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Prize Day.

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20TH, 1893.

A VERY large number of visitors attended, and when Mr. Empson and the masters took their seats the big schoolroom was packed. The ceremony opened with a concert, got up under the direction of Mr. Large; the first part consisted of a few glees, and the second of the scene of Pyramus and Thisbe from "Midsummer-Night's Dream." It is a long time since we have done any acting at the Prize Giving, and we have to thank Mr. Large for the great trouble he took in getting it up; but his efforts were well rewarded, as the acting was very well done indeed, especially on the part of Harding and Booth, who were both a complete surprise. The programme was as follows:—

Pianoforte Duet	"Chilperic"	O. Sainsbury and McWilliam
Violin Solo	"Simple Aveu"	A. T. Williams
Glee	"Sleep, Gentle Lady"	Boyle, Warren, H. R. Parkinson, Cooper
Recitation	"Bruce and the Spider"	Macleay
Glee	"The Harp that once"	Boyle,
		E. J. Herrick, W. R. Russell, O. Sainsbury, Warren,
		Rochfort, H. R. Parkinson, Cooper, A. T. Williams
Pianoforte Solo	"Tam O'Shanter"	Kempthorne

PYRAMUS AND THISBE.

Theseus (Duke of Athens)	...	...	Cooper
Lysander	...	...	W. L. Levin
Demetrius	...	...	Duncan
Courtiers	...	R. L. Levin, N. F. Moore	
Philistrate (Master of Ceremonies)	...	...	Riddiford
Bottom, the Weaver (Pyramus)	...	H. R. Parkinson	
Flute, the Bellows-mender (Thisbe)	...	...	Graham
Starveling, the Tailor (Moon)	...	...	Gillon
Quince, the Carpenter (Prologue)	...	...	Harding
Snout, the Tinker (the Wall)	...	C. J. N. Russell	
Snug, the Joiner (Lion)	...	...	Booth

Mr. Empson then read his annual report, commenting on the work done during the past year; he said that it was impossible to compare it favourably with the work of former years, as a great deal of time had been lost during the prevalence of the measles, and also for some time afterwards the majority of the boys had been unable to do justice to their work. He paid special attention to the progress made in Drawing during the year, and to the successful results in the examinations held by the School of Design. He went on to say that the thanks of the School were due to Mr. J. R. Blair and to Bishop Hadfield for presenting prizes. Mr. Empson then thanked his fellow masters for the work they had done, and for the help they had given him during the measles, and Mr. Andrews, especially, for undertaking a second time the task of examining the whole School; but he was glad to say that he had secured the services of an outside examiner for the next Christmas examinations. He then asked Mr. Andrews to read his report.

Mr. Andrews then went through the results of the examinations, candidly criticising the work of the various forms. After this Mr. Empson asked Archdeacon Towgood, who had come to present the prizes, to say a few words before doing so. Archdeacon Towgood then gave a history of the School from the earliest times, paying especial attention to the help Bishop Hadfield had given us, saying that if he had not stepped in and helped us in all probability we should not be in existence now. His speech was listened to by all with the greatest interest, after which the prizes were presented as follows:—

GREEK.

FORM VI.—Johnston.	FORM V.—Harcourt.
FORM IV.—McWilliam.	FORM III.—Pharazyn.

LATIN.

FORM VI.—Currie. FORM V.—C. J. N. Russell.
 FORM IV.—R. A. Wilson. FORM IIIA.—Rutherford.
 FORM IIIB.—Matthews. FORM II.—Lethbridge.
 FORM I.—Anderson ma.

FRENCH.

FORM VI.—Currie. FORM V.—Hosking.
 FORM IV.—Sharpe. FORM III.—Rutherford.

ENGLISH.

FORM VI.—Currie.* FORM VA.—Saxby.
 FORM VB.—S. W. Fitzherbert. FORM IV.—P. B. Fitzherbert
 FORM IIIA.—Beetham. FORM IIIB.—Mason.
 FORM II.—Anderson ma.

* Including Special History Prize.

ARITHMETIC AND ALGEBRA.

FORM VI.—Cooper. FORM V.—R. A. Wilson and
 FORM IV.—York. Maclean.
 FORM IIIA.—Mountfort FORM IIIB.—Warren.
 FORM IIIC.—Price. FORM II.—Mawley.

EUCLID AND TRIGONOMETRY.

FORM VI.—Cooper. FORM V.—R. A. Wilson.
 FORM IV.—Glendinning. FORM IIIA.—Walker.
 FORM IIIB.—Duigan. FORM IIIC.—Jones.
 FORM II.—(PRACTICAL GEOMETRY).—Ivey.

SCIENCE.

FORM VI. & VA.—Saxby ma. FORM V.—S. W. Fitzherbert.
 FORM IV.—P. B. Fitzherbert. FORM IIIA.—Beetham.
 FORM IIIB.—Hewitt. FORM II.—Kettle.

BOTANY. MENSURATION.
 Cornford. R. A. WILSON.

PAINTING PRIZE (Mr. Blair's Class).
 Rochfort and R. L. Levin.

DIVINITY.

DIVISION I.—R. A. Wilson. DIVISION II.—Beetham.
 DIVISION III.—Gordon.

THE HARVEY MEMORIAL

Was gained by Cooper, Harcourt being second.

School News.

The following passed the Matriculation Examination at the end of last year:—C. J. S. Harcourt, H. R. Cooper, H. R. Peacock, G. W. Currie, A. A. Cornford, H. H. Pharazyn, A. R. Standish, R. B. Higginson, C. N. B. Williams, J. T. MacWilliam, A. T. Williams, W. L. Fitzherbert, M. Bethell, R. V. Hosking, A. G. Saxby, C. R. Sainsbury, D. J. Willis. C. J. N. Russell passed the Medical Preliminary.

The new Librarians this term were A. R. Standish, C. N. B. Williams, R. V. Hosking, and C. B. Duncan.

The following were elected to fill the vacancies on the COLLEGIAN Committee G. L. Marshall and A. A. Cornford. M. Bethell was elected Editor.

A window in the Library was broken by the hail-storm of April 9th.

Several new pictures have been added to the Big School and Fifth Form room, notably "Les Conquerants," by Pitel.

The following new books have been added to the Library:—Whyte Melville's "Interpreter," "Market Harborough," "Uncle John," "Katerfelto," "Digby Grand," "General Bounce," "Good for Nothing," "Brookes of Bridlemere," "Sarchedon," "Holmby House," "Queen's Maries," "Gladiators;" Alexander Dumas' "Three Musketeers," "Marguerite Valois," "Twenty Years After," "Chicot, the Jester," "Forty-five Guardsmen," "Monte Christo," "Viconte de Bragelonne," "Memoirs of a Physician;" "Dictionary of Quotations," "Travels in the Holy Land," "Constable of Saint Nicholas," "Old New Zealand." The following are expected to arrive shortly:—"Golden Butterfly," "Heavenly Twins," "Misunderstood," "Pathfinder," "The Prairie," "Twelve English Statesmen," "Tom Brown at Oxford," "Lyra Heroica," "Dog Crusoe," "Heir of Redclyffe," "Gentlemen of France," "Water Babies," "Unknown to History," "Edna Lyall's Works," "The Horse," "History of Our Own Times," "Jules Verne (4)," "Ambulance Lectures," "Strange Dwellings," "Term of His Natural Life," "Light of Asia," "Max O'Rell (3)," "Tom Burke," "Charles O'Malley," "Saracinesca," "Greifenstein," and other volumes of Badminton Library. The following books have been presented to the Library:—"Heroes of Dark Continent" (S. Holdsworth), "Triumphs of Invention" (W. L. Fitzherbert), "Red Sultan" (R. A. Wilson), "Sea and Land," "World's Wonders" (D. J. and T. R. Willis).

A new clock has been placed in the Library.

The new Prefects this term were:—School Prefects—H. M. Wilson, R. A. Wilson, and R. U. Burke; House Prefects—W. L. Fitzherbert, G. Palmer, and J. W. Harding.

The new boys this term were—(School-house) W. G. Fry, I. F. Johnston, N. D. Wilson, L. H. Arden, S. W. Wheeler, L. Holdsworth, N. J. H. Gavin, A. P. Francis, G. W. G. Davies, W. G. Saxby, T. N. Baker, H. H. J. Mackenzie, O. H. Hovell, A. Chrystall, J. H. Philson, R. Reynolds, A. T. Close, C. Parkinson, and R. L. Cresswell. (Mr. Shields') W. St. G. Chaney, G. S. Keeble, C. R. Honeyfield, E. Parsons, W. H. Parfitt, H. Paul, C. Peacock, C. H. Hume, T. H. L. Hitchings, A. Hobson, C. L. Harris. (Day Boys) J. Duigan, O. S. Jones, E. R. Willis, S. M. Davis, H. H. Enderby, C. J. Foster, S. Bailey, C. R. Pownall, A. O. Cave, C. R. Cooke, L. Craig, S. J. Tingey, R. A. Graham, J. R. Anderson, and P. H. Lewis.

The Boys who left last term were—(School-house) H. F. Johnston, C. J. S. Harcourt, C. J. N. Russell, A. G. Saxby, H. R. Peacock, H. Graham, A. H. Walker, S. D. Macfarlane, and G. A. Galpin. (Mr. Shields') A. Hunter, H. F. N. Martin, H. C. Taylor, W. R. Maclean, C. A. Lyndon, and A. C. Fookes. (Day Boys) H. V. Duigan and H. N. Bertram.

Everyone was pleased to welcome Mr. Hobhouse back after his visit to England. The Sixth feel flattered that he has returned 16,000 miles to teach them.

Mr. Besley paid the School a visit at Easter and very kindly sang the exquisite anthem from "Christ and His Soldiers" at the afternoon service on Good Friday.

Dr. Lytken gave two interesting and amusing lectures at the School, on February 9th and 10th. The Doctor's Siberian experiences must have been decidedly unpleasant, though some of his hearers thought that on the whole Siberia might be preferable to the existence in Spitzbergen, which was described at great length, the main features being apparently the eating of fat and the daily or weekly plunge into the oil bath. The chains, reported to be an exact copy of the original fetters, seemed to suit Bethell very nicely. The only weak point in the lectures was the introduction of the "Professors" at all times and seasons.

The vacant Chaplaincy has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. H. Northcote, M.A., N.Z., who entered upon his duties here during the first week in March.

The Pocket Communion Service subscribed for by the School as a parting present to Mr. Grace arrived this term and was forwarded to Greytown. On the case are the words "A. V. Grace, in memory of the Collegiate School, 1893"; and on the cup is engraved the text of his last sermon "The word of our God shall stand for ever."

The new members of the Chapel Guild this term were: A. A. Cornford, R. A. Wilson, A. E. Cooper, G. Palmer, C. N. B. Williams, D. J. Willis.

There has not been much time for Hockey this term, although one or two clubs have shown some enthusiasm about it, notably the Kaiwhakas and Matabeles. Cricket was carried on rather later and Football began rather earlier than usual, owing to the early date of Easter.

The Polo Tournament was a great attraction this term. A special train took all the School out as far as Matarawa, whence the way was led to the ground by Williams min. Each team had its own supporters in the School, and several Old Boys were playing. For some time afterwards Polo Ball races on foot were a very favourite amusement, until a temporary check at any rate was caused by a too enthusiastic player making so vigorous a hit as to half-kill one of his adversaries. The Polo Sports were very good, at least in the opinion of the generality, though one or two proud and haughty spirits are reported to have found them exceedingly slow. The Steeplechase winner was owned and ridden by Old Boys, K. W. Dalrymple being the owner and N. Gorton the rider.

Dr. Earle has very kindly presented £5 5s. to the Library.

W. F. Halcombe paid a visit to the School recently on his return from the States. He brought with him some very beautiful medals that he has won in Regattas at Chicago and elsewhere. One particularly elaborate one was for the Champion Pairs.

In the representative match, Wanganui Cricket Association v. Manawatu, Mr. Shields acted as Captain; G. L. Marshall and D. R. Hewitt also played. Seldom, we should imagine, has a match been finished under such disastrous circumstances as regards weather.

The Amateur Sports were held on the School ground on March 31st. Parfitt won the 100 Yards' Handicap, open to boys, and H. M. Wilson the 250 Yards' Handicap. L. G. Saxby, who had come over from Hawke's Bay to compete, won the Long Jump and Putting the Weight, but found the start he had to concede to A. Good in the Hurdles a little too much. A. A. Fantham won the Five Mile Bicycle Race.

The fire, which resulted in the destruction of a small cottage about three hundred yards from the School, caused great excitement. The Fire Brigade were unfortunately hampered in their efforts to obtain water by the blocking up of the plugs with stones. The delay was "unfavourably commented on" by the spectators from the School. In Hawke's Bay, we need hardly say, things would have been done in very different fashion; in Hastings especially "our magnificent new engine" would, no doubt, have speedily extinguished the conflagration.

We must not omit to mention the weather this term. Even the most ardent supporters of the glorious climates of Wellington and Napier must be content.

The projected visit of the Otago High School next term is the theme of much conversation. The first meeting between the two Schools will be very interesting, and though we cannot express a wish that our opponents may be victorious, we heartily hope that their enterprise in coming so far may be rewarded by a pleasant visit.

The Prefects' Annual Dinner (the advance from "feed" to "dinner" should be duly noted as a sign of the ever onward march of civilisation) came off on the evening of the Sports' day, under the presidency of J. W. Swainson, Esq. We have not been favoured with a detailed account of the proceedings, but judging from the usual signs in the passage and the small items of intelligence which our reporter has managed to secure from the waiters, the consumption of good things verged on the miraculous. The worthy President was greatly pleased, but did not, we believe, add to the hilarity of the occasion by a song.

The Swimming Bath has been brought nearer by another successful boring in the town. If the bore at the Racecourse proves a success, another attempt will be made at the School.

If any Old Boy wishes to make a small present to the School, a small organ for the Chapel can be obtained and put up for about £200.

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES.

1893.			1893.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Dec. 31.—Bal. in hand	32	8 5½	May—Melanes. Scholar	10	0 0
Jan.—May—Offertories	19	0 5½	July—12 Psalters at 1/6	0	18 0
May—Sept.— do.	9	5 2	July—Dr. Welchman		
Sept.—Dec.— do.	11	9 4	for Melanes. Miss.	5	0 0
			July—Victoria Disaster	5	0 0
			Nov.—Extra Ventilatr's	4	1 6
			Nov.—Queens: Flood	5	0 7½
			Jan.—Dec.—Gas Account	5	5 1
			Cleaning ..	1	10 0
			Cushion ..	0	6 6
			Balance in hand	35	1 8½
	£72	3 5		£72	3 5

Athletics.

The Sports were held as usual on Easter Monday, March 26th, the weather, as has always without exception been the case, being exquisite. The track showed considerable improvement; the grass has now taken a good hold and makes a very fair course. The Committee and Secretary, H. R. Cooper, had managed matters very well, and but little fault could be found with the arrangements on the day. The posts and ropes were a little too far from the track, causing an enquiry to be held in one event as to whether the winner had actually taken the proper course. After due investigation the Judges decided that there was no reason to interfere with the issue of the race. A band always contributes to the success of these gatherings and next year we hope it may be possible to secure one in spite of the awkwardness of the date. Some means of procuring refreshments would also be an improvement. In regard to the Sports themselves an alteration was made in the programme in connection with the Mile. In former years the runners have complained of the Mile being set down late in the afternoon, when they are tired, and this year therefore, after some discussion, it was decided to run it in the morning. This change did not improve the time, though had H. M. Wilson made his effort earlier there is little doubt that he could have won somewhat easily, and in time more nearly approaching that in which a School Mile ought to be run. The Half-Mile Handicap, for which some ninety started, produced one of the best finishes ever seen on the ground. Without wishing to detract in any way from the merits of the victor, P. B. Fitzherbert, who ran very gamely, we think that the honours lay with H. M. Wilson, who spurted very strongly after being much hampered by the number of boys whom he had to pass, and was only just beaten on the post. S. W. Fitzherbert again distinguished himself in the High Jump, breaking the School record for under sixteen by jumping 5ft. 1½in., and equalling the record in the Open High Jump with a jump of 5ft. 3in. The handicaps produced some capital finishes, and the Handicappers, Mr. Harold, Hewitt, and Marshall, may be congratulated on their success in a very difficult and thankless task. Mr. Harold acted as Starter; Messrs. Large and Watson as Judges; Messrs. Shields and Andrews as Timekeepers, the Prefects as usual forming the Committee.

The programme was as follows:—

HIGH JUMP (Under 16).

S. W. Fitzherbert (5ft. 1½in.)	..	..	1
C. C. Higginson	}	..	2
C. G. Saxby		..	

This is a record for the School.

220 YARDS' HANDICAP (Under 14).

Saunders mi. (6yds.)	..	..	1
I. F. Johnston (9yds.)	..	..	2
Brabant (9yds.)	..	..	3

Johnston ran well, and would have won if he had not fallen under the tape without touching it. Time, 29 4-5ths secs.

LONG JUMP (Under 15). JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Record, 17ft. 1in.—A. E. Cowper, 1892.)

P. B. Fitzherbert (16ft. 2in.)	..	..	1
Hume	..	..	2
Beetham	..	..	3

Fitzherbert jumped well, but more practice is required in this species of jumping both in this class and in the other Long Jumps.

100 YARDS (Under 12). MRS. MONTGOMERIE'S CHALLENGE CUP.

(Record, 13secs.—W. H. Scale.)

Mawley	..	..	..	1
I. F. Johnston	..	..	..	2
Cutfield	..	..	..	3

A very good race indeed. Time, 13 4-5ths secs.

LONG JUMP (Open).

(Record, 20ft. 10in.—W. H. Woon, 1887.)

G. L. Marshall (18ft. 3½in.)	..	..	..	1
A. A. Cornford (17ft. 6½in.)	..	..	..	2
H. R. Cooper (17ft. 5½in.)	..	..	..	3

A. T. Williams, Cowper, and Fitzherbert also jumped.

440 YARDS (Under 14).

(Record, 66secs.—A. J. Podevin, 1890.)

H. R. Gaisford	..	..	..	1
R. Reynolds	..	..	..	2
H. W. Gaisford	..	..	..	3

Won fairly easily. Time, 70 3-5ths secs.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT, 16LBS.

(Record, 32ft. 6in.—L. G. Saxby, 1892.)

Booth (26ft. 6½in.)	..	..	..	1
H. R. Cooper	..	..	..	2
Cowper	..	..	..	3

Not so good as in former years.

440 YARDS' HANDICAP (Under 16).

T. R. Willis (13yds.)	..	..	..	1
N. F. Moore (21yds.)	..	..	..	2
R. V. Hosking (14yds.)	..	..	..	3

Very good race indeed, Moore and Willis both ran very well. Time, 61secs.

HIGH JUMP (Under 13).

I. B. Saunders (4ft.)	..	..	..	1
I. F. Johnston	..	..	..	2
C. G. Saxby	..	..	..	3

100 YARDS (Under 14).

(Record, 12 1-5th secs.—M. West, 1893.)

Wheeler	..	..	..	1
E. V. Brabant	..	..	..	2
I. B. Saunders	..	..	..	3

Time, 13 1-5th secs.

HIGH JUMP (Open). MR. NICHOLAS' CHALLENGE CUP.

(Record, 5ft. 3in.—G. L. Marshall, 1892.)

S. W. Fitzherbert (5ft. 3in.)	..	..	..	1
G. L. Marshall (5ft. 1in.)	..	..	..	2
D. R. Hewitt	..	..	..	3

Fitzherbert jumped splendidly, equalling Marshall's record.

MILE (Open). MRS. EMPSON'S CHALLENGE CUP.

(Record, 5mins. 15secs.—T. James, 1885.)

G. L. Marshall	..	..	..	1
H. M. Wilson	..	..	..	2
W. L. Fitzherbert	..	..	..	3

A very good race. Marshall went away from the start, and kept the lead, winning by about 6yds. Wilson let himself get rather far behind, but ran a splendid finish, and would have won if he had spurted sooner. Cooper, Cowper, and Booth also ran. Time, 5mins. 31secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).

(Record, 103yds. 0ft. 9½in.—W. H. Woon, 1887.)

L. Holdsworth (85yds. 3in.)	..	..	..	1
G. L. Marshall	..	..	..	2
C. C. Higginson	..	..	..	3

The winner, who is young, should do very well next year.

120 YARDS' HANDICAP (Under 12).

G. W. Davies (6yds.)	..	..	..	1
Mawley (5yds.)	..	..	..	2
I. F. Johnston (scr.)	..	..	..	3

Johnston broke at starting, and in consequence was put back, or else he might have won. Time, 16 2-5ths secs.

100 YARDS' HANDICAP (Under 16).

(Record, 11 2-5ths secs.—H. F. Johnston, 1891.)

Tudor	..	..	..	1
T. R. Willis	..	..	..	2
Paterson	..	..	..	3

Very close finish. Time, 12secs.

120 YARDS' HURDLES (Open). MR. BEETHAM'S CHALLENGE CUP.

3ft. 6in. Hurdles. (Record, 17secs.—L. G. Saxby, 1892.)

G. L. Marshall	1
Booth	2
S. W. Fitzherbert	3

Won fairly easily. Time, 20 1-5ths secs.

440 YARDS (Under 15). JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Record, 62 1-5th secs.—J. P. Jacob, 1892.)

P. B. Fitzherbert	1
Bailey	2
Hume	3

Time, 62 3-5ths secs.

100 YARDS (Open). DR. SAUNDERS' CHALLENGE CUP.

(Record, 10 3-5ths secs.—W. H. Woon.)

C. B. Duncan	1
A. A. Cornford	2
H. R. Cooper	3

A very good race between Duncan and Cornford, the former just winning. Time, 11 2-5ths secs.

OLD BOYS' RACE (100yds. Hdcp.). MR. EMPSON'S CHALLENGE CUP.

W. H. Aldworth (9yds.)	1
Foster (3yds.)	2
H. W. Montgomerie (9yds.)	3

Time, 10 4-5ths secs.

120 YARDS' HURDLES' HANDICAP.

G. L. Marshall (pen., 12yds.)	1
Amon (pen., 1yd.)	2
G. Reynolds (12yds.)	3

A good race, Marshall catching his man on the last hurdle. Time, 21 1-5th secs.

100 YARDS (Under 15). JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Record, 12secs.—A. J. PODEVIN, 1890.)

P. B. Fitzherbert	1
C. G. Saxby	2
C. Peacock	3

Fitzherbert ran well. Time, 12 2-5ths secs.

440 YARDS (Open).

(Record, 57 4-5ths secs.—W. H. Woon.)

Booth	1
A. T. Williams	2
C. Duncan	3

Very good race. Williams went off at the start and led till the entrance to the straight, where Booth went ahead and won. Time, 59 secs.

HIGH JUMP (Under 15). JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Record, 4ft. 10in.—S. W. FITZHERBERT, 1893.)

C. G. Saxby (4ft. 3½in.)	1
P. B. Fitzherbert	2
Bailey	3

220 YARDS' HANDICAP (Open).

A. A. Cornford (3yds.)	1
W. L. Fitzherbert (7yds.)	2
Roberts (6yds.)	3

Two rounds of heats had to be run for this race, Cornford, Fitzherbert, Roberts, Williams, Close, and Ireland being left in the final. Cornford ran well, winning by a few yards. Time, 25 4-5ths secs.

880 YARDS' HANDICAP (Open).

P. B. Fitzherbert (50yds.)	1
H. M. Wilson (26yds.)	2
R. Reynolds (125yds.)	3

About ninety boys started in this race, which was about the best we have seen run on the ground. Fitzherbert only just won, Wilson ran a splendid race, being rather blocked by the number of competitors. Time, 2mins. 15 2-5ths secs.

CONSOLATION (Under 15).

Bailey	1
A. D. Herrick	2
W. L. Levin	3

Time, 31 1-5th secs.

CONSOLATION (Over 15).

Close	1
Roberts	2

Time, 26secs.

880 YARDS' HANDICAP.

(Cup presented by Mr. Shields for boys in his house.)

Run on Thursday, March 29th.

N. F. Moore (63yds.)	1
Cock (50yds.)	2
Hoadly (66yds.)	3

This race was won fairly easily, the first three coming in a long way in front of the rest.

The Prizes were afterwards presented in the School by Mrs. Empson. Mr. Empson made a few remarks in the course of which he suggested that it would be an improvement for the runners to adopt white running attire with a coloured sash or cap. Though many of the present runners showed some taste, others were certainly gaudy and not neat. The Senior Championship, expected to be a very close event, was won somewhat easily by Marshall with twelve points, Booth being second with seven. The Junior Championship was won by P. B. Fitzherbert with eleven points, C. G. Saxby being second with five points.

The Steeplechase was run on Wednesday, March 28th, on the Racecourse; distance, 1½ miles. Eight started and kept fairly well together until the water jump. Here most of the interest was centred: one or two cleared it fairly but the majority were content with landing in the water, one competitor taking a seat in the very muddy looking liquid, and appearing rather less comfortable than usual in consequence. Wilson then took the lead and maintained it to the finish, winning eventually by about fifty yards. Marshall was some way ahead of Fitzherbert.

H. M. Wilson	1
G. L. Marshall	2
W. L. Fitzherbert	3

Dr. Saunders' Challenge Cup. Time, 8min. 2secs.

Cadet Corps.

