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EDITORIAL.

WE believe that it is pretty generally recognised that New Zealand is a pastoral and agricultural rather than a mining and industrial country. There are many, however, who are of opinion that in the not far distant future our mines and our factories will enable us to compete on equal terms with purely manufacturing countries. It is to be feared that these expectations are somewhat too sanguine.

With respect to mining, we may first inquire what minerals are to be found in New Zealand in large quantities. So far gold and coal are the only two which have been worked to any extent. Of the latter we need say no more than to note its almost universal occurrence in manufacturing countries and to remind our readers of the somewhat pessimistic report of the late Sir James Hector on our coal supplies. Gold is notoriously unstable as a permanent mining industry; and there is reason to suspect that the output of gold from New Zealand mines is very unlikely to increase. Indeed, a substantial increase is necessary if the relative importance of the gold-mining industry is to be maintained. We know that excellent iron ore exists in large quantities in several parts of the Dominion, and it seems likely that this is an industry which will develop into a permanent one. But so far this industry has scarcely passed the infant stage. Next

to iron comes oil. This, too, can hardly be called an established industry. It is more than likely that we shall produce large quantities of oil in days to come. But time and a great expenditure are necessary before New Zealand can be considered one of the world's oil producing countries. Of other minerals we have small quantities. Silver is obtained incidentally from certain auriferous ores; but hitherto no deposits of silver, properly so called, in payable quantities have been discovered. Copper, antimony, molybdenum, chromium and many other valuable minerals are to be found, but in such small quantities as to render it doubtful if they will ever be systematically worked. In any case, the mining of the more precious minerals is in the vast majority of cases a very precarious speculation. It is interesting to note, in this connection, that Prof. Gregory, of Yale, has, as the result of very extensive investigations conducted on the spot, strongly advised Australians to develop their agricultural instead of their mineral resources. The former cost far more, he says, and are far less remunerative.

While it would be rash to predict that New Zealand will never become an important manufacturing country, there are several apparent difficulties in the way of its development. In the first place, our remoteness from the world's markets should be recognised. We are apt to lose sight of the fact that we inhabit the remotest inhabitable part of the globe, and, in consequence, are in danger of losing our sense of proportion. This remoteness will certainly increase the cost of placing our goods on the world's markets, and will prevent us from competing with countries more favourably situated. Again, it seems doubtful whether the conditions of labour will permit any important development in manufacturing. An abundant supply of labour at a price somewhat on a level with that prevailing in other countries is an essential that we cannot be sure of securing. In the third place, we certainly cannot hope to compete on the world's markets with other countries if we have to import our raw material; and it is doubtful whether we have sufficient raw material apart from our agricultural and pastoral resources to enable us to take our place as a manufacturing country.

This brings us to the supremely important point of the agricultural and pastoral industries. A new country naturally depends first of all upon its natural and easily obtained products. The rubber of the Congo and of the

Amazon, and the timber of our own land, will illustrate this. When these resources are exhausted, they are replaced by permanent industries, such as mining, manufacturing, or agriculture and stock-rearing. The absolute necessities of life are food and clothing. These both must come from the soil, and it has been abundantly demonstrated that the production of these is a permanent industry wherever it has been established and prosecuted with ordinary skill and perseverance. The elements of plant food are found everywhere, and what is demanded of the agriculturist is that he shall apply these. By saying this we mean that, given a piece of ordinary soil in any but extreme climates, a skilled cultivator can be absolutely certain of producing some useful and marketable plant. On the other hand, the most skilful mining expert cannot produce, say, gold, except in certain well-defined localities. Agriculture is, therefore, the safest pursuit for the great majority.

So responsive has nature been to the labour of the cultivator that perhaps no industry has been conducted more on "rule of thumb" than has agriculture. The history of the industry, too, has encouraged this mechanical method of tilling the soil. The great importance of agriculture has lately been demonstrated in the case of wheat. It would hardly be an exaggeration to say that the farmer is as important to the State in time of war as is the munition-worker. The population of the country is constantly increasing, and not only will there be more mouths to feed and backs to cover, but the area available for food-crops and for flocks will become more restricted. This means that we shall have to grow two blades of grass where we now grow only one. In other words, we shall have to go in for intensive culture. Now, this cannot be done to the best advantage by "rule of thumb" methods. The science of agriculture is one of the youngest of the sciences. Much has been done in the investigation of soils and manures, and what is wanted is the establishment of a permanent scientific staff of experts, who should have nothing to do except to investigate and to experiment. We must not expect great results suddenly, nor must we be led astray by the popular deference paid to the "practical man." There is not the slightest doubt that the recognition of this fact has placed Germany in the powerful position which she occupies to-day. The large army of experts in every branch of industry has repaid her tenfold for the expendi-

ture incurred. Pick up any standard book on any scientific subject or practical application of the science, and it will be found that the German is one of the authorities, if not the authority. We should not hesitate to learn from our enemies a lesson which has proved so useful to them.

If it be true, then, that we are unlikely to be a great mining or a great manufacturing country, it behoves us to turn all our energies to the tillage of the soil and the kindred industries. To this end we should insist on sufficient provision being made for extensive and thorough scientific training in the principles of the subject. So far a little is being done in the primary schools. But in these schools the main concern ought to be the three R's. The supreme thing is a competent knowledge of the mother tongue. The primary school teacher cannot reasonably be expected to be an expert in agriculture. The wonder is that he does as much good work as he does. But even in the most favourable circumstances only a start can be made. Even the brightest pupils are too immature to be able to grasp anything but the merest elements. In the secondary and technical schools the pupils are more mature, and can make a proportionate advance in the subject. The instructors are also more or less experts. Here again the paramount importance of a good knowledge of the mother-tongue must be insisted upon. The knowledge brought up from the primary school is very insufficient. Too often the agricultural instruction ends with a year or two at one of the institutions mentioned. In many cases valuable training has been received, but the matter should not end there. Far more students should go on to the higher institutions. In New Zealand we have only Lincoln College, and it is a disgraceful thing that any of our New Zealand students should have to go to one of the Australian colleges for the higher instruction which should be available in our own land.

The University of New Zealand should set the fashion, so to speak, for higher learning. It does so in most subjects. But it makes no provision, not even by scholarships, for the encouragement of agriculture except to establish a degree of Bachelor of Agriculture. The establishment of the degree is a good thing, certainly, but a much better thing would be at least the establishment of agricultural scholarships. Some sort of a beginning might perhaps be made in the following way.

The Junior Scholarships, including the Senior National and Taranaki Scholarships, are awarded on a certain number of subjects, with no restriction on the selection. But in the list of subjects we look in vain for Agriculture. This subject can be taken for Matriculation, but apparently the University does not consider Agriculture sufficiently important to include in a Scholarship course. The consequence is that many a bright boy who is desirous of going on to the land and is at the same time ambitious to win a Scholarship is debarred from one or the other. Why should not boys with the best brains be encouraged to enter the staple national industry? This is a matter which concerns us in Taranaki more particularly perhaps, because of the existence of the Taranaki Scholarships. Would it not be possible for all who are interested both in Agriculture and in Education to unite with all the A. and P. Societies in the district to give Agriculture its legitimate place in the Taranaki Scholarships at least? The A. and P. Societies exist for the encouragement of everything that makes for the betterment of the working of the soil and the kindred pursuits. We believe that if a concerted effort were made the desired reform would be accomplished. The increasing importance of farming demands that something should be done.

We are well aware that many people look somewhat askance at a college training. To them it is too theoretical; what they want is the "practical" man. But these people forget that at the bottom of all practice lies theory. The non-recognition of theory does not prove its non-existence. This fear and, too often, derision of the college-trained man is more general in the case of such "practical" subjects as Agriculture, a subject which seems to many nothing but practice. We are endeavouring to show that we shall, as a nation, have to depend on the soil and its products for our prosperity, and that we must leave no stone unturned to improve and to increase our output. We further contend that the only way in which this can be accomplished is to study the subject scientifically and to give every facility for advanced work and research. Not until this is done can we expect to get the utmost out of our resources. There seems no reason why we should not, with our admirable soil and climate in New Zealand, yield a large surplus of agricultural and pastoral produce for the world's markets.

The matter which we have been discussing may seem somewhat strange in a school magazine. But the intrinsic importance of the subject of Agriculture and its comparative neglect are our apology for its introduction here. We wish to be understood as making a plea for its more general recognition as a fit and proper subject of study in our higher educational institutions, and to enlist the sympathy of our readers.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Roll.—This now stands at 230; 69 new boys having been enrolled, while 29 left at the end of 1915. The full roll is as follows:—

FORM VIa.

Bayly, O.
Brokenshire, K.
*Callander, A. R.
Ellerm, N.
Eyre, L. G.
Fouhy, J.
Huse, A.
*Lucena, H.
*Mackie, D. G. D.
*M'Murray, V. S.
Terry, J. J. K.
*Yates, C. C.

Traill, W.
Whittle, E.
*Wilson, R.

FORM V.

*Atkinson, P.
Barnett, P.
Bayly, G. F.
Bellringer, B.
Boon, G.
Brooker, A.
*Calder, H. L.
Denny-Brown, D.
Doile, D.
*Drake, S. F.
*Duckworth, K.
Fox, R. A. N.
Gilbert, A. V.
*Goss, H. A.
Greiner, R.
*Haggitt, A.
Hamling, E.
Herbert, C. C.
*Hine, J. M.
Johns, B.
Knapman, J. W.
M'Hardy, O.
Morey, C.
Moverley, H. B.
Ogle, S. W. G.
*Roberts, K. C.
*Scown, R. G.

FORM VIb.

*Atkinson, M. W.
Brydon, I. R.
Clemow, R. K.
Ewing, W.
Fookes, N.
*Hamerton, E. T.
Howell, R.
Kidd, R.
Lealand, R.
M'Hardy, A.
*Oliver, P. S.
Phipps, A.
Rockel, R. M.
*Rodger, G. H.
Saxton, D. F. C.
*Smith, M.
Tansey, E.



CAPT. C. PRIDHAM.

CAPT.-SURG. N. MATTHEWS.
A GROUP OF OLD BOYS.

PVT. BURKHARDT.

Sole, L. J.	Grayling, B. H.
Sturtevant, A. B.	*Guild, M.
Thomas, K.	*Harrison, R. J.
*Train, F.	*Henson, W. H.
Way, C. J.	Hooker, E. R.
White, J. T.	*Johns, E. A.
Wilson, B. J.	*M'Kay, C.
*Wyborn, J. C.	M'Kay, H. J.
	Moody, A. J.
	Newell, C. A.
FORM IV.	Nodder, J. K.
*Allemann, S.	*O'Carroll, P. J.
Amor, M.	*Pitt, H.
*Beckbessinger, E.	*Reeves, E. L.
Bellringer, N.	*Reynolds, A. E.
Blundell, R.	*Rigg, C.
Boon, A.	Sampson, L.
Boon, A. R.	Smith, C. R.
Boulton, E.	Sole, I. K.
Brokenshire, N.	Stohr, F. L.
*Bryce, L.	*Winfield, C.
*Burkhardt, B.	Wood, L. H.
*Ducker, C. J.	Young, A. W.
Fouhy, C. B.	*Zinsli, C. R.
	Lash, E. G.
FORM IIIA.	Morton, H.
Butcher, C.	*Morison, D. C.
Bradbury, D.	Morrison, R.
*Cachemaille, M.	Morey, H. B.
*Chapman, P.	*Moore, G. W. H.
*Christie, A.	Noble, C. A.
Clemow, J.	Pott, J. A.
*Dobson, L. J.	*Pope, E. R.
*Good, E. K.	*Sarten, R. H.
Graham, L.	Seamark, F. W.
*Henderson, J.	Smith, S. S.
Hill, C. J.	*Sutherland, R.
*Horner, B.	Waddle, A.
Huggard, F.	Webster, G. P.
Jillett, J. W.	White, C. G.
Johnson, C.	White, S. E.
*Jury, L. E.	*Williams, W. C.
Kyngdon, C. L.	

FORM IIIb.

Allan, K.
 Amor, W.
 Bayly, V. E.
 Bedford, E.
 Beggs, D.
 Blane, P. G. H.
 *Bryce, H.
 Ellis, J.
 *Ferguson, H.
 *Fox, K.
 *Fussell, L. J.
 Gilbert, L.
 *Guscott, P. E.
 Hughes, A.
 Hughes, L.
 Hughes, A. W.
 Hutchen, B.
 *Knuckey, E. R.
 *Marshall, R.
 Meikle, D.
 *O'Halloran, L.
 *Old, C. W.
 Pease, R. H.
 Russell, L. H.
 Russell, S. L.
 *Smith, P.
 Thomson, K.
 *Train, S.
 Ward, R.
 Whittle, R. J.
 Wills, R.
 Wood, W.

*Walters, A.
 Ward, K.
 White, E.

FORM IIa.

Emmerton, C.
 Griffiths, P.
 Hassell, T.
 Holden, H.
 Hughes, V.
 *Jackson, S.
 Johns, O.
 *Jury, D.
 Lovell, E.
 *Mackay, W.
 *Moyes, A.
 *Nicholson, W.
 Teed, L.
 Watkins, I.

FORM IIb.

Butler, F.
 Dolby, R.
 Fookes, S.
 Kebbell, M.
 M'Kean, A.
 Neal, K.
 Robertson, M.
 *Williams, F.

FORM II.

Bellringer, H.
 Blundell, B.
 Ellis, S.
 Hutchen, S.
 Lysons, M.
 *M'Lean, W.
 M'Neill, H.
 *Robinson, K.
 Saxton, C.
 Scanlon, B.
 Scanlon, J.
 Welch, R.

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FORM III.

*Bothamley, R.
 *Fagan, F.
 *Fookes, C.
 *Fox, D.
 Haydon, S.
 *Harvey, R.
 Healey, W.
 *Honeyfield, H.
 Hughes, C.
 *Rawson, L.

FORM Ia.

Bennett, R.
 Fookes, G.
 Fookes, K.
 *Knowles, W.
 MacDiarmid, N.
 Walker, G.

FORM Ib.

Buxton, P.
 Gilmour, C.
 Jones, I.
 List, R.
 M'Neill, C.
 *Boarders.

The following boys left at the end of 1915:—
 Alexander, W.; Bruce, F. A.; Clemow, W.; Death, A.
 L.; Gibson, H. B.; Grayling, S.; Hoffmann, L.; Hughes,
 L.; Jackson, K. W.; Jennings, P.; King, F.; Le Pine,
 F.; Lovell, A. C.; Mace, F.; Mackie, A. G.; Meuli, P.;
 Matthews, J. C.; Martin, E.; Murray, K.; Murray, R.;
 Monteath, R. M.; Pirrit, H. A.; Quilliam, N.; Rollo,
 S.; Stanton, W. V. L.; Snowdon, E. W.; Traill, A.;
 Vickery, I. F. R.; Winfield, D.; Yates, M. G.

The following are the successes gained by the school
 in the various public examinations held at the end of
 1915:—

Matriculation and Allied Examinations.—J. J. K.
 Terry, C. C. Yates, A. Huse, N. Quilliam, O. Bayly,
 H. Lucena, A. R. Callander, R. Monteath.

Partial Pass for same Examinations.—D. G. D.
 Mackie, K. Brokenshire, H. B. Gibson.

Auckland University College Terms.—L. G. Eyre,
 V. S. M' Murray.

Public Service Senior.—W. Alexander, D. Winfield
 (full passes), R. Monteath (partial pass).

Public Service Junior.—A. R. Callander, R. Mon-
 teath, D. Winfield, K. Clemow, F. King, E. Martin, J. C.
 Fouhy, N. Ellerm.

Senior National Scholarship.—A. R. Callander, E.
 L. Tansey, M. W. Atkinson.

Junior National Scholarship.—G. Webster.

Alf. Bayly Memorial Scholarship.—G. Webster.

The unusually long spell of hot, dry weather told
 somewhat severely upon the cricket ground for the
 greater part of the term. It was fortunate that we had
 plenty of good matting; otherwise the wickets would have
 been very difficult to play on. The coarser and harder
 grasses began to make themselves too conspicuous, and

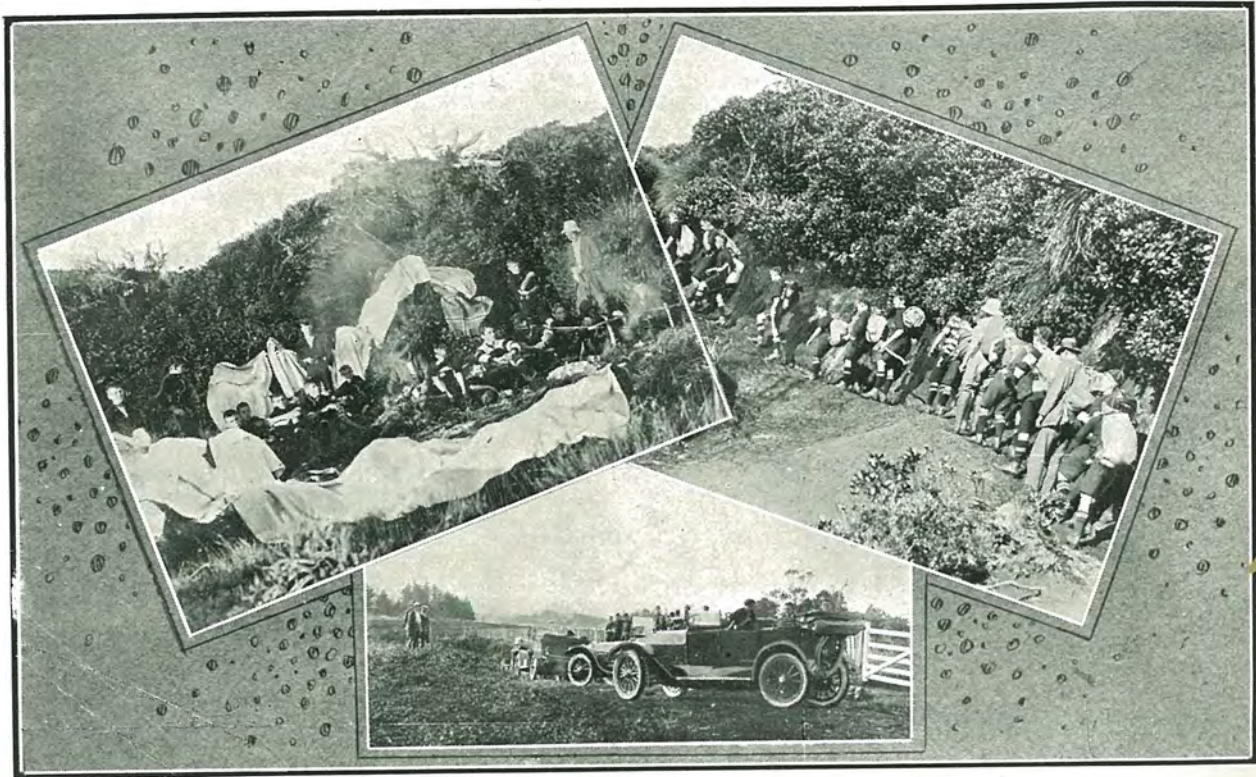
could be kept in check only by constant cutting. Plant-ago, dandelion and hawkweed became too obtrusive later on, but were checked by a large fatigue party. Each boy bruised the head of all the weeds immediately in front of him and then applied some coarse salt. The whole line then moved on and repeated the process. This proved a very effective method of dealing with the weeds, while the grass was not injured.

When we came back this term we were sorry to find that Mr. Balham had left us during the holidays to take up a position in Wellington College. This deprived us of an opportunity of saying good-bye to an old friend. Mr. Balham was with us for more than three years, and during the whole of that time did much to help us in every possible way. He begrudged neither time nor trouble, and we can assure him that he takes with him our very best wishes.

Mr. Balham's departure has necessitated a re-arrangement of the school work. Mr. Bottrill has come up into the Upper School permanently. Mr. M'Kinney is now in charge of the Preparatory School, and we have followed the example of many of the schools in having a lady on the staff—Miss Winfield is in charge of the Lower Preparatory. We take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Winfield among us.

We have lost a good friend in Mr. H. W. Eyre-Kenny, who died on March 28. Mr. Eyre-Kenny was for some years a member of the Board, and always had the best interests of the school at heart. Some time ago he was compelled by failing health to retire from the Board, but he always remembered us. We are indebted to him for the gift of some valuable books to the library, and he has at various times written valuable and interesting articles for "The Taranakian." All this was but the outward sign of the kindly spirit within. We tender to Mrs. Eyre-Kenny our sincerest sympathy.

Both on Easter Monday and on Easter Tuesday work was done by squads of the Cadets. On the Monday some 40 or 50 went down to Stratford to the Carnival, and gave an exhibition of physical drill. The day was very raw and cold, with a little rain. On the next day the Cadets fell in at the school and marched down to the theatre and attended the service there on the occasion of "Anzac Day."



Camera Club photo. FIRST NIGHT'S CAMP.

GOOD-BYE TO THE CARS.
THE EASTER TRAMP.—I.

ON THE TRACK.

This term the work has been so seriously interfered with by the unfortunate fortnight's isolation that the Board wisely decided to reduce the May holidays by a week. Instead of breaking up on the 4th, we broke up on the 11th. Consequently we have had a chance to make up for lost time. Not that the time was lost altogether. For the masters at the school did a considerable amount of regular teaching, and Messrs. Rockel and Ryder held school every morning in St. Andrew's Hall for Forms IV., V. and VI. A good deal of work was done, and there was much less dislocation than might have been expected.

On Thursday, February 24, Mr. Ryder took a squad of about 50 boys out to Waihi, beyond Waitara. A fete in aid of the Patriotic Funds was being held, with Waihi as a convenient North Taranaki centre. The day was beautifully fine and everyone enjoyed the journey, first by train to Waitara, and then by motor 'bus to Waihi. Our fellows, under the orders of Eyre, gave an exhibition of physical drill. Needless to say, all joined in the various side-shows of the function, and reached home tired, but delighted with the outing.

We clip the following interesting paragraph from an English educational paper:—The spiritual gulf that lies between the perfection of German militarism and some of her uncultured allies is illustrated by the following order, lately issued to all school teachers in Hungary: "The Royal Hungarian Minister for Education requests all teachers to pay special attention to educating the children in the coming term to the respect and honour due to our enemies; that no hatred or contempt should enter the minds of the children against the brave men with whom their fathers are in deadly combat; and that hatred or contempt is not to be cultivated in the youthful minds." This is the sort of fighting spirit that Britons understand.

On Tuesday, May 9, several members of the West End Committee came up to the school to present the medals won by the school team in the relay race held on Easter Monday. Mr. Beale, in presenting the medals to E. Beckbessinger, R. Hooker, F. Stohr and L. Wood, expressed the hope that amateur athletic competitions would be held every year. There certainly seems no reason why there should not be some society or club formed for the encouragement of the sport.

Now that we have been initiated into the charms and mysteries of camping and to the fascination of rambling on the ranges and the mountain we hope we shall have many more such expeditions. We were fortunate in having the experience of three masters on our first tramp. It is something to be able to prepare a bivouac and to spend even a cold or wet night without serious discomfort. In this number we publish a series of photos of our ramble. Apart from the pleasure and novelty of the trip, the plant life and the formation of the country afford one long and exceedingly interesting lesson in natural science and practical geography.

Speaking of rambling and bivouacking on the ranges, we have heard sundry rumours of a party of four masters who last year essayed the trip we have just done. The said rumour suggests that the party was caught in the rain on the way up the ranges, and, missing the track into the swamp, forced its way by sheer violence down an unspeakable creek-bed. Reaching the swamp at dusk, the adventurers had to pass a very wet night in the sopping-wet scrub and on the still more sopping-wet ground huddled together near a fire, sitting on a few wet branches and enjoying the shelter of one blanket stretched fly-wise over them. Tradition relates, too, that owing to humid conditions and paucity of fuel the much-cherished fire failed before midnight. The tradition goes on to relate that next day the swamp was crossed at just about the widest and worst place, and that sundry adventures took place and that sundry remarks were made ere the crossing was accomplished. So much, at least, rumour has reported. At any rate all the masters were present at school when it reopened. So evidently either rumour lied or hearts were stout.

