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Tuesday, 19th,—Opening Day

4.20 p.m.—Arrival of visitors by Christchurch express
8.0 p.m.—Civic Reception to Visitors at the Town Hall—Chairman: W. H. Parfitt Esq., Mayor of Greymouth.

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Wednesday, 20th,—Jubilee Day

2.15 p.m.—Old School Bell to ring, Fire and other bells to follow signalising completion of 50 years, and start of grand procession from Boundary Street through Town and to the School. On arrival, children to Salute Flag. Military Guard of Honour. Municipal Band.

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Wednesday, 20th,—Jubilee Day (Contd.)

Speech of Welcome to Visitors by J. Tennent Esq., Chairman of School Committee, Opening of Carnival, Highland Dancing, Military Display, Afternoon Tea, Re-Union of Old Pupils, Side Shows, etc.

- 7 p.m.—Grand Torchlight Procession from Boundary Street to School, Pyrotechnic Display, Coloured Fire at Re-Union Carnival.
- 8 p.m.—Opening Grand Re-Union Euchre Tourney. Prizes to value of £20. Continuation of Carnival, Side Shows etc.

Thursday, 21st,—Re-Union Day

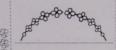
- 2.30 p.m.—Grand Re-Union Afternoon Tea at School. Continuation of Carnival. School Children's Treasure Hunt, prize £1/1/-. Numerous Novelties.
- 8 p.m.—At Opera House—Grand Children's Concert.
 At School, second session Grand Euchre Tourney.
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Friday, 22nd,—Children's Day

- 1.30 p.m.—Grand Children's Procession from Boundary Street to School. Sports on School Ground and Dixon Park.
- 8 p.m.—Grand Re-Union Plain and Fancy Dress Ball. Prizes for best Dressed Lady or Gentleman, each £1/1/-. Conclusion of Grand Re-Union Euchre Tourney. Conclusion of Carnival.

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Many boys and girls to-day are holding their own with the best in the Dominion and reflect the highest praise on the work accomplished; others have left our shores and are doing well in the lands of their adoption. And many are not here as the Hand of Time has gathered them in and our memories go back with kindly thought to the old association so reminiscent of school days.

That the School has been efficiently staffed is borne out by the results and to those men and women who have devoted their lives and worked hard to impart such knowledge, we tender our appreciation.

The Call of Duty to the Empire was nobly answered by old Pupils, our Rolls of Honour testify to their great response and the toll of life spent in maintaining our liberty.

In sports and games of all classes, our scholars have acquitted themselves most creditably, and many fine records have been achieved.

To Mr. E. Iveagh Lord, an old pupil, who has been entrusted with the compiling of this booklet, the Committee tender their thanks.

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Yours Faithfully,

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Before the State School

The first educational institution opened in Westland was the Hokitika Tancred Street School, which was established in September, 1865, by Mr. Alexander Malcolm, and which was attended by 69 pupils.

Greymouth's first school, St. Patrick's, which was founded by the Rev. Father E. Royer in the year following, was situated in Arney Street and boasted of an opening attendance of seventy-five pupils. A charge of two and sixpence per week was made for senior pupils and two shillings per week for juniors. In the year following, three other schools came into existence, all being of a semi-private nature. They were, taking them in the order in which they were established, the Misses Heaphys' Mackay Street School, Mr. Harry Warren's Greymouth Grammar School, and hte Mackay Street Church of England School, taught by Mr. Thomas Thomas for many years afterwards master at Totara Flat.

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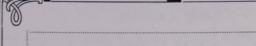
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Early Teachers

It has been shown that Mr. A. B. Thomson was the first Head Master, Mr. Alexander Roulston the first Assistant Master, and Mrs. Magoffin the first Mistress. The attendance, however, rapidly increased, in consequence of which two pupil teachers were appointed, they being Miss Jean Batchelor (afterwards Mrs. Pickering), and Miss H. Gilroy (afterwards Mrs. W. H. Fowler). Shortly after this, Miss E. Stanley (who became Mrs. R. Goulding) was appointed to the position of Assistant Mistress, and Miss Alice E. Brown (later Mrs. Bennett), and Mr. William Reid, were appointed additional pupil teachers. In March, 1876, Mr. Roulston resigned, and Mr. W. B. Douglas, of Christchurch, was appointed in his stead. Shortly after this, Miss Jean Batchelor (Mrs. Pickering) resigned, and Miss C. S. Perkins (afterwards Mrs. M. Perkins) was appointed to her position. In July, 1876, Mr. W. Reid resigned and Miss Sophia Jones took up his duties. There were no further changes in the staff prior to the opening on the 19th of October, 1876. Thus the original staff at the old School consisted of Mr. A. B. Thomson, Head Master; Mr. W. B. Douglas, Assistant Master; Mrs. Magoffin, Head Mistress; Miss Stanley, Assistant Mistress and Miss H. Gilroy, Miss A. E. Brown, Miss C. S. Perkins and Miss Sophia Jones, pupil teachers. In the following December the Central Board of Education authorised the appointment of an additional Assistant Master and the Committee decided to offer the position to Mr. R. Goulding, of Victoria, who had applied for the position of Head Master, when Mr. Thomson was appointed. Mr. Goulding accepted the position and took up his duties in January, 1877. Late in 1877 Messrs J. Bramwell, now of Fielding, and William Williams, were appointed pupil teachers to take up their duties in February, 1878.