The institution of a new system of drill and the loss, as is usual, at the end of the year, of many good men, have made some hard work necessary in the First Company. Bethell, who succeeded Johnston as Captain, drilled the Company for a quarter of an hour after six every evening, and this combined with the expectation of a visit from Colonel Fox, which did not come off, has brought the Corps up to a fair standard. By the end of the year the First Company ought to be very good. The recruits, under Sergeant Cornford, have made fairly satisfactory progress. The promotions have been as follows:—

- Lieutenant M. Bethell to be Captain.
- Colour-Sergeant H. R. Cooper to be First Lieutenant.
- Sergeant J. T. McWilliam to be Second Lieutenant.
- Sergeant A. T. Williams to be Colour-Sergeant.
- Corporals R. B. Higginson and D. R. Hewitt to be Sergeants.
- Lance-Corporal A. A. Cornford to be Sergeant.
- Lance-Corporals { F. Kempthorne, } to be Corporals.
- { H. M. Wilson, R. U. Burke }
- Privates { W. L. Fitzherbert, G. Palmer, } to be Lance-Corporals.
- { A. E. Cowper, R. A. Wilson, }
D. J. Willis

As regards the Shooting this year, every cadet has had five shots at four ranges, while the first fifteen have had an additional ten shots at four and five hundred yards. The scoring was not good, nor will it ever be so as long as the Company is armed with the old carbines, which may have been serviceable weapons fifteen or twenty years ago. An attempt was made to procure three or four Martini-Henry Rifles for shooting, but it was impossible at the time to obtain them.

Shooting seems to run in the Higginson family; last year the Cup was won by M. W. Higginson with R. B.

Higginson second, this year it was won by R. B. Higginson (69) with C. C. Higginson (47) equal with Hewitt second.

The Second Company shows signs of progress under Lieutenant Cooper; it has been suggested that next year they should take part in the Sham Fight, and act as a covering party; the broomsticks might figure as a masked battery. The Third Company, to put it mildly, have yet something to learn, but Mr. Harold has made a great improvement in them.

SHAM FIGHT.

Below is the Sergeant-Major's account of the Sham Fight which took place on Monday, April 16th. Saturday was the day originally fixed, but heavy rain rendered a postponement necessary. The incautious discharge of a rifle nearly rendered the combat a genuine one, but the gallant fellow who received the charge very nearly full in the face was fortunately too far off to experience any fatal result, though one or two grains of powder, which carried rather too well, enable us to use the term bloodshed in connection with the battle. After the fight, the combatants together with the orderlies, a truly heterogeneous crew, accompanied by hosts of camp followers, descended upon Balgownie and made a second attack upon the excellent tea most kindly provided by Mrs. and Miss Inlay and Mrs. Abbot. This attack resulted, as is usually the case, in a complete victory; tea seldom tastes so good as after two or three hours fighting, sham or otherwise, on a hottish day. When sufficient execution had been done, the troops were drawn up on the lawn and performed a general salute with three cheers for their kind hostesses, after which a move was made to the Balgownie Station, where the train was caught; School was again reached shortly after five.

[BY SERGEANT-MAJOR McMILLAN.]

The Wanganui Collegiate School Cadets held a Sham Fight and outpost duty at Balgownie on April 16, 1894. The plan of attack was as follows—one half of the Corps went to the Heads by rail at 1 p.m., who represented a hostile force who had effected a landing on the beach with the intention of capturing the town of Wanganui; this force threw out scouts and advanced cautiously through an unknown country, keeping well out of sight and taking advantage of all cover, until their advance was checked by the defending forces' outpost line of sentries; here the attacking force reinforced their fighting line who drove in the line of sentries on their supports and finally drove all back to their main position. This force was ably commanded by Captain Bethell, the Captain of the Corps.

The defending force, under Lieut. Cooper, took up a position at the juncture of roads leading to Mosstown and Heads, here they threw out a chain of sentries with a support to overlook the country in their immediate front and to signal the approach of the invaders, this being done, on the approach of the invaders, they gradually fell back to their main position, disputing every inch of ground. Here a furious battle lasted for some time, and both sides lost heavily. The invaders made a feint attack on the front of the position, keeping the defenders in check whilst they attacked the left flank of the position with vigor, which was finally carried after a stubborn resistance. Both sides lost heavily in killed and wounded. Great praise is due to all ranks of this Corps for the zeal they show in their work.

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Rowing.

The Regatta this year was later than usual, taking place on the 15th of March; but we had no cause to regret it, for as Johnston had left, a change in the crew had to be made, Cooper taking his place as stroke, and Marshall, who had rowed last year but had not expected the doctor's permission this year, taking No. 2 oar. Practice went on persistently and cheerfully all the time; and once more the result proved how necessary training is, because while we cannot say too much about the style of the rowing, it was by superior training that we rowed down our opponents. We can congratulate our crew, too, on keeping a fairly long stroke without bucketing much, and this was the result of plenty of "tubbing" in the heavy pair oars, and of the swinging on stools.

Winning the toss, and taking the "Red Camellia," we had to let our opponents have the shorter course, our boat being on the town side. Punctually at the hour of three the gun went off; the Rowing Club crew got the best of the start, and kept it for some time, while things looked dangerous for us; but a long and steady stroke was kept up, thanks to the vociferations of cox. At the bend of the river an improvement was observable; although we had a longer course to row than our opponents, they began to come back to us, and by the time we had completely rounded the flag-boat, we were almost level, and still improving our position every moment we gradually forged ahead, and amid enthusiastic cheering from the banks we passed the winning-post two lengths ahead.

It was noticeable this year that the attendance of the public was much smaller than usual—partly perhaps owing to the Polo Tournament; that the weather was perfect for racing; and the punctuality of the starting quite remarkable. The best thanks of the crew are due to Mrs. Moore for the timely refreshment to which she invited the blushing victors.

The crews were as follows:—

SCHOOL.	WANGANUI R.C.
D. R. Hewitt, bow, 10st. 8lb.	H. Duigan, bow
G. L. Marshall, 2, 10st. 10lb.	R. F. Ballantyne, 2
A. T. Williams, 3, 11st. 8lb.	S. Wright, 3
H. R. Cooper, stroke 10st. 10lb.	A. C. Hogg, stroke
R. F. R. Beetham, cox.	L. Ward, cox.

The previous races have resulted as follows:—

1887.—School beat W.R.C.	1890.—School beat W.R.C.
1888.—School beat W.R.C.	1891.—W.R.C. beat School.
1889.—W.R.C. beat School.	1892.—W.R.C. beat School.
1893.—School beat W.R.C.	

Cricket.

SCHOOL v. FEILDING C.C.

We left Wanganui by the early train on December 21st, and arrived at Feilding shortly before eleven o'clock. The game started at about half-past eleven. The School won the toss, and decided to bat. Our score reached 122, of which Hewitt by good, hard cricket made 69. Marshall, with 26, being the only other batsman to reach double figures. While batting Harcourt was unfortunate enough to fall and break his arm, and had to retire in consequence. The Feilding team kindly treated us to a sumptuous luncheon on the ground, after which the home team went to the wickets. The rain, which had been threatening ever since we arrived, now began to interrupt the play. When time was called Feilding had made 77 runs for 7 wickets, the match thus ending in a draw. The following are the scores:—

SCHOOL.	FEILDING C.C.
Cave, b Entwistle	1 Mr. Lance, not out
Marshall, b Lance	26 Mr. Miller, b McWilliam
Hewitt, c Lance, b Hunter ..	69 Mr. Broughton, b McWilliam ..
Graham, b Lance	0 Mr. Entwistle, b McWilliam ..
Cooper, b Lance	0 Mr. Levett, c. Graham, b Cave ..
McWilliam, b Hill	4 Mr. Hunter, b Cave
Harcourt (retired)	1 Mr. Strachan, b McWilliam ..
Higginson, b Broughton	1 Mr. Hill, b Cave
Peacock, c Broughton, b Hill ..	2 Extras
Russell, run out	0
Gorton, not out	5
Extras	13
Total	122
	Total for 7 wickets
	77

SCHOOL v. PALMERSTON NORTH.

This match was played on the day after the Feilding match on the Palmerston North ground. Play started shortly after ten o'clock. The School again won the toss and elected to bat; but they could not do much against the bowling of Cooke, who succeeded in taking 8 of our wickets at the cost of only 26 runs. The School innings only produced 56 runs; Marshall, (23), Cooper (10), and Peacock (8 not out) being the only batsmen to make any impression on the bowling. After lunch, which the Palmerston team kindly provided, they went in, and made 81 runs; Isherwood (27), and Hodder (25), being the principal scorers. Cave and Hewitt divided the bowling honours for the School. In this match the fielding of our team was not all that could be desired, several catches being missed, and the throws in often resulting in overthrows. We were thus 27 runs behind on the first innings. In our second innings we had made 72 for 6 wickets (Marshall 38, and Hewitt 25), when the innings was declared closed, in order that we might have a chance of getting them out before time was called. They, however, succeeded in making the necessary number of runs for the loss of 4 wickets, thus

winning the match by 6 wickets. The following are the scores:—

1st Innings.	SCHOOL.	2nd Innings.
Cave, b Cooke	5	b Isherwood
Marshall, c Salmon, b Cooke ..	23	st. Isherwood, b Salmon ..
Hewitt, c Salmon, b Cooke ..	0	b Kay
Graham, c Salmon, b Cooke ..	0	c Matheson, b Salmon ..
Cooper, c Pratt, b Isherwood ..	10	c Isherwood, b Salmon ..
Higginson, c Hodder, b Cooke ..	1	
McWilliam, b Cooke	0	c Matheson, b Salmon ..
Peacock, not out	8	
Russell, b Cooke	0	
Gorton, c Kay, b Cooke	0	
Fitzherbert, c and b Isherwood ..	2	
Extras	7	Extras
Total	56	Total for 6 wickets
		72

PALMERSTON NORTH.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
Mr. Isherwood, c McWilliam, b Hewitt	27
Mr. Crump, b Cave	2
Mr. Merlet, b Cave	5
Mr. Hodder, run out	25
Mr. Cooke, b Cave	0
Mr. Watson, b Hewitt	0
Mr. Kay, b Hewitt	1
Mr. Pratt, b Hewitt	10
Mr. Matheson, b Cave	0
Mr. Salmon, c Gorton b Cave ..	1
Mr. De Luen, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	81
	c and b Cave
	6
	thrown out
	20
	not out
	5
	not out
	3
	run out
	7
	run out
	3
	Extras
	5
	Total for 4 wickets
	49

Lost by 6 wickets.

SCHOOL v. PRESS C.C.

This was the first match played this term. The loss of Cave made our bowling somewhat weak; and the fielding of our team was very poor, as indeed it has been all the term. The Press made 70 in their first innings, Salmon being the principal scorer with 31. Hewitt bowled well for the School, taking 7 wickets. The School could only make 52 in their innings; Marshall (24) and Higginson (14) being the chief scorers. In their second innings the Press had made 43 for 5 wickets, when time was called. The following are the scores:—

PRESS C.C.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
Mr. F. Brown, c Willis b Hewitt ..	6
Mr. Ridler, b Hewitt	0
Mr. Salmon, b Marshall	31
Mr. Schmoll, b Marshall	0
Mr. Ryan, b Hewitt	7
Mr. Grammar, b Hewitt	11
Mr. K. Cave, b Hewitt	9
Mr. G. Brown, c Wilson b Hewitt ..	3
Mr. Young, b McWilliam	0
Mr. Smith, not out	1
Mr. Penn, b Hewitt	0
Extras	2
Total	70
	b Gorton
	7
	b McWilliam
	1
	c H. M. Wilson, b McWilliam ..
	22
	not out
	5
	c R. A. Wilson, b Gorton
	0
	not out
	7
	b McWilliam
	0
	Extras
	1
	Total
	43

SCHOOL.

Hewitt, b Ryan	0
Marshall, b Grammar	24
Cooper, c Salmon b Smith	2
McWilliam, c Ryan, b Smith	2
Fitzherbert, run out	0
Higginson, c Grammar, b Smith ..	14
H. M. Wilson, b Grammar	3
	Gorton, c Grammar, b Smith ..
	1
	R. A. Wilson, not out
	1
	Willis, run out
	3
	Holdsworth, b Smith
	0
	Extras
	2
	Total
	52

Lost by 28 runs.

SCHOOL v. RAILWAY C.C.

The Railway Club turned out a somewhat stronger team than they have hitherto, and aided by our weak

fielding and bowling, beat us by an innings and 9 runs. For the Railways McBeath, by free hitting (52), and Grammar (21) were the chief scorers; while for the School, Hewitt topped the score in both innings, making 20 in the first, and 39 in the second innings. The following are the scores:—

SCHOOL.			
1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Hewitt, c McBeath, b Patterson	20	c Schmoll, b McBeath	39
Marshall, c Kite, b Patterson	4	b Grammar	10
Cooper, c Harrison, b Grammar	2	b Grammar	5
McWilliam, b Patterson	0	b McBeath	0
Higginson, c McBeath, b Kite	1	c and b Grammar	0
Fitzherbert, c Patterson, b Kite	5	c and b Seagar	4
Willis, b Kite	6	b Kite	4
H. M. Wilson, run out	2	b Patterson	1
Gorton, c Patterson, b Kite	0	b Kite	1
R. A. Wilson, run out	0	not out	0
Holdsworth, not out	3	b McBeath	0
Extras	5	Extras	0
Total	48	Total	64

RAILWAY C.C.			
Mr. Grammar, b Marshall	21	Mr. Kite, b Marshall	0
Mr. White, b McWilliam	0	Mr. McLaren, b McWilliam	13
Mr. Schmoll, c Willis, b Marshall	9	Mr. Harrison, not out	9
Mr. McBeath, c R. A. Wilson, b Marshall	52	Mr. Cullum, b Hewitt	0
Mr. Patterson, c and b Hewitt	9	Mr. Nicholson, b Hewitt	0
Mr. Seagar, c Cooper, b Willi	4	Extras	4
Total	121	Total	121

Lost by an innings and 9 runs.

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI C.C.

Played on March 3rd. The Wanganui men won the toss and went in first. Their first 3 wickets fell for 47; but when D'Arcy and Meldrum got together the runs began to come very quickly, and the score had reached 118 before the latter was bowled by Hewitt for a well-played 40; while D'Arcy had made 34, not out, by hard and attractive cricket. The Wanganui captain then declared their innings closed. Upon the School going in Hewitt and Marshall made a determined stand until the score had reached 55, when the latter succumbed to a ball from Cave when he had made 24. When time was called we had made 77 for 4 wickets; Hewitt being not out for a well played 41. The following are the scores:—

WANGANUI C.C.			
Mr. McLean, c Fitzherbert, b McWilliam	8	Mr. Meldrum, b Hewitt	40
Mr. Shields, c Marshall, b McWilliam	15	Mr. D'Arcy, not out	34
Mr. A. N. Cave, b McWilliam	8	Extras	13
Total for 4 wickets	118	Total for 4 wickets	118

SCHOOL.			
Hewitt, not out	41	Palmer, not out	3
Marshall, b W. B. Cave	24	Extras	5
Cooper, c and b L. Cave	1		
McWilliam, b L. Cave	3	Total for 4 wickets	77
Higginson, b L. Cave	0		

Drawn.

SCHOOL v. MARTON C.C.

On March 7th the Eleven journeyed to Marton by coach to play the Marton Club. When about three miles from Wanganui it was found that one of the wheels was coming off, and so the driver had to go back and obtain another coach. The interval was occupied by making a naturalizing expedition into some neighbouring bush, in which one illustrious member succeeded in capturing a morepork. When we eventually arrived at Marton, at about 11.30 o'clock, we found everything in readiness to begin. Owing to one of the Marton men

having come a long way to play and then finding that there were eleven without him, the School captain agreed to make room for him by playing twelve men aside. The School captain won the toss and elected to bat. The innings produced 71 runs. Cooper (15), and Hewitt (14), being the only ones to get into double figures. We then adjourned for lunch, which the Marton team kindly provided. At 2.15 the Marton team went to the wickets. We soon lost whatever chance of victory we had by our desperately bad fielding, several of their best bats being badly missed. Their innings had reached 131 for 5 wickets when they declared it closed. Vaughan played well for 62; he and Cohen (not out 28) were the principal scorers. In our second innings we had lost 8 wickets for 77, when time was called. Cooper (not out, 34) and Marshall (25) being the principal scorers. After the game the Marton team kindly gave us tea, after which we set out on the return journey, arriving home at about 10.30 o'clock. The following are the scores:—

MARTON C.C.			
Mr. Wilson, c Hewitt, b McWilliam	13	Mr. Shannon, b Marshall	8
Mr. Fulton, b McWilliam	4	Mr. Cohen, not out	28
Mr. Vaughan, c Palmer, b McWilliam	62	Extras	11
Mr. Little, c Cooper, b Willis	5	Total for 5 wickets	131

SCHOOL.			
1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Hewitt, b Cohen	14	b Hatfield	0
Marshall, b Patti	7	c Iveson, b Shannon	25
McWilliam, b Patti	5	b Shannon	0
Higginson, b Patti	3	b Shannon	2
Fitzherbert, c Remington, b Patti	3	c Wilson, b Patti	0
Palmer, c Whitelaw, b Cohen	0	b Shannon	0
Cooper, c Patti, b Cohen	15	not out	34
Willis, c and b Patti	2	b Shannon	5
H. M. Wilson, not out	7	c Shannon, b Patti	7
Gorton, b Cohen	1	Extras	4
Holdsworth, b Cohen	3		
R. A. Wilson, b Hadfield	0	Total for 8 wickets	77
Extras	11		
Total	71		

Lost by 60 runs.

SCHOOL v. COMMERCIAL C.C.

Played on Thursday, February 22. This is the only match which we have succeeded in winning this term. The School batted first, making 103, of which Marshall made 39, Fitzherbert 14, and Higginson 11. The Commercial Club then went in, but were all disposed of for 34; Mr. F. Jones playing steadily for 17. The following are the scores:—

SCHOOL.			
Hewitt, b Larking	2	Gorton, not out	5
Marshall, hit wicket, b Buckrell	39	R. A. Wilson, b Buckrell	0
Cooper, c Goss, b Bell	5	Holdsworth, c Thomson, b McWilliam, b Bell	9
Higginson, b Larking	11	Larking	1
Fitzherbert, c and b Larking	14	Extras	9
Willis, b Larking	8	Total	103
H. M. Wilson, b Larking	0		

COMMERCIAL C.C.

Mr. F Jones, b Hewitt	17	Mr. Thomson, c Cooper, b Hewitt	1
Mr. Hammond, b McWilliam	1	Mr. Bell, b Marshall	3
Mr. Turner, b Hewitt	1	Mr. Pawson, not out	2
Mr. F. W. Jones, c Fitzherbert, b McWilliam	0	Mr. Webb, b Hewitt	0
Mr. Buckrell, b Hewitt	6	Extras	3
Mr. Larking, b Hewitt	0		
Mr. Goss, b Hewitt	0	Total	34

Won by 69 runs.

Football.

At a meeting held of the remnant of last year's team, on March 28th, Cooper was elected Captain, Bethell Secretary, Hewitt and Williams filling the vacancies on the Committee. As yet only one match has been played, against the Kaierau Club, when we were beaten, after a hard game, by three points; the only other match we can play will be too late for this issue. As regards the team, it ought to be a good one, though it is hard to give an opinion so early in the season, but there is a great deal of practice needed, especially in the passing, where there is great room for improvement. Work must be started as soon as we come back, as the Otago High School will most probably be here next term, and as they have the reputation of being the best School team in New Zealand, and as there will be only a few weeks for practice, it will take us all our time to get into form. However, we shall at all events have a good game, and may the best team win.

SCHOOL v. KAIERAU FIRST.

Played April 21st. Cooper lost the toss, and Booth kicked off against the wind and sun, McLean returned, and we were immediately penned in our own twenty-five, shortly afterwards being forced down. From the kick-out, Kaierau got on a good rush, which was well stopped by Burke, but shortly afterwards there was another force-down, quickly succeeded by a free-kick for us, which not only failed in mending matters but enabled Purnell to make a very close shot at the goal. From the kick-out, McLean got a mark, and Marshall returning, the ball was mulled, and Cooper got away, but had not gone far before he was collared. The Kaierau replied with a terrific rush, which was partially stopped by Hewitt kicking into touch, but from the throw-in a Kaierau forward got the ball and just succeeded in getting over the line, the kick at goal however falling short. Almost immediately on the kick-out the Maroons rushed the ball over the line, and Holder scored, McLean placing a goal. From the kick-off, Hewitt got away, and passed to Cooper, who was brought down after a good run; the School still continued the attack, and Marshall and Duncan did some good passing, but lost the ball just at the critical moment. After changing sides, the School worked the ball down to their opponents' twenty-five, and Cooper had a shot at goal, which however was not quite successful. From the kick-out Cooper got the ball again, passed to Williams, who sent it on to Cornford, who transferred to Duncan, who got in. Marshall failed in the attempt. This woke Kaierau up; they rushed the ball up to our territory, and Holder scored, McLean converting. From the kick-off, the School got a passing rush on, ending in Marshall scoring. Hewitt placed a neat goal. The kick-off rebounded against Williams, and Wilson following, picked it up and started another good rush, ending in Cornford securing the third try for the School. Hewitt however failed to kick a goal. The School now played up splendidly, but the whistle unfortunately put an end all too soon to a splendid game.

Old Boys' Column.

J. M. and P. Marshall won the double Tennis championship of the Colony, at Auckland, last January, and P. Marshall was only beaten in the final set of the singles.

G. L. King rowed in the winning crew of the senior fours at the Napier Regatta.

L. G. Saxby won the hurdles at Napier, from twenty yards behind scratch, and also won the long jump and weight at the Amateur Meeting here.

J. M. Marshall won the Canterbury Tennis championship.

P. Harrison, N. Gorton, W. B. Lloyd, J. Cameron, and M. Higgin all distinguished themselves more or less in the Polo Tournament.

C. J. N. Russell has gone to Trinity College, Oxford.

J. W. Halcombe has returned to New Zealand after a long absence in America.

The marriages of two Old Boys are recorded elsewhere.

The last heard of H. R. Peacock is that he has taken a fencing contract.

F. D. Herrick has been playing for the East Coast Wanderers' Cricket Club.

J. S. Atkinson has bought the late Mr. Thomas's practice in Christchurch, and has set up as a dentist.

A. D. S. Duncan represented Wellington against Hawke's Bay in Cricket this year.

H. R. Parkinson is studying dentistry under Mr. Thomson of Christchurch.

G. Lloyd is practising as a lawyer in Daneverke.

F. Holdsworth and Sir K. Douglas passed the first section of the Solicitors' Examination in December, 1893.

P. Andrew plays forward in the St. Bartholomew's Rugby first fifteen, while W. F. Willis fills the same position in that of St. Mary's Hospital.

THE OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The Annual Dinner this Easter was attended by about forty-five Old Boys, and was on the whole a success. The fact that the waiters, for some mysterious reason, did not put in an appearance made the first part rather a muddle; but the Old Boys soon found out that they could wait on themselves and did so with apparently good results. The Speeches were made by C. Owen "The Association," Mr. Empson "The Queen," and the reply to "The School," Dr. Saunders the reply to "The Past Masters," Mr. Shields reply to the "Present Masters," Mr. J. W. Swainson "The School." A programme of songs, etc., was ended at about midnight by Anld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen.

The membership of the Wanganui Branch has increased during the present year from twenty-six to ninety-six.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Thursday, February 5th, at Wanganui, Anne Sophia, widow of the late Bache Wright Harvey, D.D., formerly Headmaster of the Collegiate School, aged fifty-two.

The funeral took place in Wellington on Monday, February 9th, when, in accordance with her expressed wish, she was laid by her husband's side in the Cemetery there.

Odds and Ends.

Lecturer on Dynamics loq. "An iron bar is lengthened when magnetised, you can actually *hear* a click when the bar is magnetised or demagnetised." Interested pupil, breathlessly, "What! With the naked eye, Sir?"

The following peculiar, and fortunately rare, piece of composition was handed in this term as a French essay on "Hot Weather:"—"Hote temps est le ouerce terme de la année ite est sô hote thate vous pour nô que tou dou; eu seume pièces ite est môre hote thane autres, ite est kouaite hote ineuf aoute ici." The mistake is obvious; the writer having got hold of a pronouncing dictionary had been led to believe that, in writing down the words quoted, he had discovered both an easy and quick method of translation.

"Yes," said a recent arrival, "I ran eight times round the track, and then fell down in a perfect dead heat."

"Take care of the *Cod-liver* moth," was the warning given by one of the Patriarchs of the Fifth Form to a friend, kindly offering him an apple. The correspondent who supplies this item of news asks us whether the Sixth Form Naturalist has come across this species during his many years of toil and research.

Essay on "A Sunset."—"As everyone knows—or rather ought to know, because there may be someone who does not know—Sunset means the setting of the sun."

Skylock Holmes was not a Jew of Venice, neither was he the author of "Paradise Lost." This answer will set many an aching heart in the Lower Third at rest.

Pressure on our space alone prevents us from inserting an interesting treatise on the "*Gaul Bladder*;" and the same reason must be our excuse for not publishing at length an essay on "*Bologna*," the Goddess of War. The origin of the latter misapprehension is very evident, when we consider the inhabitants of the Fifth Form Room, and then reflect upon the particular commodity to which Bologna has given its name.

"I firmly believe," says one who has evidently spent some thought upon the subject. "I firmly believe that tobacco with all its evils is to be preferred to the indulgence, not wisely but too well, in *spiritual liquors*."

In one of the earlier numbers of the COLLEGIAN a fragment of the diary of a Lower Third Form boy was published. Below is a continuation of the same remarkable journal, which may be of interest to some of our readers:—

April 2.—Running round football ground began today—jolly humbug this run, I call it—supposed to open the lunghs—what rot! Who wants his lunghs opened at this time in the morning? Got into a row to-day with old ——. Found an apple in my pocket in Latin and began to eat it, when old — — nailed me and put me down in the book for "ending a long course of insubordinate behavior by eating an apple in School." How sickening! and I was floged too. Bad day for me. At Euclid felt a little sleepy; thought old — was torking about triangel, and when he asked me a

question said that all their angels were equal to 2 right angels—found afterwards that he was torking about a cercle.