As all the masters excepting Messrs. Rockel and Ryder were detained at the school owing to the quarantine regulations, these two gentlemen represented the school at Douglas Candy's funeral. They acted as pallbearers at Hawera, and followed the cortege to the cemetery at Manaia. There they, among the chief mourners, saw the last sad tributes paid to our late comrade. Wreaths were sent by the masters and by the boarders as some slight token of our esteem.

Every term sees fresh improvements in the Gully. A series of photographs taken at intervals for the last three or four years would be very interesting. This term's work consists mainly of fresh filling and further

draining. It now appears possible that all the storm water, which formerly came down Hendry Street and which was in large measure responsible for the creation and maintenance of the swamp, will be completely diverted into a course following Hendry Street down on to the opposite side of the agricultural plots. If this is done we shall be able to make much more rapid progress in the reclamation at present in hand. The soil for filling has been taken from the higher ground on the sides of the gully, and has been levelled as the work proceeded. Many hands make light work, and the boarders during the quarantine period removed a great quantity of soil. Top-dressing of the tennis courts was also completed, and the upper grass court was properly surrounded by the orthodox height of wire-netting. The surface of this court is constantly improving. So far the asphalt court has been the most patronised, on account of its truer surface. In the tennis match against the masters on the New Plymouth Tennis Club courts those who were used to grass courts had, therefore, an advantage over those whose playing was largely on asphalt. The portion of the gully at present being levelled will, we hope, be available for practice wickets for cricket next season. While some day, when the war is over, we hope to see the baths completed lower down the gully.

This term has seen an increase in the membership of the Young Helpers' League, as many of the new boys have joined us. We hope that boys who left last year will remain active members and later on become senior members of the league. Boxes may be forwarded about a fortnight before the end of each term, when the money collected will be forwarded to England. We all realise that at such a time as this, it is our duty to do what little we can to help poor children of the Old Country, who are more or less forgotten during the stress and turmoil of this war. By doing this we not only help these children themselves, but we also help to take a burden off the Mother Country, by relieving her, in a measure, of the care of her destitute children.

Just before the end of the term, the boxes were opened and well over £2 was taken. Next term we hope to raise considerably more, as, owing to some misunderstanding, most of us were under the impression that we ourselves were to be the chief contributors to our boxes, whereas we should have invited assistance from all our

friends. This idea having been dismissed, we are sure that all companions of the league will readily respond to this appeal and that the collections next term will greatly exceed those of this.

Arrangements had been made for a number of the senior boys and some of the masters to go out to Lepperton Church, in order to attend a memorial service in honour of Harper Lepper. Unfortunately the day appointed, May 7, proved very wet and stormy. In spite of this some thirty boys cycled out in the afternoon to show their respect to their late comrade, while some of the masters went out by car. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Harrison, who preached from the text, "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." Appropriate hymns were sung and suitable prayers were offered up. The "Dead March" was also played. After the service the masters and boys went to the house of Mr. H. Lepper for afternoon tea.

Those boys who have been at school for more than two years will remember that what are now the IIIa. and IIIb. class-rooms then formed the "big room." IIIa. and IIIb. now number together between 60 and 70 ardent spirits. Not only are they ardent spirits, but they have even the *divinus afflatus*. Should any of our readers doubt this astonishing statement let him read the following lines, which were picked up in what was formerly the "big room." The incident recorded will be fresh in the minds of the boarders, and perhaps in the mind of the young gentleman concerned. At any rate, in years to come he will look back with pleasure on the fact that the deeds of his early youth were worthy of the epic Muse.

The horrible news came through one day,
 "One of the boys is lost," they say.
 So we got off "prep." and started out
 To find the boy who wandered about.

One of the master's troubled mind
 Thought of all the lamps you could find.
 Acetylene, candles, matches and oil,
 We had to go through endless toil.

The Principal jumped into a motor-car
 With other men and traversed far
 Into the dark of that lonely night
 Where they thought the kid might be hidden from sight.

At last when we met by the young kid's place,
 A maiden rushed out with a joyous face,
 "He's found in the dining-room fast asleep!"
 So we all went home in joy so deep.

After much delay the construction of the new boarding establishment has been commenced. The foundations were laid in the Christmas holidays, and although, at first, work on the buildings progressed slowly through shortage of labour, they are now being erected rapidly. It is hoped that the buildings will be ready for occupation by the third term of the present year. The establishment which is to be two stories high, is being built in reinforced concrete. At one end of the buildings is the spacious dining-room designed to hold one hundred and sixty persons. There are two dormitories, containing twelve beds each, but the buildings are being so constructed that two dormitories can be easily added in the future. The new buildings are situated a little behind the present boarding establishment and face the sea-front. So far the walls of the main building are completed and all the rafters are in position, ready for the actual roofing. The contractors have been very fortunate in having so long a spell of fine weather. This has helped materially to dry the concrete.

Great consternation reigned among the new boys on receipt of the news that they would be required, at an early date, to celebrate their advent to the school, by rendering in the best manner possible some song of two or three stanzas. Accordingly, on February 18, we assembled in the Gymnasium after school to be entertained, as we hoped, for an hour or two by the as yet uninitiated. The committee this year was more lenient than were its predecessors, and on this account many may consider themselves lucky, as they were let off after singing (?) only the semblance of a song. A fact that accounted for more than usual embarrassment was the presence of the masters in full force to listen to the alleged imitations of Caruso. However, everything was brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and only those who were too self-conscious to display their vocal powers have any reason at all to regret the New Boys' Concert of 1916.

During the term Captain Buxton, our late Commercial Master, paid the school a visit. He was looking in the best of health, and, needless to say, we were all very glad to see him again, even for the very short time at his disposal.

The grim sternness of study is sometimes lightened by flashes of inspiration. This term has, however, not been remarkably fertile in such efforts of genius. The following rays of light have been shed on our darkness:—

One student explained the expression "morning rakes" in one of Steele's essays as being those "who get up early to rake—to do the garden."

The request for a sentence containing the word "hybrid" used in such a way as to illustrate its meaning produced the following:—"The Hybrid of the north spread out its tentacles in all directions."

Of course several ardent Gallic students could not resist the temptation to translate "La veille de Noel" as "The old woman of Noel."

The question was: Point out and explain the figure of speech in the following. Is it a suitable figure? Point out any way in which it is a fine one.

Stars fade out and galaxies—street-lamps of the City of God. Answer: Galaxies means a bevy of girls. It is, I think, suitable to apply to them the epithet of "street-lamps of the City of God" because they are bright and sparkling.

"Line-up," as usual, caused a good deal of interest. After the ordeal was over a large number of the older boys accompanied by some of the masters, at the kind invitation of Mr. Griffiths, paid a visit to the Blenheim Bore. Mr. Griffiths personally showed the party over the works and explained everything. Thus a good deal of what is read regularly in the newspapers was made quite clear, such as the methods employed in boring, the methods of dealing with the difficulty of water, the spouting of oil, the issue of gas, casing, etc. At present the bore is down over 4000ft., and the indications for a permanent and highly payable flow of oil are more favourable than ever. Many people seem to imagine that the oil as it issues from the bore is the clear liquid which we know as kerosene or benzine, and would not recognise the pitchy liquid which comes up from the depths of the earth. We are much indebted to Mr. Griffiths for his kindness and for the interesting visit. In a district that bids fair to become an oil producing centre it is **only** right that boys should have some first-hand knowledge of the industry. Thanks to Mr. Griffiths we have now some idea of the methods and products of an oil-field.



DOUGLAS EDWARD CANDY.

We wish to tender our sincerest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lepper for the gift of five guineas with which to establish some permanent memorial to Harper Lepper. The form of the memorial has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be a challenge trophy of some kind.

We tender our heartiest thanks to Mr. Swanson for the donation of one guinea towards the swimming funds. With the money two life-saving medals have been procured.

We give a short summary, with dates, of the more important happenings in connection with the school during the term, in the hope that it will be both interesting and useful:—

- Feb. 4: Re-opened School after Christmas Holidays.
- Feb. 18: New Boys' Concert.
- Feb. 24: Physical Drill Squad of about 50 visited Waihi and gave an exhibition.
- Feb. 26: Cricket match against St. Mary's.
- Feb. 28: Swimming Sports held at Moturoa.
- Mar. 1: Swimming Championships decided at Corporation Baths in evening.
- Mar. 4: Cricket match against Stratford.
- Mar. 17: First tennis match against masters, played on New Plymouth Club Courts.
- Mar. 23: Tennis match against New Plymouth Club.
- Mar. 24-April 10: School isolated.
- Mar. 26: Douglas Candy died.
- Apr. 4: Second tennis match against masters, played on School Courts.
- Apr. 20-23: Messrs. Moyes, Searle, and Bottrill with a party of twenty boys camped on Ranges.
- Apr. 24: (Easter Monday). Physical Drill Squad of over 50 visited Stratford and gave an exhibition at a Patriotic Fete.
- Apr. 25: (Anzac Day). Parade of Cadets, who attended combined service in Theatre.
- May 2-9: Class-firing got off on miniature range.
- May 7: A number of senior boys and masters attended memorial service for Harper Lepper at Leperton Church.
- May 11: Broke up for Term Holidays.

DOUGLAS EDWARD CANDY.

So poor old Douglas has gone! Had we been asked to name any boy at all likely to fall a victim to infantile paralysis, he would have been one of the last suggested. Taking a keen interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the school, a master, or other boy, he was always ready and willing to help to the best of his ability. In football, in cricket, in gymnasium, and in tennis he was ever to the fore. The Camera Club owed all its vitality to his untiring energy, while his breezy cheerfulness and absolute scorn of all that was mean or contemptible enabled him to smooth over many difficulties.

He entered the school in February, 1914, and was placed in Form IIIa. As a reward for his good year's work he was placed in Form V. in the beginning of 1915; and at the beginning of the present year he entered Form VIIb. About the middle of March he became unwell, and after a few days was removed to the Hospital, where his case was diagnosed as infantile paralysis. After a few days' illness he passed away on Sunday, March 26. On his deathbed he remembered all of us—masters and boys—and sent us all kind messages. He met his death with splendid courage, in full possession of all his faculties, till the very last.

The school is much the poorer for the loss of such as he, but we shall never forget his fine example both in his life and in his death. It is hard to die so young—Douglas was only just sixteen—when life seemed to hold out such brilliant promises. But the uncomplaining resignation with which he died assures us that he did not die in vain.

FORM AVERAGES.

Form VIA.—This form consists of two divisions, one of which is doing Junior University Scholarship work and the other University Terms or Senior Public Service Examination work. Only the former division appears in the following list:—63: 1 K. Brokenshire, 78; 2 equal C. C. Yates and A. Huse, 67.

Form VIb., 63.—1 R. Kidd, 78; 2 M. Atkinson, 73.

Form V., 66.—1 H. Goss, 80; 2 R. Greiner, 77.

Form IV., 55.—1 C. Winfield, 80; 2 E. Boulton, 69.

Form IIIa., 63.—1 N. Waddle, 90; 2 C. Noble, 84.

Form IIIb., 57.—1 S. Train, 72; 2 equal E. Bedford, R. Wills, L. Hughes, L. Russell, 69.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III., 68.—1 A. Walter, 83; 2 equal S. Hayden and L. Rawson, 82.

Form IIa., 62.—1 W. Mackay, 79; 2 P. Griffiths, 73.

Form II., 73.—1 K. Neal, 84; 2 M. Robertson, 82.

Form IIb., 62.—1 M. Lysons, 86; 2 K. Robinson, 77.

Form Ia., 59.—1 N. MacDiarmid, 70; 2 G. Walker, 66.

Form Ib., 47.—1 C. M'Neill, 58; 2 C. Gilmour, 52.

HOUSE NOTES.

This term has, to boarders at any rate, been noticeable on account of the large number of new boys who have come to us. There are so many new boys that the School House is now almost wholly occupied by them. Also another dormitory for Preparatory boys has been fitted up in the front of the house. But, while extending a hearty welcome to all new-comers, we who were here last year, must remember the boys who were with us then; we wish them every success in whatever undertakings they may be employed.

Niger House is also considerably changed this term. A new dormitory has been fitted out, and several more beds have been put into dormitories which were not quite filled last year. Also a room has been fitted up as a class-room for Form VI. A, and every night the studious (?) scholars of this form may be found hard at their "swot."

During exeat most of us stayed with friends or else went home, but a few of us spent the week-end at school. Nevertheless, the stay-at-homes managed to make themselves merry. At Easter, those of us who were not invited out tramped over the ranges and round the Mountain House, via Bell's Falls. A description of this outing will be found in another part of this magazine.

One evening at Niger House we were put through a short practice at fire-drill. We were all sent into our respective dormitories and, when a bell was rung, we got out of the house as quickly and in as orderly a manner as possible. The boys who occupied the two dorms. downstairs were not very slow in performing this feat, but the upstairs representatives were slightly slower on account of their having to descend via the fire-escapes. However, although fire-drill is necessary, we hope we will never have occasion to perform in reality.

As usual we have patronised the pictures this term, and we have greatly enjoyed them. Most of us went to see "The Man who Stayed at Home" also. All enjoyed this play immensely, and it was voted an entire success.

During quarantine a great deal of work was done down the gully. At first we put in several mornings helping Mr. Ward, and later, squads went on each afternoon in shifts. Each shift worked for half-an-hour. A lot of earth was shifted in this way.

Several cricket matches were played between Niger House and School House during our "internment." Niger won two matches, as against one which School House gained. It is said that these results were due to the larger number of masters in the Niger team.

This term the gas supply at Niger has been a frequent source of trouble. Several evenings the gas has suddenly gone out, generally when some energetic sixth-former is getting into the midst of some "hefty" geometry problem. It generally has happened that, after the masters have given up in despair the idea of having a light, some would-be plumber has managed to coax some gas through the pipes, much to the surprise of the masters, whose efforts had been in vain.

The Boarders' Roll for this year is as follows. Possibly, parents may be unable to recognise the names of those in whom they are interested. But a little aid from a boarder may put matters right.

Mac, Yotty alias Chas., Hamie, Lux alias Lucy, Atty (i.) alias Poodle, Ruey alias Jimmy, Deedle-Gee alias Geezer, Porpoise, Guy Fawkes, Pai, Peanut i. alias Triumph, Peanut ii., Rogger, Chesty alias Sherrybang, Flabby, Duckey, Eddy alias Peter, Prince, Pat, Beck, Foxy, Barney, Sid, Pip alias Atty ii., Farmer, Casey, Ike, Puff-puff, Grandfather, Suta, Gilly, Tedward alias Angelina, Tuesday, Rip alias Rosy, Squit, Ray, Bill, Foxy ii., Tommy, Jackey, Towser, Dobbey, Possum alias Bob, Crasty, Fergey alias Herb, Cashey alias Sago, Puff ii., William Henri, Campbell, Robbey, Franky, Sandfly, Awi, Dan, Pat, Gussey, Jack, Bill, Honey, Jumbo, Dordie, Pad, Chemist, Mike, Hoppey ii., Suthy, Willy, Bon.

SWIMMING.

At a general meeting held at the beginning of this term it was decided to elect a Swimming Committee, in lieu of the usual Sports Committee, which in the past has arranged all the sports. The Committee is to be congratulated on the excellent way everything was carried out and on the success of the sports.

The handicap events of the annual sports were held at Moturoa on Monday, February 28. There were so many entries this year that it was thought better to have a whole day at the beach than to try to crowd all the events into two hours at the Baths. The arrangements were splendid, chiefly owing to the assistance given by the Harbour Board and staff. A temporary platform was "rigged" up at the side of the wharf, so that it could be raised and lowered to suit the tide. From this the races were started, the competitors swimming parallel with the beach. Buoys were anchored to mark the distances. A fairly strong wind made the sea a little choppy, but this did not interfere to any great extent with the swimmers, and all the events were well contested. During the afternoon there was a very fair attendance of spectators. Ample care was taken in the event of any of the competitors getting into difficulties through cramp or other causes, for a number of boats followed the swimmers in each race. Two events were added to last year's programme—the "Corfu Dive" and the "Greasy Boom"—both of which caused much amusement.

Results:—

30 YARDS, OPEN.

First Heat: M'Hardy ii. (5sec.) 1, Ogle (4sec.) 2.
 Second Heat: Sole i. (4sec.) 1, C. M'Kay (2sec.) 2. Third
 Heat: O'Halloran (6sec.) 1, Hooker (6sec.) 2. Fourth
 Heat: Watkins (7sec.) 1, Zinsli (6sec.) 2. Fifth Heat:
 Brooker (4sec.) 1, Blane (6sec.) and Amor i. (4sec.) 2.
 Sixth Heat: Pott (5sec.) 1, O'Carroll (4sec.) 2. Final:
 Hooker 1, O'Halloran 2, Sole 3.

30 YARDS, PREPARATORY BOYS' RACE.

Watkins (1sec.) 1, Rawson (scr.) 2, Teed (3sec.) 3.

60 YARDS, OPEN.

First Heat: Bayly (8sec.) 1, Brokenshire (1sec.) 2,
 Fookes (1sec.) 3. Second Heat: C. M'Kay (5sec.) 1,
 Pott (6sec.) 2, Goss (1sec.) 3. Third Heat: Moody
 (7sec.) 1, Wyborn (scr.) 2, O'Carroll (7sec.) 3. Final:
 Pott 1, C. M'Kay 2, Brokenshire 3.

LONG DIVE.

M'Murray and Rockel (30yds.) 1, Lucena (26yds.) 3.

30 YARDS BREAST STROKE.

First Heat: Saxton (3sec.) 1, Atkinson (4sec.) 2.
 Second Heat: Howell (2sec.) 1, M'Hardy i. (scr.) 2.
 Third Heat: Bryce ii. (4sec.) 1, White (5sec.) 2. Fourth
 Heat: L. Russell (6sec.) 1, Williams i. (scr.) 2. Final:
 Saxton 1, Howell 2, Russell 3.

PLATE DIVING.

Lucena (5) 1, Burkhardt (4) 2.

100 YARDS OPEN.

Sole i. (8sec.) 1, Ewing (scr.) 2, C. M'Kay (7sec.) 3.

30 YARDS BACK STROKE.

Pott (3sec.) 1, Zinsli (6sec.) 2, Burkhardt (4sec.) 3.

20 YARDS LEARNERS' RACE.

First Heat: Ellis (4sec.) 1, Bedford (1sec.) 2, Nod-
 der (2sec.) 3. Second Heat: C. Fookes (3sec.) 1, Pope
 (scr.) 2, Calder (scr.) 3. Final: Fookes 1, Ellis 2,
 Pope 3.

GREASY BOOM.

Wood i., Wood ii., and Thompson (equal) 1.

200 YARDS OPEN.

Lucena (scr.) 1, Ewing (scr.) 2, Goss (5sec.) 3.

60 YARDS PREPARATORY BOYS' RACE.

Watkins (scr.) 1, Rawson (scr.) 2.

30 YARDS NEW BOYS' RACE.

O'Halloran (7sec.) 1, Bayly (8sec.) 2, Whittle
 (scr.) 3.

INTER-FORM RELAY RACE.

Form VIa. 1, Form VIb. 2, Form V. 3.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS.

On the evening of Wednesday, March 1, the finals of the championships were decided at the baths, in the presence of a large attendance. A considerable improvement was noticeable in the swimming of the boys in comparison with previous years. H. Lucena (senior champion), C. M'Kay (junior champion), and O. M'Hardy (under 14 champion) showed especially good form, winning each of the races in their respective classes, though there were some close and exciting finishes. The officials were: Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; judges, Messrs. Rockel and E. P. Webster; markman, Mr. Searle; timekeepers, Mr. Greiner and Mr. J. Bennett; stewards, Messrs. Diprose, M'Kinney, M'Donald, and Bottrill.

During the evening, Messrs. Schwartz and Christian-
 sen gave an exhibition of fancy diving and swimming,
 which was very much appreciated by those present. Ow-
 ing to the fact that so many of our old boys are away
 at the front, it was decided to have only one "Old Boys'
 race." This was keenly contested, all the competitors
 being boys who have left during the last two years. The
 results are as follows:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards.—Lucena 1, Ewing 2, M'Murray 3. Time,
 17sec.

50 Yards.—Lucena 1, M'Murray 2, Ewing 3. Time,
 38sec.

100 Yards.—Lucena 1, M'Murray 2, Ewing 3. Time, 1min. 23sec.

200 Yards.—Lucena 1, Ewing 2, M'Murray 3. Time, 3min. 16sec.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards.—C. M'Kay 1, Goss 2, Doile 3. Time, 17 2-5sec.

50 Yards.—C. M'Kay 1, Doile 2, Goss 3. Time, 39 2-5sec.

75 Yards.—C. M'Kay 1, Doile 2, Goss 3. Time, 1min. 7 2-5sec.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards.—O. M'Hardy 1, Watkins 2, Kyngdon 3. Time, 19 1-5sec.

50 Yards.—O. M'Hardy 1, Kyngdon 2, Watkins 3. Time, 45 2-5sec.

66 Yards.—O. M'Hardy 1, Watkins 2, Kyngdon 3. Time, 1min. 0 2-5sec.

OTHER EVENTS.

High Dive (final).—Goss 1, Brokenshire 2, Wood ii. 3.

Corfu Dive (final).—M'Hardy ii. 1, Hutchen i. 2.

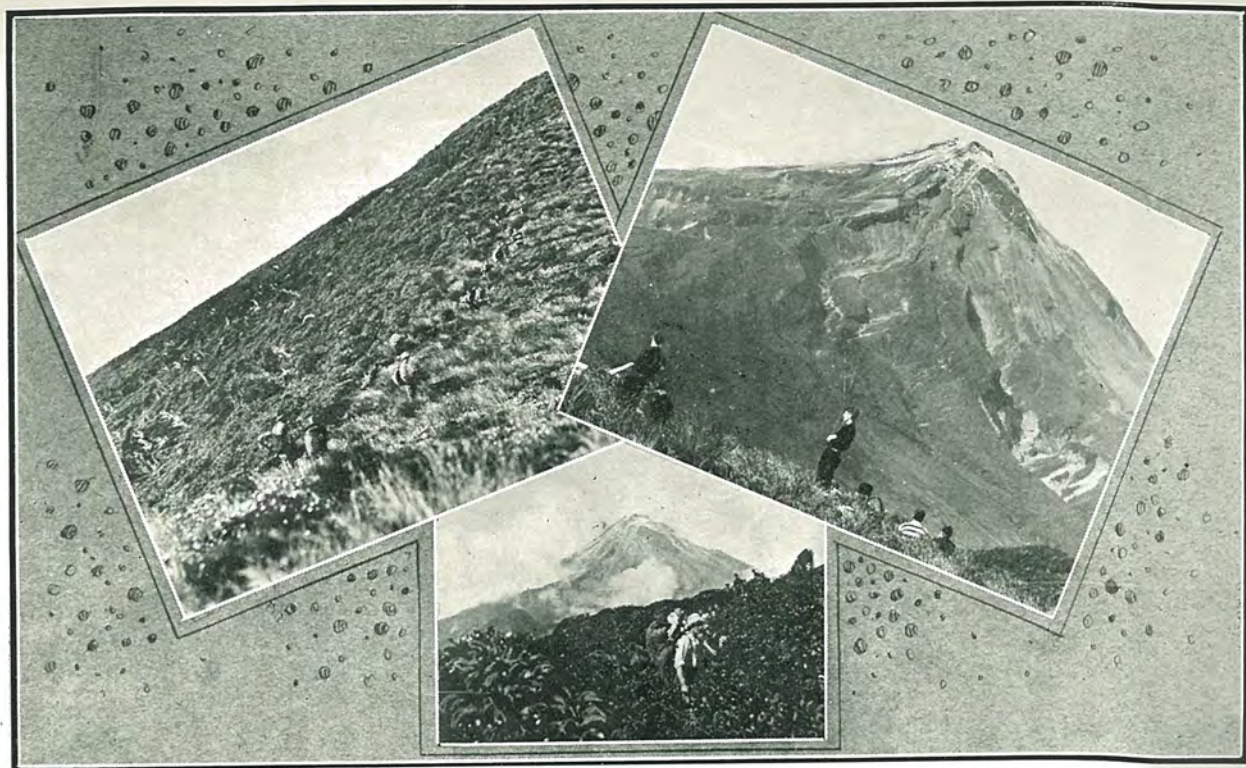
Old Boys' Race (66yds.)—Herbert (4sec.) 1, Hoffmann (6sec.) 2, Grayling (5sec.) 3.

