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EDITORIAL.

TOO often it is taken for granted that a boy is sent to school for an education in "book learning." Indeed, not infrequently we hear the word "education" used of ordinary school-work. This is far from being the full meaning of the word, and any secondary school worthy of its name will see to it that education in a much fuller sense is given to every pupil. It is universally recognised by teachers nowadays that the supreme aim in education is the formation of character. All the faculties are trained to assist in this process. Herbart, the great educationalist of the first half of the nineteenth century, says: "The one and whole work of education may be summed up in the concept—Morality." Here we may utter in passing a protest against that narrow utilitarian view of education as a mere preparation for a boy's after career. Those who deem this the chief end of education will most surely be doomed to disappointment. Morality, then, is the aim of education.

But what is Morality? For our present purpose we may consider it as that which is the development of the great capacities within us of duty, self-sacrifice, courtesy, truthfulness, courage, resource, and all similar high qualities. All these are best developed upon a basis of religion. Hence we have the failure of those religions which have no moral code. Professor Welton writes: "The solemn and reverent exposition of the doctrines of religion, infusing the demands of the moral law with the sense of loving Fatherhood and the assurance of Divine

help in striving to do well, and with the feeling of human solidarity involved in the very idea of a Church, is the most direct and powerful means for enlightening the conscience and identifying the will with holiness. Without this, education must, of necessity, be maimed."

There is no doubt, therefore, for the above reason, and for the additional one that it is in the home that a boy spends most of his time and is less restrained, that the home is the place for the most effective moral training. Moral training of some kind a boy is constantly getting in the home, and parents should earnestly search into the nature of that training before blaming the school for its inefficiency in this work. Further, the home can exercise the influence of religion in a way quite impossible in the school.

Nevertheless, the boy is constantly receiving moral training in the school. And, after all, this is the highest boon which a good school can confer on its pupils. As the school is practically debarred from employing the sanction and assistance of religion, it must rely on other methods. Precept is good, but practice is better. The school must do more for the boy than merely tell him what to do or not to do. Even a definite course of moral instruction, as is sometimes attempted, is predestined in large measure, to failure. There remains, therefore, but one thing left. This is moral training through school discipline. So soon as this fact is thoroughly grasped much of the misunderstanding and of the criticism at present levelled at school methods will cease. Rules and methods which at first sight may seem exacting or meaningless will, when seen in this clearer light, be understood and approved.

It goes without saying that a prime necessity is the cordial co-operation of the home and the school, if the best results are to be obtained from this training. Too often the attitude of a parent is that of abetting a semi-hostile feeling on the part of the boy. At other times, and this is far commoner, there is sheer apathy of the deadliest type. Sometimes the parent tries to delegate all responsibility to the school, just as do those parents who entrust the sum total of their children's religious education to the Sunday School. We have seen such notes from parents as the following: "Please excuse — for being late. He could have been in time had he tried."

Now, the aim of the school is primarily to do everything that is possible for the building up of character.

This is a greater work than the great work of imparting a good store of learning. The difficulty of this work is greatly increased by the fact that there are in a school of one hundred boys one hundred different temperaments and dispositions, and it is important that nothing should be done to strangle individuality, unless it be proved beyond doubt that some special individuality is bad. It is extremely desirable that, so far as is possible, the methods of Procrustes should be avoided.

Like all corporate legislating institutions the school lays down general laws. These must be kept by the boys. If duly considered before being enacted they will seldom press very hard, but it may easily happen that they are irksome to one or two good, law-abiding boys. This is but the same principle that makes an honest man lock his door because there are thieves. It is obvious to everyone that without school laws order would be quite impossible, and, no doubt, too often the school laws are looked upon as mere conveniences to facilitate the working of the school. This is certainly one function and an important one, but the higher standpoint must never be neglected.

The advocates of an education which is to fit a boy for his after career should welcome this moral training. For instance, the irritating habit of unpunctuality can to a large extent be unlearned by the training of the school. The boy who has learned at school to be punctual is more likely to be punctual at his work than is one whose training in this respect has been neglected.

In this connection the aim is usually considered to be that of the formation of good habits. This is in itself a very desirable thing. But it should not be forgotten that habit is, after all, a more or less mechanical process. The old copy-book headline told us, "Habit is the kindest friend or cruellest foe." This is the danger incident to all mechanical processes. A higher process is that of the formation of a tendency of mind. This tendency is free from most of the drawbacks to the mechanical habit, and altogether is on a higher plane. The name "habitude" has been given to this tendency. Therefore we say that the aim of the school is to form habitudes rather than habits.

The moral training afforded by the school may also be looked upon as an introduction to the restraints and duties imposed upon citizens by the actual enactment of laws. The intelligent, law-abiding spirit induced by careful training in the school will enable a boy on leaving

school to submit to the laws of the country, and to learn that in the eye of the law no exceptions can exist or excuses be tolerated. The school discipline, though not so unbending as this, certainly leads up to this desirable result.

There are many directions in which moral-training is absolutely necessary, if the boy is to be equipped as efficiently as possible for his work in the world. Many of these may seem more or less trivial, but lack of training in them will assuredly handicap a boy severely in the race of life. Carelessness, fidgeting, noisiness, untidiness, are not exactly offences, but they must all be corrected. The boy must be taught to see that not only is he wronging himself by indulgence in these, but also that he is interfering with the comfort of others, and this latter point must receive the emphasis. Here we have the foundation of that altruism which is one of the peculiar characteristics of the nature that has been trained properly in morality. Hence springs genuine courtesy.

These are the aims of the school, and it is only by means of discipline that these aims can be consummated. It need hardly be said that true discipline involves no harshness. There must be hearty co-operation between the governor and the governed. This is the principle of the prefect system. It is quite a mistake to suppose that the system has been invented merely to save masters trouble or to honour certain boys. The prefect is in a sense the connecting link between the master and the boy, and he is the visible sign of the co-operation existing between the governor and the governed.

Finally, the moral-training is not mere negative in character. Its ideal is to stimulate the formation of purpose. Perhaps it would not be saying too much if we said that more than half the failures in life were due to lack of purpose or of ambition, if you will. When the school, by its actual rules, its lessons, its games, its institutions, stimulates the ambition of a boy and encourages him to put forth at all times all his energies in some definite directions, it is teaching him one of the most valuable lessons of his life.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Roll.—This now stands at 204; 65 new boys having been enrolled, while 32 left at the end of 1914. The full roll is as follows:—

FORM VIA.

Alexander, W.
Bruce, F. A.
Eyre, L. G.
Grant, D.
Monteath, R.
M'Murray, V. S.
*Winfield, D.

FORM VIb.

Bayly, O.
Brokenshire, K. R.
*Callander, A. R.
Ellerm, N.
Fouhy, J. C.
Grayling, S.
Herbert, E.
Huse, A.
Jones, A.
Kidd, R. D.
King, F.
*Lucena, H.
Le Pine, R. H.
M'Hardy, A.
Martin, E.
*Mackie, D. G. D.
*Oliver, P. S.
Peach, C.
*Quilliam, N.
Stanton, W. V. L.
*Sykes, D.
Terry, J. J. K.
*Yates, C. C.

FORM V.

*Atkinson, M. W.
*Borrie, S.
*Brydon, I.
*Candy, D. E.
Clemow, K. R.
Cocker, R. A.

*Copestake, C. M.
*Death, A. L.
Fookes, N. C.
Grayling, H. G.
*Hamerton, T. E.
Hoffmann, L.
Honor, A. G.
Howell, R. G.
Jackson, K. W.
Kendall, J. H.
Kirkby, V.
Lealand, R.
Lovell, L.
Murray, K.
Phipps, A. H.
Rockel, R. M.
Rollo, S.
Saxton, D. F. C.
*Smith, M. J.
Sole, N.
*Tansey, E. L.
*Traill, W. P.
*Wilson, R. A.

FORM IV.

Barnett, P.
Bayly, H. N.
Bellringer, B. P.
Brooker, A.
*Brown, G.
Boon, G.
Clinch, G.
Cock, R. J.
Doile, D.
*Drake, S. F.
Fox, R. E.
Gilbert, A. V.
*Haggitt, A.
Hamling, E.
Hastie, A. J.
Healy, C.
Herbert, C. C.

Hughes, H. D.
Jennings, P. A.
Johns, B.
Le Pine, F. C.
*Mace, F.
Mackie, A. G.
*Meuli, P.
Moverley, H. B.
Ogle, S. W. G.
Smellie, W. G.
*Snowdon, E. W.
Sole, L. J.
*Traill, A.
Tuohy, J.
Way, C. J.
White, J. T.
*Wyborn, J. C.
Yates, M. G.

FORM IIIA.

*Allemann, S. S.
*Atkinson, P. F.
*Beckbessinger, E.
Bellringer, N. B.
Boulton, E.
*Calder, H. L.
Denny-Brown, D. E.
*Duckworth, K.
Goss, H. H.
Greiner, R.
*Guild, M.
*Hine, J. M.
Hooker, E. R.
Hughes, L.
Knapman, J. W.
Morey, C.
Newell, C. H.
*O'Carroll, P. J.
Pitt, H.
*Reeves, E. L.
*Reynolds, A. E.
*Roberts, K. C.
Stohr, F. L.
Thomas, K.
*Train, F.
Wilson, B. J.

FORM IIIb.

Bayly, G. F.
Blundell, R.
Boon, A.
Boon, R. A.
*Bracegirdle, E. G. L.
Brokenshire, N.
*Burkhardt, B.
*Ducker, C. J.
*Fussell, R. B.
Grayling, B. H.
*Harrison, R. J.
*Johns, E. A.
*Martin, T. S.
Matthews, J. C.
M'Clellan, M. W. J.
M'Kay, H. J.
M'Hardy, O.
Moody, A. J.
Murray, R. M.
Nodder, J. K.
Pirrit, H. A.
Sampson, L.
Smith, C. R.
Sole, I. K.
Sturtevant, A. B.
Vickery, I. F. R.
Wood, L. H.

LOWER SCHOOL.

FORM III.

Allan, K.
Bradbury, D.
Clemow, W.
Clemow, J.
*Fox, K.
*Fookes, C.
Hutchen, B.
*Hunger, P.
Hughes, A.
Kynngdon, C.
Pott, J.
*Rawson, L. T.
Russell, L.
Smith, S.

Webster, G.
White, C.
*Williams, W.

FORM IIA.

*Bothamley, A.
*Fagan, L.
*Harvey, R.
Healy, W.
Hughes, C.
*Hunter, W.
Hayden, S.
White, E.

FORM II.

Butler, F.
Emmertton, C.
Griffiths, P.
Holden, H.
*Jackson, S.
Johns, O.
*Lovell, A.
Lovell, E.
*Mackay, W.
*Moyes, A.
Teed, L.
Watkins, I.

FORM IIb.

Dolby, R.
Fookes, S.
Ellis, S.
Kebbell, M.
Neal, K.
Robertson, M.
Welch, R.
*Williams, F.

FORM IA.

Blundell, B.
Carthew, V.
Hutchen, S.
Lysons, M.
MacDiarmid, N.
M'Neil, H.
*Robinson, K.
Saxton, C.

FORM I.

Gilmour, C.
Fookes, G.

*Boarders.

The following boys left at the end of 1914:—Baillie, R., Bendall, G., Blackhall, S. G., Candy, C. C. S., Cliff, J., Corkill, T., Court, S., Deare, R. J., Fair, C., Foreman, R., Graham, G., Guscott, R., Hamblyn, C. J., Harker, M., Jenkinson, W. H., Kelly, F. C., Kelly, T. B., Kibby, N., Leech, W. N., Lepper, H. M., Lye, K. R., Marfell, L., Mason, G. A., Norman, B. A., Pott, I. W., Putt, C. E., Salt, G. M., Sinclair, R. G. B., Skelton, S. O., Stoddart, B., Sutherland, A. M., Waller, L.
The following boys left during the term:—C. Peach, W. M. J. M'Clellan.

New Boys.—J. C. Fouhy, O. Bayly, C. M. Copestake, S. S. Allemann, P. F. Atkinson, N. B. Bellringer, E. Boulton, H. L. Calder, K. Duckworth, R. Greiner, J. M. Hine, E. R. Hooker, J. W. Knapman, C. Morey, P. J. O'Carroll, H. Pitt, E. L. Reeves, A. E. Reynolds, K. C. Roberts, F. L. Stohr, K. Thomas, F. Train, A. Boon, R. A. Boon, E. G. L. Bracegirdle, N. Brokenshire, B. Burkhardt, C. J. Ducker, G. F. Bayly, R. B. Fussell.

B. H. Grayling, R. J. Harrison, J. C. Matthews, W. M. J. M'Clellan, H. J. M'Kay, T. S. Martin, O. M'Hardy, R. M. Murray, J. K. Nodder, H. A. Pirrit, L. Sampson, C. R. Smith, I. K. Sole, A. B. Sturtevant, I. F. R. Vickery, L. H. Wood.

The following are the successes gained by the school in the various public examinations at the end of 1914:—

Taranaki Scholarship: G. M. Salt.

Matriculation and Allied Examinations: I. W. Pott, F. A. Bruce, D. Grant, W. N. Leech, V. S. M'Murray.

Partial Pass for same examinations: R. Monteath.

Duntroon Military College: A. M. Sutherland (4), and W. N. Leech (6) for New Zealand.

Victoria College University Terms: A. Wilson.

Public Service Senior: G. Bendall (partial pass).

Public Service Junior: C. E. Putt, 101st. place. Only one boy sat for this examination as no others intended to enter the Public Service and were therefore not eligible to sit.

Alf. Bayly Memorial Scholarship: R. A. Callander.

Senior Education Board Scholarship: D. G. D. Mackie (first place for Taranaki), C. C. Yates, J. H. Kendall, A. A. Huse.

Junior Education Board Scholarship: D. Denny-Brown.

Among the new boys are the following scholarship holders:—

Junior National: K. C. Roberts, K. R. Thomas.

Junior Education Board: H. L. Calder, K. C. Greiner, J. M. Hine.

Early in the term the school was visited by the members of the Ohura Chamber of Commerce. These gentlemen were spending a week in New Plymouth, and included the school in their tour of visits. The cadets were paraded and put through various movements. They then gave an exhibition of physical drill. After this they were addressed, on behalf of the visitors, by Mr. Loveday, the well-known champion rifle-shot. Naturally, Mr. Loveday's remarks related mostly to shooting. He was good enough to praise our drill and to compliment the team on its shooting in the two last Schools of the Empire competitions. He concluded by presenting us with the sum of two guineas, which was to be devoted to the encouragement of shooting in any way which we approved. It has been decided to procure a cup as a



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trophy for the miniature range championship, as we have already several trophies for shooting on the full-sized range. The visitors inspected the agricultural plots and showed much interest in the experimental work which is being carried on there. Next they were shown through the school, and spent some time in the two laboratories examining apparatus and noting results. The next item was a visit to the gymnasium. We were fortunate in having a beautiful day for the visit, and we hope that our visitors will take back with them to Ohura a pleasant recollection of the school, its work, and its equipment.

On Saturday, March 20, the Stratford High School first eleven came and played our first eleven. The visitors arrived by the first train, and play begun as soon as they arrived. Unfortunately, the day turned out raw and dull. This naturally interfered with the quality of the play. Our guests were entertained at lunch and afternoon tea, and returned by the afternoon train. The scores and results will be found in the "Cricket" article.

In the early part of the term a partition was built dividing the big room into two, and the VI. B. Form moved into one half. This left their old room vacant. The masters' room was very small, and quite unable to hold our ten masters and their belongings. So it was agreed that the old Sixth Form room should become the masters' study. This is a great improvement, as the present room is a great deal larger than the old one. Several of the masters showed great pride in their room by painting it, and as some of them are good artists the room now looks quite new. A couch and three easy chairs were bought, and when drawn in a circle around the open fireplace they give the room a cosy appearance. Pictures adorn the walls and a green baize curtain divides the sitting-room from the bookshelves. The space between the curtain and the shelves is often used for private interviews between boys and masters. Altogether the draughty and dark passage formerly used as a masters' common room has been exchanged for much more roomy and comfortable quarters. The old common room has been furnished for those boys who are studying for University Terms. An alarming notice on the door forbade the room being used as a thoroughfare.

During the term a great improvement has been made to the paths and open spaces about the school. At last they have been asphalted. Formerly in the winter the paths and open spaces used to become muddy and slippery and a great deal of mud was brought into the school,

thus making much more work for the boys who sweep the classrooms after school hours. During the process of the asphaltting—and the process had to be prolonged on account of rainy weather—there were one or two inconveniences to put up with. The main trouble was that there were certain doors by which we could not enter. Thus we had to go into school by a roundabout way. But now that we see what an improvement has been made we have forgotten any little inconvenience with which we had to put up.

Shortly after school began this year the big room, which had previously been divided by a curtain, was divided by a wooden partition. There is a door in the partition to allow of communication between the two rooms. One of these rooms thus formed is occupied by Form IIIA. and the other by VI B. But as yet the division is not perfect, as the boarding goes only halfway to the top of the room. Thus the voices from either room float over to the other side, and this is very disconcerting to both classes. So much so is this the case that at times we feel that Mr. Hall's discovery of the fire in its early stage was a great misfortune.

So as not to interfere with cricket practice we were allowed the last period off on Wednesday afternoon, February 10. Immediately after recess the committee of eight VI B. boys took their place on the stage in the gymnasium, and then the "fun" began. The boys were lined up in their forms and were called up in alphabetical order, beginning with III B. Most of the newcomers attempted something, and, although some had to go through twice because recitations were barred, at the end of the performance there were only four who had not sung. These were given another chance before roll-call on Thursday, but none ventured. The committee, however, was not to be beaten, and decided to make them box one of their own size on Friday after school. When told that their presence in the gymnasium was requested as soon as possible after 4 o'clock they received quite a shock. The boys against whom they were pitted were chosen on account of their boxing ability, and the four that "couldn't sing" went away wishing they could.

This term the pound was taken over by two different boys, who, being zealous to get money for the library, did "great strokes." About Easter a new method of running the pound was instituted. Every day there are a prefect and a master on duty. The prefect has a

squad which he parades at 7.20 p.m., and which goes round the various classrooms and grounds and collects articles for the pound. After breakfast the master goes round with the prefect and gathers articles also. Forms are then filled in by the prefect, who states the article, name of owner, and date. These are handed to Mr. Moyes at roll-call, and he puts down the amount of fine, generally a penny. This has been found a very useful method for securing tidiness, because the names are always kept till the fines are paid. At first large numbers of articles were impounded, but now the boys have become more careful. The formerly zealous pound-keepers have now given place to two new enthusiasts.

Our new gymnasium is now complete with every kind of apparatus, the greater part of which is only a few months old. When we commenced gymnasium again at the end of the second term we had two sets of parallel bars, two horizontal bars, a horse and springboard, a trapeze, a ladder, a pair of Roman rings, and a pair of travelling rings. The horse, however, was very dilapidated, as were the three mats which we had, but these were repadded and recovered so as to be ready for the gymnasium championships before the Christmas holidays. This term three more mats have been bought, and for a while these were a source of great sport for the younger boys, who much enjoyed themselves by jumping on them until they were flattened out considerably. We have also obtained £25 worth of new and useful apparatus in the shape of an adjustable military horse, with a fine springboard and a pair of adjustable parallel bars. These arrived from Auckland in perfect condition and were duly installed, much to the delight of our young gymnasts. As a result of this acquisition the old horse has been altogether out of use lately, but it will doubtless return to favour again soon.

During the term one of our old boys, Mr. Jenkinson, who left at the end of last year, has been officiating as our gymnastic instructor. Mr. Jenkinson won the Senior Gymnasium Championship last year, and has been very successful this term in teaching the different squads how to do the different work well and neatly.

A few weeks after the term began we were aroused from our studies one fine afternoon to dig a bullock—as we were told—from the ditch that conveys the rain-water from Avenue Road down to the gully. Our victim proved to be a bull rather than a bullock. No oppor-

tunity was afforded us to release him, for when the owner appeared at the end of the ditch a second look was not invited, as the maddened animal gave one bound and found itself hurled some fifteen feet over the fall on to the grass tennis-court. Shouts of "Look out!" "Here it comes!" etc., filled the air, but we were out for a little fun, so harried our opponent, who was on level ground ten feet below us. A few wild, but fruitless, charges scattered the partakers of the sport. The owner therefore decided that the beast's mates should be brought upon the scene, as this might lead to civilization. But before the animals arrived the bull had found its way to the cricket-ground, where further charges ensued. The fun ended when the owner appeared on horseback and drove out the animal, none the worse for its fall and subsequent adventures.

From February 25 to March 11 the routine of work of the school was interfered with to a small extent by the absence of Mr. Moyes, who had to attend the military camp at the Waiwakaiho. During this period Mr. Rockel was acting-headmaster.

During this term the Board of Governors has very wisely determined to change the name of the school, if possible, from its present title to "The Taranaki Boys' College." The change is desirable for several reasons, one of which is that many people still think that this school is a District High School and is of a different nature from Nelson College, Wellington College, etc. It is but reasonable that we should put ourselves right with the public by adopting a name which will indicate that this school is on exactly the same footing in every way as in any other secondary school in New Zealand. Our school is one of those mentioned in the schedule of secondary schools appended to the Education Act. Further, this is, we believe, the only endowed school in Taranaki. The change, we take it, will require the sanction of the Government, and a short Act will have to be passed to legalize all documents in connection with the school. We therefore hope to begin our work for 1916 under our new name.

A long-wished-for change as regards school colours took place this term. Our former colours, blue and white, proved very unstable ones, despite the efforts made to secure a dye that would stand the weather without fading. The new colours, black and white, are quite satisfactory, and are an improvement in appearance. A second reason for making the change was that the juvenile male public

of New Plymouth insisted upon displaying our colours in a manner detrimental to the tone of the school.

Some weeks before the end of the term Vernon Stanton met with a very painful accident on his father's farm at Lower Mangorei. He was driving a large Berkshire boar into its shed for the night, when it suddenly turned upon him. Stanton was totally unprepared for this attack, and the result was that he was thrown to the ground and ripped by the short but sharp tusks of the pig. Fortunately the boar did not attempt to renew the attack, or Stanton's injuries would have been more serious still. As the wound was at the side of the knee, he could not move his leg without suffering considerable pain, and at first there were fears for the safety of the limb, but, thanks to the careful treatment of Dr. Fookes, who was attending him, all danger of amputation is now past. After a fortnight's rest he is now among us again making up for lost time.

During the term one of the new boys, Alf. Boon, had the misfortune to meet with a nasty accident. He was attempting to do a headspring over the military horse in the gymnasium, when his hand slipped and he fell to the floor. He fell so heavily that he broke his arm just below the shoulder. He was taken over to the house, where Dr. Fookes attended him. He has now recovered, and we are glad to welcome him back to school.

When we returned from our Christmas holidays we found in the gymnasium a Football Honours Board. On it are the names of last year's first fifteen. The board is made of oiled rimu with a raised black centre. The lettering is done in white paint. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Moyes for his welcome gift. We also wish to thank Mr. Hutton for the fine escutcheon which he has made and presented to the school to be put on the large Honours Board.

Shortly after the commencement of the term boxing lessons were started by our instructor, Mr. Sutherland. We are pleased to see that a larger number of boys than ever have availed themselves of this opportunity of gaining some knowledge of the "noble art of self-defence." Such a knowledge, however rudimentary, is always a valuable asset in after life, and any boy learning boxing is well rewarded for his pains. Under the present arrangement classes are held from 7 to 9 p.m., the boarders receiving instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays and the day boys on Wednesdays. No boy is in any way

exempt from his usual preparation, which must be done beforehand, and boxing is therefore indulged in without detriment to the more important school work. We are indebted to our instructor for the innovation of "punching-bags"—to wit, canvas bags filled with sawdust. Though not as good as punching-balls, they serve their purpose very well. Some of the younger boys find them rather heavy, and as a consequence sore wrists have been in evidence. We can only sympathise with them and assure them that they need to be able to punch something more solid than a punching-bag.

We entered two teams for the Physical Drill Competition at the East End Carnival held on Easter Monday. Our teams took first and third places. The winning team consisted of Bruce (leader), O. Bayly, Phipps, Rockel, Tuohy, C. Herbert, Fouhy, S. Grayling, and M'Murray. Later in the day our team also won the dry-boat race.

Owing to the overcrowding of our boarding establishment, the library is not as yet housed as it should be, but it will during the next term be placed on a much firmer footing. We have this term received quite a large number of new volumes by some of our best known literary writers, but, nevertheless, the most ardent of our readers seem to have preferred the more thrilling stories as related by the war correspondent. We have also some two or three new bookcases, which supply a long-felt want, but until our new buildings are finished the library must remain in a somewhat undeveloped condition.

As we go to press the casualty lists of the Dardanelles engagement have just come to hand. We notice that three of our Old Boys were wounded there. Their names and details will be found in the "Old Boys' Notes." The final list may not be to hand yet. We need scarcely say that we hope that we now have the full list. It is extremely difficult to get accurate information and details, but our readers may depend upon it that we shall do everything possible to supply full and accurate information as far as our Old Boys are concerned.

FORM AVERAGES.

FIRST TERM, 1915.

Form VIa.—As so many boys in this form are doing different work, no comparison or usual mark list is possible. The members of this form are pre-

paring for higher commercial and agricultural work, for the Public Service Senior, or for University Terms.

Form VIb., 59.—1, K. Brokenshire, 79; 2, C. Yates, 69.

Form V., 58.—1, equal, M. Atkinson 72, E. Hamerton 72, R. Lealand 72.

Form IV., 50.—1, S. Ogle, 69; 2, equal, D. Doile 68, C. Way 68.

Form IIIa., 69.—1, K. Roberts, 89; 2, C. Morey, 81.
Form IIIb., 71.—1, R. Murray, 83; 2, B. Sturtevant, 82.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III., 58.—1, G. Webster, 76, 2, equal, W. Williams 65, W. Clemow 65, L. Rawson 65.

Form IIa., 54.—1, L. Fagan, 63; 2, W. Hunter, 59.

Form IIb., 71.—1, H. Holden, 83; 2, W. Mackay, 82.

Form II., 60.—1, F. Williams, 72; 2, S. Fookes, 66.

Form Ia., 74.—1, B. Blundell, 87; 2, equal, C. Lysons 83, C. Saxton 83.

Form Ib., 60.—1, G. Fookes, 65.

CRICKET NOTES.

SENIOR.

Our cricket-ground, which is easily the best in New Plymouth, is in beautiful order, and in a season or two we hope to be able to discard the matting altogether and to play on grass wickets.

This season we cannot boast of having done anything remarkable in the way of cricket, but the standard of play is steadily rising, as is shown by the scores in the last two or three matches. The best individual score this term was 54, made by M'Murray at Inglewood. He won a cricket bat which was presented by Mr. Moyes to the first one to make a half-century.

At the end of this season two members of the school team, Mr. Bottrill and Monteath, were chosen to represent North Taranaki in a match against South Taranaki, while Mr. Bottrill was in the Taranaki team which played Wanganui.

This year marks another advance in cricket. For the first time in the history of the school we have played another secondary school. On March 20 Stratford High School travelled to New Plymouth and played us on our ground, but were defeated by five wickets. Next season we hope to arrange matches with other secondary schools, and so get up a competition which will cause more interest to be shown in cricket and more interest to be shown between the different schools.

Details of the matches are as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL v. INGLEWOOD.

High School journeyed to Inglewood on Thursday, February 11, and suffered a two-point reverse at the hands of the local team. The fielding of the visitors was very good, but several overthrows resulted from careless throwing-in.

High School went first to the wickets, but Mr. Bottrill was the only batsman to make a stand against the bowling of Gudgeon and Smith, and the innings closed for 57. Of this total Mr. Bottrill had made 33 not out by good cricket. Smith secured six wickets at a cost of 22 runs. Inglewood opened badly, losing Gudgeon first ball. De Launay went at 14, but Clegg and Sutherland took the score to 48 before the former was caught by Monteath off Oliver. Nicholls helped Sutherland to double the score, and at 125 for five wickets the innings was declared closed. Oliver, with one wicket for 18 runs in seven overs, bowled well for the school, but without any luck. Inglewood tried for a three-point win, but a fine innings by Mr. Bottrill, who was run out for 31, saved the position, and at the call of time High School had lost seven wickets for 69. Oliver was second top scorer with a carefully-played innings for 9. No less than three of the school team were run out.

Following are the detailed scores:—

INGLEWOOD.—First Innings.

G. Gudgeon, b. Monteath	...	...	...	0
D. Clegg, c. Monteath, b. Oliver	...	...	...	16
L. de Launay, b. Hughes	...	...	...	11
L. Sutherland, not out	...	...	...	57
T. Nicholls, l.b.w., b. Bottrill	16

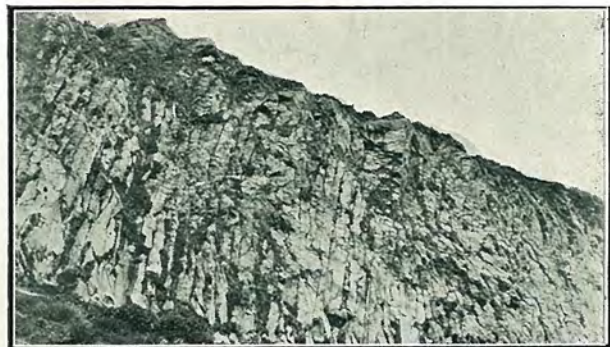


LAVA FLOW.



LAVA FLOW.

VIEWS ON MOUNT EGMONT.



LAVA FLOW.



HUMPHRIES CASTLE.

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C. Williams, run out	3
J. Kempthorne, not out	10
Extras	12
Total for five wickets ...				125

(Innings declared closed.)

Bowling analysis: Monteath one wicket for 38, Hughes one for 30, Oliver one for 18, M'Murray none for 8, Mr. Bottrill one for 19.

HIGH SCHOOL.—First Innings.

S. M'Murray, b. Smith ...	...	...	...	3
R. Monteath, b. Smith ...	...	...	...	1
Mr. Bottrill, not out ...	...	...	...	33
P. Oliver, run out ...	...	...	...	1
J. Terry, b. Gudgeon ...	...	...	...	1
D. Sykes, c. Clegg, b. Gudgeon ...	...	...	...	6
H. Hughes, run out ...	...	...	...	0
H. Goss, b. Smith ...	...	...	...	0
C. Yates, b. Smith ...	...	...	...	0
W. Alexander, b. Smith ...	...	...	...	2
C. Peach, b. Smith ...	...	...	...	0
Extras ...	...	...	...	10
Total ...				57

Bowling analysis: Gudgeon two wickets for 25, Smith six for 22.

Second Innings.

R. Monteath, b. Gudgeon ...	...	...	...	1
S. M'Murray, c. Thompson, b. Gudgeon ...	...	...	...	6
Mr. Bottrill, run out ...	...	...	...	31
P. Oliver, c. de Launay, b. Gudgeon ...	...	...	...	9
J. Terry, run out ...	...	...	...	0
D. Sykes, run out ...	...	...	...	4
H. Hughes, c. de Launay, b. Gudgeon ...	...	...	...	5
H. Goss, not out ...	...	...	...	5
Extras ...	...	...	...	8
Total for seven wickets ...				69

Bowling analysis: Gudgeon four wickets for 39, Smith none for 22.

HIGH SCHOOL v. TIKORANGI.

The only match in the Thursday competition on February 19 was that between the above teams at Tikorangi. Going first to the wickets, High School knocked up the respectable total of 85, Mr. Bottrill 24 and Oliver 16 being the only two double-figure scorers. The score had reached 31 before Mr. Bottrill was run out, after a forceful innings. Oliver and M'Murray raised the total to 48 by careful play before the latter was dismissed. Monteath failed to open his scoring account, and Sykes soon went. Oliver went two overs later, after a well-played innings. Goss (9) and Yates (7) both batted well for their scores, but the remainder failed to make headway, and the innings closed for 85.

H. Foreman and P. Sarten opened to Monteath and Hughes. Both were clean-bowled by Hughes, and two wickets were down for 8 runs. Scrimgeour, C. Foreman and Harrison could only raise the total to 21, and things were looking bright for High School. Roberts and O'Neill then got going. The visitors' score was passed without a dissolution being effected. O'Neill retired after making 41, and Roberts after having scored 106 by splendid cricket. His score included four 6's, five 4's and four 3's. Lye and Terrill took the score to 176, when stumps were drawn. In sixteen overs Monteath secured three wickets for 54 runs, and Hughes took two for 55 in 23 overs.

The detailed scores were as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

P. Oliver, b. O'Neill	...	...	...	16
Mr. Bottrill, run out	...	...	...	24
S. M'Murray, c. Scrimgeour, b. C. Foreman	...	...	...	5
R. Monteath, b. C. Foreman	...	...	...	0
D. Sykes, b. O'Neill	...	...	...	3
H. Goss, b. P. Sarten	...	...	...	9
C. Yates, c. Foreman, b. Lye	...	...	...	7
H. Hughes, not out	...	...	...	1
L. Terry, c. Roberts, b. Lye	...	...	...	6
W. Alexander, b. C. Foreman	...	...	...	2
M. Atkinson, stumped, b. Roberts	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	12
Total	...	...	...	85

Bowling analysis: Roberts one wicket for 22 runs, C. Foreman three for 20, E. Sarten none for 8, O'Neill two for 15, P. Sarten one for 2, Lye two for 7.

TIKORANGI.

H. Foreman, b. Hughes	...	...	...	1
P. Sarten, b. Hughes	...	...	...	2
E. Roberts, retired	...	...	...	106
P. Scrimgeour, b. Monteath	...	...	...	2
C. Foreman, c. Sykes, b. Monteath	...	...	...	3
C. Harrison, b. Monteath	...	...	...	2
K. O'Neill, retired	...	...	...	41
L. Lye, not out	...	...	...	9
J. Terrill, not out	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	...	7

Total for seven wickets 176

Bowling analysis: Monteath three wickets for 54 runs, Hughes two for 55, Oliver none for 12, M'Murray none for 19, Mr. Bottrill none for 17, Terry none for 7.

HIGH SCHOOL v. INGLEWOOD.

On March 11 High School travelled to Inglewood, but were beaten by the local team.

High School went in first, and compiled the good score of 128. Of this total Mr. Bottrill made 13, whilst M'Murray played a splendid innings for 54, and Monteath also contributed 30 in good style. The partnership between these boys was the feature of the innings, and raised the score from 18 to 68. M'Murray continued to play the bowling with confidence, and was not beaten until the ninth wicket fell at 123. The innings closed for 128.

The opening pair for Inglewood were M'Kenzie (32) and Moore (21), who established a fine partnership that was not broken until 41 runs were on the board. L. Sutherland joined M'Kenzie, and, playing carefully at first, the score was carried to 86 before the second wicket fell. M'Rae and Clegg helped Sutherland to pass the School's total before the fall of the fourth wicket. With the score at 151 Sutherland, who by now was playing forceful cricket, was run out for 78, which included eight boundaries and a sixer. Clegg and Harkness were undefeated at the drawing of stumps, when Inglewood had lost five wickets for 162.

Scores

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Bottrill	M'Rae	...	...	13
Hughes i., 1	...	...	...	0
M'Murray, 1	...	...	...	54

Monteath, played on, b. Sutherland	...	...	30
Oliver, run out	...	...	1
Goss, b. Smith	...	...	8
Sykes, c. Moore, b. Smith	...	...	8
Yates, hit wicket, b. Smith	...	...	0
Terry, c. Sutherland, b. M'Rae	...	...	4
Alexander, b. Smith	...	...	2
Hughes ii., not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	8
Total	...	...	128

Bowling analysis: M'Rae four wickets for 29 runs, Smith four for 48, Sutherland one for 19, Harkness none for 10, Moore none for 13.

INGLEWOOD.

M'Kenzie, c. Oliver, b. M'Murray	...	...	32
Moore, b. Hughes i.	...	...	21
L. Sutherland, run out	...	...	78
M'Rae, c. Hughes ii., b. M'Murray	...	...	6
Clegg, not out	...	...	10
Matthews, b. M'Murray	...	...	2
Harkness, not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	12
Total for five wickets	...	...	162

Bowling analysis: M'Murray three wickets for 26 runs, Hughes i. one for 43, Mr. Bottrill none for 6, Oliver none for 24, Monteath none for 51.

HIGH SCHOOL v. STRATFORD D.H.S.

The above teams met on the High School ground on Saturday, March 20, when the home team was victorious by five wickets and 46 runs in a two-innings match. The detailed scores were as follows:—

STRATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

MacDonald, c. Oliver, b. Monteath	...	...	11
Stephenson, b. Monteath	...	...	8
Cresswell, c. and b. Hughes	...	...	2
Coutts, b. Monteath	...	...	0
Lawn, c. Terry, b. Monteath	...	...	4
Tatton, run out	...	...	4
Stoddart, b. M'Murray	...	...	2
Ennis, b. Hughes	...	...	0

Young, b. Hughes	...	...	...	0
James, b. Monteath	...	...	...	0
Mail, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	36

Bowling analysis: Monteath five wickets for 17 runs, H. Hughes three for 13, M'Murray one for 0.

Second Innings.

Coutts, b. Hughes	...	...	...	19
MacDonald, b. Monteath	...	...	...	6
Mail, b. Monteath	...	...	...	0
Cresswell, c. Terry, b. Monteath	...	...	...	7
Lawn, c. Sykes, b. Monteath	...	...	...	0
Stephenson, c. Monteath, b. Hughes	...	...	...	1
Stoddart, b. M'Murray	...	...	...	3
Ennis, not out	...	...	...	4
Tatton, run out	...	...	...	2
Young, c. Oliver, b. Monteath	...	...	...	0
James, b. M'Murray	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	45

Bowling analysis: Monteath five wickets for 23 runs, H. Hughes, two for 18, M'Murray two for 1.

NEW PLMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

M'Murray, c. Mail, b. Stephenson	...	...	...	1
Monteath, c. Lawn, b. MacDonald	...	...	...	1
Oliver, b. MacDonald	...	...	...	5
H. Hughes, b. Stephenson	...	...	...	3
Sykes, b. MacDonald	...	...	...	11
Terry, b. Coutts	...	...	...	11
Goss, b. Stephenson	...	...	...	0
L. Hughes, b. MacDonald	...	...	...	8
Yates, not out	...	...	...	17
Alexander, c. Coutts, b. MacDonald	...	...	...	0
Quilliam, b. MacDonald	...	...	...	8
Extras	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	71

Bowling analysis: MacDonald six wickets for 38 runs, Stephenson three for 21, Coutts one for 6.

Second Innings.

M'Murray, b. Coutts	28
Monteath, run out	1
Oliver, l.b.w., b. MacDonald	4
H. Hughes, b. Coutts	13
Sykes, b. Coutts	3
Terry, not out	1
Extras	6
Total for five wickets	56

Bowling analysis: MacDonald one wicket for 21 runs, Stephenson none for 13, Coutts, three for 16.

HIGH SCHOOL v. PHOENIX.

The above teams met on the High School ground on Thursday, March 25. The match was left in an unfinished state, Phoenix being 15 runs behind with two wickets in hand.

Oliver and M'Murray opened for High School to the bowling of Fred. Robertson and Gwillim. The first two overs were maidens, and Oliver scored a single off Robertson's second over, but Gwillim beat him with a beautiful ball. Mr. Bottrill did not last long, being caught by Robertson off his own bowling. A couple of overs later Gwillim got a good one past M'Murray, who was in some time for his four singles. Mr. Hamblyn soon went, but a stand was made by Monteath and Sykes. The latter made leg balls of nearly everything and laid the wood on in great style. At length Monteath was beaten by Gwillim after a well-played innings of 17, including a six off Robertson. The next effective partnership was that between Sykes and Yates. Both went for the bowling and knocked up 28 each. Alexander, the last man, made 15 not out by hard hitting. The school innings closed for 116. Braund, three wickets for 25 runs, was the best bowler for Phoenix.

After the afternoon tea adjournment Fred. Robertson and Richards opened to Monteath and M'Murray. The beginning was disastrous, Robertson being "yorked" by Monteath first ball. R. W. D. Robertson was next man, and 14 were on the board before Monteath "yorked" him for a carefully-played six. Gwillim and Richards took the total to 41 before the former was well caught by Terry in the slips. Braund soon went, but Hooker helped to raise the total to 61. Cozens did not

last long, and soon after Richards mis-hit one from Mr. Bottrill and was taken in the slips after a patiently-played 34. He took no risks, but went for the loose stuff. Vale by steady play and Shepherd by forcing the pace took the score from 68 to 101 before the former was beaten by the last ball of the day. Stumps were then drawn, Phoenix having lost eight wickets for 101 runs.

Detailed scores were as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

P. Oliver, b. Gwillim	1
S. M'Murray, b. Gwillim	4
Mr. Bottrill, c. and b. Robertson	2
R. Monteath, b. Gwillim	17
Mr. Hamblyn, b. Robertson	2
D. Sykes, b. Braund	28
J. Terry, c. F. Robertson, b. Gwillim	4
C. Yates, b. Braund	28
H. Goss, b. Braund	0
N. Quilliam, c. Hooker, b. Robertson	2
W. Alexander, not out	15
Extras	13
Total	116

Bowling analysis: F. Robertson three wickets for 41 runs, Gwillim four for 35, Braund three for 25.

PHOENIX.

Fred. Robertson, b. Monteath	0
L. Richards, c. Alexander, b. Mr. Bottrill	34
R. W. D. Robertson, b. Monteath	6
B. Gwillim, c. Terry, b. M'Murray	13
G. Braund, c. Monteath, b. Mr. Bottrill	2
B. Hooker, b. Mr. Bottrill	5
J. Cozens, c. Oliver b. Mr. Hamblyn	4
J. Vale, b. M'Murray	10
W. Shepherd, not out	21
Extras	6
Total for eight wickets	101

Bowling analysis: Monteath two wickets for 29 runs, M'Murray two for 33, Mr. Bottrill three for 23, Mr. Hamblyn one for 9.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
Mr. Hamblyn	1	9	9.
M'Murray	8	87	10.8
Monteath	16	212	13.25
Mr. Bottrill	4	65	16.25
Hughes	9	159	17.6
Oliver	1	54	54.
Terry	0	7	—

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Not outs.	Innings.	Runs.	Average.
Mr. Bottrill	1	3	72	24
M'Murray	0	6	95	15.9
Yates	1	4	52	13
Sykes	0	6	59	9.8
Monteath	0	6	50	8.3
Hughes ii.	1	1	8	8
Terry	1	5	28	5.6
Alexander	1	4	21	5.25
Quilliam	0	2	10	5
Oliver	0	6	28	4.6
Hughes i.	1	4	17	4.25
Goss	0	5	17	3.4
Mr. Hamblyn ...	0	1	2	2
Peach	0	1	0	0
Atkinson	0	1	0	0

JUNIOR CRICKET.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE v. HIGH SCHOOL II.

A match was played on the High School ground on Thursday, March 11, between teams representing the Technical College and the High School second eleven. Technical College won by 79 runs. Going in first they made 106, Oliver top-scoring with 40 (including eight boundaries); the other double-figure scorers were Wright (16 not out) and Penniall (10). Atkinson, with five for 42, was the most successful bowler for school,



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BACK ROW: Mr. Hamblyn J. Terry Mr. Bottrill D. Sykes M. Atkinson
FRONT ROW: C. Yates P. Oliver V. S. McMurray R. Monteath (Captain) W. Alexander N. Quilliam
ABSENT: H. Hughes L. Hughes H. Goss

and he also headed their batting, with eight runs, out of a total of 27. The school batsmen collapsed badly, and Oliver came out with the good figures of seven for 14.

Scores:—

TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Fuller, c. Eyre, b. Atkinson	...	...	...	7
Griffin, c. Quilliam, b. Brokenshire	...	...	...	0
Oliver, c. Wyborn, b. Atkinson	...	...	...	40
Mr. Duff, c. Eyre, b. Atkinson	...	...	...	7
Jeffrey, run out	...	...	...	6
Cartwright, c. Eyre, b. Atkinson	...	...	...	8
Paul, hit wicket, b. Herbert	...	...	...	1
Koea, hit wicket, b. Herbert	...	...	...	5
Badley, c. and b. Atkinson	...	...	...	3
Wright, not out	...	...	...	16
Penniall, c. Eyre, b. Brokenshire	...	...	...	10
Extras	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	106

Bowling analysis: Atkinson five wickets for 42 runs, Herbert two for 7, Brokenshire two for 48, Quilliam none for 6.

HIGH SCHOOL II.

Wyborn, b. Oliver	...	...	...	4
Herbert, b. Oliver	...	...	...	0
Brokenshire, b. Oliver	...	...	...	2
Atkinson, c. Koea, b. Fuller	...	...	...	8
Eyre, c. Penniall, b. Oliver	...	...	...	0
Peach, hit wicket, b. Oliver	...	...	...	0
Bayley, b. Oliver	...	...	...	4
Quilliam, b. Fuller	...	...	...	0
Fouhy, b. Fuller	...	...	...	2
Candy, not out	...	...	...	5
Touhy, c. Fuller, b. Oliver	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	27

Bowling analysis: Oliver seven wickets for 14 runs, Fuller three for 12.

HOUSE NOTES.

That our school is steadily growing in reputation is clearly shown by the number of new boarders who have travelled great distances to come to us. Among our numbers are representatives from places as far apart as Wellington and Auckland.

This year the whole of the house is occupied by new boys, with the exception of about a dozen. Fellows who were there last year are now at Niger House, where two more dormitories have been fitted out.

Evidently the house-masters' shoes have made an impression on the fellows who were here last year. There have been no pillow-fights or dormitory-raids this term, and perfect order has reigned so far, excepting one morning when the "knuts" aroused the war-spirit of the other boys and one dormitory decided to attack their neighbours. However, bad luck attended the venture, for hardly had the attackers put their feet inside the other dormitory when the house-master appeared bearing a very handy-looking supplejack which the culprits felt before long. It was also noticed that "detenny"-room was rather full that week.

Most of the new boys take to gymnastics somewhat as ducks to water. The most improved squad of new boys is undoubtedly No. 4. It is hoped that there will be good entries for the championships. If so, they will be keenly contested for.

This term preparation is held in the Preparatory School. This building is well fitted for this purpose, as it is well lighted and heated.

The chief illness this term has been influenza. This became so serious that the library had to be turned temporarily into a sick-room, in order to accommodate the sufferers.

The chief amusements which have been patronised this term have been the Pictures, "Humpty Dumpty," "The Cherniavskys," and Mr. Morton's Lecture on the War. The latter was greatly appreciated, and all who attended received different ideas from what they had before. The Cherniavskys' concert was greatly enjoyed. Several musical items were given which were familiar to many of us, and our pleasure was thus increased. To finish up with the musicians played with much gusto the National Anthems of Russia, France, and England, played in that order.

NIGER HOUSE NOTES.

The numbers at Niger House have greatly increased this term, for now five masters and thirty boys sleep there. On account of this increase it was found necessary at the beginning of the year to have two more dormitories at Niger House. Consequently, two of the largest rooms upstairs were selected and turned into dormitories.

At the beginning of the term one of the inmates of No. 4 dormitory was the proud possessor of a case of pears, and every night he used to treat the rest of the dormitory to some fruit. A prefect from another dormitory, however, heard of it, and one night examined all the likely places, with no result. He was just making a final search when he trod on a movable board, which he promptly lifted up, only to find there an ideal hiding-place; but, alas! it was empty, as the sybarites had finished the last of the pears that evening.

So far we have only one shower-bath at Niger House; consequently there is a rush to get all the showers over in time for morning gym. But as the winter approaches and the water gets colder, and consequently not so inviting, we expect that this rush will be somewhat less furious.

At the beginning of this term most of us went to the "Humpty Dumpty" Pantomime. We enjoyed ourselves very much, being especially taken with the clever feats of the acrobats. Later on in the term we went to the Cherniavskys, who were also greatly appreciated by the musical boys. Some of the less music-loving representatives, however, found it very difficult to keep from dozing during the evening.

The startling fact that we have a somnambulist in our midst was revealed one night towards the end of the term. This keen scholar (?), not being content with two hours' home-work, got out of bed with the intention of doing some more work, and announced this fact to the remainder of the dormitory. A prefect, however, overheard this remark, and, by the boy's actions, deemed it advisable to consult a master and two other prefects, with the result that the party made their way to the dormitory, only to find, to their utter disappointment, that the boy had once more retired to bed, evidently having dispelled all thoughts of work from his mind.

FOOTBALL.

After we returned from the Easter holidays football was taken up in real earnest, and when the different groups were made out the practices were started.

A new ground was marked out in front of the Grandstand, and the senior group put in two or three nights marking the grounds and putting in the goal-posts. The barb-wire fence which encloses the senior ground has been a source of great trouble so far, and as it is not put to any special purpose at present it would be a good thing if it was pulled down and taken away. Since football started there has been a record in bursting the bladders, for out of twelve new bladders which were bought before football started there is now only one which is fit for use. When the bladders were put into the cases and blown up they all split along the bottom; and this shows that the rubber must have been pretty badly perished.

As there has been no competition this term the matches have been confined to the different divisions of the school, and the season was opened by a match between the Day Boys and Boarders.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS.

Boarders kicked off with the sun in their faces, and immediately rushed play to Day Boys' territory. After an interchange of kicks Boarders lined at halfway. From the line-out Day Boys secured, but Boarders, by good play, rushed downfield and Yates scored. Mr. Hamblyn failed with the kick.

Boarders 3, Day Boys 0.

From the kick-off a scrum was formed at halfway, from which Boarders obtained a free kick. From a line-out Bruce started a passing rush, but a knock-on spoilt a chance of scoring. Boarders worked downfield and lined at the 25 flag. Bruce obtained possession and made a good run, but was grassed near the line. Half-time then sounded with the scores unaltered.

On resuming, Boarders made a determined rush, but Bayly saved with a good line-kick. Day Boys followed up well and play hovered near Boarders' line until Bruce secured and scored under the posts. Bruce converted his own try.

Day Boys 5, Boarders 3.

From the kick-off Boarders rushed play into Day Boys' territory, and from a free kick lined near halfway. Bruce made a good run to Boarders' 25, but Boarders were not to be denied, and Sykes scored near the posts. Mr. Hamblyn converted.

Boarders 8, Day Boys 5.

The final whistle went soon after with the scores unchanged.

During the term IIIA. played IIIB. a friendly match, which resulted in IIIA. defeating their opponents by 9 to 6. For IIIA. O'Carroll scored two tries and Stohr one, while Fussell and Burkhardt scored for IIIB.

JUNIORS.

DAY BOYS v. BOARDERS.

Day Boys kicked off against a stiff wind, and play was confined to their 25 for some time. From a line-out Meuli secured and started a passing rush, but Day Boys played well and worked upfield. A long kick by Winfield again put Boarders on the offensive, but Day Boys were working hard and good work by the forwards kept Boarders from scoring, but they were working hard for a score and from a scramble on the line Winfield dived over.

Boarders 3, Day Boys 0.

The half-time whistle then sounded.

On resuming, Day Boys had the advantage of the wind, and play hung in Boarders' territory. Long kicks by White had Boarders on the defensive, but Day Boys could not cross the line. Each side was now making strenuous efforts to score, but the final whistle went with the scores unaltered.

SCHOOL v. STAR.

Near the end of the term a match was arranged between the School and Star, but as only five Star men turned up a team was made up with the School seconds, and therefore the first fifteen registered a large score.

Star kicked off, and from a scrum near halfway School started a passing rush and Sykes scored. He failed with the kick.

School 3, Star 0.

Shortly after Oliver started another rush and Sykes scored again.

School 6, Star 0.

Star rushed downfield and found the line at halfway. From the line-out Sykes got possession, and after a run from halfway scored near the posts. Bruce failed with the kick.

School 9, Star 0.

Shortly afterwards Copestake scored at the corner. Sykes made a good attempt but failed to goal. Half-time was then called with the scores—

School 12, Star 0.

On resuming, School attacked, and from a scrum Oliver started a passing rush from which Sykes scored his fourth try.

School 15, Star 0.

From the drop-out School made a determined attack, and from a passing rush Bayly scored.

School 18, Star 0.

The final whistle sounded soon after.

TREATIES.

The speech delivered by His Majesty the King at the outbreak of the present war contained these words:—"Paramount regard for treaty faith and the pledged word of rulers and peoples is the common heritage of Great Britain and the Empire."

Almost at the same time the German Chancellor, in a communication to the Danish papers, said:—"It is true that we have broken Belgium's neutrality, because bitter necessity compelled us to do so, but we promised Belgium full indemnity and integrity if she would take account of this state of necessity."

The immortal controversy over the "scrap of paper," with Sir Edward Grey's famous reply, lends some interest to a discussion on the nature of treaties, and more especially of that type of treaty, quite modern in its ideals, which concerns itself with neutrality.

Is there henceforth to be, as Kipling suggests,

"No law except the sword,
Unsheathed and uncontrolled?"

By what means, it has been asked, could Europe prevent a recrudescence of that spirit which, two centuries ago, impelled Louis XIV. to break his plighted word that he might, leaning on the arm of his grandson, say, "Gentlemen, henceforth there are no Pyrenees,"—that phrase which embodied the germ of Blenheim and Ramillies? And not the least important aspect of the Congress of Vienna was that which urged the necessity of providing some means, other than the sword, of saving Europe from the Napoleonic dream of world monarchy of some future despot. The result of that assembly was the subsequent elaboration of treaties providing for the limitation of the theatre of war by neutralising certain of the minor States of Europe.

But before discussing these special compacts, let us examine, for a short time, the general nature and scope of treaties. A treaty is plainly a contract between two or more States. This contract usually refers to important international agreements, which are determined by a congress, or meeting, of the representatives of the different States concerned. These plenipotentiaries, as their name implies, have full power to discuss the question in hand. But, obviously, it is only sovereign States which can take part in a treaty. There was a time when Prussia herself, being but an electorate and part of the Holy Roman Empire, could not independently be a party to any agreement. Even now, despite their very full measure of self-government, no British colonies can be signatories to treaties with foreign States. To have weight in "world politics," as the Germans term it, a State must enjoy complete autonomy, or independence. A minor point of interest in this connection is the status of a treaty with Turkey. Such a compact has both a special form and a special name. The famous agreement which allocated the balance of power in Egypt has since been known as the "Capitulations"—a name given to every pact with the only Mohammedan power in Europe.

Occasionally the term Convention is used synonymously with treaty, but usually it is reserved for minor agreements, which are frequently not ratified by the nations concerned. Thus the Convention of Klosterseven, after the defeat of Cumberland's army at Hastenbeck, was repudiated by England as not being binding. But beyond these there are several other prominent characteristics of treaties. There must plainly be some "expression of agreement;" for example, the cession of

a province to the victors in a war (for the term "peace" is merely an abbreviated form of the phrase "treaty of peace"), even though it be obtained by armed force is nevertheless quite unimpeachable. Alsace and Lorraine after the Franco-Prussian War, Canada after the Seven Years War, and part of Saghalien at the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese War—these and countless other examples illustrate the fact.

Lastly, a treaty must be ratified by the governments of the powers concerned. At the foot of the celebrated compact of the Allies, in which they declared that peace should not be sought independently, there are affixed the signatures of responsible Ministers of Britain, France, and Russia. This "ratification" of the decisions of the delegates to the conference simply means that the "scrap of paper" has now become, no longer a mere ordinary piece of parchment, but a document embodying the honour of the signatory nations.

No special form of treaty is needed. The language is usually French, though often the document is written in the languages of the States subscribing, with an "official" French version in case of a dispute.

So much for the general nature of treaties. It is plain that they are very similar to contracts between individuals with one important difference. In a civil case there is always an agent, the law of the land, which can compel the observance of the fact. In international affairs we lack the "policeman," and there exists at present no means of compelling the observance of honour save the sword. Nations for material gain sometimes blindly violate honour and will risk war rather than keep faith. Von Moltke puts it cynically thus: "Perpetual peace is a dream, and is not even a beautiful dream. War is an element in the order of the world ordained by God. Without war the world would stagnate and lose itself in materialism." As the proverb trenchantly puts it—

"Une fable aussi belle
La paix universelle."

