackled. In the second spell Kingston kicked a good goal from the touch-line. This success made School liven up and by good following up Royds scored. The kick failed. Our forwards were playing much better now and from a rush by them Lindsay was able to dash over the score; the kick failed. Trapski, Fraser and Brown were the pick of the backs, while all the forwards played well, especially Mills, Royds and Stephens.

## SECOND XV. v. GORE H.S.

Lost, 11—3.

The match between School and Gore High School resulted in a win for Gore by 11 points to 3. Gore won the toss and decided to play with the wind on their backs. From the kick-off School pressed but the superior weight of the Gore forwards drove them back. From a line-out School backs got on the move but were pulled up by mis-passing and Gore pressed. Shortly after Stephens marked and Kingston relieved with a good kick. From the line-out Gore gained possession and brought the ball into School territory, where Fraser snapped the ball up and relieved with a good kick up field. From a scramble in Gore's 25. Holz made a good dash for the line, but the ball slipped from his hands and Gore forced down. From the kick-off Gore pressed, but Ryburn saved brilliantly. Shortly afterwards a School back mis-kicked and Gore scored between the posts. The try was converted. School forwards now wakened up and hustled Gore backs, but a free against School cleared Gore's line. Soon afterwards School were compelled to force down. Shortly afterwards half-time was called with the score Gore 5, School nil. From the kick-off play remained about half-way for a time. Then Gore pressed, but Trapski went down and stopped a nasty looking forward rush. But Gore were not to be stopped and scored from a line-out through having an extra wing three-quarter who rushed in and took the ball nicely and scored. No goal resulted. From the kick-off Gore pressed, but Fraser relieved by marking and Holz found the line. Then School pressed and from a free kick Kingston kicked a splendid goal. After this until time was called School were kept defending. Gore 11, School 3. School had hard luck in not scoring one or two apparently easy tries through the forwards not letting the ball out to the backs.

#### SECOND XV. v. OTAGO SECOND XV.

The following represented the Second Fifteen against Otago H.S.:—  
Lindsay, MacGibbon, Mills, Macdonald, Cody, Hay, Stephens, Royds,  
Trapski, Mayo, Fraser, Holz, Kingston, Ryburn, and Brown.

The annual match between the above two teams resulted in a win for Otago by 17 points to 3.

School kicked off and Otago assumed the offensive, but a force down resulted. Otago pressed hard from the kick-off until a good mark by Trapski took play to half-way, where it remained for a short time. Royds broke away and made a sensational dash for the line, but he was tackled and Otago returned to School's 25. Good kicking by Trapski and Holz drove them out and took play to Otago's 25, where a promising passing bout was spoilt by off-side play, which enabled Otago to clear their line. Good play by Mills and Stephens again put School on the offensive, but Otago forwards relieved and took play to School's 25, where they missed several chances of scoring. As a result of much off-side play by Otago, play shifted into their 25 and School was attacking when half-time sounded with no score on either side. Otago set up a strong attack from the beginning of the second spell, but many of their efforts were spoilt by off-side play on the part of their forwards. Soon after, however, they scored from a scrum near the line. They converted with a good kick. They kept up their attack and shortly afterwards were awarded a free kick, from which they kicked a goal. School then took a hand in the game and Kingston kicked a splendid goal from a free kick. Play then settled down about half-way until Otago broke away and took play into School's 25, where they obtained another goal from a free kick. They continued to attack and again scored. No goal resulted. An excellent line kick put School on the offensive, but their efforts were fruitless, and Otago returned and scored. The try was not converted. Their attack was kept up and soon they were enabled to score again. No goal was kicked. Play then went from one end of the field to the other and in spite of strenuous efforts School were unable to increase their score. Full time then sounded. Otago 17, School 3. Although School lost, the game was very satisfactory. The best of the forwards were Mills, Stephens and Royds, while in the backs Mayo and Trapski were always prominent.

#### FOURTH GRADE COMPETITION.

##### THIRD XV. v. TECHNICAL II.

May 5.—Won, 24—0.