Musical Lifebuoys. First Heat: Smith 1, Amor i. 2. Second Heat: Brokenshire ii. 1, Newell 2. Final: Brokenshire ii. 1, C. Smith 2, Newell 3.

Awkward Entry.—Amor i. 1, Burkhardt 2.

Balloon Race.—First Heat: K. Brokenshire 1, K. Clemow 2. Second Heat: Candy 1, Knapman 2. Third Heat: Williams i. 1, Moody 2. Fourth Heat: Reeves 1, Wood 2. Fifth Heat: White 1, Bayly 2. Final: Reeves 1, Wood i. 2, Bayly 3.

A large number entered for the long distance swimming, for which certificates are awarded by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association. The Association awarded three classes of certificates: Beginners' certificates, for a distance of a hundred yards; ordinary certificates, for distances from 100 yards to one mile, and certificates of merit, for distances over one mile.



Camera Club photo.

HARD GOING IN THE SCRUB.

NEARING THE SUMMIT OF THE RANGES.
THE EASTER TRAMP.—II

OVERLOOKING THE SWAMP.

The results were as follows,—

Name.	Distance.
Brokenshire i.	3 miles
Goss	3 miles
Herbert	3 miles
M'Kay	3 miles
Sole i.	1 mile 1506 yards
Fouhy ii.	1 mile 1306 yards
Doile	1 mile 1240 yards
Lucena	1 mile 906 yards
Moody	1 mile 906 yards
Blundell	1 mile 840 yards
M'Hardy i.	1 mile 373 yards
Ferguson	1 mile 173 yards
Sturtevant	1 mile 106 yards
Thomas	1 mile 106 yards
Ewing	1 mile 40 yards
Ogle	1 mile
Bayly i.	1 mile
Bayly ii.	1 mile
Tansey	1 mile
Henderson	1600 yards
Hooker	1533 yards
Greiner	1400 yards
Williams i.	1333 yards
Stohr	1200 yards
M'Hardy ii.	1200 yards
Knapman	1200 yards
Burkhardt	1133 yards
Ducker	1000 yards
Reeves	1000 yards
Rawson	1000 yards
Morrison ii.	1000 yards
Johns, B.	1000 yards
Wyborn	933 yards
Russell, L.	900 yards
Zinsli	733 yards
Phipps	666 yards
Boon, R.	600 yards
Callander	600 yards
Reynolds	533 yards
Brokenshire ii. ...	466 yards
Amor ii.	333 yards
Walter	266 yards
Pope	200 yards
Way	933 yards
Howell	800 yards
Morey i.	733 yards
Sutherland	600 yards
Clemow i.	600 yards
Train i.	600 yards
Hamerton	466 yards
Amor i.	333 yards
Good	266 yards
Fookes ii.	200 yards
Ellis	133 yards

This term classes were formed for all those who could not swim. Every evening one of the masters took a squad over to the Henui. As a result nearly all the boys in the school are now able to swim.

The great improvement in swimming is noticeable by the fact that a large number secured passes for the different exams. in life-saving.

The boarders' class was held at the Baths every Tuesday and Thursday morning, commencing at 6.30, and the day-boys' class after school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The examination for the proficiency and elementary certificates was held on Wednesday, March 15, and for the medallion on Thursday, March 10, the examiners being Messrs. Stohr and Christiansen for the practical work and Dr. Wade for the theoretical work. Results of examinations:—

1. Teachers' and Honorary Instructor's Certificate:—
V. S. M'Murray.
2. Medallion, Proficiency, Elementary:—

M'Hardy i.	Goss
M'Kay, C.	Burkhardt
Lucena	Brokenshire i.
Herbert	Moody
Doile	
3. Proficiency and Elementary:—

Bayly ii.	Morey i.
Johns, B.	Reeves
M'Hardy ii.	Grayling
Zinsli	Stohr
Hooker	Sturtevant
O'Halloran	Ducker
Greiner	Williams i.
Blane	Ogle
Train i.	
4. Elementary:—

Amor ii.	Morrison ii.
Rawson	Sutherland
5. Medals for Life-saving (Mr. Swanson's presentation):—

H. H. Goss	D. A. Doile
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We wish to thank Mr. Swanson for his kind donation of one guinea for swimming. It was decided that the donation should be utilised for the purpose of purchasing two medals for the two best life-savers according to Bronze Medallion conditions. The winners were chosen during the examination on March 16.

A presentation was made to Mr. Schwartz to mark our appreciation for the valuable assistance he had rendered throughout the season, not only in our swimming but also in our life-saving classes.

FOOTBALL.

The popular winter game has again started. Shortly after the beginning of April a committee was elected and the grounds marked out, preparatory to the first game, which took place on April 13. This took the form of a "scratch" Day Boys v. Boarders. After a game, in which ragged play predominated, the former were victorious by 11 to 9. During the week-end following six groups were selected and practice nights allotted—the senior group practising three nights a week, all others on two occasions. The attendance at the practices, especially in the first group, was not good, shooting being responsible for the absence of some, while colds and minor complaints accounted for others.

There is a prospect of a good senior fifteen this year. Most of last year's forwards are back, and this fact ensures a fairly good pack, and although the majority of last year's backs have left there are several promising juniors.

The most important match of the term was played on Thursday afternoon, May 4. It was the first of a series of three matches which are to be played between the Day Boys and Boarders. The day was fine and the teams about evenly matched. There was not much spectacular play, but on several occasions both sides indulged in good back play. The Boarders, through a forward rush, scored first, but later their opponents evened matters and at half-time were leading 11—5. Immediately on resuming, however, a converted try placed the Boarders again close up, but two more tries—one converted—against them soon placed the issue beyond doubt, Day

Boys winning 19—10. For the winners Eyre (2), Terry, Ewing, and White scored tries, two of which Herbert converted. Goss and Atkinson accounted for the losers' tries, in each case Yates adding the major points.

AN EASTER HOLIDAY TRAMP.

Since the erection of the North Egmont Hostelry some five years ago Mount Egmont has become more and more popular as a holiday resort. Each season visitors flock from far and near to indulge in the delights of mountaineering and to recuperate in the clear and bracing air of the higher altitudes. Comparatively few of these, however, ever leave the beaten tracks and to them the Pouaki Ranges are almost unknown.

Most boys at the school are more or less familiar with that part of the mountain near the hostelry, but few have gone further afield. It was therefore with great delight that we hailed the news that twenty of us were to be taken for a four-days' outing at Easter. This was to be no ordinary outing, for we were to carry four days' "tucker" and a sleeping bag, and no tents were to be taken.

It was decided to do the first twelve miles by motor-car, and punctually at 2 p.m. on the Thursday we set off in five cars for the ranges. By 3 o'clock we were busily toiling up the 3000 feet to our first camp, and many were the expressions of disgust as darkness came on and found us still plugging ahead. However, there is an end to all things, and shortly after dark we emerged from the bush on to a small clearing which, we were told, was to serve as a camping ground for the night. Soon a huge fire was blazing cheerfully and with the pangs of hunger satisfied, we set about gathering bedding and erecting shelters for the night.

Our labours over, we have time to look about, and what a scene meets our eyes. Nearly 4000 feet below twinkle the lights of New Plymouth and Inglewood; far away to the North stretches the coast, with its line of silver foam, past Mokau to Kawhia; Eastward the peaks of Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe stand silhouetted against the sky, while overhead is

"Heaven's ebon vault,
Studded with stars unutterably bright
Through which the moon's unclouded grandeur rolls."

By 9 o'clock all were beneath the blankets, but alas, sleep came to few. The strange surroundings, the open sky above, and last, but not least, the sharp frost reminded us that we were not in our usually comfortable beds, and more than one was heard to mutter

"An hour before the worshipped sun
Peered forth the golden window of the East,
A troubled mind drave me to walk abroad."

Eight o'clock saw us with swags packed and once again on the march. By nine we were slogging through the sub-alpine scrub and drawing appreciably nearer to the summit. No sign of Egmont was visible when, suddenly topping the ridge, we beheld before us the mountain in all its glory. Even the smallest was dazzled by the beauty and grandeur of the view and, dropping our swags, we gazed in admiration and awe at this wonderful example of Nature's handiwork.

Refreshed and eager to reach the mountain itself, we resumed our journey which, for the next three hours, led us over rough tracks and through dense scrub to the edge of the large swamp separating the ranges from the mountain. This was crossed without mishap, and at 1 p.m. we arrived at the hut on the Bell's Falls track. The afternoon was spent at the Falls themselves and in bathing in the Stony River.

The hut was in anything but an inviting state, and as

"The very rats
Instinctively had quit it!"

we decided once again for the open air. Remembering, however, our experience of the previous night, we set about erecting shelters that would protect us more effectively from the cold. An hour was spent in collecting wood to last the night through, and so comfortable were we in our temporary dwellings that it was eight o'clock in the morning before anyone could be enticed to leave the blankets.

After a most enjoyable day, spent in seeing the Waiwakaiho Gorge and other spots of interest, we reached the North Egmont Hostelry at 4 p.m. Here we decided to put in the night in the comfortable bunks provided at the old Mountain House. It was well we did so, for Sunday morning broke cold and wet. Nothing daunted, we started off to "hump our blueys" over the 19 miles to the school, which we reached wet and bedraggled, but not down-hearted, at 5.30 p.m.

TENNIS NOTES.

For the past few years we have been playing tennis under difficulties, but this term has seen our drawbacks removed, for we now have two good courts at our disposal. This second one was completed during the period of quarantine, and although it is not, as yet, what one can call a perfect court, we hope to improve it by constant attention.

As several of the old Tennis Committee had left, another election was held, with the result that the committee now consists of the following members:—Mr. Searle (Chairman), Callander (Secretary), Yates, Lucena, and Hamerton.

Squads have been at work on both courts during the term, and their efforts have been amply rewarded, for we can now enjoy a game of tennis without wasting our breath and energy in chasing the balls which would go through or under the netting.

The club has purchased a handsome ladder, which will be placed in a prominent position in the gymnasium. The idea of competition has imbued the members with a desire for practice, with the result that both courts have been constantly in use. Appended are the first eight on the ladder:—Yates, Atkinson i., Hamerton, Hine, M'Murray, Reeves, Atkinson ii., Bryce i.

We have played two matches, both against the Masters, and we received a sound beating in each. But although the scores show heavily against us, everybody concerned thoroughly enjoyed the games. We take this opportunity of thanking the New Plymouth Club for their kindness in allowing us the use of their courts for one match.

The following are the scores of the first match, which was played on Saturday, March 17:—

MASTERS v. BOYS.

SINGLES.

Masters.			Boys.	
Mr. Ryder	9	v.	Yates	1
Mr. Rockel	9	v.	Hamerton	0
Mr. Bottrill	9	v.	M'Murray	3
Mr. Searle	7	v.	Reeves	9
Mr. Diprose	9	v.	Bryce	0
Mr. Moyes	9	v.	Candy	5
Mr. M'Kinney	9	v.	Wyborn	2
Mr. M'Donald	9	v.	Callander	6

DOUBLES.

Messrs. Ryder and Rockel 9,	v.	Yates and Hamerton 2.
Messrs. Bottrill and Searle 9,	v.	M'Murray and Reeves 1.
Messrs. Diprose and Moyes 9,	v.	Bryce and Candy 2.
Messrs. M'Kinney and M'Donald 9,	v.	Wyborn and Callander 2.

Results:

Masters	106 games.
Boys	33 games.

The second match, which was played while we were in quarantine, was not such an overwhelming victory for the Masters, as the following scores show:—

SINGLES.

Masters.			Boys.	
Mr. Bottrill	9	v.	Yates	2
Mr. Diprose	6	v.	Atkinson	9
Mr. Searle	9	v.	Hamerton	1
Mr. Moyes	4	v.	Hine	9
Mr. M'Kinney	10	v.	M'Murray	8
Mr. M'Donald	9	v.	Reeves	5

DOUBLES.

Messrs. Bottrill and Diprose 9, v. Yates and Atkinson 4.
 Messrs. Searle and Moyes 9, v. Hamerton and Hine 6.
 Messrs. M'Kinney and M'Donald 9, v. M'Murray and
 Reeves 6.

Totals:

Singles: Masters, 47 games; Boys, 34 games.
 Doubles: Masters, 27 games; Boys, 16 games.

HIGH SCHOOL MASTERS v. NEW PLYMOUTH.

SINGLES.

School.		New Plymouth.
Mr. Ryder	9 v.	Mr. F. Robertson ... 4
Mr. Rockel	9 v.	Mr. Davies 3
Mr. Bottrill	9 v.	Mr. Simpson 8
Mr. Moyes	6 v.	Mr. Stainton 9
Mr. Searle	8 v.	Mr. Nicoll 9
Mr. Diprose	3 v.	Mr. Stocker 9

DOUBLES.

Messrs. Ryder and Rockel 9, v. Messrs. Robertson and
 Davies 6.
 Messrs. Bottrill and Diprose 9, v. Messrs. Robertson and
 Stocker 7.
 Messrs. Moyes and Searle 9, v. Messrs. Nicoll and
 Stocker 7.

Totals:

Masters 81 games.
 New Plymouth 62 games.

CRICKET NOTES.

Cricket has, this season, suffered many drawbacks. First, up until the last three weeks of the term, the weather has been entirely unsuitable for it, and secondly, the town clubs have been so depleted by men going to the front that a great difficulty has been found in arranging any matches at all.



SERGT. A. MATTHEWS.

CORP. C. HAMBLYN.

SERGT.-MAJOR J. BULLARD.

Early in the term a meeting of the North Taranaki Cricket Association was held, at which the High School Club was represented by Mr. Bottrill and Monteath. At this meeting the Association decided that, as so many cricketers have gone to do their share at the Dardanelles, there would be no regular fixtures this season. However, to keep cricket alive in Taranaki, it was proposed that the different clubs should amalgamate and should arrange to play a series of friendly matches with one another. This has been done, and towards the end of the term we have had several very enjoyable matches.

It is worthy of note that two old boys, L. C. Richards and D. Paterson, who were formerly members of the first eleven, have kindly donated cricket caps to the team. It is very encouraging to us to find that the old boys take such a keen interest in our doings, and this act of generosity is highly appreciated by one and all of us.

Mr. Hutton very kindly offered a prize for the boy who made the highest score this season. This was won by Monteath, who made 60 not out. M'Murray was runner-up, with 59 not out.

L. C. Richards has rendered invaluable help as a coach for the Preparatory School. He has ungrudgingly given up a great deal of his spare time to this object, and the Cricket Committee tender their sincere thanks to him for this service.

On Thursday, November 25, the first cricket match of the season was played on the High School grounds, when the School played the Masters. Following are the detailed scores:—

MASTERS.

Mr. Moyes, c. and b. M'Murray	...	...	39
Mr. Ryder, b. H. Hughes	...	...	18
Mr. M'Kinney, b. Monteath	...	...	3
Mr. M'Donald, not out	...	...	18
Mr. Diprose, run out	...	...	11
Mr. Bottrill, b. Monteath	...	...	13
Mr. Searle, l.b.w., b. L. Hughes	...	...	18
L. C. Richards, l.b.w., b. Monteath	...	...	2
Mr. Rockel, b. Monteath	...	...	0
Mr. Balham, c. H. Hughes, b. Monteath	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	12
Total	...	...	137

Bowling analysis.—Monteath, five wickets for 46 runs; H. Hughes, one for 25; L. Hughes, one for 18; Oliver, none for 15; M'Murray, one for 29.

SCHOOL.

V. S. M'Murray, b. Mr. Ryder	0
H. Hughes, b. Mr. Moyes	0
R. Monteath, b. Mr. M'Kinney	38
P. S. Oliver, c. Richards, b. Mr. Moyes	41
L. Hughes, c. Richards, b. Mr. M'Kinney	4
C. C. Yates, run out	17
H. Goss, c. Mr. Ryder, b. Mr. Bottrill	0
Alexander, c. Richards, b. Mr. Bottrill	4
Atkinson, st. Richards, b. Mr. Bottrill	3
L. Eyre, not out	9
A. Hughes, b. Mr. Bottrill	1
Extras	17
Total	134

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Moyes, two wickets for 29 runs; Mr. Ryder, one for 18; Mr. Searle, none for 16; Mr. M'Kinney, two for 24; Mr. Bottrill, four for 30.

On December 3 the Boys challenged the Masters a return match, and this time defeated them by a margin of 34 runs. The Masters won the toss and elected to bat. In their tally of 109 the highest scorer was Mr. Bottrill, with 30 runs. The boys replied with a score of 143, to which Monteath contributed 44 runs and M'Murray 34 runs. The best bowling average for the day was that of D. Hughes, who obtained seven wickets for 38 runs. Mr. Searle, for the Masters, got four wickets for 35 runs. Detailed scores:—

MASTERS.

Mr. Moyes, c. and b. D. Hughes	1
Mr. Ryder, c. Alexander, b. Monteath	14
Mr. M'Kinney, b. D. Hughes	5
Mr. Bottrill, l.b.w., b. D. Hughes	30
Mr. Searle, b. D. Hughes	1
Mr. M'Donald, b. D. Hughes	19
Mr. Diprose, c. M'Murray, b. D. Hughes	15
Mr. Rockel, c. L. Hughes, b. D. Hughes	4
Mr. Hutton, not out	12
Mr. Balham, b. Monteath	0
Hine, run out	1
Extras	7
Total	109

Bowling analysis.—Monteath, two wickets for 17 runs; D. Hughes, seven for 38; M'Murray, none for 33; L. Hughes, none for 16.

BOYS.

D. Hughes, b. Mr. Ryder	6
Monteath, b. Mr. Bottrill	44
M'Murray, b. Mr. Searle	34
L. Hughes, b. Mr. Searle	7
Herbert, b. Mr. Searle	14
Fox, b. Mr. Bottrill	4
Atkinson, run out	12
Alexander, b. Mr. Searle	0
Eyre, c. Mr. Ryder, b. Mr. Moyes	7
Bruce, not out	2
Extras	13
Total	143

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Ryder, one wicket for 35 runs; Mr. Moyes, one for 30; Mr. Bottrill, two for 31; Mr. Searle, four for 35.

NEW PLYMOUTH-LAW v. UNITED SERVICE-HIGH SCHOOL.

Local cricketers played the first game of the season on Saturday, December 4, when New Plymouth-Law combined defeated United Service-High School by 83 runs. The chief score in the winners' total of 198 was made by Heskett with a fine contribution of 140. His innings was not chanceless, but for an opening day it was a great performance, including four 6's and twenty-three 4's. For the other side Monteath (High School) was unbeaten with 60 runs out of 115, made by very good cricket. Fourteen boundaries were included in his tally. Ingram in three hits scored 13, two being 6's—a lofty hit to the road and one to the terraces. Heskett with six wickets for 56 carried off the bowling honours.

Detailed scores:—

NEW PLYMOUTH-LAW.

Bewley, b. Bain	...	...	...	...	4
Heskett, run out	...	...	...	...	140
Stainton, c. Ingram, b. Colvile	...	...	...	...	20
Lawrey, b. Colvile	...	...	...	...	0
Elliot, run out	...	...	...	...	4
Hughes, c. Mr. Bottrill, b. Bain	...	...	...	...	12
Lash, c. Colvile, b. Bain	...	...	...	...	12
Spooner, c. Bain, b. Mackay	...	...	...	...	4
Shepherd, not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	...	200

Bowling analysis.—Monteath, none for 18; Bain, three for 67; Colvile, two for 42; Osborne, none for 58; Mackay, none for 5.

SERVICE-SCHOOL.

Colvile, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	2
Bain, b. Elliot	...	...	...	...	6
Monteath, not out	...	...	...	...	60
Mr. Bottrill, c. Elliot, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	14
Osborne, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	0
Mackay, c. Stainton, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	0
Shepherd, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	0
Ingram, c. Heskett, b. Lash	...	...	...	...	13
E. Lash, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	...	115

Bowling analysis.—Heskett, six wickets for 56 runs; Lash, one for 20; Elliot, one for 32.

HIGH SCHOOL v. TOWN TEAM.

A very enjoyable game of cricket was played on the High School ground on Thursday, December 10, when the School team scored a victory over a fairly strong town team by six runs. The ground was in fine order, the outfield being particularly good. High School, captained by Monteath, went first to the wickets, and scored 128, thanks mainly to a fine innings by M'Murray, who went in first and was undefeated at the finish with 59.

For the town team, Hasell (43) and Nicoll (30) did the bulk of the scoring, though Fairbrother (16) made a gallant effort to snatch the match out of the fire. The bowling honours of the day went to Heskett and D. Hughes. Detailed scores:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

M'Murray, not out	...	...	...	...	59
Monteath, c. Goss, b. Bain	...	...	...	...	3
Mr. Bottrill, l.b.w., b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	14
Mr. Ryder, b. Bain	...	...	...	...	2
D. Hughes, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	6
Mr. M'Kinney, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	0
L. Hughes, b. Bain	...	...	...	...	11
Mr. Searle, st. Stainton, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	0
Mr. M'Donald, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	4
Atkinson, st. Stainton, b. Hasell	...	...	...	...	0
Alexander, st. Stainton, b. Hasell	...	...	...	...	10
Extras	...	...	...	...	19
Total	...	...	...	...	128

Bowling analysis.—Heskett, five wickets for 34 runs; Hasell, two for 16; Bain, three for 35; Nicoll, none for 8; Moore, none for 7.

TOWN.

Heskett, b. D. Hughes	...	...	...	...	7
Bain, b. D. Hughes	...	...	...	...	14
Hasell, c. and b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	...	...	43
Nicoll, c. L. Hughes, b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	...	...	30
Moore, l.b.w., b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	...	...	0
Pickering, c. M'Murray, b. D. Hughes	...	...	...	...	1
Fairbrother, b. D. Hughes	...	...	...	...	16
Bass, b. D. Hughes	...	...	...	...	0
Stainton, not out	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	...	122

Bowling analysis.—D. Hughes, five wickets for 45 runs; Mr. Bottrill, three for 23; Monteath, none for 24; Mr. Ryder, none for 20.

TOWN TEAM v. HIGH SCHOOL.

Saturday, December 13, was an ideal day for cricket, and an enjoyable game was played at the High School between a New Plymouth team and the School eleven. School batted first and succeeded in reaching the century. Mr. Bottrill (38) was top scorer, the only others to make double figures being L. Hughes and Mr. M'Kinney. The contribution of "Mr. Extras" (20) was a very handy one. Osborne (four for 17) and Heskett (four for 35) were the best bowlers. The town team's first wicket fell with no runs up, and the second at 18. Heskett and Bewley then became associated and carried the score to the half-century, then past the School total to 110. Heskett was finally caught by Oliver off D. Hughes, after a good innings of 66 runs (including ten 4's), whilst Bewley retired with a well-played 49. Osborne, Mackay and Shepherd also batted, Mackay's score including a sixer off Fox. The only School bowlers to capture wickets were D. Hughes and Monteath, no less than eight of the eleven being given a turn at the bowling-crease. The final New Plymouth score was 176.