Of particular interest at present is that type of treaty which aims at the contraction of the sphere of war. We have no space to attempt a classification of treaties, but we can notice at some length, as bearing directly on the present struggle, the tendency, during the last hundred years, to endeavour to localise and diminish the scope of war by neutralising certain of the weaker



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States. Let us take a specific example. By the Treaty of London, 1831, the very chequered career of Belgium as the shuttlecock of Europe was brought to a close. Great Britain, Austria, Russia and Prussia recognised the independence of that country and granted it autonomy, with Leopold I. as King. But more especially was it declared a neutral State. This decision was re-affirmed by these nations in 1839, and in 1867 Luxemburg was added. In 1870 the British Government declared its intention to maintain the integrity of the young State, and the belligerents, France and Prussia, agreed not to violate its neutrality. For doing so, after Sedan some French troops were interned. But we must remember that neutralisation does not mean that the State concerned binds itself not to carry on war. Belgium and Switzerland are perfectly free to do so. The full significance of the treaties lies in the fact that these countries, during the progress of a strife between the greater Powers, must be strictly neutral. One can easily see that had the neutrality of Belgium been respected in this war, its scope would have been much limited and probably its effects would have been far less disastrous. England, as a signatory of the Treaties of London, was bound to interfere and keep her faith. Germany, to surprise France, ruthlessly violated her pledge. Switzerland, Luxemburg and Belgium are, in the words of the treaties, recognised as "perpetually neutral states, bound to observe the same neutrality with respect to other States." In other words, they act as buffer States, protected by a European pledge. Thus, it was fondly anticipated, would the Powers voluntarily limit the possibilities of war. The result has unfortunately proved the utter worthlessness of these theoretical limitations when expediency conflicts with honour and a reconstructed Europe will have to face anew the question of treaty observance.

We cannot conclude better than by quoting the trenchant and business-like view of treaties recently expressed by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer:—"Treaties," said he, "are the currency of international statesmanship," and like the commonest of Exchequer Bills, though but bits of paper, embody the whole political and national honour of any State.

SWIMMING.

The annual swimming sports in connection with the Boys' High School took place on Thursday afternoon, March 9, at the Municipal Baths. The weather was not particularly favourable for such a gathering, but nevertheless there was a very good attendance. There were large entries in all events and some close and exciting finishes were witnessed. The sports were admirably managed, and there were no weary waits between the different events. The boys competing in one race were hardly out of the water when the competitors in the next race took up their positions, so that all through Mr. A. R. Ryder, who officiated as starter, was able to dispatch the boys without the slightest delay. Messrs. A. E. Sykes, R. H. Rockel, A. M'Hardy and L. B. Stohr acted as judges, and their decisions always gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Greiner acted as timekeeper, and the handicappers were Sykes, Bruce and Monteath, three of the senior boys of the school. During the afternoon Mr. Schwartz, custodian of the baths, gave a splendid exhibition of fancy swimming, which was keenly appreciated by the spectators. The committee responsible for the management of the sports was as follows:—Messrs. Ryder, Balham, Diprose, Bottrill, Searle, Hamblyn (masters), Sykes, Monteath, Atkinson, Bruce, M' Murray, Yates and Oliver (scholars). The latter also performed the secretarial duties and carried out his work in a manner that gave entire satisfaction to all concerned. Results:—

33 YARDS RACE.

First heat: M'Hardy ii. (6sec.) 1, Doile (3sec.) 2. Second heat: Fookes (2sec.) 1, Monteath (scr.) 2. Third heat: Sole ii. (4sec.) 1, Murray (2sec.) 2. Fourth heat: Cock (1sec.) 1, Bellringer (3sec.) 2. Fifth heat: Clinch (3sec.) 1, Wilson i. (3sec.) 2. Sixth heat: Honnor (3sec.) 1, Tuohy (2sec.) 2. Seventh heat: Watkins (6sec.) 1, Copestake (2sec.) 2. Eighth heat: Wyborn (3sec.) 1, Callander (4sec.) 2. Ninth heat: Winfield (4sec.) 1, Grayling i. (2sec.) 2. Tenth heat: Kidd (2sec.) 1, Fookes ii. (4sec.) 2. Semi-finals.—First heat: Doile 1, Fookes 2. Second heat: M'Hardy 1, Watkins 2. Third heat: Wyborn 1, Winfield 2. Final: Wyborn 1, Winfield 2; time, 24 1-5sec.

66 YARDS RACE.

First heat: M' Murray (1sec.) 1, Grayling (4sec.) 2, Kidd (3sec.) 3. Second heat: Wyborn (6sec.) 1, Monteath (1sec.) 2, Honnor (8sec.) 3. Third heat: Bruce (1sec.) 1, Herbert (3sec.) 2, Callander (9sec.) 3. Final: Wyborn 1, M' Murray 2, Callander 3. Time, 54sec.

100 YARDS RACE.

Sykes (scr.) 1, Yates ii. (4sec.) 2, Goss (8sec.) 3. Time, 1min. 45 1-5sec.

200 YARDS RACE.

Sykes (scr.) 1, Goss (10sec.) 2. Time, 4min. 20 2-5sec.

BACK STROKE, 33 YARDS.

First heat: Grayling i. (scr.) 1, Lucena (scr.) 2, Bracegirdle (3sec.) 3. Second heat: M'Hardy (scr.) 1, Martin (2sec.) 2. Final: Grayling 1, M'Hardy 2, Lucena 3. Time, 33 2-5sec.

BREAST STROKE, 33 YARDS.

First heat: Rockel (1sec.) 1, Martin (2sec.) and Tuohy (2sec.) dead heat 2. Second heat: M'Hardy (1sec.) 1, Williams (1sec.) 2. Third heat: Howell (1sec.) 1, Herbert ii. (1sec.) 2. Fourth heat: Peach (1sec.) 1, Morey (3sec.) 2. Final: Peach 1, Williams and Rockel (dead heat) 2. Time, 32sec.

LEARNERS' RACE.

Distance, Across Baths.—First heat: Harrison (2sec.) 1, Allemann (2sec.) 2, Beckbessinger (scr.) 3. Second heat: Brown (1sec.) 1, Guild (scr.) 2, Samson (3sec.) 3. Final: Harrison 1, Allemann 2, Brown 3.

PREPARATORY BOYS' RACES.

33 Yards.—Watkins (4sec.) 1, Williams (scr.) 2, Russell (4sec.) 3. Time, 30sec.

Distance, Across Baths.—Hunter (1sec.) 1, Pott (1sec.) 2, Watkins (2sec.) 3.

NEW BOYS' RACE.

33 Yards.—First heat: Copestake (2sec.) 1, Reynolds (5sec.) 2, Stohr (3sec.) 3. Second heat: Wood (3sec.) 1, Boon 2, Brokenshire (3sec.) 3. Third heat: Bayly

(scr.) 1, M'Hardy (3sec.) 2, Moody (3sec.) 3. Fourth heat: Hooker (3sec.) 1, Duckworth (4sec.) 2, Rawson (7sec.) 3. Final: Stohr 1, Bayly 2, Copestake 3. Time, 26sec.

INTER-FORM RELAY RACE.

Form VIb. (Sykes, Herbert, Lucena, Bayly) 1, Form VIa. (Bruce, M'Murray, Monteath, Alexander), 2. Form IV. (Yates, Tuohy, Fookes, Hoffmann) 3.

OLD BOYS' RACE.

33 Yards.—L. B. Stohr 1, A. R. Standish 2, Kelly 3. Five started.

DIVING.

Long Dive.—Bruce 1, Bayly 2, Herbert ii. 3. The winner's distance was 67½ feet.

High Dive.—Brokenshire 1, Goss 2.

Plate Diving.—Borrie 1.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards.—Sykes 1, M'Murray 2, Bruce 3. Time, 15 2-5sec.

50 Yards.—Sykes 1, M'Murray 2, Bruce 3. Time, 35sec.

100 Yards.—M'Murray 1, Sykes 2, Bruce 3. Time, 1min. 26sec.

200 Yards.—M'Murray 1, Bruce 2. No time taken.

Championship Points.—M'Murray 16, Sykes 13, Bruce 6.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards.—Yates 1, Goss 2, Cock 3. Time, 19sec.

50 Yards.—Wyborn 1, Yates 2, Cock 3. Time, 39sec.

75 Yards.—Wyborn 1, Yates 2, Goss 3. Time, 1min. 3sec.

Championship Points.—Yates 11, Wyborn 10, Goss 4, Cock 2.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards.—Doile 1, Pott 2, M'Hardy 3. Time, 18 3-5sec.

33 Yards.—Doile 1, M'Hardy 2, Pott 3. Time, 26 2-5sec.

66 Yards.—Doile 1, M'Hardy 2, Pott 3. Time, 1min. 3sec.

Championship Points.—Doile 15, M'Hardy 7, Pott 5,

OTHER EVENTS.

Balloon Race.—First heat: Peach 1, Rockel 2. Second heat: White 1, Murray 2. Final: Peach 1, White 2, Murray 3.

Musical Lifebuoys.—Hutchen 1, Brokenshire 2, Alexander 3.

Awkward Entry.—Borrie 1, Wyborn 2, Wood 3.

—Taranaki Herald.

CADET NOTES.

At the commencement of the term both No. 1 and No. 2 Companies were reorganised throughout and new Non-Coms. were appointed to take the place of those who had left at the end of last year. The usual batch of new boys was drafted into the two companies according to size. For the first few weeks the recruits of No. 1 were instructed in manual drill by the sergeants every morning before school.

Early in the term No. 1 was inspected in rifle drill by Major Morrison for the Canada Cup competition, open to all Senior Cadet Companies in the Wellington Military District. We felt ourselves handicapped by the short notice given of the competition and by the unusually large number of recruits in our ranks. Though we do not expect to be placed first, we hope to be by no means last.

On March 26 a whole day parade was held, and both companies marched out to the Rewa Rewa Rifle Range for the annual class firing. This was gone through under the able direction of Lieut. Crutch, of the Permanent Force. At mid-day an adjournment was made for lunch. The boarders commissariat was under the care of Mr. Rockel. An enjoyable luncheon was made, marred only by a persistent effluvia from the neighbouring boiling-down works. At the end of the shooting vociferous demands for the "markers" were heard. Evidently some of the Cadets were not as satisfied with their scores as they might have been.

During March special work was put in by two High School teams in view of the East End physical drill competition to be held on Easter Monday. This was won by High School A team, captained by Col.-Sergt. Bruce. It is worthy of notice that of the Territorials'

team which gained second place seven of the eight were High School old boys.

Towards the end of the term a few days were devoted to landscape target practice, each sergeant instructing his own section under supervision of Captain Ryder.

Lately we have been having platoon drill, which is decidedly more interesting than the ordinary routine of company drill.

We are pleased to be able to say that at the Inglewood Cadet Rifle Club Meeting, held on April 22, our team was successful in retaining the Shield (presented by the Officers of the 11th Regiment), which was won last year. In the total aggregate score our team came out winners by 101 points. We are glad that the school reputation for shooting is being ably maintained.

At the end of the term our rifles were called in by the Defence Department for the object, so far as we know, of helping to arm, temporarily, the reinforcements encamped at Trentham. As the rifles are without magazines there is every probability of their being returned.

TENNIS NOTES.

This term has seen a marked increase in activity in this department of our athletics. At the beginning of the term the boarders formed a Tennis Club. Oliver was elected secretary, and a committee consisting of Quilliam, Yates, Sykes, Hamerton, Winfield, and Lucena was elected to manage its affairs.

One of the results of this step was the formation of two ladders—junior and senior—each consisting of twelve members. The player occupying first position on the junior ladder was free to challenge the member at the bottom of the senior and so work himself higher.

A match with the masters was arranged for April 10—teams to consist of ten a-side. Naturally this put more enthusiasm into the players, and for a few days before that date the court was in great demand. The weather was all that could be desired, and some good tennis was seen. The following are the results:—

SINGLES.

Masters.		Boys.	
Mr. Ryder	9	v. Oliver	2
Mr. Rockel	9	v. Yates	6
Mr. Espiner	9	v. Winfield	2
Mr. Bottrill	9	v. Hamerton	4
Mr. Diprose	9	v. Quilliam	4
Mr. Searle	9	v. Sykes	3
Mr. Moyes	1	v. Atkinson	9
Mr. Hamblyn	5	v. Copestake	9
Mr. Hutton	2	v. Mace	9

Candy won by default from Mr. Balham.

DOUBLES.

Messrs. Ryder and Rockel 9, v. Oliver and Yates 4.
Messrs. Espiner and Bottrill 9, v. Winfield and Hamerton 0.

Messrs. Searle and Diprose 9, v. Quilliam and Sykes 4.
Messrs. Moyes and Hamblyn 3, v. Atkinson and Copestake 9.

Candy and Mace won by default from Messrs. Balham and Hutton.

Results:—

Masters	92	games	9	sets.
Boys	65	games	6	sets.

At last our long felt need has been supplied in the form of a new tennis net. We are now able to play a game without wasting half our time holding a debate in the centre of the court as to whether the balls went over the net or through it.

Towards the end of the term the asphalt began to wear and we sincerely hope that during the holidays it will be top dressed and put down once more. Our lawn has not been in a condition fit to play on, although squads have been at work rolling and cutting the grass regularly. We hope that this court, as well as the one which has been laid down this term, will be ready by the end of September.

One of the chief annoyances that the players have to contend with is that of chasing the balls which roll beneath the wire netting. We are sorry to say that

almost every second ball does this, which, although only a small thing, has led to the showing up of numerous tempers—unknown beforehand.

Appended are the highest players in both ladders:—

Senior.—1 Oliver, 2 Yates, 3 Winfield, 4 Hamerton, 5 Quilliam, 6 Sykes.

Junior.—1 Reeves, 2 Atkinson ii., 3 Wyborn, 4 Callander.

SHOOTING NOTES.

On Friday, February 12, a general meeting of all those who wished to take up shooting on the miniature range was held in the Preparatory Room to elect a committee consisting of five, and Martin, Bruce, Yates, Atkinson, and Lucena were elected, with Mr. Diprose as chairman.

A particularly large number wanted to shoot this term, 65 giving in their names at the meeting and several others following later on. This meant a good deal of work for the committee, since only 21 boys were needed for the Imperial Challenge Shield teams, and it was no easy matter to select the best.

Towards the end of the “weeding-out” process the rifle which was bought last year, and which has had about 10,000 rounds of ammunition through it, suddenly wore out. A new one of the same pattern was procured, and since then the teams chosen have been practising almost every day.

Near the beginning of the term, Mr. Loveday, the New Zealand ex-champion rifle-shot, with a party of Ohura settlers, came to New Plymouth and inspected our Cadets. He gave a short address, chiefly in connection with rifle-shooting, and presented Mr. Moyes with £2 2s to be used as it was thought best in connection with rifle-shooting. It was decided to buy a challenge cup with the money, to be competed for on the miniature range each year. The condition is the aggregate of the three best out of four shoots, slow, of ten shots each, on regulation bull's-eye targets.

The Senior and Junior Championships are partly incorporated with the competition for the Cup. The three best slow shoots for the Cup, plus the two best out of three shoots, rapid, of ten shots each, on regulation figure targets, are the conditions for the Senior Championship;



and the three best shoots for the Cup, plus the two best out of three slow shoots, of ten shots each, on regulation figure targets, are the conditions for the Junior Championship.

It was intended to have all the miniature range shooting for the year finished by the end of this term. but various difficulties have arisen to prevent the school championships being finished, and owing to the non-arrival of the regulation targets for the Imperial Challenge Shield competitions, these have also had to be postponed until next term. The results of all these will be published in next term's Magazine.

Towards the end of the term it was found that the light on the range in the gully varied too much for good shooting, because of winter coming on, and a temporary range was built in the gymnasium, to be used for the competitions. Mr. Moyes offered a prize of £1 for a set of plans for an electric carrier to run the targets to and fro between the firing-point and the butts. Some very ingenious models of devices have been constructed among the boarders, but the winner of the £1 has not been announced yet.

INGLEWOOD CADET RIFLE MEETING.

The annual rifle match for Cadets in No. 8 Area, which was inaugurated last year by the Inglewood Senior Cadets' Rifle Club, was fired at Inglewood on Thursday, April 22. For some unexplained reason free railway passes were refused by the Railway Department, with the result that the number of competitors was not so large as had been anticipated. Still, about fifty Cadets took part.

The shooting on the whole fell below last year's standard. In the morning conditions were good, and two or three possibles were registered. In the afternoon, while the 500 yards' range was under way, a varying cross-wind baffled many of the competitors, especially those who were accustomed to aperture sights, etc. The shooting was fairly close, shoot-offs being necessary in some cases.

In presenting the medals, Major M'Naught said that he was delighted with the performance of the boys in not too favourable weather. The cold afternoon, with the fresh, fish-tail wind, would have tried the best shots in the Dominion. He did not favour half a dozen members of a company being good shots. He preferred rather

that all should be fair shots. Referring to the success of the New Plymouth High School boys, he said that he had watched their shooting with interest, and had particularly followed Lucena's career. He was pleased to learn that two members of the team that had been successful at last year's shoot were following the military profession, Sutherland having gone to Duntroon and Lepper to Sandhurst. That would be a fine record for any one district, and for a school was something to be proud of. In conclusion, he hoped that the losers would bear their losses with good heart, and that the winners would be modest. The medals were then presented, the recipients being heartily applauded. Detailed results:—

GROUPING, at 25 yards. Five shots; possible 25 points.

Corporal Bayly (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	25
Private A. Wilson (Inglewood)	...	...	25
Sergeant S. Candy (Waitara)	...	...	20
Private H. Hamilton (N.P.)	...	...	20
Private E. R. P. Hill (N.P.)	...	...	20
Sergeant C. Yates (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	20
Sergeant Lucena (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	20
Private W. Luxton (Waitara)	...	...	20
Sergeant Little (Waitara)	...	...	20
Sergeant Mail (Stratford D.H.S.)	...	...	20

SNAP SHOOTING; 200 yards. Five seconds' exposure.
Five shots; possible 15 points.

Private E. R. P. Hill (N.P.)	...	...	15
Private E. Martin (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	12
Corporal Tate (Waitara)	...	...	12
Sergeant W. L. Robinson (Stratford)	...	...	12
Private G. Clark (Eltham)	...	...	12
Private Hamilton (N.P.)	...	...	9
Private Moodie (Stratford)	...	...	9
Private Rogers (Stratford D.H.S.)	...	...	9

RAPID FIRE.—Ten rounds rapid; five rounds in the magazine. Time allowed, one minute. Possible 40 points.

Sergeant Lucena (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	39
Private E. Martin (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	34
Private N. Fookes (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	32
Sergeant Little (Waitara)	...	...	29
Sergeant Coutts (Stratford D.H.S.)	...	...	26

500 YARDS.—Ten rounds slow; 20 seconds allowed for each shot. Possible 40 points.

Private E. Martin (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	30
Sergeant Lucena (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	24
Private A. Wilson (Inglewood)	...	...	24
Private J. Coutts (Inglewood)	...	...	21
Sergeant Mail (Stratford D.H.S.)	...	...	20
Corporal Rogers (Stratford D.H.S.)	...	...	20

GRAND AGGREGATE.

Sergeant Lucena (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	86
Private E. Martin (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	86
Private Fookes (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	79
Corporal Tate (Waitara)	...	...	69
Sergeant Mail (Stratford D.H.S.)	...	...	69
Sergeant C. Yates (N.P.H.S.)	...	...	67
Sergeant W. L. Robinson (Stratford)	...	...	64

TEAMS MATCH.

Challenge Shield, presented by officers of XI. Regiment.
(Present holders, New Plymouth High School.)

N.P.H.S. (Lucena 86, Martin 86, Fookes 79, Yates 67, Bayly 55), 373	.....	1
Waitara (Tate 69, Little 60, Candy 58, Jenkins 45, Limmer 42), 272	.....	2
Stratford D.H.S. (Rogers 69, Mail 69, Coutts 59, T. Lawn 41, C. Lawn 29), 267	.....	3
Stratford (Robinson 64, Moodie 61, Silk 40, Rogers 39, Cameron 30), 243	.....	4

NAVY LEAGUE.

On Thursday evening, April 7, a lecture was given in the Gymnasium by Mr. Palmer, secretary of the Navy League for New Zealand. The teachers and girls from the Girls' High School and a few Old Boys were present. The lecture begun at 8 p.m., Mr. Moyes making a few remarks introducing Mr. Palmer, and giving a short summary of the good work being carried on by the Navy League.

Mr. Palmer, after a few introductory remarks, began the lecture. He showed pictures of ships of war from Alfred the Great's little fleet to the huge ironclad mon-

sters that patrol the seas at the present day. The Tudor period saw much of the development of the navy, the short, easily manoeuvred ships of Drake and Frobisher having a great advantage over the big unwieldy vessels of the Spaniards. The navy next showed its prowess in the days of Nelson. It was all that stood between Napoleon and his great ambition, the conquest of Europe. Soon after this comes the advent of the steam-driven vessel, a great step in the history of all navies and shipping. The very first ships using steam used sails in addition. The exploit of the Calliope was a triumph for the steamship as well as for the British Navy. The first ironclad, the Captain, came to a disastrous end. The masts, being altogether too high, made the ship top-heavy, with the result that she capsized in comparatively shallow water, and sank with all hands. But man must needs pay dearly for some of his inventions, and now all battleships are ironclads. The armour-plate a few years ago was much thicker than it is now; but it was also softer and therefore without so much resisting power. The first "Dreadnought" built was hardly a success as it was too long and drew too much water, and consequently had to be altered at great expense. With regard to this "Dreadnought," the Germans were tricked very neatly. Their curiosity to find out something about this much-talked-of "Dreadnought" was intense. When, after the secret trials, the Admiralty saw their mistake, they intentionally allowed the original plans to fall into the hands of a German spy. Soon after this the Germans built several vessels of this type, with the result, of course, that they had to be rebuilt at tremendous expense. The tripod mast, through which one may climb to the conning tower, was first to be seen on a "Dreadnought." The trawlers are ships that are carrying out a dangerous and essential but nerve-racking work. Their crews are for the most part poor English coast fishermen, who volunteered at the outbreak of war for this work, and are perhaps the bravest and most unappreciated men in the service. The torpedo destroyer could not, in its first stages of development, take a heavy sea. Now, however, it holds a most important position in the modern navy. Destroyers are very fast, and are invaluable in a fight in which submarines participate. The Swift is among the most modern and valuable of destroyers.

During the evening Mr. Palmer showed slides of many ships which have been sunk in the present war; of mines, illustrating the way in which they were placed in a minefield; of the Kiel Canal, of the dockyard at

Wilhelmshaven, of the coaling of a warship (a dirty and objectionable piece of work), of the admirals of both British and German Fleets, and many other interesting views, too numerous to mention.

In concluding, Mr. Palmer explained at length the privileges a member of the Navy League holds, and he expressed a strong hope that a branch of the League would be formed at both Boys' and Girls' Schools. Let us hope that everyone will join, not only to obtain the privileges, but rather to help the Navy, the Defence and Pride of our Nation. It is only by continuing "Mistress of the Seas" that England can remain a nation.

During the evening Mr. Palmer congratulated us on our lantern, remarking that it was better than that which the Navy League used in the Wellington Town Hall before four thousand people. He also kindly donated to the library a copy of "The Riddle of the Sands." The events set forth in this book are absolutely true.

At the end of the term 139 boys had joined the League.

CONCERT CLUB NOTES.

Progress in this department of the school has been seriously hampered this term, owing to insufficient time for rehearsals. Nevertheless, some very enjoyable concerts have taken place.

By means of the New Boys' Concert we were able to pick out a certain amount of talent. The response to our appeal for items has, however, been extremely disappointing, and it is to be hoped that next term will see the boys more keen to assist us in this direction.

We desire to tender our hearty thanks to Messrs. Renaud and Hutton for assisting at the first concert, and, considering that it was pouring with rain, their kindness was appreciated all the more.

The first concert was held in the gymnasium on Saturday, February 27. The programme was as follows:

1. Overture Yates, Moverley, Bothamley.
2. Blindfold Boxing Fookes ii. v. Jackson ii.
3. Piano and Violin Yates i., Moverley.
4. Waltz Yates i.
5. Wrestling Robinson v. Blundell ii.
6. Song (encored) Mr. Hutton.
7. Cockfighting Fouhy v. Borrie.
8. Violin Solo Bothamley.

9. Monologue, "No News" Quilliam.
10. Song (encored) Mr. Renaud.
11. Piano and Violin Yates i., Moverley.
12. Waltz Quilliam.
13. Song, "La Marseillaise" Mr. Balham.
"God Save the King."

The second concert was held on March 20. The programme submitted was as follows:—

1. Overture (Piano, Violin, 'Cello)
..... Yates i., Moverley, Rockel.
2. Song, "Go to Sea" Quilliam.
3. Recitation, "Cohen at the 'Phone"
..... Mr. Hamblyn.
4. Wrestling Borrie v. Fouhy.
5. Song, "Admiral's Broom" (encore "Deathless
Army") Mr. Balham.
6. Blindfold Boxing Williams ii. v. Robinson.
7. 'Cello Solo Rockel.
8. Recitation Mr. Bottrill.
9. Exhibition of Jui-jitsu Meuli and Borrie.
10. Song Fouhy.
11. Scene from "Pickwick Papers." Caste:—
Pickwick Yates i.
Bob Sawyer Death.
Jack Hopkins Copestake.
Noddy Wilson i.
Gunter Quilliam.
Mrs. Raddle Beckbessinger.
Betsy Johns ii.

Mr. Balham's songs were most enthusiastically received, and all joined lustily in singing the choruses. Meuli and Borrie gave a most interesting display of various jui-jitsu grips, and showed themselves to possess a very fair knowledge of the subject. The star item of the evening was the selection from "Pickwick." Yates brought down the house in the title role. Death and Copestake performed admirably, the latter's dress taking the audience completely by storm. However, every performer did well, and we hope this is but the beginning of better things still. The great difficulty is to find time for rehearsals. It is to be hoped that at each concert some new talent will be brought to light.

AGRICULTURE.

Last term we started some box-testing experiments, which were completed about the middle of January. Mr. Blackhall, of Lepperton, was kind enough to send us the soil with which these tests were carried out.

All these trials were performed in triplicate. There were 28 seeds sown in each box, 14 being Ruakura oats and 14 rape. All were planted on October 23, 1914.

For the first week or two records were taken of the number of seeds which germinated in each box. At regular intervals, notes were taken regarding the height, colour and vigour of the plants in each box.

Some Canadian Wonder beans were also sown, but observation was discontinued owing to attacks by insects.

As there was plenty of rain no artificial watering was necessary during the time these tests were being performed.

From the observations taken during the growth of these plants we have concluded that, for oats, the following manurial mixture is most suitable:—4cwt. per acre of super, 1cwt. per acre of nitrate of soda. That most suitable for rape is:—4cwt. per acre of super, 2cwt. per acre of kainit.

Appended are notes on the observations:—

REMARKS ON BOX TESTING EXPERIMENTS.

October 23 to January 10, 1915.

1. No artificial watering—rainfall very fair.
2. Colour and vigour percentages were kept low from the beginning, this being a first trial, in order to allow for any possible marked increase later on.
3. Certain sets have shown the best development, giving the conclusion that for this particular type of soil:—(a) Super 4cwt. per acre, nitrate of soda 1cwt. per acre, is the best mixture for oats; (b) Super 4cwt. per acre, kainit 2cwt. per acre, is the best mixture for rape.
4. Ruakura Oats.—Smut not prevalent, and only a little rust. Thirteen heads affected with smut. Heaviest heads were produced in the case of:—Nos. 1-3, super; Nos. 17-19, super and nitrate of soda.
5. Canadian Wonder Bean.—Germination good. Observation omitted after five weeks, owing to its being attacked by an insect which nipped the leaf off at the joint and so prevented further growth.

6. Rape.—Growth in most cases almost at a standstill during dry weather from November 29—December 20, towards the end of which period both colour and vigour had considerably depreciated. The leaves were then being attacked by the fly. From December 27—January 10 in the cases of Nos. 1-3 (super), Nos. 5-7 (super and kainit), and Nos. 21-23 (super, kainit, and nitrate of soda), marked growth was shown, which even continued after the completion of the trials on January 10. During the end of December and the beginning of January there were a few light showers.

The details so far are as follows:—

BOX TESTING EXPERIMENTS.

General Details.

1. Nature of soil: Light loam.
2. Colour: Dark brown.
3. Texture: Close grain.
4. Capacity for holding water: 1lb. of soil taken after the soil had been evaporated to dryness, and then cooled, held 10oz. of water before it started to drop.
5. Loss on ignition (largely organic):—5gms. of soil were dried at 100 deg. C. till there was no further change in weight. After ignition, loss in weight was 1.08gms. Percentage, 21.6 per cent.
6. Nett weight of half-pint of dried soil: 7oz.
7. Nett weight of soil used per box: 32lb.
8. Nett weight and description of residue: Of 768lb. of soil used in 24 boxes, 8½lb. of rubbish was rejected, consisting of fern and grass roots. Percentage: 1. No stones.
9. Varieties of seed, when and how sown: Ruakura oats, October 23, 14 per row. Rape, October 23; 14 per row.
10. Date thinned and number of seedlings left: November 22. 10 oats per box, 4 rape per box.



CAMERA CLUB PHOTO.

AT THE FOOT OF THE SPHINX.

(Back) T. CROMPTON R. H. BAILY F. HAGENSON A. HARDING V. HALL A. STANLEY.

(Front) N. HARDING A. HAGENSON.

Subsoil trials were performed in one box instead of three, thus maximum germination is number of seeds per box, and maximum colour and vigour is 100 instead of 300.

Box No.	Manure in Lbs. per acre.	Cost per acre	Total germinat'n.	8TH NOVEMBER.			6TH DECEMBER.			10TH JANUARY.		
				Average height.	Colour. 300	Vigour. 300	Average height.	Colour. 300	Vigour. 300	Average height.	Colour. 300	Vigour. 300
1-3	Super 448	£1	27	2.5 in.	60	75	5.6 in.	115	115	21.6 in.	139	162
Subsoil 4	Super 448	£1	5	2 in.	10	15	3.5 in.	15	18	17 in.	20	25
5-7	Super 448 } Kainit 224 }		24	2.2 in.	40	45	5.3 in.	102	120	21.3 in.	129	158
9-11	Kainit 224		26	2.5 in.	45	45	3 in.	52	52	18.3 in.	90	90
13-15	Nil		28	2.5 in.	45	45	3 in.	54	51	17.6 in.	80	81
Subsoil 16	Nil		9	2 in.	10	10	2.8 in.	13	13	10 in.	16	10
17-19	Super 448 } N/Soda 112 }		40	2.6 in.	60	70	8 in.	150	180	29 in.	180	255
21-23	Super 448 } Kainit 224 } N/Soda 112 }		26	1.8 in.	20	20	5.2 in.	89	103	20.6 in.	120	154
Subsoil 24	"		12	2 in.	5	7.5	4.5 in.	13	18	17 in.	30	25
25-27	Kainit 224 } N/Soda 224 }		28	1.8 in.	29	33	3 in.	45	52	17.6 in.	88	92
29-31	N/Soda 112		39	2 in.	45	45	3.1 in.	48	54	17.8 in.	81	81

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.
Crop: Ruakura Oats.

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				Average height.	Colour. 300	Vigour. 300	Average height.	Colour. 300	Vigour. 300	Average height.	Colour. 300	Vigour. 300
1-3	Super 448	£1	30	.5 in.	70	150	4 in.	135	180	8 in.	175	185
Subsoil 4	Super 448						NOT SOWN.					
5-7	Super 448 } Kainit 224 }		32	.5 in.	70	130	3.9 in.	135	182	8.3 in.	175	190
9-11	Kainit 224		32	.38 in.	70	125	2.6 in.	75	135	4.3 in.	75	105
13-15	Nil		29	.25 in.	47	62	1.7 in.	65	62	2.3 in.	32	36
Subsoil 16	Nil		14	.25 in.	17	17	1.2 in.	18	19	2 in.	9½	11
17-19	Super 448 } N/Soda 112 }		30	.7 in.	105	145	6.8 in.	135	210	5.6 in.	90	150
21-23	Super 448 } Kainit 224 } N/Soda 112 }		20	.33 in.	39	39	5.3 in.	142	162	7.3 in.	142	162
Subsoil 24	"		8	.37 in.	15	10	4 in.	15	40	5 in.	35	37
25-27	Kainit 224 } N/Soda 224 }		27	.38 in.	36	39	3.4 in.	80	85	4.9 in.	77	77
29-31	N/Soda 112		39	.5 in.	60	75	2 in.	72	60	3.6 in.	96	90

OBSERVATIONS ON FIELD PLOTS.

The plots 1 to 4 were sown with Ruakura oats and vetches. The vetches grew well, but the birds took most of the oats, and it was found necessary to re-sow. The second time we pickled the oats so as to keep the birds away.

The plots 5 and 7 were sown in Italian rye, prairie grass and cowgrass. The two latter grasses did not grow very well.

Plot 6, which was sown with melilotus alba, was a failure, which was probably due to the dry weather.

Plot 9, which was sown with strawberry clover, did not do very well, and the weeds became very troublesome. It was top-dressed with slag and kainit, and from that time it seemed to grow much better.

The Japanese millet was one of the best crops we had, and at present contains a good deal of forage.

The soya beans was the best crop of its kind we have yet grown. Several of the plants developed nodules, a thing which is more than any other crop of soya beans we have grown has done.

The other plot sown in soya beans was not so good as there were no nodule developments.

The plot sown in light green silver beet is looking very well at present. Although there is a good deal of leaf, the stalk is rather small.

The dark-green silver beet has done better than the light and is about our best crop.

The timothy was somewhat handicapped by the dry weather, but after the rains it came away well, although there was not much development of the heads.

The lucerne plots are very weedy and consequently the growth is poor. Those plots which have been sub-soil-manured have grown better than the others, but they, too, are poor.

This term we have been carrying out certain box-testing experiments with soil procured by Mr. Baylis, from Helensville. The boxes have been green-manured as well as artificially manured.

Each week notes are taken as regards the height, colour, and vigour of the plants in each box, so that we might get some idea as to the manure best suited to soil. As these tests are not quite completed, the results will be printed in our next magazine.

NOTES ON PLOTS AT NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS'
HIGH SCHOOL.—FEB. 21, 1915.

Plots 1-4.—Germination: Vetches good, oats devastated by birds. Second sowing of oats was made between the original rows of vetches. These oats were treated with a mixture of red lead and linseed oil, as a result of which the young plants were not touched. The vetches did poorly until the oats had grown sufficiently to support them. The oats were on the whole rather rusty. Cuttings of 22ft. by 5ft. were taken green, and the weights worked out per acre.

Plot 1.—Height: Oats 5ft. 3in., grey tares 4ft. Tares showed light growth. Green weight, 15.2 tons per acre.

Plot 2.—Height: Oats 4ft. 6in., tares 4ft. Oats thicker than in Plot 1. Green weight, 15.3 tons per acre.

Plot 3.—Height: Oats 5ft., golden tares 5ft. Tares a heavy growth, too heavy for oats. Green weight, 15.8 tons per acre.

Plot 4.—Height: Oats 4ft. 6in., golden tares 3ft. Tares crowded out through weeds, but oats good. Green weight, 12.2 tons per acre.

Plots 5 and 7.—Italian ryegrass, cowgrass, and prairie grass. Germination poor owing to dry weather—progress better towards end of December. Cowgrass and prairie grass poor.

Plot 6.—*Melilotus alba*. Germination poor owing to dry weather. Height, 1ft.-1½in. Pale green, and no sign of nodules.

Plot 8.—Subterranean clover. Sown at end of 1913. Allowed to seed from last year. No sign of young plants as yet. Plants flowered late in May, 1914, so that development may have been prevented.

Plot 9.—Strawberry clover. Germination good. Seeds sown too thick. Dry weather prevented a good start, and later on weeds were troublesome. Lower half was top-dressed with slag and kainit, and showed to distinct advantage. This crop looks as if, under favourable conditions, it would do well in this district.

Plot 11.—Japanese millet. Cold weather November to December. Now coming on well—2ft. to 2½ft. Fair amount of forage.

Plot 13.—Soya bean. Soil inoculated from Moumahaki. First sowing a failure, but a few plants showed signs of nodule development, which has not been seen in our previous crops of soya bean. The plot was sown

a second time later on in January, the top half being sown with the Chambers' sample, while the lower half was sown with the Arundel sample. The former appeared to be a poor sample of seed, and the germination was a failure, but the Arundel sample germinated excellently, and is looking well. (Further report on this plot.)

Plot 14.—Soya bean. Not inoculated. As in Plot 13, sowing was required a second time. Chambers' sample a failure. No sign of nodules on any of the plants.

Plot 15.—Light-green silver beet. Our best results in this crop have been obtained this year. At present the plants are on an average 2ft. in height, but although the development of leaf-blade is good, the leaf stalks are rather poor.

Plot 16.—Dark-green silver beet. Growth excellent; average 2ft. Good development of stalk. This is a very promising crop.

Plot 17.—Timothy varieties. Germination very fair, but dry weather prevented rapid growth. Better growth took place during January, but the development of heads is light. I would like advice re:—(1) Cutting the crop down this year in preparation for next year. (2) Taking notes on the development of the different varieties this year.

Plot 17 (continued).—Perennial Indian corn. Of 5 slips forwarded, one struck, and is doing fairly well. It possesses about a dozen leaves, varying in length from 4in. to 7in.

Plot 18.—Harrison's giant Italian rye. Sown in 1913, cut for seed in beginning of 1914, and allowed the fallen seed to grow. Second growth very poor, although 1913 crop was excellent.

Plots 19-22.—Lucerne. Plots very dirty, and growth very poor with the exception of the portions which had been subsoil-manured. These portions stand at 2ft.-2½ft., and give fairly heavy cuttings.

The following are notes on the field crops sown:—

Upper area of one-third of an acre.—Oats and tares. (a) Strip of one-sixth of an acre was green manured with oats which were ploughed in in September, 1914. Height: Oats 4ft. 6in., vetches 4ft. A very even crop. Green weight, 16.2 tons—the best obtained of all crops. (b) One-sixth of an acre—not green manured. Examined carefully and undoubtedly does not show as solid a growth as (a). Height: Oats 4ft. 5in., vetches 3ft. 6in. Green weight, 12.3 tons per acre.

Middle portion of one-third of an acre.—Partridge peas and oats. Very heavy growth of peas, which practically ousted the oats. (a) Green-manured area. Height: Peas 6ft., oats 4ft. 6in. Green weight, 24.2 tons per acre. (b) Not green manured. Height: Peas 4ft. 6in., oats 4ft. Green weight, 18.4 tons per acre.

Lower portion of one-third of an acre.—Red Kentucky maize. Poor germination. Birds were a little troublesome, but appearances seem to point to poor germinating powers of the seed. Two sowings, and neither successful. Have not been troubled in the past with the germination of maize.

Area of $\frac{2}{3}$ -acre at bottom of horse paddock.—Rye grass and medicago lupulina. Dry weather at time of sowing. Sowing was thin, and a medium strike resulted. Came on well later on. Medicago weak, but rye good, and gave a fair yield of hay.

NOTE.—The various crops of oats and vetches, oats and peas, Italian grass, etc., have been cut for hay by Mr. Ellerm.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Our attention has been drawn to an omission in the list of Old Boys published in the September, 1914, number of the "Taranakian." The name of T. B. Kelly should be added to the list. This name comes just after that of F. Kimbell (480). T. B. Kelly's number, therefore, will for the present be 480A. It is hoped, in time to come, that a complete register of Old Boys will be published, and that, meantime, Old Boys will assist us by pointing out errors and omissions.

W. T. Luxton, who left last year, is farming at Waitara.

A. Wilson has taken up a position in the office of Messrs. Roy and Nicholson, Solicitors.

C. W. Fair (John Bunny) is in the office of Messrs. Weston and Weston, Solicitors.

W. H. Jenkinson, who is in the office of W. Jenkinson and Co., coachbuilders, is now gymnastic instructor at this school.

F. C. Kelly holds a position on the staff of the Herald Office, New Plymouth.

L. Marfell is farming at Toko.

D. Paterson, who won the tennis championship (B grade) of Taranaki last January, is farming at Tarata.

C. Peach holds a position on the staff of Griffiths and Co., New Plymouth.

T. Corkill holds a position in the A.M.P., New Plymouth.

B. Stoddart, we hear, has been farming at Kapuni, South Taranaki.

J. Stohr is in Teed's Pharmacy, New Plymouth. He has just passed the Life-saving Examination for the Bronze Medallion.

R. Hill is in the local office of the Union Steamship Company.

H. Hine is farming at Tikorangi.

M. H. Lepper has been farming at Lepperton.

R. P. Honnor is farming at Huirangi.

I. J. Howell has been transferred to the Auckland branch of the Railway Surveyors.

H. P. Richmond is now with the firm of Buddle, Button and Co., Solicitors, Auckland.

N. R. Healy holds a position in the National Bank, New Plymouth.

Dr. E. I. Faris, of Napier, intends to proceed to the front, so we have heard.

L. G. Bellringer is now in the office of Mr. Lysons, Surveyor, New Plymouth.

A. M. Sutherland and W. N. Leech, who obtained fourth and sixth places respectively in the Duntroon Entrance Examination, are now studying at the Duntroon Military College, Australia. From what we have heard both have been through the initiatory performance without feeling any ill effects.

L. G. Goss, our other Old Boy there, came back for his holidays last Christmas, and in March returned to Duntroon.

H. M. Lepper, whose letter we printed in our last magazine, has reached his destination, Sandhurst, where he has quite got into the run of things. We hear that he has played for the Sandhurst first fifteen and has acquitted himself in true Taranaki style. In one of his latest letters he stated he would be joining his regiment soon.

R. C. Adlam, who went with the Expeditionary Force to Samoa, has returned to the Training College, Wellington.

A. H. Ambury holds a position in Ambury Bros.' clothing establishment.

Rev. R. J. Ambury has lately taken charge of a church in Wanganui East.

E. Armstrong is in Messrs. Roy and Nicholson's office.

W. Arthur is in the employ of the Gas Company, New Plymouth.

L. Avann is still in the Hemp Grading Branch of the Agricultural Department at Foxton.

Joe Ambury is farming in the Hawera district.

L. I. Asher, with Robertson as partner, are indent agents and importers in Auckland, where they are doing well.

F. S. Avery is in the printing business in Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A.

W. R. J. Avery is store-keeping at Awakino.

A. H. Avery is a commercial traveller in Victoria and New South Wales.

A. R. Bayly is on his father's farm at Omata.

F. R. Baker holds a position in the New Zealand Insurance Company at Hamilton.

W. C. Beck is in the Railway Department, Wanganui.

R. G. Brokenshire is in the office of Standish and Standish, Solicitors.

E. Blundell is in the Postal Department, Auckland.

J. N. Bullard is in the office of Mr. H. J. M. Thomson, Solicitor, Inglewood.

A. P. Burkhardt is farming at Kaimata. He is secretary to the Kaimata Tennis Club.

We have received a letter from D. B. Brown, who is in camp at Trentham with the 5th Reinforcements. He states that camp life is agreeing with him, and that he expects to be away by June.

T. M'L. Beck is in the District Engineer's Office, Ohakune, as a Civil Engineering and Drafting Cadet. In his letter to us he stated that, while on business in Taumarunui, he came across C. E. Putt, who is a cadet in the Public Works Department in that place.

B. Norman is with Duncan and Davies, Nurserymen, New Plymouth.

C. C. S. Candy is farming at Lepperton.

G. M. Salt (dux 1914) is attending lectures at the Otago University, where, as he states, he has settled down to regular university life.

J. M'Mahon-Box is in the office of H.M. Customs.



SENIOR FOOTBALL GROUND.



CAMERA CLUB PHOTO.

SECOND GROUND.

T. L. Hawkes holds a position in Mr. Newton King's warehouse.

A. Marfell is farming at Toko.

H. W. Whitham is in the employ of Burgess, Fraser and Co., New Plymouth.

R. Matthews holds a position in the office of the local Borough Council.

T. L. King, who was in the Waitara branch of the Bank of New Zealand, has been transferred to New Plymouth.

C. I. Kirton is farming at Uruti.

K. C. Jury is in the office of the local branch of Cock and Co.

L. W. Hooker is in the Bank of New South Wales, Carterton.

C. A. Evans is in the printing department of Thomas Avery and Co.

L. I. Day has started teaching at the College Street School, Palmerston.

R. S. Campbell is farming at Pihama.

H. T. Blundell holds a position in the office of Newton King.

F. W. Clemow is in the local office of the State Fire Insurance.

C. L. Bacon is in the Bank of New Zealand, Te Aroha.

H. West has for the last few years been in Hood, the chemist's.

L. C. Richards is on the reporting staff of the Herald Office.

N. Skelton is farming at Hillsborough.

A. G. Monk holds a position in the H.B. Clothing Factory, Dunedin.

E. F. Mason, who has completed the Senior Civil Service Examination, is in the Public Trust Office, Hawera.

J. H. Mander is in Okey and Rollo's foundry.

A. F. Little holds a position in the Analyst's Laboratory of the Taranaki (N.Z.) Oil Wells.

H. N. Johnson is in the office of Govett and Quilliam, solicitors, New Plymouth.

C. T. E. Gibson holds a position in Bellringer Bros., ironmongers, New Plymouth.

W. B. Fordyce is in the engineering shop of Price's, Auckland.

G. Chong has, for the last year or so, been at Sykes's chemist shop.

V. H. Vickers is farming at Omata.

K. S. and G. H. W. Ewing, who are at the Y.M.C.A., Auckland, just about scooped the whole of the swimming prizes at a recent gathering of the Y.M.C.A. Swimming Club. In the 25, 50, and 100 yards they both filled either first or second places, and in a neat-header Willard also gained first place.

D. L. Teed is in Hall's Pharmacy, New Plymouth.

R. G. Sinclair is in Newton King's garage.

F. J. Rowlands holds a position in the Mangorei Butter Factory.

G. H. Martin is in the Bank of New South Wales, Tokomaru Bay.

H. W. Kirkby is in the office of Mr. Johnstone, solicitor.

C. J. Hamblyn has taken up a position on the staff of the New Plymouth Boys' High School.

R. B. Gray is farming at Okato.

A. T. Bacon is in Okey and Rollo's foundry.

L. Mace holds a position in the Bank of New South Wales, Stratford.

P. Wright is in his father's office, Stratford.

T. Simpson holds a position on the staff of the Herald Office.

E. Grant is in the Bank of New South Wales, Hastings.

E. Day holds a position on the staff of the Union Bank of Australia, Wellington.

N. Day is first assistant at the Waitara Public School.

F. E. Clarke is in the office of the New Zealand Flour and Produce Agency, New Plymouth.

A. Morey is in the employ of J. Avery.

Gordon M. Sykes is in the employ of his father.

G. E. Hurle holds a position on the staff of Dalgety and Co., Wellington.

T. V. Tuohy is in the Railway Department, Wellington.

H. Patterson is in the electrical department of Smart Bros.

R. Blanchett holds a position in the Bank of New South Wales, Stratford.

C. W. Quilliam is in the office of his father.

A. Gray is farming at Okato.

I. P. Grant is manager of the Inglewood branch of Weston and Weston, solicitors.

D. A. Harle is with Mr. A. H. Johnstone, solicitor.

A. H. Grant has returned to Wellington from Samoa, where he had been with the Expeditionary Force.

T. G. A. Harle is in the Inspector's Branch of the Union Bank of Australia, Wellington.

E. B. Ellerm is in the New Plymouth branch of the A.M.P.

W. C. Bridger holds a position on the staff of Newton King.

R. H. Jackson is in the employ of the Eltham Box Company.

J. W. Blyde is in the electrical department of Smart Bros.

H. J. Mackie teaches at the Okau School, Mount Messenger.

R. P. Laing is in the Bank of Australasia, Morrinsville.

G. L. Whitaker is in the employ of J. Lister, grocer, New Plymouth.

H. A. Bayly is farming at Tututawa.

J. H. Gibbons is farming at Te Aroha.

W. E. Monk holds a position in the National Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch.

E. C. Evetts is teaching at Oaonui.

P. A. Tunbridge is in the Railway Department, New Plymouth.

H. S. Blythe holds a position in Sargood, Son and Ewen's warehouse, Auckland.

V. C. Tate is farming in the Waitara district.

R. H. Quilliam is in his father's office.

D. L. Collis holds a position in the Native Land Court, Rotorua.

W. E. Jones is in the office of Mr. Malone, solicitor, Stratford.

A. G. Cartwright holds a position in the Inglewood Butter Factory.

A. H. White is in Auckland in business with Skeates.

W. L. Perry is in his father's business.

G. F. Solway is farming at Bell Block.

C. E. Pepperill is in the Railway Department, Invercargill.

G. M. Morey holds a position in Davies, the chemist's.

Philip Grey is in the office of Messrs. Wilson and Grey, solicitors.

H. G. Addenbrooke is farming at Uruti.

H. M. Smith has charge of the photography department of Fraser, the chemist.

A. H. Osborne holds a position in the local branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company.

L. J. Mander is on the engineering staff of the Waitara Freezing Works.

T. V. Rundle is sheep-farming in Wairoa, Hawke's Bay.

N. F. Perry (Farmer) is in his father's shop.

Dr. G. N. MacDiarmid has been appointed House Surgeon in the Public Hospital at Christchurch.

T. King is practising as a solicitor in New Plymouth.

E. S. Osborne is a dentist in Timaru.

R. Paul is a partner in the firm of Jackson and Paul, ironmongers, New Plymouth.

F. R. Baker is in the Hamilton branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company.

R. Reid holds a position in the office of Messrs. Roy and Nicholson, solicitors, New Plymouth.

Dr. J. S. Dockrill, who some time ago volunteered for active service, has been attached to the 29th Regiment, which forms part of the 9th Division of Lord Kitchener's new Army. This, it is understood, will be one of the first divisions to cross to France when the new Army is moved.

W. Saxton holds a position on the staff of the Auckland Electric Tramways.

D. N. MacDiarmid, B.A., is the organising secretary in Australasia for the Soudan United Mission.

Dr. G. M. H. Osborne is practising at Opotiki, Bay of Plenty.

A. Stanford is in the Railway Department, Marton.

E. Stanford, who holds a position in the Eastern Extension Cable Service, has just been for a holiday to England.

C. Potts is in the office of Mr. Penn, Stratford.

H. R. Billing, acting Crown Prosecutor, is a partner in the firm of Weston and Weston, New Plymouth.

G. Shaw is a dentist in Hamilton.

W. Dockrill is in the footwear business in New Plymouth.

W. Bayly is a partner in the firm of Bett and Bayly, garage owners, Palmerston N.

A. Bewley is practising as a solicitor in New Plymouth.

F. Whitcombe has begun practice as a dentist in this town.

D. Wells is farming in the Upper Mangorei district.

S. Paynter is farming at Tarata.

R. English is an accountant at Hamilton.

R. G. Cottier is an auctioneer for Newton King at Stratford.

H. G. Dingle has an estate of several thousand acres in the North Auckland district.

A. C. Binnie is farming up the Carrington Road.

D. W. Hursthouse is an engineer in Wellington.

A. M. MacDiarmid, dentist, of this town, is now captain of A Company, 11th Regiment.

E. C. Robinson, who has lately resigned from the Stratford County Council, to which body he was engineer, and has started business on his own account, was the recipient of an illuminated address as an appreciation of his sterling qualities from the workmen under him.

A. C. MacDiarmid holds a position on the engineering staff of the Ngaurawahia Freezing Works, which are on the Main Trunk Railway.

W. H. Fookes, who is in business as a chemist, has been elected a councillor for Newmarket, Auckland.

C. B. Rennell is in Hall's Pharmacy, New Plymouth.

E. G. O'Carroll is a borer attached to the petroleum bore at Huiroa, outside Stratford.

D. Evans is school-teaching at Opunake.

C. L. MacDiarmid, LL.B., is practising at Hamilton.

F. T. Bellringer is Town Clerk of New Plymouth.

He is also a Major in the Defence Force.

W. A. Guild and G. Bradbury are in the Bank of New South Wales, New Plymouth.

R. W. White and S. Hoby (Cocky) hold positions in the local branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

R. H. Baillie and R. Jackson are in the local branch of the National Bank of New Zealand.

G. G. Newell and E. D. Colson hold positions in the local branch of the Union Bank of Australia.

J. Rickerly is in the Railway Department, Auckland.

J. Duffin is wharfinger at Moturoa.

K. Webster and his brother "Pat" have an auction mart in this town.

B. Skeet is in the employ of Dalgety and Co. in the Wairarapa district.

- L. Connett is farming at Bell Block.
 F. Morgan is assistant-editor of the New Zealand Times.
 P. J. H. White is a partner in the firm of S. B. White and Sons, drapers, New Plymouth.
 R. Wilson is farming at Pahiatua.
 H. Pearce is working at Awakino.
 C. Bayley is farming at Toko.
 F. Brooking is in charge of a sawmill at Pohokura.
 A. Hempton is in the Bank of New Zealand at Wanganui.
 J. Telfar is farming at Urenui.
 F. Catthew is farming at Omona.
 W. Standish is up in Te Kuiti.
 A. Fookes is in the Bank of Australasia in Auckland.
 G. Ryan is practising at Hawera.
 Dr. E. F. Fookes, who is practising in New Plymouth, is a Governor of the High School.
 D. Teed is Mayor of the Auckland suburb Newmarket.
 E. E. Olson is the Town Clerk of Inglewood.
 C. Lever is a land agent at Te Kuiti.
 W. Noble is practising at Wellington.
 L. Downes is farming at Bell Block.
 E. Darnell is farming at Inglewood.
 J. S. Connett is farming at Bell Block, and is Chairman of the Taranaki Agricultural Society.
 H. Fookes holds a position in the Telegraph Department.
 R. Pardy is a journalist in Queensland.
 G. S. Giddy is farming at Stratford.
 F. Cornwall is farming at Bell Block.
 J. M'Neice, we hear, is farming at Awakino.
 C. H. A. Weyergang is said to be fruit-growing at Hastings.
 R. Clemow, who has three sons at this school, is farming at Omata.
 F. Thompson is in Perth, West Australia.
 E. J. Carthew is a land and commission agent of this town.
 F. G. Carthew is farming in the Eltham district.
 C. R. O'Carroll, who has a boy at this school, is a dentist at Inglewood.
 F. C. O'Carroll is farming at Tikorangi.

- N. Cornwall is in command of one of the New Zealand Shipping Company's boats which trade with the British Isles.
 C. Bayly is farming at Toko.
 J. Morey is a partner in Morey and Son's drapery establishment of this town.
 F. W. Humphries is the Oamaru agent for the Union Steam Ship Company.
 W. H. Wainhouse is a pilot at Auckland.
 F. W. Webster is an auctioneer at Stratford.
 L. Webster is a buyer for T. Borthwick and Sons Stratford.
 T. Furlong has a hairdressing establishment in this town.
 W. Weston is an architect in the State of Alabama, U.S.A.
 W. Rawson is the Judge of the Native Land Court, Wellington.
 E. Cunningham is a commercial traveller at Christchurch.
 A. Manners is an engineer at Singapore.
 I. W. Weston is attending lectures at Victoria College, Wellington.
 F. H. Billing holds a position in the Ohura branch of the Bank of New Zealand.
 C. Day holds a position on the staff of Abraham and Williams, merchants, Palmerston.
 R. Fleming is farming at Pungarehu.
 N. F. Little is attending lectures at Victoria College, Wellington.
 L. A. M'Allum is on the staff of Burgess and Fraser, New Plymouth.
 G. Hooker is in the Survey Department at Taumarau.
 H. Sole holds a position on the local staff of the New Zealand Insurance Co.
 The following are with the Main Expeditionary Force in the Dardanelles:—C. Crone, R. H. Baily, E. Cutfield, G. Hawkins, E. C. Stanley, L. P. Sole, A. R. M'Isaac, H. B. Morshead, A. D. Stapp, G. S. Baker, N. B. Howell, J. T. Standish, A. Whitham, W. M. Mulloy, R. L. Okey, W. P. Okey, S. M. Okey, W. Ellis.
 Old Boys who are in training at Trentham are:—D. B. Brown, R. P. Quilliam, W. G. Mander, D. R. Newell, S. V. Paul, T. J. Ellis, G. H. Pott.