Football in afternoon—compulsary too—I hate football—must get doctor to say I needn't play: beleave I reelly have got something rong with my heart: often feel a pane about the middle of my body—Told Prefect of this—brute kicked me out of the room—should like to see him playing with panes like I have.

Went down into the "gim" after tea—that ass, Duff mi., wanted me to box—hate boxing—only kind of box I like is a tuccer box—this is a joak.

Prep. as usual at seven—shorthand afterwards—wish I hadn't given in my name to learn—have to go through with it now. Duff mi. showed me his essay on "Boys that are likely to be respected." He had put down—"You must not sneek out of roughs." Told Duff he ought to learn spelling—said he would punch my head for tuppence. Bed.

April 12.—Haven't been feeling verry well, and haven't kept my dairy, Got my tuccer box three days ago—think I have got heart disease—can hardly eat any dinner or tea, and breakfast only when there are sossidges. Asked leave to stop out of School, but—said Gregory was all I wanted. Fancy Gregory for a fellow whose heart is all rong. They'll be sorry for it when I drop down dead some day. Got what the Masters call a Nexeat—don't know why they call it that. Bother this dairy—shan't keep it any more.

MARRIAGES.

CURRIE—BRYCE.—On Wednesday, February 14th, at Brunswick, T. Currie, son of James Currie, Esq., Brunswick, to Annie, daughter of Hon. J. Bryce.

GORTON—WILLIS.—On Wednesday, April 25th, at Greatford, N. St. G. Gorton, son of Lieut.-Colonel Gorton, to Miss K. Willis, daughter of late Major Willis.

Carpenters' Shop.

The following is Mr. Dunn's report for the term's work:—

There has been a considerable revival this term in the above department of the School, especially since the inauguration of regular classes during school hours. This change in the arrangements has made Practical Carpentry part of the regular School-work for thirty-six boys, each receiving an hour's lesson during the week on the use and maintenance of tools. As several members have shewn some ability in working out the exercises set them, next term's work ought to bring the workshop to a state of efficiency never attained to before. One thing will be discouraged, that is, the turning of the workshop into a manufactory of badly made packing-cases. In a small workshop, where every cubic inch of space must be made use of, it is utterly impossible for large work to be undertaken, and no member, if he thought of this, would be selfish enough to wish to monopolise more than his share of the room by storing on or under the benches heavy boxes that cannot fail to be in everyone's way. No member's timber ought to cost more than a shilling or two during the whole term, this value of wood being quite sufficient for the amount of *good* work that may be expected to be done in the time. Beginners should remember that it takes a man several years to learn joinery, and should not wish to undertake work that they have neither strength nor skill to satisfactorily finish. Once more it is necessary to repeat maxims that it would be well to remember too

in other departments of the school work; that continued practice in doing slovenly work is not the sort of practice that makes perfect, and that nothing whatever is worth doing that is not worth doing well. Workshop practice should teach that no work is "good enough" (a detestable phrase), unless it is positively the best that can be done.

MEMORY.

The dream of a far-off past, of a distant race,
The dream of an old-time tale,
 Aye shineth faint and pale,
In the poet's eyes and the poet's face;
 But never does he see
 The dream of the To-Be.
As down the rushing blast
 A flame of hair
Streams back divinely fair,
 So from the kindled soul
 Swept onwards to its goal
 Backwards the splendours roll.

 Yea, we have elsewhere died!
O, canst thou not the land recall
 Thou, through whose veins runs all
 The rhythmic tide?
Like scattered wrack in a vessel's track
On the heaving breast of a slumbering sea,
 Birth-memories have we
Of glowing flowers o'er alabaster caves,
Of shadowy shores crimsoned by sunset waves,
 Of magic scents inhaled,
 Of joy that never paled
 Of mysteries unveiled.

We closed our eyes in what purpled eve?
 What God came to receive
Our parting souls? What judgement bade us leave
Those nameless shores? Who dealt the deadly wound
 When life within us swooned
 To waken here?
Was't in heroic war? Or in the deep
And curtained couch of sleep?
 Did sorrow's tear
 Anoint our hier?
As preons onward swept
The fierce Chimera kept
Watch o'er our forms that slept.

From age-long Slumber waking suddenly
 We saw another sky:
Heard other voices, other songs prevail:
 Heard all the human wail:
 Heard sad Earth's saddest tale:
 Heard all the idle sighs:
 Heard all the frenzied cries:
Heard Irreligion's wild and woeful blasphemies.

 Confused and mute we heard:
 But in our breasts yet stirred
The ancient dream, in bygone distance founded:
 And as it vaguely spoke,
 The soul within us woke!
One still-unbroken string of Memory softly sounded.

We live, and we beguile our life by bringing
That olden death to mortal mind, and singing
 The magic scents inhaled
 The joy that never paled
 The mysteries unveiled.

Now best doth silence, silence deep, beseech:
 Dark is the Future's dream.
New Death awaits us! On what glorious day
Fate, wilt thou wake us? Say!
 Wilt thou once more
 Wreck a spent life on Lethe's voiceless shore?
 Or shall the Poet-Soul on golden string
The Easter Song of Peace for ever sing?
 " Oh men by Death opprest,
 " See high on Calvary's crest
" Death hanging dead, and Life in lasting morning rest!"

A.M.

Entertainments.

The first Entertainment this term was held on March 3rd, when, in spite of the loss of Parkinson, which was severely felt, a very good programme was drawn up. Mr. Shields' reading showed that, in spite of the numerous calls that are made upon him, he is never at a loss for something humorous. The way in which Mr. Large's pianoforte solos were received, for one of which he was twice encored, speaks for itself. The duet, "The Fairies," was also good, and judging from the varied strains which are repeatedly wafted down the passage, is not yet forgotten. Mr. Large played the accompaniments. The following was the programme:—

1. Pianoforte Solo "Polonaise" Kempthorne
2. Song "Wait till the Clouds Roll By" Warren
3. Violin Solo "Simple Aveu" A. T. Williams
4. Duet "The Fairies" H. R. Cooper and A. T. Williams
5. Pianoforte Solo "Wedding March" Mr. Large
6. Reading "A Fishing Episode" Mr. Shields
7. Song "The Place where the Old Horse Died" Cooper
8. Pianoforte Solo "Intermezzo" Mr. Large

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

The second Entertainment held on March 24th was a great success, both owing to the aid received from the Old Boys', and also to the presence of Mrs. Empson and Mr. Besley. Mrs. Empson had to respond to a most decided encore. Mr. Besley's songs were the feature of the evening, and he was repeatedly encored; but perhaps the applause was loudest on his singing the old favourites, "Tam Pearce" and the "Choir Boy." Cooper must certainly be congratulated on tackling so successfully, such a difficult piece as "Nazareth," while Messrs. Parker and Gardiner met with a warm reception. Mr. Shields again showed his musical genius in his production on the "Auto-harp," which, perhaps, has only been excelled by his performance on the "Bootiphone" at a previous entertainment. Mention must also be made of the College Glee Club, which made its first appearance on this occasion, and which, we are requested to state, has no connection with the now extinct Fifth Form Glee Club. Mr. Large played the accompaniments. The following was the programme:—

1. Pianoforte Duet "Past and Present" Mrs. Empson and Mr. Large
2. Chorus "March of the Men of Harlech" Glee Club
3. Song "Nazareth" Cooper
4. Song "Last Night" Mr. Besley
- "Tom Bowling"
5. Pianoforte Solo "Sultan's March" Mr. Kemp
6. Song "Orpheus with his Lute" Mrs. Empson
7. Duet "The Fairies" H. R. Cooper & A. T. Williams
8. Song "Heart and Lute" Mr. Besley
- "Tam Pearce" and "The Choir Boy"
9. Song "Ho Jolly Jenkins" Mr. Parker
10. Solo "Home, Sweet Home" Mr. Shields
- "Auld Lang Syne"
11. Song "White Squall" Mr. Gardiner
- "Captain Dando"
12. Quartette "Sleep Gentle Lady" A. T. Williams, Warren, Boyle, and Cooper

Judging from the number of dumb-bells to be seen in use in the Gymnasium, the School ought to turn out some champion strong men soon.

Two pairs of Buffalo-hide hilts for single-sticks were procured this term, but not much science is displayed. Perhaps an assault-at-arms may be carried out next term. We have not had one for some time.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR,

DEAR SIR—I think that the time has come when we ought to have at least one decent grass tennis-court; for as it is now, owing to the neglect of somebody, I do not know whom, we are totally bereft of anything even resembling one. Could we not make one next term just below the asphalt courts, or failing this, cannot those responsible see that the old courts are kept cut and rolled during the winter? Hoping that this will receive consideration.—I am, Yours &c.,

H. M. WILSON.

[The neglect of the original grass court was entirely owing to the failure of the Club that started it to take any care of it. It was a private venture, and had nothing to do with the games' fund. Probably something will be done towards the formation of a grass court in the Spring.—ED. WANG. COLL.]

Tennis.

As is usually the case in the first term of the year, not much Tennis has been played by the majority of the School, owing, probably, to there being so many counter attractions, such as Swimming and the Sports.

The Tennis Four, however, have played two matches this term, one against the Wanganui Club, and the other against the Wellington Old Boys.

SCHOOL V. WANGANUI CLUB.

This match was played on March 19th, on the Town courts. The Wanganui Club was represented by Messrs. Barnicoat, Butler, Thomson, and Watson, and the School by D. R. Hewitt, G. L. Marshall, W. L. Fitzherbert, and H. R. Cooper. The games were very evenly contested throughout, the School eventually winning by two games. Scores:—

SCHOOL.	WANGANUI CLUB.	GAMES.
Marshall and Hewitt	beat Messrs. Barnicoat and Thomson	9—7
Fitzherbert and Cooper	beaten by Messrs. Butler and Watson	9—8

SCHOOL.	WANGANUI CLUB.	GAMES.
Marshall	beat Mr. Thomson	9—2
Hewitt	beat Mr. Watson	9—5
Fitzherbert	beaten by Mr. Barnicoat	9—3
Cooper	beaten by Hon. H. A. Butler	9—5
Total—School, 43 games; Wanganui Club, 41 games.		

SCHOOL V. WELLINGTON OLD BOYS.

This annual match was played at Easter, on Mrs. Moore's courts, who kindly lent them for the purpose, and also entertained the teams at lunch. The Old Boys were represented by H. A. Parker, F. and S. Holdsworth, and A. D. S. Duncan, a very strong combination, at whose hands we need not feel ashamed of being beaten. The School was represented by the same Four that had played against the Wanganui Club, but were this time defeated by 23 games. Scores:—

OLD BOYS.	SCHOOL.	GAMES.
H. A. Parker and F. Holdsworth	beat Marshall and Hewitt	6—3, 6—1
S. Holdsworth & A. D. S. Duncan	beat Fitzherbert & Cooper	3—6, 6—4, 6—3

OLD BOYS.	SCHOOL.	GAMES.
H. A. Parker	beat Marshall	9—7, 6—2
F. Holdsworth	beat Hewitt	4—6, 6—2, 6—2
S. Holdsworth	beat Cooper	6—3, 7—9, 6—4
A. D. S. Duncan	beaten by Fitzherbert	13—11, 5—7, 6—4
Total—Old Boys, 99 games; School, 76 games.		

Swimming.

Saturday, February 24th, saw us all making for Lake Weretoa, to hold our annual Swimming Sports. Every conceivable sort of vehicle was brought into requisition, ranging from smart dog-carts to lumbering drays, and somehow or other we all managed to be there by eleven o'clock, when a start was made with the programme. The weather was perfect, the water warm, and the races good, and every one seemed happy, especially when lunch time arrived, judging from the rate the sandwiches disappeared, despite the fact that two or three over-zealous assistants had cut the bread at least an hour too soon and so baked it a second time.

As regards the different events themselves, Gorton had very hard lines in the 50 yards open, which he won by about two yards, but unfortunately swam outside the float, and of course had to be disqualified, otherwise he would have won the points' prize. In the handicaps, G. Reynolds showed himself to be far better than the handicappers thought, and won both with ridiculous ease.

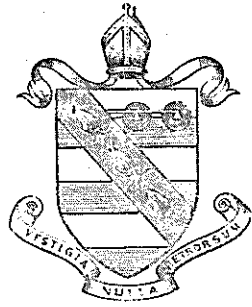
The Dummy Competition was chiefly noticeable for the fact that no one but W. H. Wilson succeeded in securing the dummy the last trial, which of course gave him the competition. The following are the results:—

75 YARDS (Under 14).			
Hon. J. Boyle	.. 1	E. St. G. Gorton	.. 2
50 YARDS (Open). SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.			
A. R. Standish	.. 1	H. R. Cooper	.. 2
BEGINNERS' RACE.			
H. Caplen	.. 1	W. G. Saxby	.. 2
50 YARDS' HANDICAP (Open).			
G. Reynolds	.. 1	L. Holdsworth	.. 2
100 YARDS (Under 16).			
S. W. Fitzherbert	.. 1	R. F. Moore	.. 2
LONG DIVE. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.			
L. St. G. Gorton (92 feet)	1	R. A. Wilson (82 feet)	2
100 YARDS' HANDICAP (Open).			
G. Reynolds	.. 1	C. G. Saxby	.. 2
HEADERS. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.			
H. R. Cooper	.. 1	G. Reynolds	.. 2
50 YARDS (Under 12).			
J. Philson	.. 1		
100 YARDS (Open). SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.			
L. St. G. Gorton	1	H. R. Cooper	2
S. W. Fitzherbert	3		
DUMMY COMPETITION. (Total—30 points.)			
W. H. Wilson	.. 22 points	..	1
H. R. Cooper	.. 19 points	..	2
L. St. G. Gorton	.. 18 points	..	3

The Points' Prize was thus won by H. R. Cooper, with 7 points; L. St. G. Gorton second, 6 points; Standish third, 3 points.

We must not omit to record our gratitude to Mr. Morgan for allowing us to make use of the lake and his grounds. If it were not for his kindness in placing the lake at our disposal, we should find it very difficult to bring off the Competitions. When our much looked forward to Swimming Bath is a matter of fact, many we think will still look back with regret to the pleasant days at Weretoa.

Several competitors from the School entered for the swimming races at the Regatta, but did not succeed in distinguishing themselves.



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Parliamentary Union.

THE first meeting of the House was held on the first Saturday of the term, in the time-honoured Fourth Form Room. The usual preliminaries were adjusted; the member for Dog Island (Cooper) retained the post of Secretary, while by a unanimous vote, the office of Clerk was conferred upon the member for Bruce (Hon. Charles Boyd Duncan). The Clerk thanked the House in the most felicitous manner for the honour that had been, as it were, thrust upon him, and was understood to be anxious to acquit himself with credit. After some further business the House adjourned.

On June 30th the Hon. H. M. Wilson met the House with a newly constituted Ministry. The Hon. G. W. Currie held the portfolio of Finance, Hon. C. N. B. Williams that of Education, while the Hon. W. H. Maclean represented the Interior. Between fifty and sixty members were present.

As it was found that the Sergeants at-Arms elected at the first meeting were unable to perform their duties, two new officers, Mateonga-onga (York) and Marton (Harris) were appointed to fill the position. After each of these gentlemen had thanked the House in very neat and appropriate terms for the honour conferred upon them, the Premier rose to support the Government measure, viz.: "That the abolition of horse-racing would be beneficial to mankind." Horse-racing degrades mankind, witness the lanky specimens seen at the corners of the streets. Thinks argument *re* improvement of breed of horses absurd—do Arabs race? Do their horses deteriorate? Lord Derby was true sportsman who finding a horse of his had been pulled, vowed never to run another horse.

KILLIECRANKIE (Johnston) seconds shortly and sweetly.

KAIMANAWHA (W. L. Fitzherbert) opines that betting is the curse of the turf.

WAITUA (Glendinning) approves of racing in moderation; but NAPIER (Sainsbury) thinks it a good honest sport and will support Opposition.

MATEONGA-ONGA (York) in bass voice and Doric accent, sees no harm in testing powers of one horse against another. He draws lurid and pathetic picture of the sporting small boy whose voice is heard in the streets.

AWAPUNI (S. W. Fitzherbert) has spent much time in deep thought over this matter. The speaker is evidently labouring under deep emotion; this he explains is the result of "spasms" and resumes his seat amidst loud and unsympathetic laughter.

DRAYTON (Burke) thought up-country racing very good sport; he fervently hoped Ministry would be ejected.

BUDLEIGH (Mr. Northcote) asks whether racing is cruel to horses? Is it more degrading to man and horse than many athletic sports? The Hon. Member hopes someone will enlighten him upon these points.

AWARUA (Taylor) supports the Government, as does TE RIMU (Hankins), who wants to know what human being would feel like, if whipped up the straight.

BALDHEAD FLAT (Williams mi.) falls foul of Drayton. Thinks anyone with least sense of reason can see that horse-racing is injurious.

ARAWARU (Hewitt ma.) laughs at the idea that the street corner youths come from training stables. The Hon. Member likewise derides the cruelty idea; "Does the Premier imagine that the Colony is inhabited by feather-weight jockeys?"

CITY OF LONDON (Mr. Andrews) proposes new style of racing—eight miles, two walk, two trot, two canter, two gallop; two hurdles interspersed. This would encourage breeding of good strong horses, not weeds.

MELROSE (Warren) supports the Government.

NORTHUMBERLAND (Mr. Shields) in a scathing speech asks whether Norwegians, happiest race in Europe, are given to racing. Improvement of breed of horses absurd—Flying Childers did six miles in three minutes—(loud cheers)—or rather three miles in six minutes (ironical laughter). If betting were abolished, horse-racing would die.

WANGANUI (Currie) believes that most races are arranged beforehand. He calls upon all, with interest of country at heart to vote for Government.

DOG ISLAND (Cooper) thinks racing the sport of kings—fails to see how anyone can be ruined by totalisator; there are quite enough unemployed in N.Z. already without adding the out of work racing men.

WOODENDEAN (Willis ma.) asks why racing should be abolished on account of a few drunken blackguards? No weed can run over two miles.

CORK (Neill) is understood to use Northumberland's horses as an illustration of the advance in breeding.

THE PREMIER replies, dealing with arguments—no—the speeches of Opposition. Is Awapuni cutting his wisdom teeth? does Bealey Downs dare to vote for Opposition? etc. In fiery peroration accuses Arawaru of "acshially"—(roars of laughter)—confusing football with horse-racing.

TAURANGANUI (Mr. Watson) taunted the Premier with seditious utterances, a proceeding which led to long wrangle; at length a division was taken on the main question, resulting in the defeat of the Government by 58 to 34.

On Saturday, July 21st, the Speaker took the chair at 6.30. Several votes of censure upon the Clerk of the House were moved; but that functionary was, as usual, quite equal to the occasion, and in a few terse sentences rebutted the accusations brought against him. The Ministry consisted of Hon. H. R. Cooper, Premier, etc., Hon. A. A. Cornford, (Recreation), Hon. R. U. Burke (Education), Hon. C. R. Sainsbury (Interior). The Premier moved "That in the opinion of this House the so-called good old times, *i.e.*, prior to 1700, A.D., are preferable to the modern." The mover said that competition now-a-days destroys chance of poor man. Best man won in good old times—no war machines. Duels were not altogether bad. No railways to cram the towns. Altogether the speaker made out a fair case for "the good old times."

BRANCEPETH (Beetham) seconded. "Them's my sentiments" was virtually the whole of his speech.

KILLALOE (H. M. Wilson) sneered at the idea that "the good old times" were alone remarkable for adventure and love. "Mere romance" said the Hon. Member. It required more pluck to face a Maxim gun than to fight at Agincourt.

MINISTER FOR RECREATION (Cornford) was unwell, and his remarks would therefore be terse and to the point. He lamented the decadence of the good old sports. "Anyone can work a Maxim gun, but how few can *flirt* (great uproar, during which the Minister manages to explain that he intended to say 'fence')?"

NORTHUMBERLAND (Mr. Shields) laughed at "the good old times." Why, sir, the University students could not even play marbles.

NAPIER (Sainsbury) in pathetic tones asked where the Greeks and Romans were? "Think," said the Hon. Member, "of the philosophers, Sophocles for instance" (sarcastic Opposition laughter). He condoled with the University students of the good old days, who, according to Northumberland, were unable to indulge in the scientific pastime of marbles.

BUDLEIGH (Mr. Northcote) regretted the days of flint and steel; he referred to inconveniences of modern days, *e.g.*, those occasioned by sudden loss of housekeeper.

WAIPAWA (Maclean) is of opinion that mind should triumph over matter. "What," he asks, "about the superstitions, witches, bad roads and footpads of the good old days?"

HACKWARD PARK (Abraham mi.) was unable to see the point, a fact which did not seem to strike the House as particularly surprising, but

DRAYTON (Burke) Education would rather fight than (cries of "die in the last ditch") be shot over. He thought Northumberland's experiences must have lain among Maoris (great uproar, during which Northumberland is understood to demand an apology). When matters have settled down, RED RIVER SETTLEMENT (Davies) alludes to fires and heat generally. This brings up BEALEY DOWNS (Bethell), who in stentorian tones demands to know whether the age of chivalry is dead? "No," shouts the Hon. Member. "Does not the Minister for the Interior remember the gallant rescue up the river?" At this point there are cries for Mr. J. M. Marshall, who is present as a stranger, to address the House. This he proceeds to do, gracefully alluding to the time, many years ago, when he figured as Premier in the same Chamber, the present Speaker acting as a Minister under him. He goes on to say that the question is one of muscle *v.* brain. The point of the poor had been lost sight of—in olden times poor had no rights but different now. As to heroism the death of Wilson's party in the Matabele War proves that the old spirit is still alive.

The Premier then briefly replied, reviewing the arguments, after which a division was taken, resulting in the defeat of the Government by 61—26.

At the meeting of the House on July 28th, the Hon. R. U. Burke informed the members that he had been successful in forming a Ministry consisting of himself Premier; Hon. F. G. Shields, Education; Hon. C. R. Sainsbury, Interior; and Hon. C. B. Duncan, Recreation.

In the absence of the Speaker the chair was most ably filled by the Right Hon. A. H. Hobhouse. Thereupon first Hillcrest (Cornford) and then Killaloe (H. M. Wilson) point out that a person holding an office under the Crown is debarred from acting as Minister. This idea is characterised by the Minister for Education as absurd; but Bealey Downs (Bethell) is strongly of opinion that the Hon. C. B. Duncan should be removed from the Ministry (Hear! Hear! Where is the Sergeant-at-Arms? etc.).

The Premier here intervened and stated that he and his colleagues had resolved to continue without the Hon. C. B. Duncan.

CITY OF LONDON (Mr. Andrews) recalls to the House the Bill of 1705, debarring office-holders from the Ministry.

WANGANUI (Currie) accuses last speaker of bribery, but MATEONGA-ONGA (York) has never in the whole of his long Parliamentary experience heard of a Clerk of the House holding office. (Cheers and laughter.)

After this long digression the Premier brought forward his motion, viz—"That the British Navy is declining." He enlarged upon the absolute importance of her navy to England, and showed from various instances—e.g., the Calliope—that the men were as good as ever, in spite of adverse circumstances.

THE MINISTER FOR THE INTERIOR (Sainsbury ma.) thought that the navies of France and Italy were really as good as that of England. He did not think the men and officers understood the management of their vessels, witness the Victoria disaster.

HAIDERABAD (Hovell) said that the number of vessels at present in the navy was only half of what it had been in 1800.

HILLCREST (Cornford) maintained that both officers and men were far more efficient to-day than a hundred years ago. At any rate, they had not forgotten how to die.

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Mr. Shields) said that there were only two-thirds the number of men at present in the navy that there were eighty years ago. He quoted figures in proof of this assertion. The naval manoeuvres were worthless.

KILLALOE (H. M. Wilson) agreed with Sir C. Dilke that if there was a war, England would have to evacuate the Mediterranean. He thought however that England's navy would compare very favourably with those of other countries. The Hon. Member resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

CITY OF LONDON (Mr. Andrews) had had access to the latest returns, and somewhat discounted the remarks of previous speakers by showing that their figures were out of date. He did not however think that the navy was in a very satisfactory state, especially objecting to the huge guns lately manufactured.

The Premier then summed up the arguments, maintaining that the advantage lay with the Government. This however did not appear to be the opinion of the House, the motion being lost by 65—16.

On the evening of August 11th a large and crowded House assembled to hear the Government introduce their motion—"That in the event of the European Powers becoming involved in the present war, the interests of England demand that her assistance should be given to Japan."

At the opening of the proceedings the worthy Clerk, whose zeal in the discharge of his duties has equalled or even exceeded that of his honoured predecessors in the office, handed to the Speaker a list of those who had not yet spoken. To the grief and surprise of the House it was found that the Hon. Member for Maungaheki not only had not spoken but was not even present. With pained expression the Speaker rose and gravely requested the Sergeants-at-arms to do their duty.

Two stalwart figures leave the Chamber, and after some delay a noise of struggling outside announces that the Member for Maungaheki is approaching. As from the sounds it is evident that the gallant Sergeants are in some difficulty, two other Hon. Members are sent to their assistance, and at length Maungaheki is borne in triumph into the House amidst enthusiastic applause. The Sergeants-at-arms receive the thanks of the House for their energetic action in this trying juncture, and Hon. Members settle down to the business of the evening.

THE PREMIER (Hon. A. A. Cornford) announces that he has induced the following gentlemen to join his Ministry—Hon. G. W. Currie (Finance), Hon. W. H. Maclean (Interior), Hon. S. W. Fitzherbert (Educa-

tion). The name of the latter is the signal for cheers, gracefully acknowledged by the Minister.