Unfortunately, there are no further official records available for some years, consequently the following list of teachers, which has been compiled from various sources, is probably not correct in every detail but is right in the main. In this connection it is certain that Mr A. B. Thomson resigned in 1878 and was succeeded by his Assistant Master, Mr. Goulding, Mr. R. Clements replacing the latter. About this time, Mr. Douglas resigned and his position was filled by Mr. Alexander Malcolm, now M.P. About this time Messrs Barclay and Burt were also appointed. Mrs. Magoffin resigning, Miss Stanley then became Infant Mistress, a position which she held until her marriage with Mr. Goulding. Associated with Miss Stanley were the Misses H. Gilroy, C. S. Perkins, Katie Gilroy, Maria North,



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Eliza Ewing, Francis Kemple, Bessie Batchelor, Katie Brown, Elizabeth Robinson, Mary Pelling and Marion Taylor. Thornton was the next Head Master and Messrs Clements and Alex. Malcolm were his assistants. When Miss Stanley retired Miss Weaver was appointed Infant Mistress. During Mr. Thornton's time, Messrs Henry Parker and Arthur Smithers (the brilliant writer and one time secretary to the Hon. Pember Reeves) as well as the Misses Sotheron, K. Brown, A. Kemple and E. Kilgour (Mrs. W. Thomas) entered the teaching profession as pupil teachers. Upon the retirement of Mr. Thornton, Mr. J. W. Stewart became Head Master and with him were associated Messrs Adams, Craddock, J. Gloy, H. Parker, the Misses Laws (Mrs. Hungerford), Blair (Mrs. Austin), Batchelor, Turnbull, T. Pelling (Mrs. Alf Russell), Janet Robinson (Mrs. F. West), Edith Easson (Mrs. Parsons), Fanny Williams (Mrs. L. Anderson), Alice Kemple, Eva Kilgour (Mrs. W. Thomas), Florence Brown and Beatrice Henderson, Mr. J. Malcolm at a later date joining the staff.

Mr. A. A. Adams succeeded Mr. Stewart in 1890 and held the position for nearly thirty years. With Mr. Adams many teachers were associated, among whom were Messrs Craddock, J. Malcolm, H. Smith (afterwards Inspector), W. S. Austin (also an Inspector, who in the Great War rose to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel). Dolf Taylor, Lieut. A. Talbot, (who fell at the Front on October the 12th, 1917), Misses Pegler, Cromie, J. A. Wickes, De Berry, Jamieson, Moriarty, Sheard, Ford, T. Mullins (Lieut. N.Z.E. Forces), R. T. Wood, J. Wilson and Scott. The Misses Laws (Mrs. R. Hungerford), Batchelor, Blair (Mrs. W. S. Austin) and M. Skoglund all of whom were infant Mistresses, also the Misses Cox (Mrs. P. Bond), Weenink (Mrs. Wise), Roache (Mrs. Nelson), Warren, Thompson, Hitchcock, Robinson.

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Mr. Allison followed Mr. Adams and held office until 1925. when he resigned. Among the teachers under his jurisdiction were Mr. J. Wilson, Assistant; Owen Williams, A. G. Williams, and G. McKenzie. The Misses M. Skoglund (for many years Infant Mistress), E. Moore, Wylie, Hopkins, Robinson, M. Bignell,

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On Mr. Allison's retirement the present Head Master, Mr. D. M. Shirlaw was appointed, his staff now consisting of Messrs O. W. Williams, A. G. Williams, Miss E. Moore, Infant Mistress; Mrs. Wise, the Misses G. Cullen, L. Williams, A. Cornwall. M. Bignell, K. Ryan, M. Lilburn, M. O'Brien, J. Brown, B. Mc-Sherry, E. Panckhurst, E. Walsh and Mr. F. Barltrop. At the Blaketown Side School, Misses M. Dunn, C. Bourke, M. Phelan.

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The business of the meeting was the consideration of applications, which had been called by the central Board of Education for the various positions in the Government school, which was to be opened shortly. For the position of headmaster, there were nineteen applications. Mr. A. B. Thomson, who was then a resident of Victoria was appointed. For the position of second master, there were three applicants. The committee selected Mr. A. Roulston of Greymouth. There were thirteen applications for the position of schoolmistress, and Mrs. Magoffin, wife of David Magoffin, storekeeper, of Greymouth (who was a member of the first Greymouth Borough Council elected in September, 1868) was appointed, those selected to take up their duties in January '76. The then school was situated in Arney Street and was known as the Old Catholic School Room and there, it duly came to pass that on the morning of the 18th of January, 1876, was opened Greymouth's first State school. But, alas, long before nine o'clock-before the doors were opened, it was seen that the small room temporarily used was quite insufficient to accommodate the number of children present, which was considerably over 200. The committee, therefore, decided to send home the senior pupils, who were requested to assemble at the Good Templars' Hall, (afterwards the Public Hall, now the Opera House) on Friday, February 1st, at 9 a.m.

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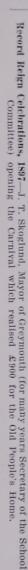
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would be lost in getting to work as soon as the Good Templars' Hall (which was being built by Messrs Arnott and Hunter at a cost of £650) was ready for occupation. As arranged, on February the first, Good Templars' Hall, was used as a school, and continued to be used as such until Thursday the 19th day of October, 1876, when the old school on the present site was formally opened. This site was purchased from Mr. Edwin Ashton (father of Messrs E. and A. Ashton, the latter being the first child born in Greymouth) and was at the time, the subject of much comment, being generally considered to be too far from town. Time has indeed justified its selection, for the site to-day is an ideal one.

The formal opening of the school was ceremoniously performed; it was a day of great rejoicing, in which all Greymouth joined, for was it not the day on which, the first practical result of the system of education then pertaining in Westland, was celebrated? After 50 years, it is indeed meet, to refer to the almost insuperable difficulties which met the first efforts of those who desired to obtain, at least, a minimum amount of education for the rising generation of the West Coast. In this connection, it is sufficient to say, that the necessity arose for securing at least a complete system of primary education which did not then obtain, and in spite of many difficulties, this was secured.