Other Old Boys who have enlisted in other parts of the Empire are:—G. Paul, in the Canadian Forces; Joe Pott, with the South African Loyalists; S. Hurle, who is in the E Company, 18th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers; A. C. Coker, who went to New Guinea with the Australians; Dr. J. S. Dockrill, with Kitchener's New Army; C. Cornwall, in the South African Forces; W. V. Patterson, left for Egypt with either the Second or Third Reinforcements; L. Warren has also left for Egypt, but with which reinforcement we know not; R. E. Dowling is with the Medical Corps in the Dardanelles.

We have received a long and interesting letter from G. J. Russell, written at sea between Colombo and Aden. We note with pleasure that he has received promotion, and is now Quartermaster-Sergeant. We wonder if he is now among our boys who are knocking at the gate of Constantinople.

We have also had a letter from Mr. Pridham, in which he sends kind messages to all his old friends. He speaks with appreciation of the list of Old Boys published recently in "The Taranakian."

The following Old Boys have been successful in the recent University Degree Examinations:—First section of examination for degree of Bachelor of Arts, Norman Fenwick Little in English, Latin, Jurisprudence and Constitutional History, Botany; Cecil Wilfred Quilliam in Latin, French History; certificates of proficiency (B.A. standard), Archie William Diprose in Jurisprudence and Constitutional History; sections of the examination for the degree of Bachelor of Laws, Douglas Allan Harle, in Roman Law, Property II., Torts and Criminal Law.

The following engagements are announced:—Lionel I. Asher to Miss Ethel Sullivan, of Auckland; Rev. R. Ambury to Miss Oxenham, of New Plymouth; Mr. A. W. Diprose to Miss Ambury, of New Plymouth.

Of the four New Plymouth men wounded, two are old boys of the local High School and another is a master at that institution.

Corporal Eric B. Ellerm was a member of the office staff of the A.M.P. Society at New Plymouth. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ellerm, Fulford Street. Corporal Ellerm took a very great interest in soldiering, and shortly after leaving the local High School to take up office duties he succeeded in being admitted to the Taranaki Guards, despite the fact that he was under the age limit. On the adoption of the

Territorial system, he was made a sergeant, a rank which he held until the outbreak of war, when, on volunteering his services, he went off as a corporal. It is understood that since then he has been appointed a sergeant. The text of the communication received from Wellington by his father was as follows:—"Advice has been received to-day that your son, Corporal Eric B. Ellerm, has been wounded in the foot at the Dardanelles.—Adjutant-General."

Corporal Vincent J. B. Hall was a master at the New Plymouth Boys' High School. He is the eldest son of Mr. Thos. Hall, District Land Registrar at Auckland, and Mrs. Hall, and one of his three brothers, Private Lionel W. B. Hall, is also with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. Corporal Hall had a very fine scholastic career. He was educated at the Napier Boys' High School, afterwards proceeding to Victoria College, where he was successful in obtaining the M.A. degree. He was then appointed to the local High School, and continued here until the outbreak of war, when he offered his services to the Empire, recognising this course to be the duty of every man not bound by circumstances. He was a very capable and popular teacher, and took a keen interest in coaching the boys in their shooting. The other day he was gazetted a second lieutenant, having sat for the examination before the war.

Private Ernest C. Stanley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanley, formerly of Egmont Road and now of Te Kuiti. Since leaving the New Plymouth High School he has been engaged in farming on his father's property on the Egmont Road. He was a member of the Taranaki Agricultural Society and the Star Football Club. One of his brothers has also volunteered for the front.

EXCHANGES.

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PROSPECTUS.

In accordance with the wishes of the Board of Governors we include the following pages taken from the School Prospectus:—

The school is divided into:—

(I.) The Upper School.—This consists of Forms V., VI.A. and VI.B. In this department boys are prepared for the following examinations:—

- (a) Junior University Scholarship.
- (b) Taranaki Scholarship.
- (c) Matriculation.
- (d) Engineering Preliminary.
- (e) Solicitors' General Knowledge.
- (f) *Entrance Examination for Duntroon Military College.
- (g) Senior Civil Service.
- (h) Pupil Teachers' Entrance Examination.

*This examination is held in December of each year.

The subjects are (compulsory) English, History, Elementary Mathematics, Geography, General Knowledge; (optional—two of the following) Mathematics (Div. II.), Physics, Chemistry, French or German.

The course at Duntroon extends over four years, and from the day of their admission to the Royal Military College, cadets need cost their parents nothing. The Government provides £200 a year for each boy, who is, moreover, able to contribute from the age of 16 to the Public Superannuation Fund. On completion of training at the College at the age of 20 or 22 years, the cadets will join the New Zealand Staff Corps, with the rank of Lieutenant at a salary of £250 per annum. At the usual rate of promotion they will attain in seven or eight years the rank of Captain at a salary of £350, and successively the rank of Major with a salary of £475 after 15 years' service, of Lieutenant-Colonel at £600 after 22 years' service, and of Colonel at £750.

(II.) The Middle School.—This consists of Forms IIIA., IIIB., and IV., and prepares boys for the Upper School. The following examinations may be taken by pupils in this section of the School:—

- Senior Education Board Scholarship.
- Bayly Memorial Scholarship.
- Senior Free Place.
- Civil Service Junior.

THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Scope and Aims.—The aim of this department, which is organised separately from the Upper School, is to prepare boys for secondary education. By combining with the ordinary primary school syllabus the innumerable advantages offered by a secondary school, it so prepares boys that, on leaving it, they proceed to higher work with a minimum of interruption. The courses of study of the Middle and Lower School dovetail, and, as the preparatory syllabus is not fixed by the Education Department, it can here be modified to suit individual requirements. The elements of French, Latin and Elementary Science are taught the pupils by those masters who will subsequently take them for advanced work, thus the continuity of study is uninterrupted.

Organisation.—The schools consist at present of 47 pupils, of whom 12 are boarders, who are subject to ordinary house discipline, including special supervision of preparation of work. The lower division of the school consists of 21 pupils, varying in ages from 8 to 12 years, while the upper division prepares boys for Education Board Scholarships and proficiency certificates. Special schemes of work, covering the whole preparatory progress of a pupil, are in operation.

Class Rooms.—The class rooms are new, large and handsome. They have been specially designed for this department, and are finished in asbestos and oiled rimu. The lower division room is fitted with modern hyloplate blackboards for drawing purposes, while the teaching of geography and history is helped by an electric arc lamp and lantern. All the apparatus necessary for geographical and scientific work is provided.

Library.—The department has a special library of its own, and the reading matter provided is carefully supervised.

Games.—The Lower School enters teams in the local football and cricket competitions, while every boy physically fit takes part in these winter and summer games. In conjunction with the Upper School, the boys play in groups suited to age and weight. All the pupils, without exception, frequently do some gymnastic work in the new school gymnasium.

Cadets.—Those boys who are old enough drill in No. 2 Company of the School Cadets, while the smaller boys receive the elements of drill in special squads.

Boarders.—These pupils are provided with a separate dormitory from the remainder of the school, and in all respects, except as regards length, preparation classes are subject to the ordinary house discipline of the school.

Playing Fields.—The playing fields are spacious, and include an excellent cricket ground, as well as tennis court and miniature rifle range.

The teachers in charge of this department have had special training in primary school work. The boys thus have the benefits of a secondary school training in the way of gymnastics, drill, and the supervision of all school games.

COURSE OF STUDY.

To the Upper and Middle Schools there are three sides, viz.: (1) The Classical; (2) The Agricultural; (3) The Commercial.

The Classical Side.—Subjects of Instruction: English, French, Geography, Arithmetic, Chemistry, Latin, History, Algebra, Geometry, Elementary Physics, Trigonometry, Heat, Elementary Mechanics, Drawing, Woodwork.

The Agricultural Side.—English, Geography, History, Algebra, Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, Botany, Agriculture, Dairying, Animal Physiology, Chemistry, Elementary Mechanics, Book-keeping, Drawing, Woodwork.

The Commercial Side.—English, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Elementary Mechanics, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Commercial Correspondence, Drawing.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Pupils attending the School may compete for the following Scholarships:—

(1) **Junior Board Scholarships.**—These vary in value from £5 to £35 per annum. They are tenable for two years and are open to boys under 14 years of age.

(2) **Senior Board Scholarships.**—Open to boys under 16 years of age and tenable for two years. Value varies from £5 to £35 per annum.

(3) **Bayly Memorial Scholarship.**—Open to boys under 15 years of age and tenable for three years. Value £10 per annum.

(4) **Taranaki University Scholarships.**—Tenable for four years. Value £60 per annum. These are awarded on the results of the Junior University Scholarship Examination, and in order to obtain one a candidate must gain a place on the credit list of that examination. The scholarships are open to all candidates who have attended a school within the Taranaki Provincial District for not less than two years and are between the ages of 16 and 19 years on the 1st day of December nearest to the date of the examination.

(5) **Junior University and Senior National Scholarships.** Value £50 per annum for three years.

FEEES (Per Term).

Tuition—£2 12s 6d., reducible to £2 2s if paid within 31 days.

Board—£15, reducible to £13 if paid within 31 days.

Weekly Boarders—£12 10s, reducible to £11 if paid within 31 days.

Extras—Dinner for Day Boys, £2 2s; Music, £2 2s; Boxing, 10s; Dancing, 15s.

Subscriptions—Games, 4s; Library, 1s; Magazine, 1s.

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Shooting—

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Yates, F. A. Bruce, E. Martin.

Tennis—

Mr. R. H. Espiner (Chairman), N. Quilliam, D. Sykes, C. C. Yates,
D. Winfield, E. Hamerton, H. L. Lucena, P. Oliver
(Secretary).



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EDITORIAL.

IT is now just over a year since the Declaration of War, and the end seems still very far off. With every draft of reinforcements or of new battalions some of those closely connected with us are going, and the real meaning of the war is being brought home to us. Over eighty of our old boys are either at the front or are on their way there, and if the war continues for another year, as seems most likely, no doubt still more will be going. A school magazine is not the place in which to discuss the aspect or phases of the war, but the gravity of the issues at stake compels us to turn our thoughts constantly towards this subject. We may inquire in what way the war has affected us. In the first place one or two boys have left because of the dislocation caused by the departure of volunteers. The work at home has to be done, and those who have had to leave for this reason are really serving the country by allowing someone else to go to the front. This remark also applies to those who, for a similar reason, have been prevented from entering the school. Thus, no doubt, the roll number has suffered somewhat. Those of us who are still at school are having practical lessons in patriotism. This does not mean merely that we are contributing to the various funds, but that we are being taught to do our duty towards our country. As has often been said before,

the greatest mark of confidence that our cause is a righteous one and that right will in the end most surely conquer might, is to go about our daily work calmly and with the least possible dislocation of existing institutions. We can all help in this. It is characteristic of the British people that they are not very excitable or spasmodic. We may even, as the Frenchman said, "take our pleasures sadly." But this very characteristic enables us to allow our affairs to go on much in their normal way. It is difficult for both masters and boys to concentrate their attention upon the regular school work, but nevertheless good solid work is being done. The fact that masters and boys who were with us even so late as last year are now at the front proves a constant distraction. Nor would we have it otherwise, for we know that there are higher things than the mere acquisition of knowledge.

There are not wanting those who consider that, in the present time of national stress, sports and athletics should be materially reduced. Whether this is true or not of sport in the usual sense as regards the public is not for us to say, but it is undoubtedly untrue in the case of school sport. To adhere to the regular routine of school games and the necessary training involved implies no ignorance of the seriousness of the present crisis, and no lack of sympathy with the awful sufferings and losses caused by the war. On the contrary we firmly believe that the recreation which games and sports afford is absolutely necessary if all the faculties of our boys are to be cultivated; and perhaps it would not be going too far to say that this cultivation is at the present time specially necessary. After the war the country will need, more than ever, all the best energies of all the best men, in order to make good the awful wastage of the present. A further point, and this must not be overlooked, is the matter of the employment of time. Surely it is far better that young people, and especially boys, should employ their leisure in wholesome sport than in moping about occupied with nothing but uneasy thoughts. We have every sympathy with the clergyman who said, "I would fifty times sooner have my boy break his leg at football than hang about the street-corners." This is putting in a nut-shell one of our strongest arguments for the normal continuance of sports and games.

Each year sees a considerable increase in our numbers, and the difficulty of accommodating both staff

and boys is a perennial one. The situation has now become acute, and more room is absolutely necessary if the school is to continue its progress. The Board is faced by serious financial difficulties, as a new building for the Girls' High School has also to be erected. But authority has been obtained from the Education Department enabling the Board to borrow an additional sum of £3000. This should enable a start to be made with the buildings at both schools. The plans for our new block have been sent to Wellington for the approval of the Department, but, so far, they have not yet been returned. Now that the Minister of Education is no longer also the holder of the portfolios for Finance and for Defence, there is every probability that educational matters will be attended to with much greater promptitude. There is no doubt that Mr. Allen would in any case have been overloaded by the three portfolios, and, in view of the enormous increase of work caused by the war, it was quite impossible for one Minister to cope with the whole business in each Department. We have therefore every confidence that the plans will be returned at an early date with the approval of the Department, and that the erection of the new buildings can be at once begun.

We have often wondered whether the people of the town fully realise what an asset a really well-equipped and well-managed secondary school is. To the business man it must mean increased business. It is not merely that the presence of a large boarding establishment involves the expenditure of a large sum of money in the town; but that the town is thereby rendered more attractive both to visitors and to intending residents. In order then that the school can prove (we are reasoning on the lowest possible basis) such an asset as we have indicated, several things are necessary, that is, in order that the school may work with the maximum efficiency. First comes the matter of commodious and convenient buildings. If the townspeople were wholehearted in this matter and spoke in no uncertain voice and with unmistakable unanimity, this point, at any rate, would be secured. Then comes the all-important question of sufficient and suitable grounds. In times past too little attention was paid to this point when sites were secured for secondary schools. In many instances, too, quite unsuitable sites were chosen. Every secondary school should have at least 30 acres of fairly

level land and be placed in a good situation. To have set aside such tiny areas of land as were usually set aside, argued a great want of faith in the future of any school. So far as we know, only one secondary school in New Zealand has 25 acres of ground attached to it. One direct consequence of this is the fact that this particular school is one of the most successful and progressive in the whole of the Dominion. Again, the equipment of secondary schools ought to be as complete as possible. Too often this matter is overlooked, and an harassing system of entertainments, subscription lists, and school contributions has to be resorted to in order that the necessary funds may be raised. The work of both masters and boys is sufficiently arduous and important without the waste of energy that this practice involves. It needs no further labouring of the point to prove that good buildings erected upon spacious grounds and well-equipped are an ornament and a matter of pride to the town. There is one further point, which might perhaps be mentioned. If the secondary school is properly equipped and is loyally supported by the whole community it will then be enabled to take up what we might call, for want of a better name, Higher Secondary Education. By this is meant education above Matriculation standard. In New Plymouth we are half-way between Auckland and Wellington, where the University Colleges are situated. Many a lad who is desirous of doing University work is unable, for various reasons, to attend the University. The degrees of B.A. and LL.B. can be taken by students who are not attending a University College. For such students the High School provides the necessary tuition. In fact, we have begun this work already in the New Plymouth Boys' High School. We repeat, that the better equipped and supported the school is, the better can we carry out this important work; and it needs no very penetrating eye to see that this must greatly benefit the town. In this connection there is yet a further point. Is it quite beyond the bounds of possibility that some day Taranaki will require a University College of its own? It is perfectly true that this day would, in normal times, be some distance ahead, and that the war has put back the hands of the clock. But Taranaki has before it a great future. Its resources are hardly touched. And when the day arrives, as we feel sure it will arrive, in our organised higher secondary work we shall have the nucleus of the University College.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

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The following have left during the term:—D. Grant, A. Jones, E. Herbert, R. Le Pine, R. Cocker, J. H. Kendall, V. Kirkby, N. Sole, R. Cock, A. Hastie, D. Hughes, S. Martin, P. Hunger, V. Carthew, H. Weston.

The following have entered this term:—H. B. Gibson, G. Rodger, C. Rigg, M. Amor, C. M'Kay, E. Pope, L. B. Bryce, A. W. Young, J. L. W. M'Lean, A. A. M'Kean, L. Fussell, W. Amor, G. Grover.

During the recent visit of Mr. Gill a definite arrangement was entered into with regard to the Preparatory Department. Hitherto critics of the Lower School have contended that this department was a mere luxury simply duplicating the work of the primary schools. There has been a tendency to forget that the proper secondary school spirit can be more easily instilled into juniors who are brought from the first into contact with the corporate life of the school. This training is specially valuable as an aid to moral education and gives a boy some practical ideas of what a community is. There he learns the interdependence of all the members and the duties incumbent upon all. Should this be the only good that accrues, a well-conducted Preparatory Department amply justifies its existence. But, as hinted above, our Preparatory Department goes much further than this. It has been definitely arranged that the secondary subjects shall be begun well down in the lower school. This is with the deliberate intention of preparing the boys for the higher secondary work to be undertaken in the upper school. Thus the Preparatory School will be such in reality and not merely in name. There is to be no lowering of the standard, but only an alteration in the distribution of the work. Thus Nature Study, Handwork, etc., will be curtailed to allow of some Latin, French, Geometry, etc., being done. The upper boys will continue to sit for their Proficiency Certificates as before, and the work done in the secondary subjects will be taken into account by the examining inspector. This is what we have contended for all along; and we feel sure, now that the real function of the lower school has been clearly defined in this satisfactory manner, that the Preparatory Department will do even better work than in the past.

As usual in the second term we were paid a visit by the Education Department's inspector. Last year it was Dr. Anderson, and this year it was Mr. Gill. He exam-

ined all the candidates for a Senior Free Place. The results will not be available for some time, but we fancy, from the kind of papers set and the answers given, that most of those sitting will be successful. Mr. Gill also spent a good deal of time in the Preparatory School. He seemed pleased with all he saw both there and in the Upper School.

The masters and boarders have decided to contribute monthly the sum of £8 towards the Fund for Wounded Soldiers. This amount is regularly paid in to the office of the Taranaki Herald.

At the end of the term there was quite an exodus of masters. Mr. Hamblyn left to join the camp preparatory to sailing with the Eighth Reinforcements, Mr. Buxton has been appointed Permanent Quartermaster-Captain on the troopship Willochra, while Mr. Espiner went into camp also. During Mr. Buxton's absence his commercial classes will be conducted by his partner, Mr. Falconer, F.I.A.N.Z.

One of our old boys of last year, W. H. Jenkinson, who has been Gymnasium Instructor, has also gone into camp.

Nearly the whole school turned out on the evening of August 23 to be present at the farewell to those volunteers who were leaving New Plymouth to go into training as members of the Eighth Reinforcements. Interest was added by the fact that a number of old boys were among those leaving. Short farewell addresses were given, and the usual patriotic music was played, while the train steamed out of the station amidst hearty cheers.

In this number we print Calverley's well-known examination-paper on Dickens' "Pickwick Papers." A book prize is offered for the best paper of answers handed in on or before December 1. There are no restrictions as to the answering of the paper. Competitors are quite at liberty to consult "Pickwick" when writing their answers. They are also requested to quote the chapter in which occurs the answer to any question. This is, it need hardly be said, for the convenience or the information of the judge. No prize will be awarded unless 40 per cent. of the possible marks is gained.

An orchard of some seventy or eighty trees has been planted near the agricultural plots. The working of this orchard will afford instruction in this department of school-work. We understand that the boarders are already promising themselves that they will reap where

others have sown. Should their anticipations be realised there will be a temporary slump in business down at Teapot's.

The Board of Governors has, with a view to erecting another block of buildings, acquired several fine sections on the side of Hendry Street, opposite to the present house-block. The site is high and level, and is an ideal one in every respect. We hope the new buildings will be ready for occupation when school opens next year.

While doing a turn with the Jiu-Jitsu experts in their unparalleled variety show on the Fete day Copestake was unfortunately thrown on to his shoulder. Examination revealed that the shoulder had been dislocated. Dr. Fookes was soon in attendance and the dislocation was immediately reduced. This accident, though not really serious, deprived the first fifteen of one of its three-quarters in the inter-school matches played at Napier.

Although we have not yet attained the dignity of a school orchestra, we have a most enthusiastic quartette in Bothamley (violin), Moverley (violin), Rockel (violin-cello), and Roberts (piano). Twice a week they are helped by Miss Dowling, who has spared neither time nor pains. We hope that this quartette will be but the nucleus of a school orchestra. In fact the quartette, led by Miss Dowling, played several items at the Fete during afternoon tea. This formed a pleasant variety to the excellent pianola music supplied by the instrument kindly lent by Mr. Hoffmann.

The first of our old boys to give his life for his country was Corporal Sole, and shortly after came the news of Mr. Hall's death. On receipt of the latter news on June 7 the whole school was assembled in the gymnasium and a short memorial service was held. Mr. Moyes read special prayers and gave a short address, pointing out the greatness of the sacrifice made and what true patriotism is. We who are left at home have our plain duty, and we must ever remember those who are daily facing death for us. Two hymns, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Days and Moments, Quickly Flying," were sung, and then the "Dead March" was played. A recess for two periods was given, and then school was resumed, but in a very subdued mood.

This term no fewer than four boys have had to undergo operations. Rawson was in a private hospital for a few weeks and then returned fitter than ever. Cecil

Fookes was suddenly taken ill with appendicitis and was operated upon successfully and is making good progress. Then Ken. Robinson followed suit. We heard that just after his operation, while the nurse's back was turned, he hopped out of bed and ran across the room to get something or to do something. He returned to school several weeks before the end of the term. D. Mackie's case was much more serious, and he has spent most of the term in the New Plymouth Hospital. He had several bad turns after his operation, but we are glad to say that he is now well on the mend, and will be back again next term, we feel confident.

Towards the end of the term D. Sykes and A. Jones sat for Section A of the Pharmacy Examination, and both were successful.

In the last number of the "Taranakian" Stohr was credited with winning the New Boys' Race at the annual swimming sports. This was wrongly reported, the real winner being Hooker. We are sorry that this error should have crept in.

At a recent examination in English one of the questions was: Write sentences showing the proper meaning and use of the following words: Migratory, criterion and others. This provoked the following effusions:—

Thousands of emigrants were helped by the "migratory" office every year.

When they heard that the man was drunk they reached the "criterion" cause of the disaster.

The boarders were not allowed much "criterion."

We consider that the fact that in these two last sentences "criterion" is spelled with a small "c," does not free the authors from the imputation of making a sly hit at a well-known establishment in the town. We hope that the above suggestions will not create any unfavourable prejudices in the minds of the members of the Licensing Committee.

One youth was asked to paraphrase Keats' Sonnet beginning "Four seasons fill the measure of the year." When he came to the lines—

He has his summer, when luxuriously
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Two others on being asked how Britain acquired Cape Colony stated that "it was conquered from the boars in 1899." We simply refuse to believe the statement.

Two others yet translated Maeterlink's remark that the bee showed special irritation at the approach of a storm ("orage") by "the bee shows itself specially irritable at the approach of an 'orange'"; while another authority stated that it was a "bull" that caused the special irritation.

The present season seems to have produced more casualties than usual on the football field, and, no doubt, there are not wanting those who decry more than ever the "nasty, rough game." Fairly early in the season Bruce had his ankle hurt at Eltham, and later on M'Murray had a similar experience. The last victim was Hamerton, who bruised the muscle of his leg in the furious combat of Form IV. v. Form V. But we notice that Bruce has taken the field again, while M'Murray was there against Napier and Palmerston, and Hamerton is now convalescent.

Although the middle term is the "solid" term of the year when most of the work is done, we have had a good many outings. The chief entertainments patronised by boys have been the concert given by the Girls' High School, the Cherniavsky Brothers' concert, the Dandies, the Winter Show, and last but very far from being least, the Pictures. It is not to be supposed that every boy went to each one of these entertainments, much as he would have liked to do so. We understand that the Pictures are recommended as the very best cure for brain-fag.

This term boxing has flourished. Mr. Sutherland came up several evenings each week and spent much time and pains on his pupils. The first exercises consisted of learning to hit straight and hard at punching-bags. When some proficiency was acquired in this indispensable part of the science, other boys were substituted for the bags. The boxing boys owe the dancing class a grudge, however, as the latter make the floor so slippery that we sometimes feel like Mr. Pickwick or Mr. Winkle on ice. It is provoking when one is about to deliver a knock-out blow to find one's feet slip, and the intended master-stroke to degenerate into an ignominious flourish of the arms to re-establish equilibrium. However, in spite of this drawback it is our own fault if we have not learned something of the science.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this term the Fifth Form Latin class has had to go into either the Upper Preparatory room or into the Chemical Laboratory for the first period of the day. The Lab. is in the morning the coldest room in the school. It so happened that one sunny morning the class was taken outside by the master, and was busy at Limen, when suddenly a cow rushed up the road from the big gate beside the gymnasium, and ran on to the cricket pitch. Limen was immediately dashed aside and the class gave chase. As often happens, too many cooks spoil the broth, and the owner's dogs along with the boys so frightened the animal that she broke through a fence near Niger House and was hung up above a bank some eight feet high in the nasturtiums. The only possible thing to do was to push her down. She was then driven out on to the road through the Niger House gate. The owner left her calf behind, as he said he did not want it; and it was to be reared for the fete. But alas! next day the owner turned up and took away our hopes. It is a somewhat singular fact that we enjoyed the cow-hunt somewhat better than we did Limen.

One of the events of the term has been the fete in aid of the fund for the wounded. Ticket selling began about the middle of the term and was vigorously prosecuted until the great day. Business was stimulated by the promise of a half-holiday. This was won by the Lower Preparatory Division. In all well over £100 worth of tickets was sold. We were fortunate in securing a fine day for the fete, and everyone concerned did his best towards fitting up and preparing the ground for the function. We are greatly indebted to all those ladies and gentlemen, that gave so liberally of their time and means, and to the public for the most generous patronage extended to our fete, for without all this help we should have had but little success.

On Wednesday, August 4, the whole school attended the meeting convened by the Mayor on the anniversary of the declaration of war. A large crowd assembled at the junction of St. Aubyn and Egmont Streets. The Mayor delivered an excellent address suitable to the occasion. He then moved the following resolution:— "That on this anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war this meeting of the burgesses of New Plymouth records its inflexible determination to continue

to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies." The resolution was carried by acclamation, after which the assemblage, led by the band, sang the National Anthem. Cheers were given for the King, our Allies, and for Lord Kitchener, after which the band played a number of patriotic selections.

In his description of the masters' Common Room one of our contributors remarked on the pictures hanging on the walls. After giving a detailed account of these a "Cupid" with his bow was selected for special comment in these terms: "One of the pictures is Cupid with his bow. It is right that he should be here, as some of the masters are young and ready to be shot."

The Premier, the Right Hon. W. F. Massey, visited the New Plymouth Boys' High School on June 9.

Leaving the White Hart Hotel shortly before 9 o'clock. Mr. Massey and party, in motor-cars kindly provided by Messrs. Luscombe and Phillips, proceeded to the Boys' High School, where the Premier was met by the members of the Board of Governors, the Principal (Mr. W. H. Moyes), and a number of prominent citizens. The pupils were assembled in the new gymnasium, and here Mr. Dockrill expressed his pleasure in being able to introduce to the boys the Premier, whose visit to the school they all very keenly appreciated.

Mr. Massey briefly addressed the boys, and after referring to the manner in which many of the old boys of the school had distinguished themselves after entering upon the more serious business of life, expressed the hope that the present pupils would make the most of their school days and that both now and always they would "play the game"; never do anything that was dishonourable, and always stick to the truth, so that all connected with them or interested in them might feel proud of them. Mr. Massey also touched upon the war, and remarked that the Taranaki boys who were now at the front, and those who were to go with the reinforcements, would do their share of fighting with credit to themselves and to the district to which they belonged.

Mr. Moyes remarked that they all felt greatly honoured that Mr. Massey had found time to visit the school. Personally, he was very pleased to see him there, in the first place because he felt it was of great value to the boys to have the opportunity of seeing and

hearing Mr. Massey—one of those men who, by hard work and straight conduct, had risen to the highest position the land could offer him—and secondly because he felt sure that now Mr. Massey had seen the school he would be able to put in a word for them at headquarters.

The gathering terminated with three ringing cheers for the Premier.

Part of the Gym. ceiling had been carefully covered with asbestos slating. Many were the warnings given against climbing and hiding there. One afternoon a hunted hare dashed in the door and, glancing round for refuge, climbed the wall and lay panting on a rafter. When the hounds had raced by the hare stood up and started to walk along a rafter. His foot slipped. He fell on to the asbestos lining. The slate broke and he fell through but managed to grab the rafter with one hand and hung, suspended some thirty feet above a hard floor. Could he pull himself back? Yes. With a superhuman effort he drags his body up and lies panting on the rafter. It was a very white-faced boy that climbed down to the floor and it is a noticeable fact that hares now seem to prefer a ground hiding place to the more aerial retreat.

The appearance of both the grounds near the house and the cricket-ground has been much improved by the planting of some trees of various kinds. Most of these, consisting of kowhai, tarata, hoheria, and karo, were brought up from the gully. It is to be hoped that they will all grow. A number of shrubs have also been planted. It is but right that our beautiful native plants should be grown wherever possible. There has been of late years, most fortunately, a great revival in the culture of native plants. This is all the more to be desired, seeing that our native forests are doomed to destruction.

During the term Mr. Ward and the boys have been making a grass tennis court alongside the asphalt one but lower down. It had been completed, top-dressed and grass-seed put in. But just when the grass was beginning to come up the weather changed for the worse. Now, beside the court there is a ditch which carries away the storm water from the Avenue Road. One Saturday night the rain simply came down in torrents and did not cease until late on Sunday morning. Mr. Moyes noticed that the court was flooded and that the storm water had carried away a great deal of earth from the end of the court. We (boarders) hurriedly changed into our football togs and rushed to the scene of destruction. There, with spades

and shovels and picks we dug the storm water ditch deeper and the water subsided into its regular course. Further over the end of the court the mud from it lay to a depth of 18 inches. However, Mr. Ward has filled in the hole now and we hope that the storm water will not break over its boundaries in future.

The same stormy weather that produced the roaring torrent down the gully also carried away one Saturday night a portion of the bank at the back of the house and just above the grass tennis court. However, thanks to the mass of roots of the plants growing on the face the damage was not very serious. Anyhow it gave the boarders something to look at and to talk about for a while.

In nearly every number of the "Taranakian" we have complained of the storm water that comes down into the gully like the cataract of Lodore; and we again complain in the hope that our complaints will produce some effect. Every spell of wet weather destroys some part of our filling-up or excavation, and it is doubtful whether the new tennis court can be laid down until the foundation is made quite safe from the attacks of our Lodore. Rumour says that it is just possible that in the long run the masters will don dungarees and spend a day in the gully cutting drains. The sight will be a great one for the boys. Our only fear is, however, that some day in the holidays will be chosen for the operation. But we are inclined to think that "Fame is indeed this time walking with her head in the clouds" although her feet may be in the gully.

During the term an exhibition of jewellery, odds and ends, all sorts of curios and competitions were displayed at the Good Templar Hall, in aid of the Fund for the Wounded. In one of the competitions for meccano models, two of our boys came first in the senior and junior divisions respectively. The senior model was a torpedo-destroyer designed by Pitt. This was afterwards photographed and put in Avery's shop window for show. The junior model was an aeroplane, designed by Blundell ii.

Last term a quantity of good soil was brought up from the gully and put on to the cricket pitch. Next a dressing of papa from the oil-bores was applied. The grass has come through this and is growing well. With the attention which will be given to it the pitch should be better than ever this year. The junior pitch has also been treated in a similar manner. It is impossible to have good cricket unless decent pitches are available.

The football practices and games have, as usual, this season been held on the racecourse. What was formerly

the Star Club ground is now our No. 1. Further over, between this ground and the Jockey Club's result board, a second ground, No. 2, has been laid out. Most of the Second Group practices are held here. The surface is not so even as that of the No. 1 ground, but is improving. The smaller fry still use the hockey ground between the Girls' Hockey Ground and the Agricultural Society's pens. In spite of its somewhat limited size this ground has been the scene of many a fierce struggle. We are still troubled by the barbed-wire fencing near the grounds. So far as we can see it serves absolutely no useful purpose, and it is certainly responsible for much damage to balls and to clothing.

As usual we had two exeats this term. At the first one most of the boarders went home, but unfortunately the weather was very wet. It was right in the middle of the long spell of wet weather we had some time ago. The second exeat was postponed for a week on account of the Inspector's visit; and this time the weather was all that we could desire. Those boarders who did not go home for the two exeats went to the Pictures on each occasion, and, of course, enjoyed themselves. We often wonder what we should do on such occasions but for the Pictures.

Lately, a mania for stamp-collecting has developed in the school; and in sundry corners, keen followers of philately may be seen exchanging their valuable (?) specimens. One of these devotees had commandeered his father's collection, containing many valuable stamps, and was trying to obtain cash to keep him in stick-jaw by selling the collection at a penny a stamp! His dreams of unlimited tuck were soon dissolved as his fellow-philatelists have been forbidden to purchase them.

During the term one of the boys put on some shoes (about two sizes too big for him) belonging to another boy. Later on he got on the trapeze in the Gym., and was swinging on it when suddenly one of the shoes flew off his foot and hit the asbestos on the side of the stage in front of him. The result was a small hole just about the right size for a peep-hole for anyone behind the stage during an entertainment; and no doubt this hole will be used for this invaluable purpose.

Since the beginning of the school year we have been honoured with the attendance of numerous new boys, who, coming too late in the term to take part in the annual New Boys' Concert, thought that they had escaped altogether. Great was their surprise and consternation

therefore when, amidst great applause, a prefect announced before roll call one morning that they must be prepared to serenade the school in a few days. The ordeal was not so terrible as they thought, however, and all of them are still alive and chirping; some, perhaps, not quite so proud of themselves and their vocal powers as before.

As the Taranaki Hunt Club races were held on the racecourse on July 29 our football match against Eltham had to be played on the Recreation Ground, much to the disappointment of the sporting members of our school fraternity. These firmly believe that the "barrack" would not have in any way interfered with the races or with the running of the horses. We understand that a team was to play our Second XV. on Westown Park. Our fellows went over, only to find, however, that the visiting team had found the allurements of the races too great to be resisted. We therefore won this game by default.

In the Old Boys' Notes we publish extracts from the letters of Harper Lepper, giving a consecutive account of his trip to England. We have been obliged, for want of space, to omit many very interesting details. In our next number we hope to be able to give a similar account of a cadet's life at Sandhurst. And we hope that Lepper will be only the first of our old boys to pass through that College.

During the first term Mr. Moyes offered a prize of a guinea for the best design for a contrivance to move the targets on the miniature range. Many of the boarders and a number of the dayboys immediately set to work, and many weird contrivances were wrought. The Physics Lab. was converted into an amateur workshop, and the local Edisons would lock themselves in and rigorously exclude any "spies." During the present term all the inventions were carefully examined, with the result that Mr. Moyes was unable to decide between the productions of Pitt and of Fookes i. The prize was accordingly divided between these boys.

Owing to increase in the area of ground required for the agriculture plots a new paddock has been fenced in for the horses of the country boys. This is an improvement from two additional points of view. In the first place it enables, as one gentleman put it, the horses to have a little variety in their diet, a little gorse and fern being now available. But the second and greatest advantage is the time and labour saved by boys having to go only half the distance to get their horses. This is a

great matter, as the time of the average boy is so very limited that it is of the highest value—too valuable to be spent in going 400 yards to get a horse. The time would be far better spent in going to Teapot's.

On the evening of the day after our fete we concluded the dancing season with a long night. During the day we worked hard and succeeded in making a good floor. Each boy brought three bottles of drink and the girls supplied the cakes. A programme had been posted up and several of our younger members showed great keenness in booking dances for days before and besieged the girls the moment they stepped inside. The supper and drinks were greatly appreciated and the boarders especially made short work of them. Some of the boarders who do not take dancing waited outside in the hope of getting something to eat, but we made too clean a sweep. Dancing stopped at eleven o'clock, and after "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" had been sung, we went to bunk, tired but happy.

On Monday, August 23, the school was assembled in the Gymnasium, to bid farewell to Messrs. Espiner and Hamblyn. Mr. Moyes, in addressing us, said that we had met to perform both a pleasant and an unpleasant duty; pleasant, in that we were all proud to see that the two masters had answered the call; and unpleasant in that the school was losing two old friends. Continuing, he stated that he was sure that the two masters carried with them the very best wishes of the whole school, and the hope for a safe and speedy return. Mr. Espiner and Mr. Hamblyn were then asked each to accept a small present in the form of a case of pipes as a mark of our appreciation. Mr. Espiner was greeted with applause on responding. He said that he was hoping his departure had been unknown, because he was very much averse to saying "good-byes," as we all knew. However, he was very grateful for the token, and thanked us one and all. Mr. Hamblyn also suitably responded. The meeting terminated with rousing cheers for the two masters.

Subsequently, Mr. Espiner was the recipient of a fountain pen from his form, IIIb. The Lower Preparatory Department, also presented Mr. Hamblyn with three pocket-knives and a pack of cards.

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FORM AVERAGES.

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Form VIA.—As so many boys in this form are doing different work, no comparison or usual mark list is possible. The members of this form are preparing for higher commercial and agricultural work, for the Public Service Senior, or for University Terms.

Form VIb., 55.—1, K. Brokenshire, 74; 2, C. Yates, 67.
Form V., 55.—1, M. Atkinson, 70; 2 (equal), E. Hamerton 69, E. Tansey 69.

Form IV., 44.—1, D. Doile, 63; 2, A. Brooker, 61.

Form IIIa., 62.—1, K. Roberts, 81; 2, H. Goss, 77.

Form IIIb., 55.—1, R. Murray, 69; 2, H. Pirrit, 65.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III., 66.—1, Webster, 90; 2, Pope, 85.

Form IIa., 59.—1, Fagan, 68; 2, Hughes, 63.

Form IIb., 64.—1, Holden, 85.5; 2, Mackay, 85.

Form II., 50.—1, Williams, 75; 2, Neal, 73.

Form Ia., 66.—1, Lysons, 80; 2, Blundell, 78.

Form Ib., 58.—1, Fookes, 62; 2, Gilmour, 54.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is the complete list of old boys who have either gone to the front or who have enlisted. The total number is 83. As the total number of old boys available is about 570, the percentage of volunteers is between 14 and 15. This must be considered a high percentage, especially seeing that many of the older old boys are over the age for service. In this number we publish a number of photographs of those who have responded to the call of the country.

Killed in Action or Died of Wounds.

PRIVATE GRIFFITHS, S. J.—Died of wounds. Left with Main Body, before which he was teller in the local Branch of the Bank of New South Wales.

CORPORAL HALL, V. J. B.—Died of wounds.

SERGEANT MULLOY, WATTIE.—Killed in action. While at school was a good all-round sport. Left school to join the Bank of New South Wales; went with Main Body.

LANCE-CORPORAL SOLE, L. P.—Died of wounds. Left with Main Body. Was employed as a reporter by the Taranaki Herald.

Wounded.

Pte. Baker, S. G. (wounded twice).	Trooper M'Connell, T.
Sgt. Ellerm, E. B.	Lieut. Matthews, N.
Pte. Hill, L. G.	Sgt. Okey, S. M.
Pte. Howell, N. B.	Pte. Patterson, W. B.
Lieut. Lepper, H.	Pte. Stanley, E. C. (wounded twice).
Pte. Morshead, H. B.	Pte. West, V. W.
Trooper Malone, T.	Corp. Whitham, Alf.

New Plymouth Boys' High School Old Boys.

Pte. Avery, Harry (Australian Force).	Sgt. Glasgow, W. B.
Pte. Adlam, R. A. (Samoan Force).	Pte. Griffiths, S. J.
? Bollinger, G.	Driver Gaukrodger, R.
Corp. Billing, F. H.	Pte. Hill, L. G.
Pte. Baker, S. G.	Sgt.-Major Hawkins, G. J.
Pte. Baily, R. H.	Lieut. Hurle, S. H.
Gunner Blythe, H.	Pte. Healy, A.
Pte. Brown, D. B.	Pte. Howell, N. B.
Capt. Buxton, T. L.	Pte. Haworth, L. G.
Sgt. Baker, F. Russell.	Corp. Hall, V. J. B.
Major Cornwall, C.	Pte. Hamblyn, C. J.
Pte. Crone, C.	Pte. Hill, W.
? Coker, A. C. (Australian Force).	? Hirst, J. B. (in Flanders).
Pte. Cartwright, A.	L.-Cpl. Jenkinson, W. H.
Sgt. Cutfield, E.	Trooper Knight, G.
Pte. Collis, D.	Lieut. Lepper, H.
Lieut. Dockrill, J.	Trooper Lusk, D. A.
Pte. Dowling, R. E.	Sgt. Mulloy, W.
Private Ellis, W.	Pte. Medway, J.
Corp. Ellis, T. J.	Pte. Morshead, H. B.
Sgt. Ellerm, E. B.	Trooper Mander, W. G.
Lieut. Faris, E. I.	Sgt. M'Arthur, Alf. (Samoan Force).
L.-Cpl. Grant, Alf. (Samoan Force).	Q.M.S. M'Isaac.
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	Lieut. Matthews, N.

Pte. Mackie, H. J.	Pte. Quilliam, Reg.
Pte. Newell, D.	Sgt. Quilliam, Ron.
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Pte. Okey, R. L.	Driver Stapp, A. D. (invalided home).
Lieut. Pridham, C.	Major Standish, I. T.
Pte. Perry, W. L.	Pte. Stanley, E. C.
Pte. Patterson, W. B.	L.-Cpl. Sole, L. P.
Pte. Pott, I. W.	Drummer Smith, L. ? Simmons, W.
Pte. Pott, G. H. (in Africa).	Pte. West, V. F.
Pte. Potts, C. H.	Pte. Warren, L.
Corp. Paul, S. V.	Pte. West, H.
? Paul, G. (with Canadians).	Corp. Whitham, A.

The following have enlisted and not yet been called upon:—

Lieut. Espiner.	Pte. Ewing, S.
Pte. Matthews, A. B.	Pte. Callaghan, F.
Pte. Mace, Dick.	Pte. Hoby, S.
Pte. Blanchett, R.	

HOUSE NOTES.

Several new boarders have joined us this term, though we have also to record the departure of some of our fellows. The new boys are Pitt, M'Kay, Amor, Maclean, and Rodger. The latter was previously a pupil at the Gisborne High School. Those who have left us are Hunger, Hastie, Hunter, Quilliam. All the new boys have been formally initiated and christened. The following are the names bestowed on them:—Rip alias Rosy alias Radish; Mac; Sute; Flabby; Switchback alias Peanut; Choppy; Amos alias Moses; Dreamy alias Barney; Guy Fawkes; Pip alias Atty. ii.; Puff-puff; Bushy Bill; Ivan; Casey; Morkey; Riggles; Ducky; Eddy; Horry; Jimmy alias Ernie; Grandad; Bracey; Pat; Judge; Bob alias Opossum; William Henry; Farmer.

Several exciting incidents have occurred this term, chief among which was, perhaps, our raid on the dining-room. When the masters had finished supper, two daring youths, at about midnight, crept bravely into the dining-room, only to find that someone had been before them, and that a great deal of food had disappeared. Nevertheless, they found enough to make them uncomfort-

able. However, signs of their carousal were found, and a settling-up followed.

Another night a musical concert was held. Also a record for staying awake was created. It may be noted that it is not universally agreed as to the exact hour of going to sleep. The result of this late night was a houseful of sleepy boarders, and the master on duty had a good time waking them.

During exeat the usual pillow-fighting ensued. One battle was so heated that a window was broken.

We have pleasure in recording the fact that a boarder, namely Pitt, gained the Meccano prize. Evidently house tucker is conducive to prize-winners.

A large number of boarders have been swotting for the term exams. Result, a large number of books have been left in the dorms. Consequently, the pound has been doing a good trade.

This term has seen the advent of fatigue squads. Each morning a prefect takes a squad of boys round the school-grounds to clean up bits of paper and rubbish. Then they go through the buildings to collect for the pound all articles lying about.

Most of us went out for both exeats, but a few stayed at home and had pillow-fights.

We have been to the following entertainments:—The Winter Show, the Dandies, the Girls' Concert, and, as usual, the Pictures.

During the heavy rains, the ditch along the gully overflowed and the tennis courts were getting washed away, but a number of boarders donned their football togs and saved the situation in the rain.

Several fellows in Prep., feeling hungry, began the practice of eating peanuts to while away the time. However, they dropped the shells on the floor, and consequently they got some well-earned "detennies."

Early in the term we had a concert for new boarders. It was a great success, except for one or two fellows who pleaded sore throats and inability to sing.

NIGER HOUSE NOTES.

On the final night of last term a great towel fight took place at Niger House. Pillow-fighting is not allowed as, at earlier periods, several pillows have been badly ripped. We had therefore to content ourselves with cracking one another with towels. The masters



MAJOR I. T. STANDISH (Artillery).

were conveniently out of the way, as they were up at school filling in our reports. The downstairs dormitories were surprised by the upstairs ones, but after a few minutes the defenders rallied and drove back their opponents. The upstairs boys retired to the stairs, from which they could not be dislodged, although the attackers were twice their number. About 10 o'clock a master was seen coming over the grounds. At once there was a general rush for beds, and peace reigned, except for a few artificial snores.

Often at night weird sounds of music used to come tunelessly through the air from downstairs. Sometimes it was quite tolerable, and we were very proud to think that a musician was employed to lull us to sleep. One night the mysterious musician opened the door and came out into a dormitory in the form of one of our masters playing a flute. It is a peculiar fact that the music is more criticised now than before.

One of our number has been forced to wear spectacles, and, singularly enough, is very proud of them. The first day he spent almost all the time polishing them, and once, when he had left his handkerchief behind, asked several boys for a loan of theirs. That night he wanted to sleep with his beloved specs., but, being told he would break them, he did the next best thing and placed them under his pillow!

We have been a very happy band at Niger this term, except for one day when a boy, who gets the paper every morning, conveyed to us the sad tidings that Mr. Hall, formerly our highly esteemed housemaster, had died of wounds received while fighting at the front for the cause of the Empire.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

During the term we have had seven new boys, of whom three are boarders and four day boys. The day boys are Pope and Amor in the Upper Prep., and M'Kean and Grover in the Lower Prep. The new boarders are Fussell, Fox and M'Lean. We have now 17 boarders and 43 day boys, making a total of 60.

When the tickets were issued for the fete the different forms competed for the reward of one day's holiday offered to the form selling the most. This the Lower Prep. won, while the Upper Prep. were second.

Towards the end of the term we were glad to welcome back Rawson and Robinson, who were laid up for the greater part of the term. We are sorry, however, that Fookes has been operated on for appendicitis, but we hear that he is progressing favourably.

At the end of the term, Mr. Hamblyn and Mr. Espiner left for the front. They both carry with them our best wishes for a safe return. It is largely due to the efforts of the former master that the football team has done so well this year. All our matches were won by substantial margins, except against Waitara, which we lost by 9 to 8.

At the present time our museum contains a great number of specimens, including shells from the Boer War, various mineral specimens, and old regimental buttons. We are hoping that the Board will grant us a glass case in which to keep our collection.

The Library Committee has not had much work to do this term. The librarian had to draw up a new record book and number and buy books. We take this opportunity to thank those who have given new books to the library. With the aid of subscriptions, fines, etc., the number of books has increased to 150.

At the beginning of the term we moved our books from the Prep. room to the Upper School library, where we have an up-to-date case, which we hope to fill shortly.

AN EXAMINATION PAPER.

(The following amusing and exceedingly clever examination paper on Dickens's "Pickwick Papers" was drawn up by Charles Stuart Calverley, one of the most successful writers of light verse of the nineteenth century. He was born in 1831 and was educated at Harrow and at both Oxford and Cambridge. At the university he had a great reputation as a student, a writer of light verse, and as an athlete. A severe fall on the ice in 1867 brought on concussion of the brain. He lingered on, gradually growing weaker, till he died in 1884. His best-known works are "Verses and Translations" and "Fly Leaves." Calverley was quite one of our best parodists, and was unexcelled as a translator both from and into the classical languages. Perhaps his finest original poem is "From Dover to Munich." This poem contains passages of great and of even solemn beauty, with

others of the purest fun. We recommend all readers and admirers of Dickens, and we are glad to say that their name is still Legion, to test the thoroughness of their reading with this examination paper.)

1. Mention any occasion on which it is specified that the Fat Boy was not asleep; and that (1) Mr. Pickwick and (2) Mr. Weller, senr., ran. Deduce from expressions used on one occasion Mr. Pickwick's maximum of speed.

2. Translate into coherent English, adding a note wherever a word, a construction, or an allusion, requires it:

"Go on, Jemmy—like black-eyed Susan—all in the Downs"—"Smart chap that cabman—handled his fives well—but if I'd been your friend in the green jemmy—punch his head—pig's whisper—pieman, too."

Elucidate the expression, "The Spanish Traveller," and the "narcotic bedstead."

3. Who were Mr. Staple, Goodwin, Mr. Brooks, Villam, Mrs. Bunkin, "old Nobs," "cast-iron head," "young Bantam?"

4. What operation was performed on Tom Smart's chair? Who little thinks that in which pocket of what garment, in where, he has left what, entreating him to return to whom, with how many what and all how big?

5. Give, approximately, the height of Mr. Dubley; and, accurately, the Christian names of Mr. Grummer, Mrs. Raddle and the Fat Boy; also the surname of the Zephyr.

6. "Mr. Weller's knowledge of London was extensive and peculiar." Illustrate this by a reference to the facts.

7. Describe the Rebellion which had irritated Mr. Nupkins on the day of Mr. Pickwick's arrest.

8. Give in full Samuel Weller's first compliment to Mary, and his father's critique upon the same young lady. What church was on the valentine that first attracted Mr. Samuel's eye in the shop?

9. Describe the common Profeel-machine.

10. State the component parts of dog's nose; and simplify the expression "taking a grinder."

11. On finding his principal in the pound, Mr. Weller and the town-beadle varied directly. Show that

the latter was ultimately eliminated, and state the number of rounds in the square which is not described.

12. "Any think for air and exercise; as the very old donkey observed ven they voke him up from his deathbed to carry ten gen'lmen to Greenwich in a tax-cart." Illustrate this by stating any remark recorded in the Pickwick Papers to have been made by a (previously) dumb animal, with the circumstances under which he made it.

13. What kind of cigars did Mr. Ben Allen chiefly smoke, and where did he knock and take naps alternately, under the impression that it was his home?

14. What was the ordinary occupation of Mr. Sawyer's boy? Whence did Mr. Allen derive the idea that there was a special destiny between Mr. S. and Arabella?

15. Describe Weller's Method of "gently indicating his presence" to the young lady in the garden; and the Form of Salutation usual among the coachmen of the period.

16. State any incidents you know in the career of Tom Martin, butcher, previous to his incarceration.

17. Give Weller's Theories for the extraction of Mr. Pickwick from the Fleet. Where was his wife's will found?

18. How did the old lady make a memorandum, and of what, at whist? Show that there were at least three times as many fiddles as harps in Muggleton at the time of the ball at Manor Farm.

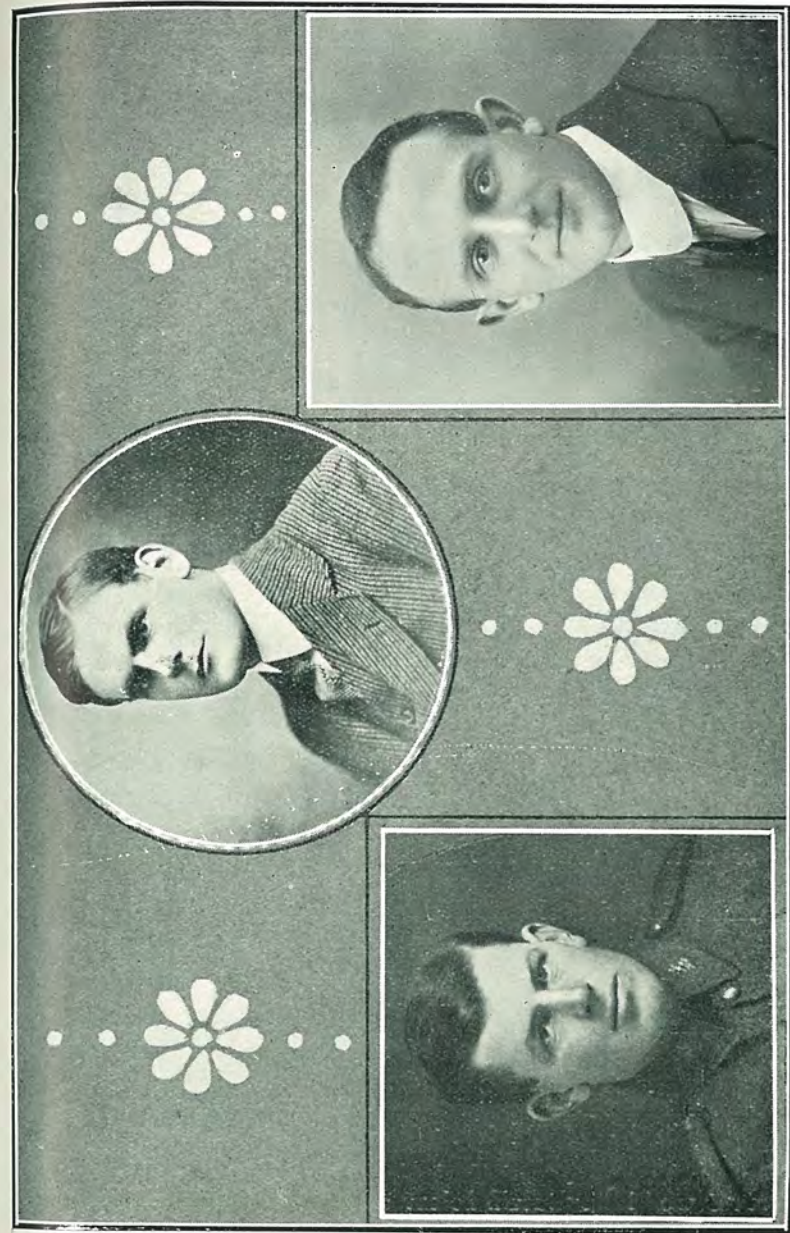
19. What is a red-faced Nixon?

20. Write down the chorus to each verse of Mr. S. Weller's song, and a sketch of the mottle-faced man's excursus on it. Is there any ground for conjecturing that he (Sam) had more brothers than one?

21. How many lumps of sugar went into the Shepherd's liquor as a rule? and is any exception recorded?

22. What seal was on Mr. Winkle's letter to his father? What penitential attitude did he assume before Mr. Pickwick?

23. "She's a-swelling visibly." When did the same phenomenon occur again, and what fluid caused the pressure on the body in the latter case?