Detailed scores:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Bottrill, b. Osborne	...	...	...	38
M'Murray, c. Hughes, b. Colvile	...	...	...	2
Monteath, b. Osborne	...	...	...	8
Oliver, b. Osborne	...	...	...	6
Yates, run out	...	...	...	0
D. Hughes, b. Heskett	...	...	...	3
L. Hughes, not out	...	...	...	12
Mr. M'Kinney, c. Anderson, b. Heskett	...	...	...	10
Quilliam, st. Stainton, b. Heskett	...	...	...	0
Alexander, b. Osborne	...	...	...	0
Fox, b. Heskett	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	20
Total	...	...	...	100

Bowling analysis.—Osborne four wickets for 17 runs; Heskett, four for 35; Colvile, one for 27; Bewley, none for 3.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Stainton, run out	...	...	...	0
Heskett, c. Oliver, b. Hughes	...	...	...	66
Colvile, c. Mr. M'Kinney, b. Monteath	...	...	...	11
Bewley, retired	...	...	...	49
Osborne, c. Mr. M'Kinney, b. Hughes	...	...	...	4
Mackay, retired	...	...	...	19
Shepherd, retired	...	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	...	15

Total for seven wickets 176

Bowling analysis.—D. Hughes, two wickets for 45 runs; Monteath, one for 39; Mr. M'Kinney, none for 25; Mr. Bottrill, none for 26; Oliver, none for 2; L. Hughes, none for 10; Fox, none for 8; M'Murray, none for 7.

First Term, 1916.

The cricket season has now drawn to a close, and, although the followers of the game have enjoyed exceptionally fine weather throughout, the season has not been the success of former years. While this great war is having its grim and terrible innings, it reflects much credit upon the patriotism of Taranaki clubs that they have been unable to find a sufficient number of good men to form a strong team. Hence there have been no competitions, no exciting finishes; and the few matches we have indulged in have been against purely scratch teams.

The last game we were to have played was to have been against Inglewood; but owing to the sad death of one of our number, and the ensuing quarantine of the School, the match had to be abandoned. Altogether the School has played only six outside matches, four against local elevens, one against Stratford District High School, and one against the Tikorangi team; but this deficiency has been made up by increasing the number of inter-form and pick-up matches among ourselves. Despite the numerous disadvantages attendant upon the season's play some very good results have been secured. Among the batsmen, M'Murray stands out prominent with the excellent average for the season of 26.6, while Monteath is not far behind with 23.4. Two bowlers have shown marked ability. Fox's slow bowling has secured for him an average of one wicket for 3.5 runs, and he should certainly be congratulated upon his achievement, while Terry's fast "yorkers" worked out at one wicket for 3 runs.

The following are the season's averages:—

	Batting.	Bowling.
S. M'Murray	26.6	6.4
R. Monteath	23.4	4.3
C. Yates	17	—
P. Oliver	15.7	17
A. Hughes	16.1	25
L. Hughes	8.5	41
W. Alexander	6.6	—
M. Atkinson	7.5	—
R. Fox	7.2	3.5
N. Fookes	6	1
H. Goss	5.7	3
J. Terry	4.5	3.5
W. Ewing	4.2	—
L. Eyre	5.2	—
D. Hughes	3.8	9.1
A. Bruce	2	—

The following were two of the most interesting matches:—

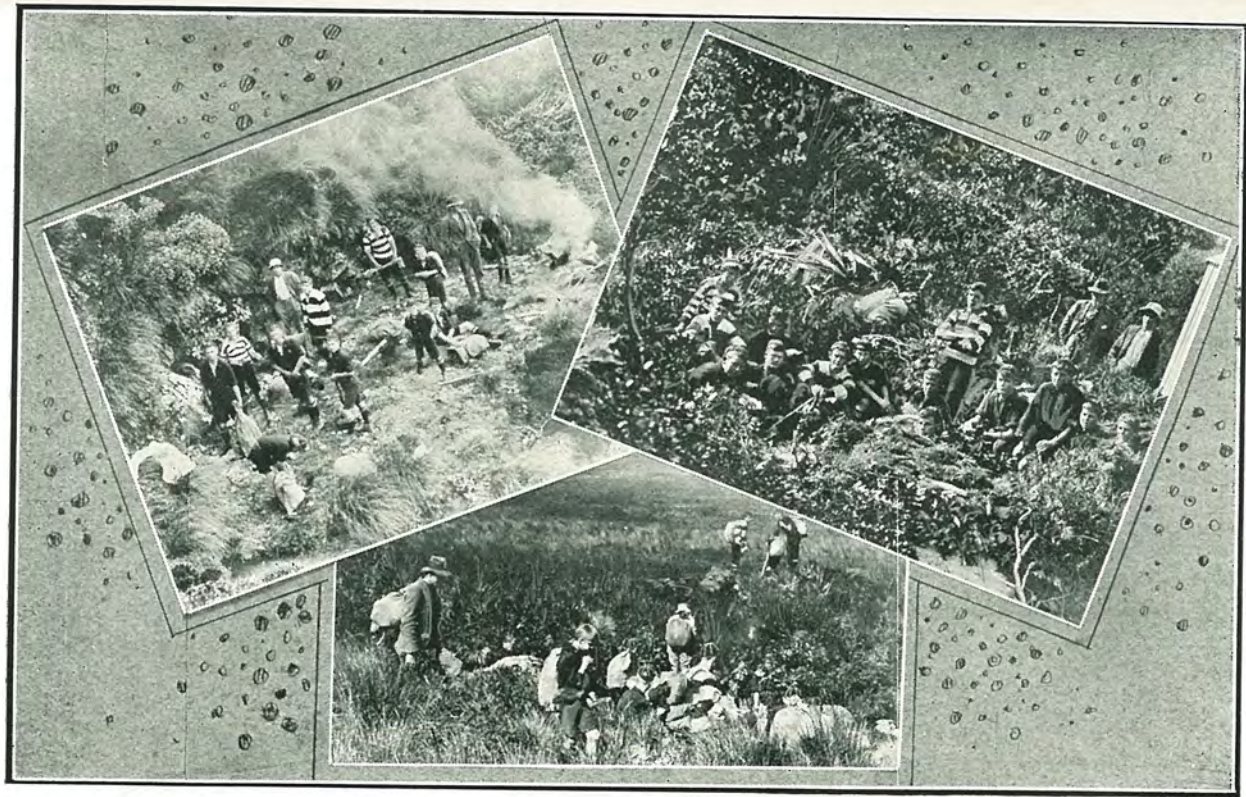
NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL v. STRATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

The Stratford District High School eleven came to New Plymouth on Saturday, and played a match with the boys of the local High School on the School grounds. New Plymouth batted first and made 98, Yates 23, Oliver 19, and M'Murray 13 being the principal scorers. Stephenson, M'Donald and Coutts did most of the bowling for Stratford. The visitors, in their turn with the bat, hit up only 58, Lawn, Coutts, and Stephenson obtaining double figures. All the New Plymouth bowlers did good work. Stratford had another strike, this time making 48 for five wickets. Detailed scores:—

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Oliver, run out	...	...	...	19
M'Murray, c. and b. Coutts	...	...	...	13
Yates, c. Auld, b. Coutts	...	...	...	23
Goss, c. Lawn, b. Stephenson	9
Terry, c. M'Donald, b. Stephenson	5
Ewing, c. Tatton, b. Stephenson	0



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A WELCOME SPELL.

CROSSING THE SWAMP.
THE EASTER TRAMP III.

THE BIVOUAC AT BELL'S FALLS.

CRICKET NOTES

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Atkinson, b. M'Donald	3
Fox, not out	7
Wyborn, b. M'Donald	2
Wood, c. Tatton, b. M'Donald	0
Candy, c. Lawn, b. Tatton	9
Extras	8
Total	98

Bowling analysis.—M'Donald took three wickets for 30 runs; Coutts, two for 24; Wright, none for 4; Tatton, one for 17; Stephenson, three for 16.

STRATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Tatton, b. Fox	9
M'Donald, b. Fox	4
Coutts, c. M'Murray, b. Oliver	12
Lawn, b. Oliver	16
Stephenson, b. Terry	10
Auld, c. Ewing, b. Fox	2
Wright, b. Fox	0
Stoddart, c. Oliver, b. Terry	2
Connel, b. M'Murray	2
Clare, c. Ewing, b. M'Murray	0
Harkness, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	58

Bowling analysis.—Terry, two wickets for 12 runs; Fox, four for 24; Oliver, two for 15; M'Murray, two for 0.

Second Innings.

Connel, c. Terry, b. Fox	3
Stoddart, c. Yates, b. M'Murray	3
Lawn, b. Goss	6
M'Donald, b. Fox	5
Coutts, b. Fox	8
Tatton, not out	7
Wright, not out	15
Extras	1
Total for five wickets	48

Bowling analysis.—M'Murray, one wicket for 4 runs; Fox, three for 14; Terry, none for 9; Goss, one for 9; Yates, none for 14.

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ST. MARY'S v. HIGH SCHOOL.

A match was played on Saturday between St. Mary's and a High School eleven, on the School grounds. School batted first, and made 75, M'Murray (25) and Mr. Moyes (17) being the only double-figure scorers. Several of the other batsmen shaped promisingly, but could make little headway against the trundling, Monteath capturing five wickets for 14 runs and Osborne three for 11. St. Mary's made a good start, 52 being hoisted for the loss of three wickets, but with eight down for 71 the game was fairly open. Osborne put the issue beyond doubt, however, hitting up 25 not out, the final score being 114—a win for St. Mary's by 39 runs. Robertson (24), Weston (20), Colville (12) and Robb (11) made double figures. The best of the School bowlers was Fox (five for 37), a slow bowler who should improve as he grows older. Mr. Moyes bowled 13 overs and secured three wickets at a cost of 42 runs. The visiting players were entertained at afternoon tea. Scores:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Moyes, b. Elliott	...	...	...	17
M'Murray, b. Monteath	...	...	...	25
Mr. Bottrill, run out	...	...	...	0
Oliver, c. Mackay, b. Osborne	...	...	...	5
Mr. M'Kinney, l.b.w., b. Monteath	...	...	...	4
Fox, b. Monteath	...	...	...	0
Mr. MacDonald, c. and b. Osborne	...	...	...	3
Mr. Searle, b. Monteath	...	...	...	1
Goss, c. Osborne, b. Monteath	...	...	...	0
Terry, b. Osborne	...	...	...	6
Ewing, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	14
Total	...	...	...	75

Bowling analysis.—Elliott, one wicket for 24 runs; Colville, none for 12; Monteath, five for 14; Osborne, three for 11.

ST. MARY'S.

Weston, b. Fox	...	...	...	20
Bewley, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	...	2
Robertson, c. Mr. Searle, b. Fox	...	...	...	24
Monteath, b. Fox	...	...	...	4
Mackay, b. Fox	...	...	...	6
Rev. Colville, c. Mr. Searle, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	...	12
Osborne, not out	...	...	...	25
Elliott, b. Fox	...	...	...	0
Dinniss, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	...	1
Robb, c. and b. Terry	...	...	...	11
Hill, c. Mr. Searle, b. M'Murray	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	114

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Moyes, three wickets for 42 runs; Mr. M'Kinney, none for 13; Fox, five for 37; M'Murray, one for 10; Terry, one for 1.

—Taranaki Herald.

CAMERA CLUB.

The present term has witnessed a large increase in the numbers joining the club, which has now an active membership of nearly sixty. It is hoped that still more will be added to the list after the holidays.

Although the quarantine interfered with the monthly competitions, much good work has been done and no less than 27 entries were received for the end term competition. As will be seen from our illustrations some of the photos entered were by no means bad and the work was a distinct improvement on that handed in in the past. J. C. Wyborn and R. Scown deserve special mention. A pleasing feature of the competition was that a large number of beginners sent in entries.

As usual post-cards of the school have been on sale during the term and in consequence of the efforts of the committee the club's funds have benefited considerably.

As the competition for the term was a seascape, most of the jaunts taken by members have been to the seaside. A few members, however, joined the camping party at Easter, and the results of their efforts appear in this number.

The result of the competition was as follows:—

- Senior: First, J. C. Wyborn.
 Second, W. Ewing.
 Junior: First, D. Denny-Brown.
 Second, S. Alleman.
 Beginners: First, R. Scown.
 Second, C. Ducker.

It was with deep regret that members of the club learnt of D. E. Candy's death. As secretary of the club he had been unsparing in his efforts to place it on a sound footing and it was mainly due to his enthusiasm and hard work that the membership increased so largely. We take this opportunity of extending to his parents and friends our deepest sympathy.

Candy's position as secretary has been filled by Goss, while the committee now consists of J. C. Wyborn, W. Ewing and I. Guild.

AGRICULTURE.

On our return to school at the beginning of this year we were presented with the fairly formidable task of putting our five acres of plots into thorough working order again after the free hand which had been granted to the weeds, insect pests and wind during the Christmas vacation. The work, however, has been made somewhat easier owing to the large increase in the number of boys taking the agricultural course, a number which, at the beginning of the term, totalled thirty.

The season has on the whole been a very good one for the cereal crops, but owing to the continued dry weather the root crops suffered, and we have been somewhat disappointed with the results of the manurial tests on the swedes which were carried out.

The following results may be of some interest to our readers:—

Area A, consisting of nine plots each of 1-20th of an acre, which were sown in temporary forage crops.

Plot 1: Egyptian Peas and Ligowa Oats. Manure: 5cwt. Limestone per acre applied early, 1½cwt. Super, 1cwt. Bonemeal, ½cwt. Sulphate of Potash per acre applied at the time of sowing. Although the birds were very troublesome, a fair crop resulted, the peas showing excellent growth.

Plot 2: Maori Chief Potatoes. Manure, 1½cwt. Bonemeal, 2cwt. Super, 1cwt. Sulphate of Potash, 1cwt. Dried Blood, 40lb. Sulphate of Ammonia per acre. The condition of the soil was such as to prevent good growth, the ground being weedy and the depth of ploughing insufficient. The crop was sprayed several times with Bordeaux Mixture, and was remarkably free from blight. The development of the haulms was excellent, but the tubers were very poor.

Plot 3: Soya Beans. The germination of this plot was so poor that it was decided to utilise the plot for a Turnip Variety Test. The following manurial mixture was drilled in with the turnips, which were sown on ridges: 2cwt. Super, 1½cwt. Bonemeal, ½cwt. Dried Blood p.a. The germination in nearly all the varieties was excellent, but the "fly" played havoc with the plants. The plants were fairly free from Clubroot, 5cwt. Ground Limestone per acre having been applied previously. Although the Swedes were little affected by "rot," the White Turnips suffered badly in this respect. Summary of results obtained:—

TURNIP VARIETY TEST.

Season 1915-1016.

	Tonnage per acre.
1 Champion Swede	39.04
2 Purple Top Mammoth—Var. A ...	34.43
2 Purple Top Mammoth—Var. B ...	34.43
4 Skirving's Swede	32.86
4 Garton's Superlative—Var. A ...	32.86
6 Superlative Swede—Var. A ...	29.76
7 Hurst's Crimson King	28.17
7 Monarch Swede	28.17
9 Green Globe Turnip—Var. A ...	25.04
10 Garton's Superlative—Var. B ...	23.47
11 Hurst's Devon Graystone	21.91
12 Hurst's Monarch Swede	19.34
12 Green Top Yellow Aberdeen—Var. A	19.34
14 Hurst's Green Top Yellow Aberdeen	12.52
14 Hurst's Purple Top Mammoth ...	12.52
14 Garton's Hardy Green Globe Turnip	12.52
14 Green Top Aberdeen	12.52
18 Garton's Acme Swede	7.82

Plot 4: Maize Varieties. Manurial mixture: $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Bonemeal, 1cwt. Super., 1cwt. Dried Blood, $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Sulphate Potash, 10lb. Sulphur per acre. A good crop resulted, excellent forage results being obtained, while the cobs which were allowed to ripen showed very fair development. The following varieties were employed in the test: Iowa Silver Mine, Craig Mitchell, Large White, Kendall's Early Giant Sweet-Corn, Victoria Red, and Chester County Mammoth Maize.

Plot 5: Vilmorin's Purple Sprouting Broccoli. The seed was sown in a frame, and the plants afterwards transplanted. This variety grew to a height of 3ft. 6in., was not affected by the fly, and developed a fair amount of forage. It is intended to continue taking cuttings from it throughout the winter months.

Plot 6. Melilotus Alba. Manure: 5cwt. Limestone applied early, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Super., $2\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Blood and Bone, and 30lb. Sulphate of Potash. Germination was very good, but the colour of the plants was variable, the dark green colour due to good nodule development being present only in small patches. The crop was cut several times and fed to animals, which did not seem to relish it as forage.

Plot 7: Chou Moellier. In half the plot the seed was drilled in in rows, while in the other half the plants were transplanted. Manure: 3cwt. Bonemeal, 2cwt. Super., $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Dried Blood, $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Sulphate of Potash. The plants did not grow to as great a height as usual, the average in this plot being 4ft. There was practically no difference between the plants transplanted and those sown in drills. A fair amount of forage has been taken off the plot, several purple varieties showing to much better advantage than the green.

Plot 8: Curled Couve Troughoda. This variety of cabbage was sown and treated in the same way as the Chou Moellier. The results seem to show that this variety does not compare favourably with Chou Moellier or the Sprouting Broccoli, the leaf development being poor in comparison.

Plot 9: Mangolds—Jersey Queen. Manure: 2cwt. Slag and 1cwt. Salt worked in before transplanting, 2cwt. Super, 1cwt. Sulphate of Potash, and 1cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia, applied at the time of transplanting. The development of the plants on the whole was very good, the majority of the roots being sound. The weight per acre has not yet been determined, but the average weight of 30 roots taken from one row was 10.6lb. per root.

A manurial test for Swedes was carried out on a plot of one quarter of an acre, but the plants suffered so badly from the "fly" that no accurate results could be determined from the experiment. Sulphur was used in some of the mixtures, but it did not appear to be of any value as a manure, nor as a protection against the fly. A test under more favourable conditions would, however, determine more definitely the value of Sulphur as a manure for Swedes.

The Timothy Selection Plot, from which it is hoped to obtain some improved types of Timothy by selection, has progressed very favourably. Most of the plants reached 4ft. in height, and some 4ft. 6in., while the quality of herbage was excellent. The seed from the most promising varieties was gathered and is being sown in another portion of the plot. Several of the plants show a much better winter growth of forage than others.

The Permanent Pasture Plots, which suffered badly at the end of last year at the time of sowing, have been reploughed and sown again. We are hoping for better treatment from the weather this time.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The election held at the beginning of the term resulted in the following committee being elected:—Mr. Searle (chairman), R. Wilson, M. Atkinson, E. Hamerton, J. Hine, E. Tansey, L. Bryce, and S. Drake. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the splendid work done by R. Wilson, who resigned in the middle of the term, his place on the committee being filled by J. Wyborn. At a subsequent meeting of the committee S. Drake was elected librarian and L. Bryce assistant librarian.

Owing to the great number of new books it was found that two new bookcases were necessary. However, the Board came to our aid and kindly presented them, as well as two new forms, to us.

The number of books in the library has now grown from 200 to 1000. Consequently, it has been found advisable to adopt a new system of classification, which will enable continual intercauation of divisions and single topics to be carried on. The main classes are distinguished by the first eleven letters of the alphabet, and are arranged thus:—A, Sciences; B, Useful Arts; C, Fine and Recreative Arts; D, Social and Political Science; E, Philosophy and Religion; F, History and Geography; G, Biography and Correspondence; H, Language and Literature; J, Poetry and Drama; K, Prose Fiction; L, Miscellaneous.

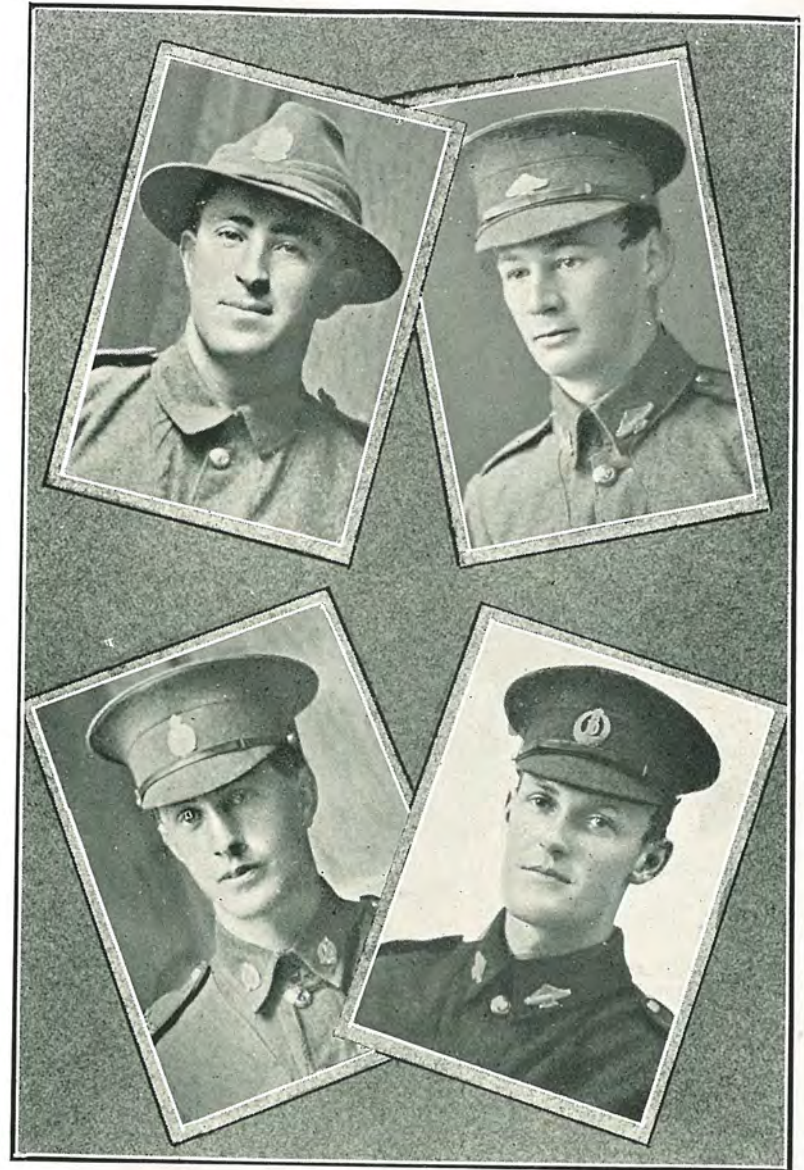
It is a pleasing fact that the day-boys are beginning to take more interest in the library, there being about twenty day-boy members.

During the term the average number of books read per boy was 10.2. This shows a very great increase on the number read in previous terms, and it is to be hoped that next term will see this average maintained.

The following new books have been added to the library this term:—

Science.—Plants of New Zealand (Laing), Palaeontology (Wood), Geology of New Zealand (Marshall), New Zealand Flora, 2 vols. (Cheeseman), The Atmosphere (Archibald), The Weather (Chambers), The Solar System (Chambers), A Piece of Coal (Martin), Astronomy for Amateurs (Camille Flammarion), Eclipses (Chambers), The River Amazons (Bates), Geology (Geikie).

Useful Arts.—Motoring (Berriman), Motor Cycles and How to Manage Them, The Motor Manual, Hints and Tips to Motorists, Aircraft in War (Bruce), Fruit-tree and Grape-vine Pruning (Quinn), Soils (Fletcher), Dairying in Australasia (O'Callaghan), Milk and Dairy Products (Barthel), Fertilisers and Manures (Hall), The Soil (Hall), Forage Crops (Shaw), Dairying (Sheldon), The Pruning of Fruit-trees (Moody), How to Make a Dynamo (Crofts).



TPR. G. SALWAY.
SAPPER. I. HOWELL.

SERGT. R. BROKENSHERE.
LANCE-CORP. E. D. COLSON.

Fine and Recreative Arts.—The Complete Rugby Footballer (Gallaher and Stead), On the Courts and Off (Wilding), Jubilee Book of Cricket (Ranjitsinhji), The Complete Lawn Tennis Player (Myers), The Complete Amateur Boxer (Lynch), The Complete Photographer (Bayly), Scouting for Boys (Baden-Powell), Stamp Collecting (Williams), Knotting and Splicing (Hasluck), 1915 Cricketers' Almanack, How to Take and Fake Photographs (Holland).

