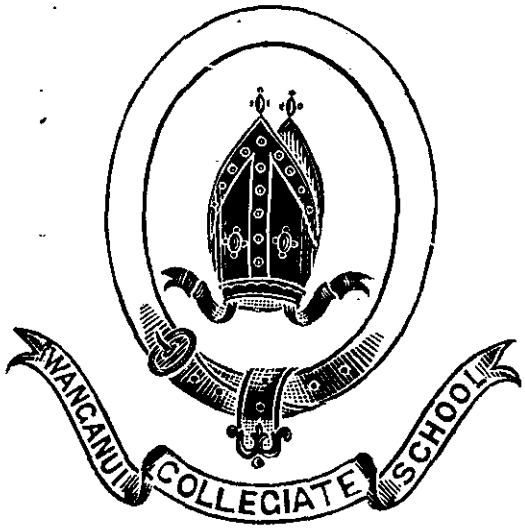

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PRIZE DAY.—CHRISTMAS, 1886.

ON December 20th, the prizes were given out in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The big schoolroom was prettily decorated for the occasion by the boys. Among the gentlemen present were Rev. Mr. Tudor and A. F. Halcombe, Esq., a former trustee. Mr. Harvey, in delivering his report, thanked Mr. Fitzherbert for having undertaken the Latin Examinations of the upper forms. He was glad to be able to state from Mr. Fitzherbert, who was unable to be present, that the papers were very satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the upper forms. During the term, Mr. Habens had inspected the school, and was greatly pleased with the work throughout. Several scholarships had been obtained by the school, and the Civil Service examinations had been satisfactory. Mr. Harvey, having paid a well earned compliment to Mr. Empson and the other masters, thanking them for the great interest they had taken in the welfare of the school, asked Mr. Halcombe to distribute the prizes. Mr. Halcombe, on rising, was loudly applauded. In the few remarks he made, he referred briefly to the career of the school since Mr. Harvey had been Head Master, complimenting him on the great success which had crowned his energies. He was also sure that as long as the school remained in such good hands, it would not only be a great boon to Wanganui, but to the whole colony at large. The school, even at this early stage, had attracted boys from all parts of New Zealand. In conclusion, he asked the boys not to forget their old masters, Mr. Anson and Mr. Saunders, who always had taken a great interest in the welfare of the school. He then distributed the prizes, each boy being loudly cheered as he received his much coveted prize. Appended is the prize list:—

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS.—Home, 812 marks (possible 900); Bannister 2nd., 581. *Proxime Accessit.*—Marshall mi., 514.

DIVINITY.—Marris, 1st; Swainson ma., 2nd; Thorpe mi., 3rd. Honourable Mention—Bannister, Hickson, Halcombe, and Toomath.

READING.—Bannister 1st; Wilford mi., and

Blair mi., 2nd. Honourable Mention—Wray mi.

Drawing.—James 1st; Hawkins 2nd.

Classics Va.—Marris 1st. Honourable Mention—Home, Bannister, Porritt, Marshall mi. V B: Blair ma., 1st; Toomath, 2nd. Honourable Mention—Woon mi. IV: Bullock ma., 1st; Honourable Mention—Currie, Avery, Hosking mi., and Swainson mi. III.A: Wilford mi., 1st. Honourable Mention—Bullock mi., and Kemp ma. III.B; Halcombe mi., 1st. Honourable Mention—Burgess.

Euclid V.—Home 1st. Honourable Mention—Hickson, Porritt, and Halcombe ma. IV: Marris, 1st; Gardiner, 2nd. Honourable Mention—Izard, and Hector ma. III: Avery, 1st. II: Willis ma., 1st. Honourable Mention—Gordon.

French V.—Marshall mi., 1st. Honourable Mention—Marris. IV: Hector mi., 1st. Honourable Mention—Lysaght. III: Home, 1st. Honourable Mention—Swainson mi., Ward, and Brown. II.A: Muir, 1st, Honourable Mention—Wilford mi., and Avery. II.B: Bullock mi., 1st. Honourable Mention—Gordon, and Quin.

Algebra and Arithmetic V.—Home, 1st. Honourable Mention—McLean. V.B: Burgess, 1st. Honourable Mention—Quin, and Iveson. IV: Wilford mi., 1st; Wray mi., 2nd. Honourable Mention—Brown, and Bell mi.

Arithmetic Only. III.—Parker, 1st. Honourable Mention—Paterson. II: Babbage, 1st. Honourable Mention—Gibbons, and McBeth. I: Polson, 1st.

English V.—Home, 1st. Honourable Mention—Marris, McLean, Blair ma., and Bannister. IV: Witchell, 1st; Gordon, 2nd. III: Halcombe mi., 1st. Honourable Mention—Wilford mi., and Sealy ma. II: McBeth, 1st. Honourable Mention—Thorpe ma. I: Polson, and Dalrymple, 1st. Honourable Mention—Higginson.

Caledonian Society's Medal.—J. M. Marshall.

Education Board Certificates—Bannister, and Quin.

Special Prize for Maps.—James, 1st; Sealy ma., 2nd.

After the prizes had been distributed, Mr. Harvey made a few remarks to those leaving the school—McLennan in particular. In presenting McLennan with a book as a token of the esteem and regard with which he was held by masters and boys, he wished him every success in his future career. Cheers were then given for Mr. Halcombe, Mr. Harvey, and the ladies; thus happily and successfully was the Christmas term of 1885 brought to an end.

THE CHOIR.

THE choir which consists of upwards of thirty members, has practised most assiduously this term. Mr. Pownall, the organist, being in a very weak state of health subsequent to a severe illness, Mrs. Empson has very kindly relieved him from his duties throughout the term, and her assistance has proved invaluable. Rapid progress has been made lately, the music being rendered with a greater degree of accuracy and more crisply than formerly. Still much remains to be done, for though great praise is due to the choir for its marked improvement, yet we venture to express a hope that members will all bear in mind the adage "Rome was not built in a day," and, acting on it, will continue to persevere so as to attain a high state of efficiency by the time the new Chapel is ready to receive them.

Assisted by three violinists (Mr. Collier, Blair ma, and Harvey mi,) and with Mrs. Empson as pianist, some of the leading members have worked up a toy-symphony, composed by Haydn, for the bazaar when the indefatigable secretary will conduct, as the choir-master will be otherwise engaged on the occasion—We wish Swainson mi, every success in his maiden effort as a conductor.

The choir is composed of the following members, of whom those whose names have an asterisk placed against them form the semi-chorus:—Treble—Taylor, *Gardner, *Harvey mi., Hickson mi., *Jollie, Kemp mi., *Parker, Sealy mi., Thorpe ma., *Thorpe mi., Williams ma., *Williams mi. Alto—*Avery, *Bannister, *Bullock ma., Hector, Kemp ma., Saxby. Tenor.—Halcombe, *Hickson ma., *Swainson mi., (Sec.) Wray ma. Bass.—Beere, *Mr. Bowden-Smith, *Mr. Rees-Mogg (Choir-master), Swainson ma., Wray mi. Organist.—Mr. Pownall.

Annual Sports.

THE Sports, this year, were held on April 10th, a little earlier than usual. The weather was, as usual at our Sports, magnificent. A fair number of spectators were present during the afternoon, and seemed to take great interest in the events. Unfortunately, the most interesting races took place in the morning, the fields in the afternoon being, as a rule, small, though some of the finishes were good. Two novelties were introduoced in the shape of printed programmes and an old boys' race. For the latter nine were handicapped, and five started. As the school grows older, there will doubtless be more competitors for a race which, we hope, will become a permanent institution. The handicappers found their task unusually difficult this year owing to the number of entries, but, on the whole, the handicaps may be called satisfactory. Some errors there undoubtedly were, but to handicap to perfection some sixty boys, whose powers of running are very little known, is a task requiring superhuman abilities. Messrs. Bowden-Smith and Field acted as Judges, Messrs. Drew and Wilson as Timekeepers, and Messrs. Empson and Rees-Mogg as starters, while the Committee consisted of Swainson ma. (Hon. Sec.), Woon ma., Wray ma., Witchell, and Chubbin. The Hon. Sec., whose labours, as usual, were very heavy, deserves praise for the way in which he carried them out. The Sports began at 9.30 with the

100 YARDS (UNDER 12).

Scale 1
Saxby 2
Peake 3

Hickson mi., Root, Cave, and Macbeth also ran. A good race, though Scale won rather easily at the finish. Time—13 secs.

LONG JUMP (OPEN).

Woon ma. (18ft. 5in.) 1
Mason (15ft. 8½in.) 2

Swainson ma., Bryce, and Woon mi. also jumped. This is the best jump that has been made at the school yet.

120 YARDS HANDICAP (MR. WILSON'S PRIZE.)

1ST HEAT.

Willis mi. (29yds.) 1
Hall (32yds.) 2

2ND HEAT.

Woon mi. (8yds.) 1
Bullock mi. (11yds.) 2

3RD HEAT.

Swainson ma. (5yds.) 1
Dixon (13yds.)... 2

4TH HEAT.

Witchell (3yds.) 1
Chubbin (5yds.) 2

5TH HEAT.

Woon ma. (scratch) 1
Dalziell (7yds.) 2

6TH HEAT.

Bryce (3½yds.)... 1
Moore ma. (30yds.) 2

7TH HEAT.

Woon min. (11yds.) 1
Borlase ma. (14yds.) ... ... †
Jollie (11yds.) ... ... †

SECOND ROUND.—1ST HEAT.

Dalziell 1
Bryce... 2
Moore ma. 3

2ND HEAT.

Woon ma. 1
Witchell 2
Woon mi. 3

FINAL HEAT.

Bryce 1
Moore ma. 2
Dalziell 3

Woon ma. retired from this race. Dalziell, most unfortunately, sprained his leg when within four yards of the winning post, otherwise the result might have been different. Bryce and Moore ran a dead heat, which was run off in the afternoon, and resulted in Bryce's favour.

HIGH JUMP (UNDER 16).

Bryce (4ft. 8½in.) 1
Mason (4ft. 8in.) 2

Both jumped splendidly, causing great excitement.

LONG JUMP (UNDER 14).

Woon min. (14ft. 3in.) 1
Borlase ma. (12ft. 6in.) 2

Macfarlane mi. also jumped.

WALKING RACE (OPEN) 2 MILES.

Woon mi. 1
Field 2
Cooper 3

Hickson ma., Young, Swainson ma., Roe, and Anderson also started. Woon and Field went right away from the others, the and former walking in good style, won rather easily. There was a capital race for third place between Cooper and Young, the former gaining it by about a yard. Time—20min. 30sec.

HALF MILE (UNDER 16). MR. FITZHERBERT'S PRIZE.

Mason 1
Hickson 2

Very poor field. After the first lap Mason went away and won as he liked. Time—2min. 54sec.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT—16LBS.

Chubbin (27ft. 5in.) 1
Woon ma. (23ft. 2in.) 2

Bryce also competed. The winner could probably have done more.

QUARTER-MILE (OPEN). MESSRS. BOWDEN-SMITH AND FIELD'S PRIZE.

Woon ma. 1
Chubbin 2

The pace was very fast for the first 200 yards, when Woon began to draw away, and won easily. Time—61sec.

QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP (UNDER 12).

Scale (15yds.) 1
Peake (5yds,) 2
Hall (35yds) 3

Hickson mi., Cave, Root, Dalrymple, Garrett, Higginson, Newton, Borlase mi., and Willis min. also ran.

350 YARDS HANDICAP. J. M. MARSHALL'S CUP.

1ST HEAT.

Woon ma. (scratch) 1
Witchell (11yds.) 2
Borlase ma. (43yds.) 3

Eight started.

2ND HEAT.

Hickson ma. (27yds.) 1
Bryce (11yds.)... 2
Dalziell (17yds.) 3

Nine started. Chubbin fell.

FINAL HEAT.

Hickson ma. 1
Witchell 2
Bryce 3

A splendid race between the first two.

HIGH JUMP (OPEN). MR. REES-MOGG'S PRIZE.

Woon ma. (5ft. 1in.) 1
Bryce (4ft. 5in.) 2

This is the best jump hitherto made at the school.

100 YARDS (OPEN).

Woon ma. 1
Bryce 2
Stewart ma. 3

Woon won by about two yards. Time—10 3-5th secs.

QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP (UNDER 14). MR. RUSSELL'S PRIZE.

Newton (140yds.) 1
Sealy mi. (70yds.) 2
Gilmer (119yds.) 3

Nine others started, Woon min. being the scratch man. The handicaps were too big in this race, Newton winning by about ten yards amid much amusement.

MILE HANDICAP. MR. HARVEY'S PRIZE.

Woon mi. (100yds.) 1
Knell (225yds.) 2
Harvey (210yds.) 3

Borlase ma. also ran. An easy win for Woon. Knell caught Harvey in the straight, and obtained second place.

FOUR PARTS RACE.

Bryce... 1
Atkinson 2
Young 3

This was not a particularly interesting race, and might be changed with advantage next year.

220 YARDS HDCP. (UNDER 16). MR. PEAKE'S PRIZE.

1ST HEAT.

Dalziell (10yds.) 1
Hickson (15yds.) 2
Bryce (scratch) ... ... †
Scale (38yds.) .. .. †

2ND HEAT.

Woon min. (20yds.) 1
Bourke (26yds.) 2
Wilford (27yds.) 3

Mason entered a protest over this race, and the Committe having considered it, it was determined to run this heat again. The result was:

Woon min. (20yds.) 1
Mason (5yds) 2
Bourke (26yds) 3

FINAL HEAT.

Hickson 1
Woon min. 2
Mason 3

Hickson ran with the greatest determination, and secured a very well-deserved victory. Dalziell was unable to run in the final owing to his leg.

120 YARDS HURDLES (OPEN). MR. EMPSON'S CUP.

Mason	1
Bryce	2

Chubbin also started, but did not finish. Mason won easily at the finish.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL

Woon ma.	1
Knell	2

This is the best throw we have yet had. There was scarcely any wind blowing, so the throw may stand on its own merits. Distance—102yds. 2½ft.

HALF-MILE HANDICAP. MRS. EMPSON'S PRIZE.

Chubbin (26yds,)	1
Woon mi. (35yds.)	2
Cooper (100yds.)	3

Chubbin who had evidently been reserving himself for this race, won pretty easily. Ten started.

OLD BOY'S RACE, 220 YARDS HANDICAP.

H. Greenwood (scr.)	1
Jones (14yds.)	2
James (15yds)	3

QUARTER-MILE CONSOLATION HANDICAP.

Whiteman (25yds.)	1
Atkinson (10yds.)	†
Bullock ma. (20yds.)	†

Whiteman's start was rather too much. A splendid race for second place between Atkinson and Bullock, resulting in a tie.

This brought a satisfactory day's Sports to a conclusion. The prizes which had been brought out to the flagstaff, were then distributed by Mrs. Tudor. Dr. Tripe kindly gave a cup for the greatest number of points in the open events. This was taken by Woon with 17 points out of a possible 21.

Cheers were then given for Dr. Tripe, who was unfortunately prevented from being present by illness, for the ladies, and for Mrs. Tudor, and the proceedings terminated.

The fields in the afternoon were very poor, though some of the races were good. Perhaps some slight alterations of the programme might be advisable next year. The thanks of the Committee and of the school generally are due to those who assisted us so kindly in the matter of prizes. The names of the prize-givers will be seen above, and to them must be added the names of Messrs. Owen, Jones, Drew, and the Rev. T. L. Tudor. It will be seen on reading the above account, that the times for the short races are very good, while those for the long ones are not particularly so; this is accounted for by the fact that the course of the Mile, Half-mile, and Quarter is so rough that good times are out of the question upon it.

Cricket.

THE eleven has been very much weakened this term by the loss of five of its former members, namely, Peake, Tully, Maclennan, Owen, and Brown, all of whom left last term. Marshall ma. also left about the middle of the term, having captained the eleven very successfully for nearly two seasons. At a meeting of the eleven, after his departure, Marshall mi. was elected captain, while Swainson ma. was chosen to fill the place of the latter as secretary. The ground has been, and still is, in a very bad state, owing to the long period of dry weather, which has also rendered the lake water unavailable for watering purposes. For various reasons, of which the Bazaar and the Civil Service Examinations were the chief, it was found advisable to limit the time for practice to the hour after four. Most of the eleven have been very steady in practising, causing the continual absence of one or two members to be all the more noticeable. It would be a step in the right direction to have it plainly understood that anyone not practising regularly, thereby forfeits his place in the eleven. The second eleven appears to have collapsed; there may be some excuse for this in the wretched state of the pitch, but at present it certainly looks as though the first eleven of next season will have

to be recruited from the ranks of the second club.

The Eleven has not been quite so successful this term as before, the reasons for which will be plain to anyone who has read the foregoing remarks. Nine matches have been played, out of which four have been lost.

The first match match of this term was

SCHOOL V. LILLYWHITE C.C.

This match was played on Feb. 20, and resulted in a victory for the School by 17 runs on the first innings. If there had been time to play out the second innings the match might perhaps have resulted differently. The Lillywhites won the toss, and sent us to the wickets first. Our innings closed for 71 runs. J. Marshall, 71, was the only one to reach double figures. The Lillywhites were all disposed of for 53 runs. Aamodt, who played steadily for 17, and Rankin, 16, were the highest scorers. In our second innings, owing to Knell's bowling, we only succeeded in scoring 44. The Lillywhites had scored 35 runs for 5 wickets when time was called. Appended are the scores:—School (1st innings)—J. Marshall 31, P. Marshall 5, Douglas 9, Woon 2, Beere 1, Witchell 2, Atkinson 1, H. Swainson 1, J. Swainson 1, Robinson 3, Knell 4; extras 11; total 71.

V. MR. SIM'S TEAM.

This match was played on the 24th, and ended in a victory for the School by 12 runs on the first innings. Our opponents went to the wickets first, and were all disposed of for 32 runs, Newman, 9, being the highest scorer. On the School going in, their score was reached before three wickets had fallen, but the remaining batsmen did not add much to the score, and our innings closed for 44 runs, J. Marshall, 10, being the highest scorer. For the opposing team, Bernard bowled very well, taking all the wickets but one. School—J. Marshall 10, P. Marshall 8, Douglas 5, Woon 5, Beere 0, Atkinson 6, Witchell 0, H. Swainson 0, Knell 0, J. Swainson 0, Robinson, not out 1; extras 0; total 44.

V. MASTERS.

The above match was played on March 3. The opposing team was composed of the Masters, a few town cricketers, and some boys to make up the eleven. Our opponents took the wickets first, but only succeeded in putting together 48 runs, Skipwith, who hit freely for 20, alone reaching double figures. Things looked bad for the School when Marshall was caught without scoring. However, Marshall mi. and Douglas raised the score to 52 before the latter was bowled. The next two batsmen also added considerably to the score, which stood at 89 when the fourth wicket fell. The remaining batsmen, however, were dismissed for very little, the innings closing for 112. P. Marshall 26, Douglas 26, Woon 19, Swainson ma. 16. The following are the scores:—School—J. Marshall 0, P. Marshall 26, Douglas 26, Woon 19, J. Swainson 16, Atkinson 4, Beere 1, Robinson 0, Witchell 0, H. Swainson 0, Knell, not out, 1; extras 19; total 112.

V. MARTON C.C.

On March 6 the Eleven went out to Marton, and played a match with the Rangitikei nondescripts. The rain, which was threatening all day, held off until lunch, but at 2 o'clock it began to fall heavily, and did not cease until the match ended. Play began at 11 o'clock, and the School made 85 runs for the loss of four wickets before lunch. We were finally dismissed for 121, of which J. Marshall, by sound play, made 40. The first four wickets of the Nondescripts fell for very few runs, but on Smith and Lawry taking the wickets a good stand was made, and the seventh wicket fell for 112 runs. The next two men were bowled without any runs being added to the score, but Towgood and Lawry made the remaining runs, their innings closing for 124 runs. Smith played well for 30, and Lawry hit well for 32. Robinson bowled for the School, taking 7 wickets. After the match, the Rev. Towgood took us up to his house, and gave us tea and a change of clothes. School:—J. Marshall 46, P. Marshall 10, Douglas 13, Woon 0, Atkinson 5, Beere 11, Robinson 6, J. Swainson 10, Witchell 0, H. Swainson 0, Knell, not out, 5; extras 15; total 121.

V. MASTERS.

The return match against the masters was played on March 10, but resulted differently to the former match, the masters winning by 19 runs on the first innings. Our opponents went first to the wickets, and were all dismissed for 97. Mr. Empson, who hit hard for 41, was the only one to reach double figures. The School only succeeded in putting together 78, J. Marshall 14, Robinson 12, and Knell 12, being the highest scorers. For our opponents Mr. Bowden-Smith

bowled very well. School:—J. Marshall 14, P. Marshall 6, Douglas 2, Woon 4, Swainson 5, Atkinson 7, Robinson 12, Knell, not out, 3, Beere 12, Swainson 0, Witchell 6; extras 7; total 78.

V. HAWERA C.C.

The above match was played on March 18, Peake playing for us. The Head-master having granted a holiday to the Eleven, play began at 10 a.m. This match was the first played without J. Marshall and his loss was severely felt. The school went in first, but were all dismissed for 33 runs, Douglas, 9, being the highest scorer. Before lunch the game seemed in favour of the school, after lunch, however, G. Bayley came in and soon collared the bowling, and their innings closed for 57, to which G. Bayley by hard hitting contributed 24. At first we seemed to be doing rather better in the second innings, 20 runs being made for the loss of one wicket; however, the innings closed for no more than 52. Douglas, 12 Marshall 17, Peake 10, being the highest scorers. Hawera went in for their second innings with 29 runs to make to win, which they did with the loss of two wickets. Peake bowled very well for the school in the first innings, taking 6 wickets for 24 runs. Appended are the full scores:—(1st innings)School—Marshall 0, Douglas 9, Woon 6, J. Swainson 5, Atkinson 3, Robinson 1, Peake 0, Beere 4, Knell 2, H. Swainson 0, Witchell, not out, 0; extras 3; total 33. Second innings—Marshall 17, Douglas 12, Woon 5, J. Swainson 0, Atkinson 0, Robinson 0, Peake 10, Beere 0, Knell 0, H. Swainson, not out, 0, Witchell 0; extras, 8; total 52.

V. UPOKONGARO C.C.

The above match was played on March 20, and resulted in a defeat for the school by 52 runs on the first innings. Our opponents took the wickets first and were not dismissed until they had made 99 runs, to which J. Lockett by hard hitting contributed 25. When the school went in it soon became evident that we were going to be defeated, Woon (18) alone made a stand, and our innings closed for the small score of 47. J. Lockett bowled well for our opponents, taking six of our wickets. Appended are the scores:—School—Marshall 7, Douglas 1, Woon 18, J. Swainson 6, Atkinson 0, Beere 3, Knell 0, Robinson 4, Home 3, H. Swainson not out 1, Witchell 0; extras 4; total 47.

V. MR. SIM'S TEAM.

The return match with the above team was played on March 24, and ended in a victory for the school by 41 runs on the first innings. Our opponents went in first, but were all disposed of for 41 runs, Knell 11, and Chubbin 11, being the highest scorers. The first two wickets fell for 5 runs, but P. Marshall and Swainson ma, raised the score to 71 before they were separated, and the last wicket fell for 109. P. Marshall (29) and Swainson (24) were the highest scorers. Four substitutes were supplied for this match, Chubbin making 11 for our opponents. The individual scores were as follows:—School—Marshall 29, Douglas 1, Woon 0, J. Swainson 24, Atkinson 8, Beere 6, Robinson 4, Knell not out 0, H. Swainson 4, Home 3, Witchell 2; extras 28; total 109.

V. MAKIRIKIRI C.C.

This match (March 27) ended in a victory for the school by 42 runs on the first innings. Our opponents won the toss and elected to send us in first, but we were not disposed of until we had 124 runs to our credit. P. Marshall played a really splendid innings for 55, and Robinson made 16. The Makirikiri team were all dismissed for 82, to which W. D. Anderson, by hard hitting and good play, contributed 40. The full scores were as follows:—School—P. Marshall 55, Woon 11, J. Swainson 11, Atkinson 1, Robinson 16, Knell 0, Beere 4, Home 2, Chubbin 1, Swainson 0, Witchell, not out, 2; extras 21; total 124.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

Date.	Opponents.	Won by,
Feb. 20	Lillywhite C.C.	17 on 1st innings
Feb. 24	Mr. Sim's team	12 on 1st innings
March 3	Masters	68 on 1st innings
March 24	Mr. Sim's team	41 on 1st innings
March 27	Makirikiri	42 on 1st innings
		Lost by
March 6	Marton C. C.	3 on 1st innings
March 10	Masters	19 on 1st innings
March 18	Hawera C. C.	8 wickets
March 20	River Bank C. C.	52 on 1st innings

BATTING AVERAGES.

J. Marshall 20.2; P. Marshall 16.3; Douglas 8.77; J. Swainson 7.8; Woon 7; Robinson 5.22; Knell 4.8; Atkinson 3.6; Beere 3.3; Home 2.66; H. Swainson 1.5; Witchell .75. Chubbin played one innings and made one run.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Robinson 5.01; Knell 5.5; Douglas 6.6; Beere 7.8. J. Marshall bowled 1 over, 11 runs, and 0 wickets; and Home bowled 3 overs, 13 runs, 0 wickets.

SECOND CLUB.

At a meeting of this Club, held at the beginning of the term, Jollie was elected captain, and Ryan secretary. They have been most diligent in practising, and have gained two very well deserved victories. There are two or three really promising cricketers among them, who only want a little more age to distinguish themselves in the ranks of the first eleven. The two matches played have been both against an eleven of the Union Club. The scores of our eleven in the first match were as follows:—Woon min. 3, Gordon 2, Ryan 9, Jollie 7, Wicksteed 0, Adams 0, Harvey 6, Clark 6, Marshall min., not out 13, Parker 6, Dixon 3. This match resulted in a victory for the second club by 28 runs. 73—45. In the second match the scores were:—Woon mi. 0, Gordon 0, Ryan 1, Jollie 14, Wicksteed 8, Adams 11, Harvey 4, Marshall mi. not out, 22, Robertson mi. 5, Clark 10, Parker 7. This was a victory by 36 runs. 78—42. Of the eleven, Jollie, Marshall min., and Woon min., are undoubtedly the best bats, while Clark and Ryan share the bowling honours. Of the others who practise with this club, Dixon and Gilmer have been very regular. Altogether there appears to be very good reason to be hopeful about the future first eleven, when there is such good material to fall back upon.

School News.

The new Prefects this term were:—Swainson mi., Marshall mi., Home, Douglas, Hickson, Beere, and Witchell.