High attacked at the first and soon had Technical in their own twenty-five. Jefcoate, after some good play, scored in front of the goals, and Kingston converted. Soon after Jenkins went right through

Technical's backs and passed to Woods, who scored. Kingston converted with a good kick. Near the end of the first spell Jefcoate scored again but no goal resulted. Half-time was then called. Play was fairly even until Millar took the ball in hand from a line-out and scored. There was no goal. Technical rallied, but it was of no use. High kept up the offensive and from a dribbling rush Firth scored. The kick was unsuccessful. Not long after, from a scrum, Jenkins scored near the line. Kingston kicked a good goal. High had compelled Technical to force down when time was called. Jefcoate and Jenkins played the best games.

##### THIRD XV. v. TECHNICAL II.

June 3.—Won, 21—0.

Technical attacked from the first but after three or four force downs High took play into their opponents' territory, where Irving dribbled splendidly up the line and scored. No goal was kicked. Soon after Jenkins scored and converted his try. No more scores were recorded until half-time was called. Not long after the kick-off Junker scored and Laing kicked a good goal. Officer was the next to score and he converted his own try. He scored again not long after near the line. There was no goal. High continued to attack until time was called. In the backs Preston and Irving played well, while Officer and Jenkins were the best forwards. W. Johnson made an admirable referee.

##### THIRD XV. v. TECHNICAL II.

Lost, 11—0.

Aided by the referee and after half time by four substitutes from their first fifteen, Technical managed to win this game by 11 points to nil. Play was fairly equal during the first half of the first spell. Towards the end, however, Technical scored near the line. The kick at goal failed. There were no more scores until half-time was called. When about half the second spell was over another try was scored against the Thirds. The kick at goal was successful. Not long after, Technical broke through again and scored a very doubtful try, which was not converted. Time was then called. The best players for School were Laing, Preston and Royds.

##### THIRD XV. v. TECHNICAL II.

Won, 13—0.

Right from the kick-off School attacked strongly and in the first minute of the game Irving scored. Lipscombe kicked a good goal. For the rest of the first spell play varied from one end of the field to the other. After half-time School attacked and a passing rush resulted in Gardner scoring near the line. The kick failed. Near the

end of the game Preston picked the ball up from a scramble and to McDowall, who scored between the goal posts. Lipscombe was successful with the kick. Of the backs Lipscombe and Preston played well, while Irving and Laing were the pick of the forwards.

#### THIRD XV. v. TECHNICAL.

July 28.—Won, 15—0.

This match resulted in an easy win for the Thirds by 15 points to nil. Play was fairly equal during the first half of the first spell. Towards the end of the spell Brighton got hold of the ball and scored in the middle of the goal-posts, but there was no goal. Not long after Gardner scored as the result of a passing rush. No goal was kicked. Half-time was then called. Toward the middle of the second spell Gardner again scored, but his try was not converted. Right from the kick-off Officer ran through the whole of the Technical backs and scored, but still there was no goal. Irving scored another try between the goal-posts, but again the kick failed. Time was then called. The best players for School were Jenkins, Officer, Preston and Gardner. The bad goal-kicking may be attributed to the ball, which was not very tight.

#### MIDGETS.

The report for this season has not been such a good one as last season, but, all the same, we have won all the matches that we have played. First there was the match with the South A, in which we beat them by 8 points to 3. The most notable player in this match was R. Oughton, who distinguished himself throughout the game. Then again there was the match with the Middle A. This was an easy win for us, for we defeated them by 11 points to 3. Oughton again played well, while the best player of the backs was Johnson. We could never obtain a full turn out, but we hope to obtain a better one next season.

## BOXING.

The 1915 championships were decided in the Theatre at the meeting arranged by the Southland Boxing Association. We desire to extend to the officials our thanks for the courtesy extended to us and

for the excellent arrangements of the programme. We take the following account as it appeared in the Southland Times:—

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS.

—8.0 Class.—

F. Haigh (7.12) beat W. J. MacGibbon (6.11). The contrast in weight was too much for the latter, who, however, gave a good display.