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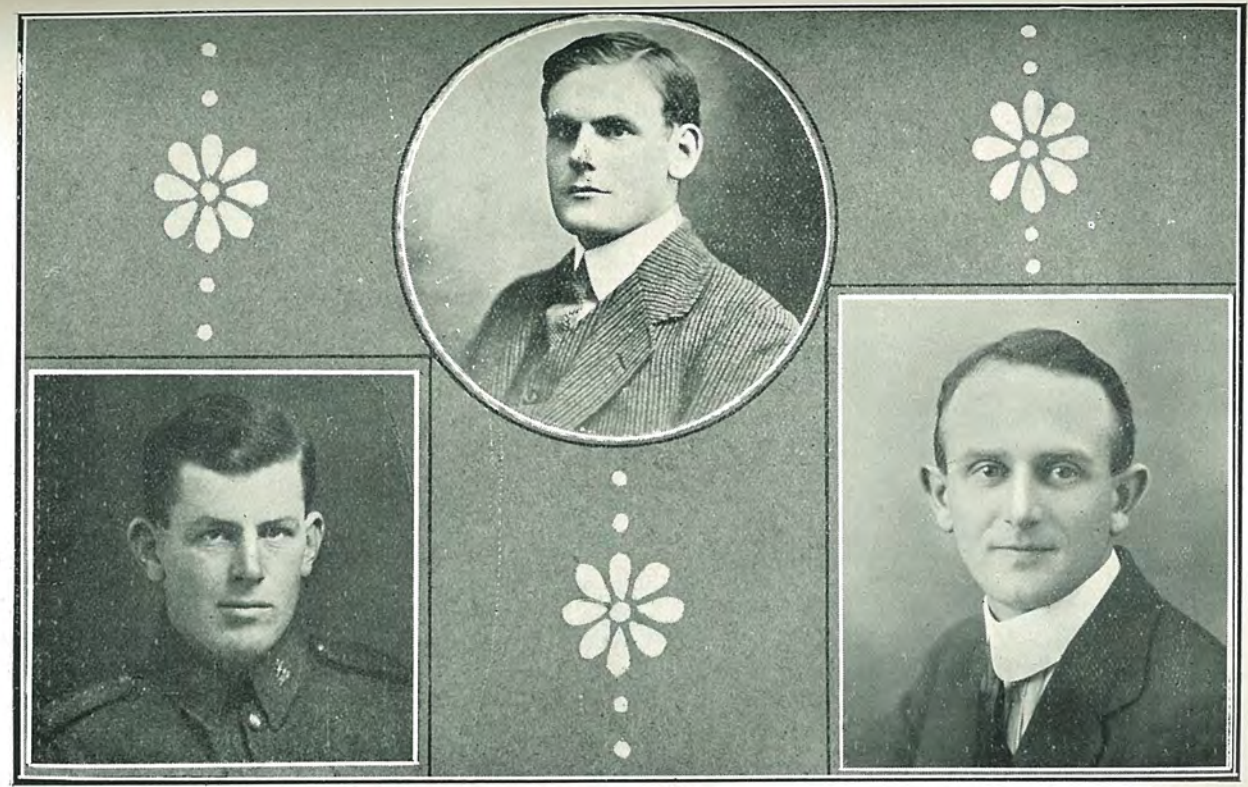
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24. How did Mr. Weller, senior, define the Funds, and what view did he take of Reduced Consols? In what terms is his elastic force described, when he assaulted Mr. Stiggins at the meeting? Write down the name of the meeting.

25. "Probatognomon; a good judge of cattle; hence, a good judge of character." Note on Æsch. Ag.—Illustrate the theory involved by a remark of the parent Weller.

26. Give some account of the word "fanteeg," and hazard any conjecture explanatory of the expression "My Prooshan Blue," applied by Mr. Samuel to Mr. Tony Weller.

27. In developing to P. M. his views of a proposition, what assumption did Mr. Pickwick feel justified in making?

28. Deduce from a remark of Mr. Weller, junior, the price per mile of cabs at the period.

29. What do you know of the hotel next the Bull at Rochester?

30. Who, besides Mr. Pickwick, is recorded to have worn gaiters?

A book prize will be given to the best set of answers to this paper. Answers must be handed in by November 30th. There are no restrictions as to the answering of the paper. Competitors are quite at liberty to consult "Pickwick Papers" when writing their answers. No prize will be awarded for any set of answers which gains less than 40 per cent. of the possible marks.

CADETS.

At the end of the first term our rifles were called in by the Defence Department, so that this term we have had to make shift without them. For the first part of the term skirmishing, extended-order drill, and distance judging was carried out on the Racecourse grounds by both companies. This was varied by company and platoon drill. In the latter drill our platoons were half-size, consisting of two instead of four sections each. By this arrangement we had four platoons in all, making just a suitable number for the movements to be carried out in this branch of our work.

On the King's Birthday the cadets of both companies, except those who were in the first and second fifteens, had a field day with the Territorials and Defence Rifle Club, in the neighbourhood of the Old Hospital Road. In the morning the cadets, as defenders, under Captain Moyes, took up a position opposite the old water-works, a position which was naturally strong and, with numerous barb-wire fences in front of it, made the attack extremely difficult. The attacking force, under Captain MacDiarmid, preceded by an advance guard, gradually developed its attack, but owing to the strength of the position and the good work of the defenders, it failed. After the "cease fire" the men were assembled, and were briefly addressed by Major Bellringer, who pointed out the mistakes that were made. In the afternoon the manoeuvre was repeated, the Territorials and Defence Rifle Club defending the position. The work was in every way a great improvement on that of the morning, and the attack was successful.

About June, a squad of cadets was formed to be instructed in bayonet drill, for the purpose of giving an exhibition at the Fete which was held on August 19 in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. The squad, under the able charge of Sergeant-Major Hesp, of the Permanent Staff, devoted all its drill time to this work. The long rifles, with which the squad was provided, with bayonets on the end of them, proved somewhat unwieldy at first, but this awkwardness soon wore off, and the squad made rapid strides towards the necessary efficiency.

In the meantime, the remainder of the two companies devoted their attention to physical drill, an exhibition of which was also given at the Fete.

On the day of the Fete both bayonet and physical drill turned out a success, and except for a few minor mistakes, not noticed, we hope, by the public, the drilling was well carried out.

Once again the war has decreased the staff of our masters. On August 23 Mr. Hamblyn left New Plymouth with the Eighth Reinforcements for the training camp, while Mr. Espiner is to leave on September 16. We shall miss both of these officers in all our military work. We all join in wishing them a successful career at the front and a safe return.

The loss of those with whom we have been closely associated brings home to us very nearly what the war really is. We in the New Plymouth Boys' High School have had this sad experience in the death of Mr. Hall. He was with us for over two years, and during that time so acted that our respect and affection for him constantly increased. He was painstaking and conscientious to a degree, never sparing himself when he could be of the slightest help to anyone else. Outside the school the shooting teams will miss him most. The cadets, too, missed him greatly. Immediately on the outbreak of war he volunteered, and left us so suddenly that many of us had no time to say "Good-bye." Little did we think that we were seeing him for the last time when he gave us that last lesson on his last day. Word came one night that his services had been accepted, and he was off by the first train next morning. As in his life he was courteous, brave, and a true gentleman, we are proud to know that when grievously wounded he acted as did that prince of nobleness, Sir Philip Sidney. Though badly wounded he joked with his bearers all the long, rough way down to the beach, in spite of his great sufferings. And when he was offered a drink from a water-bottle he said, "No; the fellows in the trenches need it more than I." We hoped that his wound would not prove serious, and this hope made the news of his death come to us with the greater shock.

He was the son of Mr. Thomas Hall, District Land Registrar at Auckland, and one of his three brothers, Private Lionel W. B. Hall, is also with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. Mr. Hall had a fine scholastic career. He was educated at the Napier Boys' High School, where he was dux. He won a Senior National Scholarship, and then proceeded to Victoria College, where he took his M.A. degree with honours in English and French. He was immediately appointed to the New Plymouth Boys' High School.

We are much the poorer for his loss, but we hope his example will be as permanent as, most certainly, will be his memory to all those who knew him.

SHOOTING NOTES.

SECOND TERM, 1915.

The shooting this term has been entirely confined to the miniature range, all our Lee-Enfield rifles having been called in on account of the war. This is rather hard luck, as many of the boys were becoming keen on shooting at Rewa Rewa, on the full-sized range, and for some reason the miniature range does not appeal to the older shots quite so much. I think one explanation of this is that they think there is nothing in this class of shooting, and are inclined to treat it with some degree of contempt. This is a mistake, however, as shooting with a small .22 calibre rifle at a half-inch bull's-eye target 20 yards away requires steadier nerves and keener eyesight than does shooting at 200 or 500 yards at targets proportionately increased in size.

As soon as possible after our return to school this term two teams, senior and junior, were picked to represent the school in the Imperial Challenge Shield competitions. As there was only one rifle available, the miniature range was in use every afternoon after school and on Saturday mornings, each team practising on alternate days. It was arranged to fire the matches on June 8 and 9, with Sergeant-Major Hesp as range officer. The days chosen were fortunately fine, with a clear, steady light, and the shooting was commenced at about 10 o'clock. The scores made were as follow:—

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD (SENIOR).

	Slow (50).	Rapid (50).	(Total 100).
Lucena	47	49	96
Fookes	47	46	93
Hamerton	43	48	91
Martin	47	44	91
Meuli	45	44	89
Bruce	46	41	87
Boulton	43	43	86
Hughes	40	44	84
Jackson	41	42	83
Yates	44	37	81
Sykes	42	37	79

Average, 87.2.

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD (JUNIOR).

	Bull's-eye (50).	Fig. (50).	Total (100).
Traill, W.	44	48	92
Hunter	47	44	91
Johns	46	44	90
Greiner	45	45	90
Duckworth	44	44	88
Hooker	46	41	87
Harrison	40	45	85
Grayling	41	44	85
Morey	42	41	83
Vickery	37	32	69

Average, 86.

The average for the senior team is 9 points higher this year than last year.

This term the competition for the cup presented by Mr. Loveday, and the school championships, which were begun last term, were completed. The cup and senior championship were won by H. Lucena, and the junior championship was won by W. Traill. The conditions for the cup were the best 3 shoots out of 4, 10 shots each on regulation bull's-eye targets.

The senior championship conditions were the best 3 cup shoots, plus the best 2 out of 3 rapid shoots, of 10 shots each on figure targets.

The junior championship conditions were the best 3 cup shoots, plus the best 2 out of 3 deliberate shoots, of 10 shots each on figure targets.

The highest scores made are as follows:—

LOVEDAY CUP COMPETITION.

	50.	50.	50.	Total (150).
Lucena	45	47	47	139
Martin	43	44	47	134
Fookes	43	44	47	134
Traill, W.	42	45	44	131
Duckworth	40	46	44	130
Greiner	41	43	45	129
Boulton	42	43	43	128
Bruce	36	46	46	128
Morey	40	42	45	127
Hooker	40	40	46	126
Hunter	39	40	47	126
Sykes	41	42	42	125
Hamerton	39	42	43	124
Yates	38	41	44	123
Jackson	40	41	42	123
Grayling	41	41	41	123

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Slow (150).	Rapid (100).	Total (250).
Lucena	139	96	235
Martin	134	92	226
Fookes	134	85	219
Hamerton	124	92	216
Boulton	128	85	213
Bruce	128	83	211
Hughes	121	79	200
Sykes	125	75	200

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Bull's-eye (150).	Fig. (100).	(Total 250).
Traill, W. ...	131	95	226
Duckworth ...	130	90	220
Morey	127	88	215
Greiner	129	86	215
Hunter	126	88	214
Grayling	123	89	212
Harrison	122	90	212
Hooker	126	84	210
Johns	121	88	209

The miniature range in the gully behind the boarding-house has now reached the end of its existence, as a new range has been built on the corner of the cricket ground, above Fort Niger. This range was meant originally for the Fete alone, but it was decided later to build it for permanent use. There was plenty of unpaid labour, as the boys were very keen on it, and cut and carried clods, while Mr. Ward did all the construction work. The range faces south and is in a good position for the light. Noel Fookes has built a movable target carrier, so that the targets may be inspected from the firing point without the trouble of walking up to the butts.

It was a great disappointment to us to learn of our disqualification in the Schools of the Empire Competition, for which we shot at the end of last year. Our score was 34 points above that of the winning team, but we were disqualified through having on the score card the signature of a non-commissioned officer, instead of that of a commissioned officer. It was hard for us to get officers at all, as the war had upset the local defence affairs. The explanation will be found in the following letter, written by Mr. Bottrill to the "Taranaki Herald,"

Sir,—Judging from the correspondence in your paper some degree of misapprehension seems to exist concerning the results of the Schools of the Empire match. In justice to those concerned it is only fair to state what actually happened. It had been arranged to shoot off the match at the commencement of the last week of the term but the weather was so consistently bad that the shooting had to be postponed several times. On the morning of the last day of the term, the officers who had volunteered their services were on the range at 5 a.m., but agreed that the firing had better be postponed till the afternoon. This was done. It was then found impossible owing to pressure of business to get the services of these gentlemen again. The only staff officer available in the district was quite unable to attend and it was consequently agreed that Sergeant-Major Hesp should supervise on behalf of the local defence office. The master in charge of the team, for obvious reasons not one of the officers connected with the school cadets, being unacquainted with the procedure, deemed this sufficiently satisfactory. Hence the disqualification through a technicality. It is only fair to say that the shooting successes achieved by the school teams owe a great deal to the enthusiasm displayed by the local defence officers.—I am, etc.,

C. G. BOTTRILL,
Chairman High School Shooting Committee.

THE FÊTE.

There was much anxiety about the weather for several days before the great day. A fresh mountain wind for a few days beforehand gave us hopes that Thursday, August 19, would turn out fine. We were not disappointed, as the day, though not bright, was pleasantly mild. Early in the afternoon the people began to arrive, and before long some 1500 or so people were on the ground.

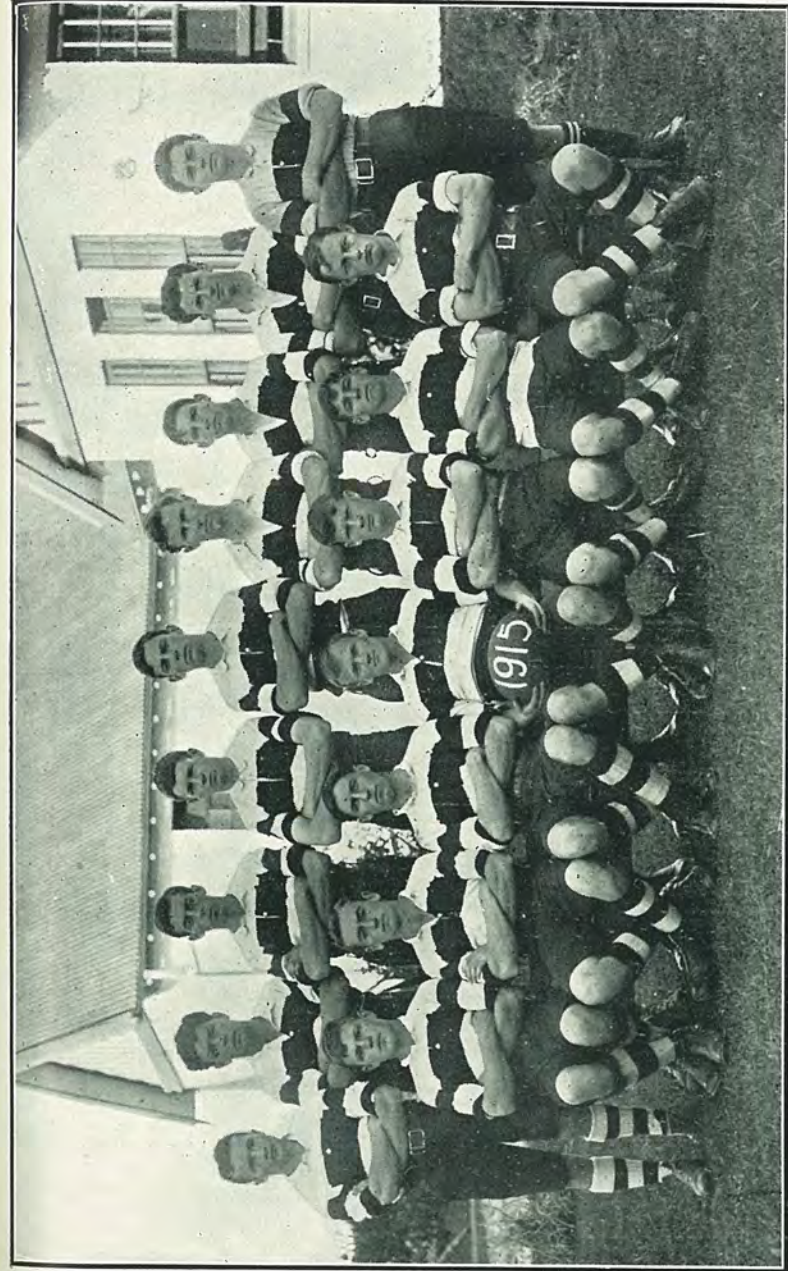
The gathering was first addressed by his Worship the Mayor. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Wilson pointed out that the object of the fund now being raised throughout New Zealand for wounded soldiers and their dependents, and the dependents of those who fall, is to round off the Government scheme of pensions; that is, the money will be used by the executive committee in charge of the district in making adequate provision for

any of our soldiers who are wounded, and their dependents, and the dependents of those who are killed.

As an example, Mr. Wilson instanced the case of a man who might be unfortunate enough to lose a leg. Our representatives at the front, he was pleased to say, had gone from every class of the community; there were well-to-do men, and men earning their living by their hands, every class had taken up its share of the burden. It would be realised that the Government pension to a man losing a leg would be the same to a clerk, whom it would not vitally affect, because it would not prevent him from continuing in his ordinary occupation, as it would be to a farmer or bushman, yet the latter would be utterly unable to resume their usual work. Thus the inequalities of any fixed scheme would be recognised, and to counteract them, the present fund would be used.

Wherever necessity exists, continued the Mayor, no man who has gone away to fight from this country shall, when the war is over, come back again and be unable to live without the reasonable comforts he was able to enjoy before he went to the war. If a man should lose his life in our cause, those who are dependent upon him will be properly looked after. (Applause.) He hoped that before the fund was closed in the next few months a very big amount would be raised throughout the Dominion. We could not do too much for the men who went to the other side of the world to fight for us, and it was our duty to see that those they left behind them did not want for anything. Other places had raised very large sums; Wairarapa, for instance, a well-to-do community, must have contributed from £60,000 to £70,000. These people recognised that owing solely to the war they had made thousands upon thousands more than they did in other years, and they looked upon it as their duty to give back as much of the extra profit as they could spare, to assist the Belgian people and our own soldiers.

In New Plymouth, at the present time, the fund amounted to only £2000 or £3000, but Mr. Wilson hoped that in the next two or three months the people would give a very considerable amount of money. He felt sure the people would realise the money was needed, and would give it, and give it cheerfully, not once, but again and again. Even if it was only a little, every contribution, however small, was a help. The gathering that afternoon was to raise money for the benefit of the fund, and he had no doubt that the result would be very satisfactory.



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The Mayor referred with pride to the fact that so many old scholars of the school had responded to the Empire's call. So far as could be ascertained, the number of soldiers who had received their education at the school, and enjoyed their sports on the school playing fields, was 82. (Applause.) This was something of which those interested in the school might well feel proud. Continuing, his Worship said that a good programme had been arranged to draw money from the pockets of those present, and he hoped the result would be a substantial one, and an encouragement to the boys. "I can only say," remarked Mr. Wilson in conclusion, "that I now have very much pleasure in turning the boys of the school loose, to do their best."

Mr. Moyes also said a few words. There was very little he could add to Mr. Wilson's remarks, but he hoped that everyone had brought well-lined and well-filled pockets, and that they would be much lighter at the end of the day. The sum of £100 was already in hand—(applause)—and he hoped that the final amount would reach £200.

The most conspicuous object in the grounds was the large school marquee, which was occupied by the Produce Stall. This was under the management of Mesdames Penn, D'Arcy Robertson, K. Webster and Hutchen. There was a great array of produce of all descriptions—fruit, vegetables, home-made jam, home-made marmalade, home-made bread, eggs, cheese, meat, ginger-beer and many other articles. One great attraction was a large quantity of cheese containing gold and silver coins. This met with a very ready sale, no less than a hundred-weight and a half being sold. In fact, every article on the stall was sold before the end of the afternoon. In all the sum of over £23 was taken. In connection with this stall, we wish to thank Mr. E. Carter for his kindness in cutting up the auriferous and argentiferous cheese, a task requiring both skill and strength.

Next the Produce Stall was the well-patronised Sweet Stall, presided over by Misses Rockel, A. Bullard and M. Corkill. A roaring trade was done here, too. Most of the dainties for sale were home-made, and the supply was absorbed by the public before the afternoon was over. Indeed, the demand was so great that a much greater quantity could have been sold. On this stall, too, was a beautiful collection of daffodils and violets, and these too met with a ready sale. One side

of the stall was well patronised by the younger generation, who kept Quilliam and Bryce very busy pushing marbles down the neck of aerated-water bottles. We consider it inadvisable to mention the number of bottles opened. The receipts at the Sweet Stall were about £10.

Adjacent to the Sweet Stall was the Cake Stall, under the charge of Mesdames Ewing and Hayden. A tempting array of wares was on exhibition, and the public showed its appreciation by effecting a complete "clearing out." The sum of over £5 was taken here.

After leaving the business block the visitor came next to the "vanity" part of the Fair. The first of these side-shows was that presided over by Madame Mystica, who was engaged all day long in revealing the future to all and sundry for a very small coin of the realm. So intense was the interest shown that the last few revelations had to be made by candle light.

Next to Madame's shrine of mystery was what we might perhaps call the "Raucous Department." First of these was Mr. W. H. Jenkinson, who had charge of the dart-throwing. His allurements, along with those of his assistant, could be heard all over the ground. The receipts showed that there was a Siren-like quality in his voice.

Coconuts formed the next attraction. Here Hoffmann did a great business and managed to dispose of three sacks of nuts. All through the afternoon people were to be seen trying their skill, or rather luck, in shying at the nuts, and the quantity of shells lying about the neighbourhood was evidence that there were few disappointments. In all the sum of £5 10s. was taken.

Mr. L. E. Hoffmann ran the Hoop-la next door. Here, too, good business was done, and the fund benefited to the extent of £5 8s.

But of all the Sirens along "Vanity Street" the most alluring were Sergeant-Majors Hesp and Williamson, who were entrusted with "Kill the Kaiser," a variation on the time-honoured "Aunt Sally." Both these officers threw themselves whole-heartedly into the spirit of the day, and their enticing assurances that they were there to make money, not to be looked at, persuaded more than one spectator to have a shot at the sorry-looking War Lord. One of the officers "spotted" a recruit, who, to the amusement of the crowd, was persuaded to "Come and get his eye in." Over £11 was expended in shots at "Weelum," which appeared to be the Scotch pronunciation.

The bran-tubs for the little folk were well patronised, and many were the "pretties" found by them.

The next attraction was a live-weight guessing competition. A sheep was very kindly presented by Mr. Saxton, and about 60 guesses of its weight were recorded, ranging from 50lb. to 350lb. The latter number proved incorrect. The actual weight was 76½lb., and the nearest guess was 77lb., made by Miss Fookes. Miss Fookes kindly gave the sheep back to be sold for the further benefit of the fund.

The Miniature Rifle Range was fully occupied the whole afternoon, and the sum of £6 10s. was made here. Both the figure targets and the bull's-eye target were in constant demand. The recently-constructed range was found to work very satisfactorily, and will be of great help in all our miniature rifle shooting.

The only remaining side-show was the unparalleled Jiu-Jitsu and Sleight-of-Hand Show run by Borrie, Copestake and Meuli. Their persuasive oratory on the platform outside the ring resulted in the sum of £4 10s. being added to the fund.

During the afternoon several competitions were held. Of these the "Tilt the Bucket" was the most amusing, many of the competitors getting a thorough soaking. The "Thread-the-Needle" race was won by Mr. Hamblyn by a narrow margin. If Burgo had not dropped his needle it is believed that the finish would have been still more interesting. Down in the gully a treasure-hunt was organised. Sixteen coupons, representing coins of various denominations, were buried in an enclosure some nine feet square. Into this were turned the treasure seekers, armed with spades and shovels, eight at a time. The two minutes allowed were marked by much strenuous effort, much distribution of earth over both spectators and other competitors, and by, alas! little tangible result. Although 40 dug hard and deep only one coupon was recovered. In the Physics Laboratory an exhibition of working Meccano models was in charge of Traill ii., and was well patronised.

It goes without saying that one of the most popular institutions was afternoon-tea, which was served in the Gymnasium. The workers were Mesdames Moyes, Rockel, Ryder, Balham, Kebbell, Denny-Brown, Ward and Jennings, Misses Roy, Greatbatch (2), Brewster, K.

Campbell, N. Bullard, Ambury (2), Renaud, Shaw, J. Wilson, C. Penn, Gower (2), Grant, Rollo, Winfield, Saxton, E. Baily, Pott, Ewing, Death, and Hutton.

Excellent music was supplied in the Gymnasium during afternoon-tea by Miss Gilbert, on a pianola kindly lent by Mr. Hoffmann. The various selections were much appreciated.

"During the afternoon," says the "Taranaki Herald," "the School Cadets, under Captain Ryder, gave an excellent exhibition of Swedish drill. It is very rarely indeed that such an admirable demonstration has been given in New Plymouth, the precision and firmness of their movements being most marked. Probably only those who have undergone a similar course of training could appreciate how really difficult some of them were to perform. They were not nearly so easy as they looked.

"A squad of Cadets, under Colour-Sergeant Bruce, gave an excellent display of bayonet exercises, in which they had been trained by Sergeant-Major Hesp. The movements were gone through smartly and accurately, and at the conclusion the boys were loudly applauded."

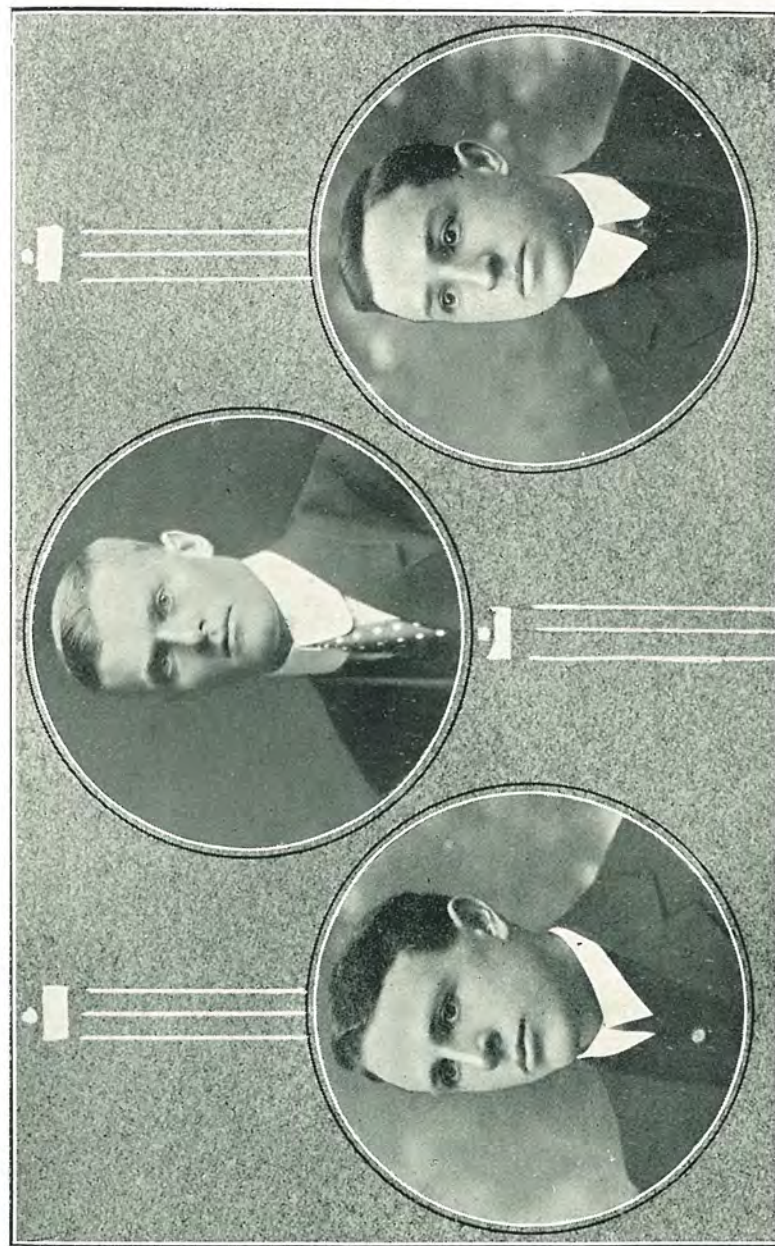
During the afternoon Mr. L. B. Webster, one of our old boys, sold various articles by auction. The interest centred round a donkey kindly presented by Mr. Hannah, of Mangorei. The animal changed hands several times and was finally knocked down after netting the handsome amount of £16 10s. We are very grateful to Mr. Hannah for his generous gift.

On the whole we think that we can fairly congratulate ourselves on the success achieved. The net receipts were £210 2s 6d. Where so much help has been ungrudgingly given by so many friends it would be invidious to mention any by name, but to one and all we wish to express our sincerest thanks for enabling us to do something to help so worthy a cause.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Although a large amount of field work is carried out during the winter term, the desolate appearance of the ploughed plots gives one little encouragement in the writing of notes for the magazine.

Several winter crops were sown at the end of the first term, and the results were highly satisfactory.



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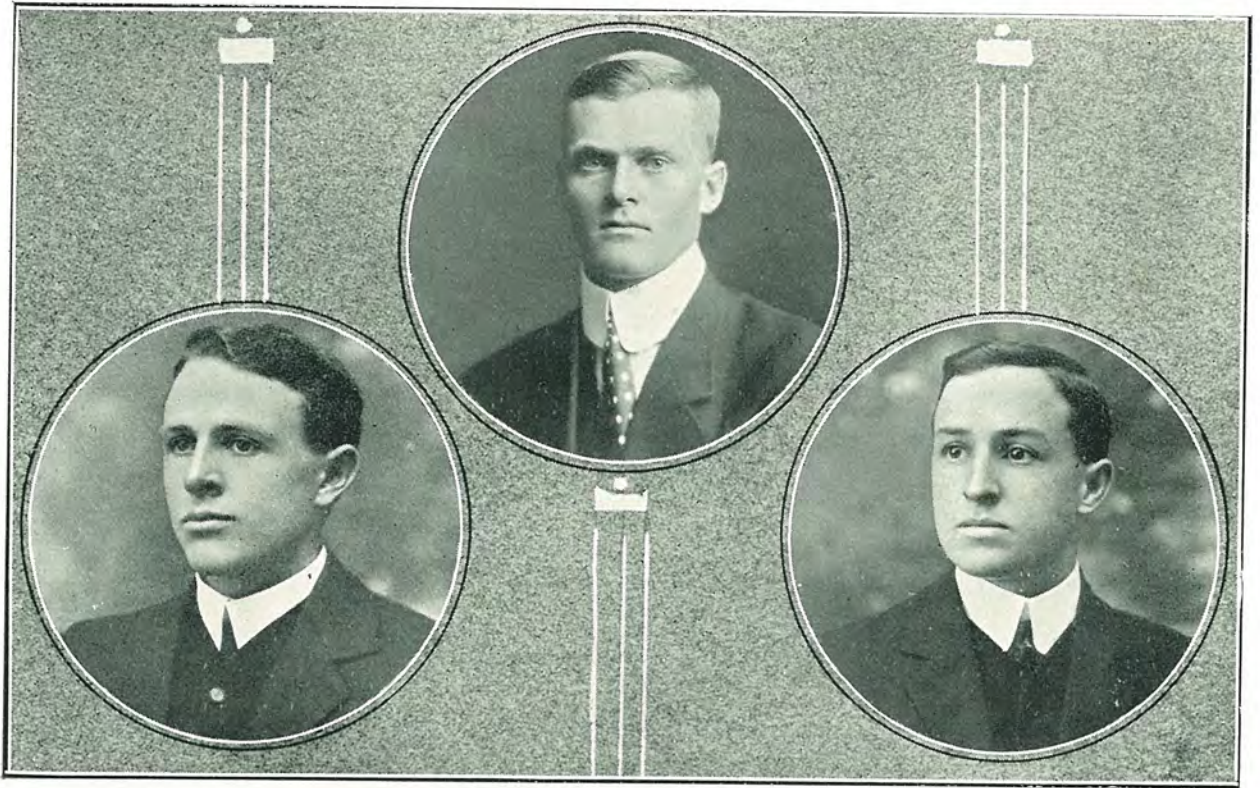
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On three plots Sparrowbill Oats were sown with the idea of utilising the crops either for green-manuring or for spring feed. The seeds were treated with red lead and linseed oil before sowing, and as a result were left severely alone by the birds. In the first plot the oats were sown without manure of any kind; in the second a mixture of slag, blood and bone, and sulphate of potash was put in with the seed; the third plot was manured with stable manure at the rate of 10 tons per acre, and one cwt. of slag per acre was sown with the seed. The last plot showed to much greater advantage than the other two, and produced a heavy crop, which was recently ploughed in for green manure.

Two plots were sown in Tick Beans, but growth was stunted through the cold weather. Nevertheless heavy nodule development occurred, both in the case of the plot which had been inoculated, and in that which had not been inoculated.

The Silver Beet plots were cut at intervals throughout the winter. The dark-green variety showed most stem-development at the beginning of the term, but did not withstand the cold and the cutting as well as the light-green variety.

An experiment was carried out in transplanting Lucerne. This entailed a great deal of labour, but the results were very satisfactory, and the plants soon showed signs of vigorous growth.

One plot was sown in Phalaris Bulbosa, but the strike was poor, and the plot was later on ploughed in for green manure.

An area of one acre has been ploughed, disced, harrowed, and sown in cereals, one quarter of an acre being sown in Hannchen Barley, one quarter in Rye Corn, one quarter in Little Joss Wheat, and one quarter in Ruakura Oats.

The whole of the old horse paddock has now been ploughed, and this, together with the original area, now makes an area of 5 acres under cultivation. About half an acre of the horse paddock has been utilised for the purpose of an orchard.

Box-testing experiments were limited this term to the testing of a sample of soil forwarded by the Agricultural Department from Helensville. The sample was a poor sandy soil, and an experiment on green manuring was carried out, in addition to the application of artificial manures, and, as the tabulated results show, the green manure was of marked benefit to the soil. The

green manure was applied in the form of finely-chopped Cowgrass, the roots as well as the stem and leaves being made use of. The crop used was Ruakura Oats.

Box	Total Germination	Manure in Cwt. per acre.	5TH APRIL			26TH APRIL			31ST MAY		
			Average height.	Colour 100	Vigour 100	Average height.	Colour 100	Vigour 100	Average height.	Colour 100	Vigour 100
A.	46	Nil	4 in.	40	40	7.5 in.	45	40	8.5 in.	38	40
B.	47	3 Cwt. Super	4 in.	40	40	8.5 in.	50	45	8.5 in.	38	40
C.	40	3 Cwt. Slag	4 in.	40	40	7.5 in.	45	40	9 in.	40	50
D.	41	{ 3 Cwt. Slag 1½ Cwt. Blood and Bone	3 in.	40	40	8.5 in.	50	47	9.5 in.	45	55
A.G.	41	Green Manure	4 in.	40	40	8.5 in.	45	40	10 in.	60	60
B.G.	43	{ Green Manure 3 Cwt. Super	4 in.	40	40	8.5 in.	50	45	10.5 in.	60	70
C.G.	39	{ Green Manure 3 Cwt. Slag	4 in.	40	40	8 in.	50	45	10.5 in.	60	70

FOOTBALL.

This season we have again played in the First Junior Competition, and the play, on the whole, shows improvement. The matches are far more strenuous than in the Second Junior Competition. Our opponents are older and heavier than we are, but we perhaps have the advantage of more regular practice and coaching. The 2nd XV. played in the Second Junior Competition and furnished useful recruits to the 1st XV. at times.

Our weakness in the forwards is the perennial one of being unable to get the ball away from the scrum. The hookers often get possession, but it hangs in the scrums, as the back-rankers do not open out to let it through. This, of course, enables the opposing wing to smother our half. Another weakness in our forward play is the practice of following up hard, getting to the man taking the ball, and then doing nothing to smother him. Times and again has this been done.

The backs seem better on the attack than on the defence, as they persistently stand deep. This is quite correct when attacking, but it is a deplorably weak defensive system. Frequently tries have been scored against us by this defect. The opposing team, instead of having its rush smothered, has been able to get away with a strong passing rush. Some of our backs, too, often kick upfield just feebly enough to allow the opposing side to take the ball without any fear of molestation from the forwards following up. On the whole, however, the standard of play is higher, and faults are being corrected.

The record of matches played by the 1st XV. is given here:—

AGAINST ELTHAM: LOST, 8-3.

The superior weight of the Eltham forwards told heavily against our lighter team. Nevertheless the game proved fairly even. During the first spell Eltham played with the sun and play moved up and down the field. School was forced once, and on another occasion was saved from serious trouble by a mark taken smartly by Copestake. Ultimately the Eltham forwards swept down in a fine rush and scored. Franklin added the major points.

Eltham 5, School 0.

After further give and take play the Eltham forwards again scored from a rush. Franklin's kick failed.

Eltham 8, School 0.

Eltham continued to press hard, and shortly after half-time was sounded.

On resuming, Eltham at once began to attack, and several scrums were formed near the School line, but the defence proved too good. Play then became more open and gradually moved up the field near the Eltham line, and became fast and furious. Finally from a smart piece of work by Tuohy and Oliver the latter scored. Sykes failed to increase the points.

Eltham 8, School 3.

For the remainder of the spell School kept Eltham penned up, but was unable to score again, and no further score was registered on either side.

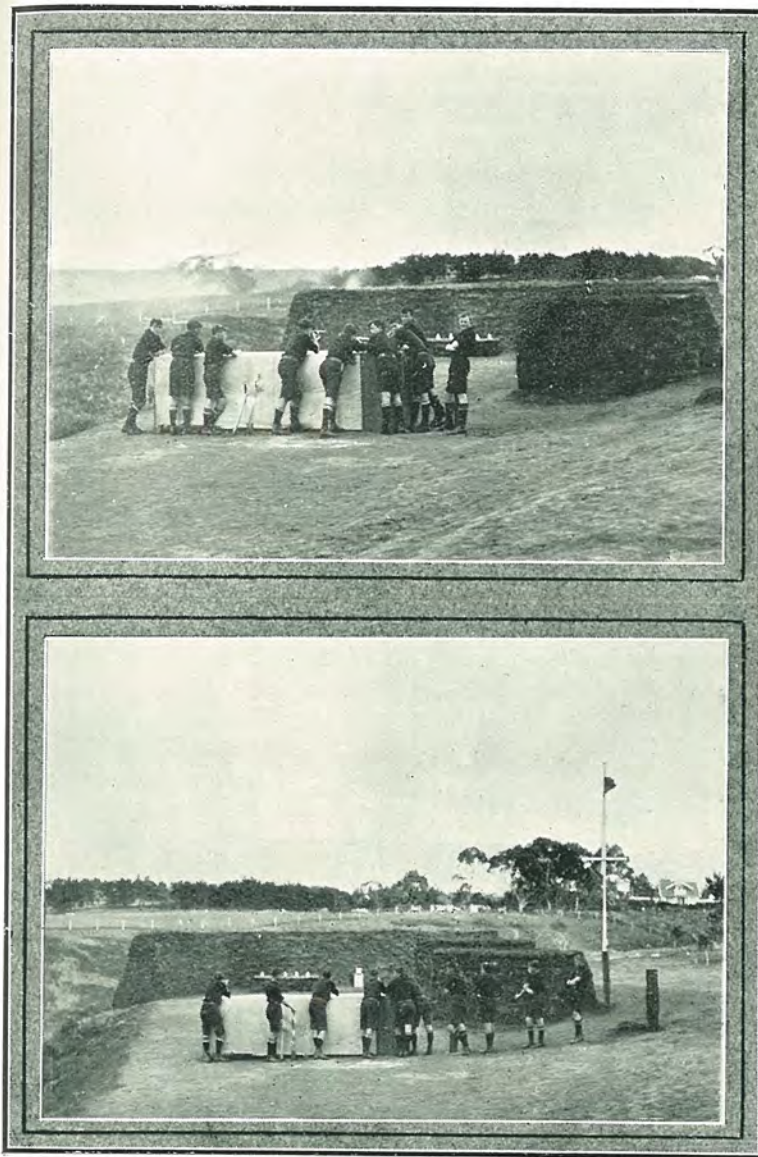
AGAINST ELTHAM: LOST, 22-0.

School travelled to Eltham and played the opening match of the competition. The day was fine, and the ground in good order. Unfortunately both teams played in black and white jerseys, the only distinction being the width of the stripes. This gave the referee much trouble. The Eltham forwards by their superior weight enabled their backs to have every advantage. The School's backs, too, had to be almost constantly on the defence, and it cannot be said that they played up to their usual standard. During the game Sykes and Bruce received severe knocks, and were therefore unable to be as effective as usual. The game was a very strenuous one, but was played in a fine spirit throughout, and undoubtedly the better team won. The Eltham score was made up of two converted tries, three tries and one penalty goal. The whole score with the exception of one goal was obtained in the second spell.

AGAINST TUKAPA: WON 17-8.

This match was played on the Racecourse on June 24. Owing to the previous heavy rain the ground was rather heavy and slippery. Bruce, Copestake, Bayly i., and Oliver were omitted from the team on account of injuries. These heroes, however, lent invaluable assistance by their presence on the line, and especially by their words of encouragement and gratuitous advice. Their places were taken by Mr. Espiner, Mr. Hamblyn, Meuli and Bayly ii. The School forwards on starting set up a strong attack and being awarded a penalty Sykes dropped a good goal.

School 3, Tukapa 0.



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Much give and take play ensued, until from a forward rush Terry picked up and dropped the ball, when Sykes snapped it up and sent it on to Eyre, who in turn passed to Mr. Hamblyn, who scored. Sykes's kick at goal failed.

School 6, Tukapa 0.

Play hovered near the centre and then on to the School line. School, however, cleared, and in Tukapa's 25 Sykes got possession and scored between the posts. Hughes i. kicked a goal.

School 11, Tukapa 0.

The spell ended without further scores.

On resuming Tukapa set up a strong attack, and Whittaker scored. No goal was kicked.

School 11, Tukapa 3.

The backs on both sides indulged in much high kicking, and ultimately Mr. Espiner got over at the corner. Mr. Hamblyn's kick failed.

School 14, Tukapa 3.

Almost immediately Terry got over, but Mr. Hamblyn's kick again fell short.

School 17, Tukapa 3.

Then Tukapa attacked strongly and scored under the posts from a good passing rush. Whittaker kicked a goal, and the game ended shortly after with the scores—

School 17, Tukapa 8.

The School attack was stronger than the defence, the backs having a bad habit of standing too deep.

SCHOOL v. CLIFTON: LOST 6-3.

The above first junior match was played on the Race-course, and resulted in a very even and interesting game. The visiting team was much heavier than their opponents. However, the School team put up a gallant fight, and on the day's play should have won. It was sheer hard luck which lost them the game, as Tuohy got over twice but was pushed into touch-in-goal on both occasions. The High School opened their scoring account by a score registered by Tuohy, after a pretty piece of play. Mr. Hamblyn secured near half-way, and after beating several opponents transferred to Tuohy at the twenty-five flag. This player streaked along the touch-line and dashed over at the corner. It was a well-deserved score. No further score resulted in the first spell. In the second

spell, after considerable up and down play, Frost got over for Clifton. High School then set up a hot attack, but offside play by Clifton, which was unnoticed by the referee, got them out of a tight corner. Clifton then set up an attack, and from a melee near the line one of their men "rabbited" over and registered their second try. High School then set up a hot attack, and time alone prevented them from at least equalising matters, as they were nearly over when the final whistle sounded. Mr. J. Johnson was referee.—Taranaki Herald.

AGAINST OLD BOYS: LOST 9-3.

The High School and Old Boys played a return match on the Racecourse on July 3. The former match resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 9 points to 5, and they were again successful on Saturday, this time winning by 9 points to 3. Neither team was at its full strength; nevertheless an interesting game was witnessed. Old Boys soon opened their scoring account, Bacon scoring near the corner. The kick at goal was fruitless. School then set up a hot attack, and eventually Tuohy got over. No goal resulted. Old Boys immediately swept upfield, and from a centre, Bacon secured and dribbled over the line, securing his second try. His kick at goal failed.

The second spell was very exciting. First one side would take a hand at attacking and then the other. Sykes scored early in the spell for Old Boys after a good passing rush. School made great efforts to equalise matters, and had the Old Boys penned down for some time. However, Old Boys worked downfield and were in the School twenty-five when the final whistle sounded. For the School, Oliver, at first five-eighth, played a great game, getting his team out of several tight corners. M'Murray also played well, but was unfortunate in getting a kick on the head. In the forwards, Hughes, a son of the old Taranaki representative, was easily the best, being particularly prominent in the tight and in the line-out. Sykes, for Old Boys, played a good game, but the majority of the team were palpably out of condition. Mr. Rockel refereed.

OLD BOYS v. HIGH SCHOOL: LOST 9-5.

This match was played on the Racecourse on June 19. The weather was squally and the ground rather muddy. Consequently the ball was not handled as well as usual. Several of the 1st XV. were unable to play

owing to injuries received in previous matches, so our team was rather weak. The play was confined principally to the forwards, but there were a few good passing bouts amongst our backs. During the last twenty minutes or so of the game, our team kept Old Boys busily defending; but otherwise play kept at about midfield. Sinclair, who was with us last year, played an excellent game for Old Boys. Old Boys gained 9 points to School's 5. For Old Boys, Earley, Sinclair, and Jury scored, while Copstake scored for School and Hughes i. converted. Mr. Rockel refereed.

The 2nd XV. has had a busy season, and has improved greatly. The forwards are too light for most of the opposing teams, and this has severely tested the quality of the backs in defence, while giving much less scope for attack. It can be said unhesitatingly that among both forwards and backs there is really good material, and that the prospects for next year's football are distinctly good.

The following are the matches played by the 2nd XV.:—

AGAINST STRATFORD D.H.S.: LOST 12-5.

From the kick-off Stratford set up a vigorous attack and set up a passing rush. Then School gradually worked up the field. From a scrum a passing rush was set up and ended by Drake diving over at the corner. Yates converted.

School 5, Stratford 0.

Stratford soon had its revenge and scored at the corner from a passing rush. The kick at goal failed.

School 5, Stratford 3.

After a good deal of give and take play Stratford got over from a scramble, but no goal resulted.

School 5, Stratford 6.

On resuming Stratford almost immediately scored again, but the kick failed.

School 5, Stratford 9.

In the second spell the play was much more even and the School forwards held their own better. This gave their backs a better chance. No score resulted on either side until Stratford dropped a goal from a penalty. Shortly after, the whistle sounded with the score:—

School 5, Stratford 12.

AGAINST TECHNICAL COLLEGE: LOST 19-0.

This match was played in the "Rec.," and was quite the poorest exhibition of football given by our 2nd XV. this season. No doubt the heavier Tech. forwards were further helped by the heavy ground and slippery ball. School was on the defensive for the greater part of the time, and when on the attack threw away chances through neglecting to support individual pieces of good play. The Tech. score was made up of two converted tries, two tries and a goal from a mark.

AGAINST CLIFTON: WON 26-8.

This match was played at Waitara and a friendly-contested game resulted in an easy win for School. Clifton had not a full team, but they managed to collect some on the ground. A smiling young Celestial was persuaded to take off his coat and joined their ranks, thus bringing up their numerical strength to twelve. From the kick-off School assumed the aggressive. The backs handled the ball in good style. From a centre by Yates, Murray followed up fast and drew first blood. Yates failed to put the oval between the uprights.

School 3, Clifton 0.

Not long after, a good passing rush from half-way resulted in Drake scoring. Yates failed to add the major points. Within the next two minutes Yates had added another two tries. But his attempts at goal-kicking met with no success. Clifton now began to wake up, and Knuckey securing the ball about half-way raced round our backs and secured an unconverted try at the corner.

School 12, Clifton 3.

Then Alexander took a hand and scored an unconverted try.

Half-time sounded soon after with the scores:—

School 15, Clifton 3.

On resuming play, two more Waitara supporters were persuaded to come on the field of play in their shirt sleeves, but needless to say their garments paid the penalty. Almost at the start Blanchard ran through the whole of our backs and scored behind the posts. Knuckey piloted the leather neatly over the bar.

School 15, Clifton 8.

Now the forwards began to assert themselves, and from a scramble on the line Lovell scored and Yates converted.

School 20, Clifton 8.

From a fine dribbling rush M'Hardy scored, but Yates failed to convert.

School 23, Clifton 8.

Another forward rush resulted in Herbert scoring an unconverted try. The whistle blew soon after with the score:—

School 26, Clifton 8.

AGAINST TECHNICAL COLLEGE: LOST 12-3.

This match was played on the Racecourse on August 20. The weather was fine and the ball was flung about. Tech. kicked off with the sun in their faces, and almost immediately scored. School forwards were not playing a very good game. They did not pack round at all, and consequently Tech. scored about nine points before relief came. However, the backs played up well and carried play well into Tech. territory. From a free kick Yates kicked a goal.

In the second spell Tech. began to press. One of their men broke away, but Drake, after a splendid run, grassed him, thus averting another score. Drake shone out well in the backs during this spell. Tech. kicked a penalty goal in this spell, thus bringing their score up to 12. Mr. Page refereed. The final score was:—

Technical College 12, School 3.

AGAINST STRATFORD III.: LOST 12-3.

This match was played at Stratford on a ground more like a swamp than a football field. Consequently the game was almost entirely confined to the forwards. The first score resulted from a dodgy run from the line-out. The kick at goal failed.

Stratford 3, School 0.

Stratford kept up the attack and again scored, this time near the posts. The kick at goal again failed.

Stratford 6, School 0.

Weak tackling by Mace soon allowed another score.

Stratford 9, School 0.

The School forwards then rushed the ball up to the Stratford line, where Yates marked and placed a goal.
Stratford 9, School 3.

The second spell was a series of forward rushes and scrums. Stratford finally managed to score an unconverted try, and the whistle sounded with the score:—
Stratford 12, School 3.

AGAINST ELTHAM III.: LOST 21-0.

The first spell was marked by even play and neither side was able to score. Both forwards and backs played well, and the tackling of our backs was better than usual. Bayly ii. and Meuli were the best of our backs. But in the second spell Eltham proved altogether too strong and managed to run up 21 points, made up of seven tries, all unconverted. When the whistle went Eltham was still attacking strongly.

SCHOOL 3rd XV. v. STRATFORD D.H.S. 2nd XV.: WON 14-10.

School kicked off with the sun behind them. The forwards followed up well and the rush resulted in a score for School. Stratford broke away, and despite Pott's tackle managed to score. The try was converted. School bucked up and from a penalty kick in front of Stratford's goal Woods drop-kicked a beautiful goal.

School 6, Stratford 5.

In the second spell School forwards carried play right to Stratford's line, and from the ensuing scramble Stohr, our wing three-quarter, snapped up and dived over. Candy's kick failed. Stratford rallied, and soon scored again. This try also was converted.

Stratford 10, School 9.

School played up willingly, and play was carried into Stratford territory. From a line-out, Wood ran in and after a good run scored. Candy goaled nicely.

School 14, Stratford 10.

Mr. L. Richards refereed.

Now that our numbers are increasing yearly we feel our isolation from other schools, especially with regard to our younger football members. To prevent practices from becoming so dull this term a competi-

tion was started amongst the members of all groups below the 2nd XV. The players were divided into two groups, constituting a first junior and a second junior competition. The matches were played throughout the term and gave us some idea of what future first fifteens we might expect. The first junior competition was won by Hamerton's team, which had too good a pack for the other teams. The second junior competition was won by the Prep. team, whose combination was their mainstay.

The scores in the various matches were as follows:—

Hamerton's team beat Callander's by 8 to 3.
Hamerton's team beat Callander's by 3 to 0.
Callander's team beat Winfield's by 12 to 3.
Hamerton's team beat Callander's by 3 to 0.
Hamerton's team thus won the competition.

The Taranaki Rugby Union had intended to hold a seven-a-side tournament on August 4 in aid of the Patriotic Fund. The arrangement, however, fell through, but we had special practices in view of this competition. In the senior group our competitions ended as follows:—

Bruce's team beat Copestake's by 9 to 3.
Oliver's team beat Copestake's by 6 to 0.
Bruce's team beat Oliver's by 12 to 9, and won the competition.

The results in the junior seven-a-side were:—

Winfield's team beat Hamerton's by 16 to 0.
White's team beat Callander's by 9 to 0.
Brokenshire's team beat Doile's by 8 to 6.
White's team beat Winfield's by 11 to 0.
Brokenshire's team beat White's by 3 to 0, and won the competition.

In the second grade junior competition the results were:—

Boon i.'s team beat Death's by 12 to 0.
Boon iii.'s team beat Le Pine's by 6 to 3.
Train's team beat Murray's by 3 to 0.
Boon iii.'s team beat Boon i.'s by 9 to 3.
Pott's team beat Train's by 9 to 0.
Pott's team beat Boon iii.'s by 9 to 3, and won the competition.

LIBRARY NOTES.

This term the library has taken a new lease of life, and, whereas it was formerly considered a fitting arena for a friendly pugilistic encounter by small boys, a fair amount of order now reigns. The old shelves have been replaced by handsome bookcases in oiled rimu, and a committee consisting of Mr. Searle (chairman), Smith (librarian), Fagan (Prep. librarian), Hamerton, Wilson, Death, Atkinson and Murray, has drawn up a much-needed set of rules. One morning two unfortunate youths, thinking the rule of suspension was a little bit of bluff or something of the kind, looked very crestfallen when disturbed in the middle of a wrestling match and told to keep outside for a week. Some people can learn only by experience.

We are deeply indebted to the New Plymouth Club for handing on to us their illustrated Home papers—The Sketch, Sphere, Graphic and Tatler. We must also thank Mr. Moyes for presenting the following magazines:—The Captain, The Windsor, Chums, Pearson's, Life, Punch, Technical World, Popular Mechanics, Children's Magazine, Geographical Magazine, and the Auckland Weekly. These, with the magazines of the various schools and colleges, provide a fairly wide selection for the casual reader.

The committee, after due consideration, came to the conclusion that there was already a fairly large choice of books in the library for those boys who desired more advanced reading and, in order to stimulate reading among the juniors, decided to buy books of the "Deer-foot" or adventure type this term. This had the desired effect. Later on, no doubt these boys, as they pass on to the upper forms will develop a taste for the literature of the best English authors.

On the whole, the boarders have made very good use of the library this term and many have shown their practical interest by presenting books.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the following presentations of books:—Kim (presented by Mr. Harrison), The Story of the Guides (presented by Mr. Eyre-Kenny), Pro Patria, Children of the Ghetto, Ariadne, The Chariots of the Lord, Sailors' Knots, A Fair Refugee, The One-way Trail, The Nest of the Sparrow Hawk, and the Splendid



PRIVATE F. J. MORSHEAD.
PRIVATE N. B. HOWELL.

PRIVATE F. V. W. WEST.
PRIVATE G. S. BAKER.

(Wounded).

Spur (all presented by Mrs. Ducker), 1903 Strand Annual, 1908 Pearson's Annual, 1906 Black and White, 1906 Strand Annual and 1904 Harper's Monthly Magazine Annual (presented by Mr. Thos. Avery), The Red Eric and The Three Chums (presented by A. M'Hardy), Extinct Animals, The Card, Peter the Whaler, In the Hands of Cave Dwellers and Buck Peters, Ranchman (presented by Mr. Moyes), The Adventures of a Three-Guinea Watch (presented by Mr. Rockel), Two Years Ago and The Depot Mashers (presented by K. C. Roberts), The Three Trappers (presented by Dan Rawson), Lord Clive and The Three Comrades (presented by M. Smith), Old Jack (presented by Miles Atkinson), The Young Fur Traders (presented by M. P. Amor), In the Wilds of Florida (presented by R. A. Wilson), The Secret of Lake Gaba (presented by E. Reeves), The Wreck of the Wager, The Young Fur Traders, The Frontier, The Great Cattle Trail and Magna Charta Stories (all presented by D. Doile), The Blue Bird (presented by C. Gilmour).