Roger Lucena played for Hawera against us. We should like to suggest to the Hawera men, that he can bowl.

A correspondent informs us that Marshall has taken to bicycle riding in Christchurch. Average of spills, one to the mile.

A correspondent suggests the advisability of forming a Dramatic Club, now that the scenery used in the Richardson's Show is available.

Maclennan paid us a visit about the middle of the term. Every one was glad to see him; some of the new boys had evidently never seen anyone so tall before.

At a meeting of the eleven, March 16, Marshall ma resigned the Captaincy, which he had held for two years. Marshall mi was then elected Captain and Swainson ma Secretary.

Marshall ma., succeeded in gaining one of the eight Junior University Scholarships, open to the Colony at the end of last term, while Mr. Field, Wray ma., and Owen passed the Matriculation Examination.

A new football ground has been marked off in one of the paddocks next the railway. It will come into use next term; the cricket ground therefore will not suffer as in former years.

Swainson ma., the Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Club, has been most indefatigable in his exertions in laying down the Court in a sort of asphalt. It is rapidly approaching completion, and will be much appreciated next term.

At a school meeting on March 3rd, Marshall ma., Swainson ma., Woon ma., Witchell, and Chubbin were elected to form a Committee for the Athletic Sports. Marshall ma. was elected Secretary. On his departure, Swainson ma. became Secretary, and Wray ma. was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

At a meeting of the Collegian Committee, Marshall mi., and Marris were elected to fill the vacancies. The Committee therefore now consists of Wray ma., Swainson ma., Bannister, Marshall mi., and Marris. Wray ma., undertook the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, which had been rendered vacant by Marshall's departure.

The following cricket curiosity is taken from the 'Otago High School Magazine':—First innings: Palmer: 59 runs; 8 wickets; average, 7.3. Trumble: 7 runs; 1 wicket; average, 7. Second innings: Palmer: 86 runs; 2 wickets; average, 43. Trumble: 56 runs; 3 wickets; average, 18.2. Both innings: Palmer: 145 runs; 10 wickets; average, 14.5. Trumble: 63 runs; 4 wickets; average, 15.3. It will therefore be seen that Trumble's analysis was the better in each innings; but taken together Palmer comes out the best. It is capable of explanation, but is curious, nevertheless.

As the entries for the handicaps were so numerous this year, it was impossible to find room for them in the COLLEGIAN. A record, however, has been kept, which will be useful for the Handicapping Committee at the next sports.

The boys who left last term were:—Boarders: Brown, Lysaght, Howard, Owen, Hector ma., Muir, Halcombe ma., Wilford ma., Maclennan, Stowe, Handley, Worgan, and Gibbons. Dayboys: Iveson, Carson, Peake, Bell ma., James, Ballam and Morrow.

The new boys this term were:—Boarders: Bunny, Bourke, Downes, Duncan, Duff, Cave, Fraser, Gilmer, Hickson mi., MacFarlane ma., Montgomerie, Newton, Root, Saxby, Scale, Wakefield, Willis mi., and Williams ma. Dayboys: Cornfoot, Currie mi., Drummond mi., Durie, Gray, Hogg, Krull, Macbeth mi., MacFarlane mi., Monro, Taylor, Whiteman, Wicksteed mi., Williams mi.

The work done this term in the Carpenter's Shop, is, so far as it goes, a great improvement on that of former terms, and is much more finished. The two tables, made by Hawkins and Hosking ma., and inlaid with several varieties of wood arranged in patterns, are undoubtedly the two best pieces of work that have been turned out since the beginning of the workshop. Robertson ma. is once more to the fore in boat-building. This time he has built a Rob Roy canoe, ten feet long, by two wide; it is covered with strong unbleached calico, which, coated with boiled oil, and two or three coats of paint ought to stand reasonable wear for some time. The usual amount of boxes of all sorts has been made, besides one or two writing desks, but very few things have been made for the Bazaar. On April 1st, a meeting was held, at which Wray ma resigned the Secretaryship which he has held for two or three terms, on account of his being about to leave shortly. Hawkins was elected Secretary in his place.

All old boys, will, we are sure, be glad to see from the subjoined letter from Professor Wace to the Bishop of Wellington, that a very well-merited distinction has been conferred on our Head-master:—"Kings' College, London, 21st February, 1886. My Lord Bishop,—I have submitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury your Lordship's letter of the 30th November, 1885, enclosing letters from the Bishop of Auckland, the Bishop of Christchurch, the Bishop of Nelson, and the Board of Trustees of the Wanganui Collegiate School, in support of your request that His Grace would confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Bache Wright Harvey, M.A. His Grace desires me to say that he has much pleasure in complying with a request so strongly supported by the Bishops of New Zealand. The necessary instructions for conferring the Degree will be given to Mr. Lee, the Archbishop's secretary, who will communicate further with your Lordship on the matter. I remain, my Lord Bishop, your faithful servant, Henry Wace."

School Stories.

A DAY'S FISHING.

IT was a beautiful morning when we started from the wharf, and though there was a heavy bank of clouds in the south-west, we did not take much notice of them. There were four of us altogether, all boys. The supply of provisions was very large, but not much too large. as the fattest of our party remarked with a pleasant smile. After some argument as to who was to row, we at last decided that we would try to sail. With great difficulty the sail, a lug, was hoisted and we began to move. About half-an-hour had passed and not much way had been made, and we therefore began to help the sail by rowing. At last we arrived at the fishing ground, and began operations. No bites came, and sadness began to settle down rather heavily. An attack was then made upon the provisions, after which there was a little more liveliness. At last Tom S——, the eldest of our party, said "I say, you fellows, this won't do. I vote we put up the sail and go outside the heads." A breeze had sprung up and the proposal was carried, amidst the dissenting grunts of our fat friend, who was asleep in the bottom of the boat. As we neared the Heads, the breeze began to freshen, and even Tom looked a little queer at the sight of the waves outside. However, we were determined to go on, and on we went. Meanwhile the bank of clouds had got a good deal higher, and the wind was beginning to blow rather

unpleasantly. We were now quite outside and the boat began to roll violently. Billy, the second in command, then suggested that it would be advisable to go about, but after two attempts this was found to be impossible, as the boat very nearly capsized each time. We also shipped a huge amount of water, which effectually awoke the slumberer. Bailing was then the order of the day, and doubts began to be expressed about the possibility of getting back. As it was, the sky was entirely overcast, and we were getting further and further out to sea. By this time it was blowing very hard, and we were drenched to the skin. Tom alone kept up his spirits, and declared that it was all right. The rest of us were thoroughly frightened, and did not know what to do. We were bailing continually, and yet the boat kept almost half full. It had now become so thick that we could not see the shore at all. A council of war was then held as to the best thing to be done. Tom said that if the boat kept up we might possibly reach the island of ——, which he thought lay in our present course. This state of things went on for about an hour, when suddenly a larger wave than usual turned the boat completely over. On coming to the surface we found that we were all right so far, and we all managed to get astride of the boat, but we knew very well that another quarter of an hour would see the end. Five minutes had passed when Tom cried out "Hark!" We could plainly hear through the noise of the wind the throbbing of a screw steamer. At present, owing to the thickness of the weather, we could see nothing, but very soon the great hull of a ship appeared looming through the darkness. "Now then, all together!" cried Tom, and we raised as loud a shout as we could. To our horror, no one seemed to hear, and we all felt that our last hope was going before our eyes. Three times more we raised a shout, and, to our intense joy, after the last one, we heard the most joyful words that perhaps we ever heard in our lives—"Boat ahoy!!" The steamer hove to, lowered a boat with great difficulty, and took us off, and there certainly were no happier boys in New Zealand that day than those four miserable, half-drowned specimens of humanity who were hauled up to the deck of that ship. We reached home safely, but with a very firm resolve that no power on earth would tempt us outside the Heads again.

"MILES."

A TRIP OUT TO THE AZORES.

About twenty years ago I entered as supercargo in the "Katinka," a fruit schooner running between England and the Azores. She was considered the crack boat of the fruit fleet then; there were about four hundred cutters and schooners in the trade, but no steamers, as the oranges had to be kept as cool as possible. Our cargo out consisted of saw-mill machinery, saws, engines, etc., for a mill which was about to be set up, for the purpose of cutting up the wood for the orange boxes, in St. Michael, then the only place in Villa Franca. We had an English engineer with us to put up the machines, and to set them going.

I joined the "Katinka" at Southampton, when she had got the cargo on board, having previously been to Sheffield to buy it. At last we sailed. She was a beautiful ship of about 300 tons, a three masted fore-and-aft schooner; but though small, she carried a crowd of canvas, and could beat a good many larger boats. We made a quick run down channel, but shortly after leaving the land, a strong westerly wind sprang up, and with it a heavy sea, so that for days we were almost under bare poles, with just a scrap of sail on, to steady her. It was early in January when we sailed, and well into February before we made Fayal, which was the first place we sighted, but from there we had a quick passage to St. Michael.

There is, or was then, no harbour there, the whole fleet of schooners riding at anchor off Villa Franca, and the orange boxes being brought off to them in lighters. There was only one hotel in the town and as that was always full, very noisy, and not particularly clean, after trying it for a day or two I preferred to sleep on board, where my berth was very comfortable. As for the islands themselves,

they seemed only to produce oranges, a few grapes, still less maize, and some box-wood. The oranges are grown in orchards fenced round with a kind of volcanic stone piled closely together, and almost shutting out the fruit trees, which are not very tall.

The mate and I had rather an adventure one night outside the hotel with some drunken Portugese sailors, when knives were drawn, and we had to run pretty quickly. The machinery was landed and paid for, and then came our turn to be loaded with oranges. But, the night before, it came on to blow hard, while the captain was on shore, and one by one the cutters and schooners began to slip and buoy their anchors and go out to sea. We had two anchors down, but the mate said that ten would not hold us, and so, after holding on as long as we could, we followed the example of the rest and put to sea. It was two days before we saw the islands again; and then found that we had lost our turn, and had to wait another week for our cargo. This took us another four days to get in, for there were 1400 large boxes in all, but at last it was all stowed, and we sailed. We had a very quick trip back, getting home in ten days, and beating several schooners, which had sailed before us. We were ordered to London, and discharged at Fresh Wharf close to London Bridge: and thus ended my first and last trip out to the Azores.

"CATO."

We have seen some plans of the future Chapel, prepared by Mr. Clere; next term it is to be hoped that they will be carried into execution.

The "Nelsonian" arrived just at the close of this term; therefore, the fears expressed in another column, that it had been given up, are, happily, groundless.

We find there is just time to mention in this number that the Bazaar was duly opened by the Mayor of Wanganui, on the evening of April 27th. A very large number of people were present during the evening, as much as £27 being taken at the door. Altogether, about £160 was the net result of the evening's work. Everything seemed to go very well, and to promise well for the following days.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MONSIEUR J. J. B. CHRISTOPHE.—Try again.
W. F.—Thanks. Hardly interesting enough.
TURN-AGAIN.—It may be so, but it would hardly interest our readers.
MARIUS.—Thanks, but try a New Zealand subject.
PADDLE.—Next time.
We must thank the contributors of various other odds and ends, some of which have been made use of, and some of which are scarcely up to the mark.

NOTICES.

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We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—"Christ's College Sports' Register," "St. Andrew's College Magazine," "Carthusian" (2), "Otago High School Magazine" (2), "Meteor," "St. Thomas' College Magazine" (2), "Cinque Port" (2), "Ulula," "Melburnian" (2).

Wanganui Collegian.

THURSDAY, 29th APRIL, 1886.

THAT our school roll this term should still show a substantial increase of numbers is matter for more than ordinary congratulation. There was no small reason to fear that we might have a falling off to record. For the first two or three years of its existence the growth of a school must be regarded as to some extent deceptive. It is continually receiving accession to its numbers, whilst very few, comparatively, are leaving, for the simple reason that their work is not yet done. But after this period, in the natural

course of things, there will begin a steady outflow of those whose school life is ended, to counteract which a constant influx of new boys will be necessary; so that a considerable number may be entering from time to time without making the school any larger. We have attained now this sort of grown-up condition, and must expect many of the elder boys to be leaving us every year, especially at Christmas. Last term, from one cause or another, the exodus was very large. We lost no fewer than eighteen boarders and ten day boys. It would have been sufficiently satisfactory merely to have filled up these vacancies, especially at a time of such commercial depression as now prevails throughout the colony. We have filled them up and added, moreover, two boarders and seven day boys to our muster roll. This is certainly a very pleasant fact to record—one that well may encourage us to regard our future with hopefulness. If the tone and efficiency of the school can only be maintained and improved, its stability and progress may be regarded as tolerably safe. It has secured a position now in which it is pretty sure to meet with such a measure of success as it deserves, and that is all its best friends could wish for it. At such an epoch in our history it is most satisfactory to find that we have begun to make our mark in the New Zealand University Calendar. Marshall's success in the scholarship competition, and the passing of all our candidates for matriculation, are, we trust, precursors of many like honours to be won by our school in years to come. It is to the University examinations that we must look for the real testamony of our scholarship, those held by the Civil Service Board, in the Junior Branch at least, not touching the more important part of our work. The time is not far distant, let us hope, when the New Zealand University will follow the example of its elder sisters of Oxford and Cambridge in establishing examinations which shall thoroughly test the working of all the secondary schools in the country.

It is much easier to speak with confidence of the progress of our boys in Latin or mathematics than of the moral tone of the school. Yet this is by far the more important of the two, and will, we hope, always be most considered by those who have to watch over its well-being. So far as we can judge, however, we think that the past term will compare favourably in this respect with any previous period. But there is one matter on which we feel bound to sound a note of warning. There has been a rather marked lack of interest shewn in the doings of the cricket field; though we have had a good eleven and have played some really splendid matches. Perhaps the extremely hot weather at the beginning of the term may, in some measure, account for this, and also for the fact that the gymnasium has been entirely neglected, and that many boys have shewn a disposition to hang about doing nothing instead of entering heartily into the pursuits and amusements of their schoolfellows. We sincerely trust that, with the more bracing winter weather of next term, we shall see a change for the better in this respect. Every boy ought to remember that his school duties do not begin and end with himself. The society in which he lives has claims upon him which cannot honourably be neglected, the neglect of which must in the end be productive of very serious injury to his own individual character. We trust our boys, especially the elder ones, the real leaders of our small community, will take this advice in good part, and come back next term with a thorough determination to make the inclination of the moment always give way to the interests and happiness of the school at large.

The photographs of the performers in "Pedro the Pirate," created a good deal of amusement, some being perfectly unrecognisable. The pig-headed Baron looked rather melancholy.

School Roll.

As there will be no printed Form Lists this term, we think it is desirable to keep a record in the COLLEGIAN. The following therefore is the School List of the Easter term 1886, in alphabetical order;—

UPPER V.

Bannister
Blair ma.
Beere
Field
Harvey ma.
Hector
Hickson ma.
Hawkins
Home
Liffiton
McLean
Marshall ma.
Marshall mi.
Marris
Porritt
Toomath
Wray ma.
Woon ma.
Woon mi.

LOWER V.

Aldworth
Avery
Bullock ma.
Currie ma.
Dalziell
Douglas
Downes
Gordon
Harper mi.
Hosking ma.
Hosking mi.
Izard
Mason
Parker
Quin
Ryan
Swainson ma.
Swainson mi.
Ward
Whiteman
Witchell
Young

FORM IV.

Atkinson
Alexander
Anderson
Bourke
Bell
Bullock mi.
Burgess
Bryce
Cooper
Cornfoot
Dymock ma.
Earle
Gardner
Gray
Halcombe
Harrison
Jollie
Kemp ma.
Knell
McFarlane
Paterson
Sealy ma.
Stewart ma.
Walker
Wilford
Willis ma.
Wray mi.

UPPER III.

Bayly
Blair mi.
Dymock mi.
Fraser
Gilmer
Harper ma.
Hickson mi.
Hunter-Brown
Kemp mi.
Lucena
Robinson
Steele
Thorpe mi.
Wicksteed ma.
Williams ma.
Woon min.
Willis mi.

LOWER III.

Babbage
Borlase ma.
Bunny
Cave
Clark
Chubbin
Cremer ma.
Durie
Hume
Krull
McBeth ma.
McFarlane
McNeill
Moore ma.
Robertson ma.
Robertson mi.
Root
Roe
Saxby
Scale
Stewart mi.
Thorpe ma.
Williams mi.
Williams min.

FORM II.

Adams
Burnett ma.
Dalrymple
Dixon
Drummond, ma.
Higginson
King
Marshall min.
Peake mi.
Polson
Richards ma.
Russell
Sealy mi.
Simcox
Tudor
Wakefield

FORM I.

Borlase, mi.
Burnett mi.
Cremer mi.
Currie mi.
Drew
Drummond, mi.
Duff
Duncan
Hall
Garrett
Macbeth mi.
Monro
Montgomerie
Moore mi.
Newton
Taylor
Wicksteed mi.
Willis min.

It may be interesting to some of our readers to see the number of marks, which Home, who passed first for the Junior Civil Service last term, obtained:—

	English.	Arith.	History.	Geography.	Total.
Max:	600	600	600	600	
Home.	428	600	510	485	2023.

An alteration has taken place in the arrangement of rooms. The room which used to be known as the old class room is now occupied by the Fourth form, the new class-room by the Lower Fifth, the Museum by the Upper Fifth, and the Box Room by the First and Second Forms.

Correspondence.

THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL SPORTS.

TO THE EDITOR,

SIR,—As the sports are now occupying the attention of almost the whole school, I think it would be the most suitable time to propose an alteration in the time of the year they should be held. Coming at the end of this term they not only destroy in a great measure the cricket practices, but greatly interfere with the Civil Service Examinations. I would propose that they should be held the term before Christmas, and that the present term should be made the real cricket term, not to be interfered with by any other sports. It may be found difficult to fill up the third term with only the sports, but foot-ball could be carried on for a month at least after the commencement of the term. No doubt this arrangement would reduce the time allowed for cricket, but I think it would be better to reduce it than to have the game played under disadvantageous circumstances.

Yours etc.,

J. W. SWAINSON.

SCHOOL GARDENS.

SIR,—Who is responsible for the gardens? Apparently no one. The gardens are in a most disgraceful condition, the flower beds choked with weeds, the tools left about the paddock, and used for everything except for what they were bought. Could not a better state of things be brought about if a secretary were to be appointed, a committee elected, and some inducement offered to those who belong to the club in the shape of prizes. Last year the prize for flowers was unavoidably not given, but if due notice were given this year, with definite instructions as to conditions &c., I think that the club might make a fresh start. I may here mention that Dr. Harvey and Dr. Tripe have each offered a prize.—I am, &c.,

"GRUMBLER."

[We believe that the neglect of the gardens is entirely owing to the dry weather and lack of water. Next term we hope to see our correspondent's suggestions carried out.—Ed.]

The truly awful state of the cricket ground at the beginning of the term was slightly improved by some showers of rain; but owing to the water from Virginia Lake not being available, it has been very far below its usual condition. The state of the ground and the heat of the weather no doubt account to a large extent for the falling off in Junior cricket. With the exception of the third eleven, there has been no play at all below the first eleven.

LATE NOTES.

At the time of writing, everything seems to promise well for the success of the Bazaar. A great number of people have arrived in town both from the north and south. They can get an idea of the attractions they are likely to meet with at the Bazaar, from the Bazaar Gazette edited by Mr. Wilson which supplies a great deal of information. Most unfortunately the Drill Hall being required by the Volunteers for a ball on Monday night, the arrangements and decorations, etc., had therefore to be done very hurriedly on Tuesday. It is impossible in this number to give more than a list of the different attractions, as it is necessary to go to print before the Bazaar opens. The side shows consist of the Richardson's Show, the Magician's Cave, and the Art Gallery. Box and Cox is to be acted occasionally, the Toy Symphony played and the Indian Club exercise gone through. Meanwhile the four ladies' stalls, the boys' stall, and the refreshment stall, will doubtless be rapidly emptied of their goods. Mr. Pownall's efforts have been unceasing, as regards the general arrangements, and will, it is to be hoped, meet with the success they deserve. In the next number a full and particular account of the proceedings will appear.

That Volunteer sham-fights and reviews are rather overrated forms of amusement seems to be the opinion of most of our fellows who went down to the camp on Easter Monday. The weather was certainly wretched and entirely spoilt what might otherwise have been a very enjoyable day. The Nelson Cadets were second for the Bayonet Exercise. The first thought that must have struck everyone in the school in connection with this subject is "Where is our Cadet Corps?" We have received one or two most scathing letters on the subject. They have not been inserted because the reforms which they advocate have been already begun. There is, however, most certainly, something wrong in the state of affairs which rendered it impossible for the school corps to put in an appearance at the Review.

Our readers will be glad to hear that Moore mi., who has been ill for some time, is rather better. Adam Aldworth, who was in Wanganui about the middle of the term, is also making progress.

Odds and Ends.

An account of the boat race will be found in another column.

The cricket match played when most of the school had gone to the Rifle meeting at Aramoho, must have been worth seeing.

Several people most kindly offered prizes for our Sports. Our most hearty thanks are hereby returned to them.

The gardens perished utterly during the drought. Their glory is departed, but not, we hope for ever.

We have seen some very creditable sketches of the school drawn by Marris; they give a very good idea of the buildings.

It was a very refreshing sight to see Blair mi. taking the hurdles, when they were first put up, in his well known style.

Question.—What were the results of the South Sea Bubble? Answer.—(Wildly.) It went round and round, till (sadly) it busted.

We have not received the "Nelsonian" from Nelson College during the last term. It is to be hoped that the paper has not been given up.

Handicap races have been a great source of amusement this term. Old boys will be glad to hear that Richards ma. was successful in one event.

One or two reports have been handed in to us as to the best on record in the way of apple-eating, but to cut the record in apple-eating is hardly an achievement worthy of being handed down to posterity.

The account of the proceedings at the Bazaar must be held over to our next number. There is every prospect of success, as far as can be seen at present, the only difficulty that is likely to arise is the want of a sufficient number of purchasers.

The Gymnasium during the latter part of the term has been turned into an artist's studio, where scene-painting under the directions of Mr. Pownall has been going on with great zeal. Porritt was remarkably successful in his delineation of a peculiar species of long brown snake (this afterwards turned out to be a tree). Hosking ma., and the two Wrays also lent valuable assistance.

The Marton match, like last year, had an exciting finish; unfortunately this time the fortune of war was against us, and we lost by three runs.

Hall met with a nasty accident about the middle of the term through falling on the top of the fence; a very large and deep gash was made in his leg, but his recovery was speedy.

The great feature of the two foreign matches which the third eleven has played this term, was undoubtedly George Marshall's batting. He is evidently a chip of the old block.

Leather covered with glue and sugar is an unwholesome form of lollie, neither is an apple stuffed with pepper good for the digestion; at least so says a member of the First Form.

The Football team will probably not be quite as heavy as that of last year, but there are some very promising players among the light weights, who will doubtless come to the front.

P. Marshall's innings of 55 against the Upokongaro eleven was generally acknowledged to be one of the best that has been played on the ground. His cutting and off-driving were excellent.

Four institutions of last winter term we hope will continue to flourish next term. These are the Gymnasium practices, the Chess Club, the Debating Society, and the Saturday evening Entertainments.

The Rifle Cadet Corps has undergone considerable change during the latter part of the past term. Lieutenant Marshall having left for the University, Mr. Rees Mogg has temporarily undertaken to act as lieutenant. In future there will be three drills weekly. The first company numbers forty cadets, and a second has been formed mustering about the same number, from which it is intended to recruit the first company as occasion demands. It is expected that next term the cadets will appear in their long hoped for uniform. It is also on the tapis to erect a more convenient arms-stand during the holidays, as much valuable time is at present lost in getting and replacing rifles where they are now kept. We shall expect to see increased energy and perseverance thrown into the work next term, for with such material as we have at command, our first company should, in a little time, become a first rate corps and a credit alike to Captain Pownall and his junior officers.

Lower Third boy loq.: "Let A B be a forgiven straight line."

Mr. Pownall was very seriously ill at the beginning of the term, but entirely recovered latterly.

The prolonged drought of this summer is unparalleled during the last twenty years; so say the oldest inhabitants.

We have received several riddles of a somewhat indifferent character; the following will act as a sample of the rest: "Why is the cane like the sun?" "Because it makes it hot for you."

On March 6th, a great number of the boys went up to Aramoho to see the decision of the Rifle and Carbine Belts. It is a great pity that the Cadet Corps will not be represented at the Easter Encampment here, as it may be a long time before such another opportunity occurs.

Not much bathing has been indulged in this term. It is a curious thing that no speculative individual in the town has thought of putting up a shed under the bank, near Woon's boat-house, and making a small charge for the use of it and towels etc. It would certainly pay well during the bathing season.

Great commiseration was expressed for Dalziell's unfortunate accident at the Sports, by which he certainly lost one, if not two races. As there were a few shillings over from the Prize Fund, the Committee determined to expend them in purchasing a third prize for the 120 yds. handicap, and to present it to Dalziell.

The latter part of this term has been remarkably busy in various ways, chiefly owing to the Sports and Bazaar coming so close together. By these events, combined with the remodelling of the Cadet Corps, the Civil Service Examinations, and a great rush of foreign matches, the boys of the upper school, at all events, have been kept tolerably busy.

In no less than four events at the Sports was a best on record achieved, a best that is as far as the school is concerned. In each case Woon ma. was the hero. He cleared 5ft. 1in. in the high jump, and 18ft. 5in. in the long jump. He ran the hundred yards in 10 3.5ths sec. the time being taken by Mr. Drew, and threw the cricket-ball 102yds. 2½ft. With a smoother course, he would doubtless have done better time in the quarter.

BOATING.

THE School Four has been practising very assiduously this term before breakfast, Mr. Empson acting as coach. A match was arranged for the Regatta between our four and a four from the Wanganui Rowing Club, consisting of Messrs. Brockman, Skipwith, Broad, and James; this was the cause of much excitement in the school, which deepened as the eventful day approached. Our four was made up as follows, Wray ma., bow; Swainson mi., 2; Chubbin, 3; Swainson ma., stroke; Gardner, cox. The Regatta was held on March 22nd, which fortunately turned out a glorious day. The race was fixed for five o'clock, and about half past four, our fellows rowed slowly up and got into position at the Railway Bridge. They were soon followed by the Rowing Club Crew. A very even start was made, both catching the water at the same time. For the first three hundred yards, the two boats kept about level, Swainson setting a stroke of about 34 to the minute. During the next half mile, the school crew steadily gained and at the stake boat were nearly clear. Here, however, No. 3 had a slight difficulty with his oar, which enabled the Rowing Club to draw up nearly level. On turning into the straight Swainson quickened up a little, though still keeping the stroke and swing long and steady; from this point the school four gradually increased its advantage, and rowed in winners by about a couple of lengths. This was really the only contest in the regatta in which there was a show of a race, the others being won in very hollow fashion. Mr. Field succeeded in winning the Rob-Roy Canoe Race for locally-built boats in a canoe of his own building. By going up the far side of the river, he escaped the full force of the current, and paddled in an easy winner by almost a quarter of a mile.