The formal opening was performed by G. G. Fitzgerald Esq., Chairman of the Westland Education Board, who paid a tribute to the untiring efforts of the local committee and handed over the key of the building to Mr. John Greenwood, the Chairman, who suitably replied. Prior to this 700 children had assembled at the Good Templars' Hall, and, headed by the Fire Brigade Band, marched to the new school, where various kinds of amusements had been provided, and also what was supposed to be a liberal quantity of those things which delight the hearts of children. However, in the case of the youngsters, they were doomed to disappointment, visions of buns and tarts soon disappeared, for when questioned as to the smallness of the supply, the providor stated he had supplied the amount ordered, that in his opinion a "baker's dozen" did not mean 13, but 7, hence the shortness.

While the children were making the best of things, luncheon was in progress, this was not altogether a success—the providor being again to blame. There were 65 present and the turnout seems to have been cheap and nasty, the attendance on the

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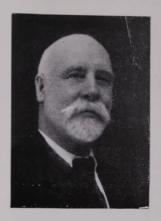
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The Chairman (Mr. John Greenwood) after the Royal Toast had been honoured, proposed the "Central Education Board," Mr. Harry Kenrick S.M., responding. Mr. G. W. Moss proposed "Our Guests" and made special reference to Mr. J. Smith, Inspector of Schools. Mr. W. H. Revell proposed "Teachers of the District," to which Messrs Thomson, Ahearn and Douglas replied. The toast of the Architects and Contractors Messrs Young Bros. and Arnott and Hunter, was proposed by the Chairman, Mr. H. Young and Mr. William Arnott responding. (It is interesting to note that of the gentlemen included on the toast list, Mr. Arnott is the only one living).

The Old School Buildings

A general description of the old school buildings will doubtless be of great interest to those of to-day, who had no opportunity of viewing it, and will recall many pleasant recollections to those who through the years learned to love their Alma Mater.

The site was practically the same as that of the new school, which stands on a section of over three acres and which was known in the old days as Ashton's paddock. (The Dixon Park old residents will remember was by the same argument known at Martin's paddock).

The building, taking the ground plan first, was somewhat of the form of the letter H, and consisted of one large room 45ft. by 25ft., two rooms 40 by 25, one class room 25 by 22, one gallery room 25 by 20, two small rooms for masters 10 by 12, known as the offices. (What old boy did not dread being sent there), and two lobbies 14ft. by 12ft., beside two entrance porches each 12 feet square. The principal feature of the front was the belfry which rose to a height of 60 feet and which covered the south entrance porch. The bell was cast by the

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Dispatch Foundry, and strange to say, at a preliminary trial before being placed in position the shackle snapped. This was at once repaired, and to-day the old bell still does duty. A broad verandah ran round the three sides of the quadrangle formed by the back of the main building, which were heavily balustrated. A flight of wide steps six feet high led to the ground at the back where the offices were. All the rooms opened on to the verandahs and afforded the greatest facility for communication. The south wing was devoted to the smaller scholars and was known as the "infants' room" being provided with a gallery (a set of seats arranged as steps). The floor space provided in the building was amply sufficient for 450 children, forge fire places were found in every room and comfort was assured. (The big log and coal fires of long ago were much more "comfy" and cheerful than the modern method of steam heating now in vogue). The building as a whole was of a peculiarly tasteful, elegant and arial design, and the main class room was not unlike a small, but very pretty church. It had quite an ecclesiastical appearance with its stained glass windows, Gothic roof and varnished walls. It was designed by Messrs R. A. and H. W. Young of Greymouth, and built at a cost of £2,300 by Messrs Arnott and Hunter. It was one of the largest wooden buildings in the Dominion and when pulled down the greater part of the timber was in a state of perfect preservation. The wooden scroll work which ornamented the tower is now to be seen in the Old Boys' Club Room, and needless to say is one of their proudest possessions.

Before the School was Built

Report of Entertainment in Good Templars' Hall (Now the Opera House) February 12th, 1876.

Last evening the Local School Committee gave an entertainment to the children attending the Government School in the Good Templars Hall. A half holiday having been given to them in the afternoon they assembled at the Hall at seven o'clock, and after being regaled with buns etc., they were afterwards amused by the exhibition of the magic lantern, conjuring tricks, etc. About 300 children attended, and also a good number of the general public, the payments from whom it is expected will defray the cost of the entertainment. A most enjoyable evening was passed. After the public had been admitted at 8 o'clock,

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Mr. Greenwood, Chairman of the Local Committee, delivered the following address:-"Ladies and Gentlemen,-The Local Committee desire to say a few words this evening as to the objects they have in view in promoting the present gathering. As I don't wish to weary either the little folks or their elders, I shall be as brief as possible. We desire to mark the inauguration of the Government scheme of National education in this part of the Province, and also to enlist general sympathy and interest in its success. Though the Committee was elected more than a year ago, so many delays have occurred in providing a schoolhouse that we have not been able to make a fair start till the beginning of this week, when we were able to hire this hall, which is just finished, from the Good Templars. We hope to have a building of our own in a few months, but meanwhile, considering that this place was not built for a school we may congratulate ourselves on its being so suitable. We opened school about three weeks ago, as you know, in the old Roman Catholic schoolroom, but could only take about 130 of the smaller children. However, on Monday, when we began here, 293 children attended, and there are now over 300 on the books, with an average attendance of 295 , which we expect to see increased in the course of a few weeks. We have been fortunate in securing a gentleman of large experience in teaching, as our head master, and we have much pleasure in noticing the hearty co-operation of the other teachers and their evident determination to pull together and make the school a success. While speaking of cooperation, I want every one here to-night to feel that he or she can help forward the school in one way or other. If every boy or girl does his or her best to be regular in coming and attentive and industrious, they will not only get on quickly, but will make the work much easier and pleasanter, both for themselves and their teachers. Then again, the parents can do their part by taking care that the children come regularly, and by encouraging them to be diligent and obedient in school. As for you boys and girls, make good use of your time now, for people very seldom have much time or opportunity to learn what you are learning now after they are grown up. Now pray do not suppose that reading, writing, cyphering, and such like is all that is meant by education, for a man may know all that and yet be a very good-for-nothing fellow. Industry, truth, kindness, subordination, and unselfishness are still more important, and have more to do in making a man or a nation either good or great. Schools on the National system have sometimes been called "Godless Schools," but I do not fear that they will really be so,