Social and Political Science.—What a Young Boy Ought to Know (Stall), The People of the Abyss (Jack London).

Philosophy and Religion.—The Romance and Legend of Chivalry (Hope Moncrieff), Myths of Babylonia and Assyria (Mackenzie), Classic Myth and Legend (Hope Moncrieff), Teutonic Myth and Legend (Mackenzie), Egyptian Myth and Legend (Mackenzie), Indian Myth and Legend (Mackenzie), Celtic Myth and Legend (Squire).

History and Geography. — Pioneers in India, Pioneers in Tropical America, Pioneers in Australasia, Pioneers in West Africa, Pioneers in South Africa, Pioneers in Canada (all by Johnston), Geography of New Zealand (Marshall), The Burden of the Balkans (Durham), Through North-East Africa (M'Diarmid), The Round World (Fairgrieve), The Travels of Mungo Park, Nelson's History of the War, Running the Blockade (Taylor), The Highways of the World (M'Killian), On the Polar Star in the Arctic Sea, 2 vols. (Duc d'Abruzzi), The Caroline Islands (Christian), Pictures from the Balkans (Foster Frazer), Panama (Foster Frazer), Russia of To-day (Foster Frazer), The Battles of the Rivers (Dane), Battles in Flanders (Dane), By Desert Ways to Bagdad (Wilkins), Travels Among the Great Andes of the Equator (Whymper), Geographical Discovery (Jacobs), Where Black Rules White (Prichard), Hawaiki (S. Percy Smith, F.R.G.S.), Maori Wars (S. Percy Smith, F.R.G.S.), My Climbs in the Alps and

Caucasus (Mummary), The Relief of Chitral (Younghusband), With the Lost Legion in New Zealand (Colonel Hamilton Brown).

Biography and Correspondence.—The Life of David Livingstone (Blaikie), General French and Admiral Jellicoe (Rae), Life of Lord Kitchener (Hackwood).

Language and Literature. Concise Etymological Dictionary of the English Language (Skeat), Notes to Palgrave's Golden Treasury of Songs (Fowler), The Alphabet (Clodd).

Poetry and Drama. Works of Tennyson, The Æneid of Vergil (Taylor), The Sentimental Bloke (Dennis), Departmental Ditties (Kipling), Merry Thoughts (Wood), The Boy's Own Reciter (Hutchison).

Prose Fiction.—Happy-Go-Lucky (Ian Hay), The Knight on Wheels (Ian Hay), The Catspaw (Osborne), The Man from Gurdie's River (Donald Maclean), David Harum (Westcott), The Coil of Carne (Oxenham), The Girondin (Belloc), The Land of Content (Delano), Beau Jeu (Bailey), The Virginian (Wister), Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford (Chester), Blue Water (Wallace) What Became of Pam (Baroness von Hutten), Ainslie's Ju-Ju (Bindloss), The Pathway (Gertrude Page), Derelicts (Locke), The Trail of '98 (Service), Hagar (Mary Johnson), The Old Dominion (Mary Johnson), By Order of the Company (Mary Johnson), T. Tembarom (Francis Burnett), Kazan, the Wolf-Dog (Curwood), By the Gods Beloved (Baroness Orczy), The Emperor's Candlesticks (Baroness Orczy), The Mediator (Roy Norton), The Battle-Cry (Buck), The Victim (Dixon), The Rim of the Desert (Anderson), The Lightning Conductor (Williamson), Moths of the Limberlost (Gene Stratton-Porter), Before Adam, The Valley of the Moon, A Son of the Sun, Adventure, Burning Daylight, Smoke Bellew, and Martin Eden (Jack London), Eric Brighteyes, Allan's Wife, Cleopatra, and Nada, the Lily (Rider Haggard), The Last Hope, The Velvet Glove,

From One Generation to Another, Tomaso's Fortunes, Flotsam, The Grey Lady, The Slave of the Lamp, and With Edged Tools (Merri-man), John Verney (Vachell), Quinney's (Vachell), Black Rock, The Doctor of Crow's Nest, The Sky Pilot, Glengarry Days, and The Man from Glengarry (Ralph Connor), Actions and Reactions, Wee Willie Winkie and Other Stories, Life's Handicap, Many Inventions, and The Day's Work (Kipling), Barracks, Bivouacs, and Battles (Forbes), A Lunatic at Large (Cluston), The Rise of Roscoe Paine (Lincoln), On With Torchy (Sewell Ford), The Wilderness Trail (Williams), Nancy Stair (Lane), Trader Carson (Barnett), The Way of an Eagle (Ethel Dell), All for a Scrap of Paper (Joseph Hocking), Kitchener Chaps (Lyons), With Gun and Guide (Martindale), A Man of Iron (Dehan), Bush Life (Ferguson), Odd Crafts (Jacobs), The Four Feathers (Mason), The Sheriff of Dyke Hole (Cullum), Gold, Blazed Trail Stories, and The Silent Places (Stewart Edward White), The Pariah (Ansley), The Trail of the Lonesome Pine (Fox), The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (Fox), The Great Amulet (Diver), The Little Grey Shoe (Brebner), Friar Tuck and The Brooding Wild (Wason), The Baron of Brandean (Barfield), Tom Brown's School-days, A Legend of Montrose (Scott), The Day of Days (Vance), The Spoilers (Rex Beach), The Love Pirate (Williams), The Wreck of the Grosvenor (Russell), If I Were King (M'Carthy).

Miscellaneous.—Nelson's Encyclopædia (24 vols.), The Taranakian (1915), Complete Etiquette and Letter-Writer, Æsop's Fables, Stoke's Cyclopædia of Familiar Quotations, Emerald Hours in New Zealand (Alys Lowth), The Chairman's Guide (Frith).

We wish to thank Mr. W. Smith for presenting us with "Ferns of New Zealand" (Field), and also H. Bryce for "A Surgeon in Khaki." At the same time we must apologise if any acknowledgments have been omitted, as the list has gone astray.

CONCERT NOTES.

On February 14 a general meeting was held to elect a Concert Committee, which resulted in the election of Yates, Goss, Hamerton, M'Murray and Mr. M'Kinney (chairman).

Owing to the broken nature of this term we have held two entertainments only. The first was given by the masters, each master having to contribute some item to the entertainment. The programme was of a very varied nature, and each performer had to respond to a vociferous encore.

The programme was:—

1. Pianoforte Solo, Schubert's Polonaise, Mr. Renaud.
2. Recitation, "Rubinstein's Piano-playing," Mr. Rockel.
3. Flute Solo, "The Quaker Girl," Mr. Searle.
4. Song, "The Veteran's Song," Mr. M'Kinney.
5. Reading, "The Country Squire," Mr. Diprose.
6. Duet, "Whisper Low," Mr. M'Kinney and Mr. Macdonald.
7. Reading, "Mr. Butterworth's Dog," Mr. Bottrill.
8. Song, "Tell her I love her so," Mr. Hutton.
9. Song, "The Bugler," Mr. Renaud.
10. Violin Solo, "Mazurka by St. Amory," Mr. Rockel.
11. Recitation, "Kitty O'Toole," Mr. Macdonald.
12. Pianoforte Solo, "The Shepherd's Dance," Mr. Ryder.

The next entertainment, a lecture given by Mr. Bottrill on the "Milford Sound Trip," was of a highly interesting and instructive nature. Many very fine slides of the trip were screened. The pleasure of the evening was added to by items rendered by Goss, Cachemaille, Horner and O'Halloran.

CADET NOTES.

This year the two companies were combined into one. The Cadets were sized off into four platoons of about forty each, which were again divided into two sections. This necessitated a rearrangement of the non-coms., and the following appointments were made:—

Cadet Company—

OFFICER COMMANDING : Captain W. H. Moyes.
 SECOND IN COMMAND : Captain A. R. Ryder.
 Sergt-Major : V. S. McMurray.
 Q.M.S. : L. G. Eyre.

No. 1 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander : Lieut. H. V. Searle.
 Platoon Sergt. : Sergt. J. J. K. Terry.

Section Commanders :

Lance Sergt. : E. L. Tansey.
 Corporal : O. Bayly.
 Lance-Corporal : N. Fookes.
 Lance-Corporal : A. Huse.

No. 2 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander : Mr. M. A. McDonald.
 Platoon Sergt. : Sergt. R. Kidd.

Section Commanders—

Sergeant : M. Atkinson.
 Corporal : W. Ewing.
 Corporal : A. McHardy.
 Lance-Corporal : N. Ellerm.

No. 3 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander : Mr. C. G. Bottrill.
 Platoon Sergt. : Sergt. C. C. Yates.

Section Commanders :

Sergeant : E. Hamerton.
 Corporal : H. Goss.
 Corporal : K. Clemow.
 Corporal : R. M. Rockel.

No. 4 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander : Mr. A. W. Diprose.
 Platoon Sergt. : Sergt. H. Lucena.

Section Commanders :

Corporal : J. C. Wyborn.
 Corporal : R. A. Wilson.
 Corporal : L. Bryce.
 Lance-Corporal : J. Fouhy.

Owing to the large number of recruits in the ranks, the whole company for the first part of the term was put through recruit drill, the non-coms. instructing squads of nine or ten each. Though the work was somewhat interfered with by preparation for a physical drill exhibition and later by the quarantine of two weeks, yet good progress was made.

On February 28 a squad of about forty Cadets journeyed out to Waihi to give an exhibition of physical drill at the Patriotic Carnival held there. The Cadets, under the charge of Q.M.S. Eyre, carried out their drill smartly and efficiently.

About this time recruit drill was completed, and a start was made in the instruction of platoon and company drill. After the somewhat monotonous routine of recruit drill the change was a welcome one.

At Stratford, on Easter Monday (Soldiers' Day), by special request of the Stratford Patriotic Committee, we gave another physical drill display, and we hope we were again successful in maintaining a good reputation in this branch of our work. After the drill, the squad was inspected by Colonel Allen, Minister for Defence, who subsequently, in his address on the grounds, referred in eulogistic terms to the new Plymouth High School Cadets.

On the next day (Anzac Day) the Cadets paraded under the charge of Lieutenant Searle, and together with the local Territorials, Veterans, Defence Rifle Club, and town Cadets were inspected at the Drill Hall by Colonel Allen, Minister for Defence. Afterwards the whole parade marched to the Theatre Royal, where the Anzac commemoration service was held.

On Tuesday, May 2, Lieutenant Crutch, of the permanent staff, made an inspection of the company. The Cadets went through a number of movements in company drill. At the conclusion Lieutenant Crutch, in his address, after pointing out one or two minor faults, declared that the drill, on the whole, was good. He especially commented on the general behaviour of the Cadets on parade, which he credited to the result of school discipline.

During one of our drill periods our captain commented on the shyness of some of our Cadets in saluting an officer on parade, and related how one Cadet, who desired to see him about some matter, waited for him outside the school grounds after the "dismiss," in order that he might not have to salute. A rule has now been made that Cadets when on parade will salute officers whether in uniform or not. This is a move in the right direction, for it will smarten up our Cadets generally in the matter of saluting. There is nothing worse to be seen on a parade than a slovenly salute, a thing which we hope will now be a thing of the past.

SHOOTING NOTES.

Owing to the fact that we have now no Lee-Enfield rifles, all our shooting during this term has been confined to the miniature range. The matches for the Imperial Challenge Shields (senior and junior) are usually fired during the first term of the year, and practice for these was commenced immediately on returning from the holidays. Latterly, however, it has been discovered that our one and only miniature rifle is tired of life and can no longer be depended upon to put every bullet through the same hole in the bull's eye, and for this reason it has been decided to postpone the matches and championship competitions until next term. For the last two months we have been trying to procure a miniature rifle suitable for our work, but without success. The rifles we have been using in the past have all been B.S.A.; but now, owing to the war, all supplies of these have been stopped, and until a day or two ago no other suitable rifle could be procured. Now, however, Mr. Searle has discovered a really good one, and the teams ought to give good accounts of themselves in the matches next term.

A new system of practice has been inaugurated this year. Instead of having only one senior team entered for the competition, two teams (A and B) have been chosen, so that next year, and in succeeding years, instead of having to train fresh boys for the team, the best shots from the B team will be drafted into the A team. This system can only be applied to the senior practice at present, but it is hoped that in the future we shall be able to enter two teams for the junior competition as well.

Shooting is yearly becoming a more important part of our school training, and the number of boys going in for it in earnest is increasing rapidly. This term about 40 boys are practising, and most of these have opportunity to shoot three times every week.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

When we commenced on February 4 we had fourteen new boys, seven of whom are in the Upper Preparatory and seven in the Lower. A. Walter, W. Nicholson, D. Jury and H. Honeyfield are boarders in the former, and W. Knowles is the only boarder in the Lower Pre-

paratory. T. Hassell, K. Ward, V. Hughes, Scanlon i., Scanlon ii., Bellringer iii., List and Jones are day boys.

This year there has been a change in our staff, Mr. Bottrill having been promoted to the Upper School and Mr. M'Kinney having taken his place. Miss Winfield has been appointed to the Lower Preparatory.

CRICKET.

At a general meeting on February 16 L. Fagan was elected captain, S. Hayden vice-captain and L. Rawson secretary. We played a match against West End and one against Inglewood. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in both matches.

FOOTBALL.

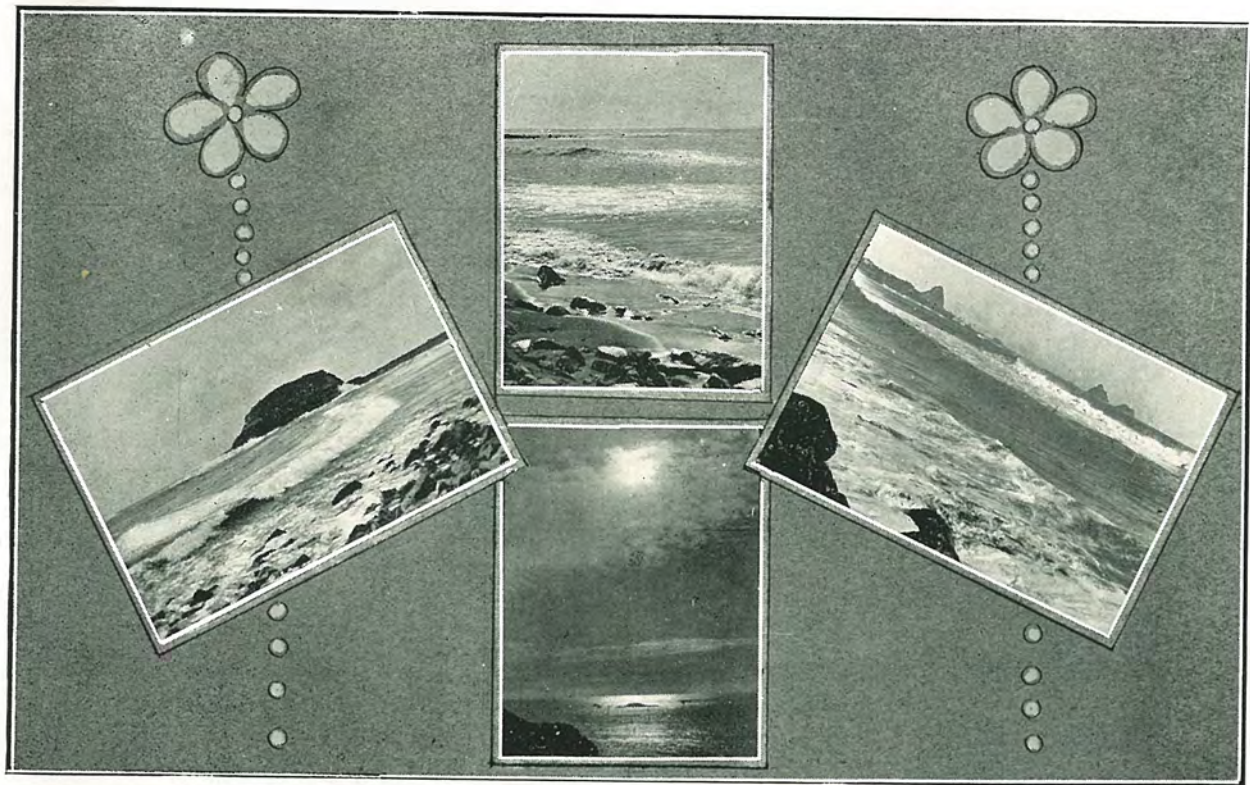
On April 10 we held a general meeting, at which D. Fox was elected captain, R. Harvey vice-captain, and K. Ward secretary. We all look forward to a successful season.

About five week ago List, a Lower Preparatory boy, was reported missing. All the boarders were let off preparation to hunt for him. After trudging up-hill and down-hill for about an hour we were told that he had been found. After inquiring as to his whereabouts we were told that he had been found on the drawing-room sofa!

Many things of curiosity have been placed in the care of R. Bothamley, who is in charge of the Preparatory Museum. One of these curiosities is a 15-pounder shrapnel shell which was used in the Boer War. It was given to us by W. Williams.

About the middle of the term our Library joined in with the Upper School. Now, instead of being able to read Preparatory books only we may read any book in the Library. This is a much better arrangement, because it gives us access to a greater number of books.

This term has been fairly free from sickness. A few colds have been their rounds. A week after we commenced Honeyfield had to undergo an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to say that he has quite recovered, and is with us again.



CAMERA CLUB SEASCAPE COMPETITION PHOTOS—I.

We should once more like to appeal to all boys to assist us in keeping in touch with those who have at one time or other been connected with the school. Every term several magazines are returned to us from the Dead Letter Office. Surely somebody knows where the addressees are? All Old Boys are interested in the doings of other Old Boys, and we who are still at school like to feel that we are kept closely in touch with all who have gone before us. Therefore we feel justified in asking Old Boys to send us notes of their doings or of the doings of other Old Boys with whom they may happen to be familiar. Over and above this matter of interest and of our ambition that every Old Boy should be proud of the old school, there is another matter. We are seeking to build up a school which shall give to its pupils not only what is generally known as education, but we are making it our constant aim to inculcate the highest principles of private, social and civic morality. In order to do this with the greatest efficiency it is essential that we should have the full sympathy of all right-thinking people, and of these the Old Boys are naturally those most interested. Our roots are struck deep into the past, and upon the stock thus nurtured we look for the best fruit. The average Old Boy may think that he is doing what is of very little importance when he keeps us informed of his movements, but we can assure him that this means much to us.

The following left the school at the end of 1915, and their destinations, so far as known, are given. We shall be grateful for the correction of any errors or the supplying of any omissions.

W. Alexander is farming on the Wanganui River.

F. A. Bruce left New Zealand to join his father, who is now farming at Quincey, Florida.

D. Grant has joined the office of Mr. Thompson, solicitor, Inglewood.

R. Monteath is working in the Deeds Office, New Plymouth.

D. Winfield, who passed the Senior Civil Service examination last January, is now in the Marine Department, Wellington.

S. Grayling is in the office of Weston and Weston, solicitors, New Plymouth.

E. Herbert is working in Davies' Pharmacy, New Plymouth.

A. Jones is now in the employ of Teed and Co., chemists, New Plymouth.

F. King is in the municipal power-house at Mangorei.

R. H. Le Pine has left the office of Newton King, and is now with Standish and Standish, solicitors.

E. Martin is in the office of Newton King, New Plymouth.

P. S. Oliver recently accepted a position with the New Zealand Insurance Co., New Plymouth.

N. Quilliam and B. Sinclair are studying medicine at Otago University.

W. V. Stanton is teaching on the staff of the Central School, New Plymouth.

G. Graham is a pupil teacher at the West End School.

R. Cocker is in the office of Nolan and Co., auctioneers, New Plymouth.

C. Copestake is now farming at Lepperton.

A. L. Death, last year's popular poundkeeper, is now farming on his father's place at Kaimata.

H. G. Grayling is in the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth.

L. Hoffmann is at home at Vogeltown.

R. Foreman, who has for the past twelve months been farming at Okau, is at present on a visit to New Plymouth.

A. G. Honnor is at present at home in Courtenay Street.

K. Jackson is with Mr. H. Scott, farmer, of Takau, near Eltham.

J. H. Kendall is in the office of J. H. Cock and Co.

L. Lovell is in Beere's Garage, Devon Street.

K. Murray, who was in the office of Murray, Roberts and Co., Wellington, is now attending Lincoln College, Canterbury.

S. Rollo is working in Okey and Rollo's foundry.

M. Smith left during the term to take charge of the Pitone School.

N. Sole is in the employ of John Avery and Co., Devon Street.

H. Bayly is farming at Omata.

G. Brown is farming at Mangamingi.

C. Healy is working in the Sash and Door Factory Co.'s office.

P. A. Jennings is at home in Courtenay Street.

F. Le Pine is in the office of Messrs. Govett and Quilliam, solicitors.

F. Mace is in the National Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth.

A. G. Mackie is in the Telephone Exchange, Waitara.

P. Meuli is working in the Borough Electrical Department.

W. G. Smellie is farming on his father's property at Hillsborough.

E. W. Snowdon is in the Bank of Australasia, Hawera.

A. Traill is working in Hatrick's Foundry in Wanganui.

J. Tuohy is in the New Plymouth Post Office.

M. G. Yates is in the Railway Department, Wellington.

E. G. Bracegirdle is farming at Kaimata.

I. Vickery is on his father's farm at Tikorangi.

A. Pirritt is now attending the Hamilton High School.

W. Clemow is now farming at Omata.

R. B. Fussell is farming at Lepperton.

W. Hunter is at home at Stratford.

A. Lovell is attending the District High School, Hawera.

This has been in many respects a sad term for us. We had hoped to avoid much reference to the war, but the awful strife goes on as fiercely as ever. This was brought home very near to us on the receipt of the news of Harper Lepper's death in action in Mesopotamia on April 9. No details are yet to hand. But we know that he met his death as a soldier should, and though we sorely grudge his loss, he gave his life with cheerfulness and willingness. His whole career, both at school and in his all-too-short military life, gave evidence of his sterling worth and high principle.

G. M. Beck, who is stationed in the Public Works Department at Taumarunui, passed the Senior Public Service Examination in four subjects last January.

Included in the list of successful candidates at the November examinations of the New Zealand University are the names of the following Old Boys:—Bachelor of Arts pass, Norman F. Little; B.A., first section, Ronald C. Adlam, in pure mathematics, history, education; Bachelor of Science, first section, Ivan W. Weston, in chemistry, physics, geology; LL.B. results, Norman F. Little, in Roman law, international law, conflict of laws; Cecil W. Quilliam, in jurisprudence, constitutional history, Roman law, criminal law.

Bryce Stoddart writes to us from Waipukurau, Hawke's Bay. He is engaged in sheep-farming, and, to use his own words, "finds it an ideal game."

G. Clinch writes to us from Balclutha. He is attending the District High School there. He is anything but enamoured of the place. The secondary division of the school is a small one, and the playground is very inadequate. Consequently sports and games suffer. Clinch says that in the recesses and in the afternoons there is nothing to do but to walk from one corner of the tiny grounds and back. Our old friend is a section leader in the Senior Cadets, and says that "we have some good times on drill days," whatever that may mean. We leave the interpretation to the more skilful. Clinch sends all sorts of kind messages both to masters and to boys.

"Pompey" Weston writes from Featherston as follows:—

"After my exam. I waited for a couple of weeks to enlist, etc. I did a bit of wharf lumping during that time. I then went up home and after that on to a farm, the one on which I was last year. It is such an out-of-the-way place for mail that I did not receive a notice for the January crowd in time, so I waited till about a week ago and then came down to Wellington and filled up a vacancy in the Mounteds. I had a jolly decent time while up-country, and got myself a little fitter for this. There were a few deer about, but I did not manage to get a head, though I got one shot at a 14-pointer. The short time we have been in camp has been real good sport. They give us a fairly easy time for a start. You don't drill as in the Territorials as if you half meant it. It is more like school again. We had a bathing parade this afternoon, and we have a good shower every morning. I have met a great crowd of chaps I did not know were in camp."