Particular mention ought to be made of Gardner's steering, which could not have been better. Perhaps at some future date, there may be some possibility of getting a boat of our own, though at present it seems rather remote. The following appeared in the "Canterbury

Times.":—At the Regatta recently held in Wanganui, a crew from the Collegiate School, beat a maiden crew from one of the local Clubs. This is, I believe, the first time that a crew has been formed from a New Zealand School. If the example were followed by Christ's College, or some other College, possibly a race might be arranged which would probably prove very interesting.

PRESENTATION.

ON Wednesday, March 17, Marshall ma., on his departure for Christchurch, was presented with a clock, from the masters and boys of the school. His leaving was rather unexpected. Mr. Harvey, in making the presentation, said that no words of his could in any way express the very deep sense, which he was sure everybody present felt, of the way in which Marshall had always done his duty in the school. After alluding to the loss which the Eleven and Football Club would experience from the absence of their captain, he went on to say that it was with feelings of true sorrow that they now were about to witness his departure. Marshall replied in a few well-chosen words, saying he was very glad to think that he had at all conduced to the welfare of the school, but they all knew him to be better at acting than speaking, and that therefore the less he said the better. The proceedings terminated amid perhaps the most vociferous applause to which the school has ever re-echoed. The clock presented was a very handsome black marble one; a silver plate with Marshall's name, etc., engraved upon it, was afterwards affixed. In the evening the Fifth and lower Fifth forms went down to the wharf to see Marshall off, and cheered him loudly as the steamer moved away.

PIC-NIC.

ON Tuesday, February 16th, the Head-master gave a pic-nic in honour of the Junior Scholarship obtained by Marshall ma., and advantage was taken of the Tuhua to make an expedition up the river. It was a particularly beautiful morning, and about half-past nine the "fast and favourite" p.s. Tuhua cast off from Bett's wharf, amidst the cheers of the assembled spectators, a great portion of the inhabitants of Wanganui having apparently assembled to behold the start. In addition to about 120 boys, the Head-master had also invited several ladies, who had been conspicuous for their kindness in working for the Bazaar. The first halt was made at Aramoho, to take one or two more passengers on board, and the next at Upokongaro, where two or three more were embarked, and a supply of milk taken on board. The gallant Tuhua again urged on her wild career, and about this time, probably owing to the heavy sea rolling, a gentleman who shall be nameless here, fell a victim to sea-sickness. Two or three hats blew off, and fishing operations were commenced with beefsteak for bait, by a sporting youth in the bow; no monsters of the deep, however, were captured. At half-past eleven lunch was partaken of in the shape of bread and cheese, the truly appalling supply of provisions being thereby slightly reduced. After passing Raorikia, the rapids began to tell upon the speed of the boat, but in spite of the exceptionally low state of the river, they were successfully passed until within a short distance of Parakino. Here the water shoaled so much that it was deemed unadvisable to attempt to go further, and accordingly all hands disembarked for lunch. Owing to a slight misconception as to the amount of crockery and cutlery on board, this meal was a little fragmentary, the problem as to the best way to dispose of a fruit tart without spoons or forks being a difficult one to solve. However, though the knives and forks were deficient, the food was by no means so, and finally everyone of the 160 was satisfied. Having rescued the remains of the jam from the clutches of a highly festive and uninvited guest in the shape of an elderly Maori, who was particularly anxious to let us know that if one jam pot was "kapai," two were certainly "kapaier," a re-embarkation was made and the descent of the river commenced. The afternoon was enlivened by Mr. Bowden-Smith and his banjo, and by the choir who sang two or three songs very well under rather difficult circumstances. A very large consumption of bread and jam also served to pass the time. A passenger was taken on board at Major Lockett's, and others were disembarked at Kennedy's and Aramoho. Below Kennedy's, the Head-master assembled all the boys on the upper deck, and called for three cheers for Marshall ma., who was really the hero of the day. Just before reaching the wharf, Mr.

Empson called for three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, which were responded to with very great heartiness. Wanganui was again reached about seven o'clock, everybody being apparently very well satisfied with their expedition. With the exception of Whiteman, who fell from a peach tree at the lunching place, and Root who took an involuntary bath, but was heroically rescued by Bayly and Garret, there were no casualties to record, except the loss of two or three hats.

"A DAY AT OLYMPIA."

FROM THE "MELBURNIAN."

'T was a lovely day in June, when Hannibal, the Carthaginian, not unknown to fame, was sitting at an early breakfast, sipping a beaker of Phœnician vintage. A hurried knock at his front door announced the arrival of the postman. In less than a minute the following brief epistle was in the great general's hands: "Dear Hannibal, —Grand cricket match at Olympia (plains of Elis) between those old opponents the Greeks and the Romans. Latter are reported to be going to turn up strong. The Greeks request the favour of your assistance, which they are sure will prove invaluable. Could you bring another man? Try Jugurtha of Numidia. Play to begin at 11 o'clock precisely. I'm not sure of date, for I never was sure about Roman dates, but it's A.D. something, so that if you come every day for a week you're sure to hit it. Yours truly P. M. ULYSSES (Hon. Sec. *factotum*, and very much treasurer.")

The rosy-figured Aurora, rising very early, left the couch of Tithonus on that eventful morning. Be with me, gracious muses, and prompt my tardy pen, as I tell of the mighty heroes now harnessing themselves for battle. And first let me tell the names of the Greeks, "Hoi Hendeca," as they called themselves. Foremost amongst them came the redoubtable captain, the far-travelled, and much-enduring Polymetis Ulysses, whose wily character will come out more clearly as the narrative proceeds. Next upon the ground appeared Pericles, a deeply respected Athenian cricketer, reputed a great master of scientific play, especially careful about keeping in his ground. His aspect was somewhat melancholy, but I was told he had just been attending a funeral, and making an oration. Immediately after him Nicias arrived—a queer-looking moon-struck personage, also of funereal aspect, which was apparently due to the fact that he was closely followed by a vulgar-looking young fellow, with a red necktie, and white billycock, whose name I afterwards learnt was Cleon, who was excessively rude to Nicias, and kept repeatedly calling out "Good morning, Mr. Peace," and "Old Slow Toes," and similar disagreeable expressions. These two were followed by a funny little man of a seedy theatrical appearance, wearing an opera hat of the latest Athenian make, who was apparently taking notes of the other two, and occasionally mimicked their gestures. He was clearly in the theatrical line, and apparently did his own advertising, as he was encased in a couple of sandwich boards inscribed, in flaming letters, "'WASPS' to-night. Seven o'clock. Come early and come often. No fees." His name was Aristophanes. Next came two tall fellows, rather thinly clad as to the upper part of their bodies, but wearing tin pads upon their legs, and armed with bats of a very antique pattern. These two I learnt were Achilles and Agamemnon, who had taken part many years before in a grand match, on the Troas ground, between the Greeks and Trojans, which had lasted some unconscionable time. I have not leisure to describe minutely the appearance and accoutrements of the whole team, which included Alexander, rather conceited, but a dashing bat; and Pyrrhus, who arrived on an elephant; and Phormio, the great bowler, renowned for a marvellous discovery in the art of delivering the ball (the Romans complained that his bowling was not consistently fair). The last to arrive and complete the team was a very splendid young man, Alcibiades by name, who was dressed in the latest style—white waistcoat, spats, a brown hat rather on one side, and wearing a gigantic button-hole. Jugurtha came after all, and was very angry when he found there was no place for him, and offered the wily Ulysses untold gold if he would allow him to umpire.

The opposing team arrived in a bus, having travelled from Italy by ferry, Charon having been summoned specially from his duties on the Styx, to convey them over, as one or two of the eleven were rather afraid of the sea. Down from the box-seat springs the redoubtable Captain Julius Cæsar, with a book under his arm, on the cover of which we detect the words, "Notes on an Interesting Drive." With some difficulty, an old man, with rather the "heavy father" appearance, climbs down after him. This was Cato. On the back seat were Caius Marius, a gentleman of very truculent aspect, and Cicero and M. Antonius. The two latter apparently had had some quarrel, for they were calling each other names. From the inside stepped several notable worthies—Pompeius, tall and very imposing, but without much to say for himself; a young farmer with long hair and leggings, called Virgil; Horace, a fat, little man, and a friend of Virgil's, who was puffing a big pipe, and said he had only come to look on; whilst besides these were others, of whom we shall hear more anon. The wickets were punctually pitched, and the scorers, Euclid and Archimedes, have their parchments ready. The umpires, Œacus and Rhadamanthus (specially engaged at a fabulous price), are seen proceeding to the scene of the struggle. J. Cæsar and Ulysses tossed for choice of innings; the stealthy Greeek had been careful to provide himself with a two-headed obol, and was even bold enough to try the "heads I win, tails you lose" ruse, but the noble Roman was too quick for him, and tossing his sesterce into the air Ulysses cried "heads," and as it turned ont to be "tails" the Romans batted first. Now it chanced that the driver of the Roman 'bus was a man well skilled in auguries: this man had privately informed the Romans, on the way over, that it was fated that whichever side should lose the first wicket without a run being scored should win the day. This was just the opportunity for Decius Mus, who at once came forward, and offered to sacrifice himself. The Romans were loud in their applause, and consequently it was arranged that Mus and Fabius, a steady bat, but a very uncertain runner, should go in first.

The Greek bowling was entrusted to the ever wily Ulysses, who bowled exceedingly curly lobs, and Phormio. The latter's delivery was peculiar: taking a run of 100 yards or so, he delivered the ball at an extraordinary speed straight for the batsman's body, glancing from which it was destined to defect slightly, and eventually to reach the wicket. This peculiar manœuvre was known

among the Greeks by the name of the *diekplous*. Ulysses started the bowling from the *temple* end, Mus taking first ball. Now Ulysses had heard of the 'busman's oracle, and had determined to outwit the Romans, so creeping up to the wicket after the umpire had cried "Nunc tempus est ludendi," he deliberately bowled a wide. D. Mus hesitated a second, and then before the umpire had time to call "lata" dashed down the pitch crying out to his partner "Age, curre!" Achilles, who was keeping wicket, heedless of the oracle, threw down the stumps, and Mus, amidst tumultuous applause from the Romans, ran off to the pavilion. J. Cæsar, who was next man in, played perfect cricket, and 10 was soon telegraphed, when Fabius, who had nearly run himself out three or four times, at last succeeded in so doing. He was greeted with derisive cries of "cunctator, o cunctator." Next in was Crassus, a very fat man; "just the fellow for the *diekplous*" murmured Phormio to himself, and so saying he delivered the ball with extraordinary swiftness right at the stomachof the unhappy Crassus. The aim was too true; rebounding from that gentleman with a drum-like sound, it shattered his wicket, and Crassus retired in great agony: 3 for 12. Caius Marius appeared next, stalking grimly to the wicket; Phormio remarked in a piteous tone, "I cannot bowl Caius Marius," and delivered a comparatively feeble ball on the off stump, which Marius hit to leg for six. The score now rose rapidly; Marius hit off-balls to leg, and leg-balls to the off, and mowed and swiped, whilst Cæsar played with consummate skill. At last, however, a "daisy-cutter" from Ulysses settled him, and he retired, shaking his bat at the field generally; 4 for 61. Cicero was next in, but a very fine catch by Alexander at long-leg immediately after terminated Cæsar's faultless innings of 30. The admiring Romans had prepared a laurel wreath with which, after much protestation, they crowned his head. Marcus Antonius then joined Cicero, who was evidently very nervous, and ran away from Phormio's fast deliveries; at last, however, he managed to get a snick in the slips, and Antonius, in his endeavours to get two for this, ran Cicero out, who retired abusing him in no measured terms: 6 for 63. Pompeius and Antonius then took the score to 82, when Cleon was put on with fast underhand in place of Phormio, and clean bowled both of them with balls which Nicias declared were sneaks. Old Cato, who played in a tall hat and top boots, and had an antediluvian bat, made 6; but Virgil and Horace did not stay long, as Phormio, who had resumed the attack, did for Horace with a *diekplous*. The latter retired with Virgil (*non-ex*) remarking "nunc est bibendum."

At the luncheon which followed there was a good deal of hubbub, and the crafty Ulysses so plied Mus with a compound of Ambrosia and Falernian that he was quite unable to field, and the Romans had to be content with 10 fielders.

Ulysses and Agamemnon first represented the Greeks; Cæsar (medium round) and Marius (fast grubs) undertook the Roman bowling. Horace was short-leg (a jar of Falernian being carefully concealed behind him), Antonius long-leg, and Crassus long-stop. Agamemnon was at once given out leg before: 1 for 0. Achilles should have been next, but owing to a dispute between himself and Agamemnon about a certain maiden (over), he refused to leave the pavilion, and sat sulking in a corner. Hannibal therefore filled the vacancy, and, although possessing but one eye, mowed away vigorously, whilst Ulysses played a strictly defensive game, praying to Athene at intervals. At last the former gave an easy chance to Antonius at long-leg, who was, however, engaged in talking to a stylish-looking young lady, and to the consternation of the Romans, failed to secure it. Needless to say, the watchful Cæsar instantly removed him to short-leg. As a last resource Fabius went on in place of Marius, and got a very slow ball into the wicket on Hannibal's blind side: 2 for 53. Hannibal 52, Ulysses 1 (a snick). Cleon wanted to go in next, declaring loudly that he could knock that slow stuff of Fabius' to smithereens. He was finally allowed his own way, after some angry objections by Nicias, and soon got to work, scoring several sharp runs, and addressing Ulysses as "old man." The hopes of the Greeks were high, when they were reduced to zero by a series of catastrophes. Cleon was given out "leg before," and retired, stating in a loud voice that the umpire was "a fool." Nicias was clean bowled by Cæsar first ball, Pyrrhus ran himself out, and Pericles was caught by Horace at long-leg, amidst great applause. Alcibiades made a stylish cut for 2, and was then thrown out by Virgil. His remarks deserve recording. "Aw! I say, you fellows, how many did I get? Two! Haw! Small score for *me*, rather!" Aristophanes hit his first ball to long-on, but although Cicero neatly avoided the hit, the indefatigable Cæsar secured it and threw down the wicket. Phormio was caught by Pompeius, and the score stood at 80 for nine wickets, with Ulysses still *non ex*. A deputation was then sent to the pavilion, and Achilles was dragged to the wickets. Amidst a perfect storm of applause he hit his first ball clean into the Ægean for 6, and thus, despite the oracle, the Greeks won on the first innings by 4 runs. Time would fail me to tell of the chairing of Ulysses to the pavilion, and many more wondrous things. As Virgil remarked:—

"Verum hæc ipse equidem spatiis exclusus iniquis
Prætereo atque aliis post me memoranda relinquo."

Appended is the full score:—

ROMANS.

P. D. Mus, Esq., run out	0
Q. Fabius, Esq., run out	6
J. Cæsar, Esq., c. Alexander, b. Ulysses ..	30
M. Crassus, Esq., b. Phormio	0
C. Marius, Esq., b. Ulysses	9
M. T. Cicero, Esq., run out	0
M. Antonius, Esq., b. Cleon	12
Q. Pompeius, Esq., b. Cleon	9
M. Cato, Esq., c. and b. Ulysses	6
P. Virgilius, Esq., *non ex*...	5
Q. Horatius, Esq., b. Phormio	2
Praeterea	2
Total	82

GREEKS.

P. M. Ulysses Esq., *non ex*	2
Agamemnon, l.b.w. Cæsar,...	0
Hannibal, b. Fabius	52
Cleon, l.b.w. Fabius	20
Nicias, b. Cæsar	0
Pyrrhus, run out	2
Pericles, c. Horace b. Cæsar	1
Alcibiades, run out...	2
Aristophanes, run out	0
Phormio, c. Pompeius, b. Fabius,... ...	1
Achilles, *non ex*	6
Total	86

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

ANYONE, on looking over our exchanges, cannot fail to be struck by their cosmopolitan character. New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, and England are all represented by different school periodicals. It may be interesting to have a little information about them. Beginning with New Zealand schools, three besides ourselves publish papers, namely, Nelson, Otago High School, and Christ's College. The magazine of the latter, though professing to be merely a sports register, is gradually developing into much the same sort of thing as our own. The cover is adorned with a picture of the magnificent champion cup presented by the old boys in 1878. [When will our "old boys" follow this example?] Inside, there is rather a good poem, entitled "No Judge of a Run," and ending as follows :—

Ye boys who attend to this tale,
Who yet have control of your fate,
Beware, lest like me ye bewail,
When wailing is futile and late.
Play crooked, pull, fumble, or miss,
Hard work and net practices shun,
Do *anything* rather than this,—
Be known as no judge of a run."

The Otago High School magazine is disfigured to a certain extent by the introduction of advertisements. We might follow one of their customs with advantage, namely, the framing and hanging up of the photographs of the Eleven and Fifteen every year. The editor urges boys to remember W. G. Grace's advice —that nothing can be more baneful than reckless hitting at practice. The last number concludes with an amusing story of some boys bathing in a water-hole on which a neighbouring farmer depended for his supply of water. On the sudden approach of the farmer, the boys took to flight, leaving their clothes behind them. Their delight can be imagined, on returning, to find that the farmer had tied all the garments into a bundle and sunk them to the bottom of the hole.

The "Cinque Port," the magazine of University School, Hastings, contains a poem on Columbus, of which the following verse is a specimen :—

He studied the books, and maps, and charts—
All that they knew about foreign parts;
And he said to himself, "There certainly oughter
Be some land to balance the water."

The Debating Society does not seem to flourish at the above-mentioned school. Four ayes and three noes seems rather a small division.

The "Melburnian," from the Church of England Grammar School, Melbourne, is a very nicely got-up paper. It contains a letter suggesting that a cavalry cadet corps should be started. A pony trotting race forms one of the events in their athletic sports.

"The Meteor," Rugby, England, is entirely occupied with school news. The concluding words of one of its articles may be worth quoting. New Zealand might be read for American. "The true American boy, between whose sympathies and those of his English brother we believe there lies nothing but the 'mill-pond,' which American intellect and British perseverance are rendering smaller every day."

"St. Thomas's College Magazine," from Columbo, Ceylon, has an interesting account of a Greek play acted by the boys. The play selected was the Cyclops of Euripides, the choruses being sung to the tunes of "Weel may the keel row" and "Here we go round the mulberry bush," which must certainly have had a novel effect. At this school scoring must be difficult, such names as Jayetilleke, Bandaranaike, Goonetilleke appearing to be common.

The St. Andrew's College magazine, from Grahamstown, South Africa, shows that the Cape Government fully appreciates the value of good shooting in cadet corps. They offer yearly a cup of the value of £40 to the corps whose team makes the highest aggregate score. At a debate recorded in the columns of this magazine, the question was brought up as to whether fagging ought to be countenanced in public schools. After a stirring debate, the motion was only lost on the casting vote of the President.

From the "Carthusian," Charterhouse, we take the following really marvellous score, made by Private Vogel, a son, we believe, of Sir Julius :—

500 YARDS.

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It was made in the course of firing for a cup that had been presented to the corps, the weather at the time being windy and bitterly cold.

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THE BAZAAR.

TO write a full, true, and particular account of the Bazaar held at the end of last term, is by no means an easy task, but it must, nevertheless, be attempted. Great preparations had been going on during almost the whole term, and many and various were the opinions expressed as to the probabilities of success. The most sanguine put the results down at something under £700, while the pessimists thought that if we covered expenses we should do very well. Both of these opinions were falsified; we did not certainly reach the higher figure, but we did considerably more than cover expenses. Two circumstances were very unfavourable,—the general depression which has affected Wanganui in common with other districts, and the very stormy weather which continued all through the week. When, therefore, we say that the gross receipts amounted to £450, and the net, after deducting all expenses, to £350, it will be obvious that the Bazaar was a great success. Owing to the unfortunate circumstance that the Volunteers required the use of the Drill Hall for a Ball on Easter Monday, no preparations could be begun till Tuesday morning. However on Tuesday, they were begun with a will, and in a marvellously short space of time, the Hall began to wear a very different appearance. The Stalls had been made previously, and only had to be carted down and put up. The work therefore chiefly consisted of erecting the theatre, refreshment stall &c. By seven o'clock in the evening, the hour fixed for the opening ceremony, the view of the whole was very imposing, the novel arrangement of the stalls being particularly effective, and making the Hall look very much smaller than usual. It is only fair to say here that the whole of the arrangements had been placed in the hands of Mr. Pownall, who had discharged his duties to the satisfaction of everybody. In default of Sir George Grey who had been asked to preside at the opening, but whose duties prevented him from doing so, the Mayor of Wanganui, Mr. Spurdle, very kindly consented to perform the ceremony. Dr. Harvey opened the proceedings in a few

words as to the object of the Bazaar. Mr. Spurdle then made a short speech in which he alluded to the wonderful progress of the school under Dr. Harvey. He then went on to explain the object of the Bazaar, and the reasons why a Chapel was necessary for the Collegiate School, concluding by declaring the Bazaar open. Perhaps the most convenient way of describing the proceedings of the next five days, will be to take each thing separately. We will therefore begin with the stall immediately on the right of the door. This was the Refreshment Stall occupied by Mrs. Tripe and Mrs. Young, assisted by Misses Durie, Morton, Brandon, McRae, Cremer, and Henderson. Here, throughout the campaign, as it might almost be called, all the luxuries of the season could be obtained. Prawn sandwiches, oyster patties, trifle, in fact everything that heart could desire, were there. By means of a gas stove, tea or coffee could always be obtained; a space too had been fenced in with hurdles where weary stall-holders could sit down for a minute or two and rest from their labours over a cup of tea. Many people wished to know how such a constant supply of fresh provisions could be kept up. We do not know how it was done, but the fact remains that even to the bitter end on Saturday night, the supply was as good as at the beginning. The next stall on the right was the Blue Stall, occupied by Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Durie, assisted by Misses Harper, M. Harper, Brassey, Durie, Watt, Taylor, and Brewer. Perhaps the most noticeable things here were the worked tables which were very much admired, besides embroidered cushions, milking-stools and other articles too numerous to mention. In the extreme right hand corner of the Hall was seen a dim and gloomy recess concealed by blankets of a dusky hue, and exhaling odours of a Tartarean character. A placard before the entrance informed spectators that this was the Cave of Mystery, into which nervous women and children were not admitted. Two richly decked satellites, in the persons of Hume and Bannister, collected those who wished to enter, and ushered them into the presence of the great Magician. Under the flowing robes, the sable beard and the ferocious paint there was some difficulty in recognising Mr. Rees-Mogg, but all doubt disappeared when he cast off the robes and appeared as Mephisto himself. The magician told fortunes in the most orthodox style, and no doubt his incantation of "ortho-phoito,-suko-phanto-diko-talai-poros" will long ring in the ears of many.

Next to the Cave of Mystery a small space had been divided off for the Wild Beast Show and the Art Gallery, presided over by Douglas and the two Harpers. The black and white bears, the cold-blooded lizard, and the elephant, combined with the choice collection of ancient works of art, drew many spectators.

Next came the Cardinal Stall occupied by Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Tudor, and Mrs. Empson, assisted by Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Babbage, Misses Harvey, Lysaght, Halcombe, Montgomerie, Earle, Tudor, and Taylor. Among the many beautiful things at this stall, were two pictures by Mr. Wyvill and Mr. Barraud, which everybody admired.

Close to the Cardinal Stall stood the Indian Stall, where Mrs. Jollie, assisted by the Misses Jollie and Miss Russell sold some really pretty things that had been specially imported from India. The fact that the prices were undoubtedly high did not appear to prove an obstacle to the sale, as at the end of the bazaar very few things were left.

To the left of the Indian Stall was the Pink Stall, kept by Mrs Greenwood, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Clere, assisted by Misses Ward, Browne, Powell, Craig, Enderby, Munro and Drew. To use the words of the 'Bazaar Gazette' a paper edited especially for the occasion by Mr. Wilson, "anything could be purchased here from a needle to an anchor, except that there were no needles and no anchors."

Next to the Pink Stall came the Blue and Gold Stall, presided over by Mrs. White and Mrs. R. W. Woon, assisted by Misses Marshall, Earle (2), and Worgan (3). This Stall was very prettily decorated, and was particularly noticeable for the quantity of fretwork and other carpenter's work, made we believe, almost entirely by J. M. Marshall and his brothers.

At the back of the Blue and Gold Stall, running along the bottom of the Hall was the Theatre Royal, placarded outside with thrilling pictures of what might be seen within. One picture caused a good deal of conjecture among the spectators as to its meaning. It apparently represented a pair of trousers hanging on a dead tree, but the manager assured us that it

was the remains of one of the bandits slaughtered in the play. Pedro the Pirate, or the Bride, the Baron, and the Buccaneers, a "melodramatical grotesque burlesque," written for the occasion by Mr. Wilson, was the "piéce de resistance." Adequately to describe this remarkable drama would be a task demanding more space than we can afford. The pig-headed Baron, and his retainer Gonzago, the lovely Arabella, the beautiful Jemima, the splendid Prince Puff, the savage Ferdinando, the ruffianly but tender-hearted Peter, and last but not least, the ferocious and truly piratical-looking Pedro himself, will long live in our memories.

On the last two nights substitutes had to be found for some of the performers who had to go, but the burlesque was certainly not less grotesque if not quite so melodramatical on that account. The Characters were taken as follows:—Pomposo, (a pig-headed Baron) J. W. Swainson; Gonzago (his retainer) B. Wray; Prince Puff (a masher) F. L. Anderson; Pedro the Pirate, C. Wilson; Ferdinando (his minion) G. Robertson; Peter (a peasant) O. Beere; Princess Arabella, E. Porritt; Jemima (her maid) D. Bourke. In the intervals of Pedro, Box and Cox was acted by:—Mrs. Bouncer, C. Wilson; Box (a printer) A. D. T. Chubb; Cox (a hatter) E. Bowden-Smith. All three acted splendidly and drew roars of laughter from the audience, which culminated during the last performance, into a perfect yell, owing to a slight accident which occurred to Mrs. Bouncer's skirt.

Immediately on the left of the entrance to the theatre the Boys' Stall was placed, under the management of the two Swainsons, Halcombe, Hume, and Witchell. This stall was remarkably successful in its sales, and formed by no means the least profitable portion of the Bazaar.

