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## EDITORIAL.

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(J.P.S.)

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The present occasion is an admirable one for telling who we are, what we are doing, and what we intend to do in the future. We feel that it is only right to tell our readers that the Rector has insisted on this being a boys' magazine, that the articles in it are to be written entirely by the boys of the school, that it is intended to be not a didactic manual but a journal and such a record of the doings in our school as will prove interesting to the pupils and ex-pupils of the Timaru Boys' High School.

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All who are acquainted with the march of events during the last few months will realise that this journal must necessarily chronicle a cycle of changes. About the middle of last year, Mr. Simmers, who had been Principal of the school since 1899, was, most unfortunately, removed from us by a serious illness. Our loss was very great, but Mr. Simmers will be able to draw deep satisfaction from the knowledge of the debt of gratitude which numbers of lads owe to him in his joint capacity as Rector and Principal. We must record, too, our appreciation of the work of Mrs. Simmers. This is not an expression of "cupboard" love, although we all

know that Mrs Simmers has been so ready and willing to supply refreshments at all our matches. For years she has taken a keen interest in all the work of the school, has attended all our functions, and patronised our sports and we wish her to know how grateful we are for all her kindness.

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At the end of 1912 we also said good-bye to Mr. Rockel, our temporary Principal, whose scholastic attainments had much more than a local reputation, and who received the position of assistant in the Wellington Technical School; to Mr. Ongley, whose skill at games combined with a striking and most genial personality, has made his loss severely felt; and to Mr. Hall, who was appointed assistant in the Palmerston North High School.

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This year we commenced work with an almost entirely new staff. In fact, Mr. Munro is the only master who was here last year. We take great pleasure in welcoming our new Rector, Mr. Thomas, whose appointment has caused no little satisfaction in the school. We also welcome most heartily Mr. Tait, our first assistant, Mr. O'Connor, a distinguished "old boy" of the school, and Mr. Cockroft. Whilst we are dealing with our new masters, there is another matter which must be mentioned. We refer to "loyalty"—the "open sesame" of school success. Cohesion must be the fibre of a school and cohesion, with its result, success, can be obtained only by loyalty. Only if we are loyal to masters, to prefects, to our school, and so to ourselves, can we ever become great and strong. We trust that this school will always be redolent of the atmosphere of loyalty.

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If there is one thing which is absolutely necessary to supply the motive power for a school's growth, that magic touch is enthusiasm. At present, we feel extremely proud of the enthusiasm displayed by everyone in the school; there is no reason why that happy state of affairs should not continue in the future. We were enthusiastic about our cricket. The result, which you will see on the pages devoted to cricket, afforded ample testimony of the power of enthusiasm. Again we are enthusiastic about the social side of our school, and the consequence? Each lad feels that he is a part of the school, and our concerts, debates and "mock parliaments" have met with most gratifying success. Loyalty and enthusiasm are clearly two of the virtues which it is good for a school to possess.

It is most gratifying to note the success of the Rectory. This year there are already thirty boarders and the accommodation is so taxed that new dormitories will have to be erected. The Rectory is so important to the well-being of the school that we might almost say that they must stand or fall together. Nowadays, when boarding school life has become increasingly popular, nearly all parents realise that it is a valuable experience for their sons to leave home, have the corners rubbed off and be made better able to participate in life's struggle. So far as our own Rectory is concerned, we are persuaded that, under the present management, its benefits to mind and body are patent, and we hope that our Rectory will continue to be a vital force in the School.

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This year two main courses of schoolwork are being adopted. In the professional class, a boy is trained for a University course and for such vocations as those of law, medicine and teaching. The combined agricultural and commercial course may very profitably be taken by those who intend to become farmers or merchants. The laboratory work is a salient feature of this course, and the Board is to be congratulated on the complete manner in which it is fitting up the laboratories. Nowadays when exact knowledge is required in any trade or craft, the importance of our combined course cannot be over-estimated.

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In our last issue, in the report of the football match versus Christchurch High School, there appeared the following sentence. "Here, the Christchurch wing-forward, who had played a dirty game throughout, succeeded in breaking Hurdley's collar-bone." This sentence cannot give our Christchurch friends more pain than it does us. It appears that our last magazine was compiled with undue haste, and, consequently, this most offensive remark must have escaped the eye of the censor. Furthermore, the report was written by an outsider. We wish to withdraw this uncalled-for statement and to request those affected to accept our humble apologies.

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It is our duty and our privilege to make some mention of the popular secretary of our Board of Governors, Mr Bell, who has received an appointment in Invercargill. Mr. Bell was a pupil of the school and resident in the old Rectory, about the year 1885, and in his distinguished career, has never once looked back. In 1898 he took a Senior University Scholarship, and in 1898 his M.A. with first-class honours in Mathematics. During the number of years that

Mr. Bell has acted in the capacity of Secretary of the Board, he has done all in his power to further the interests of the school, and we wish him every success and all prosperity in his new sphere of work.

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There is a French phrase which has become proverbial. It is: "Le roi est mort; vive le roi," and freely translated, means, "With the departure of the old, let us welcome the new." This is the spirit in which we begin the new page in our history. The old school is now no more, it is dead. We had nearly said that its associations were dead also, but we would have made a grave mistake. The old associations will always remain with us, and the memories of our old school, our former school life and the records of those who have gone before, will spur us on to use our utmost efforts on behalf of our "alma mater" in the future.—Floreath Timaru.

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## SCHOOL NOTES.

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(By W.E.A.)

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The year 1913 marks a new epoch in the history of our School. We assembled on February 4th in a new school under what is virtually a new staff. I understand that the editorial deals with the work and appointment of the teachers, but here it may be said that the enthusiasm devoted to "swat" and to "sport" augurs well for the prestige of our school.

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Messrs. Rockel and Ongley have severed their connection with us. We felt we could not let them go without some mark of esteem; to Mr. Rockel we sent a parcel of books, and to Mr. Ongley a cricket bat.

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Pending Mr Cockroft's appointment, Mr. Cuthbert acted as locum tenens for a short period. He entered enthusiastically into the school work, and it was mainly through his efforts that our "Mock Parliament" was such a success. We very much regret his departure.

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The new building is situated in North Street, adjoining the Rectory. When we entered at the beginning of the term the carpenters were not quite finished; so we had to turn them out until our school hours were over. Nevertheless we were continually disturbed by the bang, bang of the hammer. The main feature of the building is its large Assembly Hall.

Instead of the old, well carved desks and forms, we now have chairs. There is a balcony round the hall, and the class-rooms run off this. The chemistry laboratory is well equipped and up-to-date in every respect. There is also a physics laboratory. Downstairs there are two prep. rooms, the masters' studies, a store room, and a cloak room. The cloak room is equipped with four washbasins, but, strange to say, there are no baths or showers. After a good muddy game of football, there is nothing so invigorating as a cold shower, so we live in hopes of getting the necessary appliances. The whole building is well lighted with electric light and gas.

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Instead of the old coke burners, we are now furnished with hot water heaters. When these were on trial we were much annoyed by the smell of the hot paint which assailed our noses.

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The school curriculum is now divided into two branches, a professional course, and an agricultural and commercial course. Much attention is to be given to agriculture. This new course seems to have been an attraction as the number of new boys this year reached the number of 51.

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The Board of Governors have decided to level our playfields. One half has already been ploughed; the other half will be worked next year. When these improvements have been made, we should have a first-class cricket ground.

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During the term we have greatly missed the fives courts. The contract for two Rugby fives courts has been let, but the contractor has not yet made a start on the work.

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An observatory is to be built for the telescope presented by Messrs. Bower and Fergusson. We are told that the chief use of this instrument will be to see when the moon is full, for, it is said, our head prefect is accustomed to sleep with his head out the window, and it is desirable to take precautions against his being moonstruck.

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We were also granted swimming baths, but it was decided to hold the contract over until next September. It is to be hoped that the contract will not be cancelled, as we are now too far away from the public baths to take lessons there.



We now do 15 minutes' Swedish drill at 10.30 every morning. The control of the drill is in the hands of Valentine, who accompanied the victorious New Zealand team to Canada.

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The number of prefects this year is greater than usual. The Rector not being able to make any discrimination among ten senior boys, decided to make them all prefects. Several meetings have been held; and, as a result, several changes have been brought about, the most important of which is a change in the football jersey. It was thought that the First Fifteen should have a distinctive jersey. After much discussion a white jersey, with a blue monogram was chosen. We hope this change will be agreeable to the Old Boys.

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We are without a gymnasium in our new building. At first it was suggested to use the Assembly Hall as a gym., but this idea was wisely abandoned. The Swedish drill is to take the place of gymnastics, but the apparatus has been set up in the rectory grounds for use if needed.

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Through the endeavours of the teachers, a series of concerts has been inaugurated. The first was held on a Saturday night, and was a huge success. The many items, rendered by the boys themselves, clearly indicated that we are one of those caves which bear "full many a gem of purest ray serene." The poet also says something about "wasting its sweetness in the desert air." We most emphatically deny that the performers' sweetness was wasted. All the items were rendered with that technique and expression which remind one of the Drury Lane artists (or artistes). So you see our audience could not but be charmed with the melodious strains. Songs, dances, recitations, piano solos, etc., were rendered by the boys. Mr. Naylor, a friend of the school, gave a recitation, and was twice encored.

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The second "soiree" took the form of a geology lecture by Dr. Little. Mr. Pigott illustrated with lantern slides. The doctor lectured on that branch of geology termed petrology. He has many valuable specimens, many of which have been photographed and put on slides. Although geology is not on the school curriculum everyone took a keen interest in the lecture. After the lecture we were shown specimens through the microscope. As only a few could view these at a time, Mr. Pigott entertained the remainder of us with lantern views. At the end Valentine eloquently conveyed our thanks to

Dr. Little for his interesting address, and Maben, with equal eloquence, thanked Mr. Pigott for his excellent views. Both gentlemen have offered to come again on any subsequent occasion. We are much indebted to them for their kind offers.

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The third concert was held on the evening of the opening of the school. Another fine programme was rendered by our school artists. Messrs Walshe and Naylor also contributed items. The "hit" of the evening was a song by our term students. No, on second thought the "hit" was the "fizz" which Mrs. Watts sent over. The jars were quickly emptied, as was also a tin of biscuits. The evening concluded with three hearty cheers for Mrs. Watts.

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The fourth programme was a miscellaneous one. The newly formed orchestra rendered a fine selection. We were also given an exhibition in the art of blindfold boxing, which created some amusement. Most of the time was devoted to impromptu speeches. The results were very good indeed. Many of our orators show promise of becoming labour agitators or influential members of Parliament. Scott's abilities as chairman have not passed unnoticed. We shall wait patiently to hear of his election as Speaker of the House.

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Since we are to have an observatory, we thought it advisable to know something about astronomy. Accordingly, when Miss Proctor, who is touring New Zealand, called at Timaru, our school turned up in force to her lecture. The lecture was very interesting. We were pleased to hear that her Timaru visit was the most successful she had had up till then, and that the New Zealand Observatory funds were considerably increased.

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At Christmas a representative cricket match, Canterbury v. South Canterbury was played at Temuka. The School was represented by Messrs. Donohue, Thomas, and Ongley.

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A prize was offered by one of the masters for the best design of cover for our magazine. K. Maben spent many strenuous hours with pencil and ruler and his skill prevailed over the other eight competitors. Another for the Terms!

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We can boast of an orchestra. At present it is small but we hope to see it gradually grow bigger. Much praise is due to the energetic conductor, for the zeal he has displayed in its formation.

The following is a list of new boys:—

Boarders—H. P. Baker, R. E. Bates, D. F. Borrie, J. S. Buxton, M. Campbell, J. Dash, B. Dickie, H. F. S. Hammond, P. W. Jackson, J. Kennedy, A. Lyall, G. McCaskill, L. McCaskill, R. G. McMillan, N. Radcliffe, L. Roberts, R. G. Shackleton, A. J. Shackleton, L. Sherratt, B. M. Thomas, F. Wilkin, E. Wilkin.

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Day Boys.—J. S. Aitchison, W. E. Bennett, V. Bowker, A. J. Burmester, C. H. Butler, D. Dent, J. McDunn, P. G. Ellis, J. N. Fahey, G. Fairbrother, W. R. Featherston, J. B. Flynn, H. B. Goodwin, D. L. Guthrie, R. Irvine, W. L. Irwin, D. Lawson, A. N. Leslie, J. M. Little, W. Lyne, N. Moore, H. Millar, T. A. Nicholls, D. A. Oram, R. Penlington, A. Pigott, J. H. Simmers, M. Simson, W. Spring, R. E. Stevenson, D. Taylor.