Besides these, the boarders' subscriptions have enabled us to buy a good number of new books and many others have been recovered from out-of-the-way corners, so that we have now close on 500 volumes.

SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT.

The annual football tournament took place this year at Napier, and our 1st XV. left New Plymouth on Wednesday, August 25. The journey was broken at Palmerston North, where the team stayed the night, resuming the journey by the early train to Napier.

We were met at the station by Mr. Armour and the Napier boys, and afterwards witnessed the match between Napier and Palmerston. In the evening we were entertained by our hosts at the Pictures.

On Friday we journeyed out in drags to Tongioio, which is about fifteen miles from Napier, and there we spent a most enjoyable day.

On Saturday morning we were shown over the Power House and the Acetone Works. At the latter place the manager carried out some extremely interesting experiments with liquid air, and we were only too sorry when the supply ran short. In the afternoon we played Napier, and in the evening the teams were entertained at a dinner at the Trocadero.

On Sunday special services were held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in the morning and at the Cathedral in the evening.

The match against Palmerston was played at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. This enabled us to visit Niven's Foundry in the afternoon. The dance which took place in the evening in the School Gymnasium terminated a most enjoyable week's holiday.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Armour and the Napier boys for the very pleasant stay we had in their town. Our hosts were extremely kind to us, and went out of their way to make our stay a pleasant one—and most assuredly it was.

We are indebted to the Napier papers for the following accounts of the matches played:—

PALMERSTON NORTH (9) v. NAPIER (5).

Excellent football was witnessed at the Recreation Ground, when the first of the triangular matches in the annual tournament of the Napier, New Plymouth, and Palmerston North High Schools was got off. The match was Palmerston North v. Napier, and after an exciting and close game the visitors won—as they on the play deserved to—by 9 points to 5. Lloyd, who played a wonderful game throughout, was responsible for the visitors' first score, kicking a penalty goal from near halfway. It was a great effort, fully deserving of the applause it provoked. Then Stubbs, who was one of the shining lights throughout, initiated a passing rush, the good work being continued by Fairbrother, Nash, and Speed, the latter scoring a brilliant try. This was not converted, and half-time found the score—Palmerston North 6, Napier 0.

Great efforts were made by the local lads in the second spell to even matters up, but although they tried strenuously enough the defence was sound. Then Mill, the plucky little Napier half-back, scored a dazzling try, the like of which has rarely been seen on the "Rec." this season, he feinting his way over through a press of opponents. This was converted by Findlay with a neat attempt.—Napier 5, Palmerston North 6.

Later the issue was put beyond doubt by Laurensen scoring a good try, which was unconverted, Lloyd failing with the kick.

The game ended: Palmerston North 9, Napier 5.
Mr. A. E. Neilson was referee.

NEW PLYMOUTH (18) v. NAPIER (3).

Delightful weather prevailed on Saturday afternoon, and a crowd of nearly 1000 spectators attended at the Recreation Ground to witness the Rugby football matches. The chief attraction was the contest between the New Plymouth and Napier High Schools. A well-fought battle was witnessed, but the visitors quite outplayed the Napier boys, who were much the lighter team. The home boys, nevertheless, put up a very plucky fight and fairly held their own in the first spell, which ended with the score 3 points each.

In the second half New Plymouth crossed the Napier line five times, and were only prevented from further adding to their points by a very stubborn defence. The feature of the visitors' play was the excellent combination of the back division, who were well fed by the half-backs and worked with machine-like precision, with Bruce (five-eighths) as the pivot. He made neat openings and showed himself to be a player of considerable experience. New Plymouth's scores in the second spell were credited to Bruce (1 try), Sykes (2 tries), Tuohy (1 try), and Borrie (1 try). In the first spell Bruce crossed the home line, while Napier's only score came from a penalty goal kicked by Johnson from a long angle, a capital kick. The visitors' attempts at goal were very poor, although almost all from easy positions. For the visitors the whole of the half and three-quarter lines played well, and the forwards were also good, with two or three outstanding, whose names were not ascertainable. The team gave marked evidences of the results of good coaching. Findlay, Mill, and Honour were conspicuous throughout amongst Napier's backs, the fine kicking of the first-named being a feature of his play, although at times it was badly judged, entailing unnecessary work upon his forwards. Gifford deserves a special line for his play at full-back, which both in this and in last Thursday's game was cool, clever, resourceful, and most effective, pulling up many dangerous charges of the attackers. Dighton and Marin-Smith played well among a very resolute set of forwards.

Mr. Wills was referee.

NEW PLYMOUTH (22) v. PALMERSTON (3).

The final match of the triangular tournament between the Napier, Palmerston North, and New Plymouth High Schools was played at the Recreation Ground in the presence of a large number of spectators. Last week Napier had been defeated by Palmerston and New Plymouth, both of whom had shown very good form. It was therefore expected that an outstanding display of the Rugby code would be witnessed, but on the whole these anticipations were not realised, the play being rather on the slow side and somewhat devoid of spectacular incidents. There were occasional bright moments, however, and the display of the New Plymouth back division would have done credit to a much more seasoned combination.

Palmerston won the toss and played with a strong wind behind them, but failed to take judicious advantage of it, which obviously robbed them of opportunities which could have been made by a little resourcefulness in that connection. Palmerston showed to advantage in the early play. A nice bout of passing between Speed, Fairbrother, and M'Donald looked like a score, but the latter was pushed into touch-in-goal. Then the New Plymouth backs got a move on and carried the play to Palmerston territory. Finally, Terry broke through the defence and scored neatly. Tuohy converted.—New Plymouth 5, Palmerston 0. Palmerston carried play to the enemy's territory, and Stubbs shone out with a feinting dash which beat nearly all opposition until Bruce grassed him. Palmerston were not to be denied, however, as Lloyd shortly got away and scored cleverly at the corner. He failed in the attempt at goal.—Palmerston 3, New Plymouth 5. The concluding stages of the first spell favoured New Plymouth, but the score was unaltered at half-time.

On changing ends the tide of fortune turned in favour of New Plymouth, whose condition and combination were manifestly superior to their opponents'. With the advantage of the wind they frequently attacked and the backs threw the ball about effectively. At the outset Palmerston pressed for a short period, but a miskick by one of the backs enabled an opponent to break away and carry the play to the other end of the field. The rush ended in Sykes dashing over the line.

An easy kick at goal failed.—New Plymouth 8, Palmerston 3. New Plymouth kept up the pressure, and from smart passing—the half-back (Oliver) to Bruce, to Sykes, to Bruce—the latter scored a clever try. Again the place-kick was faulty.—New Plymouth 11, Palmerston 3. Soon afterwards the New Plymouth backs again handled the ball, Bruce, Sykes, and Yates being associated and the latter scoring. The kick at goal this time materialised.—New Plymouth 16, Palmerston 3. A further passing movement between Bruce, Sykes, and Tuohy ended in the latter centring, and Sykes, following up promptly, scored under the posts. Once more an easy shot at goal failed.—New Plymouth 19, Palmerston 3. New Plymouth continued to throw the ball about, and after a nice dash a score took place at the corner. The kick at goal was again abortive.—New Plymouth 22, Palmerston 3. Palmerston made a brave effort in the closing stages of the game, Speed and M'Donald especially working very hard; but the fates were against them, and they were unable to better their position, and New Plymouth were returned winners of the Shield for the second year in succession.

Mr. J. R. Gifford was an efficient referee.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

J. E. Wilson has again been elected and installed as Mayor of New Plymouth. In the election of last year he polled 90 more votes than did his opponent, while this year his majority had increased to 300.

C. P. Bates, who for some time has been teaching at Waituna, near Feilding, has been transferred to Aramo School, near Wanganui.

A. J. Healy, who has been fruit-farming at Birkenhead, Auckland, paid the school a visit on July 24, on his way to Trentham to join the Eighth Reinforcements.

H. M. Smith and L. Teed have both passed the Final Pharmacy Examination.

L. Serpell is practising medicine at Mangaweka.

Major C. Cornwall, who was a member of General Botha's force which conquered German West Africa, is now on his way to England to see further active service in Europe. His destination will probably be Flanders.

We have had the pleasure of reading a number of letters from Harper Lepper, and by kind permission we are allowed to cull extracts from them:—

We arrived at Aden on November 25, and as I was on duty as officer of the day I could not see much of the town. We were not allowed on shore and could not see much of the town, but what we saw of the place did not seem very enticing. The town is situated on an absolutely barren rock, which extends with unvaried monotony as far as we could see. The sea around the ships was absolutely alive with small boats almost as soon as the anchors were dropped. They do a good trade in tropical fruits and cigarettes; the latter, by the way, are not supposed to be allowed on the transports, but try as you will it is almost impossible to stop them from being brought aboard. We left Aden next morning. . . . The glimpses we caught of Africa and Egypt were not very encouraging, as it was always that barren desolate appearance, with no sign of life or vegetation to be seen. . . . I was inoculated for the second time on the 29th (November). . . . On December 1 we arrived at Suez. Here again we were greeted with the same swarms of natives that seem to infest these waters. We got rid of our German prisoners from the Emden. . . . We did not see much of Suez, but it seemed quite a small place in the distance. We entered the Canal at 1 p.m. We had an armed escort aboard of each transport, as it was reported that there was danger on the Turkish side from snipers, who have been doing good work lately. . . . Along the sides of the Canal there are armed Indian troops guarding it. We were the leading boat of the whole lot and we felt very important. The Suez Canal is a series of lakes, some of them being quite large, and must have caused a big saving in excavation. At 1 a.m. we dropped anchor at Port Said. Here I saw one of the most amusing sights that I have ever seen. This was the coaling of the ships by the natives. During this process they kicked up the most fiendish row that is imaginable. They run from a coal barge up a plank on to the ships with a basket of coal on their heads, put it in the hold and run down another plank yelling all the time. We were lucky in anchoring alongside a passenger boat with a number of girls on board and we had quite a decent yarn to them. They were the first decent girls we had seen since we left New Zealand. It sort of relieved the monotony and cheered up things a bit. . . . Leaving the Port we had to pass six battleships. We also had a good view of the town. . . . We arrived in Alexandria about 9.30 a.m. the next day. . . . That night all the officers were allowed up town. . . . The centre of the European part of the town is about two miles from the wharves, and we had to pass through part of the native quarters. . . . The streets are muddy and narrow and the houses are very high and looked to be in the last stages of decay. There were crowds of natives swarming the streets, and they are the most

repugnant looking creatures imaginable. I would not care to wander about those streets alone at night. There is a marked difference between this part of the town and the European quarters. They are very clean and well kept. . . . I took all my things over to the Athenic this afternoon. . . . She is a much bigger and more comfortable boat than the Arawa. . . . But at 6 a.m. on the 8th we were awakened and told to get up and pack up as fast as we could as the Athenic was not going at all, and we were obliged to make another transfer on to the Orari, where we are now. . . . Our cabins are ones that have been roughly constructed for the officers on the voyage. We left Alexandria on the 8th at 4 p.m., and the sea was very rough. . . . To-day we sighted Malta and we received a wireless message recalling us to Alexandria as this ship had on board 25,000 bags of oats, which the troops at Alexandria said they did not want. So they had sent us on a pleasure trip. The captain said he would take us on to Malta, where he would leave us to be picked up and taken on to England. When within about a mile of Malta a launch came out and told the captain to obey his orders. . . . so we had to turn round and make for Alexandria again. . . . We have come to the conclusion that life on the ocean wave has its drawbacks. . . . We have made our fourth transfer and a passage has been arranged for us on one of the Australian boats. . . . On December 17 we passed Malta. . . . We also passed Cape Bon, the most northerly point of Africa, and the island of Pantallaria, a Spanish convict station. It is not a very big island, but every available inch is thickly cultivated by means of terraces. These start right from the seaside and go right up the high land in the middle of the island. All the tops and sides are heavily cropped, but with what I could not make out. . . . We must have passed about forty ships, as they were coming up all over the place. The African coast is very much like New Zealand country, that is, this part of it. The coast is very hilly and thickly wooded, with a few houses dotted here and there. On Saturday night we saw Cape de Gata, on the Spanish coast, and in the morning we could see the coast quite plainly. . . . About 11 a.m. we caught our first glimpse of Gibraltar. We reached there about noon on Sunday, 20th. . . . I explored the town, and it is the most peculiarly built town I have seen. . . . I reckoned I went about 16 miles altogether. I turned in early as my feet and legs were very stiff and tired. . . . To-morrow we have coming on board 500 odd German prisoners and we have to take them to England. Three of them are lunatics, and one is dangerous. . . . To-day I saw three submarines, the first I have seen. . . . We left Gibraltar on December 24. . . . It was hard to realise that it was Christmas Eve, but we made the best of things and managed to get to bed without hanging our stockings up. . . . On the 27th a battleship came up to us and sailed round us and took a good

look at us and then cleared out. . . . On the 27th we pulled into Plymouth and got rid of our German prisoners. . . . We were given first-class passes and went by rail from Portsmouth to London. . . . We arrived at Paddington Station at 4.15 p.m. I had to go to Waterloo Station to get the train for Sandhurst. . . . I found a train there just about to leave for Camberley, which is the station for Sandhurst College, and about 6 p.m. we arrived at Camberley. From the station I took a cab. . . . I went and saw the company commander, Captain Eden, who showed me my room, and told me what I was expected to do.

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During the term Campbell M'Diarmid, who is practising as a solicitor in Hamilton, paid a visit to New Plymouth. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Hamilton High School

Willard Ewing, who is working at Fraser's Foundry, in Auckland, met with a very serious accident about the middle of July. His leg was caught in some machinery and the muscles near the top of the calf were cut through and then torn off as deep as the bone down to the ankle. At first it was feared that he might lose his leg, but the operations performed were so successful, and his general health and constitution so good that he is making all the progress possible. Naturally it will be some time before he will be able to be about again.

Troubles never come singly. On the very week of Willard's accident, Strathie Ewing was down in New Plymouth suffering from a severe cut on one of his hands. This has since quite healed, and Strathie has now enlisted.

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An old boy in Dunedin writes as follows. (We wish that other old boys would at times write and furnish us with any notes or reminiscences. Specially acceptable would be the pointing out of errors or omissions, as it is our aim to make the "Taranakian" some sort of bond uniting old boys to old boys, and this aim we cannot accomplish without the assistance of those who are in possession of the necessary knowledge.)

As an old boy who closely follows all the doings of the school and who reads his "Taranakian" with interest, may I be permitted to point out a slight inaccuracy that appears in the May number? On page 20 there is a statement that for the first time in the history of the school a cricket match had been played with another secondary school—namely, the Stratford High School.



PRIVATE H. WEST.
PRIVATE D. B. BROWN.

DRIVER R. W. GAUKRODGER.
PRIVATE W. H. JENKINSON.

In the early part of 1904 (though I stand open to correction on the matter of the exact date) the school played a match with the Stratford High School on the school ground, which resulted in a win for us, our scores being 42 and 35 to Stratford's 23 and 35. In Stratford's first innings H. W. Broadmore took seven wickets for six runs. Other members of the school team were Eric Langmuir (a fast left-handed bowler who was somewhat dangerous on a bumpy wicket), N. Matthews, Kyle, H. Smith, J. Stohr, A. Osborne, and the writer. Amongst our opponents were "Don" Cameron (the great footballer) and H. B. Randrup (who was recently killed in action at the Dardanelles). I do not think that even this was the first match against the Stratford School, as I seem to remember accounts of a match played at Stratford some years earlier. Perhaps some older old boy may remember the occasion. The excuse for this letter is that the reference in the magazine to a match against Stratford revived memories of times in the school's history that have passed away unchronicled. If you are able to find space in the next issue for the foregoing recollections they may prove of some interest to old and present boys alike.—I am, etc., H. L. COOK, 124 Maitland St., Dunedin.

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We have had the pleasure of reading several letters of Norman Howell to his mother. In these he tells that he received his wound in the fighting shortly after the landing at the Dardanelles. He was struck in the thigh by a bullet, which penetrated deeply down into the groin. He was taken first to Egypt and then sent to England by the Red Cross ship Nevassa. The wounded were landed at Southampton and then taken by train to Birmingham. Howell is delighted with the great beauty both of the English country and towns. He was taken to the magnificent hospital attached to the Birmingham University. He was the only New Zealander there, and cannot speak too highly of the extreme kindness of not only the hospital staff but also of the public. Shortly after he was removed to Garlick Ward, General Infirmary, Worcester. A gentleman in that city happening to hear that a New Zealander was in the hospital went to make inquiries. This gentleman had been born in Akaroa, but had left New Zealand when quite young and had never been able to realise his wish to re-visit the land of his birth. He evidently considered himself specially bound to do something for the wounded New Zealander, and has spared nothing—motor rides, outings, luxuries. Howell's wound has now healed up, but the bullet has never been extracted, and it is considered that

an operation will be necessary. So far he can shuffle a few steps without his crutches, but is gaining strength all the time.

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Laurie Smith writes on a post-card made in the trenches out of a piece of card-board. He says:—

Send some writing-paper, as it is very scarce here. Also send a cake by parcel-post, as all we get here is bully-beef, biscuits and tea, with a slice of bacon and some jam. The days are very hot here and the flies are very troublesome. They torment the life out of me. They fight you for your tucker. You chase them away, but they come at it again and again, till you get sick of shoeing them away.—Gallipoli, June 30, 1915.

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Selwyn Baker writes from Luna Park Hospital, Heliopolis, on May 19, 1915, shortly after receiving his first wound. On April 9 the troops left Egypt and on the 14th arrived at Lemnos, where they stayed till the 25th. During their stay in the island they saw all the sights, including "Lizzie." Continuing, he says:—

Was close enough to touch her, but was not allowed on. Saw holes in funnel made by Turkish shrapnel. Left Lemnos on 25th for Dardanelles, arriving about 5 p.m., and going straight into the firing line which Australians had established. By 2 a.m. out of our platoon of fifty-four we had lost five killed and fourteen wounded—and we were not the landing party. The horrible things we saw are better undescribed. This position was well up the Gallipoli Peninsula. We had no cover except holes made in the ground by our entrenching tools. We had periods of trenches and reserve till Thursday, when we left by torpedo boat destroyer for the south of the peninsula, near Kiled Bahr. Found beautiful country, with plenty of sweet water. We passed a demolished castle and village—all huge Turkish guns in other positions. On Saturday, May 9, we advanced on important Turkish position, and were a good way up when I got a bullet through my right shoulder underneath the shoulder-blade and grazing my cheek. I changed my mind about going forward, and stayed in some rear trenches till dark, when I walked down to the beach, arriving there about 9 p.m. Left for ship Franconia, arriving at 2.30 p.m. Sunday; and reached Alexandria next Tuesday. I am in a ward with a notice displayed outside: "Curiosities, $\frac{1}{2}$ Piastre"; "The Largest Skeleton in Egypt, $\frac{1}{2}$ Piastre." Other patients are in the Laughing Gallery, and it seems somewhat out of place to see this placard outside a hospital ward: "Come Inside and get a Smile that won't wear off." Others are in the "Tea Terrace," and seem to get most of the visitors with flowers. We get visitors, but none

so far have brought flowers to adorn our somewhat rude building. The flies and mosquitoes are simply blue murder, and we are all provided by visitors with fly-whisks. The hospitals are all very short of clothing, such as pyjamas, shirts, socks, etc. Most of the wounded have their clothing cut to get at their wounds.

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Sergeant Syd. Okey, who was wounded in the left arm at the Dardanelles, writing to his mother from the Alexandria Hospital on June 2, says:—

You will be wondering how we are progressing here. I get my discharge to-day and go to the base camp, and after a few days there will be sent on to the front to rejoin my unit; so long before you get this letter I will be back again with the force. We have not had any letters or papers from New Zealand for over two months. No doubt I missed a mail which was sent to the front while I was here, and by the time any for me gets back here I will be at the front again, so suppose will have to wait a while yet. I will not be sorry to get back again with my Company as, of course, one likes to be with the fellows he has trained with so long. The hole in my arm made by the shrapnel bullet has practically healed up now, and has not in any way affected the use of the arm and caused me little inconvenience. We hear very little here of what is going on at the front.

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Private Ron. Adlam writes from Samoa:—

I went up to Stevenson's grave last Saturday week. By jove, wasn't it a steep climb! It is absolutely marvellous how those Samoans managed to get his coffin up there. The hill it is on is about as big as the Run Hill, but steeper and covered with bush. I am enclosing a piece of moss I picked off a tree up there. There is one place I must visit some Sunday. It is a tremendously high waterfall about twelve miles from our camp. I believe it is about 700 feet high.

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The following letter tells its own sad tale:—

Your son M. W. Mulloy, who was a sergeant in my platoon, met his death bravely on April 28 at the front at Kaba Tepe Point. Nothing could have hit me so hard as when I was told on that morning that Wattie had been shot through the head. The enemy's machine-guns were in action, and at the time your son was killed another of our men went down with him, also shot through the head. It is with regret I have to tell you this sad news, but I feel it my duty as his platoon commander. I could never have wished for a better sergeant, and it grieves me to think that I have lost him for good.—E. MORGAN, Lieutenant, Taranaki Company.

H. B. Morshead, who was reported killed, was sent to Hyde Park Hospital, Plymouth. He was taken there after receiving his wound in the arm at the Dardanelles. A shell burst just in front of his company while charging a Turkish trench, and he was struck by a pellet just below the shoulder. The missile travelled down inside the arm to the elbow and came out there, breaking the arm just about an eighth of an inch above the joint. He was taken with many other wounded to Lemnos, and then sent on to Plymouth. The wounded colonials met with a great reception on their arrival, and all Plymouth vied with one another in showing kindness and hospitality. The wounded who were able to stand it were taken out for motor-rides, invited out to tea, and entertained right royally. Morshead, later on, was sent to Woodcote Park Convalescent Home, Epsom. There were about 3000 convalescents there, living in huts each accommodating about 40. Next to the park is the famous Epsom Racecourse. Morshead speaks enthusiastically of the beauty of England, so far as he has seen it. "It beats New Zealand into a cocked hat." He has been informed that he will have to be discharged from the Service as unfit for further active duty. But this goes very much against the grain. "The Turks and Germans have killed too many of my mates for me not to want to have another go at them." He hopes to be able to secure work in connection with the Home Defence, rightly thinking that in this way he would be helping the cause. So far we have not heard whether his application has been successful. His wound must have been specially severe for a wound in the arm. The letters written by him with the hand of the wounded arm are written quite firmly and legibly.

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Harper Lepper writes as follows from the Western Front near Ypres. The letter is dated June 24. Since then he has been wounded in the head, but not at all seriously, and will, in all probability, be back again in the firing-line soon.

I am at last at the front. I have been in France for a month now, but only three weeks with my regiment, which I joined on June 3. We are now in a rest camp, about 5 miles behind the firing line, where we arrived on the night of the 20th, and we were not at all sorry to get away from the sound of the rifles, although we are still well within the range of the guns. We often have shells pitching within a few hundred yards of the camp, but

they are only stray ones. The Germans seem to turn their guns in any direction and let fly, trusting to luck to hit something. I think that we will be here for another 4 or 5 days, so we ought to be fairly fit by then. The battalion had 25 days in the firing line, and they were pretty trench-sick after it and need a good rest. We just got away from the trenches in time to miss an attack, as we were relieved the night before. You will most likely have read of it in the papers. It was the attack that straightened out the salient in front of Ypres, where we had been doing duty for so long. The attack was fairly successful, and we advanced through five lines of their trenches, but owing to the communications with our artillery being broken we were shelled by our own people and had to retire to the second line, which we have held against all their counter-attacks. The Germans got rather a surprise, as they were told that we were very weak just there and had no gun ammunition. The morning of the attack we had over 200 guns concentrated on 1000 yards of front, and they bombarded the Germans from 2 a.m. till about 3 p.m., and for once in a way they did some good shooting. I was on fatigue for the two nights following the attack with a burying party, and some of the sights were terrible. In several places I came across half Germans, and the corresponding halves were nowhere to be seen. In the German front line, which we captured, there were dozens of spare limbs and bits of men, and we had to be careful where we sat down. The only thing to be seen on some of the men was a little red spot in the forehead, otherwise they appeared to be untouched. There must have been about 300 dead lying in front of our old position, and I was very glad to see that the German dead at this point were more than ours. There were also about 80 dead "Tommies," who had been lying in front of our trench for a month—ever since the big retreat there. We were unable to get out to bury them, and the sanitation of the place was seriously threatened. During our 25 days there we had 150 casualties. While I was with my platoon I had six casualties and these were all wounded behind the firing line while trench digging or some such thing. Very few get wounded in the firing line by rifle fire. One day when my platoon was on look-out duty we got shelled by our own artillery and we had three shells in our trench before we could stop them. There is nothing more demoralising than to be shelled by your own people, and it took me all my time to keep my men at their posts. Luckily there was no one wounded this time, but the same day they laid out four of the Gordons on our right. The German firing line in front of our position ran along the edge of a wood, and it was a wonderful sight to see this place being bombarded as the shells cut down large trees and fell them into the trench. I saw one man thrown about 50 feet into the air by a shell that

landed in their trench, and most likely there were a few more blown up by the same shell. They are in a blue funk by our artillery and run like rabbits when the shells pitch anywhere near. Then is the time when we get some good snap-shooting. In the recent charge our men took the first trench with only five casualties, as the Germans were all cowering in their dug-outs. They would not come out of them, so our men either threw in some grenades or went in and stuck them like pigs. They had their blood up, and it was a wonder that there were any prisoners at all. What prisoners there were were miserable, undersized fellows and they simply walked in and gave themselves up after our men had passed on to the next trench. I have been doing a fair amount of sniping lately, and now I am in charge of the company snipers, but there is very little to do in connection with them. I am trying to improvise some good type of sniper's loop-hole, as we have no reliable one so far. In the trenches it was nothing to fire about 200 rounds at a sitting and one day I fired 500. Once when I was feeling rather fit I crawled out of our trench just before daybreak and took up a good position in some long grass. I stayed there for five hours till I only had five rounds out of 250 left, and then I had to get back in broad daylight. This was rather a ticklish job and I had to wriggle about 200 yards till I got to a bit of dead ground, where I managed to get over our parapet unobserved. My company commander is very keen on this sort of work, and I sometimes go out with him. I don't know whether I have shot any Huns yet, but I guess I have startled some. They are too cunning to give us much of a target and then we get only a fleeting glimpse of them. When we are in the trenches we do two days in the firing line and two days in the supports and so on. We work all night at generally improving our trench and digging communication trenches. During the day we have a few hours' sleep and fill in the rest of our time filling sand-bags ready for putting on the parapet at night. In the firing line we get little or no sleep and have to make it up during the day in the support trenches. I soon got used to the rifle fire, but the shell fire was a little more nerve shaking, but I do not mind either now. The second night that I was on burying fatigue the Huns were making pretty free use of their dirty gas, but I think we have solved that problem fairly effectively, as respirators are issued to all, which absorb the gas. All the same I got a good dose of it, as they use gas shells, and one of these burst within a few yards of my party, and before we could get our respirators on the wind blew the gas on to us. We all felt very sick after it, and our eyes were so sore we could hardly see. It makes one feel very tired and a great desire to lie down and sleep comes over one, and the lips become very dry. I would rather be bombarded any day than be gassed again. We see a good deal of aeroplanes over us, and they are always greeted with a

perfect hail of bullets from one side, but I have not seen one of them brought down yet, although I feel certain they must be hit more than once.

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Mr. Bottrill has received the following letter from one of our friends at the Front:—

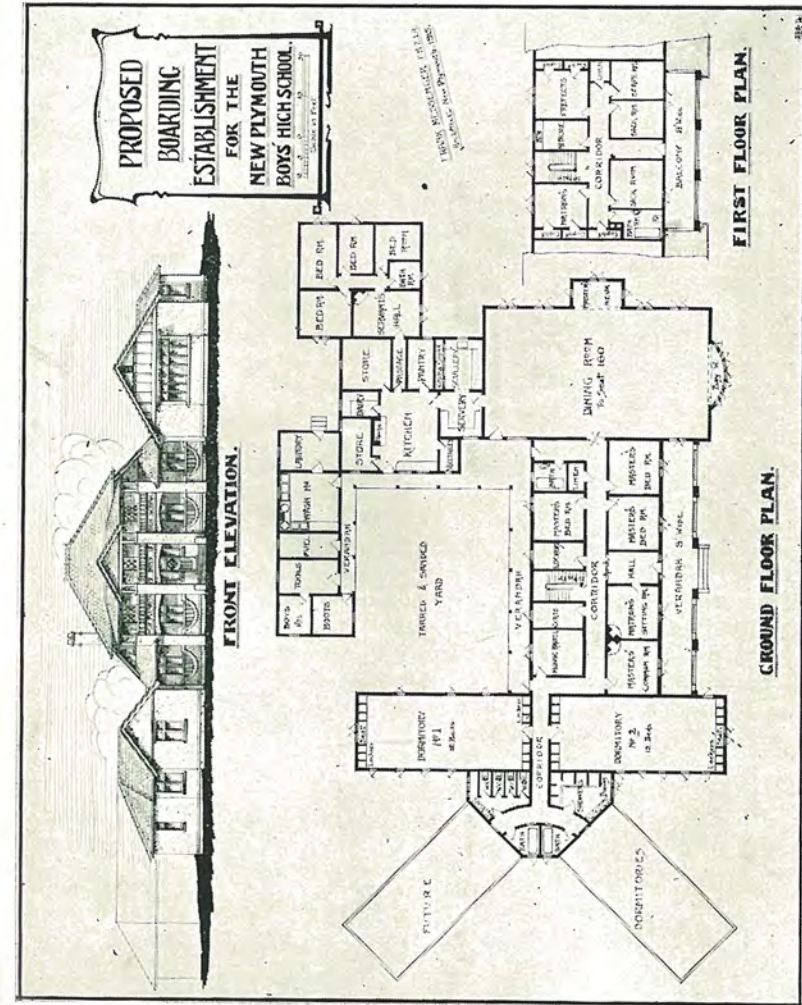
Long ere this, you boys have read, doubtless with misty vision, the bare fact that Corporal Hall had died of wounds. You have been kind enough to think that he had faced danger and death bravely and, boys, your confidence has not been misplaced. Prior to leaving Egypt he had refused his third stripe, because he considered his sight would not allow him to do justice to the position, and it is no idle talk to say he left that country the most popular N.C.O. in his company and the idol of his section. In the same way that he had won your confidence, had he won the confidence of those rough, hard, fighting men of which his section was composed. Of that section there are but two left, and one of these told me that there was not one among them but that would willingly have stood between their corporal and death. Picture to yourself a gully such as the one at the back of your school only about as deep again, and here and there great landslides that had left its slopes a clean face of clay. Under cover of darkness, at the top of one of these slopes a small party of New Zealanders had dug themselves in. But the dawn of the 6th revealed their position to the enemy's artillery, and within a very few minutes the whole of them were killed or blown to the gully below. Among the latter was Corporal Hall, with leg cruelly shattered just below the thigh. Later in the day he was removed to the beach, about three-quarters of a mile away, by the Red Cross men. If the men in the firing line were brave, these ambulance men were heroes. All day and all night and the next day, without any chance of hitting back, under the merciless shrapnel and rifle fire of the enemy, without rest or stay, they worked, in many cases passing the wounded down cliffs that make one wonder even now how they obtained a foothold. Then by lighters out, not to the elaborate hospital ships one reads of, they are long since full to overflowing, but to a common troopship, and after a journey of 60 or more hours they arrive at Alexandria, in many cases with their first field dressings on. If you can measure the suffering of the hundreds of wounded on an overcrowded troopship, whose sole medical staff consisted of one doctor borrowed from one of the warships and some 40 or 50 soldiers with no knowledge of nursing; if, I say, you can measure the suffering in the interval that elapsed between the night of April 26 and a date some four days later, then you have some idea of what many of our countrymen, including your late master, endured. At Alexandria

every care is bestowed on the wounded, and there it was found necessary to amputate Corporal Hall's leg just below the thigh. The clear, gifted mind, the indomitable will, the fearless courage were his, but the iron constitution was lacking, and ten days later suffering gave place to death. But we will not forget one who always had the courage to do his duty, who was always ready to help others to do theirs. With many others he has helped to write the name of our island home across this peninsula with the noblest blood New Zealand can give. On a tablet of love and memory we will write his name in letters of purest gold. If there were no censor there is much I would like to tell you. boys. My own platoon consists of men from Patea, Hawera, and round the coast, fighters every one, and we are not trying to refine this grim business. Just at present we are having a few days' rest after 16 days in the fire trench, but the men are kept busy on one fatigue and another. We will be glad when this great war is over, but while it lasts I would not be elsewhere for worlds. I would like to get a line from any of you boys. I always do my best to answer my letters. They are the one joy of a soldier's life. I have tried to find out how you boys got on in your last Empire match, but cannot. I wrote to the secretary of the N.R.A., but have not had any reply. In conclusion, boys, just let me say one thing. It is this. I have seen the British Tommy, the men of Kitchener's volunteer army, the French and their dusky African troops, the men from our great Indian Empire (fine fighters that they are), I have seen them all in action, but if it is ever my lot to be in a tight corner give me our New Zealanders and their cousins the Australians. They are great. You may well be proud of them, and I know you are.

F. HARTNELL.

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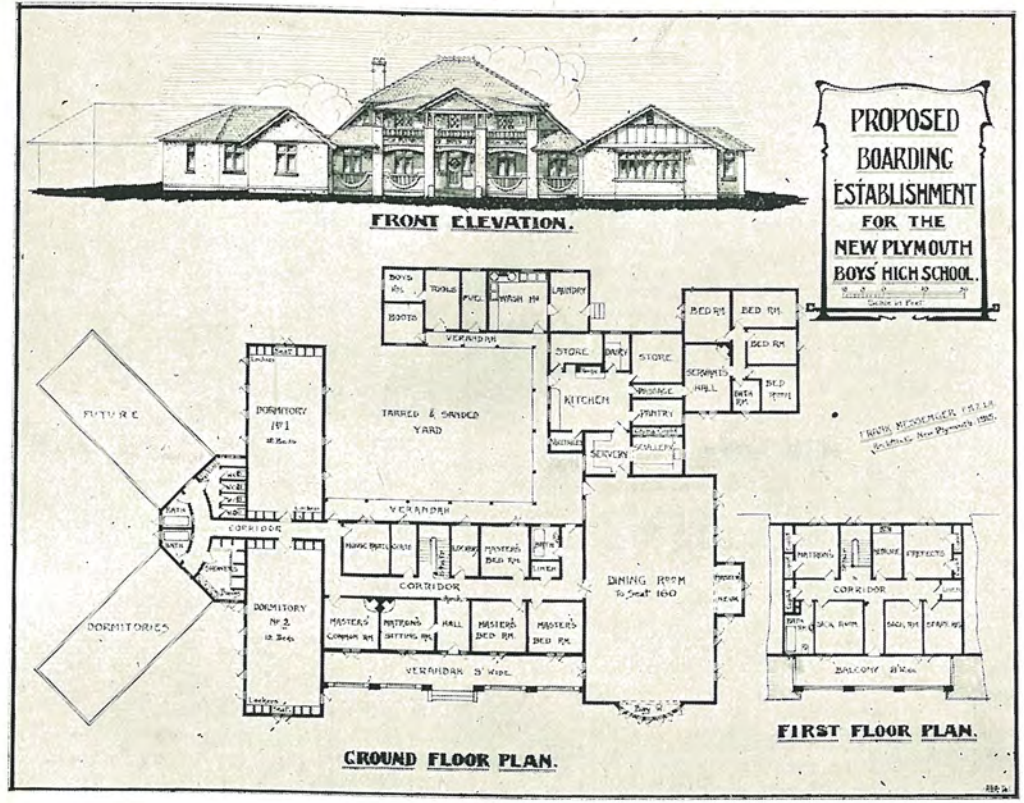


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PROSPECTUS.

In accordance with the wishes of the Board of Governors we include the following pages taken from the School Prospectus:—

The school is divided into:—

(I.) The Upper School.—This consists of Forms V., VIA. and VIB. In this department boys are prepared for the following examinations:—

- (a) Junior University Scholarship.
- (b) Taranaki Scholarship.
- (c) Matriculation.
- (d) Engineering Preliminary.
- (e) Solicitors' General Knowledge.
- (f) *Entrance Examination for Duntroon Military College.
- (g) Senior Civil Service.
- (h) Pupil Teachers' Entrance Examination.

*This examination is held in December of each year. The subjects are (compulsory) English, History, Elementary Mathematics, Geography, General Knowledge; (optional—two of the following) Mathematics (Div. II.), Physics, Chemistry, French or German.

The course at Duntroon extends over four years, and from the day of their admission to the Royal Military College, cadets need cost their parents nothing. The Government provides £200 a year for each boy, who is, moreover, able to contribute from the age of 16 to the Public Superannuation Fund. On completion of training at the College at the age of 20 or 22 years, the cadets will join the New Zealand Staff Corps, with the rank of Lieutenant at a salary of £250 per annum. At the usual rate of promotion they will attain in seven or eight years the rank of Captain at a salary of £350, and successively the rank of Major with a salary of £475 after 15 years' service, of Lieutenant-Colonel at £600 after 22 years' service, and of Colonel at £750.

(II.) The Middle School.—This consists of Forms IIIA., IIIB., and IV., and prepares boys for the Upper School. The following examinations may be taken by pupils in this section of the School:—

- Senior Education Board Scholarship.
- Bayly Memorial Scholarship.
- Senior Free Place.
- Civil Service Junior.

THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Scope and Aims.—The aim of this department, which is organised separately from the Upper School, is to prepare boys for secondary education. By combining with the ordinary primary school syllabus the innumerable advantages offered by a secondary school, it so prepares boys that, on leaving it, they proceed to higher work with a minimum of interruption. The courses of study of the Middle and Lower School dovetail, and, as the preparatory syllabus is not fixed by the Education Department, it can here be modified to suit individual requirements. The elements of French, Latin and Elementary Science are taught the pupils by those masters who will subsequently take them for advanced work, thus the continuity of study is uninterrupted.

Organisation.—The schools consist at present of 47 pupils, of whom 12 are boarders, who are subject to ordinary house discipline, including special supervision of preparation of work. The lower division of the school consists of 21 pupils, varying in ages from 8 to 12 years, while the upper division prepares boys for Education Board Scholarships and proficiency certificates. Special schemes of work, covering the whole preparatory progress of a pupil, are in operation.

Class Rooms.—The class rooms are new, large and handsome. They have been specially designed for this department, and are finished in asbestos and oiled rimu. The lower division room is fitted with modern hyloplate blackboards for drawing purposes, while the teaching of geography and history is helped by an electric arc lamp and lantern. All the apparatus necessary for geographical and scientific work is provided.

Library.—The department has a special library of its own, and the reading matter provided is carefully supervised.

Games.—The Lower School enters teams in the local football and cricket competitions, while every boy physically fit takes part in these winter and summer games. In conjunction with the Upper School, the boys play in groups suited to age and weight. All the pupils, without exception, frequently do some gymnastic work in the new school gymnasium.

Cadets.—Those boys who are old enough drill in No. 2 Company of the School Cadets, while the smaller boys receive the elements of drill in special squads.

Boarders.—These pupils are provided with a separate dormitory from the remainder of the school, and in all respects, except as regards length, preparation classes are subject to the ordinary house discipline of the school.

Playing Fields.—The playing fields are spacious, and include an excellent cricket ground, as well as tennis court and miniature rifle range.

The teachers in charge of this department have had special training in primary school work. The boys thus have the benefits of a secondary school training in the way of gymnastics, drill, and the supervision of all school games.

COURSE OF STUDY.

To the Upper and Middle Schools there are three sides, viz.: (1) The Classical; (2) The Agricultural; (3) The Commercial.

The Classical Side.—Subjects of Instruction: English, French, Geography, Arithmetic, Chemistry, Latin, History, Algebra, Geometry, Elementary Physics, Trigonometry, Heat, Elementary Mechanics, Drawing, Woodwork.

The Agricultural Side.—English, Geography, History, Algebra, Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, Botany, Agriculture, Dairying, Animal Physiology, Chemistry, Elementary Mechanics, Book-keeping, Drawing, Woodwork.

The Commercial Side.—English, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Elementary Mechanics, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Commercial Correspondence, Drawing.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Pupils attending the School may compete for the following Scholarships:—

(1.) Junior Board Scholarships.—These vary in value from £5 to £35 per annum. They are tenable for two years and are open to boys under 14 years of age.

(2.) Senior Board Scholarships.—Open to boys under 16 years of age and tenable for two years. Value varies from £5 to £35 per annum.

(3.) Bayly Memorial Scholarship.—Open to boys under 15 years of age and tenable for three years. Value £10 per annum.

(4.) Taranaki University Scholarships.—Tenable for four years. Value £60 per annum. These are awarded on the results of the Junior University Scholarship Examination, and in order to obtain one a candidate must gain a place on the credit list of that examination. The scholarships are open to all candidates who have attended a school within the Taranaki Provincial District for not less than two years and are between the ages of 16 and 19 years on the 1st day of December nearest to the date of the examination.

(5.) Junior University and Senior National Scholarships. Value £50 per annum for three years.

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Tuition—£3, reducible to £2 10s if paid within 31 days.

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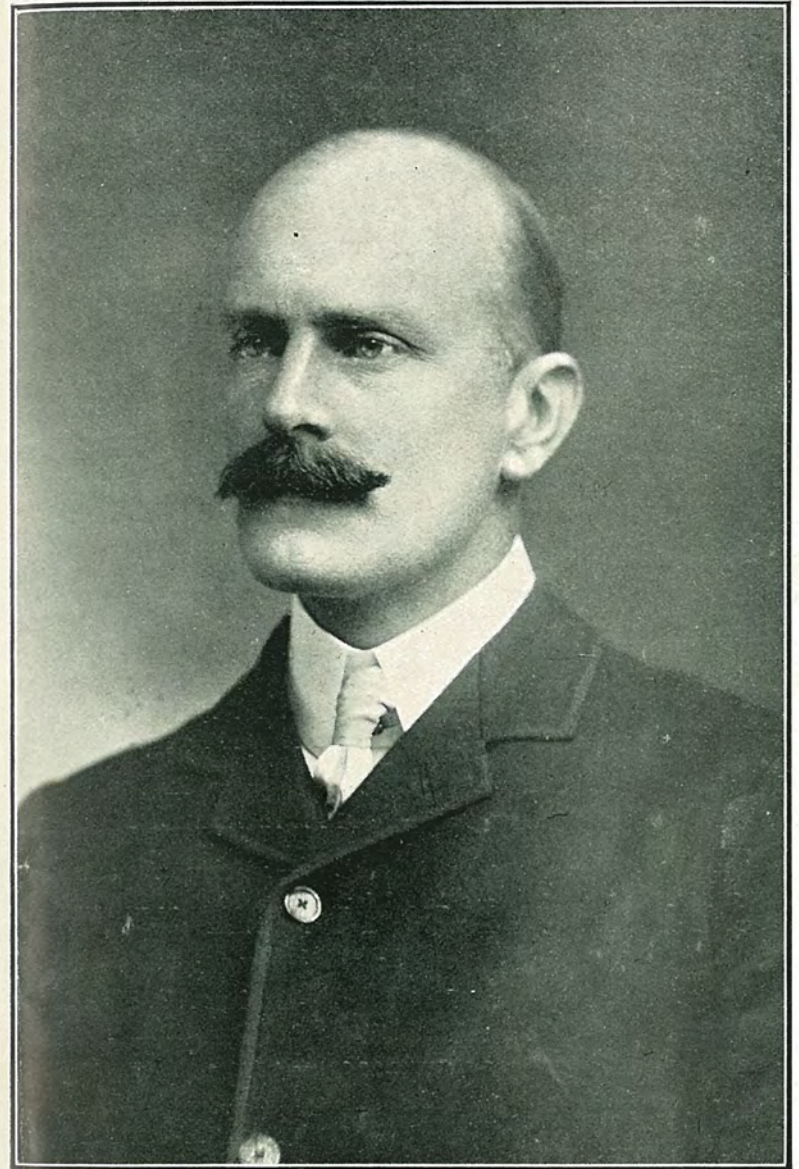
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EDITORIAL.

AND still the war goes on. It seems that it will never end, and we can now feel, as we never did before, something of the weariness and agony of the Americans after the awful Civil War had gone on more than three years. Indeed that war lasted four years. We constantly ask ourselves: "To what purpose all this waste of our finest manhood?" The answer is: "There is no waste." In what better way could our best blood be poured out than in defence of hearth and home? Never can lives said to be wasted, when they are given up in order that our land may be saved from such a fate as that of Belgium.

It may not be amiss, even in a school magazine, to set out this familiar topic of patriotism as it applies to schools and schoolboys. The definition of patriotism practically amounts to country before self and the human race above all. The country is really a large family, and everyone has seen the condition of a family in which the different members are actuated by a spirit of mutual forbearance and of self-sacrifice. Selfishness and self-assertion destroy the family. So it is in our national life, although seemingly the parallel is not so obvious. Those who insist upon their own pleasures without regard for others are essentially unpatriotic.

The basis of family life is love; and the basis of true patriotism, if not exactly love for our fellow-countrymen, is, at least, a feeling of respect for and of deference to their best interests. The more genuine this feeling of

respect and deference the sincerer our patriotism. We are well aware that this is not the usual view taken of patriotism, but we are convinced that it is the true one. If everyone held this view would we have the spectacle of men well able to contribute to the patriotic funds, giving grudgingly a pitiful dole; would we have, at this crisis, the uninterrupted expenditure of money on luxuries and pleasures; and, above all, would we see any shirkers? All consideration for those who are bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh will certainly find expression in the practical giving of one's substance and of one's services.

Our native-land has laid us all under deep obligations. She has given us birth, freedom, security, protection. What shall we give in return. Certainly, in the first place, our gratitude, and then our gifts. And this giving, either of substance or service, should be done cheerfully. Herein lies the difference between a system of volunteering and one of conscription. Even if one has no feeling of gratitude towards his native-land or for the country of his adoption, ordinary considerations of prudence should impel him to be up and doing.

Flag-flying and excitement do not constitute patriotism. The loudest-mouthed flag-flyer is often the shirker. "Punch," in a recent number, had a picture of one of these flag-flyers standing beside his motor-cycle, which was stuck all over with little flags. He was reading a poster which announced some success or other of our troops. His noble and elevated patriotism amounted to the exclamation of: "I must get some more flags for the old jigger!"

As a rule a boy can give but little or no money. But what he can give is his gratitude and affection to his country. This feeling will soon show him various ways in which he can help. In the first place, he will have a sound moral influence. Next, he can help in various ways in the different movements and functions promoted for patriotic purposes. He may often be able to take, temporarily at any rate, the place of some one who has been called to do what we may perhaps call "war-work." This year a number of boys from secondary schools will be doing harvest-work. Their help at this specially busy season, seeing that they have holidays, should be acceptable. It is quite true that most of them will be quite unused to the kind of work to which they will be put, but if willing they will soon learn to be useful. It is to be

hoped, then, that every boy will look round to see what he can find to do. Let him not think that the little he can do will be negligible. Every little helps, and we wrong ourselves by withholding what we can give.

Again, if boys take the right view they will have a splendid training in reasoned patriotism. This high quality, like all others, is the product of training and environment, to which we grow up as we do to our ideas of civilisation and of religion. At the present crisis the boys of to-day are getting, or should be getting, a specially fine training in true patriotism.

Not only must we learn to feel gratitude and to do our level best, but we must learn also to face facts, however unpleasant these may be. None of us likes bad news. But it is far wiser to know the worst in order that we may make all due preparation. Boys must learn this as part of their patriotic equipment. We must combat the very natural tendency to over-elation on the receipt of good news. By all means let us rejoice, but do not let us lose our balance. Too often have reports of successes proved incorrect or exaggerated. Boys are not likely to fall into the sin of pessimism, but this is perhaps a worse fault than over-elation. By pessimism we mean habitual or undue despondency.

In speaking patriotism we should not forget that, just as other folk love their own folk and are willing and happy to make sacrifices for them, there are other nations whose people feel patriotism as we do. While we condemn many of the methods of Germany, we must admire the unanimity and patriotism of her people, who, evidently, consider no sacrifice too great for the fatherland. We must commend in any people the spirit of true patriotism.

Certainly there is a still higher patriotism, if we may be allowed the word here, which considers the welfare of the human race the first object. We believe that our highest justification for our present sacrifices is the fact that we are fighting for the cause of humanity, including Germans, as a whole.

History teaches us that nations, like individuals, who give themselves up to luxury and selfishness, in the end perish; and it may be that the present war is in some sort a call to a return to the paths of self-sacrifice and of greater efforts in the cause of humanity.

Perhaps all this is in too serious a vein for a school magazine, but the present time is one for much serious thinking and taking stock of ourselves. This is not at all incompatible with cheerfulness and the regular performance of our regular duties. Believing this the Editors wish all our fellows and all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following have left during the term:—D. S. Sykes, C. M. Copestake, L. Lovell, A. Honnor, S. Borrie, G. Brown, G. Clinch, A. Hastie, W. Smellie, J. Tuohy, R. B. Fussell, E. G. L. Bracegirdle, H. Grayling, H. Hunter.

The following have entered this term:—A. Pirrit, T. Fouhy, C. M'Kay.

The following gained their Senior Free Places at the examination held by Mr. Gill on his annual visit last July:—W. M. Atkinson, P. A. H. Barnett, A. E. Brooker, I. R. Brydon, D. E. Candy, G. M. Clinch, D. A. Doile, S. F. Drake, A. V. Gilbert, E. Hamling, R. G. Howell, B. Johns, F. C. Le Pine, A. G. Mackie, S. W. G. Ogle, A. H. Phipps, R. M'K. Rockel, G. H. Rodger, W. G. Smellie, E. W. Snowdon, L. J. Sole, M. J. Smith, E. L. Tansey, W. P. Traill, C. J. Way, J. T. White, R. A. Wilson, J. C. Wyborn.

Many times every term do we visit Tea-pot's. But one day during the term we were surprised to receive a request from Mrs. Roberts to keep away on one particular Thursday. Further inquiry elicited the fact that upon that day Miss Roberts was to be married. We all kept away, but on the following day all of us who went down were "treated." Each boy was given a piece of wedding-cake and a drink of something soft. We all thought that our abstinence of the previous day was well rewarded. Not only boarders but many day-boarders partook of the "shout." We thank Mrs. Roberts cordially for her kindness.

Early in the term we levelled and filled in ground for a new grass tennis court on the site of the old agricultural plots. Squads of willing helpers in spare time, under the direction of Mr. Ward, got through the work in pretty good time. As the court when filled in consisted almost entirely of barren clay, the work was finished



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by the application of black soil all over it to a depth of several inches. This was carefully levelled and rolled, and then planted with mustard in order to choke weeds. The mustard has come up thickly and vigorously and seems to be fulfilling its mission. The bank at the back of the court was turfed, the material being cut in our newly acquired sections across Hendry Street. Were the bank not turfed we should be troubled by the constant slipping of the clay, and even nasturtiums would be less unsightly than a bare bank.

This year it has been decided to grant certificates instead of the usual medals for sports' prizes and instead of the usual books for school prizes. We feel that this year will be for all time a memorable one, and that we must economize as far as possible. No doubt in years to come the certificates will be of more value to the winners, as a memento of the Great War, than the medals and books will be. The dux and head-boy also received certificates instead of the usual medals. Of course the challenge trophies already in our possession have been awarded and engraved as usual.

D. Mackie was absent from school for the first two-thirds of the term. He underwent in the hospital an operation for appendicitis. He has returned, but for a while had to be very careful not to exert himself too much, either physically or mentally. We are glad to say that he has now quite recovered, and will be fitter than ever for work next term. The loss of time along with the slowness of recovery is a serious handicap.

Type-writing has been much in vogue this term. Those boys who are taking a commercial course have done a good deal of work and some have become fairly proficient, and have been of material help to masters wishing documents copied or duplicated. There are folk who consider that typewritten matter is more easily read than ordinary handwriting. In proof of our assertion that good progress is being made in the manipulation of the typewriters we may give the following instance:—
Scene: The Master's Room. A timid knock at the door.
Master: Come in!
Type-writing Youth: Please, sir, may I have the tooth-brush for the typewriter?

Early in the term those of us who had occasion to be in the Master's Room noticed on the table some curious little wooden figures, some thirty or forty in number. Half of them seemed black and half white. They looked

something like ornamental clothes-pegs with the bottoms cut off. Our curiosity grew more tense as since the appearance of the little figures we noticed that the Master's Room was quieter than usual for an hour or so at a time. This silence was broken only by such strange words as "Check," "J'adoube," "Mate." It is often easier now to find the master on duty since the arrival of the mysterious figures.

On Tuesday, October 5, the whole school assembled in the Gymnasium to hear a very interesting address delivered by Miss Carden, Warden of the Young People's League in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Miss Carden began her address by outlining the life of the philanthropist. He had intended to devote himself to missionary work in China; but coming into contact, during his student days in London, with the appalling poverty and distress existing among the poorer classes and especially among the homeless children, he felt himself called to the work that has made his name famous all over the world. Miss Carden then went on to tell about the various departments and about the methods of the work. She concluded by explaining the Young Helpers' League. Most of the boys of the school have become members. There is no doubt that the work of rescuing the homeless children of the great cities is one of the most important possible. Apart from the great matter of the alleviation of actual suffering and of the rescue from moral destruction the lives of the children are of far too much value to the State to allow these to be lost. An interesting commentary on the value and methods of the work is the fact that over 1300 of those rescued by Dr. Barnardo are serving in the present war either on sea or on land. Many of these have been specially mentioned, while others have done remarkably well. Surely from every standpoint the work is deserving of the support of everyone. One of the unfortunate results of the war is that all charitable and philanthropic institutions, however deserving, have to suffer severely.

On Sunday, October 17, the cadets turned out to a church parade in Whiteley Memorial Church. The Rev. A. B. Chappell preached an appropriate sermon of a patriotic character, as the day was the Sunday nearest to the Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. The church was decorated with flags, and Nelson's immortal signal was displayed. It has been suggested that, in the face of our present alliance with France, the cele-

bration of the anniversary of the battle would be out of place. It would seem, however, that the celebration could not be offensive to our brave allies, as it is most improbable that anyone would have the bad taste to manifest a jingoistic (if we may be allowed the expression) spirit. All that is aimed at is to arouse a keen interest in the great deeds of the founders of our naval supremacy. Surely this can be done without giving offence to the French, who know as well as we ourselves that the British Navy is what it is largely because of the great traditions behind it, and because of the romantic figures of such men as Nelson.

On the evening of Monday, October 15, the school cadets turned out on the occasion of the farewell to the members of the Ninth Reinforcements. Our fellows were lined at first outside the railway station. They then guarded the gates and were afterwards drawn up on the platform to assist in keeping the crowd back from the train. His Worship the Mayor delivered a stirring patriotic address. Soon afterwards the train steamed out amidst the hearty cheers of all present.

On October 18 the school cadets again went down in mufti to the railway station to take part in the farewell to those members of the Ninth Reinforcements who were leaving for Trentham. In spite of the pouring rain there was a very good muster.

A paper-chase was held on Thursday afternoon (September 30) by way of a little encouragement to those who were inclined to leave their training to the day before the sports. The "hares" were Bruce, Monteath and Lucena, who had a start of three minutes. The scent was laid along Gilbert Street, up Victoria Road, across to Carrington Road, round on to Avenue Road and thence home. The course was about four miles and proved quite long enough for many judging by the numerous complaints of stitch and stiffness. Many, misled by false trails, had to wade through a swamp up to their waists in muddy water and arrived home in anything but a presentable state.

Monday, October 25, was observed as a partial holiday. The first two periods were spent in tidying-up the school and grounds, and, as was fitting for Labour Day, squads were busy in the gully filling in soil for a fresh tennis court. School was dismissed at the beginning of the third period, and the brain-fagged and physically weary youths enjoyed a respite for the remainder of the day.

In the early part of October Train fell from the rings in the gymnasium and was unfortunate enough to break his left wrist. Dr. Fookes soon attended him, and before long he was up and about again. He was, however, prevented from winning the Steeplechase.