J. H. Gibbons has enlisted in the Artillery for the 19th Reinforcements.

H. L. Cook is now in the firm of George and Cook, solicitors, Dunedin.

A. G. Dumbleton left as a Lance-Corporal with the Earl of Liverpool's Own for the front.

W. E. Moore, solicitor, of Auckland, has enlisted in the Royal Horse Artillery, and was, at the beginning of February, at the Royal Horse Artillery's training camp at St. John's Wood barracks, London.

B. Norman is farming at Mangorei.

H. Pirrit is attending the District High School at Morrinsville. He finds a mixed school much less to his liking than a boys' school pure and simple.

In the "London Gazette" of November 4, 1915, it is notified that the King has been pleased to confer the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration on Captain N. R. de la Cour Cornwall.

Corporal A. R. Claridge has been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Auckland Garrison Artillery Division.

Corporal C. V. Day has been gazetted a Second Lieutenant in the New Zealand Field Artillery (ammunition column).

L. G. Goss has completed his course at Duntroon Military College, and has returned to New Zealand. He is now on the Permanent Staff, and is attached to Colonel M'Donald's Command as Lieutenant.

Sergeant R. E. Dowling, of the A.D.M.S. Staff, has now recovered from his severe wound. After recuperating at the Convalescent Camp at Woodcote, Epsom, Surrey, he has gone on furlough to Birmingham and to Scotland.

Captain Pridham left New Zealand in December, 1914, with the 2nd Reinforcements, as Dental Surgeon, with the rank of Lieutenant. Whilst in Egypt he was attached to the Egyptian Army Hospital at Abbassia. After a severe illness, he was sent back to New Zealand on furlough, returning in July, 1915, by the Willochra. He returned to Egypt again in October, 1915, with the 7th Reinforcements, now holding rank of Captain, and is at present attached to the N.Z. General Hospital at Pont de Koubbeh, Cairo. He was suffering from an attack of enteric at Christmas time, but, writing on January 30, he says he is quite well again, and kept very busy at his work. Most of his chums had left for the Canal when he wrote (on January 30), and he was feeling

very envious. He hopes to get a chance to go into the firing line (with the Medical Corps) later on, if he has any luck!

The Hon. James Allen, Minister of Defence, writing to Mr. James Crone on April 28, says:—"The enclosed letter has been received by my department from the War Office, London, conveying his Majesty the King's appreciation of the services rendered by the late 10/729 Private C. Crone. I feel sure that this communication will be treasured by you as a tangible token of his Majesty's great interest in the welfare of his subjects during the unprecedented crisis through which our Empire is now passing." The enclosure reads as follows:—"War Office, Whitehall, S.W., February 28, 1916. Sir,—I have it in command from his Majesty the King to inform you, as next-of-kin of the late Private Charles Crone, No. 10/729, of the Wellington Infantry (New Zealand Expeditionary Force), that this private was mentioned in a dispatch from General Sir Ian Hamilton, dated September 22, 1915, and published in the 'London Gazette,' dated November 5, 1915, for gallant and distinguished service in the field. I am to express to you the King's high appreciation of these services, and to add that his Majesty trusts that their public acknowledgment may be some consolation in your bereavement.—I have the honour to be, your obedient servant, M. D. Graham, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Military Secretary." In connection with the gallant conduct of our late comrade, we should like to mention that his father is an old campaigner, who has seen active service in Afghanistan, Burmah and Egypt, and has taken part in much severe fighting.

Major Ivan T. Standish has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The following Old Boys have recently received commissions:—Regimental Sergeant-Major G. Bollinger, Sergeant F. R. Baker, Corporal K. S. Ewing, Sergeant I. P. Grant, Sergeant R. W. Mackenzie, Quartermaster-Sergeant A. R. M'Isaacs.

Captain J. S. Dockrill, Royal Army Medical Corps, has been mentioned in Lord French's last dispatch.

The following Old Boys have returned from the front:—Private N. B. Howell, Private H. B. Morshead, Trooper T. J. Malone, Corporal T. G. M'Connell, Sergeant W. P. Okey, Sergeant G. Paul, Driver A. D. Stapp, Private V. F. West, Sergeant A. Whitham.

Private Victor West, son of Mr. Joseph West, of New Plymouth, was amongst the returned soldiers who arrived in Auckland by the Turakina. Private West left with the 2nd Reinforcements, and he was wounded at the Dardanelles in "the Daisy Patch" engagement. He was sent to England, and after recovering from his wounds he was employed for some time on the dental staff at Weymouth Camp.

Darcy Newell, writing from Ismailia on February 25 to his parents, says:—

"Here we are still in Egypt, and for all we know we may remain here until the end of the war. But in times like these things are very uncertain, and there is no knowing that we may not receive 24 hours' notice to leave again for the front. We have been doing some strenuous training, such as marching 10 to 12 miles a day, but now we have settled down to the recruit stage, such as right and left turns by numbers, etc. It is certainly pretty monotonous after having been through it all before; but, however, it is better than tramping the desert all day. Of the five Taranaki boys who were with me in the Otago lot, three have been transferred, so there are only two besides myself left. I am in the best of health and have not had a day's illness since I left New Zealand, so there is no need to worry. Please remember me to all friends."

Among the recently promoted lieutenants is G. Bollinger (New Plymouth), who recently returned from the front. He is going through the same drill as recruits, despite the fact that he has seen so much fighting.

Corporals R. Brokenshire, W. A. Guild and L. C. Richards, of New Plymouth, have been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the 15th Infantry Reinforcements.

Sergeant Stanley Hoby, writing from Zeitoun, says:—

"We have been here a week and have not done much yet except play football. B Squadron has played three matches and won the lot. I was picked for one of a N.C.O. team of this camp to play the officers of this camp. We beat them by 11 to nil. I did not come off very well; I got a rib broken, but never mind, it will soon mend and I have had a good time so far. Miss Grant came to see me last Saturday. I saw Les. Brabant; he gave me a letter from Clinton. I did not see him, which was jolly hard luck. He has been invalided home. I have seen dozens of New Plymouth boys. When we were coming up here a troop of mounted men galloped up to the train and the first man I saw was Ted Avery. He looked very well."

Ian Pott writes as follows:—

"We did several weeks horse work in Zeitoun, but we have now been drafted into the Artillery, and as mounted work will, in my opinion, soon be abolished I am pleased we are in this branch of the service. It is interesting work, and we are to visit an outpost shortly and see the real 'M'Kay' working. Rumour has it we are going to _____ soon; that will be pleasant if we are lucky enough to go there. We have seen a little of the world now, and it has always been my wish to see as much as possible of it. I have not seen many of the school fellows yet, but will do so when we go out to the outpost station. Lepper is at Alexandria, I believe, looking fit and well. So far we have done little for our country and a lot for ourselves, but I suppose the time will come soon."

The following is one of the last, if not the last, of Harper Lepper's letters:—

"I am now in camp just above Bassorah, on the River Tigris, and am still with the 8th Royal Welsh Fusiliers. We arrived here from Port Said on February 28, after two weeks at sea. The voyage here was very interesting, especially the latter stage of it. We had to change boats on the way as our boat could not cross the bar of the river. We pulled into the harbour of Kowyet, on the west of the Persian Gulf, and about 100 miles south of the mouth of the Tigris, and here the other boat pulled alongside of us and we changed over. While crossing the bar we stuck on a sand bank and had to wait several hours till the tide lifted us off. We started up the river early on the 28th, and it was really a very pretty trip. The river is from a half to threequarters of a mile wide and is lined on both sides with a strip of palm trees, dotted here and there with mud huts and native villages. In one place the Turks attempted to block the river by sinking three ships in one of the narrowest parts, and they would have succeeded had not the current carried one of them end on. I took a snap of them coming past, but I don't know how it will turn out. The rainy season is supposed to be over now, but the day after we landed the rain started and lasted for about 24 hours, and the thunderstorm that followed beat anything in that line I have ever seen. Our tents were absolutely flooded and we spent a few days in a pretty mucky state. However, things are drying up now, and we are more or less comfortable. But to put the tin hat on everything, we have to move to another camp to-morrow, so that will mean another two or three days to settle down again. By that time, in all probability, we will be under orders for the firing line, as one brigade of our division has already moved up and we are the next to go. The weather is not very hot yet, but according to tables given the temperature during March, April, and May is 108 deg. to 65deg., so we shall have no need to com-



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plain of the cold. From May to October, both exclusive, the temperature does not fall below 70deg., and ranges up to 105deg. There is a fair amount of malaria here in the hot weather and they have started dosing us up with quinine already. At present the flies are pretty bad and I am writing this with a mosquito net over my head and shoulders; goodness only knows what they will be like when the hot weather starts in earnest. Wherever we go here we have to carry revolvers, as the Arabs are terribly treacherous and several people have been sniped in their camps. Going up to the firing line the boats are sniped at pretty well all the way up. The fighting in these parts will be mostly open and entirely different from that in France at present. Open fighting will be much better than the trench work and I am looking forward to it and expect to have plenty of excitement. I have taken over the duties of mess president of my company, and the last few days I have been busy getting stores ready to take up-country with us, and we have a fine larder now and mean to live pretty well in the field. There are hundreds of jackals and hyenas here and they kick up the deuce of a row at night, and we are contemplating a raid on them some night. It ought to be pretty good sport."

C. Hamblyn writes from Heliopolis as follows:—

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am still well after getting off the boat and coming up the Canal to Cairo. Our main body has been in action and we are likely to be off any time to join them. I have joined the machine-gunners and have to go through a course of training. I have had the pleasure of meeting several old boys over here and also heard descriptions of the noble way in which Mr. Hall, Reg. Sole, Charlie Crone, and other New Plymouth boys laid down their lives. I believe Harper Lepper is now in Alexandria. You must congratulate the boys on the scores they made in their recent shooting, and I shall await the results with impatience. Everything here is new and interesting, there being hundreds of sights well worth seeing. Of course the filth and depravity here are beyond all description; one needs to see it only once and that is sufficient. We have just visited the Holy Well and Virgin's Tree and also the Pyramids and Citadel. I am writing up a history of these places as given by the guides and hope to send it to you for the Magazine as soon as possible."

Private E. C. Stanley, when taking part in the battle early in August last, was wounded, and went to England from Malta. Arriving in England on September 17, he was sent to Sheffield Hospital, and remained there till he was convalescent. While there his Majesty the King visited the hospital, and Private Stanley was one of the patients who was able to be in the Guard of Honour.

When convalescent he was removed out to what was known as the Duke of Rutland's Box. Later he was again removed to a private gentleman's country residence. He speaks very highly of the treatment he received from all at Home, both while in hospital and when convalescent. He was granted a short furlough and visited a few places in England, amongst others Cambridge, and saw some of its historic buildings and obtained many cards of the places he had visited. On the expiry of his furlough he was sent to the Base Camp at Weymouth, and, owing to the wet weather, caught a severe cold and had to go into hospital for a short time. He returned to Hornchurch Barracks, in Essex, where he remained in camp, and while there took part in the Australian and New Zealand sports, winning a silver medal, which he has forwarded home. In a hurried pencil note, dated February 28, 1916, he said he was leaving at 2 a.m. on the 29th to rejoin in the next draft.

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We should like once more to appeal to subscribers to supply us with notice of any change of address. This is especially necessary in the case of those who have gone to or have returned from the front.

EXCHANGES.

The Editors beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following exchanges:—Nelsonian, Canterbury College Review, Scindian, Southlandian, Nelson Girls' College Magazine, Ashburtonian, Christ's College Register, Palmerstonian, Otago High School Magazine, Waitakian.

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.

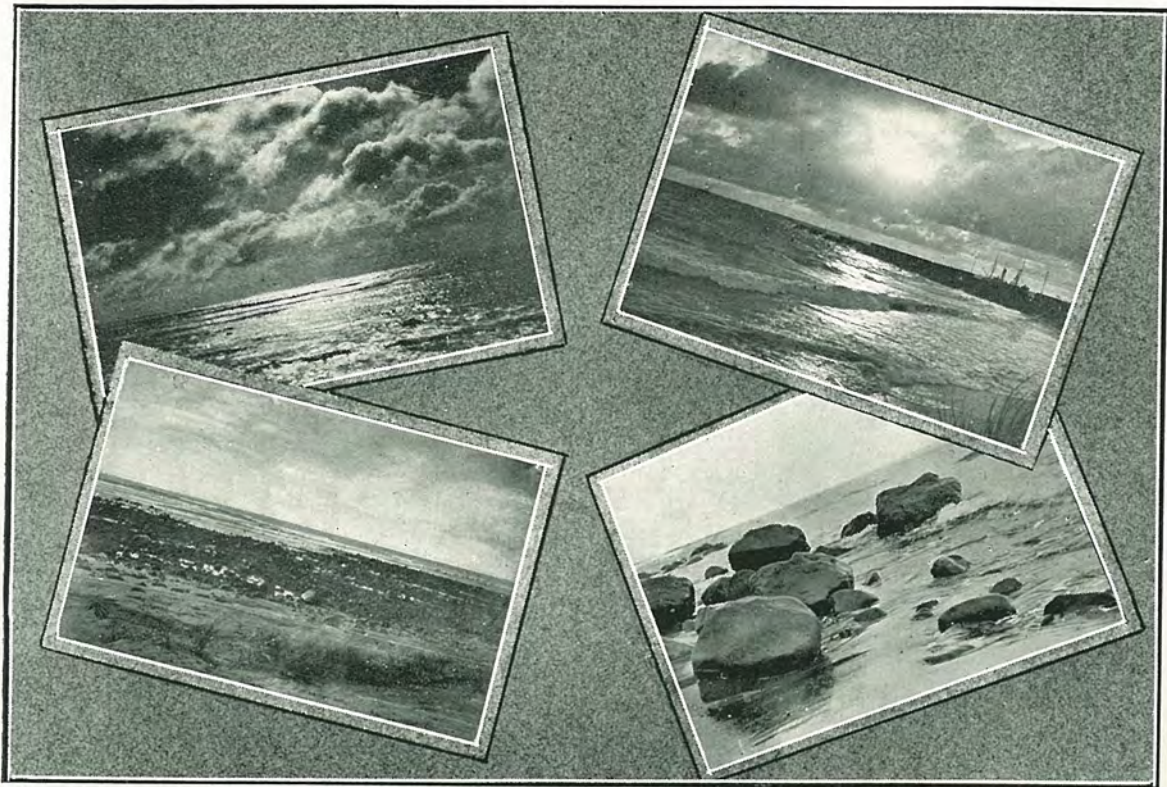
THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

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.



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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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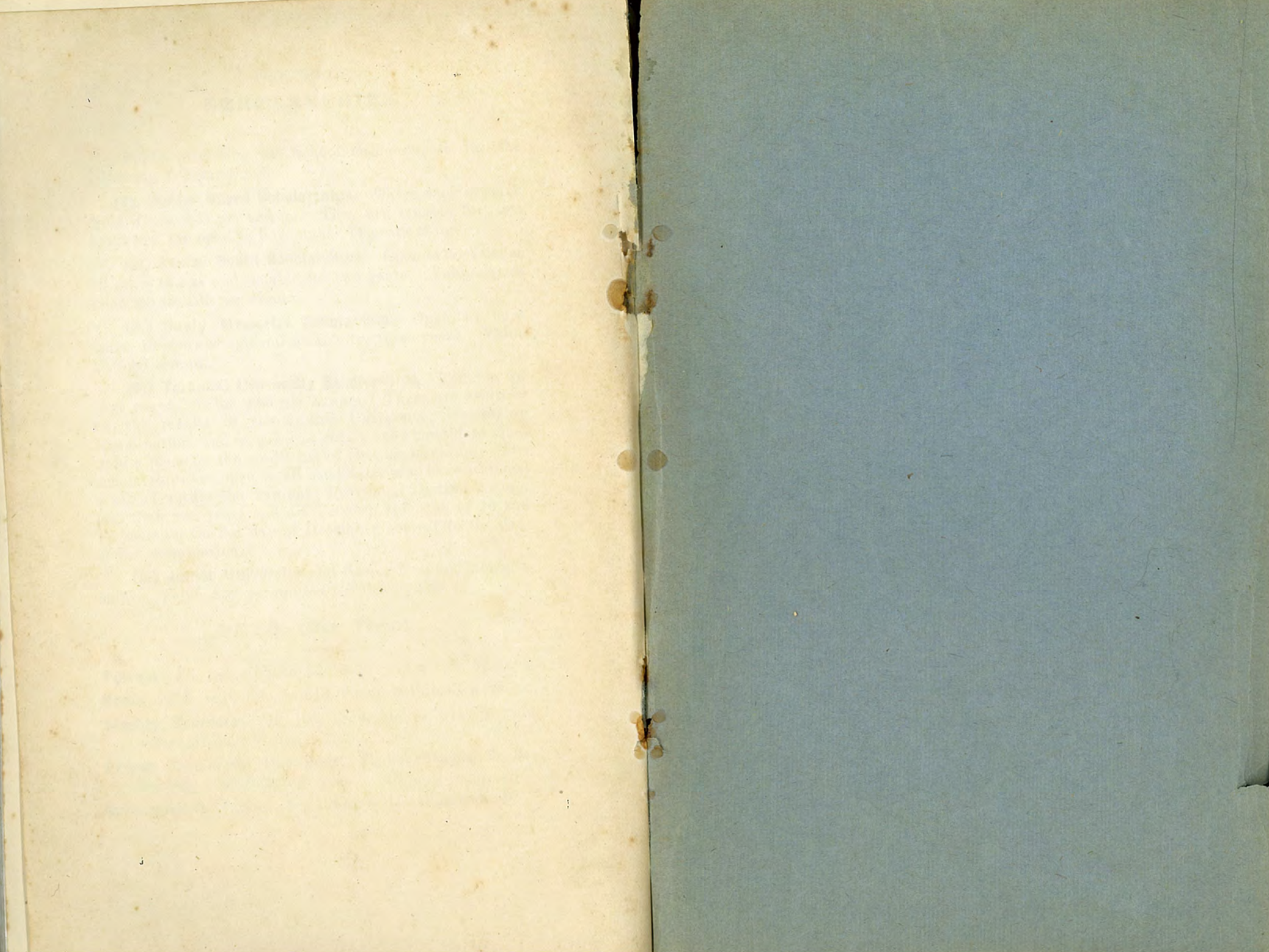
Tuition—£3, reducible to £2 10s if paid within 31 days.

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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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EDITORIAL.

IT may safely be said that those best qualified to know consider a Preparatory Department a valuable adjunct to a Secondary School, both from the point of view of the school and from that of the pupil. It is significant that by far the greater part of the criticism levelled at these lower departments comes from those who have had but little or no experience of them. These critics no doubt consider that "they shall be heard because of their much speaking."

We may consider the matter first from the School's point of view. The Preparatory Department affords an excellent recruiting ground for the Upper School. Here are obtained boys who afterwards develop into most useful members of the Upper School, boys who are useful not merely as good students but as influences for what is good and manly. If the Preparatory Department is well conducted and kept in close touch with the Upper School the boy on entry gets his first ideas of what we may call "school spirit." Without this spirit even the best student is but a poor creature. The few years spent in the Preparatory Department will foster this spirit; and the boy will by means of the routine of the school life, by contact with others, by example and by precept insensibly obtain an idea of his place in the corporation, known as the school. One of the most difficult things to instil is the civic spirit, and more than half of our public troubles is due to a lack of this. What are unscrupulous competition, place-seeking, professional

politics, sharp practice of all kinds, disinclination to help the country in a crisis, but manifestations of failure to grasp or recognise the civic spirit. And any means which will give our growing boys some idea of something better than self-seeking, and some idea of some little sacrifice or control of self should surely be welcomed by everyone. Now, it is just this spirit which is fostered by a well-conducted Preparatory Department and further developed in the Upper School. It is a gift of the school to the boy and to the community—a gift more precious than all the learning of the ages. In the Preparatory Department the boy is early entrusted with little positions of responsibility, and the appeal is to the common weal and not to the individual. Of course there are boys who respond to nothing of this kind, and there are schools in which the appeal is clumsily or badly made. But these facts do not affect the argument. After a year or two the boy becomes ready to pass on to the Upper School with some idea of his place and of his duties. He is in much the same environment as before, and the continuity of his school life is unbroken. He continues to develop his civic training and daily becomes more useful and responsible.

Boys coming direct from the Primary to the Secondary School miss this preliminary part of their moral training. This is not to say that many good boys do not drop into their places and realise their position very quickly. But the fact remains that they are at a disadvantage in this respect. Indeed some boys, through lack of this early apprenticeship, apparently, seem never fully to understand their new position and responsibilities. Others take years to realise their new environment.

All the points here noted refer with greater force to Preparatory boarders, who naturally come more under the influence of the school and from whom more is rightly and naturally expected.

It will be noted that nothing has so far been said of the curriculum of the Lower Department. The great advantage, briefly speaking, is that greater continuity both of actual teaching and of scholastic environment can be secured than in any other way. This makes, of course, for the increased efficiency of the school.

While it is but right that the efficiency of the school as a school should be secured, after all it is the boy whose welfare is paramount. From what has been said it will readily be understood that the moral training and de-

velopment of character by school life must influence the boy in the highest degree. He will unconsciously imbibe from his surroundings his tone and manners. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that he should be brought early into contact with the best possible associations. Here he will learn to take a beating, do something for no other reward than the good of the school or of others, and, above all, will learn the lesson of self-control.

The actual curriculum of the Preparatory Department can be adjusted to prepare the boy for the Upper School. The gap existing between the Primary and Secondary Schools—a gap not fully understood except by Secondary School teachers—can thus be, to a large extent, bridged over. The Education Department's Inspector has given his official sanction to such an adjustment, with reference to the New Plymouth Boys' High School, at any rate. We quote, in explanation, from "The Taranakian" of September, 1915:—

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.

In addition to the advantages derived from the moral training and unbroken continuity of instruction there are one or two other advantages. In the first place the boy is in contact with the same masters right through his school life. He can make personal friends of them and they of him. There is no difference between the master in the Preparatory School and the master in the Upper School. Each master is interested personally in each boy. Again, by joining the school young a boy has all the advantages of the school institutions,—the games and sports, entertainments, orchestra, library, camera club, etc. These are naturally more fully organised in Secondary than in Primary Schools. Many a boy, who is capable of deriving immense benefit from some or all of these institutions, is deprived of them all simply through circumstances.

There exists a good deal of prejudice against Preparatory Departments, but like most prejudices this particular prejudice is based on ignorance. The reasons most usually alleged against Preparatory Departments are:—

1. They involve a waste of public money.
2. They create class distinctions.
3. The standard of instruction given is low.
4. They compete with the public schools.

These arguments we proceed to examine in detail.

The first charge immediately falls to the ground when it is stated that the Preparatory Department is entirely self-supporting—not a penny of public money going towards its maintenance. The salaries of the teachers and the equipment of the school are paid out of the fees paid by the pupils. We should have thought it hardly necessary to refer to this point, had we not heard the charge so often made.

The second charge is more difficult to refute. It is so very easy to make this charge, in these days of democracy, against anything that tries to make for the betterment of society in any but a purely concrete sense. Per-

haps the best refutation is the statement that the doors of the Preparatory School are open to all who care to pay the fees. The school will be only too willing to receive any boys and to do all in its power to help them in every way. The fact that the instruction has to be paid for directly by the pupil is not to the point. Music teachers charge their pupils fees directly. This fact creates no class distinctions. The man who buys an expensive suit of clothes or a motor-cycle does not in so doing attain a higher grade socially than the man who cannot afford these. It seems to us that it would be far better to run the risk of having a boy tainted with the infection of class distinction by such a course of training than to risk losing the counter-balancing advantages. It seems to us that it matters little whether the money be paid directly or indirectly for the support of education, so long as our children are educated properly. Perhaps the charge in question would never have been made were provision made for the public maintenance of Preparatory Departments.