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During class hours, when the "air a solemn stillness holds," downstairs in the prep. room are to be found three, sometimes four, studious youths whose eyes are never lifted from the engrossing pages of a constitutional history or a logic text-book. These are our "noble term students." While admiring their alleged studiousness, we advise them to give more time to Latin, for when we get such things as "tollo, tollere, tolsi, tolsum," it shows lamentable weakness. Quoting Shakespeare, we may say, "Vanity, they name is term students," for they are notorious for "throwing the hatchet." Their debility, for it appears to be such, is undoubtedly caused by the over-pressure of "swat." Moral, Don't be a terms' student!

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The Shakespearian Society under the able tuition of Mr. J. P. C. Walshe is busily preparing Act 3, Scene 2 of "Henry the Eighth" for the next school concert. After the competent manner in which the Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice" was produced last year, we live in anticipation of something good at our approaching concert.

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Il y a non filles dans notre école, ainsi nous sommes heureux. Il y a une maison près de l'école, et des garçons restent là. Ils dînent sur viande, pommes de terre, cerises, et du pain avec le beurre.—"Bertie" on "Notre Ecole."

## RECTORY NOTES.

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(A.K.H.)

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Owing to the nearness of the new school, many improvements have been made in the Rectory. This term, all preparation is done in the school building, while in previous years the dining-room of the Rectory had to serve a double purpose. This improvement is more hygienic if not so convenient for the lazy ones.

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Besides the Rector, this term there are three of the other masters boarding at the Rectory, so that midnight disturbers of the peace have little chance to give vent to their joyfulness.

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Night prep. begins in the school at half-past six; the juniors go on to half-past eight, when they stop for half an hour's gym., boxing, etc.; during this half-hour, the envious seniors find it very hard to continue with their work. They, however, progress with their studies until 10 o'clock or after. Their recompense comes in the morning when instead of rising at half-past six, they sleep in for another half hour; their thoughts have been immortalised in the following lines from the pen of a grateful senior (Coleridge?).

O, Sleep, it is a gentle thing,  
Beloved by all the lot,  
To the masters then the praise be given,  
That let us sleep in bed till seven,  
After a hard night's "swot."

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While cycling, Dickie, one of our number, was unfortunate enough to meet with what might have been a nasty accident. He was turning suddenly to avoid a cart when his handles, being loose, twisted, and the cart wheel passed over his machine, while his knee was very badly knocked about by stones. His one regret was that this might prevent him from running in the sports.

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The tennis court was improved last term by the extension of clear space all around the outside lines. When surrounded by wire-netting, it will make an ideal court for next summer; but there is no reason why an asphalt court should not be used during the winter months. We hope that the enthusiasts who are using the court this term, will continue their practice in anticipation of the match against the Girls' High School at the end of the year.

The dark-room has been improved this term by the addition of some red windows; whether this will improve the quality of the photos remains to be seen. An opportunity can be taken here of warning non-camera boys not to meddle with things which do not concern them. One morning a camera enthusiast discovered that a certain junior had been busy taking photos of one or two of his bosom friends, which resulted in the complete loss of several plates; needless to add, the youthful offender, at the earliest opportunity, was severely chastised for his misdeeds; let his dire fate be a warning to others.

On the night before breaking-up for the Easter holidays, a pillow-fight was organised in the dormitories. In the first round the senior dorm. successfully carried an assault on one of the junior dorms. After a terrific struggle, punctuated by many heart-rending yells, one pillow was captured; during the proceedings, however, a pillow belonging to one of the victors was compelled to disgorge its contents. The captured pillow has been retained as a trophy to this day.

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One Thursday the Rectory boys played an interesting game of cricket with the day-boys. The latter, on going in first, were disposed of for 22. The Rectory then went in and soon amassed 75 runs, thus gaining a decisive victory by 53 runs.

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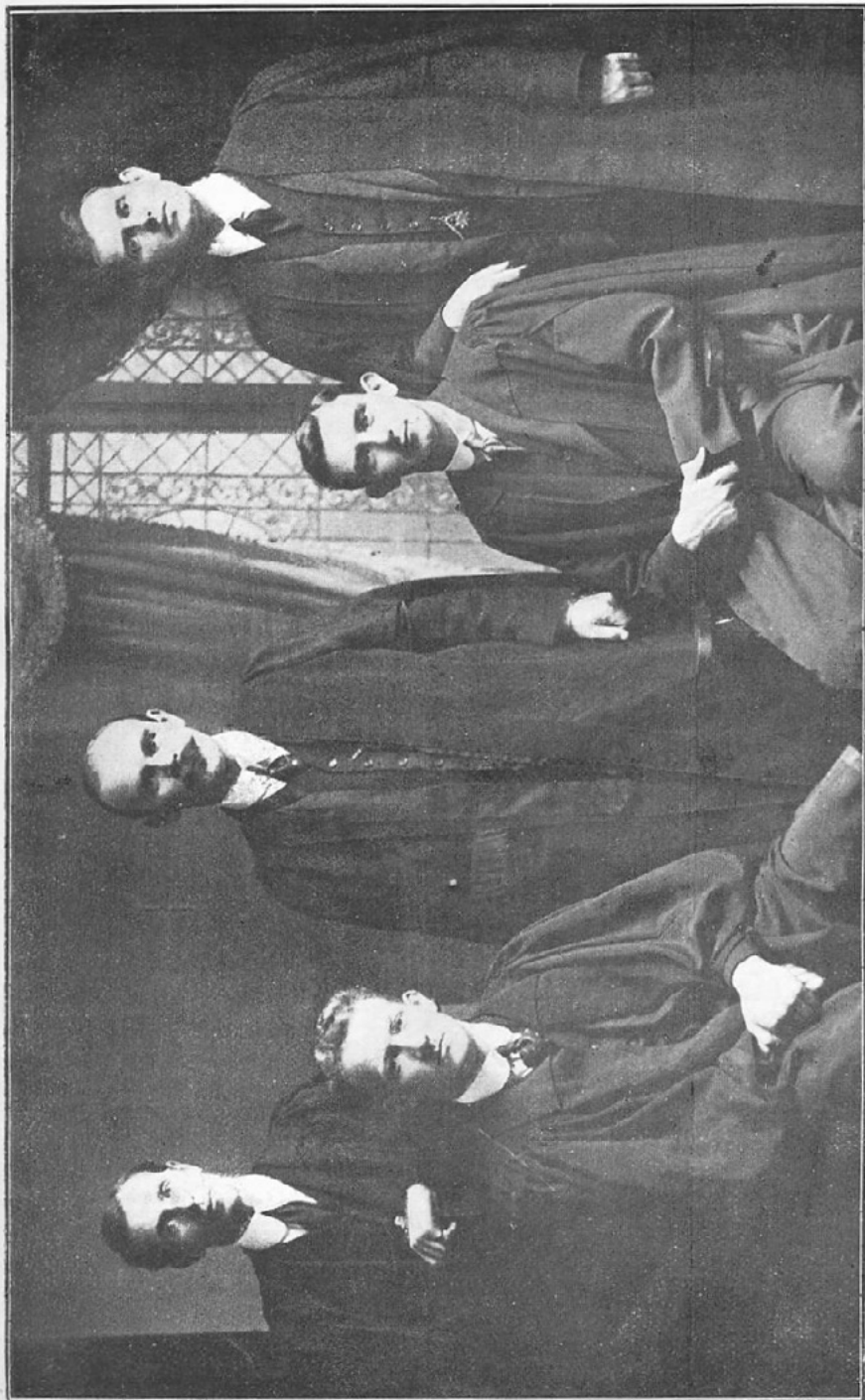
At the beginning of the term it was unfortunately found necessary to move one of the juniors into the senior dormitory. This guileless youth, although of gentle mien, was unfortunate enough to incur the wrath of several light-sleeping seniors by his somnambulistic gesticulations and utterances. As the poor boy continued in his habit, he was forthwith transferred to a dormitory where his midnight sonatas are no doubt more highly appreciated.

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In compliance with a hitherto neglected regulation, fire escapes have now been erected at each of the dormitories. Restless juniors looked upon these innovations with great glee, no doubt looking forward to midnight excursions to the gay world beyond; but their joy was turned to sorrow when they found part of their precious Saturday morning absorbed by that irksome but necessary duty—Fire Drill.



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## OTAGO UNIVERSITY—SOME IMPRESSIONS

R. A. Cuthbert.

A humorous and frank sketch of University life, with candid, if possibly mistaken, estimates of professors and other institutions, might be desirable; it would be both difficult and dangerous. An ambitious attempt to describe the place of a University in a community, to examine its usefulness as a national centre of culture and education might be interesting, but this is scarcely the place for such flights of fancy. What remains is to give a short account of the systems of teaching and the general institutions of the University, to mention the various corporate activities of the students themselves and to suggest what the University does for those that attend it.

Of the four University Colleges in New Zealand, Otago alone is dignified with the title of University. It bears this name because it once had the full status of a University proper; it sacrificed this status to form with the Colleges at Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, the University of New Zealand.

Otago University gives instruction to students in Arts, Science, Medicine, Law, Mining, and—to some it may seem an anti-climax—Home Science. Of all the New Zealand Colleges it seems the most filled with the "practical" spirit—the utilitarian aspect of education must loom largely in an institution where so many students—Medical and Mining students in particular—are engaged in courses of almost purely technical and professional study. Otago University, while claiming to inspire the love of learning and stimulate the search of knowledge, specially stresses the fact that the University is a training school for the professions and must send out carefully trained men to do efficient work for the community as medical men, lawyers, engineers, or teachers.

The Arts and Science Faculties are the oldest Faculties and the ones least dominated by the utilitarian spirit—a spirit which, useful as it is, has its obvious limitations. The Arts Faculty professedly maintains the old tradition of culture, a tradition that links our colleges in these young and distant lands with the old Universities in England and Europe, with the Universities of the Middle Ages, with the splendid history of the world's learning and humanism. This is a high-sounding claim; the reality is a little disappointing. The subjects taught include the Classics, English, Foreign Languages, Economics, Principles of Education, Mathematics and the Sciences. But the fact that only half-a-dozen students learn Greek, and these are nearly all Divinity students in

whose course Greek is compulsory, shows clearly that the tradition of culture is somewhat attenuated. And the fact that only two or three study German is also significant. The plain truth is that in the Arts Faculty utilitarian ideas as to the value of learning are beginning to triumph. Primarily men want to get degrees; they get culture and education, if at all, as a by-product of examinations.

The chief difference between the teaching system at the University and that at a secondary school is the lecture system. The Professor or Lecturer in any subject gives lectures two or three times a week. The students write these down as fast as they can and are supposed to study them afterwards. Many are cynical about University lectures. Some Professors may give interesting and original lectures; others merely dictate three times a week the raw material which a student by careful cram can transmute into an examination pass. It would take the indignant rhetoric of a Reform Professor to do justice to some of the lectures inspired by our present cram-and-exam. system.

At Otago University the students are organised among themselves into different faculty associations. The Arts and Science Faculty and the Faculty of Medicine are the strongest numerically. There are comparatively few lawyers and miners. The Ladies' Faculty has about a hundred members. The most important student body is the Students' Association, one common to all faculties and including all students. The Executive of this Association controls the finances, arranges the Carnival and generally governs the corporate activities of the Students. Great interest is taken in the Students' Association annual elections. Voting in the past has been largely on faculty lines, Arts students supporting Arts candidates, Medicals supporting Medical candidates, etc. At these meetings the Chemistry Room is packed with an enthusiastic crowd. Party feeling is keen, and songs, partisan cheers and hoots, would-be witticisms and occasional good hits, remind Canterbury men of turbulent political meetings at Christchurch. Recently extreme faculty feeling has abated and last year a Medical student was elected as President, with the enthusiastic support of all faculties.

Athletics are an important part of University life. There are various clubs; football, hockey and tennis are played a great deal. Cricket is rather neglected as the long vacation of four months takes place during the cricket season. The University Football Club is a deservedly popular institution. The First Fifteen has had a fine record in Dunedin Senior Football for some years. Old 'Varsity men still talk of the great team of 1906 when Gilray and other giants of

the game battled for the Blues. In 1911 University won the Senior Competition. In 1912 they were the runners-up, suffering defeat in their last decisive match after a most exciting struggle. Last year's team had three South Island Representatives, Alexander, Cockroft and Ongley.

There are other sides of life at the University—the various socials and other functions of different clubs, the Smoke Concerts and Dinners of Faculty Clubs, the Dances, including the Carnival Ball, arranged by the Social Committee of the Students' Association.