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unless they are taught by "Godless men." We are all pretty well agreed about reading and writing, etc., and it is only a fair division of labour if, in educating our children, we attend chiefly to cultivating their heads during some five hours a day, while we take other steps to train their hearts during the remaining nineteen hours. Our main object then, this evening, is to enlist as much of your active sympathy as possible in the work, and to show the young folks that if school means hard work we will, at all events do our best to make it pleasant to them." The head master, Mr. Thompson, then performed some amusing conjuring tricks, and then followed the magic lantern illuminated by the oxyhydrogen light, the manipulation of the lantern being done by Mr. Greenwood, and some amusing remarks as showman by Mr. Harry Kenrick. Miss Sims presided at the pianoforte with her accustomed brilliancy.

Report of First Annual Distribution of Prizes (Tuesday, January 17th, 1877)

The first annual distribution of prizes took place yesterday, and passed off with great success. The prizes were numerous, and really beautiful books in most instances rewarded the labours of the successful competitors. The prizes, we understand, were chiefly procured from Melbourne. A considerable number had afterwards to be procured from Hokitika, the original number not being sufficient to supply the demand upon it. Punctually at 3 o'clock the children were mustered in the main room of the school, and shortly after the members of the Committee arrived and Mr. Greenwood began the business of the meeting. In a very excellent speech he pointed out the desirability of all those who had not gained prizes to be not disheartened thereby, for, while it was in every one's power to deserve success, it was not in every one's power to command it. He stated the pleasure he felt in presiding at this the first distribution of prizes in the State School, and having concluded his remarks, proceeded to distribute the prizes according to the list furnished by the Head Master. We append the list, and also the Inspector's report on the School, which Mr. Greenwood read at the beginning of the proceedings.

General Proficiency

5th Class—Dux of School—J. W. Bramwell; Second Prize—Herbert Perkins; Third Prize—Ernest Holmes.

4th Class—First Prize, (Girls)—Catherine Brown; Second Prize—Frances Kemple; Third Prize—Helena Brown, Bessie Bachelor. First Prize, (Boys)—W. Parkinson; Second Prize—William Brodie; Third Prize—George Smith.

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2nd Class—First Prize (Girls)—Alice Kemple; Second Prize—Annie Stenhouse. First Prize (Boys)—William Cox; Second Prize—Alfred Skelton.

1st Class—Upper Division: First Prize (Girls)—Caroletta Dewson; Second Prize—Annie Constantine; Third Prize—Susan Sweetman. First Prize (Boys)—Charles Holder; Second Prize—James Stenhouse; Third Prize—William Thomas.

1st Class—Lower Division: First Prize (Girls)—Urba James; Second Prize—Agnes Thom. First Prize (Boys)—

Minchin Rudd; Second Prize-Edward Burrowes.

Infant Division: Girls—Sarah Thom, Jane Ewing, Cecilia Jones, Eva Elmer, Caroline Richardson, Ida Austin, Mary Garth, Maude Brown, Agnes Arnott, Edith Warnes, Dolly Wilson. Boys—Sam Pankhurst, Frank Blackmore, Thomas Coppersmith, Joseph Pickering, Edgar Long, Frank Sweetman, Harry James, Robert Alcorn, Heber Williams, Norman Blackmore.

Special Prizes

5th Class: Arithmetic: Joseph Bramwell, H. Perkins; Writ-

ing-Watson Bramwell.

5th and 4th Class. Outline Geography—Frances Kemple, Joseph Bramwell. Good Conduct—Cath Badger, Lena Kenrick Regular Attendance—Eleven pupils tied for this prize, and the Committee presented each with a book. We were unable to obtain their names.

4th Class: Arithmetic-W. Brodie 1, W. Parkinson 2 .-

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3rd Class: Arithmetic—Tanner 1, Florence Harrison 2. Writing—M'Gregor. Attendance—George Hosie, Ada Parker. Good Conduct—Ada Skilton.

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2nd Class: Writing—Ed. Panckhurst. Arithmetic—Alice
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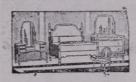
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Inspector's Report

"A very careful examination of the school enables me to report with confidence that the praise bestowed upon it by my last report, is fully justified by the results now obtained. pupils presented in the fifth standard, on this occasion, gained nearly 20 per cent, more marks than at the preliminary examination in June, and notwithstanding that half the class was presented in this standard for the first time. When the returns for the other classes are compiled, I believe equally satisfactory results will be shown. The classification, organisation, and discipline, are perfect, and the latter maintained without a shadow of harshness or severity. The advantages of the new school buildings have been made the most of, and with the exception of the space alloted to the Infant Division, which is well crowded, the accommodation is equal to the present requirements of the school. Should there be any considerable increase in the attendance, however, it will be necessary to complete the building according to the original design. The assistants appear to work harmoniously with the Head Master, and have no hesitation in saying that every department of the school is in a satisfactory condition. The needlework of the girls shows marked improvement, and is as creditable to the teachers as it must be satisfactory to the parents of the children taught.