Next to the Boys Stall was the Christmas Tree under the management of Mrs. Pownall assisted by Miss Cremer and Miss Pownall. Mrs. Pownall was unfortunately prevented from being present, but Mrs. Newcombe, and Mrs. Rees-Mogg distributed the presents. The two last mentioned ladies also had charge of a parcels' stall, where for the trifling sum of threepence, anybody might leave parcels, coats, hats, &c.,

The above were not all the attractions visible at the Bazaar. The Indian Club exercise was gone through by twelve of the boys once or twice every evening, and the clubs having been painted black and yellow had a very good effect. The exercise was led by P. Marshall, to whom great credit is due for the pains he had taken in getting it up. Hayden's Toy Symphony, conducted by H. P. Swainson and accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Empson was also performed, and would no doubt have sounded far better if a good place could have been obtained where the performers might have stood.

Where so many distinguished themselves in working to promote the success of the Bazaar, it would be invidious to mention names. We will therefore only say that the memory of the kindly and ungrudging spirit, with which so large an amount of really hard work was carried through, will always remain fresh in the minds of the members of the Collegiate School.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON the first Saturday of the term, the President, in his opening address to the members of the Society, said that he hoped speakers would think over and prepare their subjects beforehand; he said that all should look upon the debates as valuable instruments of mental cultivation, and that they should endeavour to put their ideas into the most simple and forcible language they could command.

A discussion then arose as to what form the Debating Society should adopt during the term, and it was decided that for the present at any rate, it should revert to its original condition, namely, of a simple debating club, as opposed to the parliamentary form of last year.

GREAT HOME RULE DEBATE, JUNE 5th, 12th, 19th.

This debate, which had to be twice adjourned, caused great excitement, and produced some of the best speeches heard at the debates. The motion was worded as follows:—"That Mr. Gladstone's scheme for improving the government of Ireland is worthy of the support of the English nation." Owing to the length of the debate, we cannot do more than give a short abstract of the principal speeches.

Owen, in bringing forward the motion, gave a rough sketch of Mr. Gladstone's Bill, and traced the course of events in Ireland during the present century. He said that the whole history of Ireland since Strongbow's time was a history of English oppression, and that the time was now come when Englishmen should do their utmost to atone to the Irish for past wrongs.

Witchell quoted Mr. Forster's opinions, and concluded with his dying words, "No Home Rule."

Marris, in opposing the motion, said that that great statesman William Pitt had seen that the Union was the only means of governing Ireland.

Swainson gave some details of Mr. Gladstone's scheme, and said that he (the speaker) had no doubt of the ultimate success of the measure.

Mr. Rees-Mogg thought that Home Rule was not really the wish of the majority of the Irish, but simply of an agitating minority.

The debate was then adjourned, with leave to previous speakers to speak again.

Owen, in re-opening the question, said that there were three essential things with regard to Home Rule. Firstly, the unity of the Empire must be preserved. Secondly, the welfare of the many must be considered before the welfare of the few. Thirdly, the few must be protected as far as possible. Ireland prays for Home Rule. Is her prayer to be in vain?

Witchell said that like roof against the wintry storm, he was proof against the sarcasm of the last speaker. Home Rule was the halfway house to Separation.

Beere prophesied the establishment of Home Rule in Ireland before the end of the year. England had behaved shamefully to Ireland.

Porritt quoted Mr. Bright to the effect that if Mr. Gladstone had not proposed the measure it would not have found twenty supporters.

Swainson made an attack on Witchell's speech. He said he did not envy the state of mind of that man who could suppose that England had been frightened by Ireland into these Home Rule measures.

Mr. Wilson said that three months ago his opinion had been different from his present one. He described the tyranny of the landlords and denied the participation of the leaders of the League in the dynamite outrages. He would strongly support the motion.

The debate was again adjourned, and on resuming,

Porritt said that Home Rule was an experiment very likely to be tried, and one which we should very likely rue. Mr. Froude, he thought, was the author of this remark.

Marris said that had it not been for that most wise and laudable measure, the Union of England and Ireland, we should no longer hear of Ireland as a nation; she would have sunk so low that no human genius could have raised her. From the moment at which England and Ireland had become separate nations, Ireland would lose what little national glory she now has, and sink down to what she was once, and be, as then, a very byword among nations.

Hume thought that fear was really at the bottom of the Government proposals.

Mr. Empson said that the leaders of the National League were indirectly responsible for every act of violence in Ireland. To hand over the loyal minority to the mercies of those men was an act unworthy of Englishmen. Anyone who had read the speeches of the National party in Ireland and could then say that Home Rule would not cause Separation must be either a traitor or a fool.

The President said that the National party did not want freedom, but licence to evict the landlords, and crush the protestants of the north. The past should be forgotten, and the future alone considered.

Owen, in reply, began by paying a high compliment to Marris for the best speech they had heard from a boy in that house. He denied that the policy of the Government had been inspired by fear. When, he asked, had Mr. Gladstone shown signs of fear? If he were an Irishman, he would himself raise the standard of civil war and fight to the last in defence of the freedom of Ireland.

A division was then taken, and resulted in the defeat of the motion by a majority of 26, 10 voting for it and 36 against it. The result was hailed with loud and long-continued applause.

SATURDAY, JULY 2nd.—Swainson moved that "In the opinion of this house immediate steps ought to be taken for the total suppression of the retail liquor traffic in New Zealand." He thought the liquor traffic might be stamped out as gambling had been. Government ought to have control of wholesale houses.

J. M. Marshall, to whom permission was granted to speak as an old member of the house,

said that no nation was ever made moral by Act of Parliament. Such a course would merely increase the criminal class.

Owen advocated the cause of temperance, and thought that it would be forwarded if some such idea as that of the mover were adopted.

Mr. Rees-Mogg thought that such a motion would mean one law for the poor, another for the rich. He characterised colonial hotels as "drinking shanties."

Witchell asked what the meaning of moderation might be? One man's moderation was not that of another.

Swainson, in reply, briefly reviewed the arguments of the other side, and said that the interests of the poor would really be furthered by such an enactment.

Division: Ayes, 21; Noes, 22. Majority of 1 against the motion.

On Saturday, July 10, it was resolved that the house should resume its parliamentary form, and on the following Saturday Owen announced that he had succeeded in forming a Ministry as follows: — Owen, Premier; Marris, Colonial Secretary; Mr. Field, Stamps; Bryce, Native; Witchell, Defence. After the usual questions had been asked and disposed of,

The Premier rose and brought forward the motion standing in his name, viz., "That nothing can justify the abandonment of India by the English." He pointed out the advantages of the English rule, and appealed to all patriotic Englishmen to vote with him.

Mr. Empson opposed the motion, saying that the time would come, though not perhaps for years yet, when England would leave India with the consciousness of having performed the noblest task that had ever fallen to the lot of a nation to perform, leaving behind her a free, educated, and united people.

Marris, Mr. Field, and Mr. Rees-Mogg supported the motion, while Beere, Izard, J. M. Marshall, and Mr. Wilson spoke against it.

The motion was lost by 18 votes to 13.

On Saturday, the 8th, Beere met the house with a Ministry formed in consequence of the resignation of the former Ministry. Premier, Beere; Mr. Empson, Porritt, and Cooper were the Ministers.

Beere, as Premier, announced that the Government wished to bring in a bill for the amendment of taxation, comprising three clauses: the first abolishing payment of members; the second establishing a tax of 10 per cent. on all travelling shows in order to create a Relief Fund; and the third abolishing the dog tax and imposing a tax on cats.

Mr. Empson proposed that the bill should be taken as read the first and second times, and that the house should go into committee to consider the clauses. He then proposed that the Speaker should leave the chair, and that Mr. Rees-Mogg should be Chairman of Committee.

The Premier then moved the first clause, and after a discussion, in which Marris, Hume, Izard, Liffiton, Cooper, and Porritt took part, the clause was passed by a majority of 18; the division being 28 to 10. The next clause was carried unanimously, but an amusing discussion took place about the third. The same speakers, with the addition of Bourke and Anderson, took part, and it was finally carried by a majority of 3; the division being 23 to 20. The bill was then read a third time and passed.

FOOTBALL.

A meeting of the above club was held on June 2nd, when Woon ma Swainson, Bryce, Atkinson and Marshall ma were elected to form the committee. It was decided that there should be two clubs both to be under the control of the committee. Subscriptions were fixed at 2/- for the first club, and 1/6 for the second club. The first club was to consist of the first and second fifteens, and the second of the third and fourth.

A meeting of the first fifteen was afterwards held, when Woon ma was elected captain, Swainson ma secretary, and Atkinson treasurer.

A good deal of enthusiasm has been thrown into football this term, and although several members of last year's team have left, the fifteen is quite up to average form. The loss of Swainson ma was severely felt on his sudden

departure for Christchurch. Up to date four matches have been played of which two have been won, one lost, and one drawn. Another match has been arranged an account of which will be found under "Late Notes." The scarcity of matches is owing to the arrangements not being begun early enough, and also to the fact that teams which we have challenged were often engaged.

FIRST FIFTEEN V. SECOND FIFTEEN TOWN.

The above match was played on the town ground which was a great disadvantage to us. It ended in our defeat by 15 points to 5. Almost directly after the ball was kicked off Coakley obtained a try for the town, which was not however converted into a goal. Wixey was the next to score, but this might have been averted if the spectators had not got in the way of our back. Good soon after got in for the school, and the try was converted into a goal by Woon. In the second spell Armstrong potted a splendid goal for the town and Wixey and Carrol obtained a try each from neither of which a goal resulted. The game thus ended in a victory for the town by 1 goal from field, 1 goal from try and 2 tries, to one goal from try.

FIRST FIFTEEN V. RAILWAY CLUB.

This match ended in a victory for us by 5 points to none. The result was very unexpected. During the first spell the game was very well contested throughout, though perhaps if anything the school had the best of the game. After half time was called it seemed for a long time as if there would be no scores; however, about five minutes before time was called, Woon obtained a try for the school right behind the goal. He took the kick himself and it resulted in a fair goal. Till time was called the school only played a defensive game, and managed to keep their opponents from scoring.

FIRST FIFTEEN V. MARTON F. C.

On July 31st, the fifteen went to Marton to try conclusions with the local team. Play began at 2 30. Almost immediately after the ball was kicked off Good obtained a try for the school, the ball being neatly passed to him by Woon ma. Woon took the kick, but failed to obtain a goal. The next scorer was Woon, who crossed the line close to our opponents. He took the place himself and kicked a goal. Shortly after, Brown obtained a try for Marton, which, however, was disallowed by our umpire. In the second spell, Bryce and Dalziell obtained a try each for the school, but from neither of these was a goal kicked. Smith also obtained a try for the Marton team. Good obtained a try for the school, which was not allowed by our opponents' umpire. The game thus ended in a victory for the school by 13 points to 4, if the disputed tries are counted, and by 11 to 2 if they are not.

FIRST V. SECOND TOWN TEAM (RETURN.)

This game was played on August 16th., and resulted in a draw, neither side scoring. The ground was in a very bad state, owing to the rain. The most noticeable feature of the game was Woon's punting into touch, which he did frequently and effectively. Both sides were within an ace of scoring two or three times. For the first half of the game play was as even as possible, both sides being forced down occasionally. The game was essentially a forward one, the school forwards playing quite up to their usual mark.

FIRST FIFTEEN V. SCHOOL THIRTY.

June 19th. The First Fifteen played a School Thirty, which was, however, rather a one-sided game, the Fifteen proving too strong. The ball was immediately carried into the Thirty's 25 yards, and a run in by Witchell was the result. Witchell obtained two more tries in succession. After the kick off the Thirty rushed the ball into the Fifteen's 25 yards, and Hunter-Brown obtained a try, Mr. Empson converting it into a goal. The second spell was far more in favour of the Thirty, the overpowering numbers of the school forwards proving too strong for the Fifteen. Good, Woon, Swainson, Witchell, and Welford obtained tries for the Fifteen. Hunter-Brown, Roe, and Hosking for the Thirty. School Thirty, 10 points; Fifteen, 18 points.

1st. BACKS AND 2nd. FORWARDS V. 2nd. BACKS AND 1st. FORWARDS.

Wednesday, 7th July. The 1st. backs and 2nd. forwards played 2nd. backs and 1st. forwards. This was one of the best scratch matches of the term, and was a very fast game. Tries were obtained for 1st. backs: Good, 2; Swainson, 2; 8 points. 2nd. backs: Bryce, 5. 1st. backs won by 3 points.

SECOND FIFTEEN V. STAR CLUB.

This match was played on the school ground on July 17th., and resulted in a draw, no score being made on either side. In the first spell the school had, if anything, slightly the best of the game, Woon min. making some fine runs, and Lucena collaring very well. In the second spell, Woon min., and Alexander very nearly succeeded in scoring for the school. For the school, Woon min, Gardner, Bannister, Hosking, Alexander, and Blair mi. played a very good game.

SECOND FIFTEEN V. TOWN.

This match was played on July 24th., and resulted in a defeat of the school by 2 points to nothing. The second fifteen were too confident of winning. In the first half of the game the town had considerably the best of it, their try being obtained by Hall, after a fine run. However, in the second spell the school warmed to their work, Roe making some good runs, and once or twice they seemed very like scoring, being within their opponents' 25 a good deal. For the school, Roe was the only one to play up to form.

SECOND FIFTEEN V. ARTILLERY CADETS.

Saturday, July 3rd. The Second Fifteen played a team representing the Artillery Cadets. The game throughout was a very hollow affair, the Artillery team proving far too weak in every way. The kick off was taken by the school, who immediately took the ball into their opponents' 25 yards. The ball was repeatedly carried behind the Artillery goal. The first try was obtained by Hosking, and Woon min. kicked a goal from it. Tries by Knell, Hosking, and Woon quickly followed, none of which were converted into goals. The second spell was almost the same as the first. Hunter-Brown, Knell, and Robinson obtained tries. The play of Gardner, Bannister, Roe, Hosking, and Robinson was particularly noticeable. The chief fault of the team is their unwillingness to pass. School: 1 goal, 6 tries; 17 points. Artillery Cadets: nil.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

On July 31st the 3rd. Fifteen played a match with the Artillery Cadets, and gained a victory by 6 points to 5, Campbell, who played very well for the cadets, obtained their try, kicking the goal himself. Thurston made some splendid runs for the school, and got two tries, from neither of which a goal was kicked. The other try for the school was obtained by Fraser.

DAY-BOYS V. BOARDERS.

On June 7th the annual match Day-boys v. Boarders was played. Wood captained the day-boys, while Swainson acted in a similar capacity for the boarders. The boarders had decidedly the best of the game throughout, and were only once hard pressed by the day-boys. Woon ma. kicked a goal from the field, and also obtained a try. Bryce, Swainson, and Dalziell obtained tries for the boarders. Boarders, 11 points; day-boys, 6.

LATE NOTES.

THIRD FIFTEEN V. ARTILLERY CADETS (RETURN.)

This match was played on August 14th., and resulted in a defeat for the school by 0 points to 2. Campbell (Artillery Cadets) was unfortunately injured at the commencement of the game, and was forced to retire. Fraser and Thurston played a fine game for the school, making some good runs. The whole fifteen seem very weak in passing, a defect which ought to be remedied next season. For the Cadets, Hall obtained a try, but no goal was kicked.

THIRD AND FOURTH FIFTEEN V. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

On August 11th. a team consisting half of the third fifteen and half of the fourth played a match with the first fifteen of the Boys High School. The game ended in a victory for the school by 11 points to 2. For the school Thurston ran very well; Cooper also worked hard. Thurston, Young, and Blair mi. obtained the tries for the school, and from Young's and Blair's goals resulted. For the High school Irving obtained a try.

TOWN V. COUNTRY.

This annual match was played on June 28th., and resulted in a victory for the town by 9 points to 8. For the town Woon (2) and Mason obtained tries, and from Woon's second a goal was kicked. Good, Dalziel, Bryce, and Atkinson obtained tries for the country, but no goal was kicked. The game was very even throughout.

SECOND V. TOWN (RETURN.)

On August 7th. the second fifteen played

the return match with the town boys. The game ended in a draw, neither side scoring. The school collaring was very good, Lucena bringing down some of their biggest men splendidly. Woon and Alexander both very nearly succeeded in getting over their opponents' line. For the town Roddy, Dallas, and Spurdle were most conspicuous.

First Fifteen.

Woon ma. (Captain)—Half back. Fast runner; collars well, and a splendid kick with either foot; rather uncertain; passes too much one day and not enough another. A good captain.

Atkinson.—Forward. Best forward in the team; plays up very hard, and is always on the ball; dribbles very well, and plays a most unselfish game.

Marshall ma.—Forward. Good hard-working forward, but rather slow.

Bryce.—Half back, (right wing). Fast, strong runner; fair collar; much improved since last year.

Home.—Forward. Good, steady forward; might make more use of his weight.

Iveson.—Full back. Too slow to collar well; needs practice in picking up and returning the ball.

Good.—Half back, (left wing). A powerful runner; fends off well and safe collar; fair kick; a most useful member.

Leys.—Forward. Collars well and pluckily, and dribbles splendidly; dodges well, and very neat at picking up the ball.

Woon mi.—Quarter back. Talks too much during the game; passes out well, but often wildly; kicks too hard in loose scrummages; punts and kicks well into touch.

Dalziell.—Quarter back. Strong and useful quarter back; fends off well, and very good tackler.

Welford ma.—Forward. Dribbles well and plays up hard, though too much given to playing off-side.

Blair mi.—Forward. Does good work in the scrummages; collars low.

Robinson.—Forward. A strong, plucky player; does good work.

Witchell.—Forward. Very fast; might use his hands more for fending off.

Hickson ma.—Forward. Somewhat fallen off since beginning of season; could collar well if he chose.

Second Fifteen.

Hosking ma.—Captain of the team. Hard-working forward; plays well on the ball; should use his authority more.

Lucena.—Full back. Collars and kicks well; thoroughly reliable man.

Woon, min.—Half back. Good kick; has improved in collaring lately; can run well.

Bayly.—Half back. Fastest man in the team, but does not run enough.

Knell.—Third half back. Good kick; strong runner, but slow at getting away.

Bannister.—Quarter back. Smart player; picks up and collars well, but should learn to pass more.

Gardner.—Quarter back. Kicks and collars well, and makes some useful dodgy runs; should also learn to pass more.

Hunter-Brown.—Forward. Goes through a scrummage well; always plays a hard game.

Roe.—Forward. One of the best men in the team; collars well, but should dribble more.

Whiteman.—Fair forward. Sometimes runs well; should learn to keep his hands off the ball in the scrummages.

Ward.—Forward. Strong man; plays his weight well.

Fraser.—Forward. Latest acquisition to the team; fast runner; should pass more.

Alexander.—Forward. Heavy man; often plays a good game, but does not practice nearly enough.

Blair ma.—Forward. Very energetic player; always near the leather.

McNeill.—Forward. New player; plenty of weight, but little knowledge of the game.

Third Fifteen.

Wicksteed ma. (captain), Cooper, Ryan, Thurston, Anderson, Aldworth, Blair mi., Young, Porritt, Jollie, Hosking mi., Durie, Welford, Bell, Field.

We have not space to give the characters of all the third fifteen, and can only select some of the most prominent players:

Wicksteed (Captain)—Quarter back. Plays a very good game, but should pass more.

THURSTON.—Half back. Strong runner; fends off well; fair kick and collar.

YOUNG.—Hard working forward. Always on the ball; collars and dribbles well.

COOPER.—A good, heavy forward. Dribbles well, but should pass more.

Entertainments.

ONLY two of the usual Saturday night night-concerts have been held this term in consequence of the meetings of the Debating Society, and the dramatic performances, but the excellence of these two amply makes up for their scarcity. The first concert was held on June 26th, and was nominally given by the school to the members of the choir, but from the scarcity of performers some choristers favoured the audience with a few selections. Great improvement was noticeable in the violin playing of Blair ma. and Harvey, both of whom obtained an encore. Beere's comic song was also greatly appreciated. Dr. Harvey's recitation caused great amusement, and the readings of Mr. Rees-Mogg and Woon ma. were very successful, although one of the pieces selected by the latter was scarcely appropriate to the occasion. The programme was as follows:—Song, Hickson ma.; recitation, Dr. Harvey; reading, Woon ma.; violin solo, Blair ma.: reading, "A Bashful Man," Mr. Rees-Mogg; comic song, "The Chinese Boy," Beere; reading, Dr. Harvey; violin solo, Harvey ma.; reading, "The Raven," Woon ma.

The second entertainment was held on July 31st., and was even a greater success than the first, owing chiefly to the efforts of Beere in getting it up. The Comic Interlude by A. Izard was the great feature of this entertainment. He delivered a selection from the "Bab Ballads," in his well-known and much-appreciated style, which secured an encore from his admiring audience. Hume's plaintive ballad without accompaniment was well received; as was Beere's "Dutchman's Dog." Beere reappeared to answer the vociferous calls of his audience, and sweetly rendered "Lilly Baker," which he ended in a style peculiar to himself, not failing to enchant his listeners. Wray, supported by Bourke and Hume, appeared in nigger costume, and gave a nigger melody, causing great amusement; they replied to an encore in the same character. The songs, readings, &c., which composed the rest of the programme were also successful. The following was the programme:—Grand March, Bunny; solo, Hume; reading, Dr. Harvey; solo, "The Shamrock," Beere; violin solo, Blair ma.; Comic Interlude, Izard; reading, Mr. Rees-Mogg; pianoforte solo, G. Kemp; comic solo, "The Dutchman's Dog," Beere; nigger song, in costume, Wray, chorus, Bourke and Hume.

MACBETH.

Macbeth, as represented by a picked company of players chosen from the school by the dramatic committee, would certainly have been a novelty for Irving, being almost devoid of his beloved scenic effects. The stage formed of rough planks, supported on forms, the scenery culled from the remains of "Pedro's" Theatre, and the drop scene worked by two pieces of fine twine, were certainly steps towards a revival of the more ancient forms of the drama. The stern tragedy took two Saturday nights to play, and then many scenes were omitted. The first Saturday night included the end of the 2nd. act, beginning at the witches scene. Mr. Rees-Mogg, as the first witch, loomed above the head of his colleagues in the black art, and seemed like a vast shadow, only brought back to nature by the woollen comforter he wore round his head. Beere aud Izard, dressed in the cast off garments of Arabella and her maid, Jemima, worthily supported their mightier sister, adding a charm to the scene by their grotesque attitudes. Banquo and Macbeth made their first appearance in this scene, and must have been filled with surprise at sight of the witches, though perchance a different kind of surprise to that which they feigned. Truly, "Who are these so withered and so wild?" was a natural question. On the disappearance of the two hags, Ross and Angus entered, and the rest of the scene, where they hail Macbeth thane of Glamis, went off in sober earnest. After this came the sight of the evening, the most elegant court scene that was ever placed on the boards. The entrance of meek King Duncan, personified by Wray, was hailed with loud and long continued applause. Few knew who it was; many mistook him for one of the masters. Never will that pompous figure and London merchant's voice be for-

gotten. The murder scene was fairly successful, though Hickson, as Lady Macbeth, perhaps took things rather too coolly. The vehemence which Owen threw into the part of Macbeth, however, atoned for this. The second part of the performance, which took place three weeks later, went, on the whole, better than the first, although the stage effects were difficult. The banquet scene was remarkable for the extremely scanty supply of refreshments which Macbeth thought fit to set before his guests; but the ghastly appearance of Banquo's ghost drew general attention away from the banqueting table. The appearance of the three witches was hailed with loud applause. The blue and red fire used during this scene had a lurid and fearful appearance, but created at the same time, such an appalling smoke and smell, that the actors found much difficulty in seeing and speaking during the rest of the scene. The entrance of Malcolm and Macduff's forces with the boughs of Birnam wood, the death of young Siward, Macbeth's fatal combat with Macduff, and its result, were the most important features of the remainder of the drama. As regards acting, Owen's Macbeth and Marshall's Macduff undoubtedly carried off the chief honours, but at the same time it would be difficult to find a calmer murderess than Lady Macbeth, three more bloodthirsty looking assassins than Hosking, Wray, and Anderson, or three more hideous witches than Mr. Rees-Mogg, Beere and Izard. Bourke did what he had to do remarkably well, while Sealy as the doctor, Hume as the old man, and Siward, Marris as the restored king, Jollie as Lennox, and Porritt as the unfortunate Banquo, both looked and acted their parts very fairly. The characters were as follows:—

Owen	Macbeth
Wray	Duncan, 1st murderer
Marshall ma.	Macduff
Hosking ma.	Donalbain, 2nd. murderer
Hosking mi. and Marris	Malcolm
Porritt	Banquo
Sealy ma.	Fleance, and Doctor
Jollie	Lennon
Bourke	Rosse and Young Siward
Hume	Old man, and Old Siward
Anderson	Soldier, Attendant, 3rd. murderer
Mr. Rees-Mogg	1st. Witch
Beere	2nd. Witch
Izard	3rd. Witch
Hickson ma.	Lady Macbeth

House of Representatives of the Colony of School-landia. Session 1886.

School-landia Holidays Act Amendment Bill.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

Title. AN ACT to amend the School-landia Holidays Act 1837.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is desirable that the existing system of holidays shall be amended for the good of both parents and children of this colony of School-landia.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of School-landia, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title. 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The School-landia Holidays Act 1837, Amendment Bill."

Existing Act. 2. The Act of 1837 shall be considered null and void.

School Term. 3. The annual school terms shall be three in number. The 1st from the 17th February to the 14th March; the 2nd, from the 6th to the 18th July; the 3rd, from the 27th September to the 13th October.

Ordinary Holidays. 4. The usual Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, Michaelmas holidays, as also all regular Bank holidays, Agricultural, Horticultural, and other Show days, Regatta days, also *every fine day* following a wet day, shall be held to be lawful exceptions to working days.

Extraordinary Holidays. 5. Extra holidays shall be given once every week in summer, which shall be devoted to pic-nics and up-river excursions. Refreshments, cost not to exceed 10/- per head, shall be provided by the State, from Consolidated Fund.

New subjects for tuition. 7. The following subjects shall be made compulsory for the Civil Service Examinations and University Scholarships:—Cricket, Football, Knucklebones, Tennis, and Marbles. Com-

petent professors of these arts shall at once be appointed.

School hours. **8.** The school working hours shall be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the summer, and from 2 to 3 p.m. in the winter. (Cooling fruit drinks to be provided gratis in the summer, and fires at all hours in winter.) All schools to be provided with sofas, leathern arm chairs, and other simple necessaries of existence to a schoolboy.

Pains and Penalties. **9.** Any master transgressing any one of these clauses to be sent to New Guinea for the remainder of his life, there to correct exercises and to compose a really common-sense English Grammar.