Carnival time comes once a year—it is an occasion for riotous and joyous fooling and frolic. A procession of students, garbed as Red Indians, bold buccaneers, Old Nick, red revolutionists, ballet girls, politicians, escaped convicts and suffragettes, marches through the streets of Dunedin. In this saturnalia nothing is spared, everything is caricatured, from the sublime to the ridiculous, from Dr. Chapman to Mr. Massey, from the Royal Food Commission to the City Council. Then at the Capping Ceremony the same day, when embarrassed men and blushing maids receive their diplomas, the unruly rout—at the back of the hall—disturbs the eloquence of grave and reverend seigniors like Sir Robert Stout. The Carnival takes place at night in the Theatre. Songs, choruses topical allusions, local hits, farce, burlesque and often clever acting give the public a right royal feast of merriment.

Space does not permit much mention of the Debating Society. This Society, though of late rather neglected, is one of the most useful at the University. It trains men in public speaking, and at rowdy meetings, in the gentle art of the retort courteous but cutting. It also gives an outlet to the political ideas of students. The majority at the University are quite innocent of political convictions; the rest are mostly vague Conservatives, with one or two convinced but hazy Socialists.

In connection with Otago University there are three Residential Colleges, Knox and Selwyn for men, St. Margaret's for women. Knox College is the largest. Built on the heights of Opoho, the College dominates North-East Valley like a Norman castle. It has had till now fifty students in its walls and this year will have over 80. The advantages gained by living at a Residential College are indeed great. Fifty men from different parts of the country, from different schools, of different faculties, and various tastes and opinions, form a society from which each unit can learn much. And a common affection for the College itself binds these units into a corporate college life.

Such are some aspects of the years at College. University life is very enjoyable, and four years of it, leisurely study with occasional spurts at exam. times, usually give men their desired degrees and, as a Commercial College advertisement might put it, double their earning power. A University education is often a profitable financial investment. But it can be more; education not merely for a livelihood but for life, is the ideal to strive after.

And that is an ideal needed in these new countries like ours; here materialism is dominant; the parochial viewpoint, the provincial spirit, flourish mightily. A crusade against the Philistines is a quixotic and practically impossible project. But at least the Universities should remain citadels of culture, sending out men who have felt the spur and stimulus to thought, who have broad interests and a critical, yet tolerant outlook, who hold in their hearts the gallant motto—Greek, alas, to the general—“*Sapientia magis auro desiderata*,” “Wisdom is more than gold.”

### “IMPRESSIONS”—FORM III.

“The boys in Form III. who are taking a professional course are known as ‘Professors’ by the ‘Farmers.’ The ‘Professors’ do not like Latin as the declensions are so hard to master, but they like cricket and were in this too good for the ‘Farmers’.”—L.McC.

“How I longed to be able to go forth and give a fine exhibition of cricket so that those dignified worthies, the seniors, would have a better opinion of me.”—G.McM. on “First Day.”

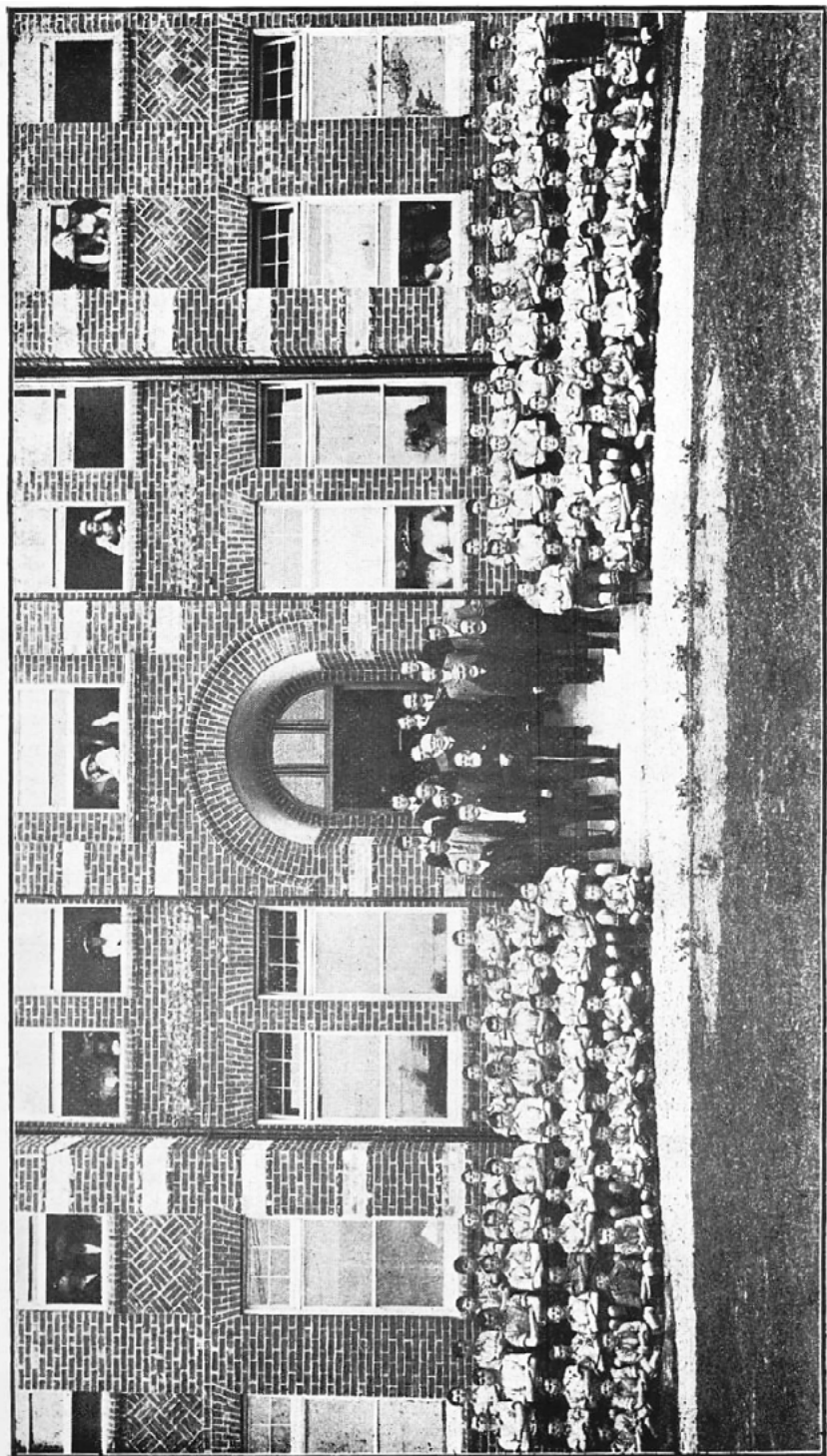
“After the first week or two at school, a pupil begins to know his chums, to get more into the way of work, and to be impressed with the fact that the life of a High School boy is much more interesting in every possible way than the life of a boy in a primary school.”—B.H.

When Monday afternoon comes round,  
Form III. B boys may be found,  
Digging in the Rectory Ground

With a Spade.—“Buster” on “The Farmers.”

A certain youth created much amusement in his dormitory on the first “change” night at the Rectory, when he discovered that mother had given him one of his father’s shirts by mistake.





OPENING DAY.



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(M.B.O'C.)

The formal opening of the new school will live in our remembrance for many a year. The day was bright, the speeches short and good, the assemblage distinguished. No lad could help being impressed with the dignity of the proceedings. The Union Jack was hoisted on the flagstaff and streamers of different flags were displayed from the roof. Mr. Massey, who had been specially invited by the Board of Governors to perform the duty, was expected at two o'clock, and at that time we were lined up on both sides of the path to form a guard of honour to the Prime Minister and his retinue. Every boy wore the school costume—shorts and grey shirt—and we understand that the general appearance of the pupils was favourably commented on by the spectators.

Upon the arrival of the Prime Minister, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Hawkey, formally introduced Mr. Massey, who, in a few words declared the building officially opened, and then unlocked the door with a silver key. As the speech-making was to take place inside the building, all entered. Mr. Massey and other specially invited guests, occupied the dais facing the people. Besides the Prime Minister, there were Messrs. Craigie, M.P. for Timaru, Nosworthy, M.P. for Ashburton, Dickie, M.P. for Selwyn, W. B. Howell, an ex-chairman and "father" of the School, Hawkey, Mayor of Timaru, Black, Mayor of Waimate, members of the Timaru Borough Council, members of the High School Board with two ex-members, Messrs. Gow and Bell, the inspectors to the Education Board, Messrs. Dalglish, Valentine and McCaskill, the headmasters of the three public schools of the town, members of the staff of both the Boys' and the Girls' High Schools, and others. The hall was filled with visitors and the gallery overlooking the hall was also crowded.

Mr. Bitchener, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, read apologies from Messrs. H. D. Bell, Leader of the Legislative Council, G. Hogben, a former headmaster of the School, R. H. Rhodes, chairman of the Waimate County Council, G. Denniston, Chairman of the Geraldine County Council, A. C. Murray, Chairman of the Waimataitai School Committee, and Dr. Barclay. Mr. Bitchener expressed great pleasure at seeing present Mr. Howell, "the father of the school," his only regret being that the latter was not still chairman of the Board of Governors. In this capacity he had worked hard for many years and had strongly advocated a new school.

for the boys. He then called upon the Prime Minister to address the gathering.

Mr. Massey, on rising, was received with applause. He congratulated the people of Timaru on the possession of such a fine High School. He was glad to see that Agriculture was being taught in the secondary schools, for since New Zealand was a producing country the best use should be made of the available land, and this could be done by giving the young farmer a scientific education. He spoke of the Education System of New Zealand, and quoted figures to show how the numbers of free pupils had increased within the last few years. After complimenting members of the teaching profession for the fine work they are doing in the Dominion and members of the High School Boards, Education Boards and School Committees for the work they do gratuitously, he concluded by expressing the hope that the school he was just opening would turn out many young men a credit to their school, to themselves, to their parents, and to their country.

Mr. W. B. Howell was the next speaker. The long-continued applause with which he was greeted on rising, shows in what esteem he is held by all. Being one of the oldest inhabitants of the district he could be expected to give some account of the School from the beginning. Mr. Howell traced the history of the School from when it was built and opened in 1880 down to the present day. He named the successive headmasters, paying a special tribute to Mr. Simmers the late Rector, who had retired owing to ill health. He had great hopes that the present headmaster and staff in a fine new building, with far better playing grounds, would do even better work than had been done in the past. Mr. Howell concluded with a few words of advice to the boys. "Go on meriting such a splendid system, work hard, play hard, keep up the honour of the Timaru Boys' High School, and bear in mind always that the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but that the medium abilities generally come out well in the finish., Dogged does it. I wish you and this School God speed." On resuming his seat Mr. Howell was greeted with long-continued applause.

Mr. Craigie, M.P. for Timaru, heartily endorsed all the sentiments of the previous speakers, and added that he was proud of the boys who were present—a finer lot he had never seen. He congratulated the Board of Governors on its progressive policy and the School on the excellence of the results obtained—as good as any High School in the Dominion. He was pleased to see that Agriculture was given such prominence as farming was a noble and healthy occupation. In conclusion he wished the school every prosperity.

Mr. R. H. Bowie, on behalf of the Board of Governors, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Massey for coming to Timaru to open the new School., This was carried by acclamation, all rising and singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Massey in acknowledging the vote of thanks said that it gave him particular pleasure to open this School, since it was the first official duty he had performed in Timaru in his capacity as Prime Minister.

Mr. G. Dash, on behalf of the Board of Governors, proposed a vote of thanks to the architects, Messrs. Hall and Marchant, the chief contractors, Messrs. F. Palliser and Sons, the carpenters, Messrs. Tooth and Son, the plumbers, Messrs. Craigie and Co., and the painter, Mr. Don for the satisfactory way in which they had carried out their work. He also thanked Messrs. Craigie, Howell and Hawkey for their assistance that day.

Mr. Thomas, our new Rector, on behalf of the staff and pupils, expressed appreciation of the handsome new building. He said that when the swimming baths were completed, the playground levelled, and the fives court made, the School would be as well equipped as any of its kind in New Zealand. Besides this, an observatory was to be erected which, when completed, would be fitted with a five-inch telescope. Mr. Thomas referred to the excellent work of the past teachers and pupils and hoped that under the new regime the School would continue to progress. He asked for the loyal support of parents and explained that, in regard to agriculture, they did not hope to turn out practical farmers, but only to give boys such a training in the principles of science as applied to farming that they might be more inclined to become farmers and might work more intelligently when once they had chosen their life work. Mr. Thomas touched on other aspects of school life, and said that the teachers hoped they would continue to send away lads of character who would fight the battle of life in a manly way.