In speaking to his motion, the PREMIER details the geography of Corea and the causes of the war, which briefly consist in the long-standing jealousy between the two nations. Thinks British interests lie with progressive Japan not unprogressive China. Russia not much to be feared in India; Russians could not endure climate. It would be dangerous for England to allow a Foreign Power to get footing in China. The Japanese, being Naval Power, are naturally allies of England.

MARANIKAU (McWilliam) dilates upon the kindred feeling between England and Japan. Chinese slow, unambitious; Japanese always anxious to expand.

KILLALOE (H. M. Wilson) asks for indulgence of House. Unaware until last moment that, owing to serious indisposition of Leader of Opposition, the task of opposing Government would fall to him. As the newspapers say (ironical Government cheers) on this question may hang the future history of the world. Japan is merely diverting attention from her internal complications. Are we strong enough to deal with two of the most populous nations of the world as enemies? He draws picture of India's vulnerability, and quotes Mr. E. F. Knight's "Where Three Empires meet," in support of his arguments. He entreats Hon. Members to lay aside all Anti-Chinese prejudice.

SYDNEY (Abraham ma.) is understood to advocate Japan's cause on account of their having ordered 50,000 tons of Westport coal.

POURERERE (Busby) will vote for Government, as also will AUCKLAND (Philson) on account of the higher civilisation of the Japanese.

SAIGON (Barker) thinks England should support side with best navy, i.e., Japan.

HAIDERABAD (Hovell) denies Saigon's statement as to strength of navies. Chinese have 111 ships, Japanese only 70.

NORFOLK ISLAND (Palmer) is of opinion that the Japanese navy is far superior. ("In what?") In many respects, says the Hon. Member. Japanese only require good leaders.

WANGANUI (Currie) says question requires much thought. China only possesses nominal, Japan real influence in Corea. Four-fifths of Corean trade in hands of Japanese. He then quotes some interesting figures in connection with the navies and armies of China and Japan.

WAITOTARA (Parsons) and WAIRAKEI (Levin mi.) both support the Government. The latter thinks Killaloe entirely wrong.

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION before bringing forward his arguments will explain causes of war. In sonorous voice he begins: "Sir, there has been a rivalry of long standing between the two great kingdoms of Jina and Chapan (inextinguishable laughter). No, Sir, I mean between Chapan and Jina (uproar speedily suppressed). The Hon. Minister then proceeded to give some interesting facts as to the relations of the two countries in past times; "facts, Sir, to which I alone of this House have had access." A gentleman of the name of Hong figures somewhat largely—likewise the town of Chemeipo. All English minds should be filled with horror at the atrocious cruelty practised upon Hong by the Chinese.

CARACAS (West) asks whether if England had settlement in foreign country as Japan had in Corea, would she not support it with troops?

CHANDERNAGORE (Fitzherbert min.) gives some reasons why England should side with Chinese. Hong-Kong the principal one.

WINDGROVE (Jones mi.) says Chinese are armed with Enfield rifles; but TE HORO (Gavin) thinks it doesn't matter much either way.

CHRISTCHURCH (Mountfort) supports Japan. England should not allow Russia to seize Port Hamilton.

ONGA-ONGA (Herrick ma.) ridicules Wanganui. Should look to future not to present.

WAIPAWA (Maclean) maintains that China is acting unjustly. No claim upon Corea. "Independent country, Sir; several treaties made with European powers." Morally England should support Japan.

GREYMOUTH (Parfitt) and KARAWIRI (Palmerston) support Government, the latter because Chinese are too thick.

BOWLANDS (Levin ma.) is of opinion that Chinese are pig-headed (A voice: "Pig-tailed, you mean.").

FOREST GATE (Herrick mi.) thinks Chinese very stupid race.

(Loud cries are here raised for the Member for St. John's, but that Hon. gentleman remains firmly seated, sweetly smiling.)

PAKI PAKI (Russell ma.) believes that English and Japanese fleets "would smash Russia into a cocked hat."

HAMILTON (Hume) thinks Chinese too strong.

NORTHUMBERLAND (Mr. Shields) asserts that both army and navy of Japan are excellent of their kind. He thinks reparation owed to Japan by England for injurious treaties forced upon former, details of which he gives. Periodic migrations of China have occurred. What if armed with modern weapons? No fear of Russian invasion of India for two or three generations.

EVENING POST (Gillon) had intended to make very long speech, but as enough arguments to convince any sane man have been used, will sit down (cheers).

HAWERA (Caplen) and MAUNGAIHI (Reynolds ma.) advocate Japan's claims; while NGAWHAKA-TOTARA (Saxby ma.) stigmatises Chinese as horde of barbarians.

MASTERTON (Moore ma.) informs the astonished House that Japan is an island, and should therefore be helped by sister islands.

At last, in answer to repeated calls, ST. JOHN'S (G. L. Marshall) rises, and in trenchant speech points out that England's policy has always been to help the weaker side.

WAINUI-O-MATA (C. Higginson) immediately acts upon this idea by announcing that he will support the Opposition.

BUDLEIGH (Mr. Northcote) thinks that apart from moral aspect of question, British interests would decidedly require her to support China.

After PATEA (Honeyfield) has decided in favour of Government, the Premier rises to reply. He points out the various fallacies committed by various speakers, and finishes by endorsing the remarks of the "Father of the House" (Loud cheers for St. John's), and hopes that the weaker side will win.

The Division resulted in favour of the Government by 88—21.

As this was the last meeting of the Session, NAPIER moved a vote of thanks to the various officials. This was carried by acclamation, and when the Sergeants-at-Arms had returned thanks in their usual happy manner, the proceedings came to an end.

Notices.

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School News.

The Dunedin High School Fifteen, the first School team that has visited us for a great number of years, arrived at Aramoho, at 3 p.m., on Friday, July 13th, accompanied by Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Campbell, Here they were met by the School Fifteen with two drags, in which they were driven to the School by way of the River Bank. After having some afternoon tea, etc., of which they stood in some need after their long journey, and hearing the arrangements made for their stay, they dispersed to their respective quarters. On Friday, the Wairere took both teams a considerable distance up the River, and in the evening an Entertainment, an account of which appears elsewhere, was given at the School. At three, on Monday, the great match took place, and a very pleasant straight-forward game it was too. At 6.30, both Fifteens met at a cold dinner at the School; one or two toasts were proposed, and great regret was expressed for the absence of Cooper, owing to his injury during the match. In returning thanks for the toast of the Fifteen, proposed, and very pleasantly proposed, by Inder, the High School Captain, Bethell, in Cooper's absence, expressed a hope that the present might only be the first of a series of visits from Dunedin. Though he certainly was glad to have won, yet we must remember that the High School had had some heavy travelling, and that if we had met them at Dunedin the result might have been different. At this point our worthy Secretary, accustomed though he is to electrify his audience in "another place," grew a trifle embarrassed; before resuming his seat however he managed to convey the idea that both he and the rest of the Fifteen wished Dunedin all kinds of prosperity. A dance, given by Mrs. Empson, which had been somewhat hurriedly arranged, but which was nevertheless very successful wound up the evening. On the following morning there was to have been a drive up the hills, in order to enable our visitors to see the beauties of Ruapehu and Egmont, but the rain prevented it, and we had to be content with driving them back to Aramoho; thus ended what to us at any rate was a very pleasant visit.

Of the present number of the COLLEGIAN 500 copies are being printed, an increase of fifty on previous issues.

A correspondent asks what has become of the Naturalist's Society? We cannot answer officially, but believe that it expired owing to lack of interest.

The boys who left last term were—(Schoolhouse) P. L. Tudor, R. B. Higginson, A. R. Standish, R. Creswell. (Mr. Shields') A. A. Amon, A. Fraser, N. D. Mackenzie. (Day Boys) D. O. Stewart, H. W. Lock.

The new boys this term were—(Schoolhouse) P. C. Firth, G. A. Busby, W. T. Ritchie, J. A. Roberts, R. R. Sherratt. (Mr. Shields') J. Lupton, H. W. Barker, G. Fleetwood. (Day Boys) W. G. Williams, K. G. Williams, R. S. B. Ashcroft.

The new Librarians this term were—R. G. Saxby, S. W. Fitzherbert.

The Humane Society's Medallion and Certificate were presented to W. H. Wilson and G. W. Currie respectively, at the mid-term Entertainment.

J. M. Marshall left for England by the Gothic. He postponed his departure in order to be able to see the Dunedin match, and was of great assistance to our football in many ways.

At the beginning of the term the influenza put in an appearance, but by timely doses of quinine was expelled before doing much damage.

The old Workshop is to be turned into an Armoury; the Fifth are pleased with the idea of their room being no longer used for the rifles.

About thirty trees were planted on Arbor Day; they have a better chance of growing than others have had, as there is considerably more shelter now.

Mr. Northcote has comfortably installed himself in his new house.

Judging by the appearance of the Gymnasium in the evenings before Preparation, some good fighting men ought to be turned out. Mr. Harold has devoted a great deal of time to teaching boxing.

Quoits have not been very popular this term, football offering too many attractions.

Mr. W. P. Besley stayed for a few days at the School this term, and kindly sang several songs at the Entertainment given to the Dunedin High School Fifteen. He left for England in the Gothic.

Books have been presented to the Library this term by H. B. Lethbridge, V. Hoadley, L. Holdsworth, R. A. Wilson, R. P. Abraham. We have also to thank Mr. W. Calman and Mr. A. W. Harvey for presenting several valuable books, and Mr. and Miss Rees for a copy of their work, "The Life and Times of Sir George Grey." The "Auckland Weekly News" is given by A. T. Close, and "Sketch" by the Fifth Form Room. In addition to the books mentioned last term, the following have been added to the Library:—Rider Haggard's Works, Pepys' Diary, Life of Bishop Patteson, Voyage of the Beagle, Expansion of England, Ravenshoe, Conan Doyle's Works, Lewis Arundel, Darkness and Dawn, The Wrecker, Catriona, ten volumes "Boys' Own Paper." The "Pall Mall Budget" and the "Boys' Own Paper" are now taken in.

Portraits of the late Bishop Harper and the late W. H. Levin have been put up in the Library this term. Several new photographs have also been put up in the class rooms.

H. R. Cooper was somewhat severely injured in the Dunedin match, and was not able to resume work until some three weeks later.

The dinner at the opening of the new Carpenters' Shop was, we hear, very successful. Several gentlemen, "quite unaccustomed to public speaking," took the opportunity of airing their eloquence. We regret that we are unable to publish a full report, but we believe that no reporter was present.

There was considerable excitement over the arrival of the new books for the Library. We hope it may not be long before the funds allow of another order being sent Home.

On July 26th, Mr. A. P. Harper, who has recently returned from exploring the district around the Franz Josef Glacier, gave us a great deal of interesting information about the country, illustrated by splendid views from photographs taken by himself. His "kea" stories were very amusing.

Mr. S. H. Drew gave a most interesting lecture on Cuttle Fish early in the term. Very few in the School, we should imagine, had any idea that the largest attain a circumference of fifteen feet and a total length of from forty to fifty.

The Window Insurance Company started with grand prospects, but at the time of writing it is we believe doubtful whether it will not be obliged to close before the end of the term, "pending reconstruction" of course.

The new Workshop, a description of which appears in another column, was finished about the middle of this term. It was entirely built by the members of the Carpenters' Shop, under Mr. Dunn's superintendence, and will be of the greatest use.

The new Fives Courts which will, we hope, be ready for use at the beginning of next term, consist of two courts, each 26ft. by 18ft., and 18ft. high in the centre. The walls are strengthened at the four corners by columns, and by buttresses on the outside. The floor and walls are concreted. Many gloomy prognostications have been made as to the fate of the Courts in the case of such an earthquake as visited the district at some time in the fifties. The only answer, we suppose, is that if such a shake were to occur, the fives courts would not be the only buildings to suffer in Wanganui, and that the same argument would apply to nearly every chimney in every house. The courts have been built with a view to being suitable, not only for fives, but also for squash rackets, a game, of course, not to be compared with real rackets, but which may serve to pass the time for a century or so until the racket courts are built. The rules for fives must be unknown to many now here; want of space prevents us from publishing them, but a study of the Badminton book on the subject will give anybody who wishes to learn all the information he may require.

We are very glad to welcome the re-appearance of the "Nelsonian" after a lapse of four years. The "Wellingtonian" also appears in a new dress, a decided improvement, if we may venture to say so.

Football.

The Football Season, which is just drawing to a close, has been on the whole a fairly successful one for the School, the game being played if anything more energetically than ever; the standard of play too has apparently improved, particularly in the junior clubs. These clubs may be regarded as the nurseries of football, and it is very satisfactory indeed to note the decided improvement in their style of play; the dash and combination which they display speaks well for the future success of the School in the football field.

As usual at the beginning of the season, fears were entertained that the team would not be as good as in previous seasons; these fears however have been quite dispelled. There is perhaps not so much individual excellence, particularly amongst the back division, as there was in last year's team, but the combination on the whole is undoubtedly better, and the play, judging from the practices, is of a much harder nature. The foot-work of the forwards however is certainly not as good as it should be, and ill-judged attempts to pick up the ball are often noticeable; there is, in fact, a tendency, which to a certain degree should be checked, to wholly sacrifice the dribbling for the passing game. The exhibition of fine forward play given by the Otago High School team, in their match with us, was probably the best we have ever seen, and our forwards should strive to emulate it.

This term we have suffered from none of those epidemics which in previous seasons wrought such havoc in our ranks; the weather too has been very favourable; we have however experienced one very serious drawback, and that is the difficulty in obtaining matches for the first fifteen. All interest locally seems to be centred in the Cup Contests, in which, for various reasons, we do not compete; we therefore found it impossible this season to induce any of the town clubs to give us a friendly game on any Saturday when these Cup Matches were being played. On two occasions the first fifteens of the Kaierau and Wanganui Clubs made definite arrangements to play, but did not put in an appearance, thereby causing great inconvenience and annoyance. Football in Wanganui appears to depend entirely on a Cup. We have therefore suffered no doubt from the want of a regular series of hard games, as these are absolutely necessary to weld, as it were, the members of the team together and make them play a combined game.

Our performances for the season are not numerous. Our annual match with Waverley did not take place; though we travelled up to play on Saturday, June 30, yet, to our great disappointment, the match had to be postponed on account of the heavy rain and the inundated state of the ground. The Hawera Club paid us another visit this year, and were again successful; our team on that occasion was weaker than usual owing to the absence of some of our best backs. The chief event of the term however was the visit of the Otago High School Fifteen, which for years had been regarded as the premier school team of the Colony. The match with them was looked forward to with great interest. For the second time in Inter-college matches we lost the services of Marshall, the centre three-quarter, who, through illness, was unable to play. The game proved a very exciting one, and though we eventually won there were many points in which they excelled, particularly in their fine forward play. Cooper, our Captain,

was hurt in this match, and was unable to play for over a month afterwards; we hope to see him in his old form in the Inter-college matches in Wellington, at the end of the term. The arrangements for these are as follows:— On Wednesday, August 29th, we play Wellington College. On Saturday, September 1st, Wellington College plays Christ's College; and on the following Monday we play Christ's College.

FIRST FIFTEEN.

- * H. R. COOPER (10.12).—Captain. A very fast and strong runner, and the most dangerous scoring three-quarter in the team; safe tackler; excellent kick; and always plays a most reliable game. A good Captain, who keeps his men up to their work.
- * W. L. FITZHERBERT (11.6).—As full-back has improved very much this season; picks up very smartly, and kicks with great judgment; a deadly tackler.
- * G. L. MARSHALL (10.12).—Makes a very good centre three-quarter. He takes the ball well; is a fast and dodgy runner, and a good tackler; feeds his wings well, but occasionally passes very wildly. Kicks well.
- C. B. DUNCAN (10.6).—Wing three-quarter. Fast running and clever dodging are his chief characteristics. Kicking, weak. Tackling, unsafe. Frequently gets out of his place.
- C. ROBERTS (10.6).—As five-eighth plays a good, though not always a very consistent, game; passes well, is a safe tackler, and good kick.
- * A. A. CORNFORD (10.4).—Plays a good game either as half or three-quarter. Runs very fast; but takes the ball badly.
- * D. R. HEWITT (10.7).—A clever and useful half-back. Generally does the right thing whether in passing, running, or kicking. Plays a splendid defensive game.
- * R. U. BURKE (10.4).—A very quick half-back; picks up very pluckily; feeds his backs well; in fact plays an all-round good game.
- * M. BETHELL (10.8).—A hard-working forward; should be quicker in obtaining possession of the ball in the scrums. Collars and follows up well.
- * A. T. WILLIAMS (11.8).—A very dashing forward. Good scrummager; breaks away from the pack and gets on to the opponents' backs very quickly; good tackler.
- W. C. MACKENZIE (11.13).—A good heavy forward, who has picked up the game very rapidly; plays well on the line out and in the packed scrums.
- * H. M. WILSON (10.6).—A forward who is always on the ball. Picks up and passes splendidly; dribbles and follows up well.
- * R. A. WILSON (9.10).—Is not a genuine scrummager, but distinguishes himself in the loose; his dribbling, picking up and passing are excellent.
- W. H. BOOTH (11.7).—A powerful and muscular forward; plays a very fast game; backing up, collaring, and passing well.
- A. E. COWPER (10.11).—A strong, fast forward, follows up and collars well; picks the ball up quickly and passes well.
- S. W. FITZHERBERT (10.12).—A forward whose height gives him a great advantage on the line out. Scrummaging is not his strong point, but he is good in the loose, and follows up and dribbles well.
- O. H. HOVELL (8.7).—A half-back who has improved very much this season; is very quick at intercepting passes; follows up very hard, but occasionally passes somewhat wildly.

* OLD CAPS.

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI 1st.—APRIL 28th.

This match was played at the end of last term, but too late to appear in the last number of the COLLEGIAN. The chief feature of the match was the brilliant passing of the School team especially amongst the backs. For the School, Cooper scored three times, Duncan twice, and Marshall once. Three of the tries were converted by Hewitt, and one by Marshall. For Wanganui, Morton, McDuff, and Kingsley scored a try each, the latter converting his own. The referee, Mr. Thomson, was somewhat slow in giving his decisions. At the end of the game the scores stood—School 26 points, Wanganui, 11 points.

SCHOOL v. TOWN.—JUNE 23rd.

In the absence of Marshall, through illness, his place was filled by J. M. Marshall. Cooper kicked off for the School, after which the play was soon brought into the School's territory. From a scrum,

McLean had a pot at goal, but the ball hit the crossbar. After this, the play was very even for some time until Kingsley made a fast run down the line and scored a try close to the corner. No goal resulted. Shortly after the commencement of the second spell, Kiernan scored a second try for the Town, but the kick at goal was a failure. From the kick-out, the School worked the game into their opponents' quarters, where they were awarded a free-kick for a breach of the rules. Cooper had a shot at the goal, but failed. Soon after this Roberts had a chance of scoring, but he sacrificed it for a pot at goal; the ball, however, did not rise. When time was called nothing had been added to the score, the game thus ending in a victory for the Town by 6 points to *nil*. Mr. Andrews was referee.

SCHOOL v. DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL.

The first visit, in the annals of the School, ever paid by a team from the High School, Dunedin, must be considered the central event of the football season of 1894. All concerned are to be warmly congratulated on the success of the visit, and if we are not led blindly into partiality by our victory, we believe that the Otago boys enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed having them, and we must admire their pluck in coming so far, as well as their skill in the game, whilst we thank them for the good sport they afforded us, and the sportsmanlike spirit and excellent temper in which they fought the fight and accepted defeat. One unfortunate event alone marred the day. Cooper's accident deprived us of his most valuable services as Captain and three-quarter back for more than half the game. We had lost the services, too, of Marshall our centre three-quarters, thanks to that universal enemy the Influenza. Our opponents were still smarting from their defeat by Wellington College. 10 to *nil*, though they had beaten Christ's College by 16 to 3.

At 3 p.m. on Monday, July 16th, Cooper, having lost the toss, kicked off from the town end, a fresh northerly wind across the ground being somewhat in our faces, though subsequently it died down considerably. The first act in the drama did not take long, for the kick-off being well followed up, the ball was presently passed from the extreme right to the extreme left of our line of backs, and with a short, sharp run, Cooper scored a try low down, being collared on the goal-line. The kick was a failure. Presently Duncan, missing a pass, gave Hotop a chance of running, but Cornford was too quick for him to get far. After a good kick from Fitzherbert, and some scrums, Cornford got within a few yards of the Dunedin goal, but was neatly stopped by Carter. The next attempt was more successful, Duncan passed to R. Wilson, and he to Williams who was following up well, and he, when close to the line, threw it, with excellent judgment, to Cooper, who got in well behind, and succeeding in his place-kick, brought the score to 8 to *nil*.

Dunedin now played up vigorously and were rewarded by a force-down. After the kick-out, Dunedin made another rush, which looked dangerous, thanks to some fumbling among the backs, and got a free-kick, but it went wide of the mark. The next attack was relieved by a kick from Burke and some good collaring on the part of Williams and McKenzie. But the ball still remained near our 25, the Otago boys making a good bit of passing to McDonald, who was, however, successfully collared. Presently Roberts mullied the ball, and Dunedin got it on to our line, where several tight scrums took place, from one of which the ball was heeled out to J. B. McDonald, who put his head down and charging right through the scrum scored a try, though it looked to us as though he grounded the ball outside the line. A good place-kick brought the score to 8 to 5. The game then went to the centre, where some passing took place among our backs which was not so good as usual; but presently Cooper got the ball, and, when at full speed, was met and collared by Inder, with the lamentable result that he was incapacitated from playing any more. A good run by Hewitt and a smart piece of following up by McKenzie and Williams made things look blue for Dunedin, but a kick of Inder's relieved the strain, and half time was called.

So far, the game had been an excellent one, but occasionally slow owing to the number of times the whistle had to be blown, and to the tactics of the Southerners who preferred keeping the ball in the scrums, their half-back putting it in again and again instead of trying to pass. These tactics they pursued still more persistently in the second spell; although this may have been wise policy, we cannot help thinking they would have done better to give their backs, especially McDonald, more opportunities of running.

The first feature of this spell was a good rush by Paterson and the Dunedin forwards, but Roberts and Fitzherbert sent back the ball, well aided by Burke who was playing exceedingly well. Presently Dunedin forced us to touch down again, and once again—Fitzherbert missing the ball at first, his only mistake in the match, and Fenwick tumbling over him. Several scrums then took place close to our goal-line and it looked as if their tactics of scrum play would bring them success, but Fitzherbert, Bethell and Burke got the ball away. This was followed by some pretty but ineffectual passing, and then Duncan made two good runs each time getting near their line, and

then Roberts followed suit being within an ace of scoring. Cornford next made an attempt, and in the scrum which followed Dunedin was penalised for lifting their feet. The free-kick was right in front of goal, but at a good distance, not too far for Hewitt, however, who sent a magnificent shot well over the goal. Score 11 to 5. Dunedin then revenged themselves by a force-down; and then threatened us seriously, showing the best bit of passing they had yet done. Claiming a free-kick from a knock-on catch, they tried a place at our goal, which was quite within reach, but luckily it failed. Hewitt next distinguished himself by a long run and a useful kick at the end of it, and we went once more to their 25, where the ball collapsed, and a fresh one had to be obtained. Hereupon our forwards, Williams, H. M. Wilson and others made a capital rush and Hewitt, who was playing a grand game, especially during this spell, nearly scored, but lost the ball on the line. The kick-out took the game to the centre, and the Dunedin forwards worked it well on to make their last attack upon our goal; but a dribbling rush by Williams, McKenzie and Hewitt soon reassured us, and a series of scrums took place within their 25, amid great and increasing excitement. How the Referee could hear appeals, or the players could hear his whistle in the uproar, made chiefly by the small boys of the town, it is hard to say. It only remains to note a fair catch by Burke close to the touch-line, which gave Hewitt a difficult chance at placing a goal. His kick, a good one, though not quite good enough, was the last kick of the match. There has seldom, if ever, been a better match played on our ground—well sustained from beginning to end, hotly fought, but without wrangling or bad temper, and of varying fortune if not doubtful issue almost to the end. Cooper's loss was a severe one, but Hewitt's running and kicking, Roberts' collaring, but not passing, and Burke's smartness at half-back made amends for it. If we do not mention more of our opponents' names, it is simply from being unable to spot strange faces in the heat of action, and from the fact of their preferring to keep the ball in the scrum, where the forwards were indistinguishable, to giving their backs more chances. On both sides the forwards worked well, but ours pursued a looser game, and consequently the Dunedin forward play, which was excellently combined, sometimes got the better of ours. But behind the scrums there can be no question which side was the stronger or the better trained for passing, or the better kickers. The number of free-kicks we obtained is good evidence of our cleaner catching. Mr. Weekes deserves our thanks for his efficient labours as Referee, and Messrs. McLean and Campbell as touch-line judges.

We must not omit to mention that our victory was very largely due to Mr. Harold's excellent and indefatigable coaching.

SCHOOL v. HAWERA.—AUGUST 4TH.