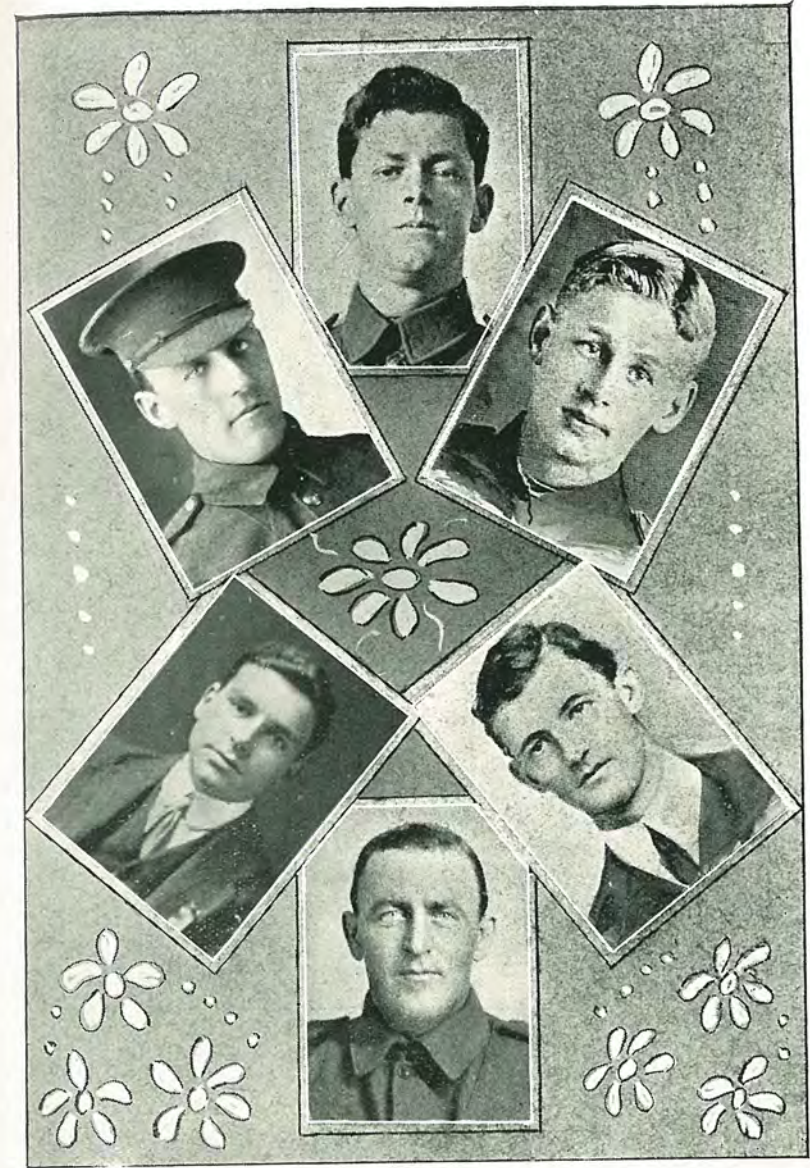
Each term brings with it things both grave and gay, and we have given several of the (unintentional) gay things of the term. Howlers have always been considered in place in a school magazine, and we therefore feel that any apology for their appearance in our pages is superfluous. Further, we hold strongly with Charles Lamb that the old saying, "A man must not laugh at his own joke," is a popular fallacy. Why should the author of the mirth-provoking remark, whether he acted consciously or unconsciously, be the only person excluded from the enjoyment of the sprout of his brain? We see no reason why he should, and therefore publish the fruits of his cogitations to an admiring world.

Mr. Moyes received a request for the loan of the Miniature Rifle Range for the Central School Fete. The gentleman who asked for it came up to school to see about it. After inspecting it he decided that he would not take it this time, although he was assured that he was very welcome to it.

After Mr. Hamblyn's departure for Trentham his place was taken in the Preparatory by an old boy, Mr. J. Shaw. Mr. Shaw stayed with us for several weeks and we of the "lower prep." were very sorry to lose him.

It is our pleasant duty to welcome this term two new masters—Messrs. M'Donald and M'Kinney. Mr. M'Donald has taken Mr. Espiner's place, while Mr. M'Kinney is in charge of the lower department of the Preparatory School. Both of our new masters have had special training and considerable experience in teaching. Mr. M'Donald comes from Auckland, and Mr. M'Kinney from Canterbury. We hope their stay with us will be a long one, and that they will find it both pleasant and profitable.

The Minister of Education followed the time-honoured custom of eminent visitors to schools by asking for a half-holiday for us. This was granted as a matter of course, but the afternoon, like the morning of Mr. Hanan's visit, proved hopelessly wet. But the mere fact of its being a holiday was sufficient compensation.



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Three times within the last two years we have been visited by Ministers of the Crown. Mr. Allen, then Minister of Education, was here in February, 1914, and gave us a short address. Mr. Massey, the Prime Minister, paid us a flying visit later, and gave us a short address. But Mr. Hanan's visit was of a much more extended nature, and his address was one of the best and most stimulating which we have ever heard. There is no doubt that to see and hear the leading public men of the country is highly educative, and ought to be of the greatest value to every boy. Indeed there is some danger of the Governor, and of the Ministers of the Crown being regarded as mere abstractions.

The visit of the Minister of Education was not quite such a perfunctory affair as official visits sometimes are. Mr. Hanan struck consternation into the hearts of some of the boys by asking them to read aloud and by examining some of the ordinary (not copy-book special) handwriting. Needless to say, he invariably selected the worst readers and the worst writers. This is always the case when Inspectors or Ministers visit us.

We extend our heartiest thanks to Mesdames Moyes, Rockel, Ryder, Hutton, Hutchen, J. Wilson, Denny-Brown, Penn, Kebbell, Ken. Webster and D'Arcy Robertson, Misses G. Shaw, Pott, Renaud, Corkill, Bullard, Campbell, Wilson, Bruce, Rockel, Death, Ewing, Penn, Saxton, E. Greatbatch, Hutton, Roy and Rollo, who so kindly took charge of the afternoon tea on the Sports' Day. The success of the day was due in no small measure to the hard work and excellent arrangements of these ladies.

Our best thanks are also due to Mrs. Wood and her excellent orchestra, who so kindly gave their services free. The pleasant, bright music added materially to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Coutts and Lawn, the two Stratford representatives, for their win in the Invitation Race at the annual sports. Both ran well and deserved the places they won.

When we came back after the term holidays we found that Mrs. Ward had left us. We take this opportunity of bidding her good-bye and of thanking her for all her kindness to us. We shall miss her greatly, and we trust that she will believe us when we assure her that

wherever she goes, she will carry with her our best wishes. Mrs. Moyes has herself undertaken the duties of matron this term.

In the early part of the term we had a narrow escape from an epidemic of measles. One youth, who shall be nameless here, had a mysterious illness, which was soon diagnosed as measles. He was immediately isolated and in a short time was sufficiently recovered to return home. As soon as the prescribed period had passed he returned to school apparently none the worse for his compulsory absence. Fortunately no other boy caught the infection.

Last year the three first places in the competition for the Bayly Memorial Scholarship were filled by three of our boys. Early in this year it was discovered that Callander, who was at the top of the list, had to relinquish the scholarship, as he was already the holder of an Education Board Scholarship. It might have been thought that the vacant scholarship would have been passed on to the next candidate in order of merit. This, however, was not done, and the money has been lying idle all the year, in spite of the fact that the second and third boys on the list were in all respects eligible. Why the scholarship has not been awarded is not clear. But what is clear is the fact that the best candidate cannot hold the Bayly Scholarship, and apparently the second and third best candidates are in some way disqualified. It would seem, therefore, that the scholarship must go to inferior candidates, a most extraordinary state of affairs. The revised regulations accentuate the absurdity. It is a pity that the Bayly Scholarship is not called the "Bayly Memorial Prize," as it is hardly a scholarship in the usual acceptation of the term. A change in the title might help to remove some of the anomalies at present existing.

The Bayly Memorial Sports were held in Stratford on breaking-up day. Out of the eleven competitors six were from our school. We hope in future to see the competitions held in New Plymouth, from which more than half the competitors came. At the same time the Stratford D.H.S. Invitation Race was run off with the result:—Coutts (Stratford) 1, Bruce (New Plymouth) 2. Four started. Won by six inches. Time, 54sec. The distance was 440yds., and everything considered, the time was good.

The bleak greyness of the third term is fortunately at times lightened by a few fleeting gleams of genial light. The following are a few of the gleams:—

"In barbaros duxit" was translated by one Latinist as "He led his soldiers into barbarism."

One youth who wished to impress us with his erudite knowledge of physiology told us that "phalanx" was the name given to certain tissues in the throat.

It is not generally known that "Mrs." is a contracted form for "Messrs." But this has this term been stated as a fact.

Speaking of facts reminds us of a definition of a factitive verb as "one that states facts," as "He died yesterday." A melancholy fact!

Our geography expert in an upper form told us that "nomads" are the boulders and stones deposited by glacier action." We are inclined to suspect here some covert allusion to "erratic blocks."

From science we pass on to the beauties of literature. Gray's "Ode on Spring" states that "the Attic warbler pours her throat." The allusion was explained thus: "The Attic Warbler is the nightingale, and is so called because in Greece nightingales sing in the attics of buildings." Ingenious but not convincing.

On the afternoon of Monday, December 14, the annual pound sale was held. Mr. Moyes wielded the hammer and competition was keen. One Sixth Former innocently bought some of his own missing goods. The total proceeds amounted to £1 8s 6d.

This term has seen still further improvements in the gully. Towards the end of the term fatigue squads did a good deal of filling-in for our future practice wickets. Now that the water has been cut off from the racecourse we shall be able to make permanent headway. In the course of the not very far distant future we hope to have the whole of the gully available for other purposes than raupo growing.

On Tuesday, September 21, solid training for the sports was inaugurated by Senior and Junior Teams

aces. The distance was once round the racecourse, and all runners started off scratch. The results were as follows:—

Senior.	Name.	Place.	Points.
VI.B.	Stanton	2	23
	Lucena	3	22
	Yates	4	21
	Bayly	6	18½
	Oliver	11	14
	Kidd	13	12
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VI.A.	Bruce	1	24
	Monteath	5	20
	Eyre	6	18½
	Winfield	17	8
	Alexander	19	6
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			76½
V.	Rockel	8	17
	Atkinson	12	13
	Tansey	14	11
	Murray	15	10
	Honnor	18	7
	Hamerton	21	4
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IV.	Mace	9	16
	Drake	10	15
	Wyborn	16	9
	Bellringer	20	5
	Jennings	22	3
	Yates	23	2
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			50
Junior.			
III.A.	Hughes	2	29
	Bryce	6	25
	O'Carroll	9	22
	Wilson	10	21
	Atkinson	12	19
	Goss	19	12
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Junior.	Name.	Place.	Points.
V.	Hoffmann	1	30
	Clemow	3	28
	Candy	8	23
	Howell	13	18
	Brydon	14	17
	Rollo	25	6
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VI.B.	Grayling	4	27
	Quilliam	5	26
	Martin	7	24
	Ellerm	11	20
	Callander	23	8
	Fouhy	27	4
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IV.	Mackie	15	16
	White	16	15
	Snowdon	18	13
	Doile	20	11
	Traill	26	5
	Johns	30	1
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			61
III.B.	Boon, A.	17	14
	M'Hardy	21	10
	Amor	22	9
	M'Kay	24	7
	Murray	28	3
	Wood	29	2
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We are greatly indebted to an Old Boy, Judge Rawson, of the Native Land Court, for his gift to the School of a fine Union Jack. We tender him our heartiest thanks.

Mr. W. W. Smith, of Pukekura Park, has again very kindly sent the current issue of the "Polynesian Journal." We are greatly indebted to him for his thoughtfulness.

Mr. Avery has kindly given us a number of bound volumes of various magazines for the Library. Needless to say the gift is much appreciated.

Some three years ago an illustrated prospectus was issued. Since that time there have been many alterations and additions to the staff, the buildings, the equipment, the grounds, and the numbers of boys, both of day-boys and of boarders. Fortunately, too, the old edition was exhausted. A new edition has just been issued giving all the latest information necessary for parents and for others interested in entering new boys. An entry form is also issued with every copy. There are no fewer than twenty-one full pages of photographs of the school, laboratories, gymnasium, grounds, and school groups. We only hope that the new prospectus will be successful in its mission of still further increasing our numbers and our efficiency.

One of the day-boys rides to school a chestnut horse, which has exhibited a faculty for surmounting wire fences and similar difficulties in a manner worthy of a soldier on the Belgian front. One morning we found him roaming over the plots, on the principle, we suppose, that "stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in the secret place is pleasant." Next day we saw him coolly walk partly through and partly over the fence again, somewhat to the disapproval of the agriculturists, especially now that the oats are looking so well. However, it has been definitely ascertained that barb-wire entanglements are effectual preventives of his depredations.

This year we sent up three candidates for Auckland University College Terms. Eyre and M'Murray succeeded in passing, while the third candidate passed in two out of the three subjects necessary. Eyre obtained a second-class in Latin, a second-class in Constitutional History, and a third-class in English; M'Murray obtained a second-class in Pure Mathematics, a second-class in Mechanics, and a third-class in English. The third candidate obtained a second-class in Pure Mathematics and a third-class in Mechanics. It will thus be seen that our VI.A boys took this examination instead of the University Junior Scholarship examination.

The weather this term has been unprecedentedly wet; consequently all outside activities have been seriously hampered. Several attempts were made to begin cricket, but all had to be abandoned. One Saturday towards the end of November the Stratford District High School team came in to play us, but not a ball could be bowled. The first match actually played out was that

between the Masters and Boys on November 25. Little net-practice has been possible. The effects of the continuous wet weather was evident in the steeplechase and on the sports day, as regular training was almost impossible. But perhaps the most unfortunate result was the run of bad days for shooting. There seems no doubt that the shooting team would have occupied a higher position in the Schools of the Empire match. Tennis, too, has suffered materially from the wet weather.

The Military Cross, which has been awarded to Lieutenant Harper Mervyn Lepper for "distinguished and meritorious services rendered," is of recent origin. It was designed especially for King George by Sir H. Farnham Burke, Narroy King-at-Arms. The design is simple and beautiful, being a cross upon a cross, the lower one flat, while the upper and smaller one is raised. At either end of each shaft of the lower cross is a crown. The striped watered ribbon to which the decoration is attached is clear blue in the centre and white at each side. We feel that Harper Lepper's gallant conduct and its well-deserved reward in some measure honours us and the School. That one of our boys who left us less than eighteen months ago has been wounded and has attained the high honour of receiving the Military Cross seems a rapid succession of events. We offer Lepper our warmest congratulations, and feel that his conduct is a stimulus to us to do whatever we possibly can.

On Saturday, December 11, a party from the School went out to Mangorei district to assist in an organised search for Mr. Z. Wells, who had been missing for several days. The party were met by Stanton, who showed them the country to be worked over. After a considerable search the body of the unfortunate man was found in the Henui Stream. He had evidently fallen while crossing the stream, and had sustained such serious injuries that he was unable to recover his footing and was drowned. We tender our sympathy to his bereaved relatives, and are sorry that we were unable to give more assistance.

Just before the end of the term the usual elocutionary contest was held in the Gymnasium. The results were as follows:—Lower Preparatory: K. Neal 1, R. Dolby 2. Upper Preparatory: C. Kyngdon 1, G. Webster 2. Form III.B: E. Johns 1, R. S. Harrison 2. Form III.A: H. Goss 1, R. Greiner 2. Form IV.: D. Doile 1, A. Brooker 2. Form V.: M. Atkinson 1, E. Tansey 2.

On Thursday, December 2, the Central School held a carnival in Pukekura Park in aid of the Patriotic Fund. The day was brilliantly fine, and most of our fellows found their way to the grounds and thoroughly enjoyed the half-holiday granted. Of course, many of them went to see the display of bayonet drill given by a squad of our cadets under the charge of Bruce. A good display was given, and perhaps we were more critical than the rest of the spectators—at any rate, we hope so.

We wish to thank Mr. Avery very heartily for his kindness in presenting us with two handsome prizes. These were awarded to the Lower and Upper Preparatory School for elocution prizes.

We also wish to thank sincerely Mr. Hugh Baily for presenting the School with an enlarged photo of a group of Old Boys taken in the neighbourhood of the Sphinx. The group contains, amongst others, the late Corporals R. H. Baily and V. J. B. Hall.

Mr. Watkins has kindly informed us that he intends to present the School with a collection of geological specimens. This will be very acceptable for our physiography and geography work.

We also wish to thank Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid for his kindly gift of a small muffle-furnace and several other pieces of apparatus. The physics and chemistry classes will benefit by these.

The New Plymouth branch of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants has very kindly presented us with the sum of £2 2s for prizes in book-keeping. We accord the Institute our heartiest thanks. The names of the winners appear in the prize-list.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. H. W. Eyre-Kenny for his very acceptable gift to the Library of a handsome edition in two volumes of the Duc d'Abruzzi's book on his Arctic expedition. The Duc d'Abruzzi is an admiral in the Italian Navy, not only because he is a prince of the blood, but because of his great energy and ability. He is well known for his thorough exploration of the massif of Ruwenzori in Central Africa. In the course of his explorations he ascended no fewer than the eleven highest peaks.

Two old boys who have left within the last year or two, D. Paterson and L. C. Richards, have very kindly presented the First Eleven with caps. Paterson and



CAPTAIN N. CORNWALL.

Richards were both very keen cricketers while at school, and we take this opportunity of thanking them for the very practical manner in which they have shown their interest both in the School and in the game.

Mr. Sladden has very kindly presented us with a turning-lathe. If he only knew how useful we have found it, and how many otherwise idle hands it has employed, he would feel how much we appreciate his kindness. We take this opportunity of expressing our heartiest thanks to him.

Miss Dowling has kindly presented to the Library copies of "The Strad," a journal devoted to subjects connected with musical instruments of the violin and 'cello type. It will, we hope, help our musicians to a further knowledge of and interest in this particular and most important branch of music.

We tender our heartiest thanks to the Taranaki Herald and to the following subscribers to the Cadets Ammunition Fund. Were it not for the generosity of the donors we should be seriously hampered for want of sufficient ammunition to carry out efficient practices. The list is: Taranaki Herald £1 1s, Dr. Walker £1 1s, J. S. Fox £1 1s, W. Bewley £1 1s, W. C. Weston £1 1s, Alex. Alexander £1 1s. A. M'Hardy £1 1s, C. Denny Brown £1, Geo. Fox £1, John Paton 10s 6d, E. Dockrill 10s, F. W. Fagan £1, W. Smith 10s, Dr. Fookes £1, Anonymous £1 10s, Anonymous £1, E. Griffiths £1 1s—total, £16 8s 6d.

FORM AVERAGES.

THIRD TERM, 1915.

Form VIa.—As so many boys in this form are doing different work, no comparison or usual mark list is possible. The members of this form are preparing for higher commercial and agricultural work, for Public Service Senior Examination or for University Terms.

Form VIb., 56.—1 K. Brokenshire, 76; 2 C. Yates, 69.

Form V., 57.—1 K. Clemow, 76; 2 R. Lealand, 73.

Form IV., 54.—1 C. Way, 71; 2 D. Doile, 70.

Form IIIa., 60.—1 K. C. Roberts, 80; 2 G. Bayly, 76.

Form III_B., 52.—1 R. A. Pirrit, 68; 2 A. B. Sturtevant, 64.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III., 65.—1 G. Webster, 86; 2 E. Pope, 82.
 Form II_A., 56.—1 L. Fagan, 67; 2 S. Hayden, 64.
 Form II_B., 70.—1 W. Mackay, 83; 2 H. Holden, 80.
 Form II., 62.—1 R. Dolby, 79; 2 F. Williams, 78.
 Form I_A., 73.—1 M. Lysons, 89; 2 B. Blundell, 83.
 Form I_B., 54.—1 K. Fookes, 63; 2 R. Bennett, 60.

CRICKET.

As the regular cricket competitions are not being held this season on account of the war, and owing to pressure on our space the cricket notes are held over till our next number.

CADET NOTES.

During the first part of the term our time was devoted to company and platoon drill. This was varied by instruction in outpost duty and changing guard. In October, in view of No. 1 Company's annual section competition, time was put in at squad drill, each sergeant instructing his own section.

On Wednesday, November 4, the section competition was carried out. The following was the account given of the drill in the "Taranaki Herald":—This morning, Lieutenant C. W. Crutch, of the Defence Staff, examined the different sections of No. 24 Company, New Plymouth Boys' High School Cadets, in the annual section competition. A very smart display was given by each section, and the examiner stated to a "Herald" representative that the appearance was exceptionally good, and that it was very hard indeed to find any fault in the cleanliness of the uniforms or in the manner in which they were put on. Lieutenant Crutch added that it was doubtful if better drill has been seen in a company competition. The section commanders were very good, and both they and the Cadets themselves reflected great credit upon Captain Ryder, who has charge of the

Company. The competition was won by No. 3 Section, under Sergeant Kidd, with Sergeant Eyre's Section second."

The drill was as follows:—Number; form fours; form two-deep; about turn; form fours; form two-deep; about turn; by the left, quick march; left incline; right incline; form fours; right; on the left, form squad; forward; right form; forward; right turn; advance in single file; form two-deep; forward; at the halt, on the left, form squad; stand at ease. The marks awarded were:—

Section.	Command. 25	Appearance. 25	Drill. 50	Total. 100
Sgt. Kidd, No. 3	23	24	48	95
Sgt. Eyre, No. 1	22	22	46	90
Sgt. Yates, No. 4	23	22	44	89
Sgt. M'Murray, No. 2	22	21	46	89

On Thursday, December 2, at the Central School Carnival, by special request, an exhibition of bayonet drill was given by a squad of High School Cadets. The squad under Colour-Sergeant Bruce, carried out the drill smartly and efficiently and at the end of the display earned a hearty round of applause.

We are glad to see Lieutenant Hartnell back from the front. We wish him a continuance of his successful career at the front when he recovers from his wounds.

It is with deep regret that we learn that Mr. Balham is leaving the school. As Captain of No. 2 Company he has proved himself a zealous and efficient officer. His departure leaves a gap in the ranks of our officers which will prove hard to fill. We are unanimous in wishing him every success in his new sphere of activities.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

During this term we had three new boys—Walker in the Lower Prep. and Good and Fussell in the Upper. Although we deeply regret the fact that Mr. Hamblyn has left us to join the forces, we feel proud that our School is doing its duty in the dreadful struggle. We have now in Mr. Hamblyn's place Mr. M'Kinney, who is thoroughly experienced in primary school teaching in the South Island. Our cricket this term has been very satisfactory, considering the bad weather this season. We played Inglewood a few weeks ago, on the School

grounds. The match resulted in a win for us, the scores being 41 to 61. K. Fox made 25, which was top score, while Pott was second with 24 runs. Our success was mainly due to Mr. Richards, who gave up so much time in coaching us. In the elocution contest Kyngdon was first in the Upper Prep, and Neal in the Lower Prep. The prizes were given by Mr. Avery, who gave them for the competition. This term is not at all looked forward to, as it is the term in which the examinations are held. This year we have sent boys in for proficiency, junior free places, and National Scholarship. Besides this, we sent four boys in for the Bayly Scholarship, which tests a boy in sports as well as school-work. The Preparatory School has now organised a museum, which is gradually growing, for now we have many curiosities, both historical and natural. Another of the Preparatory institutions is the library, which has one hundred and sixty volumes. Fagan, who has done much work for the library as librarian, has resigned. W. Williams has taken his place, and he shows a keen interest in the prospects of our library. If the Preparatory School continues to grow as it is doing now, extra teachers and buildings will be necessary.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The third term is not a good one for indoor entertainments, as the call of the spring is "felt in the blood and felt along the heart." The cricket and tennis racquet press their claims vigorously, while the indoor occupations are limited to putting a final polish on the work of the previous terms. Exams. loom darkly—Free-place, Proficiency, Scholarships, Matriculation, Terms, and, by an anti-climax, school terms. Nevertheless we have had several good entertainments on Saturday nights. It is a pity that more talent among the boys cannot be unearthed. There must be a number of boys who can do a turn of some kind. Apparently some boys are unaware of their ability to perform, while others are certainly too diffident to take the bushel from off their light. Next year the Concert Club will have to make a special effort to reveal this latent talent.

The first entertainment was held in the Gym. on October 16, when the following programme was submitted:—



JUNIOR SHOOTING TEAM.

FIRST ELEVEN.

SENIOR SHOOTING TEAM.

Overture	School Orchestra.
Recitation, "Pleasures of Dairy Farming,"	Vickery.
Lecture on Liquid Gas, with Illustrative Experiments	Mr. Moyes.
Lantern Views dealing with War Topics,	Mr. Bottrill.
Selection	School Orchestra.
More Lantern Views	Mr. Bottrill.
"Tipperary"	School.

"God Save the King."

The liquid gas lecture and experiments were specially interesting, the more so seeing that many of us had never before had a chance of seeing a gas in a liquid state. The lantern views enable us, in some measure, to keep abreast of the progress of events.

The second entertainment was held on October 30. The programme was varied by the substitution of a progressive euchre party. Forty-four entries were received, and there was keen competition for the prizes, except, of course, for the "booby." The proceedings were opened by the singing of the British and French National Anthems. After the competition was over, Yates, Lucena, and Quilliam gave a vocal trio, "Sing Me to Sleep." The first prize was won by Hoffmann with 9 games, with Amor i., Lucena and Wyborn second with 8 games each. In the "cut-off," Amor i. won. The "booby" prize went to C. Smith, with one game. The evening terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

The third and last entertainment was held on November 20. The following is the programme submitted:—

Overture (piano)	Yates i.
Readings (1) Selection from R. L. Stevenson,	
(2) South African War Sketch ...	Mr. Bottrill.
Song, "Hearts of Oak"	Gibson.
Piano and violin, selected	Yates i. and Bothamley.
Recitation, "Waterloo"	Reeves.
Blindfold boxing	Bothamley and A. Lovell.
Song, "Shadows"	Yates i.
Blindfold boxing	Fookes ii. and Rawson.
Song, "Go to Sea," (encore, "The Deathless Army")	Mr. Balham.

Exhibition of lazy sticks—(1) Wilson i. v. Bryce, (2) Mackie ii. v. A. Lovell.
 Reading, Selection from Mark Twain Mr. Balham.
 Song, "Egypt" Quilliam.
 "Marseillaise" Mr. Balham.
 "God Save the King."

SHOOTING.

Shooting has been carried on this term under most difficult conditions. Early in the year our rifles were all called in on account of the war, and for a long time it was doubtful whether the Empire and Secondary Schools matches would be fired. When, finally, we were notified, well on in the third term, that both matches would take place as usual, there still remained the difficulty of obtaining rifles. Through the efforts of Mr. Searle and Sergeant-Major Hesp, we were able to secure twenty rifles, from which number we managed to sort out a few fairly respectable ones. Considering that a year's shooting had to be crowded into two months, the team has no reason to be ashamed of its performances this year.

After a week or two of strenuous practice we fired the Secondary Schools Match on the morning of November 5. By the time shooting at 200 yards was completed the wind had increased from a light breeze to a gale, and at 500 yards it was necessary to fire about two feet off the target. This, combined with the fact that slings were not allowed and service sights had to be used, made shooting none too easy. In this competition we gained fourth place with a score of 381, as against last year's score of 363. The individual scores were as follows:—

SECONDARY SCHOOLS MATCH.

	Snap-shooting 200 yds. Possible 15	Rapid 300 yds. Possible 40	Deliberate 500 Possible 20	Total
Cadet Martin ...	15	27	15	57
Sgt. M'Murray ...	12	25	16	53
Cadet Boulton ...	15	25	10	50
Sgt. Lucena	15	15	17	47
Sgt. Yates	9	24	14	47
Corpl. Atkinson ...	12	20	12	44
Cadet Fookes ...	6	27	11	44
Corpl. Bayly	15	10	14	39
Total ...	...	...	...	381

The Lady Godley Challenge Cups were awarded on the last three shoots under the Secondary Schools Match conditions, the results being as follows:

No. 1 COMPANY.

Cadet Martin	54	57	57	168
Cadet Fookes ...	42	44	44	130

No. 2 COMPANY.

Sgt. Lucena	60	54	47	161
Cadet Boulton ...	44	42	50	136

Cadet Martin and Sergeant Lucena are thus the winners for the year.

Immediately the Secondary Schools Match was over, practice was commenced for the Schools of the Empire Match. However, Taranaki weather seemed to have made up its mind not to give us a fair chance, for almost every second day we practised on was wet, and shooting was rather uncomfortable, to say the least. On Friday and Saturday mornings, November 26 and 27, the team and officers were on the range at about 6 o'clock, but the weather was unsuitable for good shooting on account of wind and light. Sunday was a perfect day, both morning and afternoon. Monday was the second last morning left us, and, as the weather showed signs of changing again, we decided to shoot that day. Captain Hartnell supervised at the firing-point and Lieutenant Clarke at the butts, Lieutenant Searle being in charge of the team. The total score was 476, as against the winning team's score of 490 last year. This year the conditions of the match have been altered somewhat, the 500 yards bull's-eye being reduced from 18 inches to 16 inches, and no sighters being allowed at either range. The following are the scores:—

EMPIRE MATCH.

	200 yds. (Possible 35)	500 yds. (Possible 35)	Total
Sgt. Lucena	32	50	62
Cadet Martin	29	32	61
Corpl. Bayly	31	30	61
Sgt. M'Murray	30	30	60
Sgt. Yates	29	30	59
Cadet Herbert	30	29	59
Cadet Fookes	27	31	58
Cadet Boulton	28	28	56
Total ...	...	...	476

This year, for the first time, a team was entered for the Schools of Empire Junior Competition. The match was fired off on the last possible day with more or less of a scratch team, composed of those who had been practising as emergencies and one or two who had shown promise on the miniature range. The performance the team put up surprised everyone, the total score being only nine points behind that of the seniors. This is no fair indication of the respective merits of the two teams, however, since the weather on this occasion was much more reasonable.

SCHOOLS OF EMPIRE JUNIOR COMPETITION.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Corporal Atkinson	29	33	62
Cadet W. Traill ...	31	29	60
Cadet Greiner	32	28	60
Cadet Wyborn	28	31	59
Cadet Bryce	29	29	58
Cadet Candy	30	28	58
Cadet Lealand	32	24	56
Cadet Duckworth ...	27	27	54
Total			467

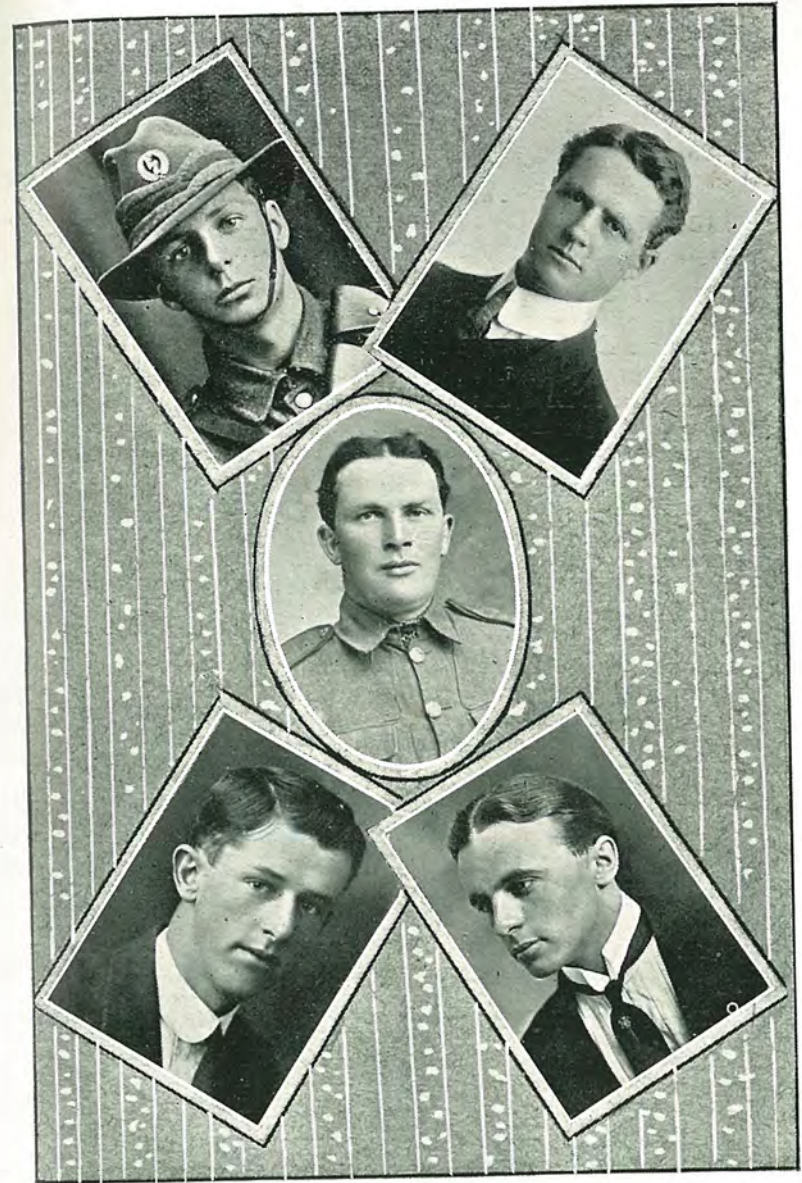
On the afternoon of Saturday, December 4, the school team fired a match against the New Plymouth Defence Rifle Club, the conditions being teams of ten men, seven shots and an optional sighter at 200 yards and 500 yards. At 200 yards the School gained five points over their opponents, but by the end of the match the Rifle Club were nine points to the good. Details of scores are as follows:—

DEFENCE RIFLE CLUB.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Rfm. Blanchett	31	34	65
Rfm. Moore	28	33	61
Rfm. Standish	31	29	60
Rfm. Coppen	31	28	59
Rfm. Firth	29	28	57
Rfm. Lysons	28	28	56
Rfm. A. Jones	26	29	55
Rfm. T. Jones	23	27	50
Rfm. Palmer	23	27	50
Rfm. Ramson	21	25	46

Total

559



Tpr. J. MEDWAY

Corp. F. H. BILLING
Pvt. H. N. JOHNSON

Sergt. R. BAKER

Pvt. L. A. WARREN

HIGH SCHOOL.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Corporal Bayly	31	29	60
Lieutenant Searle ...	30	29	59
Sergeant M'Murray	29	29	58
Sergeant Lucena ...	27	30	57
Private Herbert	28	28	56
Private Martin	30	26	56
Col.-Sergeant Bruce	28	27	55
Sergeant Yates	27	24	51
Private Greiner	26	24	50
Private Fookes	20	28	48
Total			550

The low scoring of more than one of the School team is no doubt accounted for by the fact that they had taken part in the boxing championships, held the night before, and consequently did not feel in the best of form.

The results of the Schools of the Empire Competition for 1914 came to hand during the term, Wellingborough School (England) being first with a score of 490. Although our last year's score of 524 was disqualified owing to a technicality, yet New Plymouth figures very high among the list of individual scores.

BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES IN 1914 EMPIRE MATCH.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
1. Corp. G. de L. Parry, Repton School	34	34	68
2. Pvt. H. L. Lucena, New Plymouth High School	32	35	67
3. Sergt. A. Sutherland, New Plymouth High School	33	34	67
4. Pvt. L. D. Russell, Wellington College (Berks)	33	34	67
5. Sergt. T. B. Kelly, New Plymouth High School	31	35	66
6. Pvt. C. C. Yates, New Plymouth High School	31	35	66

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
7. Pvt. E. W. Martin, New Plymouth High School	32	34	66
8. Pvt. C. R. Failes, Wel- lingborough School	32	34	66
9. Sergt. C. J. Hamblyn, New Plymouth High School	33	33	66
10. Pvt. S. Humphries, Gresham's School ...	34	32	66

Early in the term the results of the Imperial Challenge Shield (miniature range shooting) were also published. Three hundred and forty-one teams competed in the Senior Competition and 122 in the Junior. The scores of the first twenty schools in each competition are given below:—

SENIOR COMPETITION.

	Average Score : (Possible 100)
1. Depot, Royal Marines Cadet Corps, Deal	93
2. Ryl. Australian Naval Res. (O), Sydney Div. ("A" Team)	91.5
3. Ryl. Australian Naval Rec. (O), Sydney Div. ("B" Team)	90.6
4. "A" Coy., 51st Battalion, Sen. Cadets, Australia	89.7
5. 15th Nottingham Boy Scouts	89.3
6. London Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps, Canada	88.3
7. Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith ...	87.3
8. St. Barnabas Coy., C.L.B., Belfast	87
9. Royal Australian Naval Reserve (O), Adults, Hobart	86.1
10. New Plymouth High School Cadets, New Zealand	86
11. No. 5 Coy., Royal Australian Naval Reserve (O), Cadets, South Australia	85.1
12. Eye Grammar School	84.3
13. Haberdashers' Hampstead School Cadet Corps	84
14. King Edward's School Cadet Corps, Witley	83.8
15. St. Lawrence College, O.T.C.	83.3
16. Dufftown Boy Scouts	83.1
17. No. 6 Coy., Christchurch Boys' High School, New Zealand	82.38

	Average Score : (Possible 100)
18. Royal Australian Naval Reserve, Cairns Sub-District	82.37
19. No. 1 Coy., Nelson College Cadets, New Zealand	82.2
20. West Bridgford Boy Scouts	82.1

JUNIOR COMPETITION.

1. Depot, Royal Marines Cadet Corps, Deal	90
2. No. 302, St. Luke's Boy Knights Cadet Corps, Canada ("A" Team)	89.6
3. R.N. Barracks Boys' Brigade, Devonport	88.7
4. St. Giles' Coy. L.D., L.B.	86.8
5. Cottesmore School, Brighton	86.7
6. St. Andrew's School, Eastbourne ("A" Team)	86.5
7. "A" Coy., State School 1852, South Melbourne	86.4
8. No. 8 Coy., Sydney Naval Cadets, Australia	85.12
9. New Plymouth High School Cadets, N.Z.	85.1
10. Royal Marine Artillery Cadet Corps	84.8
11. B Coy., Lancing College O.T.C.	84
12. No. 7 Coy., Royal Australian Naval Reserve (O) Cadets, South Australia	83.7
13. Allan's School Cadet Corps, Newcastle- on-Tyne	83.5
14. Gate House School, Kingston-on-Thames	83.2
15. Wandsworth Boys' Naval Brigade ("A" Team)	83.1
16. St. Edmund's School, Hindhead	81.8
17. St. Andrew's School, Eastbourne ("B" Team)	81.5
18. C Coy., State School 1852, South Melbourne	81
19. St. Cyprian's Eastbourne Coy., C Bn., 2nd H.C.B., R.F.A.	80.8
20. Earl of Shaftesbury's Own Boy Scouts ("A" Team)	80.5

Mr. W. H. Moyes received the following letter dated London, September 21, 1915, from Colonel Schumacher, the promoter of the competition:—

"I have just returned here from South Africa, and am delighted to see that your No. 110 Company has won the 9th prize in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition (Junior) and the 24th Company the 10th prize in the Senior Competition. I wish to congratulate you and the boys and their instructors most heartily on the success that has been achieved. I sincerely trust that New Zealand will enter for the competitions year by year in increasing numbers, and I am confident that their teams will show a high standard of efficiency. I have asked the Press Agency to communicate your success to Australia and New Zealand by cable, so that you should know of it with the least possible delay. The conditions for 1916 will be issued shortly, and there will be only a few slight modifications."

Six New Zealand schools entered for the senior competition and the same number for the junior.

The championship belt was won this year by Sergt. V. S. M'Murray, who has shot consistently well throughout the season. Sergt. Lucena, 5 points behind, was second, and Corporal Bayly third. We must congratulate M'Murray heartily on his win. Although this is his first year at shooting, he has proved himself to be one of the best natural shots the school has turned out, and anything he lacks in experience he makes up for by his keenness.

We cannot conclude without expressing our deepest gratitude to all those who helped to make the shooting a success this year. Mr. Hartnell, although only recently returned from Gallipoli, spared himself no effort to assist us, while Lieutenants Crutch, Whitcombe, and Clarke kindly consented to act as range officers for the matches.

The Taranaki Herald helped us materially in the purchase of ammunition by inaugurating a shooting fund for our benefit. An acknowledgment of all donations appears in another column. And we must not forget those boys who assisted us by recovering targets, waking up the umpires for the matches at 4.30 a.m., taking telegrams, etc., etc.

Next term shooting will be confined almost entirely to the miniature range, and any boys desirous of taking up the long-range shooting later will find it advantageous to pick up the rudiments of shooting with the small rifle.

VISIT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

On the morning of Thursday, November 11, the Hon. Mr. Hanan, Minister of Education, paid the school a visit. He was accompanied by Mr. H. Okey, M.P., and by members of the Board of Governors. A thorough inspection was made of the school and grounds, and, in spite of the heavy rain, Mr. Hanan visited the agricultural plots and saw all that was being done there. There is no doubt that hitherto agriculture has not received in New Zealand the attention which our staple industry merits. Mr. Hanan was good enough to express pleasure at the work which he saw was being done.

A detailed visit was then paid to each of the classrooms, so that the school was seen in its working state. Several boys were asked to read, and the Minister looked at some specimens of handwriting taken at random from members of the different classes.

Addressing the senior boys, the Minister congratulated them upon their splendid physique and impressed upon them the importance of being sound in mind and in body. There was, he said, only one way to get on and make a mark in this world, and that was by work—w-o-r-k—by hard work. He expressed the hope that the boys would value their physique and take care of their bodies, and so preserve that sound constitution which was essential to a successful life. They could not attach too much importance to health. He also made a few appropriate remarks with reference to self-control and stressed the importance of being able to say the most difficult word in the language—the word "no."

Subsequently the boys assembled in the gymnasium, where the Minister delivered a brief but stirring patriotic address. He traced the growth of New Zealand, and spoke of the wonderful change that had taken place in this particular district during the past 60 years. Their fathers and mothers had done a great work and left a wonderful heritage to the youth of to-day. They were the trustees of the future, and it was their duty to continue the splendid work which their parents had begun. He wanted to see them cultivate a spirit of national pride and a love for their country, and some of the boys who had passed through the school were

proving in a practical way that they had not only a love for this country, but that they were prepared to die for it. "I am proud to hear," he said, "that one of the boys who has passed through the school has won the Military Cross. That lad has not only sned honour upon his old school; he has also brought to the people of New Zealand credit for fearlessness and courage upon the field of battle. I want you to have the same love of country, the same pride in country as your fathers and mothers had, and to do your part in making it the gem of the earth."

Mr. Hanan continued by pointing out the wonderful unanimity with which all the peoples of the Empire had sprung to the assistance of the Mother Country in the present crisis. The great humane work done in India, in particular, was evidenced by the whole-hearted loyalty of the people there. If the people of India were enthusiastically loyal, much more were those of the English, Irish and Scottish races. Poets of each land had expressed this spirit of loyalty and affection. An English poet sings:—

There's a land that bears a well-known name,
 Though 'tis but a little spot;
 'Tis the first on the blazing scroll of fame,
 And who shall aver it not?
 Of the deathless ones who shine and live,
 In arts, in arms, in song;
 The brightest the whole wide world can give,
 To that little land belong.
 'Tis the star of the Earth, deny it who can,
 The island home of an Englishman.

The Scottish poet sings:—

O Caledonia! stern and wild,
 Meet nurse for a poetic child!
 Land of brown heath and shaggy wood,
 Land of the mountain and the flood,
 Land of my sires! what mortal hand
 Can e'er untie the filial band
 That knits me to thy rugged strand?

While the Irish poet echoes the feelings of his countrymen:—

Yet, all its sad recollection suppressing,
 One dying wish my bosom can draw;
 Erin! an exile bequeaths thee his blessing!
 Land of my forefathers, Erin go bragh!
 Buried and cold, when my heart stills her motion,
 Green be thy fields, sweetest isle of the ocean!
 And thy harp-striking bards sing aloud with devotion,
 "Erin mavourneen, Erin go bragh!"

What the poets have sung has been abundantly proved to be the feeling in the hearts of all the component peoples of the Empire. And it remained for us, as occasion offered, to perfect ourselves individually and thus be patriotic in the truest and highest sense.

At the call of the Minister, hearty cheers were given for the King and for the boys at the front. Cheers were also given for the Minister, the Principal of the school, and members of the Board.

Mr. Dockrill, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Mr. Moyes tendered their thanks to the Minister for his spirited address.

HOUSE NOTES.

TERM III., 1915.

This term has seen the arrival of four new boarders, whose names are Pope, Good, Fussell ii., and Denny-Brown. The first three are Preparatory lads. The last-named, Denny-Brown, left us again a few weeks after his arrival. Four other boys, Borrie, Copestake, Brown and Fussell i. left us at the end of last term.

We are pleased to note that tenders are now being called for the new buildings which are to be erected in the section adjoining the present house. We hope to see them well under construction when we return to school next term.

This year all the Boxing Championships have been won by boarders. No doubt their constant work in the gymnasium is the reason for this. Also our representatives did very well in the tug-o'-war on Sports Day. Evidently house tucker is conducive to champions.

Most of the boarders this year have done a great deal more training for the sports than they have done in previous years. It was quite usual, about a fortnight before Sports Day, to see numbers of athletic-

looking youths practising sprinting at about 5 o'clock every morning. As a result of this our fellows carried off several events, although only one championship was won by a boarder.

The tennis courts seem to have had a great deal of attraction for boarders this term. Several of our pristine Juniors have improved wonderfully, and the Seniors are beginning to "look to their laurels." Most of these Juniors have been rising with the larks in order to get in extra practice before gym.

On the evening of Sports Day, it is customary for boarders to go to some amusement after their strenuous efforts. It so happened this year that the J. C. Williamson Company were presenting "Potash and Perlmutter" on Sports Night. A number of us patronised this comedy and we were well satisfied, being kept in a state of laughter more or less during the whole duration of the play. As usual the Pictures have been visited on numerous occasions. Also we witnessed the Central School Carnival.

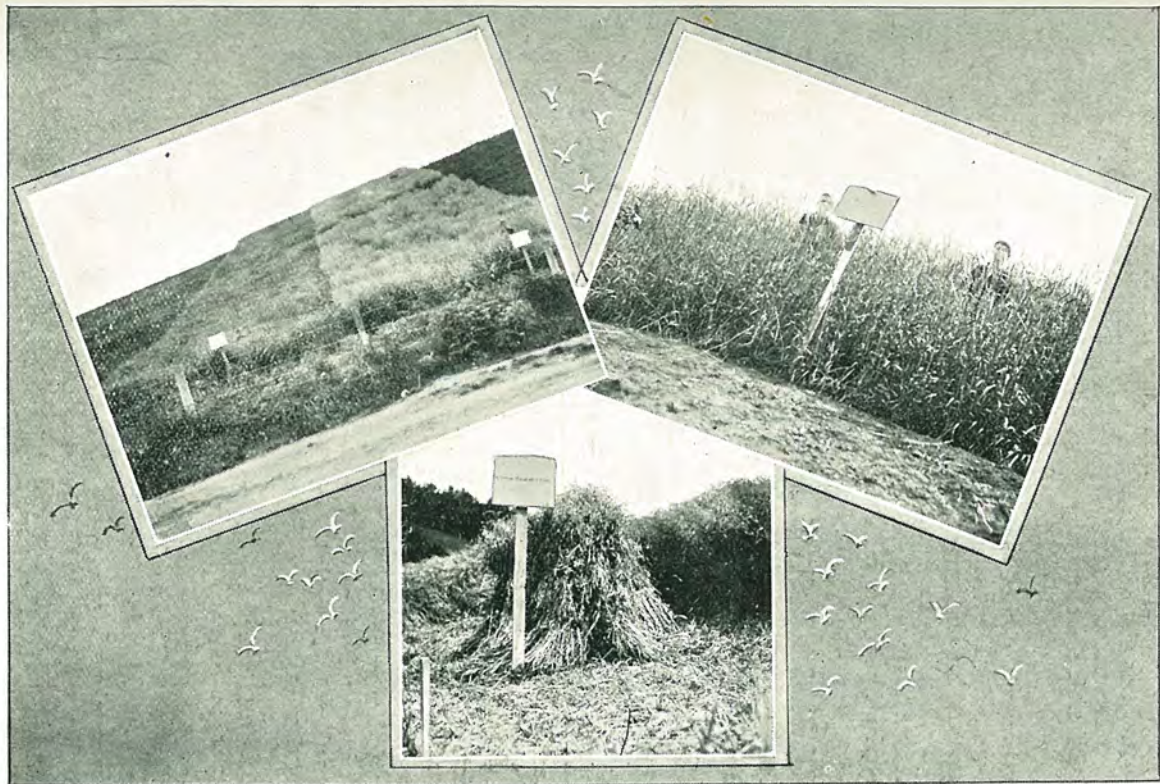
Most of us spent exact with friends, but a few remained for the week-end. These latter had a good opportunity for training.

After the dinner given in honour of Lieutenant Hartnell, there were several dozen bottles of "fizz" remaining. We were each allowed a bottle of this, and enjoyed the drink very much, although it was before breakfast.

Owing to the examinations taking place this term several boarders have been doing a good deal of "swot." Many of the very enthusiastic have been taking their books to bed with them, and no doubt have benefited a great deal by their work.

All the Gymnastic Championships but two were this year won by boarders. Proximity to the gymnasium and also the daily exercise of which the aforesaid boarders partake have told their tale.

No doubt, as this is the end of the year, several boarders will be leaving. To them we extend good wishes for the future. We hope that they will succeed in the various spheres of life in which they take up their positions. We also hope that, no matter what their position is, they will always remember that they were once boarders at the New Plymouth Boys' High School.



BARLEY AND OATS.

AGRICULTURAL PLOTS.
GREEN'S RUAKURA OATS.

RYE CORN.

This term has passed quickly and quietly at Niger House. On account of the sports and exams. the third term never lags, and many of us have been accustomed to rise early to do some training before our usual gymnasium. The training, combined with early rising, made us sleepy, and at night we have been very quiet. I am sure we have benefited by this, for, as the old saying goes, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy and wealthy and wise." Perhaps an exception should be made of the Sixth Form, who are "swotting" for matriculation, for they generally arrived at Niger at some unearthly hour of the night, when all sensible chaps were fast asleep. We must give them credit, however, for getting up to train in the morning, although they looked rather sleepy on it.

In one of the downstairs dormitories we have a budding motor-mechanic. This youth can talk for hours on end about the wonderful mechanism of the Ford car. One of the remarkable feats of his own car was the ascent of a steep hill thirty-eight miles in length with the brake on. Rather doubting the truth of the story we asked him to tell us where this steep, thirty-eight mile hill was to be found. We were sorry to learn that it has mysteriously vanished from this part of the country. Another time when talking enthusiastically he exclaimed, 'You know our car has one hundred and eighty magnetos!'

Some of us have had several detentions piled on to us for arriving late for gym. in the morning. There are about thirty boys using one shower and, if we happen to be late in starting, the last dormitory cannot get up in time. Still, when we get a detention for being late for gym., we feel that it is for a good cause, as Mr. Moyes asked us whether we required another shower and we said that we did not, thereby saving the board the expense of making a new bathroom.

For a considerable portion of the term some of us have been getting up before 5 o'clock to go shooting, and many were the groans and sighs when our captain pulled us out. However, once up we enjoyed the fresh morning air and the quick ride to the Rewa Rewa range. Number two dormitory were very proud of themselves when they discovered that all the boarders but one in the junior shooting team belonged to their dorm.

As all the elder boys live at Niger, usually the largest percentage of the boarders leave come from our house. We have been a very happy community, and the loss of some of our brightest members will be severely felt. We can only wish our house-mates every success and prosperity in their after life.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

As usual this term has been the busiest of the year. All the land available was ploughed some time ago, and sown down, some in cereals, some in permanent grasses, and the remainder in forage crops, etc.

A strip running parallel to the old plots, on which cow-peas, maize, oats and vetches were grown last year, has been divided into three smaller strips, each of which has an area of about one-third of an acre. In the first of these strips, Hannchen barley was sown. This crop has proved itself suitable for Taranaki soils, and has an average height of about four feet six inches. The ears are well developed, and the crop is just ripening. Although somewhat affected with rust, it shows a fairly heavy yield and farmers who have visited the plots consider it the best seen in Taranaki this year. The strip next to this was sown in Green's Ruakura oats, which have turned out a very good crop, averaging over five feet in height. A feature of this crop is the absence of blight, rust, weeds or smut. The remaining strip was sown in Algerian oats, and different varieties of vetches, viz., Golden Winter and Grey tares. This last crop was sown late in the Spring, and though it did not come on as well as the others at first, it has now greatly improved. A fourth strip, below the orchard, was sown in Rye corn, which has reached a height of over five feet, thus showing its suitability for Taranaki land.

A large part of the land on top of the hill has been used as a garden for the boarding-house, while the lower portion was divided into twenty-four plots of equal area, and sown down in samples of permanent grasses forwarded by the Agricultural Department. These plots, however, with very few exceptions have turned out unsuccessfully, owing to the heavy rains almost denuding the surface of the soil on the mill face. A plot along the bottom of the oats and barley was sown with samples of Timothy. In 1914 a plot was sown with eighteen varieties of Timothy, the seed being ob-

tained from different seedsmen. The best of each of these varieties were selected from each row, and transplanted into the present plot. The method of selection is being carried out with two ends in view: (1) That of finding those varieties which give a heavy yield, and (2) those which show most growth in the Autumn, after they have been cut.

The strip along the bottom of the old horse-paddock, comprising an area of about one acre, was sown with forage crops, all of which, with the exception of one, turned out very satisfactorily. This strip was divided into nine plots. Plot 1 was sown in Egyptian peas and Ligowa oats. This crop turned out very well, germination being very good. Plot 3 was planted with Soya beans, but proved a failure owing to poor germination. This plot has since been re-sown with different kinds of swedes and turnips, for a variety test. Plot 4 was sown with six varieties of maize, viz., Iowa Silver Mine, Craig Mitchell, Large White, Kendall's Early Giant Sweetcorn, Victoria Red, and Chester County Mammoth maize. The germination in this plot was good throughout. Plots 5, 7 and 8 were planted with Vilmorin's Purple-sprouting Broccoli, Chou Moellier, and Curled Couve Troughoda, respectively. These are all types of field cabbages. The seed had previously been sown in a seed bed, and the young plants were transplanted. The growth has, on the whole, been very satisfactory. Plot 6 was sown in Melilotus Alba, but the germination in this plot was only fair. The seed was sown broadcast. Plot 9 was planted in Jersey Queen mangolds. This plot was used as an experiment to show the value of salt as a manure. Half of the plot was sown straight-out, while the remaining half was sown with young plants transplanted from the seed-bed. The growths of the two plots are now about equal. Plot 2 was sown with Maori Chief potatoes. This has turned out a very good crop. It has been sprayed about four times, and has shown the value of these frequent sprayings. Another plot was sown in Timothy, and has come on fairly well. A plot above the orchard was sown in swedes, each of which was sown with a manure or a mixture of manures. This was done with the object of finding which manure proved the best fertiliser. In connection with this plot the effect of sulphur, which is a comparatively unknown manure, will be determined.

PLAN OF FIVE ACRES OF SCHOOL PLOTS IN DECEMBER, 1915.

OATS ½-acre.		PERMANENT GRASSES 1 acre (20 varieties).		
TIMOTHY (Selection Plot.)	HANNCHEN BARLEY			
	GREENS, RUAKURA OATS			
	OATS AND VETCHES 1½ acre.			
MANGOLDS		ORCHARD and RYE CORN ½-acre.	SWEDE MANURIAL TEST ½-acre.	
TROUCHODA				
CHOU MOELLIER				
MELLLOTUS ALBA				
1 acre.	BROCCOLI			
	MAIZE			
	SWEDE VARIETY TEST			
	MAORI CHIEF POTATOES			
COW PEAS AND OATS				POTATO VARIETY TEST ½-acre.