Scott, the head prefect, in a neat speech, thanked the Board of Governors for the way in which they had supplied the wants of the School and called for cheers which were heartily given.

Coombs' orchestra supplied a short musical programme and afternoon tea, provided by the Board of Governors was served. After this the school fell in on the front lawn and gave an exhibition of the Swedish drill which forms part of the school curriculum.

## CRICKET.

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Looking back over the past season one must allow that the team as a whole has done remarkably well. A step of historical interest to the school was taken at the beginning of the season, namely the entering of a team for the senior competition. Our record of seven wins and only three defeats is highly creditable and fully justifies our entering the senior grade.

Both school matches had to be abandoned owing to rain. As we had a stronger eleven than in past years this was disappointing. It is possible that matches with Ashburton and Waitaki may be arranged for the third term.

With regard to the play throughout the season, it must be admitted that the boys could generally be relied upon to make runs when they were badly wanted. With plenty of promising material to hand we ought to be able to turn out a good eleven next season. The fielding in most cases was not so good as expected from a school team. The two chief faults were, that hardly anyone got off the mark quickly enough and in most cases did not return accurately. The catching on the whole was good, although most "skiers" were missed.

Our success was largely due to Mr Donohue's energetic coaching, and to the interest which he took in us. We desire to thank him heartily for the pains which he has taken.

We also wish to thank the Geraldine and Temuka ladies for so kindly giving us afternoon tea when we were playing at those places. Needless to say, the boys thoroughly appreciated their kindness.

Among the boys, R. Thomas was the most consistent bat, and, in fact, about the best all rounder. Towards the end of the season Hawley showed promise of becoming a fine bat. Hutton at times hit with effect. Herdman, who had promised so much in the previous season was rather disappointing.

The masters were a source of strength in both batting and bowling. Mr. Donohue was accredited with two remarkable bowling performances. Against Celtic he took 4 for 2, and against South End he took 6 for 2. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ongley both took wickets and made runs.

There was no outside cricket for the Juniors this term. The Second Eleven succeeded in winning the Junior Competition without suffering a defeat.



## FIRST ELEVEN.

January 16th and 23rd v. Temuka. Won by 25 runs.

Temuka batted first and were dismissed for 46. Mr. Ongley and Mr. Donohue both secured good averages. School started badly, losing 4 for 23. N. and R. Thomas then put on 70 and as the rest did little, 119 was the result. Temuka made 148 in their second venture. Harbage and Davis both batted well. School made 100 in the second innings. N. Thomas batted well again. The feature of the match was the fine bowling of Mr. Ongley. Scores:—

## SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr Ongley, b Harbage	... .. 2	Mr Ongley, b Davis	... .. 11
Herdman, b Harbage	... .. 4	Day, c and b Reeves	... .. 10
Mr Donohue, l.b.w., b Davis	... .. 1	B. Thomas, not out	... .. 11
Mr Thomas, b Harbage	... .. 8	Mr Thomas, c Martin, b Harbage	... .. 4
R. Thomas, b Harbage	... .. 17	N. Thomas, run out	... .. 26
N. Thomas, b Harbage	... .. 37	Hutton, c Acheson, b Davis	... .. 0
Hutton, run out	... .. 4	Valentine, run out	... .. 0
Valentine, b Harbage	... .. 10	Simmers, l.b.w., b Davis	... .. 7
Simmers, b Harbage	... .. 1	Aitcheson, b Ferguson	... .. 3
Aitcheson, not out	... .. 0	O'Connor, b Ferguson	... .. 9
O'Connor, b Harbage	... .. 6		
Extras	... .. 29	Extras	... .. 8
Total	... .. 119	Total	... .. 100

School Bowling:—Mr. Ongley 5 for 14, Mr Donoghue 4 for 27. Second Innings—Mr Ongley 7 for 43, Mr Donohue 0 for 24, N. Thomas 1 for 42 Mr Thomas 1 for 26.

Versus Celtic, 13th and 20th February, 1913.

Lost by 80 runs. Owing to the score book being mislaid, detailed scores cannot be given. School made 84 and 51. In the second innings, Mr. Donohue batted very well for 22.

Versus Geraldine, 30th January and 6th February, 1913.

Geraldine batting first, on a good wicket totalled 144. Shiers 31, O'Callaghan 39, Temple 35 not out, batted well for their runs. School opened badly, 3 wickets being down for 11 runs. Mr. Thomas, by a hard hit 60, considerably improved the outlook. Valentine played the rock game for 24. Of the rest Mr. Hutchison and Day were the only ones to reach doubles. Geraldine made 80 in the time that remained. Scores:—

## SCHOOL.

## 1st Innings.

Mr Donohue, b McLean	...	...	2
Valentine, c Temple, b Bennett	...	...	24
R. Thomas, b McLean	...	...	4
Mr Thomas, c sub., b Shiers	...	...	60
Mr Hutchison, c and b O'Callaghan	...	...	10
O'Connor, b McLean	...	...	9
Day, c Webb, b Bennett	...	...	10
Aitcheson, b Temple	...	...	2
Scott, b McLean	...	...	6
Hutton, b Bennett	...	...	0
Steven, not out	...	...	5
Extras	...	...	17

Total ... .. 149

School Bowling:—Mr. Donohue 2 for 17, Mr. Hutchison 0 for 10, Valentine 1 for 54, Mr. Thomas 6 for 55, R. Thomas 1 for 3.

Versus Timaru, March 6th, 1913.

Won by 26 runs on the first innings. School lost the toss, but were sent in on a fairly good wicket and compiled 125. Mr. Thomas made 59 not out in his characteristic style, but was badly missed when 20. Mr. Donohue batted stylishly for 28. No-one else reached doubles. Timaru lost 4 wickets for 9 runs, of which Hawley and Mr. Donohue claimed 2 each. Heron and Malcolmson then added 55. After this wickets again fell in quick succession and the total reached 99. The School fielding was splendid, there were six caught, one stumped, and one run out. In a bad light, School made 64 for 9 wickets. Scores:

## SCHOOL.

## 1st Innings.

Valentine, run out	...	...	8
Mr. Donohue, c Naylor, b Hudson	...	...	28
Hawley, c and b Just	...	...	9
Mr. Thomas, not out	...	...	59
Mr. Hutchison, not out	...	...	0
N. Thomas, c Heron, b Houlihan	...	...	8
R. Thomas, run out	...	...	0
Hutton, c Cox, b Houlihan	...	...	0
Mr. Cockroft, b O'Callaghan	...	...	2
Day, c Heron, b O'Callaghan	...	...	0
Aitcheson, b Houlihan	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	11

Total ... .. 125

## 2nd Innings.

Valentine, c Houlihan, b O'Callaghan	...	...	6
Mr. Donohue, c and b Hudson	...	...	0
Hawley, not out	...	...	11
Mr. Thomas, c Wood, b O'Callaghan	...	...	15
Mr. Hutchison, not out	...	...	1
N. Thomas, c Houlihan, b O'Callaghan	...	...	0
R. Thomas, b O'Callaghan	...	...	0
Hutton, b Houlihan	...	...	0
Mr. Cockroft, b O'Callaghan	...	...	0
Day, b O'Callaghan	...	...	7
Aitcheson, b Houlihan	...	...	11
Extras	...	...	14

Nine Wickets for ... .. 64

School Bowling—Mr. Donohue 5 for 40, Hawley 3 for 18, Valentine 0 for 17, N. Thomas 0 for 10, Mr. Thomas 1 for 9.

Versus Temuka, 13th March, 1913.

Temuka batted first and put together 90. Of this total Leggat claimed 48 and Reeves 12. School put together 127 for 4 wickets. Mr. Donohue 47, Mr. Thomas 24, hit hard and often, while Hawley 27 and N. Thomas 14 not out, batted quietly and well. Owing to Temuka being unable to get a team on the second day, School gained a full 3 point win. Scores:—

#### SCHOOL.

Valentine, b Davis	...	...	...	4
Mr. Donohue, c Leggat, b Harbage	...	...	...	47
Hawley, run out	...	...	...	27
Mr. Thomas, b Radford	...	...	...	24
N. Thomas, not out	...	...	...	14
Extras	...	...	...	11

Total for 4 wickets ... .. 127

School Bowling— Mr. Donohue 5 for 34, Hawley 0 for 5, Valentine 1 for 15, Mr. Thomas 3 for 12, N. Thomas 1 for 10.

Versus South End, 24th March, 1913.

Won by 101 runs. School batted first on the Park wicket and compiled 87. Hawley 10, Herdman 17, Hutton 15, and R. Thomas 13 not out, all batted nicely. South End put together 80, thanks to Kerr, who made 27. He hit 20 off one over of Mr Donohue's. Mr. Thomas bowled well for 5 for 17. School went for the bowling and made 122 for 9 in 70 minutes. Mr. Thomas 33, Mr Donohue 20, Hutton 28, and R. Thomas 15, all hit with effect. In South End's second innings Mr Donohue was responsible for a sensational piece of bowling, taking six wickets for two runs. The total was only 27. Scores:—

#### SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr. Donohue, c Cornish, b Moore	...	Mr. Donohue, b McWhirter	20
Herdman, hit wicket, b Robb	17	Herdman, c Dewar, b McWhirter	4
Hawley, b Moore	19	Hawley, b Moore	4
Mr. Thomas, c Cave, b Moore	3	Mr Thomas, b Robb	33
N. Thomas, c Cave, b Robb	2	N. Thomas, c Kerr, b McWhirter	3
Hutton, b Cave	15	Hutton, l.b.w., b Moore	28
R. Thomas, not out	13	R. Thomas, b Moore	15
Aitchison, b Moore	2	Aitchison, run out	3
Day, b Moore	1	Day, not out	1
Steven, b Cave	0	Mr. Cockcroft, not out	3
Mr. Cockcroft, c and b Moore	1		
Extras	6	Extras	8

Total ... .. 87

Nine Wickets for ... .. 122

School Bowling:—Mr. Donohue 4 for 39, Mr. Thomas 5 for 17, N. Thomas 1 for 5. Second Innings: Mr. Thomas, 0 for 13, M. Donohue 6 for 2, N. Thomas 1 for 7.

## THE WAITAKI MATCH.

On the 28th of March, the First Eleven, accompanied by Mr. Tait, Mr Warring, and Mr. Wright, travelled to Waitaki by the first express. Mr. Wright took special interest in the match as he was the captain of the last team which beat Waitaki. On arrival at Oamaru we were welcomed by the captain and day-boy members of the Waitaki team.

This match was indeed a series of disappointments. To begin with, the match was left rather late in the season, owing to the fact that Waitaki was engaged in a military tournament in Dunedin. Then rain interfered to such an extent that the match had to be abandoned. Play was limited, to half an hour on the first day and to about two hours on the second.

We were very hospitably entertained by the Waitakians. On Friday evening they gave us a most enjoyable concert.

## FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

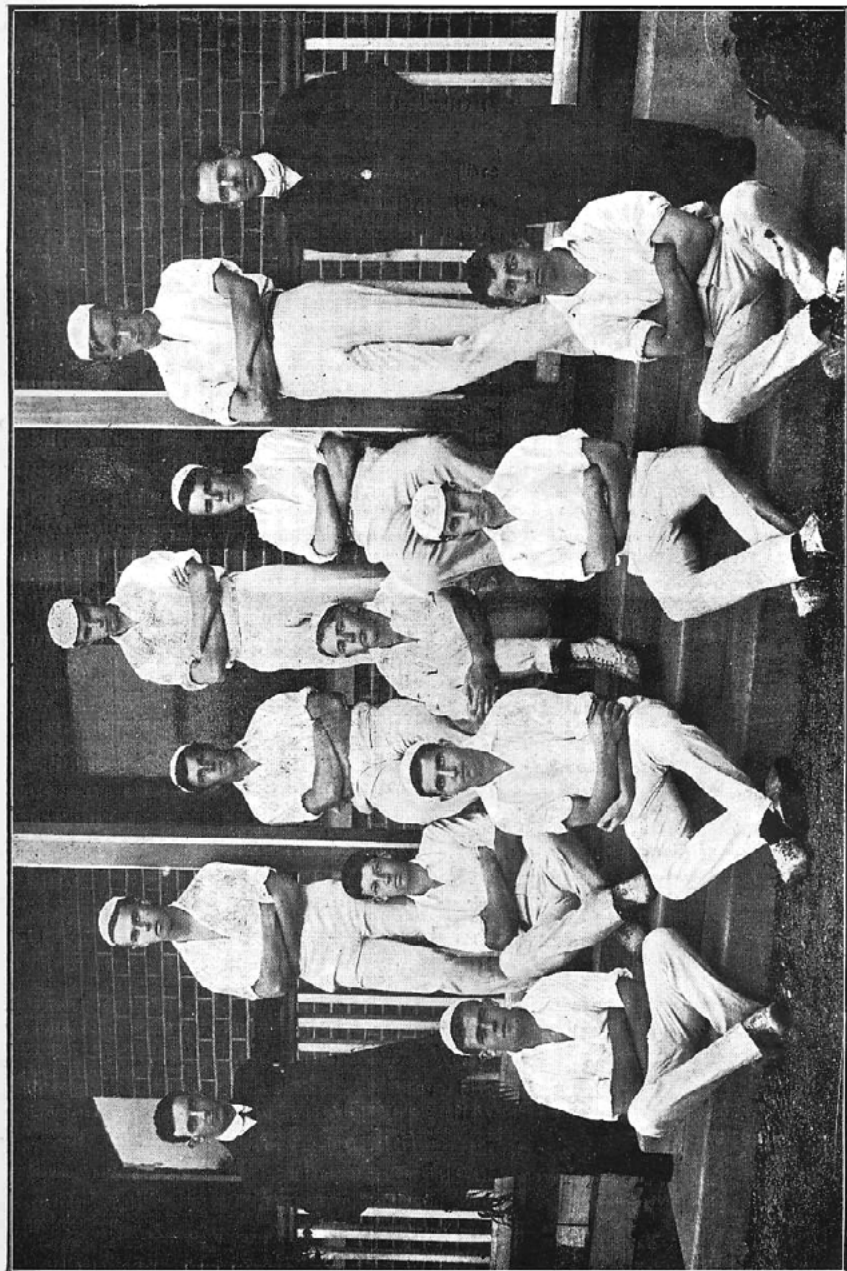
	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Total.	Avg.
Mr. Ongley	8	2	97	236	39.33
Mr. Thomas	13	1	60	286	23.83
J. P. Steven	6	4	32	41	20.50
Mr. Donohue	17	—	47	247	19.00
W. B. Hutton	13	1	44	165	13.75
A. K. Hawley	9	1	27	94	11.75
R. W. Thomas	18	3	31	164	10.93
N. R. C. Thomas	16	1	37	158	10.53
J. J. Valentine	11	—	26	96	8.72
E. V. G. Day	14	1	31	104	8.00
P. Herdman	9	—	18	72	8.00
W. E. Aitchison	16	1	23	90	6.00
M. B. O'Connor	11	1	9	42	4.20
R. Simmers	5	—	7	16	3.20
M. J. Scott	6	—	13	17	2.43

## FIRST ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
R. Thomas	48	9	5.33
A. K. Hawley	27	5	5.40
Mr. Ongley	161	23	7.00
Mr. Donohue	537	66	8.14
J. J. Valentine	72	7	10.28
Mr. Thomas	328	26	12.61
N. R. C. Thomas	183	12	15.25

The following also bowled:—W. B. Hutton, 1 for 19, P. Herdman 1 for 22.

# FIRST ELEVEN.



Mr. Tait      A. K. Hawley      R. Thomas (Captain)      E. V. Day      Mr. Donohue (Coach)  
                          M. O'Connor      J. P. Steven  
                          J. J. Valentine      W. Hutton      N. Thomas      P. Herdman  
                          W. Aitchison      M. Scott  
 Matches Played 10: Won 7. Lost 3.      "Runners Up"—Senior Championship.





## DEBATING.

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(By K.M.M.)

As nearly every Saturday night, a concert is held solely for the amusement of the pupils, and as so much vocal and elocutionary talent has appeared, little time has been found for the Debating Society.

Only one debate has been held this term, and the proceedings took the form of a "Mock Parliament." The whole school was present and, accordingly the evening was not at all dull.

As this was our first debate, it was decided that the masters should take part, in order, as it were, to "set the ball rolling."

Mr. Tait was Prime Minister, and chose a Cabinet mostly of senior boys. He introduced a Bill, whereby, football was to be made compulsory. He expounded to some length on the various virtues of the Bill, generally, and then dealt with each clause, in turn. Through-out, he was followed by cheers and hisses, but on the whole managed to make a favourable impression (with his own side, for if the Bill had possessed the best qualities in the world, the Opposition would not have agreed with him).

Mr. Cuthbert, as Leader of the Opposition, then rose, and boldly refuted every clause, and poked in a dashing, decisive manner, that to compel a boy to play football was an outrage and insult. His outburst of eloquence was greeted with cheers from the Oppositionists and Socialists.

Maben, Leader of the Socialists, began by condemning the Bill from start to finish, and certainly appeared to favour the Opposition. He upheld the reputation of his side, by making frequent interruptions, and by creating as much noise as possible.

Scott, the Prime Minister's right hand man, supported his leader's views, and when speaking well, was nonplussed on being requested not to resort to "argumentum ad hominem" and limply subsided from shock.

The various members of the Cabinet spoke in favour of the Bill. Several Oppositionists also gave their opinions, needless to say, distinctly against the Bill.

The Bill was carried on a division of the House.

One very pleasing feature of the debate, was the way in which the younger fellows, stood up and gave expression to their ideas. It speaks well for the spirit of the school, when juniors are not afraid to use their elocutionary powers. If everyone remains as enthusiastic as at present, then undoubtedly, our Debating Society will flourish.

## ORCHESTRA.

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(By J.J.V.)

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Although we have always had a certain amount of musical talent in the school, it has hitherto lain dormant. This term, however, one of the most successful institutions in the new school is the orchestra. Excellent progress has already been made and harmonious (?) strains may be frequently heard issuing from the practice room.

Under the capable tuition of our Conductor, who leads the first violins, we should make rapid improvement. The second violins' part is nobly upheld by "Sleepy," along with Roberts and Simpson. The shrill notes of these players are balanced by the rich, reverberating tones of the bass viol, which is able to sustain its part in the lower registers. It is helped by the clarinet under "Fatty's" genial care; this latter instrument is a decided acquisition. Our cornet players are as yet beginners, but under Mr Taylor's generous and capable tuition, his son and Bowker should soon be able to play without the risk of losing their front teeth. We must not forget Irwin, our kettle drummer, whose undoubted fitness for the position is helped by his assiduous practice, so much so, that the Head would fain the practice room were not so near his study.

One of the Geraldine representatives, Thomas II., is an able exponent of the piccolo, while Aitchison displays no mean ability as a flautist. "Buster" and "Hop" are also worthy exponents of the "silvery lute." Last, but by no means least, comes the pianist, who, as one of the Terms' students has said, is "the best musician among the boys." Hawley certainly leaves little to be desired.

The utmost enthusiasm has been manifest both in inauguration and practice, and our numbers will gradually increase as present candidates become more efficient on their several instruments. We have already given one item on the concert programme and we hope to astonish our audience (we hope they will stay to hear us through) at the final concert of the term.

## SWIMMING SPORTS.

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(By R.W.T.)

The annual swimming sports were held in beautifully fine weather and, as usual, there was a goodly attendance of spectators. Every event was keenly contested and brought forth a good number of competitors. There were only two competitors for the Junior Championship, but these two performers, Irwin and Dent, provided one of the best finishes for the Junior 50 Yards Dash, that has ever been seen at the School sports. The Championship was eventually won by Irwin, with 5 points to his credit, while Dent with 4 points, came a good second. The Senior Championship this year, provided keener competition than has ever been seen before. There were three entrants, Day, Radcliffe, and R. Thomas. These three competitors put up a record for the school sports by all coming equal with 4 points each. It was decided that all four events should be re-swum with a change in the distribution of points, and again the result was: Day, 7 points, Radcliffe 7 points, Thomas 7 points. It was finally agreed that the Senior Championship should be left over until the spring, when our new baths will be ready for use. The egg and spoon race afforded the spectators great amusement, while the rescue race showed them what could be done by boys, who had studied the elementary rules of life saving.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. Howell, who invariably attends our sports, came forward to say a few words concerning swimming, and he was received with long continued applause. Mr. Howell congratulated the boys on the fine exhibition they had given and made special reference to the rescue race. He explained what a noble aim life-saving was, and said that only once, when he rescued a little girl of 11 from drowning had he had such an experience. He advised us all to keep our heads and to approach a drowning person carefully, should we ever be called upon to do so, and expressed his approval of the present method of artificial restoration. Scott, the head Prefect, then called for three cheers for Mr. Howell, and they were heartily given.

Our deepest thanks are due to Messrs. Dunn, Goodwin, Fraser, Eaton, and Randrup for their invaluable aid in connection with the sports. Without the assistance of these enthusiasts our sports could never have been the success that they were. The following are the results of the races:—

50 Yards Junior Championship—Dent 1, Irwin 2.  
Time, 39 2-5sec.

50 Yards Handicap, Junior—First Heat: Corcoran 1, Dent 2. Second Heat: Roberts 1, Thomas III. 2. Final: Roberts (3sec.) 1, Thomas III. (4sec.) 2. Time, 40sec.

100 Yards Junior Championship—Irwin 1, Dent 2.

100 Yards Junior Handicap—Irwin (scr.) 1, Dent (scr.) 2. Time, 1min. 30 3-5sec.

50 Yards Junior Breast Stroke Championship—Irwin 1, Dent 2. Time, 46sec.

50 Yards Junior Breast Stroke Handicap—Goodwin (scr.) 1, Dunn (6sec.) 2. Time, 48sec.

Points for Junior Championship—Irwin 5, Dent 4.

50 Yards Dash Senior Championship—Radcliffe 1, Thomas I. 2. Time, 38 1-5sec.

50 Yards Dash Senior Handicap—First Heat: Valentine 1, Radcliffe 2. Second Heat: Buchanan 1, Watson 2. Third Heat: Howell 1, O'Connor 2. Final: Watson (3sec.) 1, Howell (7sec.) 2. Time, 43 4-5sec.

100 Yards Senior Championship—Radcliffe 1, Day 2. Time, 1min. 29 3-5sec.

100 Yards Senior Handicap—Radcliffe (scr.) 1, Simmers (10sec.) 2. Time, 1min. 29 3-5sec.

50 Yards Senior Breast Stroke Championship—Thomas I. 1, Day 2. Time, 46 3-5sec.

50 Yards Senior Breast Stroke Handicap—First Heat: Thomas I. 1, Day 2. Second Heat: Hamilton 1, Hawley 2. Final: Hamilton (3sec.) 1, Thomas I. (scr.) 2. Time 48sec.

200 Yards Senior Championship—Day 1, Thomas I. 2.

200 Yards Senior Handicap—Buchanan (3sec.) 1, Day (scr.) 2.

Points for Senior Championship—Day 4, Radcliffe 4 Thomas I. 4.

35 Yards New Boys' Race—First Heat: Goodwin 1, Burmester 2. Second Heat: Lawson 1, Thomas III. 2. Final: Lawson (sec.) 1, Thomas III. (sec.) 2. Time 20 1-5sec.

Plate Diving—Simmers I. 1 (Seven plates out of twelve).

High Diving—Goodwin 1, Watson 2.

Relay Race—4th Form (Radcliffe, Dent, Williams and Howell) 1, 3rd Form 2.

Springboard Dive—Goodwin 1, Shackleton 2.

Rescue Race—First Heat: Day and Goodwin 1, Thomas II. and Moore 2. Second Heat: Stevenson and Dunn 1, Thomas I. and Williams 2. Final: Stevenson and Dunn (8sec.) 1, Thomas I. and Williams (scr.) 2.

Egg and Spoon Race—First Heat: Buchanan 1, Bennet 1. 2. Second Heat: Simmers 1. 1, Moore 2. Final: Moore 1, Bennet 1. 2.

Old Boys' Race—Macdonald (6sec.) 1, V. Hawkes (3sec.) 2. Time, 40 1-5sec. This was a fine race, Macdonald just winning from Hawkes.

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## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

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(By W.B.H.)

On the 24th of April, we held our Annual Sports Gathering at the Caledonian Ground, which the Society kindly placed at our disposal through the instrumentality of Mr. H. H. Fraser. We were not favoured with the best of weather conditions. The morning was beautifully fine, but later on the sky became overcast and a cold southerly sprang up. A very fair gathering of spectators witnessed the sport in spite of the inclemency of the weather, and were treated to some fine contests.

It was pleasing to note the number of Old Boys present. They formed a large and enthusiastic part of the gathering. So long as the Old Boys take a keen interest in the School there need be no fear for its future. Our heartiest thanks are due to all those who acted as officials and assisted in making the Sports the success they were. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Rector's wife, ably assisted by the Timaru High School girls. We desire to thank the ladies who assisted in this pleasing function.

In the running events the times in both Senior and Junior events were not so good as last year. The tracks, however, were not ideal for fast times and the fact that a southerly wind was blowing in the faces of the competitors for part of the course probably accounts for the times being slower.

