

- nee Milner, and her daughter Shirley Mahony for making this and other family letters available.
- 8 Letter to Mrs W. Milner, undated, probably April 1893.
  - 9 Charles M. Focken, *Lord Rutherford of Nelson; A Tribute to New Zealand's Greatest Scientist* (Dunedin, 1938).
  - 10 MS Papers 51:27.
  - 11 Foreword to C. M. Focken, *op. cit.*
  - 12 MS Papers 51:23.
  - 13 The *Nelsonian* XXI, no. 2 (September 1906) 105.
  - 14 E.g. letters from Frank Milner to J. Macmillan Brown during the years 1902–1914, one of which, dated 7.1.14, consists of 23 pp. (small format). I am indebted to the Chief Reference Librarian of the University of Canterbury, Mr Robert Erwin, for access to J. M. Brown's correspondence prior to definitive cataloguing.
  - 15 MS Papers 51:68 (letter of 11 May 1905).
  - 16 MS Papers 51:68 (letter of 25 June 1901).
  - 17 Minute Book of the Council of Governors, Nelson College, 1901, p.293.
  - 18 MS Papers 51:68 (letter of 14 October 1903).
  - 19 *Ibid.*
  - 20 MS Papers 51:48.
  - 21 Apart from personal experience, let me refer e.g. to the late D. S. Loder, himself a seasoned secondary school teacher and Old Waitakian: 'His technique of expressing in himself the feeling and the imagination of the poets and the authors being studied from the meaning and the music of their words as read or quoted by him opened up for the pupils a new dimension in the English language . . . Mr Milner's teaching came from his heart . . . In this new world of literature we travelled far and wide under his guidance in the realms of gold and we too felt "like some watcher of the skies/ When a new planet swims into his ken" as Mr Milner gave us the desire to go on for the rest of our lives exploring and discovering in greater measure its unlimited treasures and secrets' (letter to the author of 8 October 1978). Cf. James Bertram, 'Charles Brasch', *Islands* 2, no. 3 (Spring 1973) 234–236; Charles Brasch, *Indirections; A Memoir 1909–1947* (Wellington and Oxford, 1980) pp.66–68, 83.
  - 22 A. E. Pratt, *Dr W. S. Littlejohn; The Story of a Great Headmaster* (Melbourne and Sydney, 1934) p. 153.
  - 23 MS Papers 51:68.
  - 24 Cf. Littlejohn: ' . . . he (F. M.) has organised and carried through with marked success a series of Saturday evening debates and entertainments'. MS Papers 51:68 (letter of 14 October 1903).
  - 25 MS Papers 51:77 (diary 1903).
  - 26 MS Papers 51:68 (letter of 29 June 1906).
  - 27 The *Nelsonian* XVIII, no. 3 (1903) 127.
  - 28 *Ibid.*, XXI, no. 1 (1906) 8.
  - 29 *Ibid.*, 128.
  - 30 The *Nelsonian* XIX, no. 3 (1904) 201.
  - 31 *Ibid.*, 202.
  - 32 *Ibid.*
  - 33 The *Nelsonian* XX, no. 2 (1905) 59–60.
  - 34 I am indebted to Mr H. F. Allan, member of Nelson College staff 1926–1960 and one-time editor of the Old Boys' Register, for drawing my attention to this letter and for providing other useful material. My thanks are due to the present Headmaster, Mr E. J. Brewster, for facilitating access to such material and making available complete volumes of the *Nelsonian*.
  - 35 Minute Book of the Council of Governors, Nelson College, 1906, p.39.