H. Jefcoate (7.9) beat C. Dickens (7.9). They were evenly matched and the contest was keen throughout.

—9.0 Class.—

J. T. MacGibbon (9.0) beat A. Fleming (9.0). This was easily one of the best bouts in the competition, and the contestants well deserved the applause they received.

—10.0 Class.—

R. Stephens v. J. E. Fraser. Both lads fought very gamely from the commencement. Fraser was the shorter of the two, but a useful left served him in good stead, and he scored consistently with it. The first round was very even, and there was little between the lads in the second. Both mixed it with vigour in the final round, and some exciting rallies were in evidence. Fraser won.

—Final.—

D. F. Leckie (9.4) v. J. E. Fraser (9.10). Fraser was the huskier and more vigorous, and he gave his opponent very little peace. Leckie was the cleverer, but he showed decided disinclination to take punishment, and on one occasion in the first round he dropped to the floor to escape punishment, and on two occasions he took refuge in the count in that round. Leckie fought better in the second round, but Fraser gave no let up or pause, and hammered him round the ring, Leckie again making contact with the floor. Leckie opened the third round aggressively, and nothing loth, Fraser fought back and gave his opponent as good as he received. In this round also Leckie assumed the horizontal more than once. Fraser fought somewhat wildly, but he was incomparably gamier and more aggressive than his opponent. He also made contact far more frequently. The bout was given in Leckie's favour—a doubtful decision.

9st CLASS.

—Final.—

J. T. MacGibbon (9.0) v. L. Johnson (9.0). MacGibbon was the taller. Both lads showed cautiousness, and preferred more often than otherwise to stand off and deliver at long range. Occasionally they stood up and swopped punches. MacGibbon led throughout, and won comfortably.

**—8st CLASS.****—Final.—**

H. Jefcoate (7.9) v. F. Haigh (7.12). Haigh was the taller, but Jefcoate possessed the advantage of having a useful straight left, which he used to some purpose, scoring repeatedly. He had the advantage in each of the three rounds, being consistently aggressive, and at times adding to his straight left a neat right uppercut. Jefcoate won handsomely, but Haigh fought very gamely.

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## LIBRARY.

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The following books have been added to the Library since last Term :—

"The Romance of the Oxford Colleges," Francis Gribble; "Lucretius," Munro; "Republican Rome," H. L. Havell; "The Childhood of the World," Ed. Clodd; "The Antiquity of Man," Chas. Lyell; "The Oxford Book of English Verse," Sir A. T. Quiller Couch; "The Moxford Book of English Verse," A. B. S. Walker; "Boys who became Famous," F. J. Snell; "The Story of the Weather"; Dante's "Divine Comedy," Carr; "Business Life," W. J. Parkins; "How to Read Shakespeare," James Stalker, D.D.; "In Sunny Spain," K. Lee Bates; "Under Greek Skies," Julia Dragonnis; "More's Utopia"; "Pictorial History," Henry W. Donald; "Greek History for Schools," Edmonds; "The War Lords," "Admiral Jellicoe," "General Joffre," "The Hidden Children," "Great Battles of the World," "Lord Jim," "The Lone Star Ranger," "Riders of the Purple Sage," "Our Glorious Heritage," "Cleared for Action," "Things Seen in Sweden," "The Slav Nations," "Famous Fights of Indian Native Regiments," "Thankful's Inheritance."

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## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

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The annual sports meeting of the Southland Boys' High School was held on Wednesday, 27th October, at Rugby Park under favourable weather conditions, a slight breeze blowing from the west. The attendance of the public was not large, owing probably to the reception tendered the wounded soldiers, but the students of the High Schools and a fair sprinkling of ladies were on the ground. The

form displayed was uniformly good, but the school records remain as before. Entries in the Old Boys' races were numerous, but starters were few, usually a trio. Great rivalry was displayed between the various forms, the form apparently being considered before the person, a very desirable spirit in educational institutions. The programme was put through expeditiously, and consequently there were no dull moments for the spectators.