M. O'Connor, the Senior Champion, has my heartiest congratulations. He ran consistently right through the whole day, and seemed to be the only one of the Seniors who was properly trained.

Aitchison ran pluckily, his effort in the quarter-mile being a particularly fine one. Had he timed his run a little better he would most probably have caught and passed O'Connor. As it was he was beaten by inches only. Haw-

ley came into the limelight by winning the mile from scratch. He got off the mark very quickly, and having overhauled the backmarkers, was content to keep pace with them for a lap, but in the last round he again asserted himself and after a ding-dong go in the straight with Lyne, won by about six yards.

Lyne is, in my opinion, the coming long-distance runner in the school, for with no training at all, he won the 880yds. and came second in the mile, running in a manner which showed that with preparation he would be capable of doing really good performances.

Nicholls was the best of the Juniors. This boy has a splendid stride, which, when properly cultivated should bring him to the fore in running.

Baden Thomas, the runner-up in the Junior Championship, is the makings of a fine runner, being possessed of a splendid physique, and any amount of pluck.

"Joe" Kennedy showed himself a true sport by entering for the Junior Championship, and though unsuccessful he ran doggedly in every race. I predict a future for "Joe."

The mile walk was productive of great amusement, the quaint, ostrich-like movements of R. Thomas, causing great laughter among the spectators. E. Day showed himself to be a performer of no mean ability. If he develops a little more arm movement he should make a name for himself in the near future as a pedestrian. Hamilton, the winner, has a nice easy style of walking.

'Tis sad to relate, that the great K. MacD. developed a severe cramp in both shins, in the walk, as the result of going barefoot. It was only after sundry rubbing on the parts affected by the great (W.B.) that he recovered, and vowed that it would be many moons e'er the Athletic Arena would be again graced by his presence. Many evil-minded people expressed the opinion that the great W.B. was not the sterling performer he used to be. Avaunt knaves! If the great W.B. asserts not himself in the near future, then will he devour his hat.

The handicappers should take no small credit upon themselves for the ability they displayed. Almost every event provided an exciting finish.

Appended are the results:—

Long Jump (Junior).—Parker (13ft. 8in.) 1, Nicholls 2, Thomas 3.

High Jump Handicap (Senior).—J. Hutton (12in.) and N. Thomas (10in.) equal, 5ft. 6in. 1, R. Thomas (3in.) 2.

High Jump Handicap (Junior).—Simson (9in.) 4ft. 11in. 1, Parker (3in.) 2.



220 Yards Handicap (Senior), High School Girls' prizes.—First Heat: Howell (5yds.) 1, Satterthwaite (12yds.) 2. Time, 27 4-5sec. A close finish. Second Heat: Methven (12yds.) 1, Fahey (4yds.) 2. Won by half a yard. Final: Howell 1, Methven 2, Satterthwaite 3. Won by inches. Time, 25 2-5sec.

220 Yards Handicap (Junior).—First Heat: Williams (26yds.) 1, Ellis (16yds.) 2. Time, 30 1-5sec. Second Heat: Goodwin (5yds.) 1, Shackleton (18yds.) 2. Time, 29 1-5sec. Final: Goodwin 1, Shackleton 2, McMillan 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 29 1-5sec.

440 Yards Handicap (Senior).—O'Connor (scr.) 1, Aitchison (scr.) 2. Time 61sec.

440 Yards (Junior).—Goodwin (12yds.) 1, Bates (30yds.) 2. Time, 68 2-5sec.

120 Yards Handicap Hurdles (Senior).—First Heat: Hawley (owe 12yds.) and N. Thomas (owe 2yds.) equal 1. Time, 20 3-5sec. Second heat: R. Thomas (owe 6yds.) 1, Howell (owe 10yds.) 2. Won by a yard. Time, 20 3-5sec. Final: R. Thomas 1, N. Thomas 2, Howell 3. A close finish. Time, 20sec.

120 Yards Handicap Hurdles (Junior).—First Heat: Nicholls (owe 12yds.) 1, Thomas (owe 12yds.) 2. Won by half a yard. Time, 21 4-5sec. Second Heat: Parker (owe 9yds.) 1, Simson (owe 6yds.) 2. Won by six yards. Time, 22 2-5sec. Final: Parker 1, Nicholls 2, B. Thomas 3. Won by half a yard. Time 22sec.

Sack Race.—Dent 1.

75 Yards Handicap (Open).—First Heat: Bardsley (12yds.) 1, Herdman (2yds.) 2. Won by a touch. Time, 9 1-5sec. Second Heat: Satterthwaite (6yds.) and G. McCaskill (8yds.) equal 1. Time, 9sec. Third Heat: R. Thomas (4yds.) 1, Baker (4yds.) 2. Won by a touch. Time, 9 1-5sec. Fourth Heat: Radcliffe (1yd.) 1, W. King (ovds.) 2. A close finish. Time, 9sec. Fifth Heat: Withell (8yds.) 1, Hamilton (4yds.) 2. Won by four yards. Time 8 4-5sec. First Semi-final: Withell 1, Radcliffe 2. Won by a yard and a half. Time, 9sec. Second Semi-final: Satterthwaite 1, McCaskill 2. Won by a yard. Time, 8 3-5sec. Final: Withell 1, Radcliffe 2, King 3. Won by a touch. Time, 8 1-5sec.

100 Yards Handicap (Junior).—First Heat: Shackleton (10yds.) 1, Nicholls (scr.) 2. Won by five yards. Time, 11 3-5sec. Second Heat: Bates (14yds.) 1, Buxton (14yds.) 2. Won by two yards. Time, 12 1-5sec. Third Heat: Hammond (17yds.) 1, McMillan (10yds.) 2. Won by three yards. Time, 12 1-5sec. Fourth Heat: Simson (12yds.)

1, Williams (16yds) 2. A close finish. Time, 12 2-5sec. Final. Shackleton 1, Bates 2, Williams 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 11 4-5sec.

100 Yards Handicap (Senior).—First Heat: O'Connor (scr.) 1, Aitchison (scr.) 2. Won by two yards. Time, 11 4-5sec. Second Heat: Withell (11yds.) 1, Baker (5½yds.) 2. Won by two yards. Time, 11 4-5sec. Third Heat: Fahey (3½yds.) 1, Howell 3½yds.) 2. Won by half a yard. Time 11 2-5sec. Final: Fahey 1, Withell 2, Howell 3. Won by a yard. Time, 11 1-5sec.

One Mile Handicap (open).—Hawley 1, Lyne 2, Mauger 3. Lyne ran well and looked like winning, but Hawley displayed good judgment, and won nicely by six yards. Time, 5min 28 2-5sec.

120 Yards Handicap (Junior).—Second Heat: Goodwin (6yds.) 1, Bates (2yds.) 2. Won easily by a yard. Time, 15 1-5sec. Third Heat: Shackleton (12yds.) 1, Williams (2yds.) 2. Won by half a yard. Time, 15sec. Fourth Heat: McMillan (15yds.) 1, Irwin (12yds.) 2. Won by two yards. Time, 14sec. Final: McMillan 1, Shackleton 2, Goodwin 3. Won by a yard and a half. Time, 14 1-5sec.

120 Yards Handicap (Senior).—First Heat: O'Connor (scr.) 1, Methven (7yds.) 2. Time 14sec. Second Heat: Fahey (4½yds.) 1, Howell (4yds.) 2. Time, 13 3-5sec. Final: Fahey 1, Satterthwaite 2. Time, 14sec.

880 Yards (Junior).—Goodwin (20yds.) 1, Kennedy (scr.) 2, B. Thomas (scr.) 3. Time, 2min 50sec.

880 Yards (Senior).—Lyne (80yds.) 1, McCaskill (80yds.) 2. Time, 2min 28sec.

One Mile Walk (open).—Hamilton (100yds.) 1, Mayer (115yds.) 2. Time, 9min. 5sec.

Old Boys' Race.—Dunn 1, Fitzgerald 2.

Consolation Race.—Steven 1, Ellis 2.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Day (scr.) 1, O'Connor (scr.) 2. Distance, 77yds. 1ft. 3in.

Senior Championship.—O'Connor, 16 points 1, Hawley 6 points 2, Aitchison 5 points 3.

Junior Championship.—Nicholls 10 points 1, B. Thomas 6½ points 2, Kennedy 3½ points 3.

Girls' Race.—Miss Fraser 1, Miss Oddie 2, Miss Watts 3. Won by half a yard.

## TO CANADA AND BACK.

(Concluded.)

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(J.J.V.)

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So far, I have been speaking only of the work which we did. But all our time was not filled with work, for we were allowed some relaxation. After the Exhibition closed, we spent three most enjoyable days sightseeing in Toronto.

The Exhibition terminated on Friday, the 8th of September, and on that afternoon, Sir George and Lady Reid, entertained us and the Australian contingent to afternoon tea. It was a very happy function, the precursor of many another that was to follow. That evening crowned our successes with glory. In the presence of over 25,000 people, all the cups and medals which we had won were presented. We were indeed joyful, and, after parade, made very merry.

The city of Toronto, which is built on the shores of Lake Ontario, is very large. There are, in suburbs and city, over 450,000 people. Our camp was situated about four miles west of the centre of the city, but suburbs extended even beyond this. Of course, trams wound all round the city. We all were given passes so that we could use the trams whenever we chose.

We did not have a great deal of time to see the sights, but that which I remember best was the Zoo. It is set in an extensive park on the side of a hill. In the valley below the rumble of trains is frequently heard, but over the park quietness prevails. Numbers of animals, some of which I had not seen before, were to be found there.

One afternoon while we were there, a millionaire, of the town took us for a trip round Lake Ontario in his steam yacht. The lake is so large that one can get out of sight of land on it. At another time, too, we were taken for a motor car drive all round the city. There are two extensive parks, in one of which, the Toronto University Buildings are situated. Eight thousand students attend this University, so one may imagine its extent.

While in Toronto, we were taken to see Niagara Falls, a three hours' trip from the city. Fantastic as many descriptions of them may appear, I do not think they exaggerate. There is nothing I have ever seen so awe-inspiring in its grandeur as the sight of this seething cataract—a veritable wall of water, 200 feet high, and about a quarter-mile round. And the river beneath, looking a mere ribbon,

rushes and leaps along in its tumultuous course, eddying and foaming and swirling hither and thither, seemingly without restraint.

Tramways run along both banks of the river connecting the ferry service with the town of Niagara Falls. On the American side of the river—for you will remember that the Niagara River divides Canada from the States—the tram is on a level with the river.

On Monday the 9th of September, we left Toronto. All the Canadian teams had already departed for their several destinations and only the oversea contingents were left. Arrangements had been made that all of us, i.e., English, Irish, Scotch, Australians and New Zealanders, should travel together to Vancouver, stopping at important points along the route. Then the British teams were to return to Montreal while we awaited our steamer at Vancouver.

Our first stay was at Winnipeg. This is a most prosperous city of about 100,000 inhabitants. It struck me as consisting, at least in the main street, of a big percentage of banks and bars. Here we were treated very well by a league called "Daughters of Empire" which was prominent in its good treatment of us right across Canada. One of the most interesting sights was Fort Garry, a relic of the old days. There were the very loopholes and blockhouses which we read about, nay the very river the Red River, if I remember rightly.

After a two days' stay there, we proceeded on our journey. Another 11 hours saw us at Regina. This is a very small town, but very go-ahead. It has three noticeable features. First, magnificent new Government Buildings of such a height that, on attaining the summit of the dome, one can see over the whole town and some miles of surrounding country at the same time. Most of us aspired to reach the giddy heights, but our perseverance in climbing numberless stairs was rewarded by an excellent panorama. A broad vista of yellow was visible all around. Herein lies Regina's success. It is the centre of the biggest corn-growing district in the world. Binders were at work all along the line, but we saw no threshing. Secondly, it is the centre of the North West Mounted Police Force. We were taken over their barracks, which are very extensive. Thirdly, it has a Collegiate Institute, of which it is justly proud. The building is very much the same type as our new school on a larger scale.

Our next stopping place was Calgary. As we got further west, it seemed that we were even more hospitably received. Calgary certainly treated us loyally. We had a most interesting trip here. About twenty-three miles from the town is an Indian reserve of 200 acres. We were conveyed thither in motor cars over roads not worthy the name. Nevertheless we enjoyed the trip very much. The Indians here are not dying out, but are slowly "recovering."

Calgary was the last stop on the prairies. Hitherto we had been hurled along over vast fertile prairies. Henceforth we were to be surrounded by rocky fastnesses, through which the iron horse, overcoming what seemed impregnable barriers, puffed its weary way.