PVT. D. R. NEWELL

TPR. G. MANDER

PVT. L. MACE

Q.M. SERGT. G. RUSSELL

SERGT.-MAJOR G. HAWKINS

On Thursday, November 15, on the occasion of their annual athletic sports, the attention of the pupils of the Boys' High School were centred wholly on athletics, thus ensuring keen competition in the many and various events of the day. This keenness of competition, combined with a perfect day, the excellence of the arrangements made, and the capable execution of their duties by all the officials responsible for the running of the sports, made the function a success in every way. The attendance of friends and relatives of the boys was not, perhaps, as large as is usual at the sports, but everyone present had a pleasant outing. The propitious nature of the weather had induced the ladies to don their summer attire, and the various colours, combined with the fresh greenness of the expanse of well-kept grass presented an extremely bright and pleasing scene to the eye of the onlooker. Afternoon tea was procurable in the gymnasium. The arrangements, which were in the hands of a band of ladies, were excellent, and resulted in a very enjoyable cup of tea being available for everyone who wished for it—and there were few who did not. Delightful music, rendered by Mrs. Woods' Orchestra, who had most generously offered their services free of charge, greatly enhanced the pleasure of those who visited the gymnasium. The ladies in charge were:—Mesdames Moyes, Rockel, Ryder, Hutchen, J. Wilson, Hutton, Denny-Brown, Penn, Kebbell, Ken. Webster and D'Arcy Robertson, Misses G. Shaw, Pott, Renaud, Corkill, Bullard, Campbell, Wilson, Bruce, Rockel, Death, Ewing, Penn, Saxton, Greatbatch, Hutton, Roy and Rollo.

In view of the present pressing need for the largest possible amounts to be raised for the various funds for patriotic purposes, the boys decided in favour of devoting the money which was to have been spent in providing prizes to this object. Prize-winners will, therefore, receive certificates in lieu of the usual medals.

One of the most pleasing features in connection with the running of the sports was the precision and punctuality with which the events were got off. Those who have attended the sports of late years have, through long use, come to expect this coincidence between the actual time of the event and the time set for it on the

programme, which is a welcome contrast, from the point of view of the spectator, to the manner in which some programmes are gone through.

The total number of competitors, 188, in the various events, showed an increase of roughly 20 over the number last year. The entries were very good in all events, and each was well contested, though the number competing showed a slight falling off in the longer events, notably the mile, compared with last year.

The officials were:—Judges, Messrs. F. P. Corkill, W. C. Weston, A. H. Johnstone, K. C. Webster, E. P. Webster, J. E. Wilson, L. B. Webster, A. M'Hardy and A. E. Sykes; starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; timekeepers, Messrs. J. Bennett, C. H. Drew, W. Roberts and N. Greiner; ground stewards, Messrs. C. G. Bottrill and A. W. Diprose; stewards, Messrs. R. H. Rockel, C. A. M'Kinney, M. A. M'Donald and H. V. Searle; committee, Mr. Ryder (chairman), Mr. Hutton, F. A. Bruce, R. M. Monteath, L. G. Eyre, M. Atkinson and C. C. Yates; hon. secretaries, P. S. Oliver and V. S. M'Murray.

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The following are the results of the various events:—

150 YARDS OPEN HANDICAP.

First Heat.—Mace (4yds.) 1. Thirteen started.

Second Heat.—Bellringer (9yds.) 1. Fourteen started.

Third Heat.—Yates i. (1yd.) 1. Thirteen started.

Fourth Heat.—Lealand (12yds.) 1. Twelve started.

Fifth Heat.—Calder (15yds.) 1. Twelve started.

Sixth Heat.—Beckbessinger (14yds.) 1. Twelve started.

Seventh Heat.—Mackie ii. (12yds.) 1. Twelve started.

Eighth Heat.—Boon, A. (15yds.) 1. Thirteen started.

Final.—Beckbessinger, 1; Yates i., 2; Bellringer i., 3. Time, 16 4-5sec.

100 YARDS (UNDER 15).

First Heat.—Good (5yds.) 1, Train (2yds.) 2. Eleven started.

Second Heat.—Beckbessinger (1yd.) 1, Hooker (1yd.) 2. Twelve started.

Third Heat.—Denny-Brown (4yds.) 1, Allemann (7yds.) 2. Ten started.

Fourth Heat.—Rigg (3yds.) 1, M'Hardy ii. (2yds.) 2. Ten started.

Fifth Heat.—Wood (scr.) 1, Rodger (3yds.) 2. Eleven started.

Final.—Beckbessinger 1, Hooker 2, Train 3. Time, 12 1-5sec.

100 YARDS (SENIOR CUP).

(Record held by E. D. Colson, 11sec., 1912.)

First Heat.—Grayling i. (7yds.) 1, Monteath (5yds.) 2. Eight started.

Second Heat.—Mace (6yds.) 1, Yates i. (3yds.) 2. Eight started.

Third Heat.—Meuli (9yds.) 1, Drake (4yds.) 2. Eight started.

Final.—Meuli 1, Mace 2, Bruce 3. Time, 11 3-5sec.

100 YARDS (JUNIOR CUP).

(Record held by D. Grant, 12sec., 1913.)

First Heat.—Herbert (scr.) 1, Bellringer i. (1yd.) 2, Bayly ii. (scr.) 3. Time, 11 3-5sec. (a record). Eleven started.

Second Heat.—Saxton i. (5yds.) 1, Mackie ii. (7yds.) 2, Wyborn (1yd.) 3. Thirteen started.

Third Heat.—Wilson i. (11yds.) 1, Beckbessinger (7yds.) 2, Lealand (7yds.) 3. Twelve started.

Final.—Wilson i. 1, Beckbessinger 2, Lealand 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

LONG JUMP (SENIOR CUP).

(Record held by F. A. Bruce, 18ft. 9in., 1913.)

Bruce (scr.) 1 (with jump of 17ft.), Gibson (12in.) 2, Eyre (scr.) 3. Six competitors.

LONG JUMP (JUNIOR CUP).

(Record held by L. I. Day, 15ft. 10in., 1913.)

Callander (scr.) 1 (with jump of 15ft. 8in.), Rodger (9in.) 2, Boon i. (9in.) 3. Eleven competed.

880 YARDS (SENIOR CUP).

Clemow i. (90yds.) 1, Bruce (scr.) 2, M'Murray (30yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 13 3-5sec. Twenty-one started.

100 YARDS.—CUP (under 14).

First Heat.—M'Hardy ii. (2yds.) 1, Stohr (scr.) 2, Bothamley (scr.) 3. Nine started.

Second Heat.—Pope (2yds.) 1, Harrison (2yds.) 2, Watkins (5yds.) 3. Eight started.

Third Heat.—Webster (2yds.) 1, Blundell i. (2yds.) 2, Hutchen i. (4yds.) 3. Eight started.

Final.—M'Hardy ii. 1, Blundell i. 2. Time, 13sec.

220 YARDS OPEN HANDICAP.

First Heat.—Yates i. (3yds.) 1, Bellringer i. (13yds.) 2. Fourteen started.

Second Heat.—Mace (8yds.) 1, Stanton (1yd.) 2. Fourteen started.

Third Heat.—Meuli (10yds.) 1, Grayling i. (11yds.) 2. Fourteen started.

Fourth Heat.—Wilson i. (14yds.) 1, Reynolds (15yds.) 2. Thirteen started.

Fifth Heat.—O'Carroll (17yds.) 1, Saxton i. (13yds.) 2. Thirteen started.

Sixth Heat.—Beckbessinger (14yds.) 1, Denny-Brown (17yds.) and Wyborn (10yds.) dead heat 2. Fourteen started.

Final.—Yates i. 1, Meuli 2, Mace 3. Time, 26 3-5 sec.

HIGH JUMP (JUNIOR CUP).

(Record held by L. I. Day, 4ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 1913.)

Pott (4in.), 4ft. 8in., 1; Webster (4in.). 2; Tansey (scr.) and Hooker (3in.), 3. The best jump, without handicap, was made by Tansey, who cleared 4ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., a quarter of an inch less than the record.

75 YARDS, UNDER 13.

Rawson (4yds.) 1, Bothamley (scr.) 2, White iii. (4yds.) 3. Twelve started. Time, 10 1-5sec.

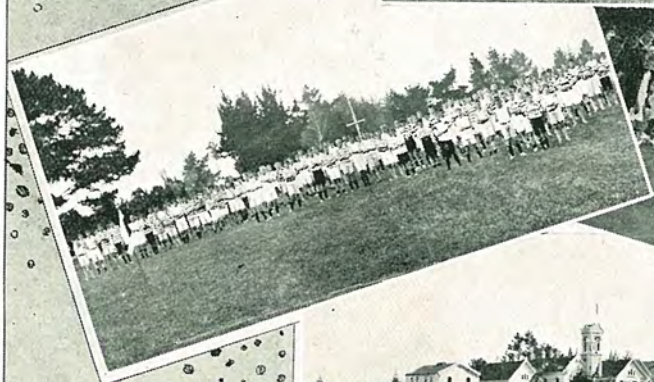
50 YARDS.—CUP (under 10).

S. Fookes (scr.) 1, M'Lean (scr.) 2, M'Neill (scr.) 3. Eleven started. Time, 8 1-5sec.

440 YARDS (SENIOR CUP).

(Record held by F. A. Bruce, 56 2-5sec., 1913.)

Bruce (scr.) 1, Rockel (25yds.) 2, M'Murray (10yds.) 3. Nineteen started. Time, 57sec.



START FOR STEEPLECHASE.

HUNDRED YARDS.
SPORTS' DAY.

LONG JUMP.

440 YARDS (JUNIOR CUP).

(Record held by D. Grant, 59 2-5sec., 1913.)

O'Carroll (25yds.) 1, Howell (15yds.) 2, Traill i. (25yds.) 3. Twenty-one started. Time, 62sec.

75 YARDS.—CUP (under 14).

(Record held by K. Fox, 10 2-5sec., 1914.)

First Heat (Championship Heat).—M'Hardy (scr.) 1, Stohr (scr.) 2, Bothamley (scr.) 3. Ten started. Time, 10sec. (a record).

Second Heat.—Pope (1yd.) 1, Watkins (4yds.) 2, Hutchen (2yds.) 2. Nine started. Time, 10sec.

Third Heat.—Blundell i. (1yd.) 1, Webster (1yd.) 2, Wilson ii. (1yd.) 3. Nine started. Time, 10sec.

Final.—M'Hardy ii. 1, Stohr 2. Time, 10 3-5sec.

THREE-LEGGED RACE (75yds.).

First Heat.—Bothamley and Harvey (7yds.) 1, Gibson and Bayly i. (scr.) 2. Eleven pairs started. Time, 11 2-5sec.

Second Heat.—Stohr and Hooker (5yds.) 1, Boulton and Gilbert (11yds.) 2. Eleven pairs started. Time, 11 2-5sec.

Third Heat.—Rigg and Burkhardt (4yds.) 1, Beckbessinger and Calder (5yds.) 2. Eleven pairs started. Time, 12 2-5sec.

Fourth Heat.—Hoffmann and Jackson i. (4yds.) 1, Fussell and Lovell (7yds.) 2. Ten pairs started. Time, 12sec.

Fifth Heat.—Atkinson ii. and Morey (4yds.) 1, Jennings and Traill i. (4yds.) 2. Eleven pairs started. Time, 11sec.

Final.—Hooker and Stohr (5yds.) 1, Atkinson ii. and Morey (4yds.) 2. Time, 11sec.

50 YARDS, UNDER 11.

Hutchen ii (6yds.) 1, S. Fookes (4yds.) 2, Blundell ii. (2yds.) 3. Ten started. Time, 7 2-5sec.

HIGH JUMP (SENIOR CUP).

(Record: D. S. Sykes, 5ft. 5½in., 1914.)

Gibson (3in.), 4ft. 8in., 1; Bruce (scr.), 2. Seven competed.

100 YARDS.—CUP (under 12).

(Record: B. Hutchen, 14sec., 1914.)

First Heat (Championship Heat).—Welch (3yds.) 1, Williams ii. (scr.) 2, Moyes (scr.) 3. Eight started. Time, 14 1-5sec.

Second Heat.—Saxton ii. (5yds.) 1, Robertson (3yds.) 2, M'Kay iii. (3yds.) 3. Seven started. Time, 14 1-5sec.

Final.—Moyes (scr.) and Saxton ii (5yds.) dead heat, 1, Williams ii. (scr.) 3. Time, 14sec.

POTATO RACE.

(Ten in each heat.)

First Heat.—Clemow i. 1, Moody 2, Lovell i. 3. Time, 1min. 33sec.

Second Heat.—Yates ii. 1, White i. 2. Time, 1min. 36sec.

Third Heat.—Clemow ii. 1, Fox ii. 2, Mackie ii. 3. Time, 1min. 35 2-5sec.

Fourth Heat.—Fussell 1, Reeves 2. Time, 1min. 36sec.

Fifth Heat.—M'Hardy i. 1, Howell 2. Time, 1min. 33sec.

Sixth Heat.—Grayling ii. 1, Burkhardt 2. Time, 1min. 33 2-5sec.

Final.—Clemow i. 1, Clemow ii. 2, Yates ii. 3. Time, 1min. 29 3-5sec.

220 YARDS INVITATION RACE.

R. Coutts 1, C. Lawn 2, F. A. Bruce 3. Time, 25 2-5sec. Three schools competed, viz., Stratford District High School (R. Coutts and C. Lawn), Technical College (W. Badley and Jefferies), and New Plymouth Boys' High School (F. A. Bruce and H. B. Gibson). Coutts got smartly away, closely followed by Lawn and Bruce, and the finish saw Coutts leading by about two yards from Lawn, with Bruce about another yard back.

75 YARDS, UNDER 10 (CUP).

Record: A. Moyes, 11sec., 1914.

S. Fookes (scr.) 1, Hutchen ii. (scr.) 2, M'Lean (scr.) 3. Eleven started. Time, 11 3-5sec.

50 YARDS, UNDER 12 (CUP).

Saxton ii. (5yds.) 1, Robertson (5yds.) 2, Moyes (scr.) 3. Twelve started. Time, 7 1-5sec.

SACK RACE

(Sixteen in each heat).

First Heat.—Vickery (5yds.) 1, White i. (3yds.) 2, Wilson i. (4yds.) 3.

Second Heat.—Good (5yds.) 1, Newell (6yds.) 2, Boulton (3yds.) 3.

Third Heat.—Wilson ii. (7yds.) 1, Lysons (15yds.) 2, Rigg (5yds.) 3.

Fourth Heat.—Bothamley (9yds.) 1, Grayling ii. (5yds.) 2, Smith ii. (7yds.) 3.

Final.—Grayling ii. (5yds.) 1, Bothamley (9yds.) 2, Good (5yds.) 3. Time, 17 2-5sec.

220 YARDS, UNDER 14 (CUP).

M'Hardy ii. (6yds.) 1, Webster (6yds.) 2, Wilson ii. (5yds.) 3. Twenty started. No time taken.

100 YARDS, UNDER 10 (CUP).

S. Fookes (scr.) 1, M'Lean (scr.) 2, Hutchen ii. (scr.) 3. Eleven started. Time, 15sec.

150 YARDS, UNDER 12 (CUP).

Saxton ii. (7yds.) 1, Williams ii. (scr.) 2, Moyes (scr.) 3. Eleven started. Time, 21 2-5sec.

OLD BOYS' RACE (75 YARDS).

Cliff (3yds.) 1, Dr. Fookes (9yds.) 2, Sinclair (3yds.) 3. Also started: Sykes (scr.), Copestake (1yd.), Chong (4yds.) Little (5yds.), Tuohy (5yds.), Perry (7yds.), Morey (7yds.), Ken. Webster (8yds.), E. P. Webster (10yds.), A. R. Standish (10yds.) Won by inches. Time, 8 3-5sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES (SENIOR CUP).

Record: F. A. Bruce, 18 2-5sec., 1914.)

Kidd (scr.) 1, Bruce (scr.) 2. Four started. Bruce, jumping well, had the race in hand when he fell at the last hurdle. Time, 20 3-5sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES (JUNIOR CUP).

Record: B. A. Norman, 19 4-5sec., 1914.

Amor i. (scr.) 1, Hooker (scr.) 2, Tansey (owe 7yds.) 3. Four started. Time, 23 1-5sec.

ONE MILE (OPEN).

Bruce (scr.) 1, Hughes i. (30yds.) 2, Bayly i. (30yds.) 3. About forty started. A fine race, Bruce, giving away 350yds. start, overhauling the little "tackers" in the lead early in the race, ran well and won easily. M'Diarmid and Robertson, little fellows who pluckily completed the course, came in for a round of applause. Time, 5min. 13sec.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

R. M. Monteath 1. Distance, 88yds. (a record).

TUG-OF-WAR.

The Boarders beat the Day Boarders after a strenuous pull, and the Day Boys defeated the Day Boarders in two straight-out pulls. In a pull with the Masters the Old Boys were successful.

Later in the evening the Masters held a race over 100yds. Eight competed. The race resulted: Mr. Moyes 1, Mr. M'Donald 2, Mr. Ryder 3. Won by three yards. Time, 12sec. So successful was this item that it is to be hoped it will find a place in future programmes.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SENIOR CUP (Champion, F. A. Bruce).

The following events counted for the championship, the points being 5, 3 and 1. Steeplechase, 100yds., 440yds., 880yds.; long jump, high jump, and 120yds. hurdles. The points gained were: Bruce 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 3, total 33. Eyre 1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 0, total 16. Kidd 3, 1, 0, 1, 1, 5, total 12.

Previous winners of the Senior Cup have been:—1903, N. Matthews; 1904 and 1905, L. B. Stohr; 1906, J. Gibbons; 1907 and 1908, J. Sinclair; 1909, J. Tuohy; 1910, F. E. Clarke; 1911, F. E. Clarke and G. Martin; 1912, F. A. Bruce; 1913, E. D. Colson and F. A. Bruce; 1914, F. A. Bruce.

JUNIOR CUP (Champion, Herbert).

The following were the points gained, the events being the same as in the Senior Cup:—Herbert 3, 5, 5, 5, 3, 3, 0, total 24. Callander 1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 1, 3, total 17. Tansey 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 5, 5, total 12. Bayly ii. 5, 3, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, total 9.

Previous winners of the Junior Cup have been:—1911, F. A. Bruce; 1912, H. V. B. Hirst; 1913, D. Grant; 1914, B. A. Norman.

CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 14 (Champion, M'Hardy ii.).

The following events counted: Steeplechase, 75yds., 100yds., 220yds. Points gained were: M'Hardy ii. 0, 5, 5, 5, total 15. Stohr 1, 3, 3, 1, total 8. Other competitors were: Russell 5 points, Kyngdon 3, Fox iii. 3, and Bothamley 2.

Previous winners: 1913, A. M'Hardy; 1914, K. Fox.

CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 12.

Champion, Williams ii., 15 points. Runner-up, Moyes, 10 points. Johns iii. scored 6 points, Grover and Griffiths one point each. Previous winners: 1913, E. Pope; 1914, B. Hutchen.

CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 10.

Champion, S. Fookes, 15 points. M'Lean scored 5 points, Hutchen ii. 4 points, and M'Diarmid 3 points. Previous winners: 1914, W. F. Williams and A. Moyes (equal).

440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD.

The 440yds. Championship Shield, presented by Old Boys, was won by F. A. Bruce. Previous winners: 1902, R. Paul; 1903, R. Ambury; 1904 and 1905, L. B. Stohr; 1906 and 1907, I. Grant; 1908, J. Sinclair; 1909, T. Malone; 1910, F. E. Clarke; 1911, G. Martin; 1912, I. W. Pott; 1913, F. A. Bruce; 1914, F. A. Bruce.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The annual boxing tournament in connection with the Boys' High School was held in the gymnasium on Friday, December 3, before a small attendance of old boys and parents. The small attendance was accounted for by the fact that it was only known to a few outside the school that the tournament was to take place on that night.

Mr. W. Hutchings acted as referee, and Mr. H. V. Searle was timekeeper.

Some very good bouts were witnessed, especially between the smaller boys, who stood up to one another in great style. However, not a few knew something about the art of boxing, and a fair amount of science was mingled with the hard hitting. Amor i., who carried off the under 6st. championship, displayed considerable skill, and in a few years should develop into a good boxer. Jackson was also good. In the senior championship some good bouts were witnessed.

The following is an account of the different bouts:—

Under 8st.—Callander v. Bayly. This was a fairly even go, but Callander had slightly the better of the first and third rounds. Bayly recovered considerably in the second round, but Callander always held the upper hand and was declared the winner by two points.

Under 7st.—Harrison v. Pott. Pott, who showed good science, was too good for his man, except in the second round, when Harrison livened up matters. Pott got in several blows to the face and was using his right to advantage. He won by four points.

Under 5st.—Jackson v. Robinson. Jackson was too long in the reach and led throughout. However, Robinson stuck to it, but Jackson was far too good and won by four points.

Under 7st.—Snowdon v. Duckworth. In the first round both mixed it well, but Duckworth had a slight advantage. Continuing, Duckworth got in some good head and body blows, and Snowdon retaliated with some to the body. In the third round Duckworth did most of the leading and completely outclassed his man, winning by six points.

Under 6st.—Amor i. v. Hutchen. This was a great go, and the points were even at the end of the first round. In the second round Hutchen scored to the head and body, but Amor made up the lost points with some good blows and the points were still even. In the third round they went for each other in great style, but Amor knew a little too much and was declared the winner by one point. This was a very popular win.

Under 8st. (final).—Howell v. Callander. Howell had the advantage in reach and weight, and Callander missed several opportunities of scoring. Callander was

guarding well, but Howell broke through his defence and scored to the head. Callander livened up in the third round, but had left it too late and lost the verdict by one point.

Under 7st.—Calder v. Pott. Calder had the longer reach and got in some good hits, but Pott always replied. In the second round Pott frequently scored. Calder got in some nice hits in the third round, but Pott outboxed him and won by two points.

Under 6st.—Bothamley v. Lovell. This was one of the best bouts of the evening and an extra round had to be boxed. They went at each other in great style, Lovell guarding well. In the final round, Lovell had slightly the better of it and won by one point.

Junior Championship (final).—Atkinson v. M'Murray. Although M'Murray showed the greater fighting ability, Atkinson won by the narrow margin of one point, the judge considering that he gave the more scientific display.

Senior Championship.—Wyborn v. Herbert. At the end of the first round Wyborn led by two points. However, Herbert evened matters in the second and was having the better of the third when Wyborn got in a lucky knock-out blow on the jaw.

Under 7st. (final).—Duckworth v. Pott. This bout did not eventuate, as Pott sprained his thumb when boxing with Calder. Duckworth agreed to postpone it until the following week.

Monteath boxed a bye with Meuli.

Under 9st. (final).—Oliver v. Lucena. Oliver at once went for his man. He had much the shorter reach, but frequently scored. They kept up the pressure during the second round and well on into the third, when Oliver tired, thus enabling Lucena to win by the narrow margin of one point.

Under 5st. (final).—Johns ii. v. Jackson. Jackson was much too good, although Johns put up a plucky fight. Jackson won by 5 points.

Under 6st. (final).—Amor v. Lovell. This was a good go, but Amor had the better of the second round, when he led by four points. In the third round Lovell picked up a little, but Amor won by three points.

Senior Championship (final).—Monteath v. Wyborn. Monteath did most of the leading and got in several blows to the face. In the second round Monteath rattled his adversary by a blow on the kidneys, but sportingly refrained from pressing matters. At the end of the second round Wyborn went down to another blow on the kidneys, and it was only the gong which prevented him from taking the count. The third round was very lively. Wyborn got in some good blows to the face, but Monteath retaliated and chased his man round the ring. Monteath did the majority of the leading, but Wyborn gained the verdict by one point, the referee stating that he had to take off points for the kidney punches.

The following therefore hold the championships for the year:—

Senior.—Wyborn.

Junior.—Atkinson.

Under 9st.—Lucena.

Under 8st.—Howell.

Under 7st.—Duckworth. As Pott's hand had not sufficiently recovered by the end of the term to enable him to fight off his final with Duckworth in the "Under 7st." class, the latter was declared the winner.

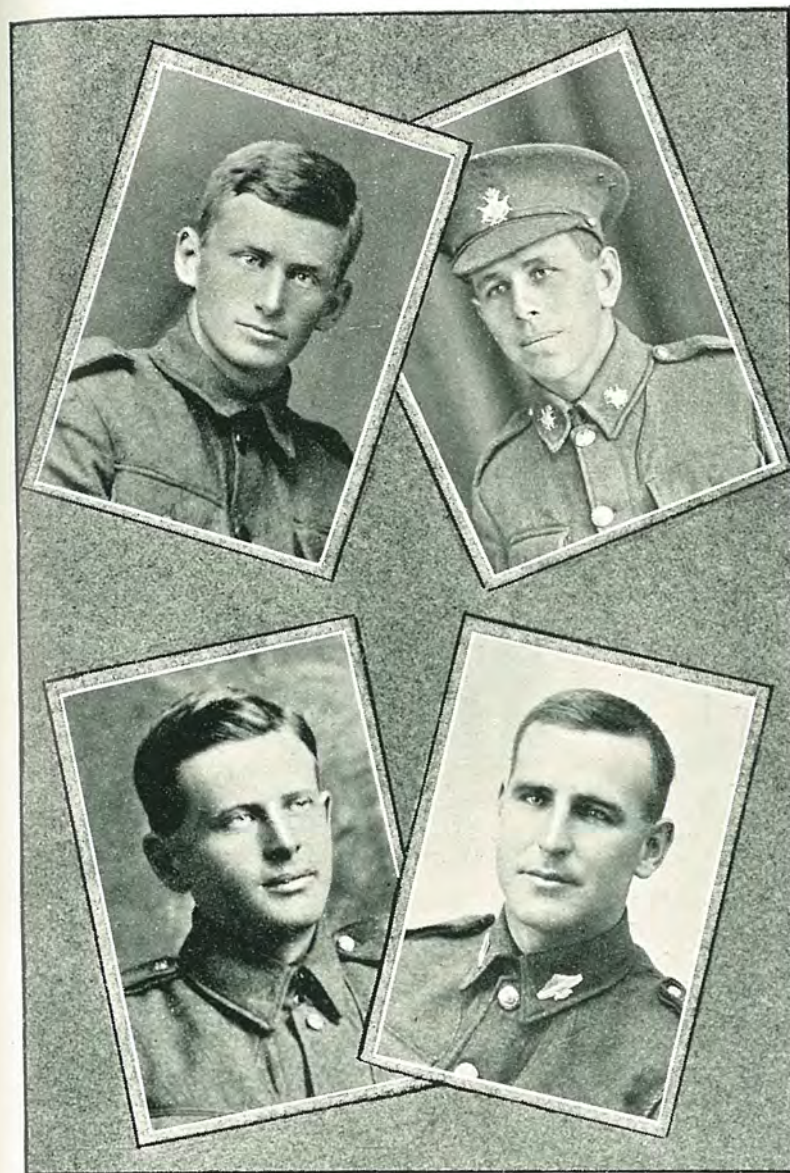
Under 6st.—Amor i.

Under 5st.—Jackson.

CAPTAIN HARTNELL.

On Monday, November 22, Captain Hartnell, who has just been invalided home from the Dardanelles, was the guest of Mr. Moyes and the shooting team at a small dinner. The School has at all times been so greatly indebted to Captain Hartnell for his help and advice in shooting matters, that we were glad to see him again. But we should have been still better pleased had his health allowed him to continue on active service. After the combined attack on the comestibles, we drank the health of our guest, giving him the usual musical honours.

In his reply to the toast, Captain Hartnell gave us a vivid account of doings at the Dardanelles. We are, in a general way, fairly well acquainted with the life of our troops there, but one who has recently been through the fire himself can bring the business home to us more



PVT. I. POTT
PVT. L. G. HAWORTH

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effectively. Captain Hartnell gave us an account of the main attack, giving as a reason for its failure the assembling of the Turks, who had planned an attack on the British lines. Many men on going into action or during a bombardment plug their ears with cotton-wool, but after a week or two one becomes so much accustomed to the constant rattle and crash that the concussion is not greatly noticed. One fine sight was that of a dash inshore of several cruisers and destroyers, who turned every gun they possessed on to some Turkish forts for fully five minutes, greatly to the detriment of the forts. This is but another incidental tribute to the great work done, and being done, by the navy. We were much interested in being shown some relics of the campaign, such as a Turkish cap, bombs, pieces of shells, respirators, etc. Many men when a shell bursts near them for the first time rush out of their trenches to secure fragments, and then make back for shelter with all speed. However, in this, as in all cases, familiarity soon breeds contempt. Our troops at the Dardanelles were showing magnificent courage, and should receive all the support possible. We could do much for them even here. The war was likely to last a long time yet, but, while putting forth every effort and sending every available man, we should have no misgivings as to the ultimate issue.

We felt that, while we can read much in the papers about the war and about the conditions of service, yet everything is brought home to us much more vividly when we listen to the actual voice of one who has been there.

BAYLY MEMORIAL SPORTS.

The sports in connection with the Bayly Memorial Scholarship were decided in Victoria Park, Stratford, on Thursday, December 16. The weather conditions were windy, and this prevented fast times being made. Out of 39 entrants, only 11 competitors toed the mark. Messrs. Thomas and E. P. Webster acted as time-keepers; Mr. R. Masters as starter; while Messrs. Bowler, Heron and H. M. Good were the judges.

The following were the competitors:—J. M. Guild, C. R. Kyngdon, R. E. Pope, G. P. Webster, J. Clemow, O. M'Hardy (New Plymouth High School); J. Chamberlain, R. J. Thomas, H. Tristram (Stratford School); J. W. Dawbin and A. E. M'Guinness (Mangatoki School).

100 Yards.—First heat: Thomas and Pope (dead heat) 1, Guild 3; also started, Clemow and Dawbin; Thomas, Pope and Guild gained standard time, 13½sec. Second heat: M'Hardy 1, Chamberlain 2, Webster 3; Tristram and Kyngdon also started, and all got standard time. Final: M'Hardy 1, Chamberlain 2, Webster 3; time, 13sec.

Punt Kicking (standard, 35yds.).—Kyngdon (33yds. 2ft.) 1, Pope (31yds. 1ft. 7in.) 2, Guild (29yds. 2ft.) 3. The high wind prevented good kicking. Thomas ricked his leg and was prevented from taking part in any further events.

440 Yards (standard 70sec.).—M'Hardy 1, Chamberlain 2, Tristram 3. Time, 65sec. Ten started.

Long Jump (standard 12ft.).—Tristram (13ft. 10in.) 1, G. P. Webster (13ft. 7in.) 2, C. L. Kyngdon (13ft. 4in.) 3. Guild, Pope, M'Hardy and M'Guinness also competed, and also beat the standard.

Drop Kick (standard 40yds.).—Pope (33yds.) 1, Webster (29yds. 2in.) 2, Clemow (28yds.) 3.

Place Kicking, from three angles.—Webster (40pts.) 1, Clemow and M'Guinness (27½pts.) dead-heat 2, Guild, Kyngdon and Chamberlain (20pts. each) 3.

High Jump (standard 3ft. 9in.).—Webster (4ft. 2½in.) 1, Kyngdon (4ft. 1½in.) 2, Tristram (4ft. 0½in.) 3.

Points Totals.—G. P. Webster 165, C. R. Kyngdon 132½, O. M'Hardy 120, Tristram 112½, Chamberlain 80, Pope 70, M'Guinness 67½, Guild 65, Clemow 52½.

LIBRARY NOTES.

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." —Bacon.

The fact that the number of books taken out this term is almost double that of last is a pretty fair indication that the Library is becoming a popular school institution. It must be admitted, however, that very few boys have as yet developed a taste for the better class of literature. As regards the younger boys, this is perhaps only natural; but surely it is time that the boys of the Upper Forms learnt to appreciate something more substantial. An order for £50 worth of new books, including works of reference, science and general literature is being sent Home during the holidays, and when

these books arrive early next year, we hope to see an improvement in this direction.

An election held at the beginning of the term resulted in the following Committee being appointed:—Chairman, Mr. H. V. Searle; Members of Committee, R. A. Wilson, E. Hamerton, M. Atkinson, S. Drake, L. Fagan, W. Williams, and P. S. Oliver.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, R. Wilson was elected Librarian and W. Williams Preparatory Librarian. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the splendid work done last term by M. Smith and A. Death as members of the Committee.

We have to thank the following for presentations of books:—"Music and Musicians" (presented by Miss Dowling); "The Blue Wolf" (presented by P. Meuli); "Skylark," "Cambria's Chieftain," "Peter the Whaler," and "Masterman Ready" (presented by R. I. Harrison); "Hereward the Wake," "Eye-witness's Narrative of the War," "Across Australia" (two volumes), "The Man of the Moment," "The Night Riders," "At Winifred's," and "Wallace's Travels on the Amazon" (all presented by Mr. Moyes); "Arizona Nights," "The Wiltoughby Captains," "Corporal Cameron," and "In Press Gang Days" (presented by Mr. Searle).

We also owe our sincere thanks to Mr. Eyre-Kenny, who has presented us with two very interesting volumes entitled "The Polar Star in the Arctic Sea" (Duc d'Abruzzi).

SPORTS DINNER.

On Saturday night, December 11, the Annual Sports Dinner was held in the School Gymnasium. Over a hundred boys, all the Masters, and several visitors sat down to an excellent dinner. The Old Boys were represented by F. E. Clarke, Secretary of the Old Boys' Association, and the Press by Messrs. Garcia and L. C. Richards (an Old Boy).

After full justice had been done to the viands, a lengthy toast-list, interspersed with musical items, was gone through.

The Chairman (Mr. Moyes) proposed the first toast, "The King."

The next toast was that of "The First XV.," proposed by Hamerton, who said that though the seniors

had not been successful in winning the First Junior competition, owing to their opponents' superiority in weight, yet they had retained the Shield in the annual tournament with Palmerston and Napier.

Bruce, replying, thanked those present for drinking the toast with such enthusiasm. He mentioned as specially worthy of note, the great determination displayed by the First XV. in the Triangular Shield matches.

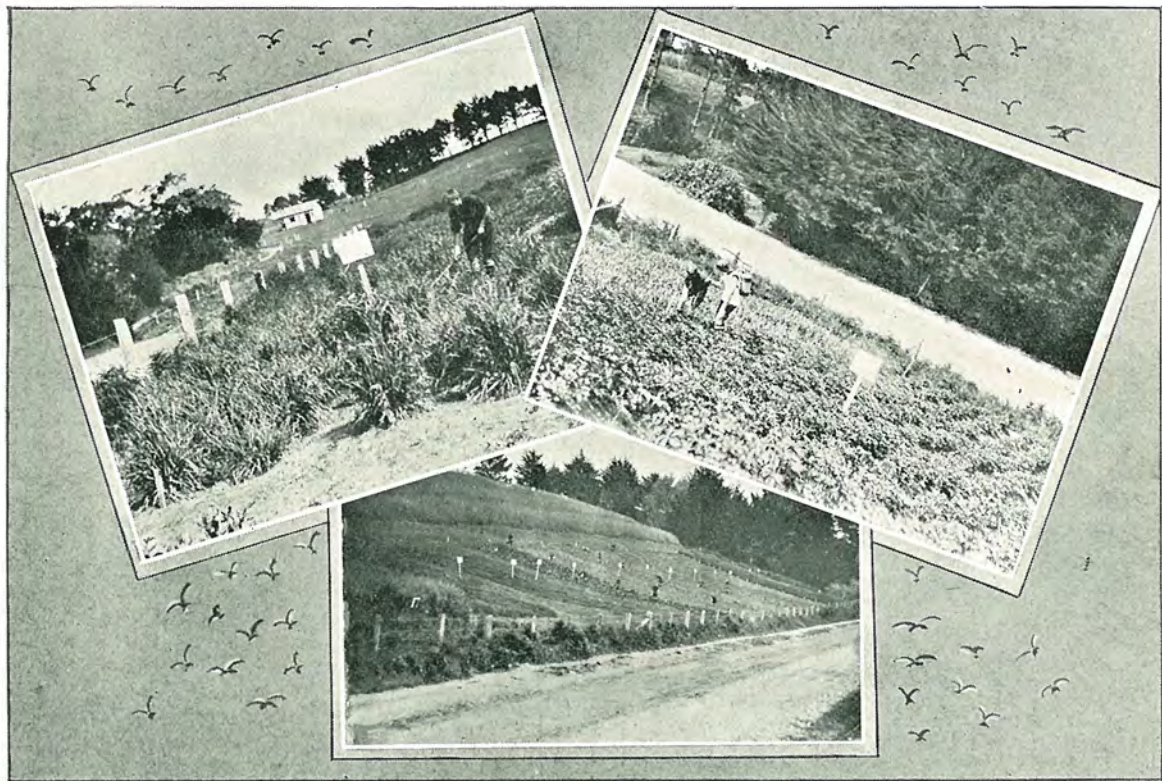
Bayly i., proposing the toast of the First Eleven, said that the weather had greatly interfered with the practices. He hoped that in the near future the team would be able to arrange matches with other schools.

The toast was responded to by Monteath, who eulogistically referred to the energy of the coaches and to the aid given to the Cricket Club by the Finance Committee. He also thanked Messrs. L. C. Richards and D. Paterson for their generosity in donating cricket caps to the First Eleven.

Terry proposed the toast of "The Masters," and eulogised their work both in the scholastic world and on the playing fields.

Mr. Moyes, replying, thanked the Masters for the work done during the year. All the Masters had put their shoulders to the wheel and admirably conducted the various institutions. Messrs. Rockel, A. R. Ryder, Bottrill, Searle, Diprose, M'Donald, M'Kinney, Hutton and Renaud also responded and referred to the cordial relationship that existed between Masters and pupils. Mr. Hutton announced, when replying to the toast, that he would give a medal to the boy making the highest score at cricket this season. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hutton for his offer.

The toast of "School Institutions" was proposed by M'Murray. He mentioned the importance of school institutions as forming no small part of school life. He expressed appreciation of the zeal and energy of Mr. Rockel in bringing the Magazine into such prominence as it has now reached. He referred to the work of the Camera Club in producing such excellent photos for the Magazine. Its membership of fifty was eloquent of its progress. He also mentioned the Pound and its importance not only as a help to the Finance Committee but also as being conducive to habits of tidiness among Masters and boys alike.



TIMOTHY SELECTION PLOTS.

AGRICULTURAL PLOTS.
GENERAL VIEW OF LOWER PLOTS.

SPRAYING POTATOES.

Mr. Rockel, in reply, appealed to both present and old boys to assist in making the Magazine a record of all school doings. Candy (Camera Club) and Death (Pound) also suitably responded.

Eyre proposed the toast of the "Sports Champions." He mentioned Bruce's fine performance in winning the Senior Championship for four consecutive years.

Bruce (sports), M'Murray (swimming), and Wyborn (boxing) made suitable replies.

Mr. Moyes proposed the toast of the "Old Boys." He said, among other things, that out of six hundred Old Boys, over a hundred were at the front or were undergoing training. He referred in eulogistic terms to the energetic work of Mr. Clarke as Secretary of the Old Boys' Association.

Mr. F. E. Clarke, in reply, thanked Mr. Moyes for his flattering remarks. He further urged all boys to become members of the Old Boys' Association when leaving the school. Messrs. L. C. Richards and J. Shaw also responded.

The toast of the "Shooting Team" was proposed by Quilliam and responded to by Lucena. Both speakers referred in appreciative terms to the help rendered by the late Corporal Hall and Captain Hartnell, both of whom were responsible for the primary success of the team. Mr. Searle's work in connection with the team was also referred to by Lucena. Mr. Moyes took the opportunity of thanking those ladies and gentlemen who had contributed to the ammunition fund opened by the "Taranaki Herald."

Atkinson proposed the toast of the "Boys Leaving." He said that the boys of the school would always be glad to hear from them whenever possible.

Alexander, in reply, said that he would always remember the time he had spent at the school, and declared that boys who did not attend secondary schools did not know what they were missing. Winfield also responded in a similar strain.

Yates proposed the toast of the "Board of Governors," and referred to the difficulties in the way of the Board in its efforts for a new boarding establishment to be built.

Mr. Moyes, replying on behalf of the Board of Governors, emphasised the fact that the Board had the general welfare of the school at heart.

Mr. Diprose proposed the toast of "The Ladies." He referred in terms of appreciation to the kind services rendered by the ladies at the fete and at the sports. Mr. Bottrill suitably responded to the toast.

The toast of "The Press" was proposed by Mr. Rockel, who said that if the two local papers did have political and other differences there was one thing at least for which both stood solid and that was the High School.

In reply, Mr. Richards, on behalf of the "Taranaki Herald," thanked Mr. Rockel for his remarks, and said the Herald would only be too pleased to further the interests of the High School in any way possible.

Mr. Garcia replied on behalf of the "Daily News." He urged the boys not only to maintain but to augment the school reputation.

Bruce proposed the toast of "Mr. Moyes," and called for three cheers.

Mr. Moyes thanked the boys for the enthusiasm with which they had honoured his toast. He outlined the progress of the school, and called upon the boys, when away on their holidays, to act like gentlemen, for it was upon their individual behaviour that the school was judged. Three cheers were then enthusiastically given for Mrs. Moyes.

During the evening musical items were rendered by the orchestra, consisting of Roberts (piano), Bothamley, Moverley, Way (violins), and Rockel ('cello); Mr. Rockel (violin) and Rockel ('cello). Songs were given by Mr. Renaud ("The Village Smith"), and Mr. Hutton, encored ("Island of Dreams"). Mr. Renaud played the accompaniments.

A pleasant and enjoyable evening was terminated by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

ANNUAL BREAK-UP.

The school assembly-hall was crowded with parents and friends on Thursday night (December 16) on the occasion of the annual prize-giving ceremony. Mr. E. Dockrill (chairman of the Board of Governors) presided, and there were also on the platform Mrs. Dockrill, Mr. H. J. Okey, M.P., the Mayor (Mr. C. H. Burgess) and Mrs. Burgess,

Messrs. W. N. Ewing, M. Fraser, A. M'Hardy, E. P. Webster, J. S. Fox, H. Trimble and Dr. Fookes (members of the Board of Governors), Mr. W. H. Moyes (principal of the school), and members of the staff.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, after which a short address was given by the chairman. Mr. Dockrill said he regarded the facilities now provided for pupils who had matriculated to study for their first year's university terms as a forward step in the progress of the institution. Another matter of great importance was the agricultural education, which now formed part of the curriculum. They now had chemical laboratories, agricultural laboratories and dairy laboratories, with thoroughly qualified teachers who were on the staff of the school. Mr. Dockrill referred to the action of the boys in sacrificing school prizes so that the money could be devoted to the Patriotic Fund, and accepting in lieu of prizes certificates that had been signed by the Governor.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The following was the report of the headmaster (Mr. W. H. Moyes):—

He had the honour to present the thirty-fourth annual report of the school, for the year 1915. As was expected the school, in common with others, had felt the effect of the war, and for a considerable portion of the year the work, especially in the boarding department, had been carried on under difficulties. Nevertheless the school had continued to grow, and had now probably reached its maximum as regards the number of pupils in attendance.

Some idea of the progress made could be gleaned from the fact that the total roll number for the year had increased from 71 in 1912 to 221 in 1915. During the year 75 boys had been in residence as boarders, and it would therefore be seen that it was of the utmost importance that the building of the proposed boarding-house should be pushed on with the least possible delay.

The Staff.—The staff now comprised nine permanent masters and two part-time masters. Mr. H. V. Searle, M.Sc., an old boy of Waitaki High School, was appointed to a position on the staff at the beginning of the year, and the board had every reason to congratulate itself on its choice. At the end of the second term Mr. R. H.

Espiner and Mr. C. J. Hamblyn left to join the reinforcements, and were now on their way to Gallipoli. While deeply regretting their departure, the school felt proud of the fact that it continued to contribute its quota to the reinforcements, and it was the earnest wish of all that these masters would be spared to return to New Zealand and to take up again the work they were so ably carrying out at the school. During the present term Mr. M. A. MacDonald was appointed to the upper school and Mr. C. A. M'Kinney to the lower. Both had entered with enthusiasm into the work allotted to them, and had already won an abiding place in the hearts of the boys. In place of Mr. T. Buxton, who left in the second term to take a position under the Defence Department, Mr. Falconer had carried on the work of the commercial classes with gratifying results. It was with the deepest regret that the school heard, in June, of the death of Mr. V. J. B. Hall, who was seriously wounded in the landing at Gallipoli. As a master of the school he had endeared himself to all with whom he came into contact. The great improvement in the shooting of the boys was very largely due to his energy, and the members of the shooting team especially had lost one whom they had grown to love and admire.

Examinations.—At the annual examinations in 1914 G. M. Salt was the winner of a Taranaki Scholarship. I. W. Pott, F. A. Bruce, D. Grant, W. N. Leech and V. S. M' Murray passed Matriculation, and in the same examination R. Monteath gained a partial pass. Two candidates, A. M. Sutherland and W. N. Leech, were entered for the Entrance Examination for the Royal Military College of Duntroon, and both were successful, Sutherland taking fourth and Leech sixth place for New Zealand. Education Board Scholarships were won by D. G. Mackie (who took first place for Taranaki), C. C. Yates, J. H. Kendall, A. A. Huse and D. Denny-Brown. The Alf. Bayly Memorial Scholarship was won by A. R. Callander. Owing to changes in the regulations relating to the Public Service Entrance Examination, whereby any boy sitting for the examination must agree, if successful, to accept a position in one of the Government Departments, only two candidates entered for this examination, and of these one was successful. He was pleased to say that the formation of a class for boys who desire, after matriculating, to continue with the degree work, had in every way justified itself. Three boys decided to read



GUNNER H. BLYTHE
(Wounded.)

for their degree at the beginning of the year, and two of these, L. Eyre and V. S. M'Murray, gained very creditable passes in the Auckland University College examinations of October last. In all subjects their names appeared well up in the list of passes. The third candidate failed in one subject only. He sincerely hoped that parents would take advantage of the opportunities offered by this class. Comparatively few boys had sufficient ability to win University Scholarships and many were, therefore, through want of means, debarred from taking a university degree. Such a class as he had mentioned above met the requirements of these boys and enabled any boy of average ability to complete his B.A. degree by remaining at school. Two boys, A. Jones and D. Sykes, were entered for the Pharmacy Examination, Section A, and both were successful in passing.

The Curriculum.—It had been their aim throughout the year to provide a course of study that would have for its aim not so much the preparation of boys for specialised pursuits as the fostering of an all-round efficiency. Sight had, however, not been lost of the fact that a boy needed practical training, and they had, therefore, endeavoured to combine with intellectual pursuits those of a practical nature. For this reason Agriculture, Book-keeping, Commercial Correspondence and Typewriting formed part of the curriculum, and he had the promise of the board that suitable provision would be made to enable them to add Woodwork next year. The agricultural course had been still further enlarged, and they could, he thought, claim to have accomplished as much in practical agriculture as any secondary school in the Dominion. An area of five acres was now under cultivation, and on this many experiments of an interesting and instructive nature had been carried out. The field work done was as follows:—(1) Permanent Pastures: An area of three-quarters of an acre was put down in permanent pastures, which were to be grazed and their relative feeding values determined. (2) Cereals: One-third of an acre had been sown in barley, wheat, oats and rye corn with the idea of studying the cultivation of different types of cereals, and also for the purpose of determining whether these crops could be successfully grown in Taranaki. Green's Ruakura Oat was sown in order to find out whether its reputation as a rust resister would hold in a damp climate such as Taranaki possesses. (3) Forage Crops: The following forage crops covered an area of three-

quarters of an acre: (1) Ligowa oats and Egyptian peas; (2) varieties of swedes; (3) maize varieties; (4) mangels; (5) Curled Couve Trouchoda; (6) Vilmorin's purple sprouting broccoli; (7) chou moellier; (8) oats and varieties of vetches. These had been sown for the purpose of determining (a) the suitability of the climate, and (b) their food values. In the second term an orchard of 80 trees was planted in order that the agriculture boys might be able to gain an insight into this important branch of farming. Much more might be said with reference to the work done in Agriculture, but he had, he thought, given sufficient indication of the fact that this course of study was essentially of a practical nature and was one which could be pursued with profit by those boys who intended to make farming their life work. Mr. Moyes added that the agricultural work in the various grades was sadly lacking in co-ordination, and although good work was admittedly done in the primary schools, in the technical schools, and in the secondary schools, as yet it was impossible for a boy to pass from these schools to any agricultural college in the Dominion. He was sure that it would be a step in the right direction were agricultural scholarships tenable at such colleges founded. It seemed an anomaly that while a boy taking a classical course had a chance of winning scholarships that would enable him to continue with more advanced work, a boy taking agriculture was offered no such facility and was therefore unable to finish off his studies unless his parents were possessed of considerable means. Some of the Taranaki Scholarship funds could certainly be employed profitably in this direction.

The course in Book-keeping had found favour with a large percentage of boys attending the school. He was glad to say that very good work had been done in these classes, and the complaint that boys took this in order to dodge hard work in Latin could no longer hold good. The work in book-keeping had been supplemented by a useful course in Commercial Correspondence, Indexing and Precise Writing and Typewriting.

While avoiding specialisation, they had undoubtedly regarded English as of paramount importance, and every endeavour had been made to cultivate literary taste and a love of reading. The mother tongue was regarded as the nucleus round which all other knowledge must grow. This, it would be seen, differentiated them on the one hand from the older type of secondary school, where

classics formed the staple of instruction, and on the other hand from technical schools, where manual work was the staple.

A determined effort had been made to build up a library worthy of the school, and a considerable sum of money had been spent with this object. During the year over 400 volumes had been added to the shelves, but he was sorry to say that the library was still deficient in good works of reference. In order to overcome this defect an order for £50 worth of books had that month been sent to England, and if this order was repeated each year the school would soon possess a library that would meet the requirements of the more advanced pupils.

The teaching of history had for the most part been placed in the hands of Mr. C. G. Bottrill, who had special qualifications for this work. Two main objects had been kept in view. The first and more immediate was to give some idea of the growth of personal, religious and constitutional liberty. This involved an examination of such political systems as feudalism, systems that had influenced the social progress, of the reasons for their existence and of the causes of their decay. The broader aim was to inculcate that spirit of Imperialism which was the outcome of the colonial expansion of the last two centuries. They hoped that, as a result of this method, the boys would be able in the future to cope in an intelligent manner with those political and social problems which were the heritage of the past.

On the other subjects taught little comment was necessary. A practical course was now taken in Geography, and the generosity of the board had enabled them to equip the science laboratories with all the apparatus necessary for the teaching of Science.

The musical study for the year had progressed steadily; boys had presented themselves for theoretical and practical examinations conducted by one or other of the leading London examining colleges, with commendable results. F. Mace passed the higher practical examination, and W. Trill was successful in both the intermediate practical and the grammar of music examinations. Miss Dowling had been holding a class for trio playing, which, it was sincerely hoped, might branch out into something more pretentious in the near future. The attention of parents should be drawn to the advantages of these musical examinations, and more boys should be encouraged to enter for them.

The Preparatory School.—This department of the school continued to grow in numbers. From a roll of 29 in 1913, it rose to 46 in 1914, and to 62 at the beginning of the present year. Sixteen of those attending were boarders. The increase in numbers necessitated the appointment of an additional master, and the board therefore appointed Mr. C. J. Hamblyn to act as assistant to Mr. Bottrill. On Mr. Hamblyn's departure for Trentham it was found impossible to fill the vacancy at once, and Mr. J. Shaw, an old boy of the school, kindly offered his assistance. Eventually, at the end of October, Mr. C. A. M'Kinney, who had had considerable experience of primary work under the North Canterbury Education Board, arrived and took over the work. The institution of the Preparatory School as a training ground for the work in the upper school had been amply justified, both by the progress made and by the spirit shown by those who had graduated from the lower to the higher grade. In this connection he could not, perhaps, do better than quote a paragraph from the last number of the school magazine. The paragraph in question read as follows:—“During the recent visit of Mr. Gill a definite arrangement was entered into with regard to the Preparatory Department. Hitherto critics of the lower school have contended that this department was a mere luxury simply duplicating the work of the primary schools. There has been a tendency to forget that the proper secondary school spirit can be more easily instilled into juniors who are brought from the first into contact with the corporate life of the school. This training is specially valuable as an aid to moral education and gives a boy some practical ideas of what a community is. There he learns the inter-dependence of all the members and the duties incumbent upon all. Should this be the only good that accrues, a well-conducted Preparatory Department amply justifies its existence. But, as hinted above, our Preparatory Department goes much further than this. It has been definitely arranged that the secondary subjects shall be begun well down in the lower school. This is with the deliberate intention of preparing the boys for the higher secondary work to be undertaken in the upper school. Thus the Preparatory School will be such in reality, and not merely in name. There is to be no lowering of the standard, but only an alteration in the distribution of the work. Thus Nature Study, Hand-work, etc., will be curtailed to allow of some Latin,

French, Geometry, etc., being done. The upper boys will continue to sit for their proficiency certificates as before, and the work done in the secondary subjects will be taken into account by the examining inspector. This is what we have contended for all along; and we feel sure, now that the real function of the lower school has been clearly defined in this satisfactory manner, that the Preparatory Department will do even better work than in the past.” In reporting on the work of this department, Mr. T. H. Gill, the department's inspector, said: “The organisation is highly satisfactory. The methods of teaching are good, and considerable ability was shown in applying them. The schemes of work have been prepared with much care and a high standard of neatness is reached in all classes.” In concluding his remarks on this section of the school, Mr. Moyes repeated his annual disclaimer of any intention to compete with the primary schools of this town.

School Institutions.—The various school institutions continued to flourish. The magazine had received very flattering criticism from the press of Taranaki, and it now compared favourably with any other school magazine in the Dominion. The standard of football was perhaps higher than it had ever been, and for the first time in the history of the school the second fifteen had taken part in the local Rugby Union competitions. The senior fifteen was again successful in the tournament against Napier and Palmerston North High Schools. The cadet work of the school continued to occupy a prominent place in the activities carried on outside the class-room. Unfortunately the Defence Department found it necessary early in the year to call in all rifles, with the result that the usual programme of work had been to a certain extent interfered with. The same remarks applied to shooting, for without rifles it had been found impossible to get in the same amount of practice as in former years. The results had, nevertheless, been highly satisfactory, and in both the Senior and Junior Schools of the Empire matches the school should take a high place. In the competitions for the Imperial Challenge Shield the school came out remarkably well, being top for New Zealand in both competitions. In the senior match 341 schools in various parts of the Empire competed, and this school was 10th on the list. In the junior match 122 schools competed, and New Plymouth gained 9th place. Their thanks were due to all those gentlemen who had so kindly

assisted them with the shooting during the year, and also to those who so kindly provided the money to enable the team to compete.

The Old Boys.—Mr. Moyes felt that his report would be incomplete did he neglect to refer to the magnificent response that had been made to the call to arms by old pupils of the school. From all parts of the world the old boys had flocked to the colours, with the result that about 120 are fighting for the Empire in the trenches of Gallipoli or on the historic battlefields of Flanders. When it was remembered that the total number of boys who had passed through the school was only just over 600, and that of these a great many were elderly men or men under the military age, it would be seen that the school had more than done its share. No more conclusive proof was needed of the influence of secondary schools on those who pass through them. It was also a matter of pride to them that of the 1913 football team no less than eleven were serving with the colours, and of these one had made the supreme sacrifice, and another had been decorated by his King for conspicuous gallantry on the field of battle. It gave him the greatest pleasure to be able to state that several of the Old Boys had been picked out for special mention. Lieutenant H. M. Lepper had been decorated with the Military Cross, Major I. Standish had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, and Private Charles Crone, who died fighting bravely on the Gallipoli Peninsula, was mentioned in dispatches. This was perhaps not the time to mention anything with reference to a memorial to those gallant lads who had given their lives for their country, but he would like to say that it was their hope that at the end of the war a suitable memorial would be erected at the school—a memorial that would stand for all time and that would serve to remind future generations of boys of those who had gone forth from the school imbued with feelings of loyalty and patriotism.