10. The Bill to come into force on the 1st. of April, 1887.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Successful photographs have been taken of the 1st. 2nd. and 3rd. fifteens, the last being especially good. Two shillings apiece seems to be a large price to pay.

It is to be hoped that our amateur actors made good use of their eyes during the performance of Othello, especially in the art of dying gracefully.

We have received a Latin poem addressed "Ad quemdam poetam." It would have been published this time. but we are sure that the author might, with a little more time, produce something more elaborate.

NOTICES.

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"NIHIL."—No.

"EXCELLENCE."—Spelling and grammar hardly up to the mark.

"BEACON."—It would not do for the COLLEGIAN.

Contributions have been scarce this term, but we must thank the ingenious composers of various riddles, &c., specimens of which have been inserted.

Wanganui Collegian.

MONDAY, 23rd AUGUST, 1886.

WE may fairly congratulate ourselves on the football season of 1886. In spite of the melancholy prognostications heard last Christmas when so many of the bigger boys left, we can safely say that the fifteen of this year is the best which has ever been seen at the school. The size of the members is more uniform than in past years, and the average weight is far higher. There has been more combination in the play, and great progress has been made in the art of passing, progress which was nowhere more noticeable than in the first match against tbe second fifteen of the town. The second and third fifteens have also shown in several matches, in which, though overweighted and hard pressed, they have gallantly held their own, that the school still maintains its reputation for obstinate defence in a losing game.

The term has been remarkable for two or three accidents, which have given occasion for some remarks upon the danger and brutality of football. There is undoubtedly in football a slight, a very slight, danger of a broken bone. It has been said, and with a certain amount of truth, that Englishmen do not care much about any amusement into which some spice of danger does not enter. In cricket also there is a certain amount of danger, but no one would think of calling cricket a dangerous game, in spite of the fatal accidents that have occurred from it. The Duke of Wellington's famous remark that the battle of Waterloo was won on

the playing-fields of Eton, shows the influence he attributed to school games. The admirable training that the football and cricket fields give in habits of discipline and combination, not to mention the demands which they make upon the temper, endurance, and courage of the players, is certainly not the least important part of a school life. There can be no doubt that a very large number of men owe some of the best qualities they have displayed in after life to the lessons they have learnt on the cricket and football grounds at school. Slightly altering Goldsmith's lines, it may truly be said—

Ill fares the school, to hastening ills a prey,
Where loafing flourishes, and sports decay.

Correspondence.

A MATCH WITH WELLINGTON.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I should like to know if there is any chance of arranging a cricket tournament between Christ's College, Wellington College and ourselves at the end of next term?

Yours &c.,
"BAILS."

Our efforts to arrange matches with Wellington have been so unsuccessful, that it is improbable that any match will be arranged.—ED.

PHOTOS FOR THE MUSEUM.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I noticed a suggestion in one of the COLLEGIANS, No. 7 I think, that the photographs of the first eleven and football fifteen each year should be framed and hung up in the Museum. Can you tell me if there is any likelihood of this being carried out?

Yours &c.,
"CAMERA."

It is an admirable idea, and one which we hope to see carried out.—ED.

The new system of getting the names beforehand of those who want COLLEGIANS, has proved very successful, over 200 copies having been sold amongst the boys alone.

Swainson ma., Swainson mi., Wray ma., Chubbin and Gardner have been presented with pewters for the boatrace of last term. The cups were engraved by Mr. Drew and looked very well. We hope to see another four row as good a race at the next regatta.

CHESS CLUB.

CHESS has been very well patronised this term, the number of members now belonging to the club being 24; the ordinary practice nights have been well attended. At a meeting held at the beginning of the term, Woon mi. was elected secretary, and it was also decided that a handicap tournament should be played, the Headmaster kindly offering a prize. There were eleven entries, and the handicapping committee, consisting of Marris, Kemp, and the hon. secretary drew up the following handicap:

Woon min. gave Woon ma. 2 P. and move; Marris, B.; Izard, K.; Kemp ma. K. and P.; Aldworth R. and 2 P.; Toomath, K. and B.; Williams, R. and B.; Willis, R. and K.; Kemp mi. and Hewitt, R. and 2 B.

Woon mi. gave Marris P.; Izard, B.; Kemp ma., B. P.; Aldworth, K. T. and 2 P.'s, and move; Toomath, R, P.; Williams, R, P. and move; Willis, K. B.; Kemp mi., and Hewitt, R. B. 2 P.'s and move,

Marris gave Izard 2 P.'s and move; Kemp ma., B. and move; Aldworth, K. P. and move; Toomath, K. 2 P.'s and move; Williams, R. and P.; Willis, R, 2 P,'s and move; Kemp mi., and Hewitt, R. B. and 2 P.'s.

Izard gave Kemp ma., B.; Aldworth, B. P.; Toomath, K. and move; Williams, K. 2 P.'s and move; Willis, R, and P.; Kemp mi., and Hewitt, R. B. P.

Kemp ma gave Aldworth P.; Toomath, 2 P.'s and move; Williams, K.; Willis, K, P. and move; Kemp mi., and Hewitt, R. and B.

Aldworth gave Toomath P. and move; Williams, B.; Willis, B. P, and move; Kemp mi., and Hewitt, R. 2 P.'s and move.

Toomath gave Williams 2 P.'s and move; Willis, B.; Kemp mi., and Hewitt, R, and P.

Williams gave Willis 2 P.'s and move; Kemp mi., and Hewitt, K. and P.

Willis gave Kemp mi. and Hewitt, B. P.

RESULT OF TOURNAMENT.

		pts.
1.	Woon min.	26½
2.	Marris	23
3.	Aldworth	20½
4.	Woon mi.	19½
5.	Toomath	16
6.	Kemp ma.	15
7.	Izard	15
8.	Williams	15
9.	Willis	8
10.	Kemp mi.	3½
11.	Hewitt	3

H. R. WOON, Secretary.

As regards the tournament, there is little to be said. The games were well contested throughout. Of 13 entries 11 finished all their games, thus showing that the majority were

well satisfied with the handicapping. If anything, Aldworth was rather under-rated, whilst Willis could have done with a little more.

THE CHOIR.

THE Choir has done steady work throughout the term, and its progress has, on the whole, been very satisfactory. The choristers, who devote much time and pains to practising their parts, render the music with crispness, good expression, and a fair degree of accuracy. They must however, continue to bear in mind that many improvements are still required before they can fairly be considered efficient. A letter was received in July from the late Secretary, Herbert Swainson, who left school last term, containing hearty thanks for some volumes of music sent him by the members in token of their appreciation of his valuable services in connection with the choir. Hickson ma. has entered on the duties of Secretary, and shows much energy in carrying out his work. Harvey ma. has left the trebles, and is now among the altos as his voice is breaking. Gardner ma., who has a rich full voice, and reads music well, is now leading treble. Several new members have been added to the choir, as will be seen by the appended list. Dr. Harvey has considerably increased the stock of music lately, and extra practices have been numerous, in preparation for a complimentary concert which, coupled with a gymnastic exhibition, forms the entertainment given annually at the end of the winter term. The particulars will appear in the next issue of THE COLLEGIAN. The usual elementary class for instruction has been held through the term.

TREBLE.

1. Gardner, ma.
2. Jollie
3. Sealy ma.
4. Parker ma.
5. Thorpe mi.
6. Williams ma.
7. Hume
8. Kemp mi.
9. Sealy mi.
10. Hewitt
11. Hickson mi.
12. Thorpe ma.
13. Parker mi.
14. Cave

ALTO.

1. Avery
2. Bannister
3. Hector
4. Harvey ma.
5. Gardner mi.
6. Saxby

TENOR AND BASS.

1. Hickson ma. (Hon. Secretary)
2. Bunny
3. Mr. Bowden-Smith
4. Beere
5. Wray
6. Douglas
7. Holdsworth
8. Kemp ma.
9. Mr. Rees-Mogg (Choir Master)

Mr. Pownall, Organist.

CADET CORPS.

THERE are now 90 cadets on the roll for the first 40 of whom uniforms will be ready by the beginning of next term. The New Zealand Clothing Co., has obtained the contract, and judging from a sample uniform to hand, the cadets should look very smart in their scarlet. It is a matter of regret that out of 90 boys who make up the four squads, only 40 are prepared to take uniforms, but it is to be hoped that many of those at present in the "awkward squads" will be roused before long by the soldierly bearing and energy of their school-fellows from the state of apathy into which they appear to have fallen. The corps has been drilled this term on three days in the week, and four "Government Inspections" have been held, when on the whole a fair amount of satisfaction was given, considering the short time that has elapsed since it has been reorganised. Captain Pownall purposes in future drilling the first company on the two days weekly on which the instructor, Sergt-Major Henry, is present, and continuing to drill the remaining squads as frequently as during the past term, until they become more efficient and show better discipline. Mr. Field having resigned his lieutenancy has been replaced by Mr. Bowden-Smith, otherwise no

change of importance has taken place. It is intended to devote special attention to target-practice during the summer months, so as to be fit to compete in shooting matches when the opportunity may arise. The first company is at present constituted as follows:—Captain Pownall; Lieuts. Rees-Mogg, Bowden-Smith; Colour Sergt. Douglas; Sergts. Marshall ma., Hickson, Home, Ward; Cpls. Hosking ma., Witchell, Atkinson, Liffiton; Lance Cpls. Hawkins, Hosking mi.; Bugler Hume; Cadets Aldworth, Avery, Bannister, Bourke, Bunny, Cooper, Cornfoot, Clark, Downes, Fraser, Harrison, Harvey ma., Harvey mi., Jollie, Kemp ma., Knell, Lucena, Porritt, Ryan, Robertson ma., Russell, Saxby, Thurston, Toomath, Welford mi., Gardner ma., Quin, Earle.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

FROM the "St. Thomas' College Magazine," Colombo, we gather that Home Rule is regarded with favour in that institution, a motion to the effect that Ireland should have Home Rule being carried by 12-6.

The "Melburnian" of last May contains a remarkably well-written description of the White and Pink Terraces, which comes in very appropriately so soon before their destruction. The writer concludes as follows. He is speaking of the terraces. "Past, present, and future blend into one, and the vision from "Shirley" flashes across the dreamer's mind. It is Nature at her evening prayers. She is kneeling before those dim hills—a Titan-woman—her flowing skirt sweeps down to the sedge-lined water's edge; her eyes gleam with the soft brightness of the evening stars; her head towers aloft in the calm air, and round it an aureole as of the saints of old. She is praying for her lost land, her fast-dying people. She lifts her hands in an agony of supplication that the white intruder may be merciful in his greatness, just in his strength. So, kneeling 'neath the Southern Cross, she speaks with God."

In the last 'Nelsonian' we see that it has been decided that the paper shall be conducted entirely by the boys themselves, a decision which is justly characterised as very important.

The 'St. Andrew's College Magazine' contains a new way of finding the Highest Common Factor of two or more algebraical quantities. The editor says that he is glad to see an interest taken in such questions. So are we. We will publish any new mathematical discoveries with the greatest pleasure.

The following are taken from the "Carthusian's" notices of contemporaries:—A poet who has tried in vain to write phonetically, bursts out as follows :—

Ive tride awl nite, and now I finde
To spelling thus, thee Muse unkinde;
Bewair my wrath, it will explode,
Fonetic spelling, 'U bee blode.'

A good-natured landlord of a northern hotel was once detained in the dining-room by two of his guests until he should, in defiance of his better judgment, compose a piece of poetry. This was the result :—

Two gentlemen came here to dine,
They dined on chicken and ham;
Says I, "Gentlemen, are you going to Tandragee,"
Says they, "We am."

A tug-of-war lasting 33 min. 20 sec. must have made some demands upon the endurance of the competitors.

The following is too good to omit. It is an essay written by a little girl on the domestic cow. "A cow is an animal with four legs on the underside, one at each korner. The tail is longer than the legs, but its not used to stand. The cow kills flies with her tail. A cow has big ears, that wiggle on hinges, so does the tail. The cow is bigger than a calf, but not as big as an elephant. She is made small so she can go in at the barn door, when nobody is looking. Some cows are black, and some hook. A dog was hooked once. She tossed the dog that worried the cat that killed the rat. Black cows give white milk, and so does other cows. Milkmen sell milk to buy their little girls dresses, which they put water in and chalk. Cows chew cuds and each cow finds its own chew. Then they swallow their chew and chuse another chew to chew. This is all their is about cows."

The "Day at Olympia" article appears to be achieving notoriety. The last number of the "Christ's College Sports Register" contained it in full, and the "Meteor" (Rugby) also makes a long extract from it.

School News.

The new boys this term were—Boarders: Welford ma., Welford mi., Holdsworth, Gardner mi., Good, Hewitt, Blair min., Esam, Allen, Thurston, Gibson, Harvey mi., Parker mi., Returned: Owen, Richards mi., Izard. Dayboys: Hutchison, Leys, McCaul, Copeland, Returned: Iveson.

Some very comic scenes occurred during the rehearsals of Macbeth. The appearance of a doctor of the eleventh century in a broken tall hat and spectacles, and of a witch in a straw hat and muslin dress, would have forced a laugh from Macbeth himself. The first apparition also thought that the part was a comic one, and accordingly appeared in a false beard and an extra pair of trousers tied round his waist with the legs dangling behind. This was too much for Macbeth, who refused to pay attention to the fearful prophecies which proceeded from this curious object.

At the beginning of the term the Upokongaro Amateurs gave a theatrical performance for the School Chapel Fund. The school attended the performance and testified their appreciation by very loud applause. Our best thanks are due to the promoters of the idea, as the Chapel Fund benefited materially thereby. The following was the programme:—

"THE ANGEL OF THE ATTIC."

A Serio Comic Drama, by T. Morton. Scene—An Attic; Paris, 1792.

The Chevalier (a Gallant of the Period).. W. Anderson.
Michael Magnus (one of the People) .. C. Owen.
Mariette (a Grisette) .. .. .. Mrs. Robertson.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE.

"A PRETTY PIECE OF BUSINESS."

An Entertaining Comedy, by E. Morton. Scene—A Drawing Room.

Capt. Felix Merryweather .. .. A. D. T. Chubb
Doctor Lancelot Shee .. .. .. F Southwell.
Mrs. Grantley .. .. Miss Montgomery.
Charlotte (sister of the Doctor) .. Mrs. Copeland.
Dobson (a maid) .. .. .. Miss McNeill.

INTERVAL OF SEVEN MINUTES.

"GOOD FOR NOTHING."

Tom Dibbles (a Gardener).. .. .. W. Anderson.
Harry Collier (a Railway Stoker) .. C. Smith.
Peter (a Carpenter) .. .. .. C. Wilson.
Simpson (Son of Old Simson, the Landlord) C. Owen.
Nan (the Good for Nothing) .. .. A Lady.

The new Prefects made this term were Bryce and Atkinson.

The 100 yards race between Bryce and Good resulted in a somewhat easy victory for the former.

It was found impossible to use the new football ground this term, as the ditch which had been filled in was not sufficiently firm. Next year, doubtless, we shall be able to spare the cricket ground.

The boys who left last term were—Boarders: Robertson mi., Chubbin, Wray ma., Swainson mi., Adams, Bullock ma., Bullock mi. Dayboys: MacLean, Marshall ma., Moore mi., Harper ma., Burgess, Stewart ma.

In the match between the Canterbury and Otago Universities which resulted in a victory for the former by five points to four, J. M. Marshall played full back for the winners, and narrowly missed potting a goal from the field.

On Friday, June 25th, Mr. Drew kindly exhibited his lantern at the school, showing some very good views of the Hot Lakes, &c., and concluding with some comic slides which caused great amusement. Mr. Wilson briefly described the various views.

To the great disappointment of the fifteen, the challenge which was sent to Wellington College to play a match on our ground met with a refusal on the ground of the expense of the journey. It certainly is very annoying that after our fifteen had gone down to Wellington last year and been well beaten, we should not have the opportunity of retrieving our laurels upon our own ground, with what is certainly the best football team we have yet had at the school.

On July 10th, after morning school, all the boys assembled in the big schoolroom to witness the presentation of a watch to Swainson ma, which had been subscribed for by the boys. Dr. Harvey said a few feeling words as to the good influence which Swainson had always exercised, concluding with an expression of the sincere sorrow which everybody felt at his departure. Swainson who spoke with a good deal of emotion, said that he could not do anything more than thank everyone most heartily; he was only too glad if he had been of any service in the school. The proceedings terminated with three most hearty cheers for Swainson.

On July 10th, we played our first foreign match against the 2nd. fifteen of the town. Our fellows, though over-weighted, played up splendidly, and though defeated were certainly not disgraced.

The term has not passed without one or two accidents. Harvey mi. fractured two of the bones in his wrist by a fall in the Gymnasium, and Downes and Bayly broke their collar-bones. All three are recovering rapidly.

Planting has at last been taken in hand by the authorities. Along the bottom fence, and in the two corners of the cricket field a number of trees have been planted, the advantage of which will be felt by the next generation.

We publish elsewhere a list of the scholarships &c., which have been obtained by the School during the past year. It will be observed that both Marshall and Home succeeded in scoring the highest number of marks ever obtained for the Senior and Junior Civil Service Examinations. We congratulate all, whose names are mentioned in the list, most heartily on the success of their efforts.

The first extra half-holiday given this term was in honour of the success of the school in the Civil Service Examinations. The second was given in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's Accession. The singing of the National Anthem by the whole school on that occasion would, we are sure, have deeply affected Her Majesty, had she been privileged to hear it. The third half-holiday was given in honour of the degree of Doctor of Divinity being conferred on the Head Master. The birth of Mr. Empson's son was the occasion of the fourth.

Adam Aldworth died on June 21, aged 11 years. Years hence, many of us will be unable to read these words, the record of the first death in connection with our school, without a pang and a vivid recollection of that pure and bright spirit which was taken away, after a long illness, about the middle of the present term. Adam Aldworth had been absent from the school for some time, but his memory was still fresh in the minds of many of us who had known and loved him here.

The mitres, which have been worked upon the jerseys of the 1st. fifteen, as a distinctive badge, look very well. Mrs. Empson kindly embroidered them.

About the middle of the term Swainson ma left. Though his career at the school had not been a very long one, it was quite long enough to make us feel his loss most keenly. Amongst other things, the present lawn tennis court will remain as a silent witness to his perseverance.

At a meeting of the Gymnastic Club in June 8th, Swainson, Bannister, Dalziell, Mason and Hickson were elected to form a committee. Dalziell was elected Secretary. Mondays and Thursdays from six to seven were fixed on as the practice days. Gymnastics seem to have been very popular this term. The Club invested in a new set of single-sticks, spring-board, horizontal bar, &c., and with the help of Mr. Bowden-Smith, a good deal of progress has been made. Assiduous practice went on through the term with a view to the Exhibition at its close; we are unable to give an account of it in this number, but there is every sign that it will be a great success. A far larger number of boys have joined the Club this term than in any previous term.

A very successful paper-chase was run on July 28th. Woon ma and Good acted as hares, and laid the course out nearly in a direct line towards the Heads, the first run terminating at the sheep-yards about a quarter of a mile from the Heads Signal Station. It had been agreed that the hares should await the arrival of the hounds here, and should start on another run home. The first of the hounds to arrive was Sealy mi., though perhaps it ought to be stated that some of the hounds did not know that the first run-in would take place so soon. The last to arrive upon the scene was Borlase mi., who though encumbered by a somewhat unsuitable suit of clothes, had nevertheless kept up. His appearance over the brow of the last hill resembled the rising sun and his arrival was hailed with loud cheers. The run home occupied about forty minutes, and several rather stiff fences were taken. The hares were allowed about seven minutes law and reached the school about the same time ahead of their pursuers. The leading hounds ran home in the following order, Woon mi., Woon min., Gardner ma., Bryce, and Leys.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, WANGANUI.

Results of Examinations since June 30th. 1885.

WANGANUI BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS.

SENIOR CLASS.

July, 1885.—Bannister and Quin were first and second, with 80 and 77 per cent. of possible marks. Both obtained Scholarships worth £40 a year for two years.

SENIOR CLASS.

July, 1886.—Liffi.o1 stood third, and got Scholarship of £20 a year for two years.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Marris was first, with 92 per cent, of marks; Scholarship of £40 for two years.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

SENIOR CLASS.

October, 1885.—Mr. Field was third in order of merit.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Home, Carson, Bell, and Iveson passed. Home was first on the list, and gained the *highest number of marks ever gained in this examination.*

SENIOR CLASS.

April, 1886.—Marshall was first on the list, and obtained the *highest number of marks ever gained in this examination.* Wray third.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Witchell, Bryce, Burgess, Porritt, Beere, Bullock ma., Avery, Swainson ma., Atkinson, Woon mi. Ten passed out of fourteen candidates. For the rest of the colony, fifty-three candidates went up, and only twenty-three passed.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Field, Owen, and Wray passed the Matriculation Examination, in December, 1885. J. M. Marshall also gained a Junior Scholarship; one of eight that are open annually for competition to the whole colony.

WANGANUI EDUCATION BOARD TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

July, 1886.—McLean passed with 86 per cent. of marks, the highest per centage gained by any candidate.

Odds and Ends.

Peashooters were introduced this term, and suppressed by Bryce, who deserves the thanks of the community.

The fumes of the blue light were rather too much for the King of Scotland, in the last performance of Macbeth.

As usual we give a specimen of the riddles sent in:—Why cannot mashers play football? Answer: They collar too high.

We have in vain tried to find out something about the carpenter's shop this term. Not much has apparently been done.

The Wednesday evening dances were well patronized this term, and were the source of a good deal of amusement both to the dancers and the on-lookers.

The following has been sent us for insertion, WANTED:—Puns, Jokes, and Funny Sayings, for Christy Minstrels next term. Apply Beere and Wray.

We have received the first number of the "Oamaruvian," the magazine of the Waitaki High School. It contains some interesting articles, and, will we hope be a success. A correspondent complains of the mispronounciation of the word Oamaru. The meaning of the word is "quiet waters," and it should be pronounced in four syllables O-a-ma-ru.

The Tennis Court this season has been in splendid condition owing to Swainson's exertions last term in re-laying it. A great deal of tennis has been played, and much interest caused through a challenge from Wray and Jollie, representing Patea, to play any other district. The challengers were defeated by Holdsworth and Douglas, representing Wellington, and by Marshall ma. and mi. (Wanganui); but they beat the representatives of Hawera, Greytown, Wairarapa, Brunswick, and the Hutt. A good many new members have joined, and the game seems to be getting more popular than ever. The water lies on the court a good deal after rain, and its surroundings make it rather difficult to get the water off. The attempts made at draining by a party of amateurs were not approved of by Dr. Harvey, and were left rather incomplete.

Borlase mi., said that the reason he was so late in for the paper chase was that he had a cold, and could not smell the scent like the other fellows.

The Examiner for the London School Board Scholarships sends to the *Journal of Education* the following answers:—

1. By what right does the Queen sit upon the throne?
   (*a.*) Because Prince Albert married her, and she was the daughter of the late King and grand-daughter of Rollo the Sea King.
   (*b.*) She was the only daughter of Edward VI., who was her father, son of Edward V.
   (*c.*) Because she won a great battle.
2. Explain the meaning of the Executive, manhood suffrage, and protective duties.
   The Executive was a man who was appointed to the duty of hanging a person or otherwise executing him.
   Manhood suffrage is the state of suffering to which all mankind are born.
   The protective duty was the duty of a man to protect another person from receiving harm of any kind.
3. Cromwell was the brother of Lord Wolseley.
   Prince Rupert was a celebrated experimental chemist.
   Thomas Wyatt was a man who helped to invent locomotive engines.
   Washington invented steam engines; he was a great philosopher.
   Warren Hastings was a Viking; he landed in England and tried to take it but was defeated.
   Lord Nelson was a brave man who fought in the battle of Waterloo in single combat with Washington and took his place when killed; Nelson's last words were—Do not throw me overboard unless the King orders it.
   Lord Palmerston lived in the reign of William I. and was the chief lord in the feudal system.
4. An Alderman is
   (*a.*) a man who breeds turtles.
   (*b.*) a man who cuts down alder trees.
   (*c.*) a man who feeds on the people.
   An antiquary is a man who is an enemy to fishes. anti—against. aqua—water.

"Vir saucius,"—"the pert man." Comment is needless.

Wanted Known.—(1) That the illness that attacked Macfarlane towards the end of the term was the "billiards." (2) That Chaucer wrote the "Canterbury Times."

Another riddle:—What is the difference between going to a circus and joining a ship? Answer: In the first you go to see others; in the second you go to sea yourself.

In answer to various enquiries as to when the Chapel is to be begun, we can only say that the tenders have been called for, and a start will be made when they are decided.

It was a great pity that some of the school artists were not on the spot when Hickson ma, dipped himself in the old sheep-dip. His legs flourishing wildly in the air would have made a very pretty picture.

It is particularly requested by the secretaries of various clubs that all boys will read the notices on the notice board, a good deal of inconvenience having been experienced at the beginning of the term from neglect of these notices.

The following is, we are assured, a fact, but it certainly did not occur here. A boy was asked to write an essay on the Advantages of Impositions, and having written NONE across a blank sheet of paper, first received a caning and then full marks.

A correspondent writes that the article in our last number entitled "A Day at Olympia," which we took from the "Melburnian," made quite a sensation in Christchurch. The same correspondent thinks that the last number was the best yet published.

A correspondent sends us the following list of curious names:—Jumbo, Gosey, Dog, Rat, Digger, Paddy, Buffalo, Cæsar, Chicken, Kilty, Timaru, Coddy, Beef, Speeler, Friend, Henry VIII., Whisky, Lizard, Goat-hair, Gunner, Mike, Suet, Chummy, and Gosling.

The receipt of the news of the defeat of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill occasioned great excitement among the politicians of the school. The memorable debate on the subject will be found recorded under the debates. It is to be hoped Mr. Gladstone will not see the present number of the COLLEGIAN.

The terrible volcanic outbreak on the night of June 9th. was not without a certain comic aspect with regard to the school. Many speculations were hazarded as to the cause of the noises heard during the night, the most extraordinary of which was perhaps that which found favour with the first form. The first form was firmly possessed with the idea that a Russian cruiser was bombarding the town, one of its members having absolutely seen the masts of the vessel from Cook's Gardens. It was not until the middle of the day that the real cause was ascertained.

MASSACRE OF POVERTY BAY.