Owing to the Hawera men having to leave by the 4 p.m. train, the game began shortly after one o'clock. The School were without the services of Cooper and Fitzherbert, while Hewitt had to play full-back, instead of his usual place at half-back, owing to his strained hip. In the absence of Cooper, Marshall captained the team. The School won the toss and elected to kick off, while the Hawera captain decided to defend the Southern goal. Soon after the kick off, Hawera brought the play into the School 25's and after a series of scrums near our line, the Hawera men passed to Coffee, who made a smart, dodgy run, avoiding our backs, with the exception of Hewitt, who collared him on the line, Coffee touching the ball down just over it. The kick at goal did not increase the score. The Hawera forwards, assisted by the fumbling of the School backs, soon had the game back into the School 25's. From a scrum Burke passed well out, and a passing rush between Peake, Roberts, Marshall, and Duncan brought the game into the Hawera territory. However our opponents' forwards soon brought the ball back into the School twenty-fives, where play remained for some time. From a scrum near our line Lucena, one of the wing-forwards, managed to carry the ball over the line, and secure another try for Hawera. The place-kick was unsuccessful. From this to the end of the spell play was in neutral ground. The smart play of their wing forwards prevented our backs from passing. The second spell opened more cheerfully for the School, the play being centred in Hawera's territory for some time; all attempts to cross their line were however futile. At length, their forwards breaking away from a line-out carried play into mid-field. Livingstone, getting possession of the ball from a line-out, a passing rush of their forwards ended in their scoring another try, from which however no good resulted. Play again went into Hawera's 25's, when Coffee kicked in front of our goal, where Marshall marked. Hewitt's kick although near, was not successful. No further score was recorded for either side, Hawera thus winning the match by 9 points to *nil*.

SCHOOL v. KEA KAHĀ.

On Saturday, August 18th, the School team travelled to Palmerston to play the Kea Kaha Club, one of the Senior teams in the Manawatu Union. The afternoon was fine, but the ground, owing to the heavy rain on the previous night, was in a very bad state, and in places quite under water; it was therefore impossible to give a really good exhibi-

tion of football. The School kicked off, and following up fast stopped the return. Forward play followed in the Kea Kaha's twenty-five; and from a scrum in the vicinity of their line the ball was passed back, but being missed by one of the School three-quarters, a well-organised rush of Kea Kaha forwards took the ball into School territory, where it was kicked over their line and touched down by Fitzherbert. The ball being kicked out again, the game for a considerable time was of a very even nature, distinguished principally by loose scrummages and forward rushes; and though the School forwards were much lighter than their opponents, they held their own against them at any rate during the first part of the game. From a loose scrum in the middle of the ground the School forwards broke away, and by an excellent dribble brought the ball up to the Kea Kaha goal-line, where Isherwood dropping on to it stopped the rush. Here K. Duncan played well on the defensive, and by a clever kick into touch relieved his side. Shortly afterwards, from a scrum in the middle of the ground, Burke got possession of the ball and passed to Willis, who again transferred it to Cooper by a well-judged pass; then the latter made one of the best runs of the day, and was only prevented from scoring by being run into touch within a few yards of the goal-line. After this the play was gradually forced into the School twenty-five, where after a series of passes between K. Duncan, J. E. Hewitt, and Giesen, the latter scored a try, which Hewitt converted. 0—5. The ball being kicked off again, the School played a most determined game, and by good forward play the ball was carried close to the Kea Kaha goal-line, where a free-kick was given to the School for the opposing forwards lifting their feet in the scrums. Marshall kicked a goal. 3—5. The ball was soon back in the School quarters when, after some good passing by the Kea Kaha backs, K. Duncan got behind the School line, but as he touched the corner flag a try was not granted. Immediately afterwards Sykes marked the ball in the School twenty-five, and Hewitt kicked a goal at a somewhat difficult angle. 3—9.

In the second spell the School at first had the best of the game, and from a loose scrum in front of the Kea Kaha goal one of the School forwards made a flying kick at the ball, which struck the cross-bar and rebounded into the field of play, but Willis and Williams between them got the ball over, and the latter getting possession of it scored a try, which Marshall converted. 8—9. During the remainder of the game the School were never dangerously near their opponents' line; while on several occasions the Kea Kaha backs made most determined attempts to score, which the School managed to frustrate by the excellent defensive play of Cooper and others. Finally, however, K. Duncan, whose fine play throughout was particularly noticeable, got possession of the ball, and passed to Giesen, who succeeded in obtaining a try. The attempt at goal was a failure. 8—12. Shortly afterwards time was called. Mr. Weekes made a most impartial Referee.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

The Second Fifteen has been much stronger this year than it was last, and has played a more scientific game. Some of the members of this team will be good men for the First next year.

The following is the team:—Peake (Captain), Willis ma., Willis mi., Hosking, Close, Higginson, Montgomerie, Paterson, Parkinson ma., Reynolds ma., Williams mi., Glendinning, Saxby ma., and Harding.

They have played four matches, of which they have won three and lost one. This is a record for the Second.

SECOND v. KAIAERAU THIRD.

This match was played at the end of last term. There was no score in the first spell; but in the second spell, the superior weight of the Kaierau team began to tell, and they succeeded in getting three tries before the close of the game. None of the the tries were however converted. The Kaierau Third thus won by 9 points to *nil*.

SECOND v. WANGANUI SECOND.

In this match Willis mi. played very well, obtaining two tries, while Wilson mi. also got one. Willis mi. kicked a goal from his last try, and Peake kicked a goal from a mark by Close. McLean got a try for Wanganni, which, however, was not converted. The Second thus won by 15 points to 3.

SECOND v. ARAMOHU SECOND.

This match was played on June 23rd. In the first spell Willis mi. scored a try, and in the second spell Montgomerie also scored one. Neither were converted. The Aramohu team did not succeed in scoring; the game ending, Second 6 points, Aramohu Second *nil*.

SECOND v. KAIWAROA CLUB.

This match was played on August 4th. As Peake was playing for the First, Fitzherbert mi. took his place in the Second. The passing of the Second in this match was very good. In the first spell Willis mi. made a fine run, which ended in his scoring behind the goal. He kicked a goal from his try. In the second spell Parkinson ma. scored a try, but no goal resulted. The Kaiwaroa obtained one try in the second spell, which was not converted. The Second thus won by 8 points to 3.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

The Third Fifteen consists of the following players:—Fitzherbert mi. (Captain), Levin mi., Hume, Hunter, Beetham, Gillon, Russell ma., Riddiford, Saxby mi., Matthews, Moore ma., Pharazyn, Holdsworth, Caplen, Beale. They have played three matches this term, all of which have been against the Melrose Club. The School were victorious on each occasion, which however is not saying very much, as the members of the Melrose Club are not first-class players. Some of the members of the team however show great promise.

The first match was won by the School by 27 points to *nil*. Hunter scored two tries, and Fitzherbert, Beetham, and Hume one each. Four of these tries were converted by Holdsworth, who also distinguished himself by potting a goal.

The return match resulted in a victory for the School team by 22 points. Hume, Hunter, and Fitzherbert each scored a try, all of which were converted by Holdsworth, who is a very sure place-kick. Holdsworth also potted a goal, and kicked a penalty goal.

The third match against the Melrose Club resulted in a much more even game; the School eventually winning by 11 points to 6. Hunter and Fitzherbert scored a try each for the School. Holdsworth converted Fitzherbert's try, and also kicked a penalty goal.

FOURTH FIFTEEN.

The Fourth Fifteen consists of the following players:—Levin ma. (Captain), Gordon, Lewis, Margoliouth, Russell mi., Herrick mi., Johnston, Parkinson mi., Earle, Price, Stowe, Rutherford, Fleetwood, Firth, and Hankins. They have played two matches this term, both against the "Dons," and both of which they won. Earle and Levin ma. are the chief scorers of the team.

FIFTH FIFTEEN.

The Fifth Fifteen has some promising young players in it, who will doubtless figure in the First in a few more seasons. The following is the team:—Hewitt mi. (Captain), Foster, Ritchie, Bell, Wheeler, Gaisford, Chrystall, Herrick ma., Baker, Sainsbury ma., Lethbridge, Gorton mi., West, Sunderland, and Hobson. They have played four matches this term, two of which have been lost, one drawn, and one won.

SIXTH FIFTEEN.

The Sixth Fifteen have played five matches this term, three of which have been drawn and two won. Their passing, kicking, and running are reported to be excellent. The following is the team:—Neill (Captain), Saxby mi., Handyside, Davies, Pownall, Hitchings, Jones mi., Abraham mi., Reynolds mi., Francis, Saunders mi., Parsons, Mackenzie mi., Keeble.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

An Association Football team travelled to Feilding at the end of last term, to play the Feilding Club. The team consisted of the following:—McWilliam, Mr. Andrews, Cooper, Williams ma., Marshall, Wilson, Hewitt ma., Peake, Higginson, Ivey and Palmer. It will be seen that the team was largely made up of boys who play Rugby football. It is a pity that the Association team cannot be chosen entirely out of the boys who confine their attentions to Association football. The match was very even, and ended in a draw, neither side scoring, although each side on several occasions very nearly scored. Amongst our opponents Gray was conspicuous for his kicking powers, while on the School side all played their best, but lacked combination.

The return match against Feilding was played on the Recreation Ground on July 25th. With a few exceptions the teams were the same as in the previous match. This match, also resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal. In the first spell Feilding scored by heading through from a corner kick and in the second spell Mr. Andrews kicked a fine goal, from a considerable distance. As in the previous match the play was extremely even, neither side seeming to have any advantage.

At the end of this term the Association team are going to Woodville to play the club there and are then coming back to Feilding to play another match with the Feilding Club.

On Saturday, August 18th, Dr. Saunders gave a very interesting lecture on "Alcohol," describing it as one of the greatest boons, and yet one of the greatest curses that had been conferred upon mankind. He was especially strong upon the fact that it is an entire mistake to suppose that alcohol is capable of instilling warmth; the momentary feeling of comfort quickly passes away, and leaves the body far more susceptible of cold than before.

Odds and Ends.

The following, taken from the "High School Reporter," seems a little too good to be a *bonâ fide* blunder. "What do you know of Magna Charta?" "Magna Charta was confined in the reign of Richard II., but being hid in a cask of wine, managed to escape to the Continent, where he lived in retirement for many years afterwards."

Gleanings from popular authors. "The views were very knice, specially one of the Otiga George."

"In Mr. Drew's lecture on Oxerpots he told us that he was once fortunate enough to hook an optimus."

"Trepang is a species of marsupial which climbs trees."

"I say, Darius was a Greek, wasn't he?" Then, suddenly noticing a look of mild amusement on the faces of the bystanders—"Oh no, of course, I was thinking of Thermopylæ."

The first club were at football the other day scrumming all they knew, when an alarm was raised "mad bull," and through the fence dashed an infuriated animal, which with lowered head and uplifted tail charged for the struggling mass. It arrived in due time, but lo! the scrum was not. The forwards had broken up in style, and had got on a fine rush—for the fence, which they cleared with celerity. Our best all-round man (*teste*, the yard measure) was the first to reach the rails and took them in his stride. Another, who was comfortable, but did not look it, made a good second, followed closely by the rest. The gallant centre-half was the only one to hesitate; his countenance assumed the look of "do or die" as he faced the intruder and prepared to collar low. But at the last moment (recognising in his foe a compatriot) took up a position on the other side of the fence, for strategic reasons. The Bull, being now in full possession of the field, claimed the game, the other side having forfeited, and then walked out of the gate. As he departed he was heard to mutter "Well, I've given those forwards a lesson in bullocking, anyhow!" And certainly it was nothing but the "old bullocking game."

The well-known picture called the "Angelus," a copy of which adorns the Fifth Form Room, was set as a subject for an Essay this term. We trust the following production may catch Millet's eye:—"It is a print and represents a scene in Ireland. It has been a beautiful day, as the glorious sunset shows. It is in Autumn. In a potato field a young man and woman are digging potatoes, while one digs them up, the other puts them into the barrow. It is after a hard day's work that the young man thrusts his fork in the ground for the last time that day and goes up to the woman and begins in pleasant style to tell her that he loves her, and she who loves him in return but does not like to say so, hangs her head and blushes. So he takes it for granted, and is quite happy and wheels the barrow home joyfully, while she follows at a distance, hanging down her head."

"Oh no, I shouldn't call his feet large, but I think he could perhaps kill more coleoptera than the ordinary human being."

The art of conversation. Scene: Breakfast. After long and deep silence, Brown, loq.: "I say, you must have had a grand time last holidays, Robinson." "Yes. Bread please." Silence, long and deep, reigns once more.

"I—am—not—a—crane" ran the translation of a well-known student of Greek, "but—I—am—a—" the word "duck," wafted from the other side of the table, seemed to float gently through the atmosphere, and settle in a golden halo upon the learned speaker.

Carpenters' Shop.

It was a great surprise to members of the carpentry classes to come back this term and find timber on the ground for the erection of a new workshop, and many were the jeers of outsiders when they heard that we were going to put up the building ourselves, and that we intended to finish it before the close of the century. However, with many willing hands at work, the frame went up as if by magic, and a week before half-term the tools and benches were moved in from the old room. The new building, which is quite detached, is 40ft. long, by 18ft. wide, with a height to the ridge-board of 20ft., which leaves room for a capacious loft for the storing and drying of timber. The front is surmounted by a 20-foot flag-staff, which, so far as a flag-staff may be, is a thing of beauty, and which has been a source of no little joy to all concerned in its construction and erection. The building is lighted by five windows facing the South, and at night by means of eight gas-jets, extending down the middle of the room. With regard to internal arrangements, these of course are as yet incomplete, but we hope to get five new double benches finished early next term, which, with those already in use, and with the lathes, will allow of twenty boys working comfortably at the same time.

The whole work, including carpentering, gas-fitting, plumbing and painting, has been finished without outside assistance, and leaves us with a workshop, which, if every member does his best, ought soon to be second to none in the colony.

A good deal of private work too has been done this term, and the number of efficient workers is rapidly increasing. It is only just to those who have been working all the term that their names should be recorded in connection with their work.

Willis ma.	Matthews	Parfitt	Handyside
Wilson	Hovell	Harris	Baker
Sainsbury ma	Eeale	Francis	Price
Wilson mi.	Close	Wheeler	Ward
Boyle	Bartleman	Glendinning	Herrick mi.
Gorton ma.	Hill	Ivey	Hankins
Rochfort	Willis mi.	Lethbridge	Cummins
Williams min.	Margoliouth	Hewitt mi.	Kempthorne
Gavin	Paul	Hoadley	*Mountfort
Levin ma.	Honeyfield	Kettle	*Currie

*The two last, although non-members, rendered valuable assistance in preparing the foundation during the holidays.

We are pleased to note that the membership of the Wellington Branch of the Old Boys' Association has increased to eighty-three.

The two large filter-tanks just erected will be found of great service when the hot weather comes on. They have not been put up for the special convenience of the afternoon-tea clubs.

Old Boys' Column.

A. W. Harvey went home in the Gothic with the view of entering St. John's College, Cambridge. His help will be greatly missed in the Old Boys' Association in Wanganui, of which he was a most indefatigable Secretary.

J. M. Marshall also went home in the Gothic. He also proposes to enter St. John's, Cambridge. Four years hence, we may hope to see his name high among the Wranglers.

The Edinburgh contingent of Old Boys pursue the even tenor of their way, except that E. E. Porritt has been ill. Three members of the Australasian Club are playing for Scotland in their International match with England.

H. F. Johnston matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, last May, and goes up in October.

C. J. N. Russell goes up probably to Oriel College, Oxford, at the same time.

G. T. H. Williams was rowing in the B.N.C. Eight, but we have not yet heard the result of the races.

P. Hunter-Brown has obtained a position in the Electrical Department of the Broken Hill Mine.

H. Graham, S. A. Atkinson, and H. Babbage visited the School during the past term.

Football seems to be a very strong point amongst our Old Boys. M. Macfarlane and C. Bennett have been playing for the Hawke's Bay and A. D. S. Duncan for the Wellington Representatives. The leading spirits of the Association Club in Christchurch are the two Atkinsons, while J. E. Bannister has distinguished himself in Wellington.

C. O. T. Rutherford is farming in the Manawatu District.

A very successful dance was given on Friday, August 17th, by the members of the Old Boys' Association in Wanganui. The Secretary, W. M. Bayly, took great trouble to make it a success.

We hear that H. R. Parkinson and the Atkinsons have been taking considerable interest in the Gordon Hall, in Christchurch, an institution at which evening classes are held, gymnastics, etc., are taught, and by means of which no doubt much good is done among those boys who do not get much opportunity of improving themselves. We should like to suggest that our Old Boys should endeavour to take interest in such institutions as the Boys' Brigade in Wellington, and the Gordon Hall in Christchurch. In connection with many of the English Public Schools, missions have been started in the poorer districts of London entirely managed by Old Boys, and although we are glad to think that the slums of London and the back-streets of our principal towns are very different things, yet there is a sufficient amount of similarity to cause us to hope for the carrying out of some such idea by our Old Boys.

Entertainments.

The first concert this term was held on June 23rd. The principal feature of the evening was the singing of Miss St. Hill, which, together with her guitar accompaniment, was much appreciated. Mrs. Empson, with her usual kindness, also helped in making the concert a success. Mr. Large played the accompaniments. The following was the programme:—

1. Pianoforte Solo	"Wedding March"	Mr. Large
2. Vocal Duet	"Greeting"	Miss St. Hill and Mrs. Empson
3. Song	"Blue Bells of Scotland"	Miss St. Hill
	"Wearing of the Green"	
4. Song	"The Gallants of England"	H. R. Cooper
	"The Tavern in the Town"	
5. Song	"Orpheus with his Lute"	Mrs. Empson
	"Funiculi, Funicula"	
6. Song	"The Fairies"	Miss St. Hill
	"Old Folks at Home"	
	GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.	

The second concert this term was held at half-term. The presence of several outside friends and also of the Dunedin boys, who were the guests of the evening, helped to fill the big School-room to the utmost. The programme, in addition to the musical part, included a farcical comedy, entitled "Little Toddlekins." For the success of the musical part of the programme we have to thank Miss R. Acland and Mrs. Empson, and also Mr. Besley, who, being on a visit to Wanganui before leaving for England, sang most of the old favourites with his usual success. For the theatrical part of the entertainment we are indebted to Mr. Large, who spared himself no trouble in making it a success, and also to Mr. Marshall for his timely assistance in offering to fill the place of one of the boys who, at the last moment, was unable to take the part. During the interval between the two parts of the programme the Royal Humane Society's Certificate was presented to G. W. Currie, and the Medallion to W. H. Wilson.

In "Little Toddlekins" Mr. Marshall, as "Brownsmith," had a very difficult part to do, and though, perhaps, inclined to be slightly stiff at first, he did his part very well. Booth, as "Amanthis," the 48-pounder, was really very funny, and while on the stage, was the cause of incessant laughter. Mr. Large's appearance as "Babbicombe," was the signal for loud applause. His acting was excellent all through. Gillon, as "Capt. Littlepop," had a part which suited him admirably, and he seemed quite "at home," both with the part and the cigar. He is a born actor. N. Moore, as "Annie," Babbicombe's daughter, though apparently slightly nervous at first, was very soon composed; he was a trifle stiff, but not more so than a first appearance would justify. Palmerson, as "Susan," made the most of his part, but should have spoken out a little more.

The following was the programme:—

1. Pianoforte Duet	"Schubert"	Miss R. Acland and Mrs. Empson
2. Song	"Bold Sea Rover"	A. T. Williams
	"Boating Song"	
3. Song	"Mona"	Mr. Besley
	"Longshore Man"	
4. Nondescript Yells by		Fifth Form Glee Club
5. Song	"The Poacher"	H. R. Cooper
6. Song	"Forty Years On"	Mr. Besley
	"Tam Pearce"	

"LITTLE TODDLEKINS."

BROWNSMITH .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Marshall
BABBICOMBE .. .. .	.. .. .	Mr. Large
CAPTAIN LITTLEPOP .. .. .	.. .. .	M. Gillon
ANNIE (Babbicombe's daughter) .. .. .	.. .. .	N. Moore
AMANTHIS (Brownsmith's step-daughter) .. .. .	.. .. .	W. H. Booth
SUSAN (a domestic) .. .. .	.. .. .	N. A. Palmerson

The third concert was held on Saturday, August 4th. Though on a smaller scale than the others, and devoid of the usual number of musical items, it was very successful. Dancing and boxing intervened between the songs, and a spelling-bee introduced, caused both amusement and excitement. The winners were Maclean, Margoliouth, and Mason mi. The "gem" of the evening was a song by Signor Sapientissimo Urso (Duncan), who on being introduced to the audience, apologised for the fact that the song he had chosen had already been sung during the evening, and thereupon, launched forth into an in-describable series of trills, only broken by the shrieks of the audience. Mr. Large played the accompaniments, and Mrs. Empson the dance music. The following is the programme:—

1. Violin Solo	"Simple Aveu"	A. T. Williams
2. Song	"John Peel"	W. H. Warren
3. Song	"No Sir"	Mrs. Empson
4. Song	"The Fairies"	
	"The Poacher"	A. T. Williams
	"Forty Years On"	
5. Boxing		Beetham and Hunter
6. Song	"John Peel"	Duncan

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

[The Entertainment on the last Saturday of the term will be too late for insertion in this number.]

Cadet Corps.

The Cadet Corps at the beginning of this term was certainly not up to its proper standard, and we are afraid that our turn out before Colonel Newall was not so good as it might have been, but since then there has been a marked improvement, both in officers and men, and the Corps is now nearly as good as it has ever been, and taking into consideration the difficulties of the new drill, there is now every reason for satisfaction. But there is room for improvement in more ways than one; there is too much shifting about in the ranks, and moving the heads and hands, and on the part of a few a great want of attention.

Bethell succeeded in passing his Captain's examination, and Cooper and McWilliam both passed as Lieutenants; the Sergeants will go up for theirs next term.

The only promotion this term has been that of Corporal H. M. Wilson to be Sergeant.

The One Man Competition last term was won by Private Booth; Corporal Wilson second. This term's competition will be too late for publication.

The squad competition came off on Wednesday, August 23, Major Neill and Captain Watt kindly acting as judges. The four squads were under the command of Sergeants Marshall, Cornford, Hewitt and Wilson. The work consisted of the manual and sword-bayonet exercises, physical drill, marching and skirmishing. After an exhaustive review, the judges decided in favour of Sergeant Marshall's squad, which obtained 380 points out of a possible 450. The second squad under Sergeant Hewitt obtained 360, the third and fourth, under Sergeants Wilson and Cornford, 335 and 346 respectively. The work done was very decidedly good, and gave great satisfaction to the judges. Captain Watt made a few remarks at the close of the proceedings congratulating the corps upon their efficiency. Captain Bethell then called for three cheers for the judges, after which the corps was dismissed. At the present time the corps consists of fifty-four rank and file, five Sergeants, two Lieutenants, and a Captain. The Bugler, A. D. Herrick, has not entirely mastered the intricacies of the calls, and needs more practice. The new armoury, fitted up by Captain Bethell, will be of great benefit.

Whist, Chess, & Draughts.

The interest taken in this club has been as great this term as ever, and the attendances have been very consistent and regular, especially among the smaller boys. At a meeting held early in the term, Cowper was elected to fill the vacancy of Secretary, and he has filled the post well, and greatly helped to the success of the club by his energy. The Committee composed of Duncan, Hosking, Williams mi., and Booth, have all worked hard and well. The tournaments have all been contested very keenly, but we should like to see more entries in the chess tournament, which shows a decided falling off from last year.

The thanks of the club are due to Mr. C. A. Dunn who presented the chess prizes.

The following are the results of the various prizes:—

CHESS.

1. H. M. Wilson, 7 games.
2. C. Sainsbury, 6 games.
3. Duncan }
Marshall } 5 games
Riddiford }

WHIST.

1. W. Fitzherbert }
Rutherford } 9 games
2. Hill }
McLean } 8 games
Montgomerie }
Palmer } 8 games

DRAUGHTS.

1. Riddiford }
Caplen } 46½ games.
2. Hill, 36½ games.

A Letter from Mashonaland.

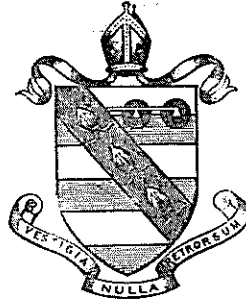
The following extracts from a letter received from Mashonaland will be of interest to many. The writer left Wanganui for Salisbury, S. Africa, last February.