**OFFICE-BEARERS.****Judges :**

Wrestling, Jumping, and Shot—Mr W. Cody.  
Other Events—Visiting Old Boys: F. Lopdell, C. Carter, F. Hinton.  
Q. Christophers, P. Gilfedder.

**Ground Steward**—Mr J. S. McGrath.

**Press Stewards**—J. Donald and D. Henderson.

**Clerk of the Course**—Mr J. Stobo.

**Starters**—Messrs J. Page and L. Chapple.

**Timekeepers**—Messrs J. Williams and J. P. Dakin.

**Handicappers :**

Messrs Stobo, L. Lopdell, D. Hay, D. Manson.  
Old Boys' Events—Messrs Q. Christophers, L. Greig, and G. Corbet.  
**Committee**—The Rector, Messrs J. Williams, J. P. Dakin, J. S. McGrath.  
J. Stobo, J. Page, Cody, Chapple, J. M. Lindlay, L. Lopdell, D. Hay, D. Manson, M. Sheehan, J. Mayo, F. Woods.

**Hon. Sec. Old Boys' Events**—Mr G. Corbet.

**Hon. Secretaries**—D. Hay and D. Manson.

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The following are the results:—

**WRESTLING** (under 9st.)—W. Lindsay 1, N. Beck 2. Over 9st.—L. Lopdell 1, L. Johnson 2.

**100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP**—H. Dyer 1, J. Findlay 2, D. Manson 3. Time 11 1-5ths. School record, 10 2-5ths.

**LONG JUMP HANDICAP** (under 15)—J. Hazeldine 1, D. Irving 2. Distance, 15ft 10in.

**440 YARDS (Open)**—E. Mills 1, P. Gardner 2. A great finish, both scrambling for the tape and falling on it practically level. Time, 1 min 2 secs.

**PUTTING THE SHOT (13lbs)**—D. Holz 1, L. Lopdell 2. Distance, 32ft 3½ins.

**100 YARDS HANDICAP** (under 15)—1st heat: J. Bell 1, C. Matheson 2. 2nd heat: C. Cameron and J. Hazeldine (equal). 3rd heat:

J. Joyce 1, A. Nisbet 2. Final: C. Cameron (11yds) 1, J. Joyce (10yds) 2. Time, 11 3-5th secs. School record, 11 secs.

LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP—J. Findlay, 18ft 3in, 1; D. Hay, 18ft, 2; H. Dyer, 17ft 10in, 3. School record, 22ft.

LONG JUMP HANDICAP—D. Holz, 18ft 6in, 1; J. Findlay, 2.

220 YARDS (under 15)—J. Joyce 1, H. Lord 2. Time, 27 2-5th secs.

100 YARDS (Open)—1st heat: P. Gardner 1, O. Melhop 2. 2nd heat: D. Officer 1, J. Findlay 2. 3rd heat: L. Cameron 1, D. Cody 2. Final: L. Cameron (5yds) 1, P. Gardner (6yds) 2. Time, 10 2-5th secs.

POTATO RACE—Winners of heats: J. Trapski, G. Forde, R. Oughton, H. Howie, O. Melhop, J. G. Mackay, W. Laing, J. Mayo, F. Petrie, C. Mabson. Final: J. Mayo 1, O. Melhop 2.

HIGH JUMP (under 15)—F. Woods and W. Whyborn (equal) 1, J. Joyce 3. Height, 4ft 3in. School record, 4ft 8in.

HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP—J. Findlay 1, D. Manson 2. D. Hay 3. Height, 4ft 2½in. School record, 5ft 2¾in.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP—D. Greig (2in) 5ft 0½in, 1; O. Melhop (4in) 4ft 11½in, 2; G. Wild (4in) 4ft 10½in, 3.

220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP—H. Dyer 1, D. Manson 2, D. Hay 3. Time, 25 1-5th secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES—1st heat: H. Ryburn 1, W. Ryburn 2. 2nd heat: D. Leckie 1, R. Fraser 2. 3rd heat: J. Brown 1, O. Melhop 2. Final: D. Leckie (scr) 1, P. Brown (scr) 2. Time, 21 secs. School record, 18 secs.