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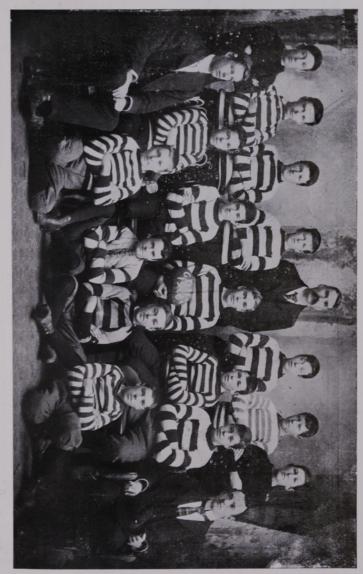
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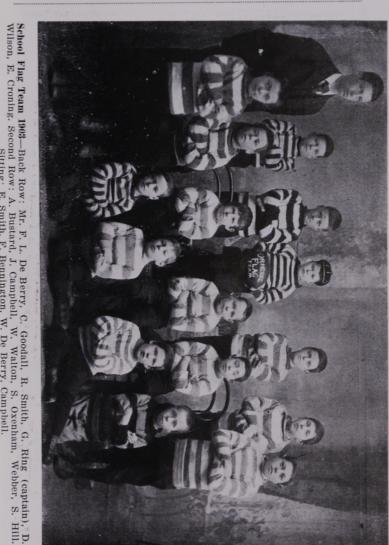


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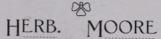
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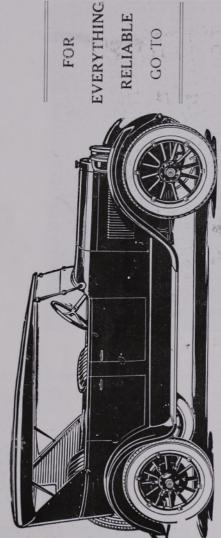


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Just at this time (for the purpose of showing their appreciation of his sterling worth and to assist him on his way) his

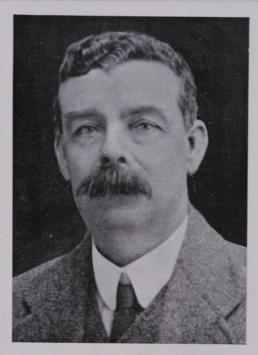


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The meeting was very largely attended every section of the community being represented. After many touching references had been made to the deceased gentleman, it was resolved "that the amount be funded for all time to provide annually a gold medal, to be called the Watkins Medal."

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handsomely framed, together with an enlargement of the Rev. Gentleman is hung in the school, and is one of its proudest possessions. The scroll reads as follows:—

The Watkins Medal—Founded A.D. 1879. In memory of the Rev. George Thomas Noel Watkins, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Greymouth, beloved of all denominations, who passed

away on the 18th day of June, 1879. Aged 48 years.

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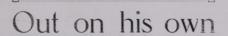
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On January 1, 1905, when this scroll was written, the trustees were E. I. Lord (chairman), Messrs Allardyce (absent), E. P. Heaphy, G. S. Smith, J. G. Thomas, Hanwell Williams and the Ven. Archdeacon York ex-officio member.

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Apart from this medal, the Rev. Watkins's memory is perpetuated by the beautiful stained glass memorial window in the chancel of Trinity Church, which his executors, the late Mr. J. G. Thomas and Mr. G. S. Smith, had placed there. In the vestry of the same church hangs his portrait and his diploma as an Associate of the King's College, London. The stone which marks his last resting place was erected by sorrowing friends, even as he was loved so was he mourned.

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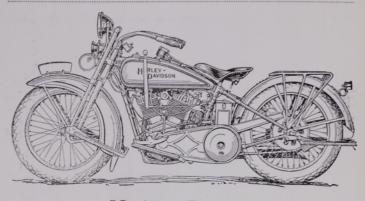
E. P. Heaphy First Secretary Watkins Medal

truly tolerant man who never let class or creed interfere with his charity, or what he considered his duty. "By thy works they shall know thee" could well be applied to him who even though dead 47 years still lives in the hearts of old residents of Greymouth, who realised his leading principle was Christian duty, and that to him might well be applied Browning's beautiful lines—

"And so to live, that when the sun
Of our existence sinks in night,
Memorials sweet of mercies done
May shine our names in Memory's light;
Then the blest seeds scatter'd bloom
A hundredfold in days to come!"

Watkins Medal

The following report of the presentation of the first Watkins Medal speaks for itself. It was made on the afternoon of Saturday the 16th of April, 1881, by Bishop Sutor, of Nelson, Mr. Richard Nancarrow, the then Mayor, presiding. The Volunteer



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The Watkins Prize Medal

The interesting ceremony of presenting the Watkins gold medal to Master Edward Perkins, of the Greymouth State School, took place at the Volunteer Hall, on Saturday afternoon last. The attendance was not large, which seemed to be a disappointment to those who did attend. The invitation which had been given to scholars, parents, and friends, did not seem to have much effect on either class.

His Worship the Mayor, in a few brief remarks, explained that the committee felt that the opportunity afforded by the presence of the Bishop amongst them was a most favourable one for presenting the prize. They had accordingly requested the Bishop to mark the event by making the presentation, and he had promptly acquiesced in their desire. His Worship then handed the medal to the presentee.