Here we are at Salisbury, May 25th, and I suppose you will want to hear of our tramp (or trek as they say here) up. We got up to Beira on the evening of April 13th. After breakfast, next morning we were taken off in row boats and had to undergo the ordeal of Portuguese Custom-house officials. My rifle was discovered, and the modest sum of £2 demanded, which I had to pay. The Portuguese have a great idea that the English are carrying in firearms in order to fight them with bye and bye. The brush between the English and Portuguese at Massi Kessi has made them particular. A boundary dispute whereby the Portuguese claim a large amount of English territory caused a fight about three years ago when about 30 English defeated 120 Portuguese and seized their Gatling and Nordenfelt guns, the English only possessing one 7-pounder and a very ancient one at that. The dispute is now referred to arbitration. Well, I have digressed a little. After getting our things through the customs, we proceeded to our hotel, kept by a German, where for six and six a day we were to find comfort or rather as we found discomfort, eight of us in one room, some lying on stretchers, others on mattresses on the floor, a very flimsy partition separating us from the bar. We spent Friday and Saturday in this abode of bliss and on Sunday morning we started on a forty-five mile trip up the Pungue River in a paddle steamer, and had a very pleasant trip up. We saw four hippopotami but as the only thing visible was the tip of their nostrils—and that for about a second—

shooting was too difficult, at least for me. We also saw two crocodiles one of which the skipper killed. The scenery up the Pungue River is singularly uninteresting, nothing but mud banks covered in places with trees and grass. We got to Fontesville at five, and proceeded to an hotel, where we got rooms; J. and I in a small out-house by ourselves. The mosquitos being pretty bad we half suffocated ourselves by burning Keating and camphor, and so got a fair amount of sleep. Fontesville is simply a collection of stores, etc., built on a mud flat, which in the rainy season is three feet under water, and all communication is held by boat. The water had just gone down when we got there and the place was drying up, fever being very bad. To make matters worse we found the railway was not running, it having been damaged by the floods, so after a good deal of trouble we engaged a trolly, weighing almost half-a-ton, and also eight Kaffirs to push it. This was on Sunday. On Monday we found ourselves left with two Kaffirs, the rest having been engaged by two men, who offered them five shillings more than we did. It was rather annoying, but we determined not to get stuck in such a beastly fever hole, so we started with two boys pushing (Kaffirs are called boys from fifteen to fifty). The Beira railway is at present a failure and is keeping Mashonaland back, making everything up there of famine prices. The first ten miles of the line is laid on a swamp and during the rainy seasons is under water. The gauge is only 2ft. 3in. wide, and they have great big engines, which everybody says are far too heavy. They run off on an average of once a trip, or something like it. The line cost £3,500 a mile, and at present is 75 miles only. The death rate last year was forty per cent. The management of the line is very unsatisfactory—and is the cause of much grumbling up here. Well, we started with two boys pushing, and all five of us sitting on the top. We went about three miles an hour, and in one place we were going almost four, when off the wretched thing came; we were shot off in all directions, likewise our luggage. Fortunately none of us were hurt with the exception of a few bruises. After hoisting it on again we made about seventeen miles, and camped in the hut of a platelayer. It was here we heard our first lions; it is a peculiar sensation to lie under a little bit of calico and hear the lions all round you. However, we managed to sleep all right in spite of them. The grass all along the line is from 10 to 12ft. high, so you cannot see much. All the country round is simply teeming with game, lions, buffalo, buck, hyænas, elephants, etc.; but owing to grass we could not see anything. Four hunters were killed down here last year, two by lions, two by buffalo. We saw the bones of one of them. Lions and buffaloes are the two most dangerous animals to hunt; it is no joke about the Mashonaland lions, they simply swarm and in places are very dangerous. Lots of lives have been lost, one man sleeping under his waggon was seized a short time ago. Later on the grass is burnt, and then the game are visible in thousands—of course then is the time for hunting—a wounded lion is said to cover 100 yards in something under five seconds. All the creeks abound with crocodiles, which renders bathing decidedly unsafe. The other day at Salisbury, in a hole where they have been bathing regularly, on testing it with dynamite a large crocodile rose to the surface. To return to our journey, soon after this we had a little excitement in the shape of being run away with by the trolly down a hill. However, an up-hill incline inter-

vened and stopped us. The third day we were very much annoyed by the Tsetse Fly, which persisted in biting us, and although the only sensation was a sharp prick, it was very unpleasant; of course no horses, cattle, or any domestic animal can live down there. The Tsetse Fly simply swarmed our backs being literally covered with them. They are a very ordinary looking fly, their only peculiarity being that their wings are crossed like a pair of scissors. The country we were passing through was covered with tall rank grass, here and there trees, in places quite park-like; great big palm trees being a very noticeable feature. On arriving at the 75 mile peg, as the township is called at the end of the line, we proceeded to make up our luggage into bundles of 50 or 60 pounds each, as much as a boy can carry, and then started to walk to Salisbury, about 300 miles. We had had great difficulty in procuring boys to carry our baggage, and found them a great nuisance when we had got them, as they insisted on taking us to every kraal we went near; at the first one we were welcomed by a great clapping of hands, and after a little conversation with the chief, we purchased a chicken and eggs and some mealie meal (Indian corn flour); the latter made into a kind of porridge, eaten with the gravy of a boiled fowl, is not bad. The next night we stopped at a canteen (hotel so called) named Mandeegas, very footsore and tired. One of the boys here complained of being ill, so we gave him half a pannikin of a vile concoction called Kaffir rum and thirty grains of quinine. You always have to give a Kaffir twice as much as you would give a white man. The next place we came to was Chimoio, a collection of about half a dozen huts presided over by a Portuguese Commandant. It is on the borders of the Fly country, and is the future terminus of the railway. There were twenty waggons stuck here, all the oxen having died from the Fly. Ten of our boys cleared out here during the night, but leaving our baggage to be forwarded by waggon we pushed on. At the next canteen we met a man who had worked on Mt. Peel station in N.Z. some years before; it was rather a strange meeting was not it? An eighteen mile walk next day brought us to the Revué river, where we got a grand bathe and our first taste of fresh milk. Bathing was rather exciting, as we had to keep a loaded revolver on the bank in case of crocodiles, and we did not venture out of our depth. On next day was fifteen miles to Adrada on the Portuguese boundary; this is the beginning of the gold country, and the place is riddled with old workings all along the creeks and river-bed. The next day's walk though only twelve miles was one of the hardest we have had, as we had to climb a mountain 5,000ft. high, which under a tropical sun is no joke. On the top we spent the night with two young English fellows, who were working a gold mine supposed to be one of the best in Mashonaland. They were very civil and made us very comfortable. We had only nine miles next day to reach Umtali, but it took us four hours to do it, as B. was in a state of collapse. We stayed here two days; J. and B. both being bad with fever, we took them to the hospital and M. and I decided to walk on to Salisbury, the coach having left the day before. At Umtali we met Mr. Fort (at one time a master at the Collegiate School) who was most kind to us.

(TO BE CONCLUDED.)



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The College Tournament.

THE WELLINGTON-WANGANUI MATCH.

THERE is no disguising the fact that we suffered such a defeat at the hands of Wellington College as is almost without parallel, at least, in our annals; and yet our team gave a good exhibition of football, individually played well, and succeeded in scoring 3 tries. Seldom has a faster game been played, or one better contested up to the last quarter of an hour. The most enthusiastic spectator ought to have been satisfied. What, it will be naturally asked, was the secret of our opponents' success? And the answer undoubtedly is, that their combined play was superior to ours. Time after time their forwards got the ball out of the scrum to the half-backs; they seemed to have the knack of doing so to perfection, although apparently a lighter lot than ours; and then their passing was excellent, neat and clean, and coolly executed, being much helped by the posting of a wing to get in the way of our quarters, and to prevent collaring.

The match took place at Petone, on August 27th. The weather was threatening,—heavy clouds, with occasional gleams of sunshine; but a strong, cold wind almost across the ground, which was a little soft after the heavy showers of the preceding night, made a much better day than we had anticipated. At 3.30 p.m. Cooper kicked off, and soon the ball travelled to our goal-line, owing to Roberts fumbling a pass. The forwards relieved the attack, and Cooper got a kick from a fair catch. Fitzherbert missing a catch, we were again in danger; but Cornford dribbled the ball away, and we got a free kick

for "obstruction" just outside their 25 near the line, and Cooper made a good place-kick which was as nearly as possible a goal. Then some fumbling by Marshall, and a miss-collar by Fitzherbert gave them a chance, but Cooper caught up Gray, and collared him. Then Burke had a good run. This was followed by a good and quiet piece of passing to McKenzie, who scored for the blacks near our line, but Tripe's place-kick was a miserable failure. Their next attack was staved off by a fine rush and collar by Cornford, after Marshall had missed a nice pass. But some more passing on their part let McAra score for them close to our goal; the place-kick hit the bar. Then ensued a good deal of even play in the centre, when Burke had to retire with the "wind" knocked out of him, for a few minutes. A pot at our goal failed, but Gray passed once more to McKenzie through McAra, and the place succeeded; and presently, with a free kick to us, the first spell ended, with the score at 11 to 0.

Hitherto our faults had been in the forwards not feeding the backs and in the backs getting too close to the scrum. With the second spell, these faults were for a time mended, and we proceeded to show that we, too, could pass and score, but not before they had driven the ball down to our line, and a series of hot tussles had ensued, in which they nearly scored by employing tactics something like those of Dunedin, the half-back putting his head down, and driving through the scrum on to the goal-line: these tactics failing, they passed once more to McKenzie, who "potted" a goal—15 to 0. Then at last, Cooper got the ball from a good bit of passing through Marshall and Roberts, and scored a try (which Marshall failed to convert)

near the touch-line, and almost immediately, from a similar pass, Cooper scored again, very low down; he took the "place" himself with a splendid kick that had the appearance, but not the reality, of a goal. Wellington then played up, and threatened us, but Cooper made a capital run, followed by Roberts, who fell close to their goal; Hewitt, following up well, got the ball, and scored try No. 3 behind the posts, which Marshall had no difficulty in converting. The score was now 15 to 11, with twenty minutes to play; and it looked quite possible for us to win, if the same tactics of feeding the backs and passing neatly were followed. But the Wellington coach (Mr. Ellison), spotting the danger, did not shrink from coaching the team on the field of battle, calling the backs away from the scrum, and telling the men to "get possession." Under this influence, the aspect of affairs changed like magic: Paton passing to Tripe, the latter got in low down, but failed to convert, though he made a splendid kick; presently a bit of good passing gave McKenzie another pot at goal, which was only too successful, and the score went to 22 to 11. In spite of a free kick to us for off-side (one of the very few in the day), our team seemed to have lost heart, and to fall to pieces, for Gray easily got in from a pass (25 to 11), and as the play was all in our 25, and we showed no power of relieving the pressure, he soon repeated the experiment, and Tripe placed a goal from this, the 6th try; and so the day ended with a most decisive victory for the Black and Yellows by 30 to 11: 6 tries—two of them converted—and 2 goals dropped from the field of play. The game was a fast one, well contested, and in excellent spirit. Mr. Fache was good enough to act as referee, but was hardly as strict as we had been accustomed to, while Messrs. Woon and Reid made efficient touch-line judges. It was 5 p.m. before the match ended, and we had only just time to catch the train to town, with spirits considerably damped.

WELLINGTON v. CHRIST'S COLLEGE.

The match between Wellington and Christ's Colleges, played on Saturday, the 1st September, was watched by us with the closest interest, in the hope of discovering the weak points, as well as the strong, in our future opponents, and of noticing, if possible, the knack of "getting possession" which the Wellington College team had used to such advantage against us. But the weather was so bad that we were rather disappointed. A bitter wind from the South, with showers of rain and even sleet, drove across the ground, and made both it and the ball greasy.

Christ's College boys looked a tall and strong lot, and played a hard forward game, likely to test our forwards to the utmost of their powers. Behind the scrum they had two strong and experienced three-quarters, in Neill and Banks, who had done good service for them in the past, and who effected the one try they managed to score against Wellington. Their chance, by the way, of placing this try was spoilt by the ball being touched by a third player, whereupon the Wellington boys charged. Touching is said to be allowable down South. If so, the decision of the referee was an unwelcome surprise to Christ's College. In spite of the state of the ball and of the ground, the Wellington boys scored 25 points, thanks chiefly to Gray and Tripe, their tactics in the scrum being as successful as ever, and their kicking being better than when playing us. But we think that a stricter referee would have exacted a good many penalties for raising the feet in the scrum, for shoving before the ball was put in, and for off side play by the wings. It is only fair to remark that Christ's College were severely handicapped by Wellington weather, the disagreeable nature of which had, however, no bad effect on the tempers of the players. In fact, the spirit in which these games were played all through was excellent.

Not content with giving us a dance on Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. Firth were good enough to invite us all to a banquet on Saturday after the Christ's College match, and to a musical and dramatic entertainment. About 72 sat down to the "feed," which was, by the way, rather a severe trial to those in training. After the usual loyal toasts of "The Queen" and "The Governor," the health of "The Visiting Teams" was proposed, to which Cooper and Pascoe responded, and this was followed by "The Health of Mrs. Firth," proposed by Mr. Riley; "School Games," by Mr. Hobhouse; and "Other Schools," by Mr. Tolhurst. The entertainment consisted of some very laughable songs by Mr. M. Fox, a banjo quartette by Old Boys, violin solos by Mr. Hill, a recitation by Mr. Firth, and some excellent songs by Mr. Day. The farce of "Something to Do" showed off Mr. Ward's powers of acting in a way that was highly appreciated, whilst he was ably seconded by the irascible Dr. Wobbles (Mr. J. A. Tripe) and by several members of the School, particularly by F. Read, who made a capital "Patty Gowl," the landlord's daughter.

Sunday brought a cold, blustering wind, but gave everyone a much needed rest, and inspired us with hopes of a dry ground for the contest with Christ's College on the Monday. The Wellington Team left for Nelson on Sunday evening to play Nelson College and Christchurch High School, both of which matches they won easily, the latter by 44 to 8.

THE CHRIST'S COLLEGE MATCH.

After the disastrous contest with Wellington College, it may be easily supposed that our team was determined to "do or die" against Christ's College; and, indeed, it wanted all the "ardor animi" that could be found in the breast of a devoted patriot to face the chilling blasts of the Wellington wind. True, it was not quite as bad as on Saturday, when Christ's College were beaten by Wellington, for then the wind brought with it rain and sleet; but the ground was in a worse condition: pools of water standing about everywhere, making both players and ball in a horrid condition; in fact, it was so bad that after a few minutes play the teams adjourned to the junior ground, which was much better. Nevertheless, the ball remained very greasy, and the strong wind right across the ground confined the game almost entirely to the touch-line to leeward; consequently, the game was not an interesting one from the spectators' point of view, and at first especially was slow, but towards the end this improved. It was abominable weather, in short, and we may lay to its charge, too, the ill-luck of having Booth unable to play, from a cold. S. W. Fitzherbert took his place, and N. D. Wilson took McKenzie's, who was also too unwell to play. Booth's absence was particularly noticeable in the line-out, as Christ's College had a big and powerful player in the shape of Pascoe to stand next the line. He was thoroughly up to the work, and gained many a yard for his side by his tactics when the ball was thrown in, making great use of his weight and strength. The ill-luck was not only on our side, for Marjoribanks was unable to play for our opponents; and his valuable services as three-quarters, where he was especially detailed to collar Cooper, were much missed.

Petone was once more the field of battle, involving a disagreeable train journey to and fro, and a walk of nearly a mile into the bargain. The crowd of spectators who accompanied us was naturally much smaller than on the Saturday and Wednesday preceding, this match taking place on Monday, the 3rd September.

A further delay was caused by the collapse of the ball we had provided, and the bursting of the bladder of the Christ's College ball, but luckily there was another bladder, and at last at 3.27 p.m. Cooper kicked off, having again won the toss. After some scrums in their quarters, Cooper got a free kick, and, soon after, another kick from a smart catch, but with such a wind right across the ground we were not much helped by kicking. An attempt at passing was frustrated by one of their men who was off-side, without the referee noticing it, but presently Cornford dribbled right up to their line, and then fell. But Bethell and H. M. Wilson were close behind, and secured the try, the place-kick failing. This was "first blood" and gave heart to our men. On changing grounds, our opponents made a good rush, which was relieved by a good kick of Cooper's and was followed by some pretty passing. Another rush soon afterwards was checked by Cooper and Roberts. Then the first spell ended after a really dangerous attack had threatened our line, thanks to some good kicking on their part, relief being afforded us by a rather chance kick of Cooper's. Hitherto the play had been rather slow: Christ's College had shown considerable powers of holding on to the ball, and of getting off side, apparently without attracting referee's notice; and in the second spell our team also did a good deal of off side work, as it seemed to be effective, and without penalty. On the whole, our forwards did much better in the scrum, and got possession oftener than against Wellington, an improvement which was still more noticeable in the second spell. But we were not collaring low enough, and were inferior in the line-out.

Burke was the first to score in this spell, low down, and Cooper took the kick, but against the wind, and naturally failed to get a goal. Hewitt, by a good kick, brought the ball to their corner post, but Pascoe, on the line-out gained yard by yard. Another run by Hewitt brought the scrum to their line, and ended in a force-down, the spectators getting in the way. Christ's College then worked the ball back, Fitzherbert mulling it, and Marshall got a kick—almost his only one in the game—which helped us. Duncan was then called up from the windward end, where he could get no work, to act as a wing forward, which presently turned out a good move. Our opponents rushed the ball to our 25, but a penalty kick and a free kick from a catch directly afterwards relieved us. After some rather blind passing, and a dribble of Neill's followed by a free kick to them, Cornford made an excellent dribble, and got the ball behind, but failed to touch it down, being quite numb with the cold. Next Hewitt passed to Cooper, who got in low down, and scored (9 to 0). The kick was a fiasco; but the operation was soon repeated by the same pair, and Cooper got in through the crowd by a capital dodgy run and from the try, which was near the goal-posts, Hewitt succeeded in scoring a place kick (14 to 0). We were then pushed back a bit, but Cooper by a run and a kick sent on the ball, and Duncan getting it, made a long run, in his well known style, and scored again low down. The place failed, but the score stood at 17 to nil, and the whistle sounding time, we hurried off to the railway station, glad to get out of the cold wind, and rejoicing in victory. Burke, Cornford, Cooper, and Hewitt played a grand game behind the scrum, especially in the second spell, whilst Williams and Bethell did yeoman's

service in the forward department, ably seconded by Cowper and H. M. Wilson. Our passing was occasionally rather blind, and we ought to have backed up better. The Wellington team were especially good at backing up: there seemed to be always a man ready to take the ball. Christ's College were weak in their combination and would evidently have done much better if they had been coached like Wellington, or even like our own team. As it was, Banks and Neill seldom got a chance of showing their mettle, as our forwards got into the heeling-out dodge, committing, however, the mistake of kicking the ball out too hard, instead of working it out gradually, so that the back could see it coming. Mr. Nicholls acted as Referee, and Messrs Holdsworth and Rolleston as touchline judges.

It only remains to thank our various hosts, for their kindness in putting up the team and looking after their welfare; and we must, in particular, chronicle the pleasure they had in going to the dances at Government House on Monday, the 3rd, and at Mrs. T. C. Williams' the next evening, both of which were immensely enjoyed.

Former matches have resulted as follows:—

AGAINST WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

1885	..	Lost	..	Score	..	2 goals and 6 tries to nil—24 to 0
1889	..	Drawn	..	..	..	Goal each—3 pts.
1890	..	Won	..	..	..	Try to nil—1 pt. to 0
1891	..	Won	..	..	..	2 goals and 2 tries to nil—8 pts. to 0
1892	..	Won	..	..	..	6 goals and 4 tries to nil—38 pts. to 0
1893	..	Won	..	..	..	3 goals and 2 tries to 1 goal—19 pts. to 5
1894	..	Lost	..	..	..	2 potted goals, 2 goals, and 4 tries to 1 goal and 2 tries—30 pts. to 11

AGAINST CHRIST'S COLLEGE.

1890	..	Lost	..	Score	..	1 try to nil—1 pt. to 0
1891	..	Drawn	..	..	..	1 try each—1 pt.
1892	..	Won	..	..	..	1 try to nil—2 pts. to 0
1893	..	Lost	..	..	..	2 goals and 1 try to 1 goal and 2 tries—12 pts. to 9
1894	..	Won	..	..	..	1 goal and 4 tries to nil—17 pts. to 0

AGAINST DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL.

1894	..	Won	..	Score	..	Goal, try, and penalty goal to goal—11 pts. to 5
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AGAINST NELSON COLLEGE.

1891	..	Drawn	..	No score
1893	..	Won	..	Score	..	2 goals, 1 potted goal, and 3 tries to nil—20 pts. to 0

School News.

A large number of candidates are going up for the University examinations. The results, of course, will not be known until next term.

There is every prospect of being able to secure an excellent organ for the Chapel at a very moderate price. We are asked, however, to mention that the price, though moderate enough as organs go, will yet take a good deal of paying. Any subscriptions can be paid to the Headmaster.

The Garden Club, under the care of N. D. Wilson, has shown considerable energy. The prizes fell to M. R. Murphy, N. D. Wilson, and E. J. Herrick.

The boys who left last term were—School-house: C. B. Duncan, W. Booth, C. E. Hankins. (Day-boys): C. J. Sharpe, J. Mason.

The new boys this term were—(School-house): G. T. Williams, W. H. Hankins, H. T. Thatcher, J. E. P. Allen. (Mr. Shields'): M. R. Murphy, R. K. Murphy, J. Corry. (Day-boys): H. Moulton, M. A. Campbell.

The new Tennis Court, to be made of shell-rock, does not advance very rapidly. We hope the experiment will prove a success.

The new Librarian this term was H. H. Pharazyn.

At a confirmation in the School Chapel on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 25th, twenty-three candidates were confirmed by Bishop Hadfield.

It was a great pleasure to all of us to see the old Bishop looking so well, in spite of his eighty years. His voice seemed to be as strong as ever. In commemoration of his last official visit to the School, he asked for a half-holiday, and as Mrs. Hadfield put in a request for another half, a whole holiday was given on Monday, Dec. 15th, the day before the University examinations. An account of the expedition up the river in the "Manuwai" will be found elsewhere.

An excellent photograph of Bishop Hadfield, presented by Mrs. Hadfield, has been hung in the Library. One or two other pictures have also been added to the galleries in the various rooms.

Some alterations will be made in the arrangement of the work next term, which, it is hoped, will prove beneficial.

The examination papers this year in English, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid, and Trigonometry were set by Mr. Louis Cohen, M.A.

The following books have been added to the Library:—"George Stephenson" and "Loyalists of La Vendée," presented by Monro; "The Channings," by W. H. Wilson; "John Bull and Co.," by Coruford, Bethell, and H. M. Wilson; "Irish Wit and Humour," by Palmerson; "Across Africa," vols. 1 and 2, by D. R. Hewitt; "Beric the Briton," by R. P. Abraham.

The rolling gangs have done good work this term, as usual. The cricket ground, thanks to the exceptionally dry season, has never been in such good condition.

The erection of the new flag-staff over the Library was a great undertaking. Under Mr. Dunn's directions, it was successfully carried out by Rochfort and T. R. Willis, though at one time the position became rather critical. The new Union Jack has an imposing appearance. Rather an ominous incident occurred at its first hoisting. The occasion was the review of the First Company by Colonel Fox. As the gallant Colonel came upon the field, the flag rose slowly to the top of the staff, and the colours of England were spread to the breeze, all three Companies presenting arms. For a minute it waved gracefully aloft, and then, "horresco referens," it made a graceful and speedy descent to the ground, owing to the looseness of one of the knots in the hal-yards. Fortunately, just previous to this occurrence, Colonel Fox had turned his attention to the Cadet Corps, and, therefore, did not see the catastrophe.

On Nov. 8th the Inspector-General, Mr. Habens, paid his annual visit to the School.

The Fives Courts were inaugurated this term, and have been well patronised ever since. The roughness of the cement has caused a fearful mortality among fives-shoes, but it is hoped that it will wear smooth in time. Squash rackets and bat fives have also been a good deal played. The result of the tournaments will be found elsewhere.

The Cavalry Sports, the A. and P. Show, the Maori entertainment, Mr. Barnett's concert, and the Circus all served, to some extent, to vary the proceedings of the term. At Mr. Barnett's concert, an unpleasant, but rather amusing, interlude was caused by the sudden entry, through an open window, of no less than five sparrows; this produced what is generally described as a "sensation," and we fear that for a few minutes hardly sufficient attention was given to Mr. Barnett's admirable playing. At the Maori entertainment, the Putiki "expert" bore off the palm, though his wit, no doubt, suffered through being confined to gesture. The warrior who was to display the use of ancient Maori weapons was so fatigued with his war and poi dances as to be unable to appear.

Dr. Hutchinson paid us a visit towards the end of the term, and renewed some of his old acquaintances. The two lectures which he gave on "Physical Training and Development" were most interesting.

Mr. A. W. Minns has been appointed music-master and organist to the School. He begins his duties next term. It ought not to be difficult to get up a very fair orchestra, and next year we hope to see something of the kind undertaken.

The crew for next year's race has been taken in hand by Mr. Hobhouse. As no less than three of the old four will still be here, only one place is open.

The Arbor Day trees have done very well, thanks to the shelter of the macrocarpas. The apple tree (*Levinia superba*) especially shows signs of a large crop.

The Fire Brigade practice at the School on the night of Nov. 12th, showed the possibility of throwing a jet of water well over the buildings.

The terrible accident to the "Wairarapa" made a deep impression upon the School. No one, as far as we can learn, had relations on board, but several lost friends and acquaintances.

We have to thank Mrs. Sainsbury for a donation to the Organ Fund; Mr. H. W. Moore and Mr. Martin for bats presented to the Cricket Club.

Cricket.

The season of 1894 can hardly be called a successful one as far as cricket is concerned; out of a total of eight matches played by the first eleven, only three have been won, while one has been drawn, and four have been lost. It is however only fair to say that the elevens we have played this year have been stronger than those of former years. The Railway and Press Clubs have apparently ceased to exist, while the Wanganui Club is just now a particularly strong combination. The two elevens which Dr. Saunders got together were also decidedly strong in batting and bowling. At the same time it cannot be disguised that our bowling is not up to the mark. Longstop, wicketkeeper, and Cooper enjoy the peculiar distinction of not having been put on to bowl in matches; the rest have bowled more or less successfully or unsuccessfully. The bowlers should not be allowed to tire themselves out in practice, and should

always have a mark on which to pitch the ball. The bowling averages were ruined by the last match, in which it was unwisely arranged that anything over the running track should count four. The batting has we think been really up to the average, but has suffered from an improvement in the opposition bowling. Willis mi. is the most promising of the younger batsmen in the eleven, but lower down in the School there are several, who, if they practice hard and earnestly, will develop into good men. The fielding, taken altogether, has been a shade better than usual, but demoralisation has set in once or twice in a losing game; dash is the quality lacking. No batting or bowling excellence should win a place in the eleven, if combined with bad fielding.

SCHOOL v. NONDESCRIPTS.