LATE in the evening of the 9th of November, 1868, a band of Hauhaus entered Poverty Bay by a long-unused, and little known track from the Urewera country that came out near Patutaki. It was the only one that the care and foresight of Major Biggs had left unguarded. The officer in charge of the small party of scouts had in vain requested leave to place a couple of men to watch this track, but the men could not well be spared. The track was overgrown, and supposed to be impassible, and the information (obtained by false spies) of Te Kooti's intended attack by the Reinga track was relied on as correct. The Hauhaus were aided by the majority of the (supposed friendly) natives, and that night a party of them were guided to the house Major Biggs occupied—they reached it at 2 a.m. on the 10th. Major Biggs was busy writing orders for all settlers to assemble at Gisborne on the following day to ensure their safety from any sudden attack. He heard a knock at the door, no unusual thing even at that hour, for messengers reached him at all hours of the day or night. He opened the door, and a glance told him what had happened, he called to his wife—"Emily, we are attacked, escape by the back," when a volley of bullets through the door made him fall bleeding into the arms of his wife. Next moment, the door was burst open, and half a dozen bayonet stabs stretched husband and wife dead on the floor, and a blow from the butt of a musket, or a tomahawk, knocked out the brains of the poor little baby. Two of the servants, a married couple, were killed as they rushed out of their room from the back of the house, and another, a half-caste girl of 17 or 18, had reached a clump of flax bushes about fifty yards from the house, when she was overtaken and a couple of bayonet wounds in her back showed how she was slain. A servant lad had escaped by slipping under the house and hiding between the piles until the departure of the natives enabled him to escape. The murderers then went on to Captain Wilson's house, about a mile and a half from Biggs's. Wilson had probably heard the firing, for he kept the wretches at bay by firing at them through a window. Soon, however, the Hauhaus contrived to set fire to the house, and then the treacherous natives belonging to the place, whom he knew well and thought to be most friendly to him and his wife, called to him that they had come to conduct him and his family to a place of safety. Believing them, and seeing no better chance, he left the house with one of his children on his back, a servant carrying another, and Mrs. Wilson leading two little girls. The natives escorted them a quarter of a mile in the direction of the bush, and suddenly fell on them and despatched them with numberless bayonet stabs. The little boy James alone escaped death by crawling unnoticed into a scrub bush, and he was afterwards found by a scout, who saw the poor little fellow hiding in some low fern a couple of miles from the place where the family were murdered. Mrs. Wilson, though she had received nine bayonet wounds, was yet alive when found three days after the massacre, but in spite of every care she died soon afterwards. Meanwhile, the bloody work went on, and other parties of the Hauhaus dragging the bodies of the victims in front of their dwelling and securing anything they considered valuable, then set fire to the houses. The flames of some of these and the shouts of the murderers, together with the sound of the firing at Major Biggs's warned some of the more distant settlers to escape. Women and children half naked and barefooted hurried along in the grey dawn to reach Tauranga-nïu, before the human tigers should overtake them, and some aided by husband and brother, struggled through bramble and lawyers as they escaped by cattle tracks through the bush. One young girl saved herself and her little brother, whom she had carried on her back for nine miles. She was

also the means of saving a family to whom she gave the alarm as she passed. Two of the natives employed as scouts were in Poverty Bay on leave on the night of the 9th., and these men having a brother in the camp of the scouts, hurried off to warn their comrades of what had happened. At dawn they reached the camp: the officer and men immediately galloped off to the Bay. They found themselves cut off by the enemy and surrounded by hostile natives. They had to abandon their horses, seize a boat and pull across the bay to Tauranga-nui. On reaching the town the officer in charge of the scouts beheld a scene of confusion and terror beyond description. Men and women were eagerly enquiring of every new comer for information of their missing friends. Mothers weeping aloud for their children, wives for their husbands, and husbands for their wives. All the people had crossed to the left bank of the river to seek safety in the old redoubt, and to place the river between them and the Hauhaus who could be seen in the distance collecting plunder and firing on the houses at Makaraka. By the death of Biggs and Wilson, the only officer left in the bay was the Lieutenant in charge of the scouts, and he at once took steps to restore order and secure safety for the women and children. A boat had been despatched to recall the two small vessels that were beating out of the bay, and all the men were armed with rifles. Sentries were posted along the bank of the river, and the women and children sent down to the beach and shipped on board the two small vessels to be taken to Napier. None of the men were allowed to leave, and a sentry was placed at the landing place to stop any who might try to get away, though none seemed cowardly enough to wish to do so save a saddler, who volunteered as sentry over the landing place. He threw down his rifle and belts and contrived to sneak off in one of the boats among the women, several of whom had implored the officer with tears and screams to allow their husbands to go with them without success. A despatch was written to the authorities in Napier to beg for reinforcements of men, arms and ammunition, and till these arrived the settlers determined to defend the old redoubt against any fresh attack of the enemy. Meanwhile several fugitives reached the township. They had been given up as lost by their friends, and arrived in starving condition, having fled to the bush without taking food with them. All were footsore, weary, and in rags, and it was known that the settlers on the south side of the bay had made good their escape along the coast to Te Wairoa. The few friendly natives who had joined the whites at the old redoubt, strengthened and fortified their pah a few hundred yards from the mouth of the river, and this, with the redoubt, formed a strong position. All the men who could be spared from guard duty were employed in securing the valuables left in the township, but no one took the trouble to save the saddler's things, and when he came back to the bay he found that his shop had been completely looted, and had the pleasure of seeing many of the friendly natives riding about with bran new saddles and bridles. Served him right was the only reply he got. In a few days Major Westrop and Captain Tuke arrived with a large force of friendly natives from Napier, and some of the volunteers. The next day under cover of a strong party of scouts, they went to collect and bury the remains of all those of the hundred people that could be found. This melancholy duty was performed by Lieutenant Gascoigne, who being able to identify the bodies, placed the members of the same family in one grave, and arranged them so that surviving relatives could find and remove the remains should they subsequently wish to do so. Nearly all the Poverty Bay tribes joined Te Kooti, so that now he was in command of a large force, and having collected an immense quantity of plunder in the shape of store goods, horses and cattle, he retired by the same track that he had used for the attack. He was followed up immediately by some friendly tribes from Napier and elsewhere, under Lieutenant Gascoigne, who overtook and defeated the enemy with considerable loss at Mangakaretu. Many horrible details of the massacre have been omitted, as there are some people living who had relatives among the victims, but the above may serve to give some idea of the terrible events that occurred in Poverty Bay in the year 1868. The account has been taken from the mouth of one who was an eye-witness of nearly the whole occurrence.

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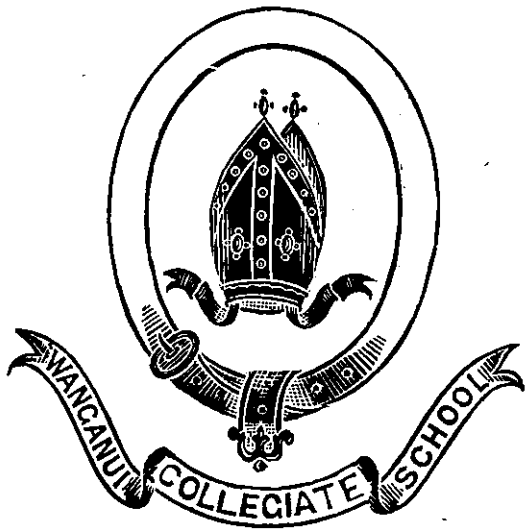

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Entertainments.

CONCERT.

THOSE who took part in the Gymnastic and Musical Entertainment at the close of last term, may fairly be congratulated on a very enjoyable and successful evening, a result, no doubt, largely owing to the great pains that had been taken in the practices. Mr. Rees-Mogg, and Mr. Bowden-Smith, had devoted a very large amount of time to the Choir and Gymnastic Club respectively, and success certainly rewarded their efforts. A very large number of invitations had been issued, and the result was the largest attendance that has ever honoured one of our School Entertainments; it was in fact inconveniently large, many being unable to find room in the Gymnasium. The programme was divided into two parts, the first consisting of the Gymnastics, and the second of the Concert. As it was found last year that the Gymnasium was not suitable for singing purposes, a move had to be made at the end of the first part of the programme into the schoolroom, where the concert took place. The Gymnastics, in which the boys mentioned below, led by Mr. Bowden-Smith, took part, consisted of feats on the Rings, Horizontal Bar and Vaulting Horse, all of which were really well done, and appeared to give satisfaction to the spectators. Next time, perhaps, some boxing and single-stick encounters might be introduced. The performance ended with the Indian Club exercise led by P. Marshall, which was gone through with great precision. Then came the concert beginning with a pianoforte duet by Hosking mi., and Kemp ma., who, if they showed a little nervousness at first, soon settled down and played very well. The Choir then sang a glee very fairly, and Mr. Bowden-Smith brought the house down with Corney Grain's song "He did, but he did'nt know why." After a piano solo by Bunny, and another glee by the Choir, both of which were good, Blair and Harvey played a violin duet, which is, as far as we know, the first time such an event has formed part of one of our concerts. Then came another glee, after which Hickson ma. sang, and Wray recited "The Knight's Toast"; this was a very good performance and met with well-deserved applause.

Izard's piano solo, an "Ancienne danse de la Cour" and the Septett "Good-night, Beloved," brought the proceedings to a conclusion. Great credit is due to Mr. Rees-Mogg, for the very marked improvement in the glee-singing. Subjoined is the programme.

PART I.

GYMNASTICS.

Mr. Bowden-Smith, Bannister, Hickson ma., Hickson mi., Sealy mi., Gardner mi., Mason, Borlase ma. and Atkinson.

INDIAN CLUBS.

Mr. Bowden-Smith, Marshall ma., Wilford, Avery, Home, Hawkins, Dalziell, and Hosking ma.

PART II.

1. DUET—"The Russian National Anthem" ... (*Gurlett*)
   G. Kemp and F. A. Hosking.
2. GLEE—"Here in Cool Grot" ... (*Mornington*)
   The Choir.
3. SOLO—"He did, but he did'nt know why" (*Corney Grain*)
   Mr. Bowden-Smith.
4. PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Idylle" ... (*Gustave Lange*)
   H. A. Bunny.
5. SEPTETT—"The Dream" ... ... (*Stirling*)
   Members of the Choir.
6. DUET—(For two violins in Allegro) ... (*Plevell*)
   R. Blair and A. Harvey.
7. GLEE—"God save the Queen" ... ... (*Barnby*)
8. SOLO—"The Harbour Lights at Sea" (*Ciro Pinsuti*)
   C. Hickson.
9. RECITATION—"The Knight's Toast" ... (*Anon*)
   E. B. Wray
10. GLEE—"Come, old comrade" ... ... (*Rimbault*)
    The Choir.
11. PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Ancienne Danse de la Cour"
    A. W. Izard. ... ... (*Roeckel*)
12. SEPTETT—"Good-night, Good-night Beloved"
    Members of the Choir. ... ... (*Ciro Pinsuti*)

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

A remarkably successful concert took place on the evening of Monday, December 6th. The attendance was scarcely up to the mark of some former occasions, but, nevertheless, the big school was comfortably filled. There can be no question as to the great improvement that has been made in singing lately, both collectively and individually; the choir has taken great pains, and has been proportionately successful. Four pianoforte pieces seem a good deal in a programme, but it is, we suppose, necessary to encourage rising talent. Wray's recitation was remarkably good, while Bannister, though he recited very creditably for a first performance, ought to vary the tone of his voice more. Dr. Harvey read Jean Ingelow's poem, "The Brides of Mavis Enderby." Hickson's two songs were good; (when will anybody compose a school song?). Mr. Bowden-Smith and Gardner were both loudly applauded, the "Lights of London" especially appearing to be appreciated, though Gardner scarcely did himself full justice, as he was suffering from a cold. The two shilling entrance fee evidently had the effect of keeping many away, perhaps another time, one shilling might be found to answer better. The following was the programme :—

PART I.

1. DUET—"Cossack March" ... ... (*C. C. Smith*)
   F. A. Hosking and A. G. Kemp.
2. GLEE—"On the banks of Allan Water" ... (*W. Birch*)
   The Choir.
3. SOLO—"A Harrow School Song" ... ... (*Farmer*)
   C. Hickson.
4. GLEE—"Beautiful May" ... ... (*Otto Booth*)
   The Choir.
5. RECITATION—"The September Gale" (*O. W. Holmes*)
   E. B. Wray.
6. Glee—"O hush thee, my babie" ... (*Arthur Sullivan*)
   The Choir.
7. PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Edelweiss" ... (*Gustave Lange*)
   A. G. Kemp.
8. SOLO—"The Boatswain's Story" ... ... (*Molloy*)
   Mr. Bowden Smith.
9. GLEE—"Good-night beloved" ... ... (*Ciro Pinsuti*)
   Members of the Choir.

PART II.

1. PIANOFORTE SOLO—"La Chapelle de La Forêt" ...
   H. A. Bunny.
2. SOLO—"The Lights of London" ... (*Louis Diehl*)
   O. Gardner.
3. READING— ... ...
   Dr. Harvey.
4. GLEE—"The Dream" ... ...
   Members of the Choir.
5. RECITATION—"Sheridan's Ride" ... (*T. B. Read*)
   E. Bannister.
6. GLEE—"Here in Cool Grot" ... ... (*Mornington*)
   The Choir.
7. PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Feuillet d' Album" (*Stephen Heller*)
   A. W. Izard.
8. SOLO—"Eton Boating Song" ... ... (*Anon*)
   C. Hickson.
9. GLEE—"Good-night, Farewell ... (*George Garrett*)
   The Choir.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The following suggestion, though somewhat heretical at first sight, seems to have a certain amount of common sense on its side. It is as follows: that at all concerts an individual with a clear voice should be appointed, whose duty would be to read out all songs to the audience before they are sung. By this means a great deal of the unutterable rubbish that forms such a striking feature in many of the songs of the present day might cease to be sung; while, on the other hand, the audience would have a chance of getting some idea about the meaning of the song—a subject which, in the present circumstances, very frequently remains for ever wrapped in a state of pleasing obscurity.

Cricket.

CRICKET has this term been taken up with a great deal of spirit, and the First Eleven, contrary to all expectations, is quite up to, if not above, the average form. Altogether there have been six elevens, five of which have played matches, all but one of which have either been drawn or have ended in favour of the school. A meeting of the members of last year's First and Second Elevens was held, at which Woon ma. was elected secretary, and Witchell and Atkinson new members of the committee. The subscription was fixed at 3/-, 2/6, and 2/-, for the First, Second, and Third Elevens respectively. An innovation has been introduced this term, namely, the playing on cocoa-nut matting by the First Eleven, which was somewhat necessary owing to the bad state of the ground. The First Eleven has played seven matches, all of which have been won. The second innings against the Lillywhite Club yet remains to be played. The Second Eleven has played two matches, both of which have been won. The Third Eleven has played two matches, in one of which they have come off victors, and in one have been beaten.

Efforts have been made to arrange a match with the other colleges of the colony, but without success, though Nelson is as anxious for an annual match as we are. An account of the first eleven's match with the Lillywhite C.C. will be found under "Late Notes."

FIRST ELEVEN V. BLACKHEATH C.C.

This match was played on October 9, the weather as might be expected, being very inclement, and the ground in a very wet condition. Our opponents elected to go in first, and remained in for about an hour and a half, but only succeeded in compiling 28 runs. The school bowling was very much off the wicket. When the Eleven went in runs were made a little more quickly, and six wickets had fallen for 50 runs when time was called. Marshall (run out, 23) was the only player to reach double figures. Blackheath C.C. first innings:—Coakley 3, Burrell 2, Roberts 4, McKinnon 5, Penn 0, Hatrick 5, Purnell 0, Bourke 0, Browne 5, McGrath 0, Hackett not out 0. Extras, 4. Total, 28. School: Marshall 23, Douglas 2, W. Woon 0, Atkinson 10, Knell 3, E. Woon not out 1, Robinson 2, Witchell not out 1. Extras, 7. Total, 49.

FIRST ELEVEN V. MASTERS.

This match was played on Wednesday, October 13, and resulted in a victory for the Eleven by 61 runs on the first innings. The Masters went in first, but only succeeded in making 31 runs, of which Mr. Harold, by hard hitting, made 20. The Eleven made 99, of which Douglas, who was missed two or three times, made 38, and Robinson contributed 16 by free hitting. Masters:—Mr. Bowden-Smith 0, Mr. Rees-Mogg 8, Mr. Empson 1, Leys 0, Mr. Wilson 0, Holdsworth 1, Mr. Acland 0, Mr. Harold 20, Wray 1, Thurston 0, Good, not out 1. Extras, 4. Total, 36. School:—Marshall 7, Douglas 38, W. Woon 7, E. Woon 4, Atkinson 4, Home 6, Knell 2, Robinson 13, Witchell 1, Anderson not out, 8, Welford 1. Extras, 6. Total, 97.

FIRST ELEVEN V. MARTON C.C.

This match was played on the school ground, and resulted in another victory for the school. The Eleven went in first, but were all disposed of for 44. Anderson (12) and E. Woon (9) were the highest scorers. The Marton men, however, failed to compile more than 23, Robinson taking 7 wickets for 7 runs, and Knell 3 wickets at the cost of 11 runs. In the second innings the School made 48, Marshall 29 being the principal scorer. The Marton men in their second innings only scored 32 runs, the two last wickets running up the score from 14 to 32. Robinson in this innings bowled 6 wickets at the cost of 7 runs. The match was thus won by the School by 38 runs. Appended are the scores:—Collegiate School, first innings: Marshall 0, W. Woon 1, Atkinson 5, E. Woon 9, Home 0, Knell 1, Anderson not out 12, Robinson 0, Wray 2, Holdsworth 0, H. Woon 1. Extras, 13. Total, 44. Second innings: Marshall 29, W. Woon 2, Atkinson 7, E. Woon 1, Home 0, Knell 0, Anderson 0, Robinson 0, Wray 0, Holdsworth not out 0, H. Woon 0. Extras, 9. Total, 48. Marton C.C. first innings: Smith 0, Morse 8, Lucena 2, Hawke 1, Bousfield 0, Ross 3, Witchell 0, Stafford 0, Temperley 1, Parkinson 0, Rev. A. Towgoood not out 3. Extras, 5. Total, 23.

Second innings: Smith 4, Morse 0, Lucena 2, Hawke 4, Bousfield not out 9, Ross 1, Witchell 0, Stafford 0, Temperley 0, Parkinson 6, Rev. A. Towgood 0. Extras, 9. Total, 32.

FIRST ELEVEN V. UNITED C.C.

This match was played on October 23rd, and resulted in an unexpected victory for the school by 43 runs on the first innings. The school went first to the wickets, and Marshall and Douglas made a good stand, 32 runs being compiled before a separation was effected. The other wickets fell more rapidly, however, and Marshall carried his bat through the innings for a well played 56 out of a total of 105. The United Club, although Salmon one of the Wellington "cracks" was playing for them, only succeeded in making 61. Paul not out (13), Turner (12), Salmon (11), and Sim (11), were the highest scorers. The School fielding was remarkably good. The following are the full scores:—School, first innings: Marshall not out 56, Douglas 17, W. Woon 0, Atkinson 1, E. Woon 0, Home 0, Knell 0, Witchell 7, Robinson 0, Anderson 1, Wray 1. Extras, 22. Total, 105. United C.C., first innings: Ward 3, Salmon 11, Sim 12, Turner 11, Hunter 4, Brooks 3, Taite 1, Skipwith 1, Paul not out 13, Peake 3, Treadwell 0. Extras, 0. Total 61.

FIRST ELEVEN V. RAILWAY C.C.

This match was played on October 30, and ended in a virtual, if not actual, victory for the School. The School went first to the wickets, and made 92 runs, when they were disposed of. Douglas, who played steadily for 46, and Knell (10) not out, were the only players to reach double figures. The Railway men had scored 46 for nine wickets when time was called. Turner (16) was the highest scorer. The following are the full scores:—School, first innings: Marshall 0, Douglas 46, Atkinson 6, Home 2, W. Woon 6, E. Woon 6, Knell not out 10, Anderson 1, Robinson 0, Wray 0, Holdsworth 1. Extras, 14. Total, 92. Railway C.C., first innings: White 6, Whittington 2. Brown 2, Turner 16, Roddy 1, Armstrong 4, Kennedy 2, Bartlett not out 0, Hayden 2, Hursthouse not out 0. Extras, 5. Total 46.

FIRST ELEVEN V. MAKIRIKIRI C.C.

This match resulted in another victory for the school, by ten wickets. The Makirikiri men went in first, but were all disposed of for the small total of 14, none of their men being able to make the slightest stand against the bowling of Robinson and Douglas, each of whom bowled 5 wickets for 6 runs. The School made 78 runs, Marshall (19) being the only one to reach double figures, eight wides were bowled during this innings. In their second innings, the Makirikiri Club made 74, Powell (18) being the highest scorer. The School then went in with 11 runs to win, which were obtained without the loss of any wickets. The following are the scores:—Makirikiri C.C.: Powell 5, Smith 0, Gibbs 0, Anderson 0, Brookes 2, R. Montgomerie 0, Chamberlain 1, Owen 0, A. Montgomerie not out 4, McNeill 0, Montagu 0, Extras 2. Second innings: Powell 18, Smith 0, Gibbs 7, Anderson 4, Brookes not out 7, R. Montgomerie 0, Chamberlain 8, Owen 6, A. Montgomerie 1, McNeill 7, Montagu 2. Extras 13. Total, 74. Collegiate School, first innings: Marshall 19, Douglas 4, Atkinson 7, E. Woon 4, Anderson 0, W. Woon 9, Home 0, Holdsworth 3, Wray 9, Robinson 2, Knell not out 2. Extras, 19. Total, 78. Second innings: Marshall not out 5, Douglas not out 6. Extras 4. Total 15.

FIRST ELEVEN V. MASTERS AND OLD BOYS.

This match was played on November 24th, but ended in a draw in favour of our opponents. It is worth noticing that this is the only match which could possiby have terminated in our defeat. Our opponents went first to the wickets, and succeeded in putting together 149 runs, Bowden-Smith (49), Owen (30), Marshall (14), Harold (12), and Ward (11), were the highest scorers. The School put together 16 runs for the loss of two wickets, when it commenced to rain and stumps had to be drawn. The following are the scores:—Masters: J. Marshall 14, Ward 11, Bowden-Smith 49, Owen 30, Peake 6, Empson 1, Harold 12, Gardner 3, Leys 0, Ryan 1, Good not out 4. Extras, 13. Total, 149. School: Marshall 0, Douglas 3, E. Woon not out 3, Atkinson not out 8. Extras, 2. Total, 16.

FIRST ELEVEN V. OLD BOYS.

This match was played on December 4th, and resulted in the defeat of the old boys by 29 runs on the first innings. The School made 68 in their first innings, Robinson (15), W. Woon (14), and Marshall (10) being the highest scorers. The old boys only succeeded in putting together 39, Watt (18) being the only one to make any stand against our bowling. Robinson taking 6 wickets for 7 runs. The following are the full scores:—School: P. Marshall 10, Douglas 5, Atkinson 5, E. Woon 8, W. Woon 14, Robinson 15, Home 1, Wray not out 0, Anderson 1, Holdsworth 0. Knell 1. Extras, 8. Total, 68. Old Boys: J. Marshall 5, Ward 2, Watt 18, Wicksteed 0, Greenwood 0,

Owen 5, Peake 0, Smith 2, Bayley not out 3, Brockman 0, McLean 0. Extras, 4. Total, 39.

BATTING AVERAGES.

The batting averages for the First Eleven are as follows :—Marshall, 19.55 ; Douglas, 16.62 ; Atkinson, 7.55 ; E. Woon, 5 ; W. Woon, 4.77 ; Wray, 4.40 ; Anderson, 3.83 ; Robinson, 3.66 ; Knell, 2.22 ; Home, 1.25 ; Holdsworth, 1.25. Witchell played 3 innings with an average of 4. H. Woon played 2 innings and made 1. Welford played 1 innings and made 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

Robinson, 3.68 ; Douglas, 4.33 ; Knell, 6. Woon bowled 2 wickets with an average of 4.

SECOND ELEVEN V. SECOND ELEVEN UNITED C.C.

The above match was played on November 6th, and resulted in the defeat of the United Club by 35 runs on the first innings. The United men made 39, Hartnett (13) being the highest scorer. Gardner and Ryan bowled splendidly for the School, the former taking 6 wickets for 14 runs. and the latter 3 for 20 runs. The School made 65 runs, Gardner (16), and Lucena (14) were the only players to reach double figures.

SECOND ELEVEN V. SECOND ELEVEN BLACKHEATH C.C.

This match was played on November 20th, and resulted in another victory for our Second Eleven, who beat their opponents by 20 runs and 6 wickets. The Blackheath only made 27 runs, Browne (18) being the only player to make any stand. Ryan took 6 wickets and Gardner 4. The School had made 43 for the loss of 4 wickets when time was called, Leys (13), and Lucena (9), being the highest scorers.

The following are the members of the Second Eleven :—Ward (Capt.), Bryce, Good, Gardner, Marshall mi., Ryan, Woon mi., Leys, Lucena, Iveson, and Jollie.

THIRD ELEVEN V. A TEAM OF TOWN BOYS.

This game ended in a victory for the School by 16 runs on the first innings. The scratch team went in first, but only succeeded in making 19 runs. Ryan taking 5 wickets for 7 runs. However, the School only made 35, Ryan (6) being the highest scorer. In the second innings, the Town Boys made 38, to which McGrath contributed 12, and Hartnett not out 9. The School had, when time was called, made 15 runs for 3 wickets.

THIRD ELEVEN V. ST. JOHN'S C.C.

This is one of the few matches that has ended in a defeat of the school elevens, our Third Eleven being beaten by one run on the first innings. The St. John's Hill C.C. went in first and compiled 30, Hatrick bowling 5 wickets for 8 runs. The School, however, only made 29, Carson taking 4 of their wickets for 9 runs. The St. John's C.C. made 43 in their second innings, McLean (12) being the only player to reach double figures. The School had made 25 for 3 wickets when time was called ; so that had there been a little more time the match would very probably have ended in favour of the School.

The following compose the Third Eleven :—Harvey mi., Currie ma., Hatrick, Walker, Kemp ma., Wicksteed (Capt.), Gordon, Clarke, Field, Bunny, and Paterson.

A meeting of the Second Club was held on October 2nd, at which Parker was elected Captain, and Gilmer Secretary. The Eleven consists of the following members ;—Parker (Capt.) Gilmer, Marshall mi., Robertson mi., Peake, Babbage, Simcox, McFarlane ma., Hewett, Willis ma, Sealy ma. Emergencies, McFarlane mi., and Hickson mi. Parker and Marshall have batted well, while Robertson mi. and Babbage have bowled successfully. Simcox has done well in the field.

FOURTH ELEVEN V. FIRST ELEVEN OF HIGH SCHOOL.