The Bishop of Nelson, before presenting the medal to young Perkins, made a touching and eloquent reference to the late rev. gentleman whose name is associated with the prize, hoping that such occasions as the present would be the means of calling to their minds the many excellent qualities of the deceased; and from what he had already observed, he felt certain that the memory of their late friend and pastor was more than a pleasing association, it was profitable also. He was a useful and devoted companion and friend, also a guide and counsellor; and possessed that description of character which left its mark in society. He possessed two qualities which pre-eminently distinguished his character. These were diligence and self-denial In respect to diligence he might say that he was diligent in season and out of season; and perhaps had he spared himself more he might still have been a minister amongst them. The memory he left behind him was most valuable. Another conspicuous feature in his character was his singular self-denial. and utter want of self-seeking or advancement. Those who were in sorrow or suffering found in him a friend, sympathiser and consoler. His principles were the highest that could animate a man, and he always carried them out thoroughly. The Bishop then addressed the youth about to receive the prize, and pointed out to him that the medal did not mark a period where his efforts

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were to cease, or that he was to regard the prize as a reward for having achieved something. He should regard it as a mere incentive to him to go forward and aim at and accomplish higher and better things. He should also try to imitate those noble qualities of diligence and self-denial which had characterised the giver of the medal. The Bishop then handed the medal to the recipient, wishing him success in the world, and expressing the hope that the medal would be an encouragement to him to go forward.

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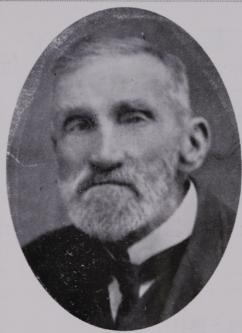
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Con. O'Regan

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Cornelius O'Regan chose teaching as a profession and at the time of his death was Master of the State School at Inangahua Junction. His health, which had been bad for years, grew steadily worse, and early in September, 1895, he went to Westport for medical advice. His medical advisers there at once realising the gravity of his case, summoned his relatives. A few days later, on the morning of Saturday, September the 7th, 1895, when in his 21st year, he passed peacefully away, and was buried at Reefton.

The "Greymouth Evening Star" commenting on his death, fittingly expressed the general sense of the Dominion's loss when it said that "the finest literature of the country had been lost by the death of the youthful poet; as a purer or more intellectual mind than his was not to be found amongst those who hailed New Zealand as the land of their birth."

The following poem, "In Later Days," shows the depth of understanding Con O'Regan had attained anent our glorious pioneers, and is without doubt a faithful portrayal of the characteristics of the men who blazed the trail on this wild West Coast.

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- This is a heartless world, Tom, but still I find it's true
 That it's hard to give it up, though bad it be—
- Ah, I thought it was a grand world in August '62 When I sought this "land of gold beyond the sea."
- I'd landed just a fortnight, when I dropt on you, old man, (At Rowdy Morgan's shanty 'twas, you know);
- Then we tramped it up to Turon and set in with Jack M'Cann—Poor Jack, he sought the new fields long ago.
- What days of cheerful toiling, what wild uproarious nights, What happy days, what glorious night were then;
- Such mirth and merry-making, such drinking and such fights,
 Old mate, such times we'll never see again.
- We got the gold too easy, or we hadn't been so green— Until too late we never knew its worth:
- But that was digger nature. Was the digger ever seen Who, 'neath the smile of Fortune, dreamt of dearth?
- We're sadder now and wiser, for times and men have changed, "The good old days" will dawn on us no more;
- And we who in the spring-time over golden fields have ranged.

 Must in the autumn toil, despised and poor.
- And time has scattered far and wide the gallant stagers old, The most of them the great Divide have cross'd,
- And made, in fields far fairer, a far better find than gold, Where, once obtained, their pile can ne'er be lost.
- Another generation has arisen in the land, New notions are the order of the day;
- Men now live by their wits, Tom, dress fine and do the grand, For the age of diggers' shirts has passed away.
- But they can't come near the old ones, scorners of despair and fear,
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But I've acted squarely ever unto my fellow man,
I've battled long and now I'd like to rest.
I've trod a rugged pathway since my day of life began.

I've trod a rugged pathway since my day of life began.

I'm glad the sun is going to the West.

Yes! Day is nearly over, soon the mystic Dusk will come With the Sleep that brings the rest when day is past, And next morn will bring the waking in the Everlasting Home Where every worn old stager rests at last.

The School and the Boer War

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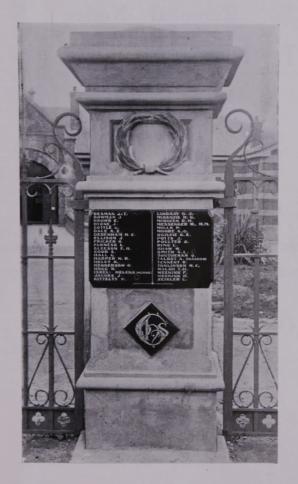
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DEBENHAM, F. W.

DEBENHAM, H. E. (Killed).

JACKSON, A.

JACKSON, J.

LACOPS, J. DETTERT, A. DOBSON, C. DOMS, J.

ELLISON, J. (Killed). EVANS, W.

FAIRHALL, E., Sergt. FOORD, F., Capt.

FURNESS, A. J.

FURNESS, L. (Killed).

FURNESS, L. (Killed).

KERNAHAN, L., Sergt.

KERNAHAN, L., Sergt. FRICKER, B. (Drowned).

GALBRAITH, L.

GAMBLE, W. GANDELL, J. GARTH, H. GIBBONS, A. GIBBONS, H. GIBBONS, D. R.

HARRIS, E. HARPER, N. R., Lieut. (Killed). HARPER, W., Corpl. (Killed). CAMPBELL, J.
CARSON, D.
CHALK, H.
CHAPMAN, L.
COCHRANE, J.
CORKHILL, C. (Killed).
COTTLE, G. (Killed).
COUMBE, L. J. (Killed).
COUMBE, F.

HELEY, J. (Killed).
HENLEY, G.
HENNIKER, A. (Killed).
HERRING, Hyde, Capt.
HERRING, E. S.
HOGG, W. (Killed)
HOLDER, G., Lieut. M.C.
HOLMES, S. HEAD, A.

ISDELL, C. C. (Killed).

JACOBS, J., (Killed). JOHNSTON, R. JONES, L. A.
JONES, N. W. Lieut.
JONES, T. H.