Our first stopping place in the Rockies was Banff. This tourist resort, famous all over the world, corresponds in some small degree to our own Rotorua. But the surroundings are different. Here I spent two days of entire delight, roaming through pine forests and round boiling springs, climbing mountains, chasing squirrels and generally enjoying myself. This was the place that I was the most loath to leave. The life in the open pure air, suited all of us, and as the natural advantages of the place are great, we profited by our two days there. Canoeing on the Bow River was a favourite pastime, and five of us climbed a mountain 7000ft. high. Of course the station is 4000ft., so in reality we climbed only 3000ft. Still it was a stiff pull up, rewarded on reaching the summit by the splendid panorama. We were entirely surrounded by hills; here and there a blue speck showed the presence of a lake; the Bow River twisted itself into various contortions in the valley below, and the red roofs of the town added a patch of colour to the scene.

Our next stay was at Laggan. Here is to be found the famous Lake Louise, reputed to be the most beautiful in the world. It is deeply set between steep mountains which are covered with pine trees; a glacier flows in at one end and the lake receives a deep blue tone from the glacial water. A party of us climbed this glacier and I was exceedingly glad I had come, for my eyes were opened and my knowledge of geography increased. We scrambled about half way up over crevasses and soft snow, but then a slight snow storm came on, so we retreated to the chalet.

Our final stop was made at Glacier, so called because there is the largest glacier to be found along the line. After a few hours there, we entrained on the last stretch for Vancouver.

Vancouver, that progressive mushroom city, comprising in all some 150,000 inhabitants, was reached on Saturday, 21st September. We had then a stay of ten days till our ship left for home. These passed all too quickly in sight-seeing and recreation. The biggest natural park of the world is situated here, and is really beautiful. One can wander for hours through a maze of maples, whose leaves were just assuming the gorgeous autumnal tints; of pines, cedars and numerous other trees in their wild natural state. The harbour, too, is a magnificent one. The people with whom we came in touch were always pleased to look after us. I might mention particularly Mr. Gow, a brother of our local inspector.

At last we were away on our homeward journey. Thanks to the efforts of some enthusiastic New Zealanders, we were taken first to Victoria, there to pick up our vessel as she came in. The town of Victoria is an essentially English one compared with the Canadian cities. The conservative English spirit and the quiet restfulness of the street were quite noticeable after the enthusiasm and the bustle we had become accustomed to.

Unluckily the weather was not all that could be desired for the first day or two out, and few of us showed to advantage at the meal table.<sup>11</sup> But with the first two days over we had a most enjoyable trip home. Stops for a few hours were again made at Honolulu and Suva. But weren't we glad when on the morning of October 23rd, we awoke to find ourselves in Auckland harbour!

After disembarking we were formally welcomed home and then in the same way as we had been in Canada, were shown round. I enjoyed the trip through New Zealand as much as any other part. Finally we disbanded at Dunedin on about November 20th, thence to wend our homeward way as we pleased.

I have written more on the pleasure giving, sight-seeing side of our trip than on the drill. But we were never allowed to get slack in that direction, and everyday, if possible, we were given a few minutes' work of some description. Those of you who witnessed our display in Timaru will I think agree that we were fairly efficient.

We cannot all have such a trip but most take an interest in such a one. I hope my writing will not prove too laboured, but with the "inner eye" I see the scenes which I have attempted to describe. I have not the words nor the genius to give the reader a true picture. It certainly was a grand trip, which I wish all could take.



## LIBRARY.

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(By K.M.M.)

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Nineteen hundred and thirteen has been a red letter year for the library. All the damaged books were sold at a Dutch auction held in the Hall, and now we have an up-to-date set of books, from "Everyman's," "The Home University" and other popular libraries. Of course our Library is not extensive. Everything must be taken by degrees, and so we do not intend to exhaust our finances all at once. So far, the books are mostly travel, biographies, etc., the fiction has not been chosen yet. Everything connected with the different institutions in the School, seems to be going with a swing. And here, too, we must report progress. Where we had six seniors last year and about a dozen juniors taking out books, we have now the whole school. Moreover, outsiders are taking a deep interest in us. Thus, by judiciously spending our funds, and by receiving continued assistance from friends of the school, we hope gradually to build up a library second to none.

We are deeply indebted to the following gentlemen who have so kindly presented us with volumes :—

F. C. Cameron, Esq., "Cricket of To-day," in two volumes. These books are exceptionally handsome ones, many of the plates being, at the present day, out of print.

Dr. Little—"The Life of John Nicholson," "Ancient Assyria," "The Pioneer," "Moby Dick," "The Lore of the Honey Bee," "Matter and Energy," "A Journal of the Plague Year," "The Pathfinder," "History of the Italian Republics," "Man's Place in Nature," "The Early Romances of William Morris," "The Siege of Port Arthur," "Big Game Shooting in Africa," "The Three Midshipmen," "Abandones," "Walter Raleigh."

Geo. Dash, Esq.—"Alcohol and the Human Body."

The Proprietors of P. W. Hutton and Co.—"Pepper's Playbook of Science."

An innovation is the formation of a Reference Library. Various books on Mental Science, History, Chemistry, etc., have been placed on different bookshelves from the other books, and can be referred to when required. Magazines and daily papers are also provided. The most valuable presentation to the Reference Library are Mr. Cameron's

"Cricket of To-day," and Messrs P. W. Hutton and Co's "Pepper's Playbook of Science."

The Rector has also presented several books both to the Reading and the Reference Libraries.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Term Students who so willingly helped in the difficult task of arranging and numbering the new books. Also Day, who gave an annual volume of a well known boys' paper.

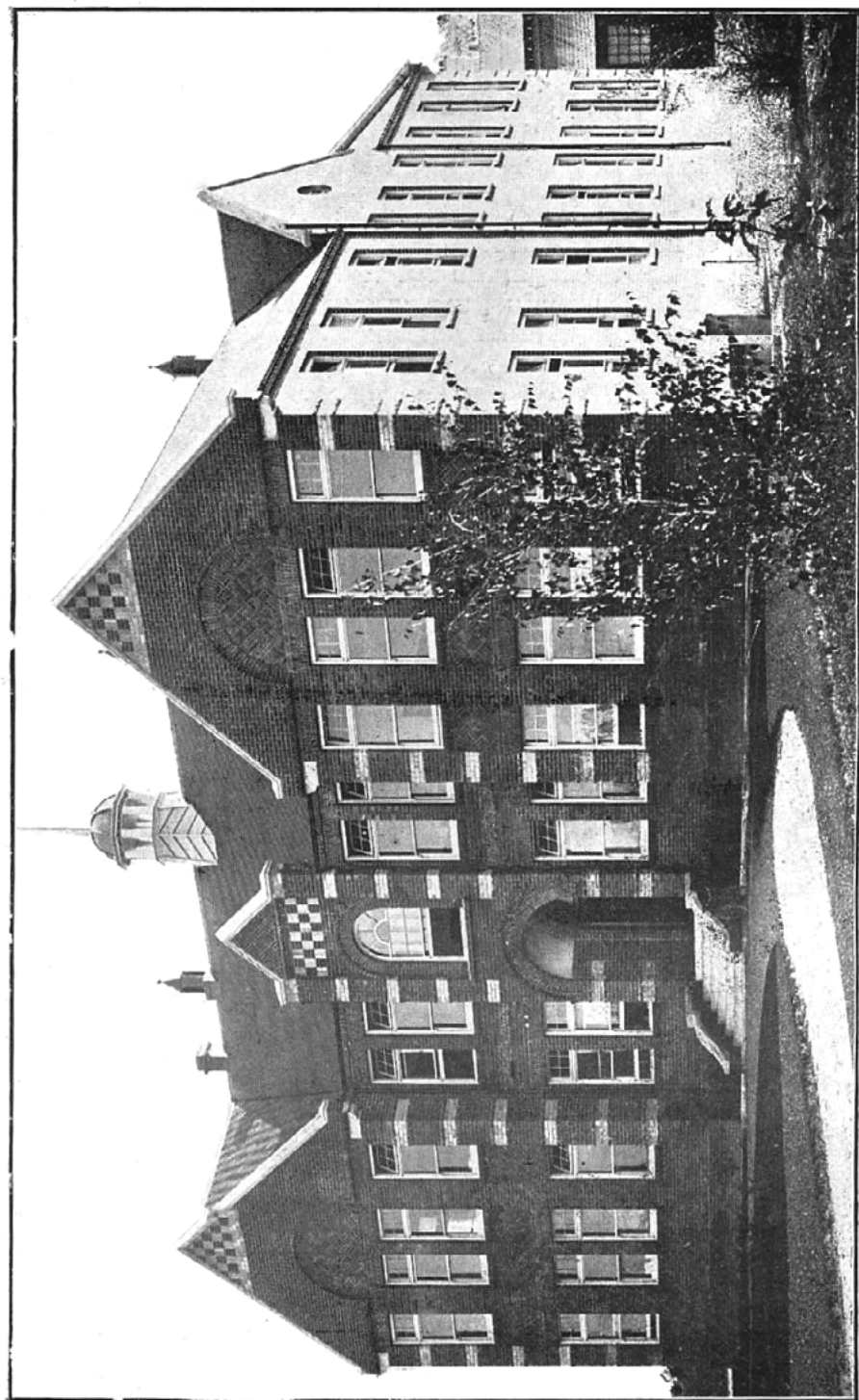
## CADET NOTES.

Right from the opening day, we have had fifteen minutes at physical drill every morning except Thursday. Already the beneficial results of this consistent training are apparent and at the end of the year our deportment should be much improved. On the day when the Hon. Mr. Massey officially opened the school, the boys gave a display, not of perfect physical drill, but of the training which we undergo. Everyone seemed well pleased with the exhibition.

We are greatly in need of a shooting range in Timaru. Srgt.-Major Clements, who has been seriously ill, was going to get a miniature range for us. But since he has been away nothing has been done in that direction. Needless to say company movements and physical drill become irksome even to the most enthusiastic, though everything has, this year, been carried out in the best of spirits.

The military spirit is being carefully fostered in the school and at the present time, we have more than the usual quota of trained officers in our midst; yet no move has been made by the local Defence Authorities to supply us with officers, uniforms or rifles. We are supposed to have three half day parades this term. When are we going to have them? We have no officers to call such parades. It is absurd to think that our Colour-Sergeant should of his own initiation call such a parade.

Here, too, as in connection with other departments of the school, we have missed Lieutenants Cuthbert and Ongley. Both were hard working genial officers and we regret their departure.



THE SCHOOL.



## OUR OLD BOYS.

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(By M.J.S. and D.J.McD.)

When this little publication began its modest career some seven years ago, it was expressly stated that not the least important object aimed at by its issue was that of keeping Old Boys in touch with their "alma mater"; to inform them of the doings of their old School in scholarship and in sport, and in the various branches of activity which together make up school life; and lastly to preserve that bond which exists between boys when they go out of the school together, but which is liable to become strained and loosened with the lapse of time.

Our Old Boys' Association dates from about the same period, and we are pleased to say that it is not only still in existence, but has begun to establish itself on a substantial basis. There is always a possibility of an Old Boys' Association losing sight of its primary object, namely, the promotion of the welfare of the present school. Fortunately in our case there is no danger of this. Recent pupils of the school are taking keen interest in the Association and a prosperous future is doubtlessly in store for it. These have in more than one instance during the past year shown their loyalty to their old School, and what is more, have shown it in a practical manner. The most practical assistance, however, that they can give is a whole-hearted support of the School Magazine. This is a matter, moreover, which intimately concerns the welfare and progress of their own Association, and the "Timaruvian" is well worthy of their support, if for no other reason than that it is their own recognised organ.

Old Boys would do well to bear in mind that a flourishing Old Boys' Association is the necessary adjunct to a flourishing School. A flourishing Old Boys' Association existing side by side with a moribund school is inconceivable for many and obvious reasons. The converse, of course, is not so evident, but nevertheless it is a patent fact that such an Association can and does exert an incalculable influence upon the destinies of the school it represents.

At a meeting of the Association earlier in the year the following officers were elected:

President—F. A. Raymond, Esq. Vice-Presidents—Dr Gabites, C. F. Collins, Esq. Committee—Messrs V. McKibbin, F. I. Dunn, C. Cowan, P. Jones, G. Priest, and C. Coxhead. Treasurer—Mr. A. G. Valentine. Secretary—Mr D. I. McDonald.

At this meeting the advisability of forming an Old Boys' Football Club was discussed, the Swimming Club having just completed a most successful year. It was decided that for the present this scheme would be impracticable without considerably injuring other clubs in the town. It is hoped, however, that the future will see a well established Old Boys' Football Club like those in other centres.