The best refutation of the third allegation is a direct negative. It would be suicidal on the part of the Secondary School to permit for one moment a low standard of work. The Preparatory Department is to supply pupils for the Upper School, and surely common-sense requires that the pupils coming into the Upper School should be as well prepared as possible. Further, if a boy from the Lower Department does badly in the Upper School, his blood is on the head of the Secondary School involved. An additional security against a low standard of work is provided by an arrangement for regular inspection of the Lower Department by the regular school inspectors. A somewhat lengthy experience compels us to the conviction that were half the private schools in the country as efficient as the ordinary Preparatory Department of a Secondary School, there would be far fewer scholastic weaklings.

With regard to the fourth objection it may be said that this is due to an entire misapprehension. In the first place if a parent chooses to send a boy to a Preparatory Department why, in the name of liberty, should he not do so? The parent may conceive, rightly or wrongly, that there are advantages to be secured at the Secondary School which are not to be had elsewhere. He may have deeper or special reasons. Indeed we know of many such cases. Again, there are parents who, under

no circumstances, would send their sons to a Public School. Why should they not send these to a properly organised Preparatory Department? This may be called class distinction, and it may be very deplorable, but there are such parents and we must, in all common-sense, admit the fact.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following have entered during the term:—R. Goldsworthy, P. Sladden, E. Jackson, *C. Jones, *C. Spence, *A. R. Mounsey, *A. Hutchinson, *M. Barak, *A. Candy. * (asterisk) indicates boarder.

The following have left during the term:—H. Ferguson, A. W. Hughes, L. Gilbert, K. Thomson, W. Williams, Linden Hughes, H. J. M'Kay, A. J. Moody, J. K. Nodder, B. P. Bellringer, M. Smith, P. Oliver, L. G. Eyre.

L. G. Eyre left in the early part of the term to go into camp at Trentham. He was doing clerical work for a while, but is now a member of the regular forces. His departure was a distinct loss to us, and we miss him seriously both in the class-room and behind the scrum.

“Prince” Williams left to go farming. He is on his father's place near Hamilton. He has set many of the old boys a commendable example by constantly keeping in touch with us.

P. Oliver has accepted a position in the service of the New Zealand Insurance Company.

The tragic suddenness of Lord Kitchener's death came as a truly awful shock to us. The news arrived in the morning before school. After prayers school was adjourned for two periods. Naturally no one felt much inclined for work that day, but we know that Lord Kitchener himself would be the last man to wish that his death should in any way interfere with the strict and regular performance of duty. A school magazine is not the place in which to express any opinion upon or any praise of the work of the dead hero; but certainly no school magazine, in our opinion, should pass over his death without mention. The school magazine is for school matters pure and simple, but the death of a national hero is so national a matter that it is indeed a school matter.

On Sunday, June 11, the cadets turned out in uniform to attend church parade and memorial services in connection with the death of Lord Kitchener. Some of the cadets attended the Whiteley Memorial Church, but the great majority attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Special services were arranged and special addresses given. After the services the cadets fell in outside and were there dismissed.

Every term sees fresh improvements in the gully. So far we have one grass and one asphalt tennis court properly completed and netted in. Two more grass courts have been levelled and sown down in preparation for the coming season. Of course the “we cuts it and rolls it six hundred years” element is necessary to make these courts perfect, but there is every reason to hope that these courts will be ready this season. Already the tennis enthusiasts are brooding over the stern revenge to be meted out to the Masters in return for the defeats of the last two years. Below the tennis courts a considerable area has been reclaimed from the old swamp, levelled and sown down. This is to be reserved for the cricket net practice.

The steep, high banks at the two ends along with the terrace on the side towards the head of the gully will be most useful in saving the time often wasted by long hits. Now that so much of the water from the Racecourse has been cut off this cricket area will improve year by year. It is intended to continue the reclamation of the gully by obtaining the necessary filling material from the sides. When this work is carried out there will, in all probability, be sufficient room for a full-sized football ground. The convenience of such a ground from the point of view both of the spectators and of the players is obvious.

A pillar posting-box has been placed near the School just above Hendry Street. This will prove a great convenience to the school community as well as to our neighbours. The chief drawback from the boarders' point of view is that the new box is nowhere in the vicinity of “tuck,” and that it will now be impossible to kill two birds with one stone.

We have seen five photos which were printed from films found in Harper Lepper's camera just after his death. They were in a pocket Kodak and give views of scenes in Mesopotamia. One of the photos is that of the cleaning up of a battlefield, the collected dead being distinctly visible. Indeed this very operation was one of

the very last in which Lepper took part, as two days later he himself fell in battle. This adds a greater melancholy interest to the films. These films were developed in New Plymouth.

Several times has the gloom of this wintry term been relieved by scintillations of brilliant light. For these we are grateful, and here express our gratitude by recording them, in the hope that they will be immortalised in our pages. The question:—Explain the allusions: Sometimes like a Siren and sometimes like a Fury, elicited the following: This is one of Bacon's quotations. A siren is a big horn. It means that he sometimes makes a row like a siren, and again becomes Fury personified.

Johnson's well-known *Suspirius* was contorted into "Suspirius, the humane screech-owl."

"Darkling" was explained as a night bird (a little thing in the dark).

"Ebullitions of genius" is the boiling down of genius and reducing the genius of another to a small amount.

The expression "This harpy," from "The Tempest," gave scope to the imagination. One authority explained it thus: "This harpy" is referring to a dance with some music on a harp. The ancients were renowned for their harp music. The other authority stated: "This harpy" was an old woman who had long claws and large wings. Yet a third said: "This harpy"—harpy meant truly. This truly.

"Gloomy Dis" was the god of the internal regions. Presumably the author of this statement had paid too prolonged a visit to Teapot's just before the examination.

"The Englishman's house is his castle" was rendered "La maison de l'Anglais est son chapeau," and "Castles in the air" was rendered "Chapeaux dans l'air." Apparently we have here a sly hit at fashionable head-gear.

On Wednesday, May 31st, we had a visit from Mr. F. Norris, the Secretary of the United Service League. The main object of this organization is to see that returned soldiers, especially those who are in any way incapacitated on account of wounds or sickness, shall be properly cared for. Other objects are the securing of trade for British firms, and attention to the comfort and welfare of the families of soldiers on active service. Hitherto, after our wars, there has been too much neglect



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1916.

Back Row : R. KIDD, L. WOOD, S. DRAKE, O. BAYLY, J. FOUHY, E. TANSEY, A. McMURRAY, M. ATKINSON,
H. GOSS, A. CALLANDER.

Front Row : C. McKAY, L. BRYCE, J. TERRY (Vice-Capt.), V. S. McMURRAY (Capt.), J. WYBORN.
C. C. HERBERT, C. C. YATES, W. EWING.

of those who have sacrificed health and business for the sake of the Empire, and if the United Service League does no more than keep the claims of those who are fighting for our hearths and homes constantly before the public, its existence will be amply justified. Mr. Norris gave us a number of hints in which we might easily, simply by the exercise of some thoughtfulness, do much to further the objects of the League. The matter of the establishment of homes for the children of fallen soldiers was explained, and it is possible for each boy to help this very praiseworthy scheme by the payment of one shilling subscription to the League. We were glad to notice that Mr. Norris said that the shilling was to come out of our own pocket-money, and not from our parents. The matter of trading with only British firms is a matter which is rather beyond the sphere of boys. Meanwhile every boy can bear the matter in mind and apply the principle when he enters business for himself. We are much indebted to Mr. Norris for his interesting address and for giving us so much information without asking us for any financial assistance.

In order further to improve the Sports Ground a few sheep have been obtained. These are shut up in a movable pen of hurdles. Every few days the pen is moved on with its contents, and the beneficial results of Murison's "woolly mowing machines" is very evident. No doubt the tender succulency of the abundant herbage will result in the accumulation of a considerable amount of adipose tissue. This in its turn will probably lead to the interference of the butcher.

An amusing incident which almost lost for Mr. Moyes one of the sheep which he had penned in the school grounds, occurred one day in the middle of the term before the commencement of morning school. A squad of boys from one of the junior forms had been shifting the pen to another position on the grounds, when one of the sheep, frightened by the boys, jumped across the pen and with a few leaps and bounds had cleared the side entrance to the school. Once on the road the sheep made for the racecourse, and a wild chase followed. Boys on their way to school were in danger of being knocked down by the terrified animal, which was making a blind race up the road, followed by about twelve or more boys. The sheep, however, did not go further than 300 yards before it started grazing on the roadside, and it was then an easy matter for the pursuers to capture it and lead it back to its pen.

There was great rejoicing when, on August 8th, we saw in the papers that we had been placed second for both the Senior and Junior Competitions in the shooting for the Schools of the Empire matches. This is the second time that we have been second, and this makes us think all the more regretfully of our record score last year, when we were disqualified on a technicality. Hearty congratulations to our shooting teams, and hearty congratulations to Auckland Grammar School, the winner of each competition. It is worthy of remark that the three first schools in the Senior Competition were all New Zealand schools. Our fellows had to shoot in very bad weather. Our joy at getting second place in the Junior Competition was somewhat damped when we learned that there were but three competing teams. Why did not more compete?

This term the Rev. F. H. Spencer, the Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, paid us a visit and gave a short address to the school as it was assembled for prayers and roll-call. He gave an account of the recent work of the Society especially with reference to its work among our troops. Many interesting facts were stated and illustrations of the work given. There is no doubt that Mr. Spencer is in an excellent position to obtain exact and first-hand information about the great work of the Society, and those who hear him personally must have their sympathy quickened.

The first half of the term was marked by unusually mild weather. Indeed, some of the flowers and shrubs yielded to the temptation of thinking that spring had come. But disillusionment came later on, when the second half was unusually stormy. The junior group football competitions had often to be postponed on account of rain or wind. The two first XV. fixtures against Waitara had to be, one postponed, and the other abandoned on account of high wind, much rain and bitterly cold weather. The second match against the Technical College had to be played on the Rec. on account of a high mountain wind. But all these winds, rains, etc., were gentle, warm zephyrs in comparison with the blizzard of August 2nd and 3rd. Roofs and walls that had resisted all previous storms leaked, and it seemed almost impossible to escape from the bitter wind. Some people said that they saw a few flakes of snow even in New Plymouth. Certainly the snow fell and lay for some time

remarkably low down at the foot of the Ranges and of the Mountain.

The eclipse of the sun on Sunday, July 30th, created a good deal of interest. Fortunately, in spite of a good many clouds, the eclipse could be seen clearly especially by those who used a piece of smoked glass. The sunlight during the eclipse certainly became much fainter, and gave us some slight idea of what a total eclipse must be like. About a third of the sun's disc was covered by the moon and the time from the first contact till the end of the eclipse was about three hours and a half.

The medallions and certificates won last term by those who attended the swimming and life-saving classes at the Baths arrived this term and were duly presented to the winners. The full list of these appeared in the last number of the "Taranakian." We hope next year to see a still larger list.

Many of the boarders and a considerable number of day boys attended Mr. Wragge's lecture in the Good Templar Hall on June 7th. The lecturer gave a very interesting and clear account of the various stages in the history of the earth, and illustrated what he had to say by splendid diagrams and slides. Many things which we had previously found it difficult to understand thus became much clearer.

Our School Orchestra has made a start this term, and though our first bow to an audience has yet to be made, the members are most keen in their work, putting in regularly two, and occasionally three, rehearsals a week. Being few in numbers, we can work only at "incidental" music; but as the variety of instruments increases, a better type of music is to be looked for. Old Boys of the school might remember us, and send along contributions to the music library; information would be readily given as to the class of music we are capable of. Our orchestra consists of:—First violins, Moverley and Bothamly; second violins, White and Brydon; viola, Way; 'cello, Rockel; flute, Ward i.; clarionet, Ward ii.; piano, Yates.

During the term one Saturday night Mr. Christian gave a very interesting lecture on the South Sea Islands. Mr. Percy Smith, who is one of the leading authorities on Polynesian questions, introduced the subject, showing very clearly the vast importance of these islands to New Zealand. This importance is economic in the main, and the readjustment that will inevitably follow the war will

be fraught with consequences of the highest importance to New Zealand. Mr. Christian then commenced by laying particular stress upon the importance of the South Pacific to New Zealand, showing that the old shiftless order of things was rapidly passing away, and that with the sweeping away of German influence from the islands of the great ocean a splendid opportunity was now offering to commercial men of the Dominion. He went on to refer to the settlement of the islands and archipelagoes of the Pacific by a great Maori-Polynesian migration outwards from Java, the Philippines, the Moluccas, the popular Mother-Hive of the ocean peoples, describing how they stopped on their way at the S.E. Carolines and the Marshalls, going thence up to Hawaii and turning off E., S.E. and S.W. to the Marquesas, Tahiti, Samoa, the Cook Islands, and New Zealand. Some beautiful slides were exhibited showing the various corals on a reef and the formation and appearance of atolls or low coral islands, of raised coral islands like Yap, and of high basaltic volcanic islands like Ponape in the East Carolines, and how the forefathers of the Maori on their great migration outwards met with wonderful Cyclopean ruins which inspired them with awe, the work of a mingled population of black men from Melanesia and yellow men from Japan. Other slides showed the Fei or broad golden-yellow plantain of Tahiti; the cherry-red Nono or South Sea apple; the fluted bronze-hued Vi or Island quince; and views of beehive-roofed Samoan native houses, and of the fiord-like scenery of Pangopango Bay upon Tutuila.

We were glad to see what we thought might be signs of a channelled, kerbed and asphalted footpath up the hill in Eliot Street past the school. This work is very badly needed and we hope the present symptoms will develop into something more than mere symptoms. The footpath has been cleared and the gutter opened up properly, while a little metal has been spread here and there. There is no doubt that the Borough Council has as its plain duty the securing of the comfort of those who do business at the corner of Eliot and Lemon Streets. Further, we wish respectfully and firmly to warn the members of the Council that they cannot expect to receive the votes, in years to come, of those whose infant comfort they have ignored. Therefore we hope that the work will be pushed on rapidly.

On July 8th about 100 boys took advantage of the excursion fares to visit Hawera. The double attraction

was the Winter Show there and the football match against Wanganui Technical College. The weather happened to be good and a very pleasant day was spent. The Show was visited, but we are afraid that the football match proved the stronger attraction. An account of the match will be found in the Football Notes.

Among the heroes who laid down their lives at Gallipoli was Private Charles Crone. His conduct was so gallant that he was mentioned in a despatch by his general. His father, an old campaigner, has received from London official notice of this fact. Along with this was received a covering letter from the Minister of Defence in Wellington. Mr. Crone has had the two letters framed together, and very kindly sent them up to the school in order that every boy might have the opportunity of seeing them. Most unfortunately these letters were destroyed in the disastrous fire which burned down the school. Poor consolation though we know it is, we offer Mr. Crone our sincerest sympathy in the loss of these letters.

It was with sincere regret that we heard early in the term of the death of E. Lovell. He had been with us for some time in the Preparatory Department, and had been compelled to leave school owing to delicate health. Although everything possible was done, all was in vain, and he passed away early in June. We extend our sympathy to those whom he has left.

We clip from the daily paper the following notice of an old member of the High School Board. The name of Fookes is well and honourably known in the School, no fewer than four of the sons of the late Mr. Fookes being old boys of the School, while five of his grandsons are to-day attending. "The demise is reported of Mr. Albert Cracroft Fookes, a very old and respected resident of the Dominion. He was at one time second Mayor of New Plymouth, and held office from December 18th, 1878, until December 17th, 1879. Deceased was born in England in the year 1839, and after receiving his education in Oxfordshire, went to work with a banking firm in London. Mr. Fookes came to New Zealand in 1861, in the ship 'Black Eagle,' and on the outbreak of the Taranaki war joined the Wellington Defence Forces as a trooper. Having been promoted and transferred to the Taranaki Military Settlers, he served with the rank of lieutenant through the East and West Coast campaigns from 1864 to 1868, and was awarded the New Zealand

war medal for his services. He carried on business in New Plymouth as a land broker for over twenty years. Mr. Fookes has served twice on the Borough Council, and was at one time connected with the New Plymouth High School Board of Governors and school committee."

This term a good deal of work has been done on the Sports Ground and cricket pitch. The grass-grub made its appearance in several places. Where this happened the turf was removed and the bare earth left exposed for a while in order that the birds might attack the grubs. When the birds had done their work new turf was placed over the faulty patches and a top-dressing of sand was then applied. A good deal of new turf has been put on the cricket pitch and the whole area adjacent has been top-dressed and well rolled. The mild early part of the winter caused a rapid growth of grass and rendered necessary more frequent cutting than usual. The present indications are that the cricket ground will be better than ever this coming season.

The industrious and conscientious poundkeepers had collected a considerable amount of stray property, and we were all looking forward to the bargains, which were sure to be going at the end of the term, but the fire upset our calculations. No doubt the myrmidons of law and order will soon collect enough for a sale at the end of next term. It is a great pity that so many boys still think that marking-ink is so expensive and that, even if this were not the case, their time is so valuable that they can ill afford to spend it on marking legibly and permanently their belongings.

Perhaps the most popular lesson of the week, to some at any rate, is that which is held in the Gymnasium on Friday nights, when Misses Humphries and Mackay very kindly relieved the overworked masters of some of their responsibility for the time being. The alacrity with which the Gym. is swept and garnished, and seats moved in is something to be wondered at. This Friday night class has been well attended this year, and we should not be at all surprised if the lessons learned there were not put to practical use in times to come more often than are those learned in the Latin and Mathematics periods. On the eve of the Te Aute match our visitors attended the class, and no doubt have benefited greatly by the knowledge gained. Was the vigour displayed by them on that occasion in any way responsible for any degree of weariness next day?

On Friday, August 4th, the second anniversary of the declaration of war, a public meeting was convened by the Mayor to pass the patriotic resolution as requested by the Premier. The whole school attended, the Cadets turning out in uniform. On arrival at the Courthouse they were drawn up in front. The proceedings commenced by the Citizens' Band playing "God Save the King." The resolution affirming our unshaken determination to persevere in the present struggle until the enemy was thoroughly conquered and restitution made to Belgium and Serbia was then moved by His Worship and seconded by the Deputy Mayor in patriotic speeches. The resolution was carried by acclamation by the large attendance of the public. The proceedings concluded by the singing of the National Anthem, followed by three cheers for the King.

We wish to express our heartiest thanks to Mesdames Ewing, M'Murray and White for the very acceptable gift of a touch-line flag for each of the First and Second Fifteens. The flags are of silk and have the school arms and motto beautifully worked in the school colours. We hope they will be carried on the lines for many a long day. Mr. Ewing has very kindly presented us with a japanned metal case for the safe-keeping of the flags. This is but another of his many kindnesses done to us.

Mr. D. J. Hughes, who is himself an old Taranaki "rep.," very kindly presented the First Fifteen with a new ball as a token of his interest in the Te Aute match. We extend to him our heartiest thanks.

Mr. Hugh Baily has very kindly presented us with an enlarged photo of a group of New Zealand soldiers at the foot of the Pyramids, near the Sphinx. The photo is suitably inscribed and is, of course, in memory of Ronald Baily. The group is made all the more interesting because it contains Mr. Hall. We are very grateful to Mr. Baily for his thoughtfulness, and take this opportunity of thanking him.

We are much indebted to Mrs. Paul for her kindness in sending us an enlarged photograph of her son, Staff-Sergeant Stanley Paul, who is on the "Marama."

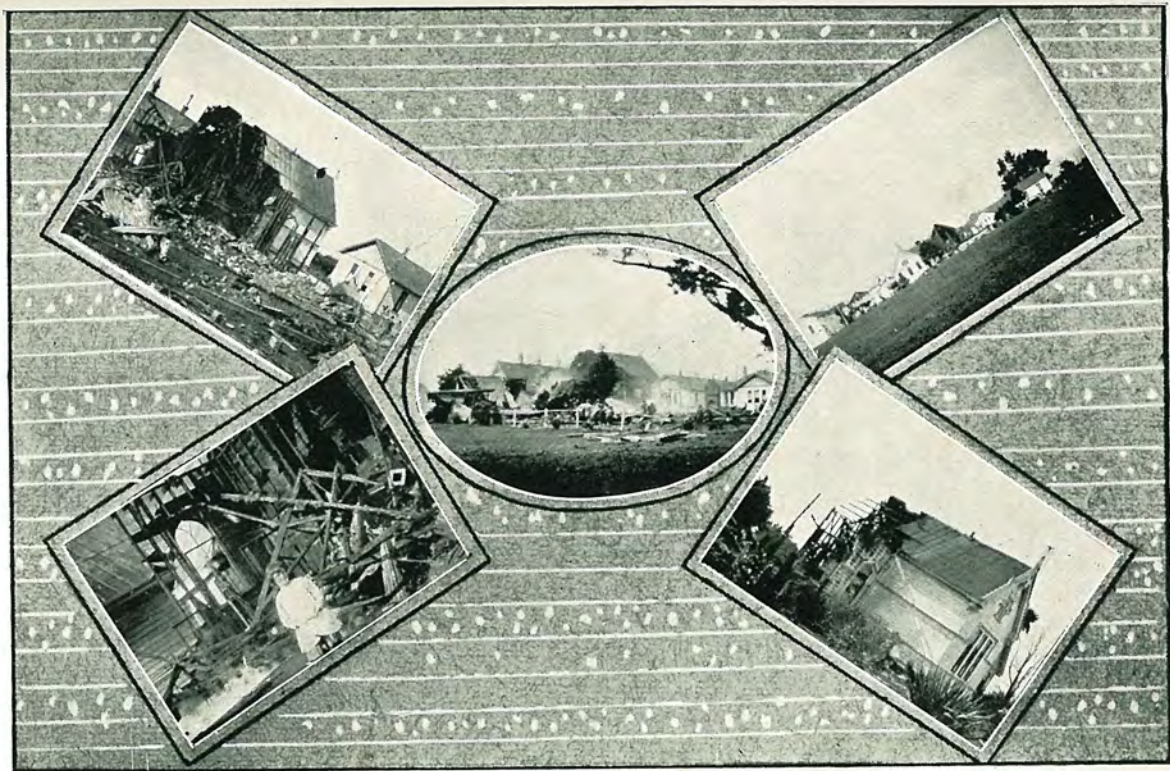
We wish to thank Mr. H. J. H. Okey, M.P., for the gift of a set of boxing gloves, which had at one time belonged to his late son, Sergeant Sydney Okey. We give Mr. Okey's own words:—"I am sending by bearer a set of boxing gloves which belonged to my late son, Syd. I feel sure he would

like the pupils of the school to have them, as he always took a keen interest in the school where he spent three happy years of his life."

In connection with the fire we wish to express our sincerest thanks for the many expressions of sympathy that we have received from friends. In particular we wish to thank Mrs. and Dr. Walker for the gift of £5 each, Mr. W. Stanley for £1 and Mr. Greiner for 5s. A gentleman, who wishes to remain anonymous, has very kindly presented us with a valuable half-plate Thornton-Pickard camera. We are also indebted to Messrs. F. W. G. M'Leod and J. Hill for their trouble in organizing the Promenade Concert in aid of the School. The help given by all these friends is of the most valuable nature.

TERM DIARY.

- May 29—Resumed School for Second Term. Mr. Christian joined the staff.
- May 31—Address to School by Mr. Norris, Secretary of United Service League.
- June 5—News received of the death of E. Lovell.
- June 6—News received of the death of Lord Kitchener. School adjourned for a short time.
- June 7—Many boarders, as well as day boys, attended Mr. Wragge's lecture on the History of the Earth.
- June 8—B team played New Plymouth Cadets in competition and lost by 3 to 6. Senior A team fired for Imperial Challenge Shield, putting up an average of 94.2.
- June 10—1st XV. beat Civil Service by 12 to 3.
- June 11—Church Parade held. Most of our cadets attended St. Andrew's Church, while some attended Whiteley Church. Memorial Services for Lord Kitchener.
- June 14—Rev. Mr. Spencer, Agent for the British and Foreign Bible Society addressed the School. Senior B team fired for Imperial Challenge Shield.
- June 15—B team played Waitara Cadets on Racecourse and lost by 20 to 3.
- June 16—Medallions and Certificates won for Swimming and Life-saving received and distributed.