KEDDELL, J. KERNAHAN, L., Sergt.

LAING, A. LARSEN, A. O. LINDSAY, Donald (Killed). LINDSAY, Gorden. LINDSAY, Hugh.

MESSENGER, W. (Killed).
MILLINGTON, R. (Drowned). GIBBONS, D. R.
GITTOS, W.
GLEESON, C.
GLEESON, H. (Killed).
GLEN, A. J., Lieut.
GOODALL, J. E.
GOODALL, C.

HAGLUND, F.
HAGLUND, W.
HALL, J., Lieut.
HALL, R., Q.M.S.
HALL, G. (Killed).
HANSEN, J.

MILLS, P. (Killed).
MILLS, S. R., Sergt.
MORRIS, S.
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NELSON, Charles. NELSON, G., Corpl. NEVILLE, W.

PARFITT, C. PASCOE, S. W. PASCOE, B. POTTS, J. (Killed). POULTER, G. (Killed). PRIEST, A. PRING, Thomas. PRING, W.

ROHLOFF, A. R., Capt. ROBERTSON, P. ROCHE, P. ROGEN, A. RONAYNE, R. RUSSELL, J. RYAN, T. RYAN, A.

SAMPSON, G.
SHAW, W. (Killed).
SKOGLUND, K., Lieut.
KILGOUR, Ada Florence.
KITTELTY, Mabel.

SMITH, E. SMITH, T. H. SMITH, P. G. SMITH, R. B. McKAY, D. Sergt. (Killed).

McKAY, D. Sergt. (Killed).

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McQUEEN, J., Lieut. TALBOT, A., Lieut. (Killed).

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WEENINK, H. (Killed).
WEENINK, F. (Killed).
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REVINGTON, W. D., Lieut.
REYNOLDS, J.
RICHARDSON, C.
RING, L., Lieut. (Killed).
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ROHLOFF, A. B. Cort.
REGALDO, J.
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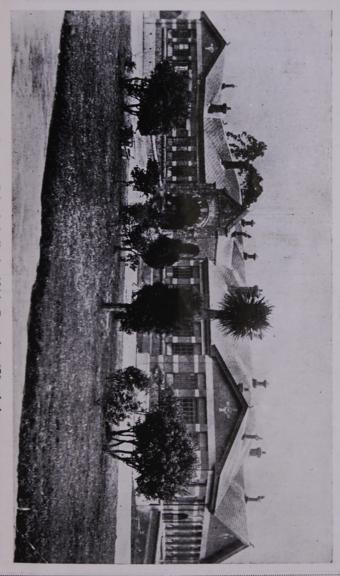
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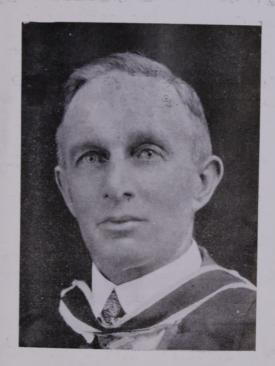
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The pioneering work having been done by the Technical classes, and the Greymouth District High School, all the advantages of a fully equipped secondary school are now available to the District. The actual courses of instruction are: The General Course leading to Matriculation, University Entrance, and other Professional Examinations, the Trades Course which prepares boys who intend to enter the Engineering and Woodworking Trades, the Commercial Course which trains students for Commercial pursuits and at the same time gives them a good general education, and the Domestic Science course which is framed specially to provide for girls who do not wish to take up Commercial work or to prepare for any Public Examination, but who would benefit by a course of instruction on very practical lines which would fit them the better to fulfil the very important function of home making. All the pupils participate in the general life of the school on equal terms.

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The school is provided with a Chemical Laboratory and a Physics Laboratory for work in practical Science for general and trades pupils, an art room, an engineering workshop, a woodwork room, and a cookery room.

No doubt further accommodation for Domestic Science pupils will be added as the demand grows. No effort is being spared to create a sports ground worthy of Westland's first purely Secondary School.

The District was fortunate, too, in that there was in existence, a High School Board established by statute in 1883 and endowed with reserves for the purposes of furthering Secondary Education. This Board came to an arrangement with the Government whereby on the transfer of their accumulated funds to the Greymouth Technical School Board the Government made a direct grant of £2,500 which, together with the funds transferred, is being used for the purpose of erecting a hostel for the benefit of country pupils. Thus, owing to the careful administration of the Greymouth High School Board, the District not only has now a fully equipped secondary school, but also will have next year accommodation for school boarders in the school hostel. Plans are now being prepared for a boys' hostel and for a girls' hostel which will be erected upon a very suitable site of one and a-half acres within five minutes' walk of the school. This is a stage which many schools have had to wait long years to attain and it is to be hoped that the District will take full advantage of the facilities provided.



Greymouth Technical College

The Greymouth Technical College comprises both a day and an evening school. The day school takes the form of a Technical High School which unlike a Technical School, may be attended only by full-time day pupils taking a complete course. It is in all respects a secondary school but it offers a greater variety of courses than the ordinary secondary school, each course providing for the needs of a different class of pupil.

Pupils are enrolled for a General Professional Course leading to the public examinations, a Commercial Course, a Trades Course preparing for Engineering and the Woodworking Trades and a Domestic Science course of a very practical character for

girls who intend to remain at home.

Despite the fact that only about half the pupils are taking courses leading towards the Public Examinations, the school has an excellent examination record. Last year out of 15 candidates presented for Matriculation, 13 gained a complete or partial pass. One pupil entered for, and passed Engineering Preliminary Examination, one gained a Senior National Scholarship and 23 passed Public Service Entrance. This compares very favourably with much larger secondary schools. During the past three years five Senior National Scholarships and five Junior National Scholarships have been gained.