Played on Oct. 13th. This was the first match of the season. The Nondescript team could only put together 25 in the first innings, while the School made 80, T. R. Willis (30, not out) and McWilliam (14) being the only batsmen to reach double figures. In their second attempt, the Nondescripts had made 47 for seven wickets, when time was called. The School thus won by 55 runs on the first innings. Score:—

NONDESCRIPTS—1st Innings		2nd Innings.	
Mr. Salmon, b McWilliam	1	c Marshall b Murphy	19
Mr. Brown, b Hewitt	0	st Gorton, b Willis	2
Mr. Schmoll, c Fitzherbert, b Mc-			
William	5	c and b Hewitt	5
Mr. Smith, b McWilliam	1	c Fitzherbert, b Murphy	0
Mr. Rose, run out	1		
Mr. McBeath, c Marshall, b Hewitt	4	not out	8
Mr. G. Brown, b Hewitt	3	c and b Hewitt	11
Mr. Kite, c Cooper, b Burke	8	b Hewitt	0
Mr. Beasley, b Hewitt	0		
Mr. Hartnett, c Cooper, b Hewitt	0	c Fitzherbert, b Murphy	1
Mr. Penn, not out	0	not out	1
Extras	2	Extra	0
Total	25	Total	47

SCHOOL.

Hewitt, st Kite	7	Palmer, c Kite, b Brown	5
Marshall, c Smith, b Kite	1	Wilson, b Hartnett	0
Cooper, st Kite	6	Gorton, run out	1
McWilliam, c Salmon, b Kite	14	Murphy, c and b Kite	4
Fitzherbert, b Hartnett	7	Extras	2
Burke, l.b.w. b Brown	0		
Willis, not out	30	Total	80

SCHOOL v. MR. EMPSON'S ELEVEN.

Played on Oct. 20th. Mr. Empson's team batted first, and made 126. The School Eleven then went in, and had made 99 runs for six wickets, when time was called, so that had there been time to play the match out, the result would have been, in all probability, very close. Score:—

MR. EMPSON'S ELEVEN.

Mr. Empson, c Marshall, b Burke	22	Mr. Harold, b Fitzherbert	5
Mr. Andrews, run out	18	Mr. D'Arcy, b Fitzherbert	0
Mr. A. N. Cave, c Marshall, b		D. J. Willis, run out	3
Murphy	12	R. A. Wilson, c Cooper, b Murphy	0
Mr. Shields, b Marshall	3	L. Holdsworth, not out	5
Mr. H. B. Cave, c Cooper, b		Extra	1
Hewitt	42		
Mr. Hobhouse, b Fitzherbert	15	Total	126

SCHOOL.

Hewitt, b H. B. Cave	2	Willis, b H. B. Cave	1
Marshall, c Hobhouse, b H. B.		Burke, not out	16
Cave	41	Palmer, not out	5
Cooper, c Holdsworth, b H. B.		Extras	3
Cave	24		
McWilliam, run out	2	Total for six wickets	99
Fitzherbert, b H. B. Cave	5		

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI CLUB.

Played on Oct. 27th. This match ended in our being defeated by 4 wickets and 78 runs; but it is only fair to say that the team against us was stronger than any team the Wanganui Club had been able to put into the field before. The Cave brothers did the bowling for the Wanganui Club, L. Cave succeeding in getting 5 of our wickets for 4 runs. Score:—

SCHOOL.		WANGANUI CLUB.	
Hewitt, b H. B. Cave ..	10	Palmer, b H. B. Cave ..	1
Marshall, b W. B. Cave ..	11	Wilson, b L. Cave ..	0
Cooper, c K. Cave, b L. Cave	7	Gorton, not out ..	0
McWilliam, b L. Cave ..	1	Murphy, b Stuart ..	1
Fitzherbert, c Stuart, b L. Cave	11	Extras ..	6
Willis, b L. Cave ..	1		
Burke, c K. Cave, b L. Cave	0	Total ..	49

Mr. A. N. Cave, b Hewitt	0	Mr. W. B. Cave, b Marshall	0
Mr. F. G. Shields, run out	5	Mr. D'Arcy, not out ..	25
Mr. L. Cave, b Hewitt ..	0	Extras ..	9
Mr. H. B. Cave, not out ..	36		
Mr. W. H. McLean, b Hewitt	2	Total for six wickets	127
Mr. Meldrum, l.b.w. b Marshall	50		

SCHOOL v. DR. SAUNDERS'S ELEVEN.

Played on Nov. 3rd. This match resulted in the School's defeat by 34 runs on the first innings. The School could put together only 27 in their first innings, while their opponents made 61, Mr. Studholme being top scorer with 13. In their second innings, the School had made 80 runs for 4 wickets, when they declared their innings closed. Dr. Saunders's team thus had 46 runs to make, and about three-quarters of an hour to do it in. When time was called, they had made 38 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. Score:—

SCHOOL—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Hewitt, b Chamberlain ..	2	not out ..	38
Marshall, run out ..	2	c Fitzherbert, b Studholme	5
Cooper, run out ..	10	c D'Arcy, b Meldrum ..	21
Willis, b Studholme ..	0	b Studholme ..	13
Fitzherbert, b Chamberlain	2	c Chamberlain, b D'Arcy ..	2
McWilliam, c Meldrum, b Studholme ..	8	not out ..	4
Burke, b Studholme ..	0		
Palmer, b Chamberlain ..	0		
Wilson, b Studholme ..	0		
Gorton, b Chamberlain ..	0		
Murphy, not out ..	0		
Holdsworth, b Studholme	0		
Extras ..	3	Extras ..	2
Total ..	27	Total ..	80
		Grand total ..	107

DR. SAUNDERS'S ELEVEN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr. S. T. Fitzherbert, c Burke, b Hewitt ..	2	b Murphy ..	1
Mr. J. Peat, run out ..	2	b McWilliam ..	2
Mr. W. Meldrum, b McWilliam	5	b McWilliam ..	14
Mr. W. D'Arcy, c Holdsworth, b McWilliam ..	11	not out ..	17
Mr. J. F. Studholme, b McWilliam ..	13	b McWilliam ..	1
Mr. W. Palmer, c Marshall, b Burke ..	5	not out ..	1
Mr. W. McLean, b Burke	6		
Mr. R. K. Chamberlain, b Burke	8		
Mr. H. Harper, b Burke ..	2		
Mr. W. D. Anderson, not out	2		
Hon. H. C. Butler, c McWilliam, b Marshall ..	0		
Dr. G. R. Saunders, c Fitzherbert, b Burke ..	0	c Willis, b Marshall ..	0
Extras ..	5	Extras ..	2
Total ..	61	Total for five wickets	38
		Grand total ..	99

SCHOOL v. MR. EMPSON'S ELEVEN.

Played on Nov. 10th. The School went in first, and made 113, Marshall (40, not out) and Cooper and Willis (28 each) being the highest scorers. Mr. Empson's eleven made 86, of which Mr. Moore made 35 in excellent style. The School thus won by 27 runs. Score:—

SCHOOL.		MR. EMPSON'S ELEVEN.	
Hewitt, c Moore, b Shields	1	Palmer, c Empson, b Cave	0
Marshall, not out ..	40	Wilson, c and b Empson ..	0
Cooper, b Cave ..	28	Gorton, b Empson ..	0
Willis, run out ..	28	Murphy, c Holdsworth, b Empson	0
Fitzherbert, c Willis, b Empson	5	Extras ..	3
McWilliam, b Cave ..	4		
Burke, c Willis, b Empson	4	Total ..	113

Mr. Empson, run out ..	3	L. Holdsworth, b Fitzherbert	0
Mr. Moore, c Marshall, b Fitzherbert ..	35	D. J. Willis, c Willis, b Marshall ..	5
Mr. Shields, b McWilliam	5	R. A. Wilson, b Marshall	3
Mr. K. Cave, b McWilliam	0	Parfitt, b Marshall ..	0
Mr. Andrews, b Fitzherbert	10	Extras ..	6
Mr. Anderson, b Fitzherbert	5		
Mr. L. Cave, not out ..	14	Total ..	86

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI CLUB.

Played on Nov. 17th and 24th. This was a two-days' match, played on two consecutive Saturdays. On the first day we played on Victoria Park, which partly accounts for the low scores, while on the second Saturday we played on our own ground. Although we were not far behind them at the end of the first innings, nevertheless the School bowling was not good enough in the second innings, the game ending in a lamentable defeat by 4 wickets and 104 runs. Score:—

SCHOOL—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Hewitt, b H. B. Cave ..	7	b L. Cave ..	18
Marshall, b L. Cave ..	4	b L. Cave ..	42
Cooper, c Shields, b L. Cave	3	b H. B. Cave ..	1
Willis, b H. B. Cave ..	2	b L. Cave ..	0
Fitzherbert, b L. Cave ..	1	b L. Cave ..	1
McWilliam, c and b H. B. Cave	2	b L. Cave ..	1
Burke, b H. B. Cave ..	1	b L. Cave ..	2
Palmer, b H. B. Cave ..	0	not out ..	6
Gorton, c W. B. Cave, b H. B. Cave ..	0	b L. Cave ..	0
Wilson, not out ..	2	c and b McLean ..	4
Murphy, c McLean, b L. Cave	0	b L. Cave ..	0
Extras ..	8	Extras ..	6
Total ..	30	Total ..	81
		Grand total ..	111

WANGANUI CLUB.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr. H. B. Cave, c Fitzherbert, b McWilliam ..	0	b Palmer ..	60
Mr. F. G. Shields, c McWilliam, b Fitzherbert ..	4	b Fitzherbert ..	3
Mr. A. N. Cave, not out ..	11	c Murphy, b Hewitt ..	8
Mr. Meldrum, c Marshall, b Burke	16	c Willis, b Marshall ..	7
Mr. W. H. McLean, b Burke	3	b Hewitt ..	40
Mr. L. Cave, b Burke ..	0	l.b.w. b Palmer ..	25
Mr. D'Arcy, c Hewitt, b Burke	3	not out ..	11
Mr. W. B. Cave, l.b.w. b McWilliam ..	0		
Mr. K. Cave, not out ..	1		
Mr. P. Sim, b Fitzherbert	6		
Mr. H. C. Stewart, b Fitzherbert	1		
Extras ..	3	Extras ..	
Total ..	48	Total ..	157
		Grand total ..	205

SCHOOL v. MARTON CLUB.

Played on Dec. 1st. As only seven Marton men turned up, four substitutes had to take the places of the

absentees. Play started shortly after 11.30 o'clock, and in the second over, Marshall was dismissed for 1. Willis soon ran himself out, and Fitzherbert was caught in the same over. On Cooper joining Hewitt, however, the runs began to come very quickly, so that when we adjourned for lunch, the score stood at 67 runs for 3 wickets. The innings closed for 162, Hewitt playing well for 60, not out, and Cooper hitting for 51, and Palmer for 26. The seven Marton men were disposed of for 14 runs, but their substitutes added 39 runs to this, the innings closing for 53, of which Holdsworth had made 22, and Willis 13. In their second innings, Marton made 75, Cohen being top scorer with 26. The match thus ended in our favour by an innings and 34 runs. Score:—

SCHOOL.

Hewitt, not out	60	Gorton, c Cooper, b Cohen	4
Marshall, c Cohen, b Anson	1	Palmer, b Bousefield ..	26
Willis, run out	0	Wilson, b Bousefield ..	2
Fitzherbert, c Wotten, b Smith	0	Murphy, run out	0
Cooper, c Holdsworth, b Cohen	51	Extras	2
McWilliam, b Cohen ..	8		
Burke, c Anson, b Cohen..	8	Total	162

MARTON CLUB.

1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

Mr. Brown, b Fitzherbert	0	c Marshall, b Burke ..	0
Mr. Izod, run out	7	c Willis, b Murphy ..	3
Mr. Smith, run out	1	b Fitzherbert	11
Mr. Cohen, c Fitzherbert, b Mc-			
William	1	b Marshall	26
Mr. Bousefield, b McWilliam	3	c Cooper, b Burke ..	7
Mr. Wotten, c Cooper, b Mc-			
William	1	c McWilliam, b Murphy ..	13
Mr. Anson, b Fitzherbert	1	b Burke	0
Holdsworth, b Murphy ..	22	c Gorton, b Palmer ..	6
Willis, b Murphy	13	c Hewitt, b Palmer ..	1
Lindsay, not out	2	not out	2
Bethell, c Cooper, b Murphy	2	absent	0
Extra	1	Extras	6
Total	53	Total	75
		Grand total	128

SCHOOL v. DR. SAUNDERS'S ELEVEN.

Played on Dec. 8th. The team that Dr. Saunders brought against us was a very strong one, and we received a defeat from it by 96 runs on the first innings. The School went in first, and made 82. Dr. Saunders's team then went in, and had made 178 runs for 5 wickets, when they closed their innings. In the School second attempt they had made 78 for 1 wicket, when time was called. In the School's first innings, McWilliam (27) was the only one to get into double figures, while for Dr. Saunders's team D'Arcy (49, not out) and L. Cave (46, not out) were the principal scorers. Mrs. Empson kindly provided refreshments during the afternoon. Score:—

SCHOOL—1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

Hewitt, b H. B. Cave ..	5	not out	33
Marshall, b Chamberlain..	6	c Palmer, b H. B. Cave ..	21
Willis, run out	5	not out	16
Fitzherbert, b Chamberlain	0		
Cooper, st McLean, b H. B. Cave	5		
McWilliam, c Fox, b H. B. Cave	27		
Palmer, b L. Cave	2		
Burke, l.b.w. b L. Cave ..	2		
Gorton, b H. B. Cave ..	9		
Wilson, b H. B. Cave ..	5		
Murphy, not out	0		
Extras	16	Extras	8
Total	82	Total	78

DR. SAUNDERS'S ELEVEN.

Mr. J. Peat, c Marshall, b Fitz-	Mr. Meldrum, b McWilliam	14
herbert	Mr. D'Arcy, not out ..	49
Mr. W. H. McLean, c Gorton,	Mr. L. Cave, not out ..	46
b McWilliam	Extras	2
Col. Fox, b McWilliam ..		
18	Total	178
Mr. H. B. Cave, c and b Mc-		
William		5

On Thursday, Dec. 6th, a match was played between Past and Present of the School and the Wanganui Club. Only three Old Boys came to our assistance, and they were not sufficient to stave off defeat. Our team was composed of L. Cave, A. Montgomerie, W. H. McLean, and eight of the School Eleven. The Past and Present went in first, and scored 73, L. Cave and Montgomerie, with 17 each, being top scorers. Our opponents then went in, and had made 75 for 6 wickets, when stumps were drawn, thus beating the Past and Present team by 4 wickets and 2 runs. For the Wanganui Club, H. B. Cave (35, not out) was the principal scorer.

At the end of the term, the Eleven will play Feilding at Feilding, and the Wellington Old Boys and Dr. Purdy's team at Wellington.

BATTING AVERAGES.

										AVERAGE.			
Hewitt ..	7	2	10	2	33*	1	7	18	60*	5	33*	178	22.2
Marshall ..	4	41	11	2	5	40*	4	42	1	6	21	177	17.7
Cooper ..	6	24	7	10	21	28	3	1	51	5	—	156	15.6
McWilliam	14	2	1	8	4*	4	2	1	8	27	—	71	7.8
Fitzherbert	7	5	11	2	2	5	1	1	0	0	—	34	3.4
Burke ..	0	16*	0	0	—	4	1	2	8	2	—	33	4.2
Willis ..	30*	1	1	0	13	28	2	0	0	5	16*	96	10.6
Palmer ..	5	5*	1	0	—	0	0	6*	26	2	—	45	6.5
Wilson ..	0	—	0	0	—	0	2*	4	2	5	—	13	1.8
Gorton ..	1	—	1*	0	—	0	0	0	4	9	—	15	2.1
Murphy ..	4	—	1	0*	—	0	0	0	0	0*	—	5	0.8

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	OVERS.	RUNS.	WETS.	RUNS PER WICKET.
McWilliam	85	126	13	9.6
Hewitt ma.	72	124	15	8.4
Fitzherbert ma. ..	75	128	11	12.6
Burke	53	109	11	9.9
Marshall	48	87	9	9.6
Murphy ma.	33	54	6	9.0
Palmer	12	28	2	14.0
Willis mi.	10	29	0	—

FIRST ELEVEN.

- D. R. HEWITT.—Always plays his best; has the best batting style in the Eleven, taking no liberties, and trying to combine scoring with safe play; secured 15 wickets in 72 overs for 124 runs; average, 8.2, the best this season; also has the best batting average, the only one over 20; and in fielding has no superior in the Eleven.
- G. L. MARSHALL (Capt.)—Has the second batting average; free style of batting; scores heavily off weak bowling; can field very well.
- H. R. COOPER.—A genuine slogger; may be depended on for making the game lively if he stays; fields well, even in a losing game.
- J. T. MCWILLIAM.—The mainstay of the Eleven in bowling; has sometimes kept the runs down very creditably; has an easy action, and a leg break; improving in batting; should hit more vigorously.
- R. U. BURKE.—Gets more spin on the ball than anyone else in the Eleven; will make a good bat with time and training.
- W. L. FITZHERBERT.—Has bowled more than anyone, except McWilliam. His average has been spoilt by being kept on over after over when he was not taking wickets, e.g., 1 wicket for 41 and 1 wicket for 83, the last in the match with boundary fours. Should learn to bowl over the wicket. In batting, his weak point is, that he always plays back, and never attempts carpet drives. With careful practice, and not so short a pitch, might make a really good bowler.
- L. ST. G. GORTON.—The wicketkeeper. Not up to international form; plays with a straight bat, the "foundation of all long scores," and shows great promise.

G. PALMER.—Plays with a straight bat; would do much better if he tried to hit more, as his eye is good, and he understands waiting for the ball.

T. R. WILLIS.—Showed promise of being a useful bowler; might have been tried more with advantage. A promising bat, and often fields very well.

M. R. MURPHY.—A fair change bowler, and a very fair field, as a rule; weak in batting.

H. M. WILSON.—The longstop. Batting very weak; should try to make the bat meet the ball.

THE SECOND ELEVEN.

Bethell (Capt.), Holdsworth, Wilson, Willis ma., Peake, Parfitt, Close, Williams ma., Montgomerie, Cornford, Mackenzie.

BETHELL.—Is not a successful cricketer, but makes a good captain.

HOLDSWORTH.—An excellent field, and a steady bat. Will make a cricketer in time.

WILLIS ma.—Bowls fairly. Should take more pains in his batting.

PARFITT.—Bowls fast, but does not always pitch his balls well.

MONTGOMERIE.—Will make a bowler. Should try to keep his bat straight.

SECOND ELEVEN v. WANGANUI SECOND.

Played on Nov. 3rd. This match ended in the School losing by 33 runs on the first innings. The Second Eleven made 77 to the town team's 110, Willis ma. making top score for the School (23), and Parkes, with a like number, for the town. In the second innings, the School made 67, Holdsworth (21) being top scorer. Montgomerie bowled best for the School.

The return match was played on Nov. 17th, the School winning on the first innings by 14 runs. Wilson (9) and Holdsworth (8) were the chief scorers for the School, and Willis bowled best. The scores were—School, 47; Wanganui Club, 33. The Wanganui Club had a second innings, in which they had made 82 for 6 wickets, when time was called.

SECOND ELEVEN v. HERALD.

Played on Nov. 10th. This match ended in a victory for the School by 40 runs on the first innings. The Herald only succeeded in making 9 in their first innings, Parfitt taking six of their wickets. The School made 49, Williams making top score with 25. In their second innings, the Herald had made 88 for 8 wickets, when time was called.

SECOND ELEVEN v. GREAT UNKNOWNNS.

Played on Nov. 24th. This match resulted in a victory for the School by five wickets. For the School, Willis (21) and Mackenzie (12, not out) were the top scorers, while Willis and Parfitt divided the bowling honours.

THE THIRD ELEVEN.

Higginson (Capt.), Levin mi., Beetham, Reynolds ma., Riddiford, Parkinson, Fitzherbert min., Russell ma., Currie, Margoliouth, Stowe.

HIGGINSON.—Has made a good captain, but should make his authority more felt. Will make a good bat.

LEVIN mi.—Has the making of a good cricketer. Should practise hard and in earnest.

CURRIE.—A successful bowler, who keeps a good length.

The Third Eleven have played three matches this term, all of which they have won. The first match, against the Wanganui Third, the School won by 7 runs, the scores being 39 to 32. For the School, Levin mi. (10) and Fitzherbert min. (9) were top scorers, while Currie was the most successful bowler.

In the return match, the School won by 2 wickets and 7 runs, Levin playing well for 28, not out. The scores were—School, 55; Wanganui Third, 47.

In the third match against the Wanganui Third, the School won easily by 132 runs to 39. For the School,

Levin mi. was top scorer with 23, while Reynolds ma. (17), Riddiford (14), and Russell (17, not out) all played well. Margoliouth bowled best for the School.

THE FOURTH ELEVEN.

Hosking, Rutherford, Levin ma., Saxby ma., Rochfort, Sainsbury, Cock, Bartleman, Paterson, Hovell, Matthews.

LEVIN ma.—Bats and bowls fairly. Should try more.

SAINSBURY ma.—Shows signs of becoming a cricketer. He should try to play with a straight bat.

THE FIFTH ELEVEN.

Gillon (Capt.), Hunter, Simcox, Hume, Wheeler, Chaney, McLean, Ivey, Moore ma., West, Earle.

GILLON.—Has not made so energetic a captain as we should like to have seen. Is a good wicketkeeper, and could bat if he tried.

CHANEX.—Is a good bowler for his age. Pitches his balls well. Should try to get more work on.

THE SIXTH ELEVEN.

Hoadley, Price, Monro, Caplen, Beale, Roberts mi., Fleetwood, Lethbridge, Parkinson mi., Busby, Sunderland.

THE SEVENTH ELEVEN.

Herrick mi. (Capt.), Russell mi., Francis, Johnston, Keeble, Gaisford mi., Hewitt mi., Handyside, Ritchie, Baker, Hitchings.

HERRICK mi.—Has made a good captain. He is a high scorer.

FRANCIS.—Bowls well, but should practise breaks.

HEWITT mi.—Will make a cricketer. Should use a bat suited to his size.

THE EIGHTH ELEVEN.

Herrick ma., Gorton mi., Gorton min., Saxby mi., Chrystall, Palmerson, Saunders ma., Gaisford ma., Reynolds mi., Faulkner, Sherratt.

THE NINTH ELEVEN.

Staitte (Capt.), Saunders mi., Kettle, Moore mi., Abraham mi., Davies mi., McKenzie mi., Abraham ma., Arden, Parsons, Murphy mi.

THE TENTH ELEVEN.

Abbott (Capt.), Turner mi., Philson, Hobson, Anderson ma., Anderson min., Saxby min., Warren, Fry, Mason mi., Corry, Thatcher, Mawley.

Tennis.

At the end of the term the four go to Wellington to play the Old Boys, for which they will have to practise hard, as the Old Boys are very strong this year, probably stronger than they have ever been before. Parker is bound to be in good form, and Holdsworth always takes a lot of beating.

We played the town on Friday, Dec. 7th, and although we won the doubles, yet all, except Marshall, made such a poor show in the singles as to get beaten by 15 games. Marshall and Hewitt played very well together in the doubles, and Fitzherbert and Cooper played well in their first double, but rather badly in the second, being beaten by 9—2. In the singles, Marshall really played splendidly, beating Mr. Harold by 9—7, although the score was, at one time, 4—1 against him. The following are the scores:—

DOUBLES.

Messrs. Harold and Marshall	.. 4 ..	beaten by Marshall and Hewitt	9
" " " "	.. 9 ..	beat Fitzherbert and Cooper	2
" Thompson and Barnicoat	4 ..	beaten by Marshall and Hewitt	9
" " " "	.. 9 ..	beat Fitzherbert and Cooper	6

SINGLES.

Mr. Harold	.. ..	.. 7 ..	beaten by Marshall	.. ..	9
Mr. Thompson	.. ..	.. 9 ..	beat Hewitt	.. ..	5
Mr. Marshall	.. ..	.. 9 ..	beat Cooper	.. ..	3
Mr. Barnicoat	.. ..	.. 9 ..	beat Fitzherbert	.. ..	2
Totals	.. ..	.. 60 ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. 45

The results of the Tennis and Fives Tournaments will be too late for insertion in this number.

Notices.

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At the last Regatta, the Crew won their race with comparative ease; the victory was owing to good work rather than to good form, as stroke was certainly not a picturesque object in the boat. Next term, with three members of the old crew in the boat, we ought to have a really good four. The race will be rowed under changed conditions; the old Camellias, *i.e.* the two four-oared fixed seat clinkers, which have done such good service for the Rowing Club, are on their last legs (the metaphor is a trifle mixed), and next term's race will have to be rowed in the new sliders. It has been suggested that the School crew should also enter for the Maiden Fours, but the policy of attempting to row two races on the same day is doubtful, though an interval of three hours would take place between the two.

Nothing very remarkable took place at the Sports, except S. W. Fitzherbert's jump of 5ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in the class under sixteen. This was a great performance and establishes a School record for the Colony. It is a surprising fact that, although as will be seen from a glance at the records of the English Public Schools printed in another column, we hold our own in other respects, yet in the mile we seem unable to make even decent time. In England it is the rule to run it under five minutes, here it has never been done under five minutes fifteen seconds. We hope that two or three boys may be induced to train especially for this event, and to give them a better chance of making a good record, it would we think be a decided improvement to run it before the actual Sports' Day.