SACK RACE—Winners of heats: H. Howie, S. Hall, J. G. Mackay, W. Lindsay, L. Johnson, D. Irving. Final: D. Irving 1, H. Howie 2.

220 YARDS (under 14)—G. Cleland 1, J. Dick 2.

FORMS' RELAY RACE—Form V. (E. Barber, D. Greig, L. Johnson, L. Lopdell) 1; Form IV. (B) (N. Berndtson, R. Fraser, E. Mills, M. Sheehan) 2.

220 YARDS (Open)—P. Gardner 1, E. Mills 2. Time, 25 1-5th secs.

440 YARDS HANDICAP (under 15)—A. Ford 1, J. Bushill 2. Time, 68 secs.

440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP—D. Manson 1, H. Dyer 2, D. Hay 3. Time, 60 2-5th secs. School record, 55 secs.

OBSTACLE RACE—Winners of heats: J. Trapski, G. Ford, M. Sheehan, J. Alexander, J. G. Mackay, O. Melhop. Final: J. G. Mackay 1, M. Sheehan 2.

HALF-MILE (Open)—E. Mills 1, D. Leckie 2. Time, 2 min 23 secs.

#### OLD BOYS' EVENTS.

100 YARDS HANDICAP—A. McDonald (12yds) 1, C. Greig (8yds)

2. Forty-one entries; three starters.

440 YARDS HANDICAP—J. Fraser 1, C. Greig 2.

880 YARDS HANDICAP—G. Stewart 1. Only one finished out of three starters. Entries, 35.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL—D. Holz (scr) 1, G. V. Wild (10yds) 2. Distance, 99yds 2in. School record, 99yds 1ft 11in (D. Holz, 1914).

MILE HANDICAP—E. Mills 1, D. Leckie 2; 14 starters.

MILE CHAMPIONSHIP—D. Manson 1, D. Hay 2. H. Dyer did not finish.

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We desire to thank for their services the ladies who so kindly supplied the most welcome afternoon tea. Further, we wish to express our indebtedness to Mr G. Corbet, who acted as secretary for the Old Boys' events, and the Old Boys who came out to act as judges. We have also to thank D. Hay and D. Manson for their efficient services as secretaries of School events.

Although there were only four entries for the Championship of the School this year, the contest was a very keen one. On Wednesday afternoon the position was: H. Dyer 14 points, J. Findlay 13 points, D. Manson 12 points, and D. Hay 6 points. The mile was run on Thursday afternoon, and the result was that D. Manson won the championship with 17 points to his credit. Everyone of the four competitors put up a good performance. It might be remarked that J. Findlay won 2 firsts and 1 second in the only three events in which he started. Through his not being in the best of form he was unable to compete in any more events. But J. Findlay has to be specially congratulated on his exhibition.

#### SPECIAL COMPETITIONS.

##### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Name.	100yds.	220yds.	440yds.	Mile.	Jump.	High Jump.	Long Jump.	Total.
H. Dyer . . . . .	5	5	3	0	—	1	14	
J. Findlay . . . . .	3	—	—	—	5	5	13	
D. Hay . . . . .	—	1	1	3	1	3	9	
D. Manson . . . . .	1	3	5	5	3	—	17	

##### TODD MEDAL.

##### Most Points in Running Handicap Events.

Name.	100yds.	220yds.	440yds.	Mile.	½ mile.	Total.
E. Mills . . . . .	—	3	5	5	5	18
P. Gardner . . . . .	3	5	3	—	1	12
D. Leckie . . . . .	—	—	—	3	3	6
L. Cameron . . . . .	5	—	—	—	—	5

## JUNIOR HANDICAP (Most Points).

Name.	110yds.	220yds.	440yds.	Jump.	Jump.	Total.
J. Joyce	3	5	—	1	—	9
J. Hazeldine	—	—	—	—	5	5
C. Cameron	5	—	—	—	—	5
A. Ford	—	—	5	—	—	5
F. Woods	—	—	—	4	—	4
Whyborn	—	—	—	4	—	4



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