This match was played on October 13th, and resulted in a victory for the School by 13 runs on the first innings. The Fourth Eleven went in first, and succeeded in making 44. Marshall mi. (9) was the highest scorer ; there were also 16 byes obtained. The High School only made 31, of which McGrath made 8. Robertson took 5 wickets for the School. The School had made 30 runs for the loss of 5 wickets, when time was called. Peake (7), and Allen (not out 5), were the highest scorers.

The return match was played on November 20th, and again resulted in a victory for the School, this time by 6 runs, Sealy's bowling being very effective. The School only made 30 runs, Allen (10) was the principal scorer. Gordon bowled well for the High School.

A meeting of the Third Club was held near the beginning of the term, at which Higginson was elected Captain, and Tudor Secretary. Two matches have been played, one of which resulted in a victory, and one in a defeat of the Club. The

Eleven consists of Higginson (Capt.), Esam, Hall, Blake, Richards mi., Cameron, Root, Borlase ma., Tudor, Thorpe ma., and Dalrymple. Emergency, King. Esam has been most successful with the bat, and Hall, Blake, and Richards with the ball.

FIFTH ELEVEN v. SECOND HIGH SCHOOL.

This match was played on October 31st, and resulted in a win for the fifth eleven by 20 runs. The school went in first and succeeded in making 55 runs, Cameron 13, and Esam 10, were the highest scorers. The High School only made 35 runs, Hall taking seven of their wickets. However in their second innings the High School made 70, of which A. Doran contributed 40. There was unfortunately no time to finish the match.

The return match with the above took place on November 13, and this time the High School scored a victory. The School went in first but only scored 30, Esam being the highest scorer with 7 runs. Glogloski took 5 wickets for 10 runs. The High School made 51, A. Doran 14, and Glogloski 8, were the only players to make a stand. The byes amounted to 21, which is exactly the amount the High School won by.

The first eleven have practised well and energetically this term, and there has been a proportionate improvement in the batting. Several boys have learnt the importance of standing still, and not jumping aside, a result which has no doubt been greatly assisted by the superior confidence inspired by the matting. With one or two exceptions, all play steadily, and do not display that desire to distinguish themselves by one or two lofty hits, which has been the bane of the tail end of so many of our elevens. The second eleven has been handicapped by want of material, and by the exceedingly poor spirit shown by one or two of their members, who, from laziness or some other unknown reason, gave up cricket altogether about the middle of the term. The third eleven has also done well. The 2nd, and 3rd, Clubs have practised most diligently, and display a most praiseworthy enthusiasm.

The gardens have been very well kept up this term, and certainly look better than in any previous term. A few beautifully (?) carved benches have been put up, on which the weary gardeners may rest from their toil. Hume has founded a new industry, namely, the growth of mandarin oranges. Not much fruit has yet been gathered. The garden of Izard and Sealy bears the palm, though that belonging to Hunter-Brown and Bourke is not far behind.

School News.

Mr. Harold and Mr. Pemberton came as assistant masters this term.

Arthur Harvey arrived safely in England on October 7, and has gone to Cambridge.

About the middle of the term the Bishop visited the school, and a half-holiday was the result.

Mr. Habens, the Inspector General, also visited the school at the beginning of the term, and spent a day in going through the various class-rooms and inspecting the work.

The boys who left last term were: Boarders—Dalziell, Dixon, Halcombe, Newton, Welford ma., Parker mi. Witchell left about the middle of this term. Day-boy—Whiteman.

The new boys this term were: Boarders—Acland, Bryce mi., Monckton ma., Monckton mi., Towgood. Moore mi., and Stowe returned. Dayboys—Blake, Cameron, Duigan, Hatrick, Higgie, and Menzies.

We are glad to record the success of Marris for the prize offered by the Caledonian Society for the best sketch of Scotch history as far as Mary Queen of Scots. Marris's essay and that of another competitor were adjudged equal in merit, and the prize was therefore divided.

In spite of several efforts it has been found impossible to arrange a match with either Christ's College, Nelson, or Wellington at the end of the term. The Christ's College eleven is going to Dunedin to play the High School, journey difficulties] stand in the way at Nelson, and Wellington, as usual, decline to play at all. It is a great pity that some suitable arrangement cannot be hit upon, as nothing would give such an impetus to cricket as annual matches between the various schools.

Last term, Mr. Field left after a connection with the school, firstly as a boy, and secondly as a master, which extended over some seven years. Mr. Field was looked upon as the sole authority for events which occurred in the days when Messrs. Godwin and Saunders flourished, and even in that dark and distant period when what is now known as the cowshed formed a portion of the school. He is at present engaged on a surveying expedition in the neighbourhood of Ruapehu, and when last heard of was enjoying himself thoroughly.

The utilising of the old box-room as a new class-room has been a great advantage, but there is still a demand for more space.

Home is going up for the Junior Scholarship at the end of the present term, Blair for Matriculation, and Hosking ma. and Porritt for Matriculation and the Medical Preliminary. We wish them all success.

Everyone will be glad to hear that J. M. Marshall gained a Mathematical Exhibition at the Canterbury University during the present term. We hope shortly to hear that he has made his mark in the cricket world also in Christchurch.

A start has at last been made with the Chapel, and it is hoped that it will be completed early in next term. The Head-master will take advantage of the Bishop's presence at the Consecration, and ask him to hold a special Confirmation Service immediately after that event.

The Prince of Wales' Birthday was rather an unsatisfactory day as far as the school was concerned. The review occupied a part of the morning, but the high wind spoilt the rest of the day. A few boys went down to the Heads, and all the school went in the evening to see Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks at the Theatre.

Fitzherbert has quite recovered from his recent illness, while Marris, who was also very ill during the first part of the term, returned in time for the last five weeks. Alexander fractured his arm very badly by falling out of one of the willow-trees in front of the school, but is going on well. Hewett was also kept away during a greater portion of the term, but returned on November 14th quite recovered.

GOLD.

THE blazing tropical sun was shining nearly vertically on one of the most lovely spots in lovely New Guinea. A long stretch of milk-white sand bounded on one side by a fringe of tall cocoa-nut palms, and on the other by the blue water of the coral reef, stretched away into the distance as far as the eye could reach. Behind the palms, the vivid green of the dense tropical bush retired backward for about a mile to the foot of a precipitous and dark range of mountains, laced here and there by the tiny thread of a waterfall. On the outskirts of the bush, the gorgeous butterflies, amber, purple, blue and gold, flitted lazily to and fro, while occasionally a brilliant Bird of Paradise dashed like a meteor from tree to tree; otherwise not a sound disturbed the oppressive silence of the burning tropical noon, save the far-off thunder of the great rollers as they broke in floods of foam upon the outer fringe of the reef. In the middle distance, lay a dark object, half in and half out of the water, now almost floating as the advancing ripple raised it, and again lying motionless on the white sand. Suddenly from the depths of the bush rung out a loud "Coo-oo-ee" repeated again and yet again, till at last a faint answering shout in the far distance showed that the first "coo-ee" had been heard. Five minutes afterwards, two men stepped out of the bush under the cocoa-nut trees almost simultaneously though some half-a-mile apart; they both seemed to catch sight of the dark object lying on the beach at the same moment, and both proceeded to walk rapidly towards it. They were evidently Englishmen, sunburnt and ragged to the last degree, and the countenances of both wore a grave anxious look which told of danger past or to come. On reaching their goal, neither spoke, but remained staring at the body of the dead man, for such it was, which lay between them; it was lying face downward on the sand, and had evidently been dead some time. At last the taller of the two men, knelt down and carefully turned the body over, at the same time pulling it a little higher up out of the reach of the waves. "As I live, it *is* Needham" cried the other man. "I had a presentiment it must be he when I first saw it; but how on earth could he have got here!" "Heaven knows" replied the other "let's examine the body, and see if there are any marks of violence." After a careful examination, they were about to give it up, when Benham, the last speaker, said, "What's that little hole just above the heart, I'll lay a thousand pounds that that's a bullet and a pistol bullet too. Lend me your bowie, Carter, and I'll soon find out for certain." Setting to work, Benham, who had some surgical knowledge, speedily extracted a small bullet, which had evidently been fired from a Derringer pistol, and which had been the cause of death. "Well, poor Needham's gone," said Carter, "but how can anyone in this part of New Guinea, where I don't believe any white man has ever been before, have got hold of a Derringer pistol, and what possible reason can he have had for shooting Needham."

"Needham certainly had no pistol," rejoined Benham, "as we know he would never carry fire-arms." "Well," said Carter, "the only thing we can do now is to bury him; we can carry him between us as far as the bush, and the sooner we get back there the better, as this beach is far too open for my liking." But it is time to give some particulars to account for the presence of three Englishmen in one of the wildest parts of New Guinea. Benham and Carter were two young fellows who had come out from home together to Brisbane, and had been much attracted by the reports of gold in New Guinea, which at that time were being circulated there. In Brisbane they made the acquaintance of Needham, who was also particularly anxious to proceed to New Guinea, not with any idea of finding gold, but in order to increase his already splendid collection of tropical plants. A more inoffensive person did not exist, a fact which made it doubly hard to account for his murder. The three men had bought a small yacht in Brisbane, and had resolved upon the very adventurous plan of running it over to New Guinea themselves. All went well until they reached the Arajura Sea, where a violent gale sprang up and drove them in the direction of the New Guinea Coast. Most fortunately, they succeeded in finding an opening in the reef, through which they attempted to run the cutter, but with only partial success, as the huge breakers pooped her again and again until she was completely water-logged; quickly putting everything they could lay hands upon into the dingy, they made a desperate and successful attempt to reach the shore. Benham had put his breech-loader and some cartridges into the boat, but the others had no arms of any kind. At the time this story opens, they had been on the island for two days and had resolved to separate for an exploring tour, agreeing to rendezvous on the beach in the evening. How the rendezvous came about we have already seen. We left Benham and Carter carrying the body of their dead friend towards the bush, where they had determined to bury the body. The ground, however, was so swampy that they determined to carry it a little further inland, where the almost precipitous side of the great mountain range, towering thousands of feet above their heads, formed an impassable barrier. On arriving at the cliff, Carter pointed out a sort of cleft in the rock, which he suggested would do very well for a grave, and they walked a short distance further up the cliff to inspect it. To their astonishment they found that what they had imagined to be merely a cleft was a deep gorge, cleaving the gigantic mountain range in two; though apparently in no place more than fifty feet wide, it grew deeper as the height of the mountains increased, but though rough, presented no very great difficulties for walking. The chill air, and the semi-darkness combined to inspire the two friends with a disagreeable feeling as they advanced further and further apparently into the heart of the mountain. "I say, Benham, I think this is about far enough," at last said Carter, "we had better go back and make the grave." Emerging into the brilliant sunlight again, they took up the body once more, went a short distance into the ravine and proceeded to dig as well as they could with their knives, no other tools being procurable. After an hour's work, in which they encountered a good deal of difficulty from the stones, they at last succeeded in making a last resting place for the body of their friend. Having reverently performed the last funeral rites, they turned sadly away and walked back to the clear bit of bush that they called their camp fully resolved on the morrow to ascertain the cause of their comrade's mysterious death. Before the sun was up on the following morning, both were awake and eagerly discussing the situation; they both agreed that whatever the mystery might be, the ravine was the place in which to look for it. After breakfasting on some of the few provisions they managed to save, they accordingly started, Benham carrying his gun, while Carter was armed with his big knife; they soon arrived at the entrance of the cleft, which looked very forbidding in the dim morning light. Neither were cowards, on the contrary, Benham particularly was almost a giant in size, and had no nerves at all; nevertheless, a curious feeling came over them as they entered the gloomy ravine. Passing Needham's grave, which appeared to be undisturbed, they steadily continued their path which apparently led them deeper and deeper into the bowels of the mountain. The stupendous cliffs towered above them on either hand, and such was the depth of the ravine, that, although it was broad day outside, on looking up they could plainly distinguish the stars. As the height of the cliffs increased, the light grew dimmer and dimmer, and their progress proportionately slower, until at last they came to a full stop in the semi-darkness and held a council of war as to the advisability of proceeding further. They at length resolved to retrace their steps for that day, and to return on the morrow provided with food and water, with the

idea of following the chasm up. Just as they had come to this determination, and were about to start on their homeward journey, Carter caught Benham suddenly by the arm, and in a whisper said. "Look there!" at the same time pointing to what appeared to be a gigantic monkey stealing along the side of the cliff, almost level with the ground. It was very difficult to see at all in that gloomy place, where the sun's rays never penetrated, and before either of them could recover from their surprise, the object whatever it was, vanished in the obscurity further up the ravine. The two friends, utterly unable to account for this extraordinary sight, held on their way to the entrance, and very joyful they were, when they emerged into the broad light of day once more. So far, however, from being daunted, their curiosity as to what they had seen was only the more excited, and the next morning, while the grey mist was still hanging over the swampy land, they advanced once more to the mouth of the ravine. The food and water question formed a great difficulty, as they found that they had nothing which could hold enough water for more than two days at the most. The food question they decided by taking with them several pounds of chocolate menier which accidently had been flung into the dingy at the time of the wreck, and than which no better supporter of life can be found. The question of light was also a difficult one, and one which they failed to solve, having to be content with the few matches that Benham happened to have with him. The chasm looked more gloomy and forbidding than ever as they plunged into it again, and saw the great mist-wreaths curling up the gigantic walls that closed them in; so dark was it indeed that Carter wished to wait until the sun had risen, but Benham said that it would only be waste of time, as he did not care to spend the night in the ravine if it could be avoided. They soon passed the spot where they had halted the day before, and walked resolutely on, keeping as sharp a look-out as was possible in the dim light. At length, on looking up, they saw that the opening of the cliffs at the top looked like a mere line of light, and the darkness grew so intense that they called a halt for the purpose of lighting one of their precious matches. As far as they could tell, they had come about two miles, and had therefore advanced that distance into the very centre of the mountain range. Benham took a match and struck it very carefully against the cliff; then, holding it as high as he could, they both looked about them. The huge dark walls stretched up, and up, steaming with moisture, faintly illumined by the tiny gleam of the match, which really served only to make the darkness visible. The match gave a final flicker, and suddenly went out. Almost simultaneously, a fearful shriek, as of a strong man in agony, rang through the chasm—echoing and re-echoing against those terrible walls, until it died away in the distance. For a minute absolute silence reigned, then Benham called to his friend. There was no answer; again he called, and received no answer. Benham was a brave man, as we have already said, but a numbing feeling of fear began to steal over him as his eyes tried in vain to pierce the gloom of that horrible pit. In a moment he recovered himself, and taking another match he struck it, and looked carefully around. When he struck the first match he had walked across to the side of the ravine, and had left Carter standing in the middle, and his first steps naturally turned in that direction. The first object that greeted his sight was the body of his friend, apparently quite dead.

"DIGGER."

(To be concluded in our next.)

UP THE WANGANUI RIVER.

IT was decided we should spend our Christmas up the Wanganui River. At last the day arrived, the 24th December. Everything was in the canoe, and a start was made about half-past six a.m. Three Maoris formed our escort. Aromoho, Kennedy's, and the Quarries were soon left in the rear. Our first halt was made at Raorikia, for dinner. After dinner we soon passed Kanini and a few rapids, the principal features of the river being its high cliffs and rapids. No less than 180 of the latter have been counted. At half-past six p.m. our camping ground for the night was reached. The place was Parakino, about 29 miles from Wanganui. It is built on an eminence facing the river, and on the opposite side is an immense cliff, from which a splendid echo can be obtained. The Maoris pitched our tent for us on the sand. On Christmas morning we were aroused by a Maori from the pah wishing us good morning. After breakfast we started again, and now began to ascend some bad rapids. In the middle of the river there is a hot spring. We passed several pahs on our way up, the principal being Athene, Galatea, and Koriniti. At the

latter place we landed to see the large wharepuni. It is really a very fine exhibition of Maori skill. Towards evening rain set in. After passing the bad rapid of Kaiwhaike we came to Ranana (London). Most of the Maoris being at Hiruharama (Jerusalem), we slept in the wharepuni. It is not quite so large as the one at Koriniti (Corinth). At Ranana they have a bakehouse, and bake really good bread. Next morning, about ten, a start was made for Hiruharama. On the river are two or three islands. We now approached the principal one, the island of Motoua. On Motoua a fierce fight took place between the friendly Maoris and Hauhaus, in which the former were victorious. We walked across the island while the Maoris took the canoe over the dangerous rapid of Motoua. On the centre of the island there are two or three poplars, and the rest is scrub. We soon reached Hiruharama. Between here and Wanganui there are 43 rapids, Hiruharama is the largest pah on the river. It is situated on a bend of the river. The church, which was opened there on Christmas day, is a very nice building. Around Hiruharama the following places may be seen :—Egypt, Rome, and Bethlehem. A flour-mill is also close at hand. It is worked by water. On one of the hills above the pah is a monument to a Maori chief. In the afternoon I went four miles further on to see two waterfalls, to one of which we had to walk about half a mile through bush. It was very pretty. It came in two falls into a hollow beneath. On my return journey I was shown the water issuing from the underside of a projecting rock about 80 feet high. On the morning of the next day (Sunday) the Maoris who had come to the Church on Christmas day, from up and down the river, departed, and stole a sheep that had been presented to us. On Monday I went back to Ranana, where horse, foot, and swimming races were indulged in. I returned to Hiruharamaa about seven o'clock, having spent a very enjoyable day. Next morning we started for Pipiriki, six or seven miles away. The scenery all the way up was splendid, the high cliffs on either side being covered with a thick foliage, intersected at times by clumps of fern trees. Along the sides are to be seen the holes made by the Maories with their poles. These holes must have taken years to make. There was abundance of cherries at Pipiriki, of which we availed ourselves. This is not a very large pah, but is rather famous for one or two things. The roads from East Cape, Taupo, and Waikato meet here. The Maories boast that this pah was never captured in their native wars. It was on the banks of Pipiriki that a hostile force besieged and reduced to great straits, a small European garrison. In the evening, very much against the wish of the Maories, we returned to Hiruharama. The following day, we did nothing particular. On Thursday morning, we started for Wanganui. We stopped at Ranana, and on bidding adieu, one of the old women was not satisfied with shaking hands, but insisted on embracing one of our party. Whether he appreciated it or no, we did not venture to ask. Fearing that she might be inclined to treat us all alike, and not appreciating the idea so much as our friend seemed to, we rapidly beat a retreat to the canoe. Not being bound to time, we came down easily, and arrived within thirteen miles of Wanganui. That night was spent at a friend's house. Shooting the rapids was fine. In the river could be seen the red and white flags which marked the course of the future steamer "Tuhua" (now running). Next morning, after breakfast, a start was made for town. Dinner was partaken of at Kennedy's, and we arrived in Wanganui at four o'clock. having spent a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's Day.

"PADDLE."

NOTICES.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Waimata."—Next time perhaps.

"An ex-long dormitory boy."—Your adventures were truly terrific, as also are your puns.

We also thank one or two other contributors, of whose contributions some use has been made.

Wanganui Collegian.

THURSDAY, 16th DEC., 1886.

OUR CHAPEL.

THERE are, at length, visible signs of the near approach of the day when we shall be able to have Divine Service in our own School Chapel. It has been delayed a good deal longer than we expected. Indeed, we quite hoped to have had in our present issue the pleasing task of recording the completion, instead of the beginning of the actual work of building. When the bazaar had proved so successful in providing funds for the work, it was not unnatural that we should expect to see it started forthwith—the Chapel walls beginning to rise almost, as it were, by magic. But, alas! the most skilful of architects cannot in these days call "spirits from the vasty deep" to labour at his task. He must have a real flesh and blood contractor to do his bidding. And sometimes the said contractor is not very easily got on terms that are mutually acceptable. We had to wait a long time before a satisfactory arrangement could be made. Even now, the price agreed upon is a good deal above the first estimate; but it was thought wise to incur the responsibility of meeting the additional cost rather than cut down and spoil the plans. The price at which the contract has been taken is £658. Architects' fees and extras will swell this amount to about £700, so that, by the time the Chapel is built and properly finished, we shall want about £300 more than we have now in hand. However, we do not despair of seeing the greater part of this sum raised almost as soon as it is wanted. It is intended to hold a Garden Party, at which the goods left over from the Bazaar may be disposed of. The Choir, also, are hoping to raise enough, by means of concerts, to provide their own cassocks and surplices, which would otherwise have to be paid for out of the general fund. The building is to be finished by the middle of February, and it is hoped that arrangements may be made for its consecration by the Bishop not long after that date. Immediately after the consecration, His Lordship has promised to hold a confirmation, at which a goodly number of the boys are expected to come forward and renew their Baptismal Covenant. It can hardly fail to be an unusually solemn and impressive service—one to be long remembered by many besides those most immediately concerned. We trust it will indeed prove a very bright epoch in the history of the school; a time from which we shall date the development of a more earnest and healthy Christian tone among all our boys, and especially among the elder ones, whose example must always be so powerful for good or evil among their schoolfellows. That it has been hitherto, in the main, always on the side of good, we acknowledge, most thankfully. Much of the success which has attended the school is no doubt attributable to this fact. But we fear

their influence has, perhaps, been somewhat too negative in its character. We want to see it more decided; more aggressive. We want to see all the good that is in the school united for the furtherance of good; recognising that it has a work assigned to it by our Divine Master, and striving in all humility to accomplish its mission. Our Chapel, we trust, and we believe will, be a centre round which all this Christian energy will gather; where, in the sacred ordinances of divine worship, and, above all, in the holy rite of Confirmation and the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, it will receive that continual strengthening and encouragement without which we all are so apt to grow weary in well-doing. May we all find there the fulfilment of the gracious promise: "They "that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; "they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they "shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, "and not faint."

LATE NOTES.

This term will witness the close of an era in the history of the school. No more will the hearts of the captains and stewards of the Huia and Stormbird rejoice as they used to do when they saw the mob of boys, which used to make the voyage to Wellington in these fast and favourite steamers, three times a year. Never again will the captain of the Huia be forced to leave his breakfast; never again will Reuben be driven to the verge of distraction by the innumerable appeals which used to be made to him, and which he bore with such heroic patience. In plain English, at the end of this term, instead of the usual trip to Wellington by sea, all the boys go overland, taking advantage of the newly-completed railway.

Hickson, Atkinson, Bryce, and Good have been practising rowing diligently before breakfast during the latter part of the term, Mr. Empson acting as coach, and George Sealy as coxswain. We hope that they will row as good a race at the regatta next term, as their predecessors did last March. They will not have quite so heavy a crew, but show signs of being quite up to the former standard as regards form.

Sir William Fox has consented to give away the prizes at the end of the term.

"Preston Pants 1648," was an answer in the Examinations. The author might enlighten us as to what extraordinary article of dress he referred to.

It is to be hoped that some steps will be taken to prevent the sand from the foundations of the Chapel from drifting as it does now; otherwise, the entrance to the Gymnasium will be blocked up before next term.

At the parade on Dec. 4th the Cadet Corps turned out, and marched to Cook's Gardens, where some evolutions were gone through. The parade lasted from about seven o'clock to eight p.m.

Groups have been taken of the First eleven, the Rifle Corps, the Four, and the whole School. From copies we have seen, they seem to be fairly satisfactory, while the reduction in price will be much appreciated by all.

Gibraltar fell an easy prey to two gentlemen known by the curious names of Sir Cloudesly Rooke and Sir Shovel. These two persons were apparently in existence about the beginning of the eighteenth century, according to a Fifth Form boy.

Three prizes were given for the best gardens this term, the following being adjudged equal in merit: Hunter-Brown and Bourke, Sealy ma. and Izard, Gardner mi. and Gibson. Dr. Harvey and Dr. Tripe gave two of the prizes, the third being raised by subscription.

The match with the Lillywhite Club was played out on Saturday, Dec. 11th, and resulted in an easy win for the school, though at one time the result certainly looked more than doubtful. Douglas bowled excellently, assisted by the wind, and as the Lillywhite captain, when the match was lost, put on all his men to bowl one after the other, the latter end of our eleven had a fine time of it.

It is not often that a concert held on the night before the COLLEGIAN is published gets a chance of being noticed in its columns. A spare column, however, in the COLLEGIAN gives us the opportunity of lamenting the ill-fortune of those who were not present to hear the last songs Mr. Bowden-Smith will sing at the school, and the first of Mr. Pemberton's recitations, which formed a conspicuous feature of the programme. Bryce's recitation on Gladstone's Home Rule Bill was enthusiastically cheered.

"IT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH."

(By a Growler.)

SOMEONE—I don't know who, nor do I care either—has said that it is an Englishman's privilege to grumble. Well, I call it growling, but that's the same thing. What I dislike school for is that one is always being badgered to be doing some thing. "It isn't good enough, you know." For instance, in the morning, just when one pulls a jolly book about Jack Harkaway and the Indians from under one's pillow, and all is snug and comfortable in bed—bang goes that horrible bell. Then one has to get up and wait for the bath, why, "it isn't good enough." When I get downstairs, I see Jones cramming away at that beastly Virgil, just to get an advantage over fellows who do their work in prep.; jolly mean, I call it. Catch me swatting before breakfast! "It isn't good enough!" And tennis, too; just fancy tennis before breakfast! And some of them at cricket too; why, it's absurd. What's the good of fagging away at a game when there's a fine fence to lean up against? No cricket before breakfast for me—"it isn't good enough!" After breakfast, you see the nippers rushing away to their gardens —gardens where you have to grub up the weeds and things; too jolly much like hard work for me. Raising flowers for other fellows, who want to be mashers with their buttonholes? Not if I know it! Why, "it isn't good enough." Then when the bell rings, some of the fellows actually go in at the first ring or two. I don't; it does the masters a pile of good to sling the bell about,—besides, "it isn't good enough." Then you see some fellows learn the *whole* of their Virgil. Flats, I call them. I know a trick worth two of that. I know where my place is, and I can easily calculate which lines I shall get, or jolly near it any way. I only learn them; to learn the lot "isn't good enough." I was awfully sold the other day, though, through Brown, the day-boy, being away. I got his passage, and was floored, and five pages "isn't good enough" you know. Brown had the measles, and what can you expect of a fellow who has measles? I have a sick headache whenever I have a real good yarn to read, but measles!—not for me; "it isn't good enough." Jack —— is the fellow. He chalked his tongue last week, and looked awful bad, and had a fine time of it for two days with the "Comanche Scout, or the Perils of the Far West." When eleven o'clock comes, there are always some fellows who go right across the paddock. What nonsense, when one can have a grand loaf on the bank in front of the school. Walking's not good enough. Then the meetings, I hate them. Someone's always sticking up notices about cricket and tennis and chess club and choir and volunteer meetings. What's the good of meetings, all jaw and subscriptions, catch me giving a subscription, "it isn't good enough." Cricket, ugh what's the good of cricket! "Fine exercise, noble game? what do you mean? Jolly slow I call it, running after other fellows' hits, why "it isn't good enough." And that cadet corps, a lot of fellows in crayfish coloured coats with coal scuttle helmets, marching about; catch me joining them, "it isn't good enough." Some one says it is a fine thing to qualify for volunteering when one leaves school, but I shall never join the volunteers, too much like hard work, oh no, "it isn't good enough." Fancy the cadets are actually proud of having their arms cleaned up and bright. What's the good of that, jolly tiring work polishing I can tell you. Why can't they let fellows alone. What I like is a real good lie in the sun on the grass, just thinking of next Sunday's dinner, or the holidays, or something like that, but how fellows can take any interest in that singing business I can't make out. There they are again just when I'm writing this, day in and day out, bawling away and giving up their time cheerfully, at least so they say. Catch me singing, "it isn't good enough." The masters talk about *esprit de corps*, some big phrase they got

out of a French grammar, I dont want any *esprit de corps*, "it isn't good enough." Then they keep on worritting a fellow to take an interest in one's school, "be proud of it," "stick up for it," and a lot of bosh like that, why "it isn't good enough." White says he doesn't think I should bestir myself, if the Russians were to attack the place. Well what I say is this, let those who want to fight, go and slog in, but not me, not if I know it, "it isn't good enough." Wants me to sign my name, the editor of this paper, does he? Well he can go on wanting, for it's too much trouble. In fact, "it isn't good enough."