The Football Fifteen of this year were a very hard-working lot. Mr. Harold spared no time nor pains in his efforts to get them into good order; there was we believe only one really weak point, but that weak point unfortunately was the cause of our overthrow by Wellington. We mean the failure of the forwards to get possession of the ball. The Wellington forwards had acquired the art to perfection, and undoubtedly owed to it their well-earned victory. The defeat of the Dunedin High School must be largely attributed to the many disadvantages under which they laboured—the long journey, the changes of diet, the new ground, etc.; we are sure that our fifteen would very much like to give them their revenge next year, but we fear the travelling difficulties will prove insuperable. Christ's College as usual sent up a strong heavy team, but scarcely so well trained as in former years; next year no doubt we shall have to do all we know in order to hold our own. These Inter-School matches serve one purpose admirably, namely, they go far to dispel the curious notions that sometimes appear to prevail in the minds of the members of the different Schools as to each other's feelings and ideas; they prove most thoroughly that it does not follow that a boy, merely because he happens to belong to a different school, must therefore

belong to a different species of humanity. Next year's fifteen should be strong: several good men will have gone, but many will still be here, and from the ranks of the redoubtable second of this year the gaps can be well filled.

The Cricket Eleven has not been very successful: two main reasons account for this, firstly, the fact that we are going through a bowler-less phase of our history, and secondly, the great improvement in Wanganui Cricket. A really good bowler is no doubt born not made, but moderate bowlers should be manufactured in supply sufficient to meet the demand. MacWilliam is a moderately good bowler, as also are Fitzherbert, Marshall, Palmer, Hewitt, Burke, and Murphy, but no collection of mediocrities will atone for the want of one really good man. Any of the bowlers mentioned above could keep up his own end without much difficulty, provided a bowler with some command over pace and pitch, and who can get a certain amount of work on the ball, could be found for the other. The fielding has shown some improvement, but there is a great want of that smartness in picking up and accuracy in return which saves runs and gets wickets. The batting at the end of the eleven is terribly lacking in decision; two or three, notably Willis *mi.*, Palmer, and McWilliam have shown marked improvement, but when Marshall and Hewitt are out we still tremble for the total. Far more cricket than in past years has been played throughout the School this term, and though the bats are not often very straight nor the right feet very firm, it must have its effect.

In the minor games such as tennis, fives, squash rackets, etc., some very fair play has been shown.

Altogether, in spite of one or two defeats which will probably do the defeated far more good than victories, we do not think that there is much to be ashamed of in the games' record for 1894.

The "Manuwai."

The morning of the 10th of December was fine, and at half-past nine the gallant "Manuwai" was packed with some one hundred and seventy souls, and "all agog, to dash through thick and thin." There has been, we believe, some idea in existence that the "Manuwai" is a top-heavy boat which might be expected to turn turtle upon the least excuse: if there was any such notion, it was entirely dispelled by the absolute inability of any number of passengers standing on one side to make any impression upon its equilibrium. The course up the river was not marked by any striking incidents: the usual remarks were made, the usual sea-sickness was experienced by one of the smaller passengers, the usual disparagement of the scenery as compared with that in Hawke's Bay, the Wairarapa, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Auckland was heard. Kanini, the halting-place, was reached about twelve, when all hands immediately turned out for a bathe. The river is not very wide, say, a couple of hundred yards at the outside, but the current, aided by a small fresh, caused great grief amidst the more adventurous spirits who crossed to the other side. Two or three are reported to have despaired when half way across, and to have spoken in choking voice of their last swim. However these desperate efforts did not appear to affect their appetites for luncheon, as the second gang found to its cost. Owing to the numbers, lunch had to be taken in two relays; and fortunate was the luncher who found himself in the first division.

However the second lot, after patiently enduring for some three-quarters of an hour the sight of the rapidly vanishing good things, at last determined to clear the decks, and not before it was time.

Explorations in the bush, resulting in the discovery by our professional beetle-hunter of a fine specimen of the "Bulliana Bobensis," filled up the time until the steamer's whistle sounded for the return. After another bathe, a start was made, and Wanganui was safely reached about five. No sensational rescues marked the day, no "hair-breadth 'scapes," but everyone managed to enjoy himself pretty well notwithstanding.

Odds and Ends.

The "Alaudæ" contains the following reference to the COLLEGIAN:—"Misit Vanganuensis noster: The COLLEGIAN, libellum editum Vanganui Apr. 1894, et The Press, duo folia edita in propinquo oppido Christchurch 14 Maj. et 23 Maj. 1894. Quibus impressum erat apud antipodes signaculum postale: Vanganui 28 Maj. Hic affuere 13 Jul. Jter igitur 46 dierum. Jterum videre Philippi! Acies Vanganuenses iterum vidit Balgovnia. Die 16 Apr. 1894 the Wanganui Collegiate School Cadets iterum proelium ibi commiserunt. After the fight the combatants descended upon Balgownie and made an attack upon the excellent tea kindly provided by Mrs. and Miss Jmay. This attack resulted in a complete victory. Tea seldom tastes so good as after three hours' fighting on a hottish day. . . . The troops were drawn up on the lawn and performed a salute with three cheers for their kind hostesses. Desiit igitur hoc quoque proelium in armatam theologiam. Usu jam esse recepta videtur ista hospitalitas theia atque proelia illa semper circummagi videntur, vi quadam magnetica acta, circa Balgovniam. Caeterum exemplum Jmlejanum, tam elegans et aristocraticum, ut hac voce utar, haud dubie meret, ut aemulos inveniat vel aemulas in vetere Europa."

The horehound beer brewery has carried on operations with fair success during the term.

On the Tennis Courts:—"Oh, I say, you are a muff missing that ball: you might get one in right, if only for a change." "Well, you know, I'm not really so good as the fellows make me out to be," meekly replied the muff.

"And Jephthah sent a message to Howbeit, King of the Ammonites. . . ."

"He gave him a coat of many collers."

"He fled from a pillow of salt."

"He tore a lion in half, and found a swarm of bees inside him."

Manlius sub Gallicum gladium successit, et Hispanico pectus hausit.

S. translates: *Manliuth*, Manliuth; *thuccethit*, dodthed; *thub Gallicum gladium*, under the Gaulth thord; *et*, and; *Hithpanico*, with hith Thpanith blade; *hauthit*, drank; *pectuth*, the breatht.

MASTER: Yes, but that's a metaphor we don't use. Can't you give me something a little more English?

S. (after dubious reflection): Unleth . . . Well—well, thir, I should think "tapped hith claret" would be the neartht I could go.

Remark at breakfast the morning after the receipt of the news of the Czar's death:—"Well, I don't see how the Czar can be properly dead yet." "Why not?" "Well, you see, we're about twenty-four hours ahead of their time, and so—er—er—" (Sensation).

Definition of science: Science is the art of seeing, hearing, and believing.

School Roll.

(Boarders are marked *; Prefects P.)

R. A. Wilson * P	Cooper * P	W. L. Fitzherbert * P
Currie	McWilliam * P	D. J. Willis *
D. R. Hewitt * P	Bethell * P	Hosking *
A. T. Williams * P	H. M. Wilson * P	Cornford * P
C. N. B. Williams *	Burke * P	Sainsbury *
Marshall P	Pharazyn *	
	SIXTH.	
	FIFTH (A).	
Spurdle	Cowper *	R. G. Saxby *
Macleay *	York	Rochfort *
Glendinning *	P. B. Fitzherbert *	S. W. Fitzherbert *
Harding * P	Gordon	
Tingey	Mountfort	
	FIFTH (B).	
Riddiford *	Enderby	Bartleman *
Rutherford *	G. M. Reynolds *	C. H. Roberts *
Craig	Parfitt *	Bassett
West *	G. I. F. Saunders	Cannons
Graham	Palmer * P	Barker *
Fleetwood *	A. B. Williams *	Kempthorne *
N. D. Wilson *	Honeyfield *	
T. R. Willis *	Higginson *	
	FOURTH.	
Warren *	R. L. Levin *	L. St. G. Gorton *
Harris *	W. R. Russell *	Davis
Holdsworth *	Cock *	Sunderland *
Gavin *	Bell	Cooke
Hume *	Hovell *	Lupton *
C. G. Saxby *	W. F. Levin *	L. P. Russell *
Beetham *	Paterson *	Stowe *
Keeble *	E. R. Willis	Ivey *
O. S. Jones	Taylor	Margoliouth *
Close *	Chaney *	Caplen *
Matthews *	Ritchie *	Cummins
Peake	Lethbridge *	J. A. Roberts *
Parsons *	W. H. Wilson *	Beale *
Hunter *	Simcox *	Hoadley *
Paul *	E. J. Herrick *	G. T. Williams *
Lewis	N. Jones *	Neill *
	THIRD (A).	
Davies *	Ward *	W. C. A. Mackenzie *
Wheeler *	Robertson	Arden *
Hobson *	Gillon *	Sommerville *
J. Mason	C. Parkinson *	Firth *
W. G. Saxby *	Francis *	Ireland *
Hon. J. Boyle *	J. F. D. Hewitt *	L. Parkinson *
R. A. Campbell	D. St. G. Gorton *	R. R. Reynolds *
Montgomerie *	Monro *	Hankins *
Cave	Foster	M. R. Murphy *
Palmerson *	A. L. Turner	Moult
Johnston *	Handyside *	
	THIRD (B).	
H. R. Gaisford *	Faulkner *	Garrett
Chrystall *	I. B. G. Saunders	E. V. Brabant
Earle	Staitte *	H. H. A. Mackenzie *
Baker *	A. D. Herrick *	Ashcroft
F. H. Moore *	N. F. Moore *	Bayly
H. W. Gaisford *	Kettle *	Sherratt *
Price *	Pownall	W. G. Williams *
Hill *	W. E. Anderson *	
Hitchings *	Jardine	
	SECOND.	
J. R. Anderson	W. Turner	A. S. C. Anderson
G. T. B. Mason	Philson *	M. A. Campbell
Cutfield	Abbot	R. K. Murphy *
H. E. Abraham *	R. C. Brabant	Corry *
Mawley *	Fry *	Thatcher *
R. P. Abraham *	Busby *	E. St. G. Gorton *

Carpenters' Shop.

Some improvement has been noticeable in the work this term, although there is still the old fault: that too little independent effort is made by the members themselves. If nothing is done but the little that is set during the short hour given to carpentering, little progress may be expected to be made. Several boys, who have nothing to show for their term's work, would do well not to join the workshop again till they can make up their minds to throw a little more energy into their work. The workshop has now been divided into benches, in the same way as the school is divided into forms, so that the skilful workers are no longer hampered by having their tools spoilt by beginners. The lathes are almost at a standstill, for the old reason that would-be turners will not take the trouble to sharpen their tools, and of course blunt edges always result in tired limbs, bad work, and despair. Many new tools have been added this term to make up the sets for the different benches, and still more are yet to come. In the way of work for the School generally, the only things made are the new flag-staff and a number of serviceable forms for the class-rooms.

A Letter from Mashonaland.

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The coach from Umtali to Salisbury is mainly drawn by bullocks, and as the journey takes three days, at a charge of 1s. a mile, we determined to walk. The first night our boys could find no water, so we were pretty badly off, and fearfully cold into the bargain. We walked all next day, and spent the night at a "cattle post," where three natives lived in a hut. Never have I seen so many rats: they swarmed over us all night. We heard afterwards that this was supposed to be the worst place for lions on the road, but we neither saw nor heard any. At our next halting-place, we met an individual who became much excited on hearing we came from N.Z., and eagerly asked us whether we had ever met his friend Smith, who lived "somewhere round Melbourne way." The next day but one we reached "Bally-hooley," the best place we have yet stopped at, kept by a young Englishman, and a very good fellow too. The flowers are a great feature, gladiolus, rhododendron, etc., growing wild. Animals too, insects especially: half a dozen kinds of ants of all colours, beetles innumerable (some three inches long), hornets, snakes, etc. The following day, about 3 p.m., we arrived at Salisbury, a collection of brick stores and mud-huts. Building sites range from £30 to £400: if there is payable gold in the country, any speculation now made will return 100 per cent. in a few months; if none, there will be no town, and your money will be lost. I cannot say much about the prospects of the country yet, but I should doubt its ever being of much account, from a farming point of view, though flour costs £3 10s. per 100lbs., sugar 9d. per lb., butter from 5s. to 12s. per lb., eggs from 4s. to 12s. per dozen. We are paying 30s. a week for our hut. Hotel charges are from £13 to £15 per month. I have just bought a "loot" right for £11, giving me a share in the Matabele "loot." There are 30,000 head of cattle to be sold, so there ought to be something in it—one thousand claims, and the cattle fetching £2 a head. None of us have as yet got anything to do, but we all have good hopes.

Cadet Corps.

This term is always a great one for drill, mainly owing to the fact that Colonel Fox generally holds his annual inspection about this time. This year he inspected us on November 5th, and we hope we came through the ordeal very creditably; there were slips, of course, in the drill, but hardly any mistakes, and no bad ones. The marching was excellent, and all the exercises were very good, except the fourth practice of the Physical Drill, which was the reverse of good, mainly owing to the carelessness of two or three cadets.

Each of the officers put the Corps through some company movements, and the sergeants took the Corps in the exercises; all got on very well, Colour-Sergeant Williams in particular, whom Colonel Fox especially recommended.

Some of the privates showed a lack of common sense in aiming at some infantry behind a hedge: to fire seven feet above the ground would not turn them out very quickly. After the inspection, Colonel Fox addressed a few words to the Corps, complimenting them on their excellent turn out, and saying that he was very pleased indeed with the drill.

On the whole, we can congratulate ourselves on the inspection, for there is no doubt that the Corps is better than it has ever been before, and it drilled up to its best; but we must not stop here: there is still much to be learnt in outpost duty, etc., and we must keep up to the mark in the other drill, and take care that there is no falling off.

The day before the inspection there was a church parade, which the Corps attended, to witness the unveiling by Colonel Fox of a brass tablet, erected by the officers and privates of the 58th Regiment and Royal Artillery in memory of those of the 58th Artillery and H.M.S. Calliope who fell in the Maori war. The service was a splendid one, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed it, especially the hymns, which we chose ourselves, and Mr. McLean's sermon, which was a grand one.

The examination for the non-commissioned officers which was to have taken place at the end of this term, has, unfortunately, had to be postponed.

Entertainments.

The last concert of last term was held on Saturday, August 25th. The musical part was, if anything, better than usual, a most attractive feature being the violin quartette, and also the orchestral accompaniment to "Dulce Domum;" while Duncan, as usual, assisted by S. W. Fitzherbert, gave us their own particular gems, "After the Ball," and "Daisy Bell," in their well-known inimitable style. Three boys this term have taken to learning the banjo, so that we trust the time is not now far distant when we may hope to see a very capable orchestra taking the leading part at future concerts. During the interval, the gold medal, given by the officers of the Cadet Corps, was presented to Sergeant Marshall; and also the prizes for the Chess, Whist, and Draughts Tournament were presented to the respective winners.

The whole proceedings were brought to a very successful close by the production of a farce, entitled the "Dumb-Belle," in which perhaps the only apparent fault was its very abrupt ending, several of the audience being under the impression that there was more to follow.

In the part of "Manvers," Harding fully bore out the favourable impression he created in the rôle of the Prologue at the end of last year. His acting was very natural, the highest praise we can give him.

E. J. Herrick, as "Eliza" (Manvers' niece), had a very difficult part to act; in fact, the whole piece was dependent upon his acting. He soon overcame a slight touch of nervousness noticeable at the beginning, and acted his part as well as any boy could have been expected to.

Cornford, as "Vivian," a young officer in search of "a young and sensible dumb woman," did his part well. His tête-à-têtes with Eliza and subsequent misunderstandings with her were very funny.

Hume, as "O'Smirk" (Vivian's servant), was a typical Irishman. He acted well throughout, while his gesticulations and by-play with Mary fairly brought down the house.

D. St. G. Gorton, as "Mary" (Eliza's maid), did not have very much to do; yet what he did was done well. On the whole, Mr. Large is to be congratulated on the efficient way in which he worked up both the musical and theatrical part of the programme, and the rounds of applause which succeeded his efforts must have shown him that we all thoroughly appreciate the trouble he takes, in order to provide us with amusement. The following was the

PROGRAMME.

PIANOFORTE DUET "Marche Militaire" (Schubert)	Mrs. Empson and Mr. Large
ORCHESTRAL PIECE "March of the Men of Harlech"	A. T. Williams, F. S. Simcox, C. A. Margoliouth, and W. H. Warren
SONG AND CHORUS "Clementina"	H. R. Cooper
DUET "Daisy Bell" Signorina Urso and Signora Sapio (C. Duncan and S. W. Fitzherbert)	
.. .. "After the Ball"	
SONG AND ORCHESTRAL ACCOMPANIMENT "Dulce Domum"	Mrs. Empson
PRIZES.	
SQUAD COMPETITION	G. L. Marshall
CHESS TOURNAMENT	1st, H. M. Wilson; 2nd, C. R. Sainsbury
WHIST TOURNAMENT	1st, H. S. Rutherford, W. L. Fitzherbert
" .. ..	.. 2nd, J. E. Montgomerie, G. Palmer
DRAUGHTS TOURNAMENT	1st, H. D. Caplen; 2nd, E. V. Riddiford
"THE DUMB-BELLE."	
MANVERS (uncle to Eliza)	J. W. Harding
VIVIAN	A. A. Cornford
O'SMIRK (servant to Vivian)	Hume
ELIZA (niece to Manvers)	E. J. Herrick
MARY (maid to Eliza)	D. St. G. Gorton

Old Boys' Column.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington Branch of the Old Boys' Association, a report of which was accidentally omitted from our last number, J. W. Swainson presided over an attendance of some twenty-five members. Several new members were elected, bringing the total list of this Branch up to eighty-three. Several motions were proposed and carried, e.g., that a book should be kept recording the doings of Old Boys. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Swainson (re-elected); General Committee, Messrs. Beere, Bannister, and Hector; Local Committee, Messrs. Holdsworth, Woon, Parker, and Toomath; Treasurer, Mr. G. A. Downes (re-elected); Secretary, Mr. A. G. Kemp (re-elected). The discussion of the report had to be adjourned until August 7th, when it was accepted at a special general meeting. The meeting separated after passing the usual votes of thanks to the retiring Committee and Chairman.

J. M. Marshall, who went up to Cambridge a short time ago, won a Scholarship at St. John's. The papers are said to have been exceptionally severe, in order to test the value of the N.Z. degree. He is also supposed to be about to compare the value of the N.Z. Lawn Tennis Championship with that of the University; we hope that the comparison may be favourable.

Sir K. Douglas and F. Holdsworth went up for the final Solicitors' Examination last November; at the same time O. S. Beere went up for the Barristers' Examination.

The usual quarterly entertainment in connection with the Wellington Branch of the Old Boys' Association was held on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, W. H. Woon being in the chair. A very pleasant evening was passed, the proceedings closing with "Auld Lang Syne."

H. F. Johnston, who recently matriculated at Trinity, Oxford, has been distinguishing himself as half-back in the Freshmen's match. The slippery ground apparently prevented him from playing up to his proper form, but he seems to have done very well, nevertheless.

A. F. Johnston has successfully passed through the ordeal of the Britannia, and has been appointed to H.M.S. Howe, one of the Mediterranean squadron.

A. P. Hosking has just recovered from a very severe illness at Edinburgh.

C. J. N. Russell has gone into residence at Oriol College, Oxford.

H. Good played for the N.Z. team against N.S. Wales.

A. D. S. Duncan was first emergency for the Wellington representative eleven in their matches with Canterbury and Otago.

On Thursday, Nov. 8th, H. B. Richardson was married to Miss B. N. Ellis. The marriage took place at Palmerston North.

At a special meeting, held this month, of the Wanganui Old Boys' Association, A. W. Ward was elected Secretary in place of W. M. Bayly, who has left the district.

It is very difficult to get news of "Old Boys," unless intelligence is sent to the Editor.

Our Contemporaries.

We take the following French (?) verses from the "Wykehamist" (Winchester, England):—

NURSERY RHYMES.—*Gallie Reddita.*

Dans un coin de sa chambre
 Jacques s'assit, sans nombre
 En mangeant des bons gâteaux de Pâques;
 Il fit entrer sa pouce,
 Et trouvant prune douce
 S'écria "Que bon garçon est Jacques!"
 "Où donc es-tu voyagé, mon chat?"
 "A Paris voir la Reine, Monsieur!"
 "Et qu'est-ce que tu trouvais là-bas?"
 "Une souris à qui j'ai fait peur!"—D. T.

The Editor of the "Carthusian" (Charterhouse, England) says it is perfectly disgraceful what few contributions find their way into the editor's box. He thinks that literary genius must be at a discount. In the same paper we notice that the names of the Cricket Clubs of the kind known here as "Kia Kahas," "Pirates," etc., figure there as the "Harpies," the "Cygnets," the "Swallows," the "Nomads." The "Maniacs" are common to us both. We notice that out of 528 boys at the School, 48 could not swim.

The "Torch-bearer" (Sydney, N.S.W.) has an article encouraging barracking. "Let some seventy boys train their limbs so that four fifteens, which will do credit to the School, can be picked from among them, and let the remainder of the School train their voices for the noble purpose of barracking." The writer of the article in question, on one occasion shouted for eight minutes forty-one seconds, with only two pauses. In the same paper is an account of a trip, presumably in the "Wai-rere" up the Wanganui River.

The "School Magazine" (St. John's College, Auckland) is a new-comer. No. 2 has been sent to us. Bishop Wilson, the recently-appointed Bishop of Melanesia, gave the School an address. His text was, "Be first-rate." "First-rate in work; first-rate in play. Thoroughness is the secret of enjoyment. Have you a weak place at football, or do you make an unskilful hit at cricket? Practice until you convert your weakness into your strength. If you don't play football thoroughly, I am sure you don't enjoy it; if you don't put your soul into cricket, it is wearisome. Work hard—work earnestly, and your toil will be happiness."

The "Nelsonian" (Nelson, N.Z.) is the combined magazine of the Boys' and Girls' Colleges at Nelson. We notice, with mild surprise, that the girls acted a scene from "Alice in Wonderland," in which one young lady personated the Walrus, another the Carpenter, and others the Oysters. The latter, says the reporter, looked so tempting that he was not in the least surprised that the Walrus and the Carpenter should have wished to eat them. The expression "Old Girls" has a peculiar appearance in print.

The "Otago High School Magazine" has a well-written account of the tour of their football fifteen. We are heartily glad that they enjoyed themselves. The same paper contains an amusing account of a golf match, supposed to be set for translation into Latin at the University Scholarship Examinations. We have only space for one paragraph:—"Robert, however, pulled himself together (maxime permotus), and making an extraordinary approach shot (cum adventaret)—while his opponent was ass enough (adeo fuit stolidus ut) to top his tee—made up some lee way."

The "Wellingtonian" (N.Z.) appears in yet another garb, an improvement decidedly. Rather a good story is told of a small boy who was rendered unconscious by a blow from a cricket ball. When he came round, he was asked how he felt, and he replied: "Don't speak to me, please: I'm senseless." The principal records of their Sports read as follows:—Cricket Ball, 91yds. 2ft.; Long Jump, 18ft.; High Jump, 5ft. 3½in.; 100yds., 10½secs. The Mile and Quarter are handicaps.

It will be interesting to compare the following records of the English Public Schools, taken from the "School Magazine" (Uppingham, England), with our own performances next term:—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1894.

	100 yds.		Qrter. Mil.		Half Mile.		Mile.		Hurdles.		High Jump.		Long Jump.		Weight.		Cricket Ball.	
	secs.	secs.	secs.	secs.	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	y. f. i.	
Bedford	10½	55	2 11½	56½	4 54½	4 54½	5 8½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	89	2 0 0
Charterhouse	11½	58½	2 10	59½	4 57	4 57	4 50½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	94	2 0 0
Cheltenham	10½	59½	2 11½	55½	4 59½	4 59½	4 57	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	95	0 7 4
Clifton	10½	55½	2 11½	55½	4 59½	4 59½	4 59½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	92	0 7 4
Eton	11½	56½	2 11½	56½	4 59½	4 59½	4 59½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	102	1 0 6
Fettes	11½	55½	2 11½	55½	4 59½	4 59½	4 59½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	86	1 0 6
Glenalmond	11½	55½	2 11½	55½	4 59½	4 59½	4 59½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	96	2 8 4
Haileybury	11½	55½	2 11½	55½	4 59½	4 59½	4 59½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	100	2 4 4
Harrow	11½	55½	2 11½	55½	4 59½	4 59½	4 59½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	86	0 6 0
Marlborough	10½	55½	2 11½	55½	4 59½	4 59½	4 59½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	87	0 0 0
Repton	11½	54½	2 13½	53½	4 50	4 50	4 50	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	89	1 6 6
Rossall	10½	53½	2 10	56	4 55	4 55	4 55	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	86	2 8 8
Rugby	10½	56	2 10	56	4 55	4 55	4 55	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	83	2 7½ 2
S. Paul's	11½	56½	2 16	56½	4 48	4 48	4 48	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	94	2 2 2
Shrewsbury	11	56	2 14½	56	4 48	4 48	4 48	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	98	1 8 8
Uppingham	11	55½	2 11	55½	4 5	4 5	4 5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	103	0 9½ 9½
Wellingt'n, Eng.	10½	56	2 11	56	4 53½	4 53½	4 53½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	98	1 8 8
Winchester	11½	56	2 11½	56	4 53½	4 53½	4 53½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	103	0 9½ 9½
Wanganui	10½	57½	2 11½	57½	4 53½	4 53½	4 53½	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	98	1 8 8

The "Register" (Christ's College, Christchurch) says of the football matches:—"Wellington's success was due to good, hard, honest play, and to their getting possession of the ball in the scrum. Wanganui's win was due to their strong back play; in fact, had they got the ball in the scrum as frequently as the Wellington team, they would have scored more. They played four three-quarters, and their wing men were a treat to see, for they ran as they should, and kicked splendidly. Our boys played up well, but were out-classed." We should all exceedingly enjoy a visit from Christ's College, if they could only be induced to come straight through Wellington.