In conclusion, he wished to take the opportunity of thanking all those who had so willingly assisted them during the year. Especially did he wish to thank those ladies who on the occasions of the sports and fete worked so hard to make the functions the success they were. To the masters he tendered his sincere thanks. To all it had been a worrying and trying year, and no small credit was due to them for the manner in which they had carried out the duties allotted to them.

THE PRIZE LIST.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form Ib.—G. Fookes.
 Form Ia.—M. Lysons, B. Blundell.
 Form II. R. Dolby, F. Williams.
 Form IIb.—W. Mackay, H. Holden.
 Form IIa.—L. Fagan, S. Hayden.
 Form III.—G. Webster, E. Pope.
 Elocution Prizes (donated by Mr. T. Avery).—Lower Prep., K. Neal; Upper Prep., C. Kyngdon.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Form IIIa.—First in form, K. Roberts; Languages and Literature, H. Goss; Mathematics and Science, H. Calder; Elocution, H. Goss; Drawing, D. Denny-Brown.

Form IIIb.—First in form, A. B. Sturtevant; Languages and Literature, R. Murray; Mathematics and Science, L. Sampson; Elocution, E. Johns; Drawing, C. Ducker.

Form IV.—First in form, D. Doile; Languages and Literature, A. Brooker; Mathematics and Science, C. Way; Elocution, D. Doile; Drawing, P. Meuli.

Form V.—First in form, M. Atkinson, E. Hamerton and R. Lealand (equal); Languages and Literature, D. Saxton; Mathematics and Science, N. Fookes; Elocution, M. Atkinson; Drawing, W. Traill.

Form VIb.—First in form, K. Brokenshire; Languages and Literature, N. Quilliam; Mathematics and Science, C. C. Yates; Drawing, A. Huse.

Agricultural Prizes.—Junior, F. Train; senior, A. L. Death.

Commercial Prizes (donated by the New Plymouth Accountants' Society).—Senior division, G. Rodger 1, C. Way 2; junior division, B. Wilson 1, N. Bellringer 2. Commercial Correspondence: Senior division, K. Clemow; junior division, L. H. Wood.

Dr. Fookes's Cup for general excellence.—V. M'Murray.

Dux of the School.—V. M'Murray.

Head Boy's Medal.—F. A. Bruce.

Bayly Scholarship Medal.—A. R. Callander.

OTHER PRIZES.

The school prizes were presented by Mrs. Dockrill, and the sports' prizes by Mrs. Burgess. Both these ladies were presented with beautiful bouquets from small boys of the school.

Brief addresses were given by Messrs. Okey, Burgess, Trimble and Fraser.

During the evening the school songs, "Gaudeamus" and "Dulce Domun," were given, also instrumental items by the school orchestra, and a recitation, "The Recruit," by Master K. Neal.

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GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

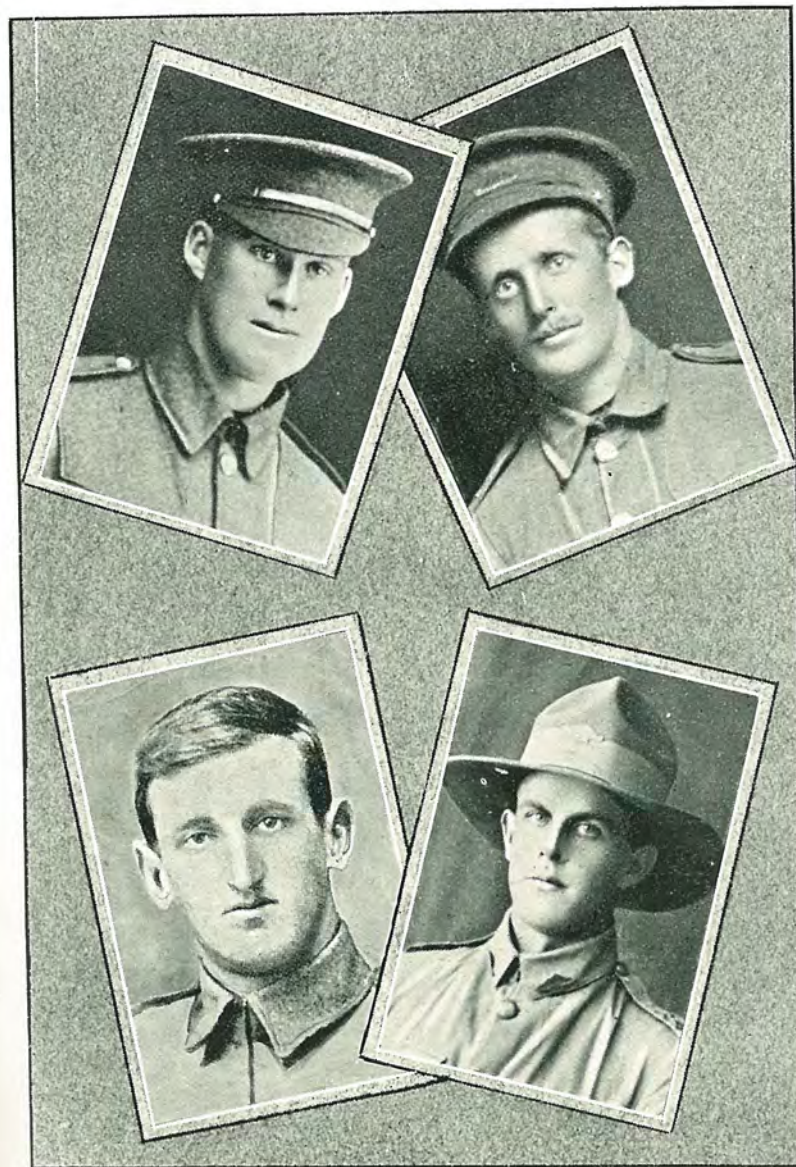
There was a fair attendance at the Boys' High School on Friday evening, December 10, on the occasion of the annual gymnasium championships. The judge, Mr. W. S. Howell, thought that the displays compared very favourably indeed with those of last year. This speaks well for the boys when it is remembered that practically all this term they have been without an outside instructor owing to the dislocation caused by the war.

Some of the competitions were very close, Mr. Howell having the greatest difficulty in separating the boys. The smaller boys gave capital exhibitions and some of their exercises were a revelation to the onlookers. There were only two entrants for the senior championship, but the work of these two was of a very high order. Meuli astounded the spectators with some of his tricks, especially those on the horizontal bar. However, what Hamerton lacked in cleverness he made up in neatness, and ultimately ran out a winner by one point.

The arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. H. V. Searle and A. C. M'Kinney, and everything went off without a hitch.

Following are the results:—

Senior Championship. — Hamerton: Parallel bars (possible 45), 42 points; horizontal bar (possible 30), 28 points; Roman rings (possible 20), 17 points; military horse (possible 40), 39 points; total, 126. Meuli: 42, 27, 18, 38—125.



SERG. T. ELLIS (Wounded)
PVT. J. H. STODDART (Killed)

PVT. E. C. STANLEY (Wounded)
DRUMMER L. SMITH (Wounded)

Junior Championship.—Callander: Parallel bars (possible 45), 44 points; horizontal bar (possible 25), 23 points; Roman rings (possible 20), 19 points; military horse (possible 40), 38 points; total, 124. Amor i.: 38, 22, 19, 36—115. Wilson i.: 35, 23, 17, 36—111. Candy: 36, 15, 16, 34—101. Duckworth: 31, 20, 15, 33—99. Snowdon: 35, 20, 12, 30—97. Harvey: 34, 19, 13, 26—92. K. Fox: 30, 16, 15, 18—79.

Championship under 14.—B. Wilson: Parallel bars (possible 45), 34 points; horizontal bar (possible 25), 24 points; Roman rings (possible 20), 20 points; military horse (possible 35), 35 points; total, 113. Harrison: 36, 16, 17, 31—100. Bothamley: 34, 20, 14, 28—96.

Championship under 12.—Mackay: Parallel bars (possible 20), 16 points; horizontal bar (possible 20), 20 points; Roman rings (possible 20), 19 points; military horse (possible 25), 24 points; total, 79. Kebbell: 19, 19, 14, 23—75. Williams ii.: 14, 17, 15, 22—68.

Championship under 10.—Hutchen: Parallel bars (possible 20), 15 points; horizontal bar (possible 20), 16 points; Roman rings (possible 15), 13 points; total, 44. MacDiarmid: 12, 18, 13—43. G. Fookes: 13, 15, 11—39.—Taranaki Herald.

We wish to thank Mr. Howell for his kindness in acting as judge.

CAMERA CLUB.

The third term of the year has witnessed increased activity on the part of the Camera Club, with the result that the membership of the club has risen from 25 to 50. Quite a number of boys have turned out very creditable work. A few of the older members have devoted a good deal of their time to enlarging and as a result of their efforts they have now in their possession photos of the school and other subjects, which will be interesting mementos of their school days in time to come.

Since last issue the personnel of the committee has undergone a change, S. Borrie and C. Copestake having left school at the end of the second term.

As Copestake held the position of secretary his departure necessitated an election. This was held early in the term and D. E. Candy was elected to fill his vacancy. We take the opportunity of congratulating him on the

enthusiastic manner in which he has tackled the work, and we feel sure that under his guidance the Camera Club has prosperous days ahead of it. W. Traill was elected to fill the place of S. Borrie.

Towards the end of the second term Mr. Radcliffe, the well-known photographer of Whangarei, paid a visit to the school and secured several fine photos of the ground and of the school. While in New Plymouth he very kindly expressed a wish to donate a prize to the club for a competition. Needless to say this was thankfully accepted.

The prize, which came to hand about the middle of the term, is a magnificent enlargement of one of the Southern Lakes. It is 21 by 16 inches and is beautifully mounted and framed in oak.

Sixteen boys entered photos for the competition, which was won by a narrow margin by Monteath, with Meuli second and Candy third.

The club desires to thank Mr. Radcliffe most sincerely for his very generous donation and also for his kindness in consenting to judge the photos sent in. We can assure him that the interest he has taken in the club has been much appreciated by the members, and that he has done a great deal towards placing the club in the healthy position it now occupies amongst the various school institutions.

During the term the Board of Governors very kindly consented to defray the cost of framing the school groups taken by the club. We have been thus able to exhibit the result of our efforts on the school walls, and the library now contains many enlargements of interesting groups taken during the last three years.

It is hoped that the club will now make an effort to obtain a record each year of various school teams. These may not be of great interest to present boys, but will become more and more valuable as the years pass by. We regret to say that although the school has been in existence for 34 years only three of the school teams prior to 1912 are to be found on the walls. In this connection we offer a suggestion to the business manager of "The Taranakian." Would it not be possible for him to get into touch with old boys who have photos and endeavour to secure copies of them.

On October 16 a very enjoyable day was spent by the members of the club at the Breakwater, where the time was spent taking photos and fishing.

On the 18th of September Mr. Moyes kindly spent the evening with us in the dark-room, where he gave us a demonstration in enlarging. The result is that a number of boys who had previously done nothing in this line have since turned out some good work.

In conclusion a word as to the future may not be out of place. The funds of the club are now in a sound condition, and all that is needed is a little enthusiasm. The past term has shown what can be done and we hope that both old and new members next term will keep the club in the flourishing condition in which it now is. We think we can safely promise that next year will see the purchase of quite a lot of photographic apparatus and material for the use of members.

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

On Thursday afternoon, October 28, the annual steeplechase of the New Plymouth Boys' High School was run. A few parents and old boys were present to witness the start, in spite of the showery nature of the weather. The number of starters, 170, was larger than ever; in fact, each year sees an increase in the number of those competing, in proportion to the rapid growth of the school. The course, about 4½ miles, was the same as last year, namely: From School up Avenue Road to Henui Bridge, then along right bank of river and out on to the Old Hospital Road, then down Hospital Road to Bowling Green, over old Railway Bridge to Watson Street, Lemon Street, Hobson Street, and on to the school ground. The boys did not seem to have trained as much as last year, on account of the continuous wet weather, and this fact left the winner more uncertain than ever. About ten minutes past three the limit boy, one of the smallest in the school, set out, and was followed by groups of the others at intervals of one minute, until all the 170 competitors were streaming in a long white line up the road until lost to view. A period of suspense ensued until the leading boy should again come into view on the long ridge on the other side of the Henui. At last a small figure came on to the ridge, passed down

on to the Old Hospital Road, and was not seen again till the bottom of the gully below the school ground was reached, when eager watchers announced that MacDiarmid, the small boy who left first, was in the lead. Another figure was espied not far behind, and for a time it seemed that MacDiarmid would be overhauled, but eventually he passed the post a good forty yards in front of the second boy, Emmerton, who won the race in the previous year. Russell, the third boy, was not far behind, and for about ten minutes a continual stream of boys arrived until all were home. The first fifteen were:—

	Hcp Min.	Actual time. Min. sec.
1. MacDiarmid	16	38 15
2. Emmerton	11	33 32
3. Russell	7	30 30
4. Amor ii.	7	30 33
5. Fussell ii.	10	34 3
6. Hamling	9	33 6
7. Snowdon	9	33 46
8. Atkinson ii.	9	33 45
9. Jackson ii.	11	35 49
10. Boon iii.	9	34 1
11. Boon ii.	9	34 18
12. Lepine	9	34 19
13. Grayling ii.	5	31 45
* Candy	7	32 47
* Ducker	9	34 47

* Dead heat for fourteenth place.

Previous winners were: 1913, B. Wilson (actual time 28min. 11sec., handicap 11min., on a shorter course than the present); 1914, Emmerton (actual time 35min. 2sec., handicap 12min.).

A. Bruce, who started from scratch, secured fastest time, in 29min. 18sec., which is nearly 3min. longer than his time last year, when he made a record for the course in 26min. 21sec. Stanton, who also started from scratch, secured second fastest time, in 29min. 19sec.

The points secured for the championships were:—Senior, Bruce 5, Kidd 3, Eyre 1; junior, Bayly ii. 5, Herbert 3, Callander 1; under 14, Russell 5, Fox iii. 3, Stohr 1; under 12, Williams 5, Johns ii. 3, Griffiths 1.—Taranaki Herald.

The following are the twenty best times recorded:—

	Hcp. Min.	Actual time. Min. sec.
1. Bruce ... scr.	53	29 18
2. Stanton ... scr.	54	29 19
3. Bayly i. ... 1sec.	47	30 11
4. Russell ... 7sec.	3	30 30
5. Amor ii. ... 7sec.	4	30 33
6. Hughes i. ... 3sec.	31	30 47
7. Kidd ... scr.	80	30 57
8. Lucena ... 1sec.	65	31 0
9. M'Murray ... 3sec.	38	31 33
10. Yates i. ... 1sec.	79	31 56
11. Mace ... 4sec.	32	32 5
12. Atkinson ... 3sec.	52	32 17
13. Bayly ii. ... 3sec.	56	32 33
14. Brydon ... 6sec.	20	32 37
15. Candy ... 7sec.	15	32 47
16. Martin ... 2sec.	74	32 52
17. Amor i. ... 7sec.	17	32 52
18. Bryce ... 4sec.	43	32 57
19. Monteath... 1sec.	94	32 58
20. Hamling ... 9sec.	6	33 6

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

There are two matters which we wish to bring before the Old Boys. Both deal, in a measure, with the same subject, namely, the perpetuation of the memory of your Old Boys. We are desirous of obtaining a series of photos of those who have left the school. These photos we wish to frame and place on the walls as a permanent record. Apart from the historical interest attaching to such a series, the photos will be, in some sense, we feel sure, an incentive and a matter of pride to the present boys and to all who are or have been associated with the school. At present we have practically no records of the kind indicated.

The other matter involves wider plans. We must have some memorial to our Old Boys who have fallen in the Great War. This memorial must be one in which we can all take pride. Its actual form is in no way suggested, but we think it well that the matter should be mentioned now and, in Ministerial phrase, "kept steadily in view." It would be a lasting disgrace to

the school and to all who have ever been in any way connected with it, did we do nothing to keep green visibly the memories of those who received their early training here, and then went out and laid down their lives in defence of the eternal principles of justice and righteousness.

During the first week of October Corporal C. Hamblyn paid the school a visit, prior to sailing with the Eighth Reinforcements. Strathie Ewing also came up to see us. With him came Willard, who is making a rapid recovery from the effects of his accident.

We note with regret that J. E. Wilson, who has been Mayor of New Plymouth for the last two years, handed in his resignation at a meeting of the Borough Council held in the early part of October. He had not really recovered from his severe illness when he returned to work. Consequently he found the strain of his official duties too severe. During his tenure of the Mayoral chair the tramway scheme and other important works were inaugurated, and it is a great pity that his health did not permit him to remain in office until the trams were actually running. However, we hope to see him in the first car that runs on the occasion of the official opening. Since his resignation he has had to undergo an operation for appendicitis, but we are glad to be able to say that he is well on the highroad to recovery. We can assure him of the sympathy of every old and of every present boy.

The wedding took place on October 5, in St. Mary's Church, of Mr. Ronald Henry Quilliam, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Quilliam, to Miss Gwendoline Minnie Bewley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bewley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. A. Favell.

The following Old Boys have been successful at the annual examinations in connection with the University of New Zealand:—L. Rudd (Auckland University College): Latin, third class; Constitutional History, third class; Jurisprudence, third class; kept first year's law terms. H. Bollinger (Victoria College): English, third class. R. C. Adlam (Victoria College): Kept second year's terms. C. W. Quilliam (Victoria College): Senior English, second class; Economics, second class; History, repeat division; Constitutional History, first class; Jurisprudence, second class; Roman Law, third class; kept second year's terms. I. W. Weston

(Victoria College): Chemistry, second class; Senior Botany, first class; Senior Practical Botany, third class; kept second year's terms. N. F. Little (Victoria College): Botany, repeat division; Practical Botany, repeat division; Roman Law, second class; Conflict of Law, second class; International Law, second class; kept third year's terms.

Allan Little met with an unfortunate accident whilst on his way home to Sentry Hill on Tuesday evening, September 14. Whilst motor-cycling along the flat near the Bell Block store a motor-car coming towards town turned off the road to call at the store, and collided with the cyclist, who had a leg fractured as the result. He was conveyed to New Plymouth Hospital in the car. Although still an inmate of the hospital, we were pleased to see that he was able to attend the annual sports.

Gersham Hurle is a member of J. C. Williamson's Company which recently staged "Potash and Perlmutter" throughout New Zealand.

L. G. Berry has been transferred to the Napier branch of the New Zealand Express Company, Ltd.

Norman Day has taken up his duties on the staff of the Central School, New Plymouth.

Garland Newell, who is on the staff of the Union Bank of Australia, was recently transferred to Hicks' Bay, which is located about six miles from the East Cape.

J. M' Mahon-Box, who was in the local Customs Department, has been promoted to a position at Niue, Savage Island.

The following Old Boys held positions in the local Infantry Company of the 11th Regiment at the end of the last "Military Year":—In command, Captain A. M. MacDiarmid; Platoon Commander, Lieutenant F. N. Whitcombe; Sergeant-Major, F. E. Clarke; Sergeants, R. H. Quilliam, J. H. Mander, and A. T. Bacon; Lance-Sergeant, W. A. Guild; Corporals, B. Sinclair, H. Sole, L. Richards, and R. Brokenshire.

W. A. Guild, of the local branch of the Bank of New South Wales, has been transferred to Ohaeawai.

Frank Gardiner, who was chief clerk in the local railway booking office, has been promoted to a position in Greymouth.

William Whitton is now with A. E. Sykes, chemist, New Plymouth.

Donald Grant has entered the office of H. M. Thomson, solicitor, at Inglewood.

All the officers in the local "A" Company, 11th Regiment (Taranaki Rifles) are Old Boys, namely: Capt. A. M. MacDiarmid, Lieutenants F. N. Whitcombe and F. E. Clarke.

C. V. Day is now occupying a position in the firm of Abraham and Williams, Palmerston North. His soldierly instinct is still keen, and he wears three stripes as a sergeant in the "J" Battery of the N.Z.F.A.

Walter Wilkie is on the staff of the local Borough Electrical Department.

Archie Bacon has joined the firm of J. J. Niven and Co., Wellington, and is studying engineering.

Sergeant Alf. M'Arthur, of the Samoan Force, has been invalided home. He left for Samoa with the first Expeditionary Force.

Sergeant W. P. Okey has been invalided from Calipoli. He left New Zealand with the main body and was in the trenches for over five weeks. Old Boys will be pleased to hear that his health has improved wonderfully since he has been on New Zealand soil.

Sergeant Ron. Quilliam has received a commission in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Captain Gordon Napier MacDiarmid has been attached to the 6th Mounted Field Ambulance for duty.

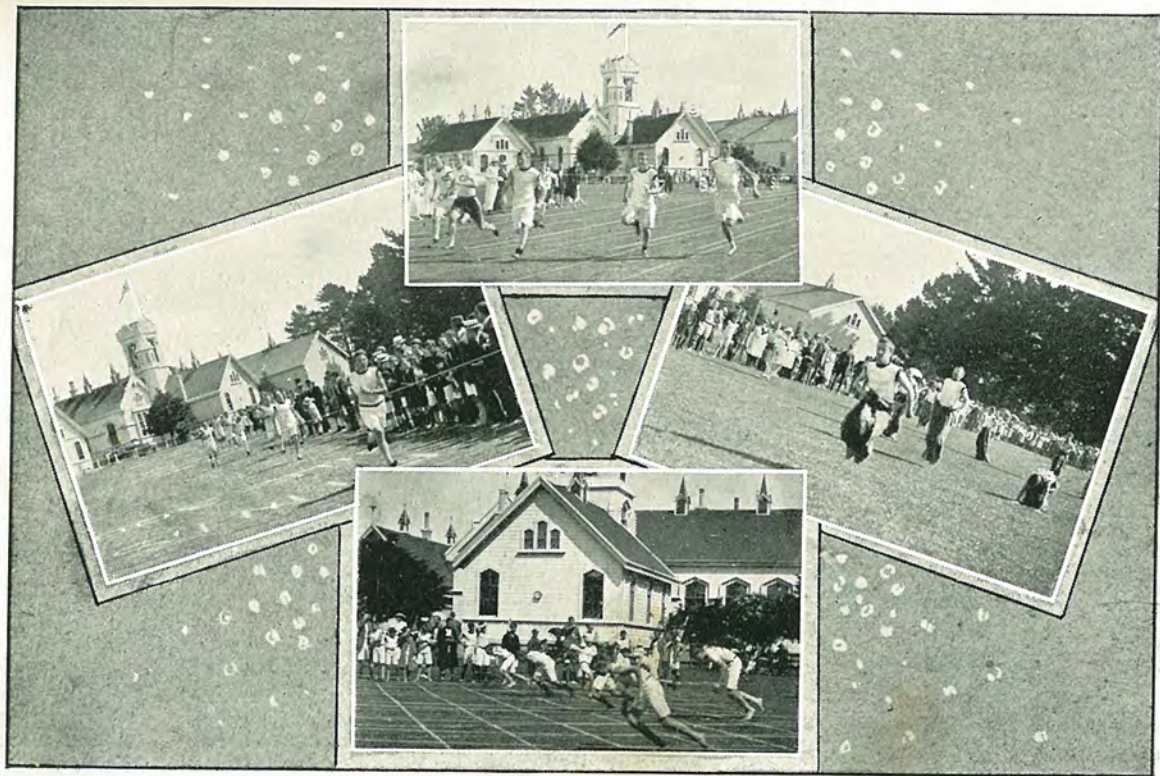
The Distinguished Service Order has been conferred on Major Standish, of the Third Battery, who displayed conspicuous gallantry in controlling a fire in an exposed section of guns on August 27, under heavy fire. When one of the guns was put out of action a fire broke out round an ammunition pit. He immediately ran and assisted in extinguishing it.

Lance-Corporal S. Hoby, who is a member of the "B" Squadron, 9th Reinforcements, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Captain A. M. MacDiarmid has received orders to report at Trentham by January 10, 1916.

Old Boys enlisted, not yet called upon:—Sergeant W. A. Guild, Corporal R. J. Brokenshire, Corporal L. C. Richards, Private L. L. Bellringer.

As it is difficult to obtain much reliable information as to the whereabouts of several of our Old Boys, it is quite possible that there are Old Boys serving in the Expeditionary Forces whose names do not appear on our "Roll of Honour." The Secretary of the Old Boys'



SPORTS' DAY.

Association would deem it a great favour if anyone who knows of any Old Boys who are now serving and whose names are not on the "Roll of Honour" would communicate with him. Address: P.O. Box 103, New Plymouth.

Lieutenant Harper Mervyn Lepper, 4th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment), has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry on July 20, 1915, at Hooze, when, during a heavy bombardment, part of his trench was blown in and communication with the next battalion was lost. He extended his platoon through the ruins, and, although twice wounded, remained at his post, keeping up communications and sending in accurate information of the situation.

Describing the incident, the captain in charge of the company, who also belongs to New Zealand, says:—

"Things looked pretty desperate. A young New Zealander (we have three in the regiment, and four in the battalion) named Lepper, from Lepperton, Taranaki, was in charge of the left platoon. He was wounded in the head, but somehow or other managed to calmly carry on with his platoon. This youngster—he is only eighteen—really did marvels, and I knew he would keep his men calm. Partly in his trench, and partly in mine, was a platoon and a half of Gordon Highlanders without an officer left; they were fine men, and knew how to obey an order. I knew that no matter if the Huns did reach us these fellows with the bayonet were a problem to frighten any Hun; and I am rather sorry, now it's all over, that the Germans didn't get a chance to visit us. We hung on all along the line, and after two hours of the most exhausting bombardment that I have ever heard, seen, or dreamt of, the Huns gave it up, and by daylight we had been relieved and managed to get back to the reserve line in a small wood. Altogether we lost 300 men, dead, wounded, and missing."

Lieutenant Lepper, who is only 19 years of age, is a son of Mr. H. B. Lepper, of Lepperton, and was born and educated in Taranaki, being a pupil for some years at the New Plymouth High School. He was one of the several New Zealanders who qualified to be sent Home for commissions in the Imperial Army, but owing to his age (17 years), he was turned down. His father, however, sent him to Sandhurst at the same time that the First Expeditionary Force left New Zealand. He was only

three months at Home when he received his commission, and it was in his first engagement that he acted with such conspicuous bravery.

In a letter to his parents, under date September 7, from Woodland's Camp, Gillingham, he says:—

"I had the surprise of my life this morning, when I read the paper and saw that I had won the Military Cross. I don't know whether to be glad or sorry, for I don't think that what I did merited the distinction. The Military Cross ribbon is blue in the centre, and white at each end. I don't know what the medal is like. The worst part of the whole show is to come. That will be when I have to go to Buckingham Palace to have it given to me by the King. As you will see, I am still with the battalion. To-day I was to go to Fort Borstal for a machine-gun course, but I am not going now. I did not want to go, as you have to be there a month, and that would prevent my going out to the front for some time. I told the commanding officer that I did not want to go, but he said I had to. To-day, when he heard that I had won the M.C., he told me that I need not go, so I am staying on here. Goodness only knows when orders for the front will come, and I am rather anxious to know with what battalion I shall go."

—Taranaki Herald.

Photographs of the following Old Boys who have or are serving in His Majesty's Forces appeared in our last issue:—Corporal V. J. B. Hall, Sergeant Wattie Mulloy, Lance-Corporal L. P. Sole, Private S. J. Griffiths, Quartermaster-Sergeant A. R. M'Isaac, Sergeants E. B. Ellerm and S. M. Okey, Major I. T. Standish, Lieutenant S. Hurle, Sergeants W. B. Glasgow and D. Collis, Lance-Corporals I. P. and A. H. Grant, Private A. Healy, Privates W. B. Morshead, F. V. West, N. B. Howell, and S. G. Baker, Driver R. Gaukrodger, Privates H. West, D. B. Brown, and W. H. Jenkinson.

FROM THE FRONT.

Corporal R. L. Okey, writing from the Duchess of Connaught's Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Taplow, England, to his parents at Vogeltown, on September 19, said that he was doing splendidly, that his wound had healed right up, and that he was getting strong again. Seven New Zealand boys entered society here yesterday, he continues, and I was one of the lucky seven. We went out for the afternoon to tea with Lady Boston. It was lovely. My word they have a lovely place. I never saw anything like it.

Her car called round at the hospital for us about 3.30 p.m., and on arrival she took us all round the gardens. We went through a little church on the estate, part of which is eight hundred years old. The inside was lovely. It was a tip-top outing.

Corporal Okey was hoping to be out of hospital in about a week, but they would not let anyone go until he was properly better. He expected he would go to Essen, where the convalescent camp was, and from there they would have two weeks' furlough, when he proposed to visit relatives. After that he would have to go to the base camp at Weymouth, and then back to the Peninsula.

In another letter Corporal Okey says:—"The New Zealand boys here have had a good time this last week. One day we were all taken out in motors to afternoon tea with Lady Hardwick, after which we went over to the New Zealand Hospital at Walton-on-Thames. There are several of our boys there—Geo. Kerr, Norman Howell, Jack Bainbridge, and Frank Shirley."

Ten days later Corporal Okey writes:—"Have been having a glorious time this last week. On Tuesday about fifty of us went down to the New Zealand Hospital to some sports, and then went to Lady Plunket's to tea. It was a beautiful afternoon, so we had a great outing. On Wednesday thirty-six of us had another invitation to tea with the Marquis of Lincolnshire (Lord Carrington), and when we were going back to hospital they loaded us up with fruit and all sorts of cake."

"It is better to move on than to be blown to bits," writes Sergeant George Russell to his sister from Sari Bari, on the advertising card of an English jam-maker. "We are looking forward to a big forward move. Shrapnel is no joke. It is the first shell that kills. You are not prepared. You hear a second"—which suggests that Sergeant Russell is Irish. On another jam advertisement to another lady the same warrior scribe says: "The great complaint here is that parcels of smokes do not reach the men. I am satisfied the postal fellows here are all right, but investigation should be made en route"—which is what the Hon. R. Heaton Rhodes is going to make. The jam advertisement, by the way, shows five glowing and jammy boys being fed with a spoon, and the writing meanders among them and the jam.

Another letter wanders over eight scraps of very rough cardboard, numbered, with the address on the back of each, so that they may mean eight jobs for the postal officials and the censor instead of one, because the writer had no paper. "I received the two Weeklies to-day," he writes. "They were welcome. Reading matter is scarce. Tell all your friends when sending books and papers to write the address on the paper, as the majority of the wrappers are torn off and few papers reach their rightful owners. It is a very sore grievance. Anything

readable is a marketable commodity here. The weeklies are a godsend to the men to read to fill in the time whilst waiting attacks or calls. It would relieve the strain in the daytime and keep the minds of the men occupied. I read that the weeklies are arranging to send bundles. We received one bundle on the ship while waiting at Lemnos. None have reached us in the trenches. It is, of course, quite possible that the papers have been distributed among the wounded at Alexandria, Cairo, and other places. They certainly need them. It is a question who needs them most—the wounded men or the men at grips with the enemy. I am inclined to favour the active men. The wounded are in large cities where English literature and the latest newspapers are obtainable. The public visit the wounded, and fresh fruit and vegetables can be supplied. All the latest events are learnt quickly, and attractions are many. In France, the soldier at the front can make weekly trips to England, and he is in such close touch that he can get any delicacy. The fighting men at Gallipoli are cut off practically from all communication. He is unlike grim death to a patch of hillside. He is living on good food—but very hard tack without variety. "Pro-dentist" biscuits with occasional bread. Bully beef principally, because fresh meat is rushed by the flies, which are an awfully numerous and voracious pest. Jam, rather crumbly, and sweaty cheese, bacon a little dry, vegetables. The sugar is served in the tins. Some attribute the epidemics of griping pains to the lime juice and fresh beef. It is all right for people to sit in comfortable armchairs at home and imagine what war is. Well, they jolly well can't imagine what this war is like. It beggars description."

So far as the menu above is concerned, however, it would be considered sybaritic by many a New Zealand bush pioneer who is only at war with the roadless back-blocks and nature!

Sergeant Russell, in another letter scribbled on heterogeneous scraps of tissue paper, says of the first operations that in the Balkan War Bulgarians and Greeks tried to take a position which the New Zealanders took, and failed, losing 11,000 killed in "Dead Man's Gully" in one day. The Australians drove the Turks in twenty minutes over ridges which the generals thought would take a week to capture.

Some interesting letters have been received by his mother from Lance-Corporal "Bob" Woodhouse, a member of the Machine-Gun Section of the Australian 5th Brigade, who is well-known in this district. Under date "Gallipoli, September 8," he writes:—

"I will have been here three weeks to-morrow in the firing line, and am writing this from the trenches alongside the gun pit in which the gun I'm in charge of is mounted. We are here to hold a position only, and I don't think we will attack at this point, nor do I think the Turks will, as they tried it once before some few weeks back at awful cost. Our section does three hours on duty and six hours off (three men per shift per gun) night and day, and we get fairly good food here, so we have at present a comfortable job, and I don't care how long it lasts. There is only one trouble here, and that is you get dysentery very badly; some of the poor chaps have to go to hospital. I've had it for about a week, not severe, but quite bad enough. This afternoon is very quiet, but from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily things are always busy with shrapnel from warships and our batteries, and replies from the Turks. We are fairly safe here from rifle fire, but take plenty of chances from shrapnel. We go for a swim about every two days whilst off duty, and they are always shelling the beach, but nobody worries and all take the chance—someone is always getting hurt there. If we had the number of guns we should have, I would be at least a sergeant, but we've only two instead of about eight. Am gunner on right gun which carries one stripe. . . . My friend Jim Simpson from New Plymouth is quite close to us, and I see him frequently."

On September 20 Lance-Corporal Woodhouse continues:—

"Things are quiet just where we are, but you never know when we will be busy. A lot of our section are sick, and I am at present doing double shift—six hours on and six off, and sleep at gun at nights. Am feeling well at present, but was rather poor for a couple of weeks. Had a lively time last Saturday afternoon from 5 to 6 p.m. They showered us with shrapnel just round our gun-pits, and we had to take to tunnels for cover. A shell burst every two seconds or so for an hour right on top of us—it was warmer than the action we were in. When it was all over, everything round our gun was hit, including bullets through the tripod. The gun is dismantled for safety, but no damage to speak of."

Writing from Birmingham to his mother in New Plymouth, Private W. V. Patterson, who was wounded at the Dardanelles, says:—

"I must tell you how I was wounded. We landed on the morning of Sunday, the 25th, and all that day I was potting at the Turks and things were getting very warm. All that night we were at it, and next morning they got me. The bullet entered my right shoulder just near the back of my neck, and struck my collar-bone, broke it, and then came out in the muscle of my arm.

I was very lucky it missed my neck, and also that it didn't break any more bones. Well, in a few weeks now I'll be ready to have another go at them, but I think by that time it will be all over in Turkey.

"We arrived in Birmingham on May 28 from Alexandria, and are having a splendid time. The people here are very kind to us all, and every Wednesday and Sunday the hospital is crowded with visitors. There are only three New Zealanders in this ward, and we've met some New Zealand ladies living here and they are so kind to us. They bring us all sorts of nice things. One of them owns a motor-car, and as soon as I get to the convalescent hospital she has promised to show me Birmingham. Won't that be great? Her name is Mrs. Philip Shaw, and she comes from Christchurch.

"It is six weeks to-day since I was shot. What did poor old dad say when he saw it in the paper? I suppose he says: 'I told you so; there he's gone and lost his arm.' But look at the fun we have had. I wouldn't have missed it for anything. New Zealand and Australia had a great win. Tell dad we did make those old Turks run once we got on shore and fixed our bayonets. They went off like a lot of rats.

"There are not many New Zealanders in England—they are mostly all in Egypt—but I was one of the lucky ones to be sent here. When I am properly better I am to go to London to our depot there. So you see I will see a little of England after all.

"We left Alexandria on May 18 and arrived at Southampton on the 28th. We travelled on a large hospital ship and had a splendid trip over. I managed to get up on deck passing Malta and at Gibraltar, where we stopped for a couple of hours. We ran into a fog crossing the Bay of Biscay, but we did not see any German submarines. I expect they would have sunk us if they saw us, for they seem to sink anything that floats. I did not see much of Southampton, as we were put straight aboard a Red Cross train, and away we went at a great pace for Birmingham, where we arrived about 10.30 at night. It was a treat to see all the nice green fields, after being on the dry old desert such a long time. Crowds stood at every station and cheered us to the echo. They also supplied us with hot tea, sandwiches, cakes and fruit. I tell you it is all right being a soldier. It does make one feel proud to be wearing the King's uniform. People here take a great interest in New Zealanders and always ask us questions about New Zealand. Of course we always tell them it is the best country on the face of the earth, and I don't think we are far out either.

"I started writing this on Monday and to-day is Wednesday, and I have just had a visit from our New Zealand ladies, and

our lockers are crammed full of nice things once again. My shoulder is getting better every day now, and I can get up and about now. It's a great relief after being in bed so long and having to lie so still."

In a letter from Courtauldo Hospital, Coventry, Private Patterson says: "Since last I wrote I have been moved to Coventry, about twenty miles from Birmingham. We are very comfortable here and go to the Hippodrome to see all the latest plays every Friday evening. We also go out for a walk every morning through the town, and yesterday (Sunday) I was taken for a motor drive round the country. So you see I'm having a great time. On Saturday we went to see a variety show, and as we entered the hall the crowd got excited and started applauding us good oh! My shoulder is getting on fine and the wound is healing up fast. My arm is still a bit stiff, but that will come right in time.

"We had the King and Queen to visit us in Birmingham, and the King presented us each with a cigarette case and shook hands all round. We must be great heroes, the fuss they make of us. When I am discharged from here I am going up to Derby to stay a week with some people who have been kind enough to invite me. They have a motor, so what a time I should have."

Drummer Laurie Smith, who was sent to Cairo with an injury to his ankle, writes:—

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and kicking, although for five days of last week I had a terrible bad headache and I could not eat anything; if I did, I was bilious half-an-hour afterwards. I think I had a slight touch of the sun. A good many chaps have had sunstroke and some have died from it. The weather has been terribly hot here, but it is getting cooler now; the mosquitoes used to worry us a bit when I first came back from the front, but now it is only the flies that trouble us. . . . We are all looking forward to the day when this war will be finished and we can go back to our homes; it seems years ago since we were at home."

Speaking about the August advance, he says:—

"It is terrible, this last advance; all the best officers and men are either killed or wounded or missing. Colonel Malone was killed through the head of a shell striking him. I suppose you know Lieutenant Hartnell? He was wounded in the arm and head and has lost the sight of his left eye"—fortunately this has not turned out correct, as Lieutenant Hartnell can now use his left eye. "He, with a big crowd of chaps, is being invalided back to New Zealand."

The following letter was received from Trooper D. A. Lusk:—

"Now that I have got over my spell of hospital I will do my best to scribble you a bit of a note. I am just about right again now, and after a few days here I will be ready for the Turks again. I was on the Peninsula for four months, and after escaping bullets, etc., I finished up with dysentery. From the Peninsula I was sent to Lemnos, and went into hospital there. I didn't do any good there—got worse, in fact, and was put on a hospital ship, then to Alexandria, then to Cairo to the New Zealand Hospital. I soon got fixed up there, and am now in Lady Godley's Convalescent Home in Alexandria. Really, you have no idea how well the boys are looked after here. It is the best food one can get, and there is plenty of it. Of course, we want a good building up before going back, and I can tell you we get it.

"Well, I have had a pretty rough time on the Peninsula, but I was lucky, as at the finish there were only about twenty main body men left in our regiment—500 men. Of course, a lot were away sick, but I reckon I stuck it jolly well, don't you? And now I am getting ready to go back for the winter, so I am looking forward to getting that jersey. Owing to my being moved about, the parcel hasn't caught me up yet, but I heard from one of our boys that came back to hospital after me that there was a parcel for me over there, and that it was sent back to hospital. But I shall get it all right, and you may be sure it will be very acceptable over there, as they say it is very cold in the winter.

"I was a section leader when I left the Peninsula, and two of my section have been sent back to New Zealand wounded, and the other to England, also wounded. Thank goodness none of them were finished right out. They were all good chaps and we stuck together well until near the last. They were wounded in the last two bayonet charges before I left, not one, however, seriously, although one will have no use of his arm for about three months."

Private W. H. Jenkinson writes:—

"We are now in Albany after a very calm trip from Hobart. We arrived here at 12.30 and we are now on four hours' leave. This is a wretched town, smaller than good old New Plymouth. About four hours before we arrived this morning we saw a whaling steamer harpoon and capture a whale. It was a sight worth seeing. Whales are sighted every day from the ship and sharks are often seen looking for them. It is about the only sport we have, as things are very slow on the boat and we spend most of



PVT. REG. QUILLIAM (*Wounded*)
GNR. F. CALLAGHAN

CORP. PERRY
SERGT. S. HOBY

TPR. G. H. POTT
SERGT. W. P. OKEY

our time in reading. We do very little drill, but have semaphore signalling every day. I have a squad of twelve for this. I was on guard at Hobart and had a rough time. Got cracked by one of the crew. It wasn't bad fun though. We were out all night and got no sleep."

ROLL OF HONOUR.

KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

Pte. Baily, R. H.	Sgt. Mulloy, Wattie.
Pte. Crone, C.	Sgt. Okey, S. M.
Pte. Coates, F. H.	L.-Cpl. Sole, L. P.
Pte. Griffiths, S. J.	Pte. Stoddart, J. H.
Cpl. Hall, V. J. B.	

WOUNDED AND SICK.

Pte. Baker, S. G. (twice).	Tpr. Malone, T. J.
Gnr. Blythe, H.	Cpl. M'Connell, T. G.
Sgt. Dowling, R. E. C.	Lieut. Matthews, N.
Pte. Ellis, W.	Cpl. Okey, R. L.
Cpl. Ellis, T. J.	Pte. Patterson, W. B.
Sgt. Ellerm, E. B.	Pte. Quilliam, Reg.
L.-Cpl. Hill, L. G.	Pte. Stanley, E. C. (three times).
Pte. Howell, N. B.	Drmr. Smith, L.
Lieut. Lepper, H. M.	Pte. Simmons, W.
Tpr. Lusk, D. A.	Pte. West, V. F.
Pte. Morshead, H. B.	Cpl. Whitham, A.
Q.M.S. M'Isaac, A.	

AWARDED MILITARY CROSS.

LIEUTENANT HARPER MERVYN LEPPER.

AWARDED D.S.O.

MAJOR IVAN T. STANDISH.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

PRIVATE CHARLES CRONE.

The following is a full list of Old Boys who have enlisted so far. It will be noticed that well over one-fifth of the total number have offered their services. It is

worth noticing, too, that out of the First Fifteen of 1913 eleven have enlisted, and the other four are still at school.

Pte. Adlam, R. A. (Samoan Force).	Pte. Healy, A.
Pte. Avery, H.	L.-Cpl. Hill, L. G.
Pte. Baily, R. H.	Pte. Hill, S. A.
Pte. Baker, S. G.	L.-Cpl. Hill, W.
Sgt. Baker, F. Russell.	L.-Cpl. Hirst, J. B. (in Flanders).
Cpl. Beck, W. C.	Pte. Heldt, F. J.
Cpl. Billing, F. H.	L.-Cpl. Hoby, S.
Gnr. Blythe, H.	Sapper Howell, I.
Pte. Bollinger, G.	Pte. Howell, N. B.
Pte. Brown, D. B.	Lieut. Hurle, S. H.
Capt. Buxton, T. L.	Pte. Jenkinson, H.
Cpl. Bullard, J. N.	Pte. Johnston, H. N.
Gnr. Callaghan, F. F.	Tpr. Kirton, H. S.
Pte. Cartwright, A.	Trumpeter Knight, G.
Pte. Clarke, H.	Pte. Laing, R. W.
Pte. Coates, F. H.	Lieut. Lepper, H. M.
Pte. Coker, A. C. (with Australians).	Tpr. Linn, B.
Pte. Colson, E. D.	Tpr. Lusk, D. A.
Sgt. Collis, D.	Pte. Mace, L.
Major Cornwall, C.	Pte. Mackie, H. J.
Capt. Cornwall, N. (Royal Navy).	Tpr. Malone, T. J.
Pte. Crone, C.	Tpr. Mander, W. G.
Sgt. Cutfield, Eric.	Lieut. Matthews, N.
Capt. Dockrill, J.	Sgt. Matthews, A. B.
Sgt. Dowling, R. E. C.	Tpr. Medway, J.
Sgt. Ellerm, E. B.	Pte. Morshead, H. B.
Pte. Ellis, W.	Pte. Mulloy, Wm.
Cpl. Ellis, T. J.	Sgt. Mulloy, Wattie.
Lieut. Espiner, R. H.	Pte. M'Allum, L. A.
Cpl. Ewing, S.	Sgt. M'Arthur, A.
Lieut. Faris, E. I.	Cpl. M'Connell, T. G.
Driver Gaukrodger, R.	Q.M.S. M'Isaac, A. R.
Sgt. Glasgow, B.	Pte. M'Kenzie, R. W.
Sgt. Grant, I. P.	Pte. Newell, D.
L.-Cpl. Grant, A. H. (Samoan Force).	Pte. O'Driscoll, A. J.
Pte. Griffiths, S. J.	Sgt. Okey, S. M.
Cpl. Hall, V. J. B.	Sgt. Okey, W. P.
Cpl. Hamblyn, C. J.	Cpl. Okey, R. L.
Sgt.-Major Hawkins, G. J.	Pte. Patterson, W. B.
Pte. Haworth, L. G.	? Paul, G.
	Sgt. Paul, Stan.
	Cpl. Paul, Sid.
	Cpl. Perry, W. L.

Tpr. Pott, Ian.	Driver Stapp, A. D.
Tpr. Pott, Joe.	Major Standish, I. T.
Pte. Potts, C. H.	Pte. Stanley, E. C.
Capt. Pridham, C.	Pte. Stoddart, J. H.
Pte. Quilliam, Reg.	Gnr. Throssell, F.
Lieut. Quilliam, Ron.	Pte. Warren, L. A.
Pte. Rider, F. H.	Pte. West, V. F.
Q.M.S. Russell, G.	Pte. West, H.
Pte. Salway, G.	Cpl. Whitham, A.
Cpl. Simmons, W.	Pte. White, R. W.
Drummer Smith, L.	Pte. Whitaker, G. L.
L.-Cpl. Sole, L. P.	Cpl. Woodhouse, R.

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE.

BAILY, RONALD, Private.—Died of wounds. Private Baily left with the Main Body and was attached to a machine-gun section. While at school he was a member of both the Fifteen and the Eleven, and was responsible for the formation of a School Golf Club. He won the School Golf Championship, and in after years crowned a successful golfing career by winning the Ngamotu Golf Club Championship, though only in the beginning of his twenties. He was on the staff of the local Borough Council.

CRONE, CHARLES, Private.—Killed in action. Private Crone left with the Main Body, and survived all the fighting up to the second week in August. His bravery did not go unrecognised, as he has been mentioned in dispatches. While at school he represented it both on the football field and the cricket ground, thus demonstrating his splendid athletic powers. As a scholar, he won the Bayly Memorial Scholarship.

OKEY, SYDNEY MELVILLE, Sergeant.—Missing, believed killed. Sergeant Okey left as a corporal of the Taranaki Company of the Main Body, and received his additional stripe at the front. Syd., while at school, was a member of the school's football representatives, and after leaving he joined the Star Club. He was employed in the local branch of Messrs. Arch. Clark and Son, and as their town traveller he made many friends.

PERSONAL.

Private E. C. Stanley, who left with the Main Expedition as one of the New Plymouth first quota to the Dominion forces, is 23 years of age, and since leaving New Zealand took part with his

regiment in the defence of the Suez Canal. He also landed with the regiment on the Gallipoli Peninsula and was wounded twelve hours after landing and invalided to Alexandria, rejoining his regiment again about the end of June; he was wounded again about the 12th of July and was invalided to Lemnos Island for a short time, rejoining his regiment again the first week in August, and took part in the night attack of the first week in August, being buried from exploding shell, as he put it, and suffering from shock of the same was with many others invalided to Malta and thence on to England, where from a letter that came to hand he arrived about the 17th of September, and although he travelled in an Italian hospital ship he could not say enough for the treatment given by those in charge of the same, and also of their reception at Cheltenham when travelling to Sheffield 3rd Northern Hospital. He has always spoken in the very highest praise of the nursing staff in the different hospitals that he has been in.

Gunner Harold Blythe, who left with the 3rd Howitzer Battery Reinforcements, was wounded in the arm, but did not leave the Peninsula. After having his arm dressed, he decided to stay with his mates and have "revenge."

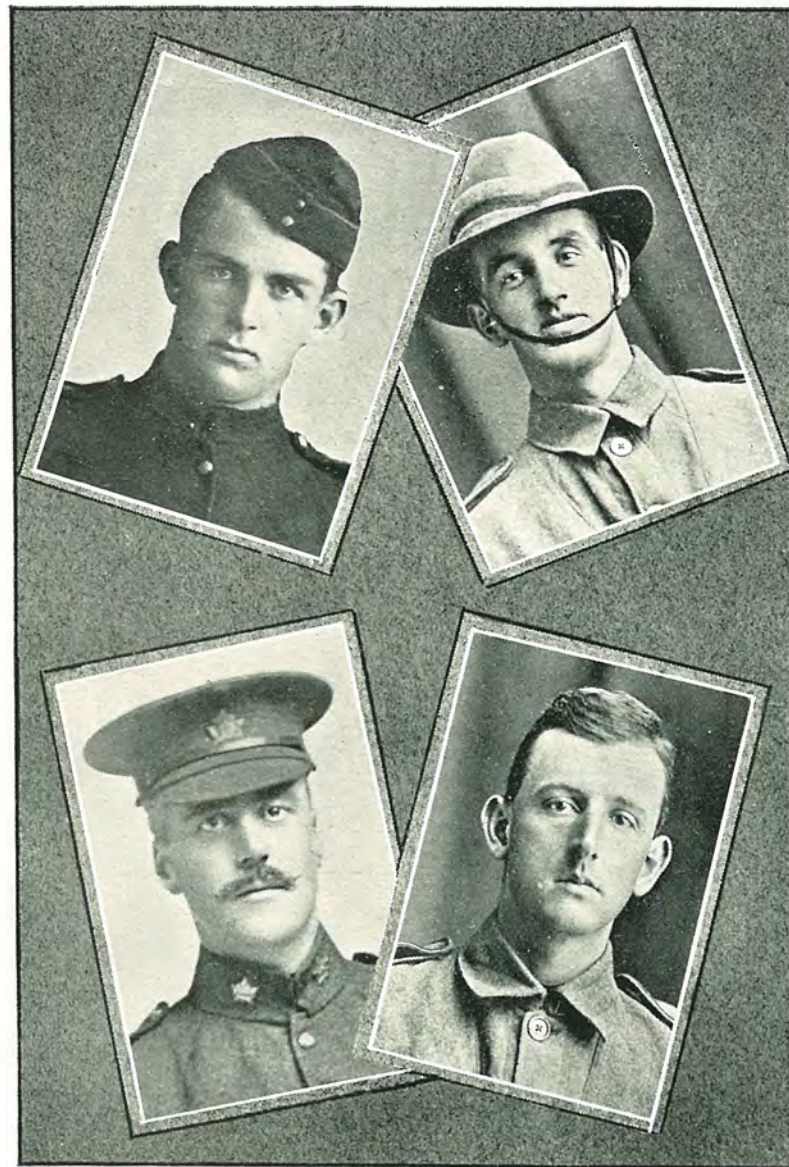
Trooper Terry Malone, second son of the late Colonel Malone, has now recovered from his wound and returned to the front. He is a member of the N.Z. Mounted Infantry and left with the Main Body.

Corporal Roy Okey was one of the last five members of the original "Taranaki Company" and took part in the severe fighting about August 8-10, when he received a wound in the shoulder. Roy was sent to England, where he has now recovered and taking advantage of his furlough in sight-seeing in the Old Country.

The following Old Boys are also in England recuperating:— Sergeant E. B. Ellerm, Privates S. G. Baker, N. B. Howell, H. B. Morshead, Lance-Corporal L. G. Hill, Lieutenant H. Lepper, Privates W. V. Patterson and V. F. West.

Sergeant Richard E. C. Dowling left New Zealand with the Ambulance Corps of the Main Body. He was acting as sergeant-dispenser in the New Zealand and Australian Divisional Headquarters Staff when, while he was returning with the answer to a dispatch from one of the field ambulances, he was wounded. The bullet was extracted by Dr. Inglis, of Auckland, on board the hospital ship Maheno. The Rev. Mr. Gillam writes that Bert "was one of the bravest and cheerfulest of our wounded boys, of whom we have 600 on board." Bert was in the St. Elmo Hospital, Malta, for a month and was then sent to No. 1 Southern Hospital, Birmingham.

Sergeant L. G. Hill writes from Zeitoun:—"Have been made permanent orderly-room sergeant here, which means I will have to



TPR. D. A. LUSK
SERGT. G. PAUL

PVT. F. HELDT
PVT. F. H. RIDER

stay here at last another two months. I don't mind much, as the weather is lovely and Egypt is now at its best. Am in best of health and enjoying life." Sergeant Hill left New Zealand with the Main Body and was present at the landing. After spending ten days at the original landing place, where he saw continuous fighting, he was sent with a number of New Zealanders and Australians to Cape Helles. It was here that he was shot, getting a bullet through the fleshy part of his left arm. He was in the Helouin Hospital for some time and on being discharged was made orderly-room sergeant at Zeitoun. He has made three unsuccessful attempts to return to the front.

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PROSPECTUS.

In accordance with the wishes of the Board of Governors we include the following pages taken from the School Prospectus:—

The school is divided into:—

(1.) The Upper School.—This consists of Forms V., VIA. and VI B. In this department boys are prepared for the following examinations:—

The teachers in charge of this department have had special training in primary school work. The boys thus have the benefits of a secondary school training in the way of gymnastics, drill, and the supervision of all school games.

COURSE OF STUDY.

To the Upper and Middle Schools there are three sides, viz.: (1) The Classical; (2) The Agricultural; (3) The Commercial.

The Classical Side.—Subjects of Instruction: English, French, Geography, Arithmetic, Chemistry, Latin, History, Algebra, Geometry, Elementary Physics, Trigonometry, Heat, Elementary Mechanics, Drawing, Woodwork.

The Agricultural Side.—English, Geography, History, Algebra, Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, Botany, Agriculture, Dairying, Animal Physiology, Chemistry, Elementary Mechanics, Book-keeping, Drawing, Woodwork.

The Commercial Side.—English, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Elementary Mechanics, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Commercial Correspondence, Drawing.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Pupils attending the School may compete for the following Scholarships:—

(1.) Junior Board Scholarships.—These vary in value from £5 to £35 per annum. They are tenable for two years and are open to boys under 14 years of age.

(2.) Senior Board Scholarships.—Open to boys under 16 years of age and tenable for two years. Value varies from £5 to £35 per annum.

(3.) Bayly Memorial Scholarship.—Open to boys under 15 years of age and tenable for three years. Value £10 per annum.

(4.) Taranaki University Scholarships.—Tenable for four years. Value £60 per annum. These are awarded on the results of the Junior University Scholarship Examination, and in order to obtain one a candidate must

gain a place on the credit list of that examination. The scholarships are open to all candidates who have attended a school within the Taranaki Provincial District for not less than two years and are between the ages of 16 and 19 years on the 1st day of December nearest to the date of the examination.

(5.) Junior University and Senior National Scholarships. Value £50 per annum for three years.

FEES (Per Term).

Tuition—£3, reducible to £2 10s if paid within 31 days.

Board—£15, reducible to £13 if paid within 31 days.

Weekly Boarders—£12 10s, reducible to £11 if paid within 31 days.

Extras—Dinner for Day Boys, £2 2s; Music, £2 2s; Boxing, 10s; Dancing, 15s.

Subscriptions—Games, 4s; Library, 1s; Magazine, 1s.

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