The next term opens on Monday, January 31st, 1927. A new school hostel will be opened on an excellent site five minutes' walk from the school and will be under the supervision of the Principal. The rates for full boarders will be £1 per week. Early application should be made by parents for hostel accom-

modation.

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Old Greymouth Memories

The placing on record of some notable events in the early history of Greymouth, will, without doubt, be of great interest to old scholars. That reason alone justifies its inclusion in this souvenir.

In 1864 on the 21st of July, the first steamer, the "Nelson" crossed the bar and made fast to the trees growing along the river bank. Captain Leitch was in command, and among his passengers was Reuben Waite, the founder of Greymouth.

In 1865 on the 14th of November, Greymouth's first paper, the "Grey River Argus" was published, Mr. James Kerr, afterwards M.L.C., being the founder.

In 1866 Dobson, a surveyor, was murdered by the infamous Burgess-Kelly gang on the bank of the Grey River near the township which now bears his name.

In 1867 on the 12th of January the old tram line to Paroa was opened (this was afterwards extended to Kumara). On the 28th of the same month Sir George Grey, Governor, paid his first official visit to Greymouth.

In 1868 on the 17th of July, Greymouth was proclaimed a Borough. Edward Masters was the first Mayor, Arthur John Whall the first Town Clerk; R. J. Johnstone the first Engineer and Messrs Edwin Ashton, James Coates, Joseph Kilgour, David Magoffin, Joseph Charles Moore, William Rae, Edmund Wickes, William F. Strike and John Weatheral Parkinson its first Borough Councillors.

In 1869 happened the Great Fire on Mawhera Quay, originating in the Melbourne Hotel, which was destroyed. It spread along the Quay, there burning another hotel and three stores also destroying several offices and stores in Werita Street, while to the west among other buildings and stores, it burnt the Bank of Australasia, the Union Bank of Australia, Forsyth and Masters and Thomson-Smith and Barkley. To save the rest of the Quay the Bank of New South Wales was pulled down.

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In 1872 occurred the most destructive flood it has ever been Greymouth's misfortune to experience, the whole of the lower end of the town being washed out to sea, house after house toppling over and being carried away by the raging torrent.

In 1873 another disastrous fire took place, and, strange to say, it occurred on the same day exactly twelve months after the flood of the year previous, and then fire consumed that portion of the lower end of the town which had been spared by the flood.

In 1874 on October the 22nd, was held the first meeting of the Greymouth State School Committee.

In 1875, opening of the Brunner Railway by His Honour, the Superintendent of the Province, J. A. Bonar Esq.

In 1876 on October the 19th, State School opened.

In 1879 on June the 18th, Rev. G. T. N. Watkins died.

In 1881 on the morning of May the 12th a whirlwind of terrific force, swept through Greymouth leaving behind it a scene of desolation, indeed the damage done was estimated at close on £4,000. Houses were blown down, chimneys felled to the ground and roofs whirled away as though they were so much cardboard. The Anglican Church was completely destroyed and had to be rebuilt.

Such have been a few incidents of interest which have occurred through the years, the most of which will be familiar to old scholars. Space unfortunately, does not permit of further rem.

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At such a time as this it is indeed meet to place on record the names of those men whose duty it has been for the past fifty years annually to examine and report upon the School.

The first Inspector (whose report for November, 1876, appears elsewhere) was John Smith, who was appointed by the Westland Central Board of Education.

Mr. E. T. Robinson of this town followed, and was Greymouth's first resident Inspector, Mr. Robinson will be well remembered by early scholars as a man who did yeoman service in the cause of education.

Mr. Edward A. Scott succeeded Mr. Robinson in 1880 and continued in office until 1912 when he retired. A teacher by profession, he earned the esteem and respect of all he came in contact with. He died in 1919 and a brass tablet is erected in the present school in his honour.

Mr. Harry Smith, B.A., followed Mr. Scott. He also was a teacher by profession, being for some years assistant to Mr. Adams. He held the position until his untimely death. A man in a thousand, he earned the gratitude of hundreds of ex-scholars who enjoyed the privilege of his masterly tuition.

Mr. W. S. Austin, another teacher who served under Mr. Adams, followed Mr. Smith. He was the last Inspector appointed under the Grey Education Board. During the Great War he rose to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, New Zealand Rifle Brigade, gaining great distinction and the confidence of both officers and nen.

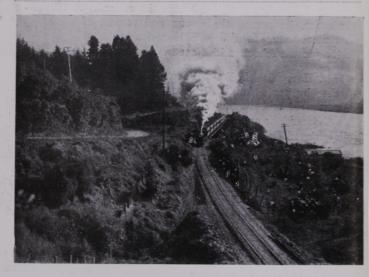
Messrs Valentine, McGaskill and Irvine have since filled the position, under the jurisdiction of the Canterbury Education Board who now control the School.



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Appreciation

Concluding this Souvenir, the Jubilee Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the efforts of those Ladies and Gentlemen who have worked so hard to bring these Celebrations to a successful issue. It has indeed been gratifying to have received such unstinted support from both ex-scholars and the public generally, without which the wonderful success attained could never have been achieved. The aim of the Committee to celebrate in a fitting manner our Golden Jubilee has been more than realised. We have brought together old pupils from all parts of the Dominion, old friendships have been renewed, old scenes revisited-we have lived again for a moment the happiest period of our lives and in so doing have truly celebrated the Golden Jubilee of our Alma Mater. The Committee then, thank Old Pupils for their attendance, thank the citizens of the Coast in general, and of Greymouth in particular for their support, and one and all for their appreciation of our effort to celebrate in a fit and proper manner the Golden Jubilee of the Greymouth State School.



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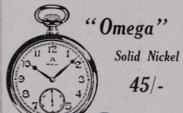
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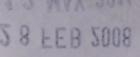


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