ATHLETIC RECORDS.

The following comparative table of athletic sports may be of some interest to our readers:—

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

	CRCKT. BALL.	100YDS. Secs.	MILE. Min. Secs.	¼-MILE. Secs.	L. JUMP. Ft. In.	H. JUMP Ft. In.
'83	92yds 8in	12	5 34	64	16 4½	4 5¾
'84	95yds 9in	11	5 22	61½	17 9	4 10¾
'85	92½yds	12¼	5 15	66¼	17 6	4 11
'86	102yd 2½ft	10 3-5th	Hdcp	61	18 5	5 1

CHRIST'S COLLEGE.

'84	87yds 1¼ft	10½	5 22	57½	17 2	4 10½
'85	88yds 1⅔ft	11	5 6 2-5	58	17 8	5
'86	89yds 2⅓ft	10 4-5th	5 13 1-5	56 4-5	18 4	4 11

OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL.

'84	89yds	11	Hdcp	Hdcp	17 ¾	4 10½
'85	90yds 1ft	11	Hdcp	Hdcp	16 10	5

The report of this year's sports (Otago High School) not yet received.

From these tables it will be seen that in the events where the goodness or badness of the course is a matter of indifference, we more than hold our own; but in the mile, and especially in the quarter, we are a good deal behind. The very rough nature of the ground that has to be traversed in these races fully accounts for this state of things, while in the only race for which a really good course can be secured, namely, the 100 yards, our times compare very favourably with the others; though we ought in fairness to say here that Woon, who was timed to run this race in 10 3-5th secs., says that the time must be incorrect. Next term we hope to see one or two of the records again beaten. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find the records of the Nelson sports, otherwise they would have been also inserted.

THE RIFLE CORPS.

CAPTAIN POWNALL having resigned his position in the Corps, owing to his numerous other engagements, Lieutenant Rees-Mogg was appointed Captain in his place, and Lieutenant Bowden-Smith became 1st Lieutenant. The 2nd Lieutenancy, at present vacant, will probably be filled shortly by the appointment of either Mr. Harold or Mr. Pemberton. Col.-Sergt. Douglas, ably supported by Sergts. (1) Marshall, (2) Hickson, (3) Home, and (4) Ward, has done good work throughout the term on the Corps' behalf. Owing to Corporal Witchell leaving school, the following promotions have been made:—Lance-Corporal Hawkins to be Corporal (4); Private Avery to be Lance-corporal (2). Privates Downes, Bannister, Cooper, and Porritt are recommended for promotion as occasion may arise.

The Corps, on the whole, deserves great credit for the progress made during the past term, members' enthusiasm carrying them so far that they requested extra drill shortly before turning out for Battalion Review on Nov. 9th, which all attended, except Privates Fraser and Welford.

The new uniforms look remarkably well, and give general satisfaction. The coats are scarlet, with black collars and cuffs, trimmed with white braid. The helmets are dark blue. Lieut.-Colonel Stapp, commander of this district, expressed so great satisfaction with them that a request for full particulars about them has been received from the Captain of the New Plymouth Central School Cadets.

An arms stand has been erected in the Lower V. Form room, and Corporal Hawkins, assisted by Corporal Hosking, has undertaken the preparation of boxes in which to keep the uniforms.

Some fair shooting has been done latterly at the butts, but the competition for Dr. Harvey's Cup, and that of the Captain, will not be concluded till next term. A challenge has been received to fire a friendly match with the Wanganui Artillery

Cadets, but this will have to be arranged for after Christmas, as time will not permit of getting it off sooner.

We do not doubt that the Corps will, by careful attention to drill, turn out for the Easter Encampment in an efficient state.

THE DEATH OF THE SEA-SARPINT.

Mighty slick were the vessel progressing,
  Factata per æquora ventis:
But the brow of the skipper was clouded,
  Cum sollicitudine mentis.
For whales had been skase i' them parts,
  And the skipper, since ever he'd known her,
Ne'er had gathered less ile in a cruise
  To gladden the heart of her owner.
"Darn the whales," cries the skipper at length,
  "With a telescope forte videbo
Aut pisces aut terras"; as he
  Spoke, two or three points on the lee bow
He saw coming towards them as fast
  As tho' to a combat 'twould tempt 'em
A monstrum, horrendum, ingens,
  Cui lumen was shortly ademptum.
On the taff-rail up jumps in a hurry
  Dux Fortis, and, seizing a trumpet,
With a blast that would waken the dead,
  Mare turbat, et aera rumpit.
"Tumble up, all ye lubbers," he cries,
  "Tumble up, for carcerin' before us
Is the rale old sea-sarpint himself
  Cristis maculisque decorus."
"Concarn it," cries one of the sailors,
  "If e'er we provoke him, he'll kill us;
He'll sartinly chaw up hos morsu
  Et longis inflexibus illos."
Loud laughed the bold skipper, and quick
  Premit altum corde dolorem;
If he does feel like funking, he knows
  It won't do to betray it before 'em.
"O socii," inquit, "I'm sartin
  You are not the fellers to funk or
Shrink from the durum certamen
  Whose fathers fought bravely at Bunker;
You that have fought with the b'ars
  And the buffaloes prœlia dura,
Down to the freshes and licks
  Of your own free enlightened Missourer."
Then quickly they lower the boat,
  And quickly each man at his oar is,
Excipe Britanni
  Timidi duo, virque coloris.
For a blackskin, you know, never knows
  How sweet 'tis pro patriâ mori;
Ovid had him in view, when he said,
  Nimium ne crede colori.
Then swiftly they pull towards the monster,
  Who, seeing the cutter and gig nigh,
Glared at them with terrible eyes,
  Suffectis cruore et igni.
"Starn all," cry the sailors at once,
  For they think he has certainly caught 'em;
Præsentemque viris
  Intentant omnia mortem.
But the bold skipper exclaims
  "O terque, quaterque beati,
Now with a will, date viam;
  When I want you, be only parati."
Hoc ait, and, choosing a lance,
  "With this one I think I shall hit it,"
He said, and right into its mouth,
  Ad intima viscera mittit.
Screeches the creetur in pain,
  And writhes till the sea is commotum,
As tho' all its waves had been tossed
  In a tempest per Eurum et Notum.
Interea terrible shindy
  Neptunus sensit et alto
Prospiciens sadly around
  Wiped his eye with the cuff of his paletot;
And, mad at his favourite's fate,
  Of oaths uttered two or three thousand,
Such as Corpo di Baccho, Mehercle,
  Mille tonnerres, Carambo, Potz-tausend!
But the skipper, who thought it was time
  To this terrible fight dare finem,
With a scalping knife jumped on the back
  Of the snake, secat et dextra crinem;
And whirling the scalp in the air,
  Half mad with delight to possess it,
Shouts, "Darn it, we've fixed up his flint
  For in ventos vita recessit."

The above appeared in an English paper many years ago, and will probably be new to most of our readers.

Correspondence.

CRICKET.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—After spending the greater part of a year in Christchurch, and seeing the cricket played by the College there, I should like with your kind permission, to offer a few remarks through the columns of the COLLEGIAN, for the guidance, and I hope encouragement, of the First Eleven and of the cricketing members of the school. On returning to Wanganui I was very sorry indeed to find the ground in such bad condition as it is. This is a very great drawback indeed, and, when compared with the grounds in the South, one can fully appreciate what a hindrance it is to the development of good cricket in a school not to have a decent ground. The upper Club has now played on the same small plot for five years, and an effort should certainly be made to obtain a larger and better piece, which would not have to be cut up annually by football. I am sure that all connected with the school must hope most earnestly that the piece next the railway

can be laid down this year so as to be ready, possibly, for next season's play. The present playground could then be utilized exclusively for football, and we should have good accommodation for both games. But now to point out the strong and weak points in the play of the eleven. We have not to go further than we used to of old to find the weak point. It is undoubtedly the batting of the tail end, as it always was. But the tail is undoubtedly getting smaller, and the careful play of the greater portion of the eleven shows that there are only three or four at most who are not reliable. This, I think, is the greatest improvement I have noticed this year. It is a most notable point in the Christ's College play, that if towards the close of their innings the bowling becomes weak, they can still take advantage of it and get runs. The School eleven would still often be unable to do so after 6 or 7 wickets were down. The remedy is very hard to find while the ground is so rough, for it makes it exceedingly difficult to get the boys to practice batting regularly and carefully; when one ball in ten, on an average, will probably rise and do its best to hit the batsman on the head, it is very nervous work to practice steadily. Bowling has, I think, always been the strong point in the school's play. This year it is certainly up to the average in quality, but not in quantity. There are only three bowlers in the team, and if any were bowled out things would come to a standstill. This was the case in the match against the masters on November 24. Certainly all should practise bowling, and sometimes, in my opinion, other bowlers should be tried in a match, even at the risk of some runs, if only for encouragement, for after all there is nothing like change. At Christs' College they are in much the same predicament, that is to say,—three bowlers and hardly any change after that. And now we come to fielding, which has considerably improved this term. With the exception of one or two, the catching seems good, and the fielding nearly as good. This point probably wants more practice, as it is not at all an easy thing to field correctly on a rough ground. It is not fair to draw any comparison with Christ's College in fielding, as they have a ground like a carpet to play on, and our boys one like a moderately rough sea. On the whole, I am afraid that in a match with the southern school, their batting would tire our bowling out, and our batting, though the first few would probably score well, would not score quickly enough at the finish. I was very glad indeed to see the school coming through the most successful term they have ever had, and if enthusiasm deserves it, certainly they do. It would be very hard to find so much enthusiasm anywhere joined with such a bad ground.

Yours &c.,

J. M. Marshall.

Odds and Ends.

In another part of our columns will be found a description of two concerts, one of which took place at the end of last term, and the other at the end of the present. They were both successful.

A novelty in the way of an entertainment was introduced this term by a few enterprising amateurs, in the shape of two performances of Christy Minstrels. The performers consisted of Bourke (Mr. Johnson), Wray (Bones), Hume (Tambo.), Avery, Sealy ma., Cooper, and Hickson ma. In the second performance Jollie took the place of Hickson ma. The two leading characteristics of the entertainment, were the excessive blackness of the niggers, and the extreme—well, our readers can supply any word they please here—of the jokes. The minstrels showed a remarkable anxiety to please the audience, so much so indeed that they kindly repeated several jokes at the second performance, in case they might not have been heard the first night. All the songs went very well, and the readings and recitations were likewise well received. The report that the troupe were asked to repeat the performance at the theatre in aid of the Library Fund, is not founded on fact.

It will be seen from the following balance-sheet that the Collegian only just pays its expenses. That it does so at all, is mainly owing to the loyalty with which it is supported by the boys. The fact that 207 copies of the last number were distributed among 150 boys, speaks for itself. In addition to this, sixteen complimentary copies were sent away, and eleven exchanges. Several yearly subscribers are very much in arrears with their subscriptions; we should be much obliged if they would forward them.

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Dr.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Willis's Account (350 Collegians)	13	10	0
Stamps	0	6	0
Wrappers	0	1	0
	£13	17	0

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207 Copies (sold to Boys)	10	7	0
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	£14	0	0

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Musarum libri—the free-born mouse (2nd form).

P. Marshall was presented with a bat by the masters, after his fine innings of 56, not out, against the United C.C.

The amateur navvies have been in great force since the beginning of the Chapel, and must have given a great deal of help to the contractors.

Signalling by means of flags has been a popular amusement during a portion of the term, but like other manias, it came to a somewhat abrupt close.

Nothing has been more noticeable this term than the improvement in the all-round batting of the eleven. In this respect, it is decidedly the best eleven we have had.

We have received a terrible riddle, in which the author tries to make some incomprehensible joke about Wybert Reeve and "Why, Bert." As we fail to perceive the point, it has not been inserted.

Hickson's capsize a yard from the raft, in water up to his waist, afforded a paragraph to the morning paper, which read as though he had met with a most providential escape from sudden death.

The performances of the nigger minstrel troupe, which have enlivened one or two Saturday nights this term are described in another column. It shows a real zeal, when even the accompanyist blacks his face.

The eleven very nearly lost the services of one of its bowlers at the parade, as Knell's rifle went off in some unaccountable manner, when grounded, and burnt one side of his face rather severely. Fortunately it was loaded with blank cartridge, otherwise the result might have been very serious.

As a really melancholy instance of the depth to which the human intellect can fall, we feel obliged to insert the following dark and sphynx-like enigma:—Q.: "Why is Woon ma. like water?" Ans.: "Because he runs so *persisternly!*" The author will kindly write some critical and explanatory notes on this atrocity in the next number.

There has been a good deal of difficulty in getting pitches for the various elevens this term. Indeed, on one occasion when four foreign matches had been arranged for the same day, it was found necessary to postpone one, owing to the lack of space. The paddock next to the railway line, if ploughed up and sown down afresh would make a splendid cricket field, and we hope to hear of some steps being taken in this direction before next year.

A correspondent suggests that the eleven should have blue and black flannel coats, commonly known as blazers. They would not be very expensive, and would certainly look well.

Some of the smaller subscribers to the COLLEGIAN having expressed their wonder as to what becomes of the money which they contribute towards the paper, we publish in this number a balance sheet, which perhaps may relieve their anxiety.

Tennis, on Swainson's asphalt court, as it really ought to be called, has been well kept up. We should like to suggest that if boots are worn when playing, the asphalt will not last very long. Next term a handicap tournament might be arranged.

J. W. Swainson, who is at present in Christchurch, has kindly offered to give a prize for the next sports. He also suggests the idea that the ladies of Wanganui should give a Challenge Cup, as the ladies of Christchurch do at Christ's College Sports.

WANTED:—Another bowler. The eleven will be deprived of Robinson's aid next term, and it is at present difficult to see whence a successor is to come. Hitherto the supply has always been equal to the demand, and it is to be hoped that this will continue to be the case.

It is a curious thing that, with such a magnificent river so close at hand, bathing should be a matter of difficulty. Now that the authorities have planted the low bank above the hospital with willows, there is absolutely no place to bathe from except what is known as the "diving bank," near the Railway Bridge. It ought not to be very difficult to build a shed on the same principle as the bathing shed is in the town at Christchurch, where a portion of the river is enclosed, the enclosure being lined with dressing boxes.

The second and third Clubs, under the captaincy of Parker and Higginson respectively, have been very energetic this term. The former appear to act upon the principle of "when in doubt, play trumps," or in other words, when foreign matches fail play "boarders v. dayboys," a match which has occupied several half-holidays this term. The third Club, which numbers among its members such famous bowlers as Duncan and Blake, and such batsmen as Higginson and Hall, has had several desperate encounters with a High School eleven, in which fortune has varied considerably.

The Cadet Corps in the new scarlet uniforms and black helmets present a truly martial appearance. Their performance at the parade on the Prince of Wales' birthday was very creditable on the whole, though the volley-firing was scarcely up to the mark. The feu-de-joie was good, and no mistakes were made in the bayonet exercise.

The fireworks on the 5th November were carried out on a much more ambitious scale than formerly. Downes, who was the chief organiser of the display, began operations by sending up a gorgeous fire-balloon of his own manufacture, which ascended majestically into the heavens amidst the cheers of the spectators, and was eventually lost to sight without catching fire. Then followed rockets, jacks-in-the-box, torpedoes, catherine-wheels, and various other fireworks of a more or less brilliant character. A pleasant element of danger was introduced into the proceedings by the crackers, which were continually flying round and leaving the spectators in a state of agreeable uncertainty as to where they would alight.

THE CHOIR.

STEADY work has been done by the choir during the last three months in both sacred and secular music and considerable progress has resulted. The usual elementary course of instruction has also been given. Three new members, Williams mi., Stowe, and Scale, have been admitted in place of Kemp ma., Harvey ma., and Jollie, who have temporarily withdrawn owing to their voices breaking. Mrs. Empson has very kindly played throughout the term, and fresh vigour has been thrown into the practices. An invitation concert was given last term in connection with the Gymnastic Exhibition, an account of which will be found elsewhere. We must not omit to mention that the stools Hawkins turned out from the Carpenter's Shop for the use of the choir have proved most useful. Next term, will, it is hoped, find the School Chapel ready for use, and the choristers must do their utmost meanwhile, as much yet remains to be done to render the singing fairly efficient. There is still a lack of crispness and a tendency to drag piano passages, both of which faults must be quickly eradicated. Extra practices are now the order of the day, in preparation for a concert in aid of the choir fund, a report of which appears in another colum. On the evening before breaking-up day last term, Dr. and Mrs. Harvey gave the choir a supper, at which upwards of thirty sat down. A very enjoyable evening was spent, which one and all will look back on with pleasure for many a long day to come.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

THE "Otago High School Magazine" for November contains a good photograph of this year's fifteen. They have had a very successful season, indeed one of the local papers thinks their team the best all-round fifteen in Dunedin. They won their match against Christ's College by thirteen points to nil, a result which is not to be wondered at when we see that their team averaged 10st. 13lbs. in weight.

The "Nelsonian" of September contains an amusing article on "Cricket as it was and is." The author points out the perfection of the wicket of the present day, which, he says, is responsible for the large scores, that are so frequently made. As an instance of fast bowling, he tells a story of a man named Brown who bowled a ball through a coat, and killed a dog on the other side. Mr. Ford, their new Principal, is a great cricketer, and cricket at Nelson should flourish accordingly.

The "Oamaruvian" for August opens with an article on "A Prussian view of Waterloo," in which the author states that Prussian historians lay the entire blame of the double battle of June 16th on Wellington's shoulders. That Wellington was unfortunate in being obliged to fight at Quatre Bras and in being thereby prevented from joining Blucher at Ligny, there can be no doubt, but it seems scarcely fair to lay the whole blame on his shoulders.

The "St. Andrew's College Magazine," South Africa, contains a letter suggesting the formation of a club for the Old Boys in order to keep up a connection between themselves and the school. Our own Old Boys now form a large body, and we should very much like to see some steps taken in this direction.

From the contemporary notices in the "Carthusian" we take the following:—"November,

usually taken from 'novem,' nine; but the scholiast hazards a conjecture 'novus' and 'imber,' because the Roman kings were formerly crowned in this month, and a 'new reign' commenced." "*Delicta majorum immeritus lues.*" "The delights of our ancestors were unmitigated filth." There is something rather good too in the description of an Essay as "a yorker on the mental leg-stump." The editor appears to suffer from a cause that is not entirely unknown elsewhere, when he says "Neither have we, nor as far as we know did our predecessors, ever have the good fortune to find in the editor's box, an article written by a member of the school."

The editor of the "Christ's College Sports' Register" makes the same complaint, saying that the editorial eyes are never gladdened by the sight even of a letter containing a suggestion, a complaint, or in fact anything at all. As regards ourselves, we cannot grumble, though there is ample room for improvement, both in the quality and quantity of the contributions. The September number contains a "School Song" called "College," the music and words being the production of two old boys. The writer of a few paragraphs on cricket ends his remarks with the words "We are sure that cricket never will be with us what it might and ought to be, until we have to work for some annual match with a rival school." We heartily echo these words; it is certainly from no fault of ours' that it has been found impossible to arrange a match this year. The heights of the Christ's College Cadet Corps range from 6ft. 3in. to 4ft. 9in.

LIFE AT AN ENGLISH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

BOYS brought up at a school like ours can have very little idea of what life at an English public school is like, except, perhaps, those who have read such books as "Tom Brown's School-days," which every English boy ought to read; but though it contains a true account of the life thirty years ago, things have been very much altered for the better since that was written; and I think that there are very few men who, on looking back, would not consider the few years passed at their public school, the happiest of their lives. When a boy first comes to school here, it only takes him three or four days to settle down before he becomes quite at home and considers himself of just as much consequence as any other boy in the school. But it is very different at an English public school; though I must first say that there is absolutely no bullying, or at any rate very little carried on at school now. A new boy soon learns how he must behave, he must not consider himself anybody till he has been at school at least three or four terms; he must never walk about with his hands in his pockets, or wear his hat on the back of his head or speak to any of the swells, as members of the School Eleven or Fifteen or the bigger Sixth fellows are called; it would be considered swagger if he did and he would be soon told of it. When I first went to school, ten years ago, every new boy had to pass through some ordeal his first term; in most of the boarding houses this consisted of what was called "House Singing," when every new boy had in turn to stand up on a table in the dining hall in the presence of all the other members of the house and sing a song, holding a lighted candle in each hand; if he sang his song, or made any attempt, however feeble, he was allowed to come down; but if through obstinacy he refused to sing he was greeted with showers of handy missiles, till he soon found it would be to his advantage to attempt a song, and the attempts were sometimes very ludicrous. In our house, new boys did not have to go through the House Singing, but they had to endure rather a curious ordeal called Star-gazing, which was as follows:—After prayers on a Saturday night all the members of the house adjourned to the yard, where in the centre was placed a chair on which was a basin of cold water; then the new boys each in turn, after taking off as much clothing as they liked, had to sit down in the basin, and a pair of trousers was placed over their heads, two boys holding up the legs. As soon as they said they could see the stars, a bucket of cold water was poured down each leg, and then running down the lines of boys, armed with wet towels to warm them as they went by, they had to make their way up to bed as quickly as possible. It was a comparatively harmless proceeding, but far from pleasant on a cold winter's night. Star-gazing is now a thing of the past, and in most houses even House Singing has been done away with. But new boys are on the whole very happy in their own way, they are left pretty well to themselves, and form friendships among their equals which generally last through their school life, and sometimes through the whole of their lives, and if a boy is clever or shows any aptitude for games he soon

begins to rise in the school. A certain amount of fagging still goes on, but not nearly so much as in former days, and I think it is a very good training for the younger boys, besides being an inducement to work, as only those in the Middle and Lower school are obliged to fag; as soon as a boy gets into the Upper School he is exempt from fagging. Only the Sixth Form and those who have Sixth power, that is, those boys who, having a high standing and good influence in the school are given the power of a Sixth Form boy, are allowed to fag fellows. At the beginning of every term the Sixth choose their different fags, each one having a certain number of study fags, toast fags, and hall fags. The duties of a study fag are to sweep out and tidy the study every morning, and see that in winter the fire is kept alight, of a toast fag, to make toast morning and evening, and of a hall fag, to wait at meals on his Sixth Form boy; and the duties come very light when about thirty fags are divided among five or six of the Sixth Form. The head boy of the Middle School is head fag, whose duty it is to tell each boy when his week comes for fagging, and to see that all the Fags do their work properly. The Sixth Form have almost as much power as the masters, they are allowed to set lines to the other boys and to use a cane to enforce order in the studies and dormitories. They all turn out too with their canes on match days, walking up and down to keep the line, and bringing their canes down heavily on the shins of any one who ventures across the touch line at a foot-ball match. At Rugby every boy has a study, or rather, in most cases, two share one study, in which they are pretty much at liberty to do what they like; each study is well furnished with a carpet and sofa, easy chairs and writing table, and book shelves, and most boys as a rule take great pride in their studies, fitting them up very prettily with pictures and ornaments. All through the summer they have flower boxes fastened outside their windows, filled with all kinds of flowers which have a very pretty effect. I remember I always used to keep pets of different sorts in my study in the shape of tame bullfinches and canaries, and white mice and piebald rats, but they generally used to die an unnatural death; some even went so far as to keep tame snakes. And then it is a grand thing to have a fire in your study in winter, for cooking purposes; many a savoury supper have I cooked of an evening and enjoyed afterwards with two or three friends. Boys of all tastes can find something to suit them out of school; in the school grounds there is one of the finest gymnasiums in England with two good instructors; workshops fitted up with every requisite in the way of carpenters tools and turning lathes; two racquet courts and seven or eight fives courts; a splendid covered in swimming bath, where the water is kept the same temperature all the year round by means of a heating apparatus, so that after a football match in winter you can go in and refresh yourself with a swim without any fear of its being too cold; a fine art museum containing a good collection of pictures and various other things; a large library and reading room; and lately quite a new thing has been started close by in the way of Zoological Gardens on a small scale, consisting chiefly at present, I think, of various birds, obtained by members of the Natural History Society, which makes excursions into the country on half holidays, some in search of birds and beasts, others of butterflies, or fossils. Any boy is free to ramble through the country on a half holiday in summer provided he is back in time for calling over at 5 o'clock. Then again there is a bicycle club for all who go in for bicycling, and half a dozen lawn tennis courts, and plenty of room for all to play cricket who wish to. In the school ground itself I have seen as many as eight different matches going on the same day, and now they have obtained another ground close by, large enough for about four separate games. The school eleven certainly ought to be a good one for they have so many to chose from, and two professionals to coach them all through the season. We had three half-holidays a week at Rugby, but a great deal of work had to be done out of school at odd times of the day and in the evenings; only the Middle and Lower School went into preparation, the Upper School and Sixth did their work in their studies of a night. Saturday nights were always free, and that was the time for the supper parties in winter, while in summer locking up was not till half past eight in the evening, but there were always debates or Natural History meetings for those who wished to attend, and nearly every Thursday evening interesting lectures were given in the big school by men engaged for the purpose. But I could go on for ever enlarging on the delights and happiness of a public school-boy's life, and I have already taken up too much of your valuable space, so I must come to a close, signing myself one who wishes he could again pass seven years as

A Public School Boy.

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