At the same meeting it was decided to request two of our most distinguished and patriotic local Old Boys, Dr. Gabites and Mr. F. Raymond, to stand as candidates for the High School Board of Governors. These, we are pleased to say, consented to accept nomination, and have been elected unopposed.

At the cricket match v. Timaru, we had a gathering of Old Boys representing the past, far and near. There were present, C. P. Wright, D. O'Connor, F. Hall-Jones, C. Malthus, R. A. Cuthbert, J. R. Cuthbert, and R. Simmers. All these were leading lights when at school.

M. O'Donoghue has gone to the Training College in Christchurch. I wonder will he set up a "Patrol" of "Wolves," or "Kiwis" or "Owls."

H. Cotter, who has been in the Customs since he left us has been transferred to Westport.

"Edu." Smith is on his father's farm, "Greenfields," Invercargill.

K. B. Tennant was managing Strathallan Station, but is now on a farm of his own.

Ronald and Jack Cuthbert are now attending Otago University. Ronald has passed 1st section B.A., and Jack has just begun his course.

M. Gudex, who is teaching in the Boys' High School in Christchurch, has passed his final B.Sc. He now has M.A. and B.Sc.

N. Joyce is now working in the office of Messrs. Raymond, Ramond and Campbell, Solicitors. He has passed his 1st Section, L.L.B.

S. Parr who is attending Canterbury College passed final B.A. He also gained the Exhibition in Mental Science.

Cuthbert Parr has passed his M.A. degree with 1st class honours in Mental Science, and must now be classed as one of our most brilliant Old Boys.

The following Old Boys visited the School this term:—C. P. Wright, F. G. Kerr, I. Sernell, B. Warring, C. Malthus, F. Hall-Jones, G. Spencer, T. Mitchell. We were very pleased to see these gentlemen and our thanks are due accordingly.

C. P. Wright and Base Warring have taken a great interest in our cricket this season. C.P., who was present

at nearly all our grade matches, umpired for us at Waitaki. He was captain of the last team that beat them. He has just come back from the North Island and Australia where he has been doing fairly well at cricket.

Base came down to Waitaki with us as well, and further he promised a trophy for the best aggregate score. The match, however, was not finished. He has been doing fairly well in the running line lately, making a name for himself in the "Civil Service" sports meeting at Wellington, and on Easter Monday at Temuka.

C. Malthus passed his M.A. degree exam. with first-class honours in English and French. Good old Toot!

L. Serpell passed second year proficiency in his medical exams.

F. Hall-Jones is working in Bell, Bell, Gulley and Co's offices in Wellington.

T. Mitchell is still in Dunedin.

Graham Valentine and Bob. Black have given up surveying. Graham has gone down to Invercargill to take up farming with Jack Preston. Jack is managing his father's run at Waimahaka. Bob. is going to Australia to take up land.

C. Drake is in the Customs, Wellington.

D. McKay is in the Inspection of Machinery Department, Wellington. Wallie, who is working in the "Timaru Post," has just recovered from a serious illness.

G. Timewell has been making excellent progress in the business of Mr. Leslie Orbell.

Otto Mueller is in the office of Messrs. Tripp and Rolleston, solicitors.

G. Oldfield is on the land near Temuka.

R. Priest has a farm at Mt. Four Peaks.

J. G. Stewart has recently been appointed secondary assistant at Riverton District High School.

S. Bracefield is in his father's business, Timaru.

J. J. King is farming at Hinds.

F. Hall-Jones was in town during the term and made a visit to the School. Fred. has taken a leading part in the social life of Victoria College, Wellington, and at the recent University Tournament, won the High Jump.

D. Martin has been acquitting himself creditably at the Medical School, Dunedin.

N. Maze is now a run-holder in the McKenzie Country. He will be greatly missed in football circles.

R. Ogilvie is on the staff of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Timaru.

W. D. Charteris is in the C.F.C.A. Office, Fairlie.



"Jock" Tennant, who is farming in Southland, was in town during the term.

J. M. Gillies is in a solicitor's office at Gore.

H. Radcliffe is in his father's business, Timaru.

A. Hardcastle is completing his course at the Christchurch Training College, where he takes a considerable part in the social life of the Institution.

D. Oliver is farming at Surrey Downs.

N. Dunsford has been transferred to the National Bank at Oamaru.

G. H. Boyd visited the School during the term.

W. Divan is farming at Seadown.

H. Mayo is still as keen a sport as ever.

G. Priest is in a solicitor's office in Timaru. He takes a lively interest in swimming, being for some time secretary to the South Canterbury Centre.

J. Anstey is on the land at Kingsdown.

C. Fyfe has been a prominent member of the Timaru Musical Union. He has recently been transferred to Waimate.

A. Tennent is teller in the Bank of Australasia.

C. F. Collins, of the staff of the Timaru Main School, is one of Timaru's most prominent "sports." He is among other things, President of the South Canterbury Rugby Union.

C. Balfour is on the staff of the Timaru Milling Company.

T. B. Sinclair is a partner in a large engineering firm in Wellington.

W. Raymond is a partner in the firm of Raymond, Raymond and Campbell, Timaru.

E. G. Kerr is farming near the Cave.

A. Shirlcliffe is head of the grain office of the C.F. C.A., Timaru. He takes a lively interest in the old School, and is Vice-President of the Old-Boys' Association.

Dr. L. S. Talbot, of Timaru, is at present on a visit to England.

E. P. V. Sealey is accountant to the Bank of New Zealand and is a very keen sportsman.

O. Howell and W. Howell are both on the land near Timaru.

Dr. Gunn has a dental practice in Timaru.

W. Simmons is farming at Kingsdown.

M. McSweeney is teaching in South Canterbury. He intends to study medicine.

H. Miller is in the Timaru Post Office.

G. Page is studying Electrical Engineering in England.

D. Sams is on a run in the Mackenzie Country.

F. Shaw is in the State Guarantee Office at Wellington.  
Lake Sinclair is farming near Ashburton.

R. Aitken is travelling as a skin buyer in the vicinity of Timaru.

N. Crawford is in an office in Timaru.

G. and J. Divan are farming at Seadown.

I. Fowler is farming at Claremont.

W. W. Horwell and D. McDonald are teaching at the Timaru Main School, and E. Mauger at the South.

F. Orwin is in an office in Timaru.

O. Clissold is in the office of the South British Insurance Company.

C. Coxhead is in Mr. D. C. Turnbull's office.

J. Ferrier is in the Bank of Australasia.

R. Fitzgerald is with the firm of P. W. Hutton and Co.

H. S. Lawry is in the Public Works Department, Christchurch.

J. W. Olphert has joined the teaching profession in Auckland.

Ward Thomson is in the office of the Timaru Gas Company.

Clarence Wright is farming at Claremont.

W. Keen is in the office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

T. McSweeney is in the Bank of New South Wales.

Ivan Tait is in the Timaru Borough Council Office.

W. Hind is in the Money Order Department of the Timaru Post Office.

P. Collett is in the engineering workshop of Parr Bros.

R. Holdgate is in the National Mortgage Office, Timaru.

J. McRae is in the office of the Timaru Woollen Mills.

W. W. Simmers is at the Canterbury College School of Engineering. He is a prominent member of the Canterbury College Football Fifteen.

R. Sterndale is in the Bank of Australasia, Timaru.

George Worsdell was a prominent senior footballer in Dunedin last year.

E. A. Bennetts is on the reporting staff of the Timaru Herald.

S. Bowker is at Lincoln College.

F. Dunn is in the C.F.C.A. office.

V. McKibbin is travelling for the grain department of the National Mortgage and Agency Company.

C. Cowan is in Mr. J. C. Oddie's Pharmacy. Charlie was a prominent member of the Zingari Football Club last

season. He intends shortly, to follow the example of a large number of our Old Boys and go on the land.

H. Cotter played senior football in Wellington last season, and was boxing champion of his company. Jack Dalglish is in the North Otago Farmers' Office, Oamaru.

Vic. Hawkes is a prominent member of the Old Boys' Swimming Club, and secretary to the South Canterbury Centre.

Dighton Bailey passed his entrance exam. for the Imperial Army held in October last, in which he gained the highest marks of all the candidates from the Dominions and Crown Colonies. He has been posted to the 1st Battalion Lenister Regiment, which is stationed at Bareilly, India. He left Timaru on February 10th to join his Regiment.

Dermot Bailey is on a rubber plantation in the Malay States and likes the life very well.

## THANKS.

It is with pleasure that we are able to record in these pages our thanks to several gentlemen for various donations to our School institutions. At the beginning of this term, our library was recatalogued, and we have to thank Mr. Frank Cameron and Dr. Little for gifts of valuable books. Our Cricket Club, also, is indebted to Messrs. J. E. Hutchinson and B. Warring for trophies presented. Messrs W. A. Pearson and A. Shirtcliffe again show their interests in our games by presenting medals for competition among our football teams. In addition, our late Rector, Mr. Simmers, has generously donated the set of dishes used on social occasions, while Mr. Firkin has given us a punch ball. We desire sincerely to thank the High School young ladies, and those gentlemen who so kindly donated prizes for competition at the sports. We hope to publish a list of donors of such prizes in the next issue.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editors of the "Timaruvian."  
Gentlemen,

Rumours have reached our ears that one of your number has decided to take advantage of the Magazine to try to get "a bit of his own back" on the Terms Students. Now, gentlemen, could anything be more deplorable? To think that any person who has not the ability to pick us to pieces in public, would resort to the pages of any paper! We know very well that we are the subjects of much envy in the school. We know that we hold, in all, twelve championships. We know that at the last concert, we so hopelessly defeated the rest of the school in oratory, that certain seniors lost their tempers. We know all these things. But if our personal abilities are so vast, how can we prevent our successes?

Some time ago, one of our number, bowed down by a night's heavy swot, was unable to prepare his Latin verbs (it is to be noted that we go to the Sixth Form for Latin, to encourage the lads). Well, this particular Term Student, whose eyes were heavy for want of sleep, suddenly heard himself called upon to give the parts of some verb, the very name of which he had never heard. Naturally he made an error, and the Editor, before spoken of, took the opportunity to deliver a thrust, the circumstances of which would not enable the student to retaliate with his wonderful powers of rhetoric.

We write this with no ill-feeling towards anyone. We simply wish to point out that a Term Student would never stoop to the level of attacking an opponent who was "hors de combat." Everyone makes mistakes, and we consider that our fellow student, in his harassed condition, could not be expected to give an answer to any ridiculous Latin verb.

Moreover, we hear that the Editor refers to our "vanity." We wish to say that we are quiet, unassuming young men, not given to "swank," in any direction. If we were vain, we would forthwith dwell upon the many qualities of our different members.

Hoping that this letter may give the offending Editor the same feelings as the ironic applause did when he said, "Tout marcha d'abord admirablement. . . All marched on board admirably."—We are Gentlemen,

Yours very respectfully,

THE TERMS STUDENTS.

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- That "J.P." hasn't missed a cold shower in the morning for two years—at least, so he says.
- That the parting in "Angie's" hair is approaching more nearly to the middle every day.
- That the love affair between "Mac." and "Mick" is rapidly approaching a crisis.
- That one of our "Day" boys says that cricket encourages "thick quinking."
- That the "prefixes" of the school have aroused awe in the breast of a certain Third Former.
- That after "lights out" at Waitaki a lurid glare was seen to proceed from and around our cricket scorer's togs—probably an electric phenomenon.
- That on the opening day we missed the old school bath.
- That the contractor's tub made a good substitute, and "soap and water" were much in evidence.
- That the "Terms Students" approve of the Orchestra.
- That the Rectory "White Hope" is anxious to meet a day boy.
- That it is not possible to take a rise out of our "new Janny"—the "Cousin Jack" policeman.
- That on the opening day our physical drill was the admiration of all the visitors.
- That "we did it pretty well."
- That our roll of "gingers" is increasing steadily.
- That the deputation which interviewed the "powers that be" concerning the invitations to the Sports was favourably received.
- That Mr. Howell—the G.O.M. of the School—got a great reception on the Opening Day.
- That "dogged does it."
- That Shako II. showed such a fine gastrocnemius muscle at the sports that the bull-dog was after the "fatted calf."
- That the Fourth Formers think that "the quality of mercy needs no filtering."
- That there is a vacancy for position of mechanic-in-chief to the Fifth. (Bill W. can't make the clock go. As the position is a sinecure, we think there will be no applications.)
- That the Fourth "Toilers" wrote such weighty disquisitions on Agriculture that the blast exceeding 31 ft. per second was unable to dislodge their papers from the desk. (No wonder when super-phosphate was on top.)
- That a Third Former defines a testator as a man who looks after his property when he is dead.