AFTER THE FIRE.

- June 17—1st XV. beat a team of Old Boys by 23 to 6.
- June 24—Te Aute match. Won by 9 to 3.
- June 29—Weather so exceptionally wet and stormy that 1st XV. did not go to Waitara; in consequence were compelled to forfeit match.
- July 4—Mr. H. Baily presented School with enlarged photo of group containing Ron. Baily and Mr. Hall. Mr. D. J. Hughes presented School with a football.
- July 6—1st XV. beat New Plymouth Cadets on Racecourse by 12 to 6. Technical College beat a mixed team of 2nd and 3rd XV.'s on Rec. by 26 to 0.
- July 7—Touch-line flag presented to 1st XV. by Mesdames Ewing and M'Murray.
- July 8—School excursion to Hawera on occasion of A. and P. Show. 1st XV. beat Wanganui Technical College by 72 to 0.
- July 13—New Plymouth Cadets beat 2nd XV. by 12 to 0.
- July 13—Mr. Christian gave lecture in Gymnasium on "Pacific Islands."
- July 20—2nd XV. went to Waitara and were beaten by Cadets there by 42 to 3. 1st XV. drew with Technical College; scores 6 each.
- July 27—Technical College beat 1st XV. by 14 to 0 on Rec.
- July 30—Partial eclipse of sun.
- Aug. 2—First day of the violent storm. A number of leaks. No football possible for several days.
- Aug. 4—Cadets turned out in uniform and whole School marched down to public meeting convened by Mayor, on second anniversary of declaration of war.
- Aug. 7—Touch-line flag presented to 2nd XV. by Mesdames Ewing, M'Murray and White.
- Aug. 8—News received of results of Schools of the Empire Shooting Match. New Plymouth second in each competition.
- Aug. 10—1st XV. beat Waitara Cadets on Racecourse by 22 to 0.
- Aug. 12—A Civil Service team beat a mixed team from the School by 6 to 3.
- Aug. 17—Seven a-side tournament held for all grades on Racecourse.

Aug. 19—A team of small boys went out to Warea accompanied by about twenty or thirty others, and beat Warea School by 26 to 0.

Aug. 21—School burned down.

Aug. 22—Boarders went home. School closed for the September vacation.

FORM AVERAGES.

SECOND TERM, 1916.

Form VIA.—Much of the work of this Form is special, and therefore 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., 65.—1 (equal) M. Atkinson and D. Mackie, 81; 3 R. Lealand, 76.

Form V., 58.—1 (equal) R. Greiner and K. C. Roberts, 73; 3 H. Goss, 72.

Form IV., 49.—1 E. Boulton, 67; 2 (equal) C. R. Zinsli and E. Reeves, 62.

Form IIIA., 59.—1 C. A. Noble, 87; 2 N. Waddle, 86.

Form IIIB., 54.—1 E. Bedford, 66; 2 (equal) R. Wills and S. Smith, 64.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III., 69.—1 A. Candy, 86; 2 M. Barak, 85.

Form IIA., 61.—1 W. Mackay, 79; 2 P. Griffiths.

Form IIB., 74.—1 K. Neal, 87; 2 M. Robertson, 86.

Form II., 71.—1 B. Blundell, 86; 2 M. Lysons, 83.

Form I., 70.—1 G. Walker, 81; 2 R. Bennet, 80.

Form IA., 69.—1 C. Gilmour, 82; 2 I. Jones, 67.

THE FIRE.

New Plymouth experienced another disastrous fire during the early hours of this morning, resulting in the main building of the Boys' High School (with the exception of the physics laboratory and the fifth form room) and the new gymnasium being totally destroyed.

The fire was first noticed by lads sleeping in dormitories in the boarding establishment facing the school. The glare of the flames, and the roar of them, startled these boys from their sleep just about 4 o'clock, and one of them rushed along the corridor to the Principal's house, and rang up the brigade on the telephone. The others, in the meantime, had awakened Mr. and Mrs. Moyes, and the resident masters, and in a short time the whole of the boarders were out.

Some of the lads appear to differ in their opinions of the extent of the fire at this period. Several of them stated to a Herald reporter that the gymnasium alone was on fire, simply a roaring, blazing mass, while the end of the main building was only just catching. Others seemed to think that it originated in IIIA. room, and in spite of the wind, which, however, was very gentle at that time, worked back to the "gym." The weight of evidence, however, supports the theory that the fire began in the gymnasium, possibly underneath the stage.

The wind just at this time increased appreciably in strength, and, taking command of the flames from the gymnasium, seemed to hurl them, roaring and curling, to the wooden residence. It was a perilous position, and Mr. Moyes admits that for some time he thought the house must go.

Chances of saving the main building were recognised to be very slender. Masters and boys rushed into the different class-rooms to save what they could, and a section of the playing-field became littered with desks, books, and so on.

The firebells rang out the alarm between 4.15 and 4.20, and the town and Fitzroy brigades were promptly on the scene. When they arrived there was very little chance of saving the main building, which was rapidly being eaten up by the flames. The head master's residence was still in grave danger from the sweeping furnace that the gymnasium had become.

Several leads of water were soon being played on to the fire, but the pressure at first could not be termed strong, in fact it appeared to be extremely weak, but as the fire progressed the supply of water increased.

So quickly was the gymnasium devoured that very soon only the frame was standing, and then the southern end fell in and, gradually, the rest of the structure.

With its disappearance the danger of the Principal's house catching was past.

Attention was then concentrated on the main building. The fire had eaten up what used to be "the big room," where breaking-up ceremonies were held before the erection of the gymnasium. The big tower was also outlined in flames, and presently its supports, having burnt through, it crumpled in half and toppled to the ground.

Large crowds of people watched the struggle from the playing field and also from the roads.

The class rooms on the southern side were also completely demolished by now, and practically the only things standing of the old school were the big chimney stacks.

A grim fight took place now between the fire and its conquerors. Some of the brigadesmen got a hose between the old school and the addition (the V. Form room and physics laboratory). Heroically they stuck to their task of beating off the flames, and at last they had the satisfaction of seeing the addition absolutely safe. Had it caught fire the preparatory school would, in all probability, also have gone, but fortunately this danger was obviated.

The rest of the main building was simply a mass of ruins.

The buildings affected were in a straight line from east to west. Standing apart from the main building, to the east, is the preparatory building. The nearest rooms in the main school are the Fifth form room and physics laboratory. These were added to the old school years ago, the addition being saved after splendid work by the brigade. A lobby led to the other class-rooms in the school, five or six of them, and finally to the west, was the fine new gymnasium built in 1914. All these were burned to the ground, together with the science laboratory, which was added in 1908 to the north side of the school proper, near the tower. All were wooden structures.

The headmaster's residence (wood) and the boarding establishments (concrete) were to the south of the other buildings.

The fire started either in the new gymnasium (on the extreme west) or Form IIIA. room (the class-room in the main building nearest to the gymnasium), and there is every reason to suspect incendiarism, as there were no fires in either of these buildings on Sunday. Starting in this particular part of the building the fire was aided by a strong south-westerly wind, which swept the flames

on to the remainder of the building with alarming rapidity, and the fact that the brigadesmen were able to save any of the buildings at all under the circumstances speaks well for the herculean efforts they put forth. Another reason which encourages a suspicion of incendiarism is the fact that only a few evenings ago a fire was discovered in the preparatory room. Here four desks had been filled with paper and set alight, thus indicating a deliberate attempt to burn the building, but the fire was discovered in its incipient stage and was extinguished without much difficulty. The police were communicated with at the time, but up to the present their inquiries have failed to discover the culprit.

We have given above the account which appeared in the daily press. We wish to add that there is no reasonable doubt that the fire originated in the Gymnasium. Everything in the building—two pianos, three drums, gymnastic apparatus, marquee valued at £40, rifles, cadet uniforms, honours' boards, sports material, etc., was totally destroyed. The flames spread so rapidly to the school itself, owing to the strong wind, that everything in the IIIA., IIIB., and IV. Form rooms was lost. A few boys had taken some of their books home, but the great majority lost theirs. A clean sweep was made of the Camera Club's dark-room with enlarging lantern and valuable material, and of the stationery room with some £200 worth of stock. A few books and articles were saved from the masters' common-room, but every master is a heavy loser. In addition to the actual intrinsic losses many valuable records and other similar material was completely destroyed. The chemical laboratory was destroyed with almost the whole of its contents, while much of the apparatus in the physics and dairy laboratory was seriously damaged. This is all the more regrettable as we had just obtained and opened up some £160 worth of new material. Of course the work of the school will suffer to some extent, chiefly due to the difficulty of replacing, at this time of the year, the books destroyed. However, the Board met on the same day as the fire took place and arrangements were made to enable the school to be reopened as usual next term. It has so fortunately happened that the new block of buildings is just about ready for occupation, and this has relieved the situation very considerably. We now are able to make use of Niger House as a temporary school building for all the

forms except the Fifth, which will continue to occupy its old room. We cannot close our remarks without expressing our admiration of the Fire Brigade and of its daring and skilful method of mastering the fire. Had it not been for their exertions the whole of the block of buildings must have gone.

AN APPEAL

We have lost many valuable records and mementos in the fire. Of these a great number can unfortunately never be replaced. Among the losses is our complete file of the "Taranakian" for the years 1912 and 1913. We therefore appeal to the generosity of our readers to help us in our difficulty. We should esteem it a great kindness if those who happen to have spare copies would send to Mr. R. H. Rockel, the Business Manager, any of the following numbers:—

Vol. I., No. 1, May, 1912; one copy asked for.

Vol. I., No. 2, September, 1912; one copy asked for.

Vol. I., No. 3, December, 1912; two copies asked for.

Vol. II., No. 1, May, 1913; two copies asked for.

Vol. II., No. 2, September, 1913; one copy asked for.

AGRICULTURE.

The major portion of the experimental area was ploughed at the beginning of the term and put down in winter crops preparatory to being ploughed in as green manure in the spring.

The lucerne area of $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre, which was sown some four years ago when the ground was in a very dirty condition and which had been very difficult to keep clear of weeds since then, was ploughed and sown in Black Tartar Oats. The oats are at present a foot high and are looking very well. They will be ploughed in later on in the spring, when the area will be subsoiled and prepared for re-sowing the Lucerne.

An area of $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre was sown with a mixture of Algerian Oats, Winter Tares, Horse Beans, and Barley, which now show a fine growth, in spite of the mountain

winds and cold weather characteristic of this period of the year. This area, called Rotation A, is to be utilised in the summer for temporary forage crops such as maize.

A further area of $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre, Rotation B, was sown with a somewhat similar mixture, viz., Algerian Oats, Cape Barley, Horse Beans, and Black Winter Tares. These are also looking well and the area will later be sown in a permanent pasture.

The remaining area, consisting of the small plots, has been cleaned up, only three crops being allowed to remain during the winter, viz., Velmorin's Purple Sprouting Broccoli, Chou Moellier, and Curled Couve Troughoda (Portuguese Cabbage). These were fed to cows, greater preference being shown for the Chou Moellier than for the other two varieties of field cabbage.

The remaining work done in the fields consisted of pruning the trees in the orchard and in fencing off the new areas.

We hope to inaugurate next term a scheme whereby the work on the plots may be of a still more practical nature. Mr. Moyes has taken over a lease of an area of 8 acres adjacent to the school plots, so that we should have over 13 acres of land available. It is proposed to purchase cows, utilising the 8 acres as a grazing area, while the original school plots are to be divided into four main paddocks, which will be used mainly for the growing of temporary forage crops, hay, ensilage, etc. The milk from the cows will be handed over to the boarding establishment, a herd test of the cows being kept by the agricultural class. We hope to have a representative of each of the main type of "milkers," viz., Jersey, Ayrshire, Holstein, with a view to comparing the respective yields of milk, butter-fat, etc., together with a cost of producing this. In this connection a complete system of book-keeping will be established, which will enable us to determine whether the scheme is a payable proposition or not.

BOX-TESTING EXPERIMENTS.

At the end of last term we commenced a box-testing experiment on soil obtained from the school plots. Each box was filled with thirty-two pounds of soil, and different manures were used in each. Three rows each containing twelve seeds of Algerian Oats were sown in all

the boxes, after which they were placed on a specially erected platform. Observations were taken weekly. During May a severe mountain wind considerably damaged the young plants, and a second wind in June did further harm, but a breakwind was erected and protected the boxes to a certain extent. Naturally the growth of the plants has not been rapid, but the trials have served their purpose in demonstrating the manurial experiments of our soil.

The following manurial mixtures were used:—

A. Surface Soil Trial:—

Box 1.—Nil.

„ 2.—4cwt. Super p.a.

„ 3.—4cwt. Xmas Island Guano p.a.

„ 4.—4cwt. Basic Slag.

„ 5.—4cwt. Bonemeal.

„ 6.—4cwt. Dried Blood.

„ 7.—Complete mixture: 1cwt. Super; 1cwt. Bonemeal; 140lb. Dried Blood; $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Sulphate of Potash; $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia.

„ 8.—8 tons chopped green Cowgrass, roots and all.

„ 9.—8 tons Green Manure, 4cwt. Slag.

„ 10.—8 tons Green Manure, 4cwt. Super.

„ 11.—8 tons Green Manure, 4cwt. Complete Mixture.

B. Sub-soil Trial:—

„ 12.—Box 1 repeated.

„ 13.— „ 4 „

„ 14.— „ 7 „

„ 15.— „ 9 „

„ 16.— „ 11 „



SCHOOL OF EMPIRE TEAM.



IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAM.

(1) SCHOOLS OF EMPIRE SENIOR "B" TEAM.

(2) IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAMS.

The photos of the Senior "A" and the Junior team will be published next term.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Box No.	Total Germination. Max. 30	MAY 30TH.		JUNE 13TH.		JUNE 27TH.		JULY 11TH.	
		Average Height.	Vigour. Max. 100.	Average Height.	Vigour. Max. 100.	Average Height.	Vigour. Max. 100.	Average Height.	Vigour. Max. 100.
1	33	3½	30	4	35	4	30	3	10
2	30	4½	35	5	40	5½	35	6	20
3	29	4½	30	5	45	5½	40	6	30
4	32	4½	35	5	40	5½	35	8	30
5	32	5	40	5	50	5½	50	8	50
6	36	4½	35	4½	40	5	45	8	50
7	36	6	45	7½	50	8	55	8	50
8	30	5	45	5	50	6	55	10	55
9	33	6	55	7	60	9	60	10	55
10	28	6½	60	7	65	9	70	12	70
11	30	6	55	7	60	9	65	12	70
12	35	4¾	50	5½	45	6	40	4	20
13	32	4¼	40	4½	40	5	35	4	20
14	27	4¼	35	5	40	6	45	6	40
15	32	4½	40	5½	50	6½	55	12	60
16	29	5½	45	6	50	7	55	11	55

It will be noticed in the above summary that the growth in the different boxes has not been at all uniform. This is attributed either to weather conditions or to the effects of different manures, or perhaps to a combination of both. For example, in Box 1 the average height has actually decreased. This would appear absurd under ordinary conditions, but it may be explained that the plants suffered from the weather to such an extent that many withered and in some cases were completely destroyed. For that reason we think that a test carried out under such unfavourable conditions is not reliable, but since all the boxes were affected in the same way, the results will not be altogether worthless.

SHOOTING.**Second Term, 1916.**

Many have the idea that shooting on the miniature range is quite an easy thing, and has practically no connection with shooting on the full-sized range. To the casual observer the little white target perched up twenty yards away seems quite an easy object to score bull's-eyes

on, and it is not until this "casual observer" comes to try his own hand at it that he finds out how really difficult it is. The nerves and breathing have to be under more perfect control, and the eyesight much clearer for this branch of the sport than for any other, and there is no better training for shooting on the big range with .303 calibre rifles.

This year we have had a new range to fire our matches and championships on. It is situated at one corner of our sports ground, and is made up of a turf firing mound, a thick sod wall at the business end, and two shields of sods at the school side. The light is generally splendid, as some of the scores go to show.

The remains of last year's teams formed a good nucleus for this year; but of course there were many vacancies to be filled. At the beginning of the year every boy in the school was given a chance to try his skill. Forty boys who showed most promise were sorted out, and kept at slow and rapid grouping practice for the first eight weeks before going on to the ordinary shooting. The range was in use every afternoon after school and on Saturday mornings, and somewhere about 15,000 rounds of ammunition were expended. This was rather too much for the barrels of our two rifles, with the result that they struck work, and played all sorts of tricks. We now had to look round for new rifles for our competitions, and this we soon found to be no easy task. It was impossible to procure B.S.A. rifles, and we wired to every firm in the Dominion and to a good many outside it before we came across what we required. The couple we finally secured surpassed our wildest expectations. One click of the Vernier sight would alter the position of each shot by $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch, so that whenever a shot was placed on the target the coach could tell accurately how much to alter the sights so that the next shot would be in the bull's-eye. The theory works out like that anyway, though in actual practice it is not quite so exact.

Last year, and in preceding years, all our shooting had been carried out on home-made targets which, in many cases, were not much more than a dirty little piece of paper with an inky blob in the centre. Consequently, when we came to shoot on the business-like targets used in the Imperial Challenge Shield competitions, our nerves received a bit of a shock, and several points were probably dropped on that account. This year, therefore, Mr. Searle had £5 expended on practice targets very similar

to those used in the competition, and so we became used to their appearance, and felt quite at home when we shot in the match.

There was such keen competition this time for a place in the senior team that it was decided to enter two senior teams and one junior team, the "A" team (senior) being made up of the best ten shots, as nearly as we could pick them, and the "B" team of the next best eight shots. As matters turned out, there was very little to choose between the two teams.

The matches were fired about the beginning of the second week in June, in perfect weather, and we again had the pleasure of seeing Captain Hartnell on the mound as range officer.

The scores for the matches are as follows:—

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD (SENIOR).

"A" TEAM.

	Slow (50).	Rapid (50).	100.
Traill	46	50	96
O. Bayly	47	49	96
Hamerton	47	49	96
Wyborn	46	49	95
Lucena	47	48	95
Boulton	45	49	94
M'Murray	46	48	94
Grayling	43	50	93
Herbert	46	46	92
Ewing	42	49	91
Totals	455	487	942
	Av. 45.5	Av. 48.7	Av. 94.2

"B" TEAM.

	50.	50.	100.
M. Atkinson	46	49	95
Morey	47	47	94
N. Fookes	46	45	91
Yates	43	47	90
Hooker	43	47	90
Johns	46	44	90
Duckworth	45	44	89
Tansey	41	46	87
Totals	357	369	726
	Av. 44.62	Av. 46.12	Av. 90.75

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD (JUNIOR).

	Bull's-eye Target.	Figure.	
	50.	50.	100.
Pott	46	49	95
Greiner	45	49	94
Allemann	45	48	93
Hine	45	47	92
G. Bayly	46	46	92
O'Halloran	46	46	92
Harrison	44	47	91
Guild	41	48	89
Totals	358	380	738
	Av. 44.75	Av. 47.5	Av. 92.25

The results of this competition will probably not be out until some time during next term.

The competition for the cup presented by Mr. Loveday was not concluded until this term, and the finish was very exciting. When the totals were made out it was found that only one point separated first from second and second from third, and that only three points separated first from sixth.

The conditions are the best aggregate of three shoots, slow, at half-inch bull's-eye targets, the score made in the Imperial Challenge Shield to count as one. This arrangement, of cutting out rapid shooting, allows the juniors also to compete, as they have no rapid shoot in their match.

The following are the scores registered. Congratulations to the winners!

LOVEDAY CUP COMPETITION.

	50.	50.	50.	Total
	50.	50.	50.	150.
Wyborn	49	47	46	142
Traill	48	47	46	141
Lucena	46	47	47	140
Hamerton	45	47	47	139
O. Bayly	45	47	47	139
Herbert	45	48	46	139
G. Bayly	46	46	46	138
M'Murray	43	47	46	136
Greiner	45	45	46	136

	50.	50.	50.	150.
Duckworth	46	45	45	136
Morey	43	45	47	135
O'Halloran	43	46	46	135
Boulton	46	44	45	135
M. Atkinson	44	44	46	134
B. Johns	44	44	46	134
Allemann	44	45	45	134
Yates	46	45	43	134
N. Fookes	44	43	46	133
Hine	43	45	45	133
Grayling	43	46	43	132
Pott	41	44	46	131
Hooker	43	45	43	131
Ewing	45	44	42	131
Guild	45	45	41	131
Tansey	45	44	41	130
Harrison	45	40	44	129

The scores in the Imperial Challenge Shield competition and Loveday Cup competition also counted for the Miniature Range championships. The conditions were three shoots slow, at half-inch bull's-eye targets, and two shoots at the figure targets, rapid for the seniors and slow for the juniors. As in the Loveday Cup competition, there was a very close finish to the championships. Traill and Wyborn tied for first place in the senior championship; but, in the shoot-off, Wyborn made 47 and Traill 45, Wyborn thus winning a closely contested match. The scores are as follows:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Loveday		Rapid	Total
	Aggregate			
	150.	50.	50.	250.
Wyborn	142	48	49	239
Traill	141	48	50	239
Lucena	140	49	48	237
Hamerton	139	48	49	236
O. Bayly	139	47	49	235
Boulton	135	50	49	234
Herbert	139	47	46	232
Grayling	132	48	50	230
M'Murray	136	46	48	230
M. Atkinson	134	46	49	229
Morey	135	47	47	229

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	150.	50.	50.	250.
Yates	134	47	47	228
Ewing	131	47	49	227
Hooker	131	47	47	225
B. Johns	134	37	44	225
Duckworth	136	35	44	225
Tansey	130	35	46	221
N. Fookes	133	35	45	213

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Loveday Aggregate	50.	Rapid	250.
	150.	50.	50.	250.
Greiner	136	46	49	231
G. Bayly	138	46	46	230
Allemann	134	47	48	229
Pott	131	48	49	228
Hine	133	47	47	227
O'Halloran	135	46	46	227
Guild	131	45	48	224
Harrison	129	46	47	222

With the exception of Greiner and Harrison, all the juniors are new chums. They all, without exception, showed great keenness, and in future years ought to make fine shots and fine senior teams.

The following boys registered possibles this year:—Traill, Grayling, Wyborn, Bayly, Boulton, Lucena. These possibles were all made in the rapid shoots, which offer greater facilities for high scoring than the slow shoots, the bull being .72-inch diameter instead of .75-inch. One 49 was made at slow shooting, but the only possible we have had so far was made by P. Meuli in the Imperial Challenge Competition two years ago. Thus there is still something fairly stiff left to try for.

It seems that one at least of our Old Boys has not forgotten how to shoot. C. S. Candy, a member of the 1912-13-14 school shooting teams, competing in the Kaiapoi Rifle Club match, rather surprised people. He was given 7 points handicap at 300 and 500 yards, and put on 45 and 49 respectively, out of a possible of 50, thus totalling one more point than the total possible. In a match at 300, 500, and 600 yards, he put on 34, 34, and 30 respectively out of possible 35, totalling 98, which is a very creditable score.

The results of last year's Schools of Empire Competition came to hand this term. We were placed second for the Empire in both the Senior and Junior Competition, the winners in each case being Auckland Grammar School. We offer them our heartiest congratulations, more especially so since they are a New Zealand school. Our scores were published in last Magazine and need not be repeated here. Auckland scored 482 in the Senior Competition and 475 in the Junior, as compared with our 476 and 467. This is the second occasion on which we were placed second, our 1913 team having lost by one point to Charterhouse, England.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. E. P. Webster for a donation to our shooting fund. It is largely owing to the generosity of friends of the school that we are able to purchase extra ammunition, etc., to keep our teams up to form.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF ETON.

“Ye distant towers,
Ye antique spires,
That crown the watery glade
Where grateful science still adores
Her Henrys' holy shade.”

(Gray's "Distant Prospect of Eton College.")

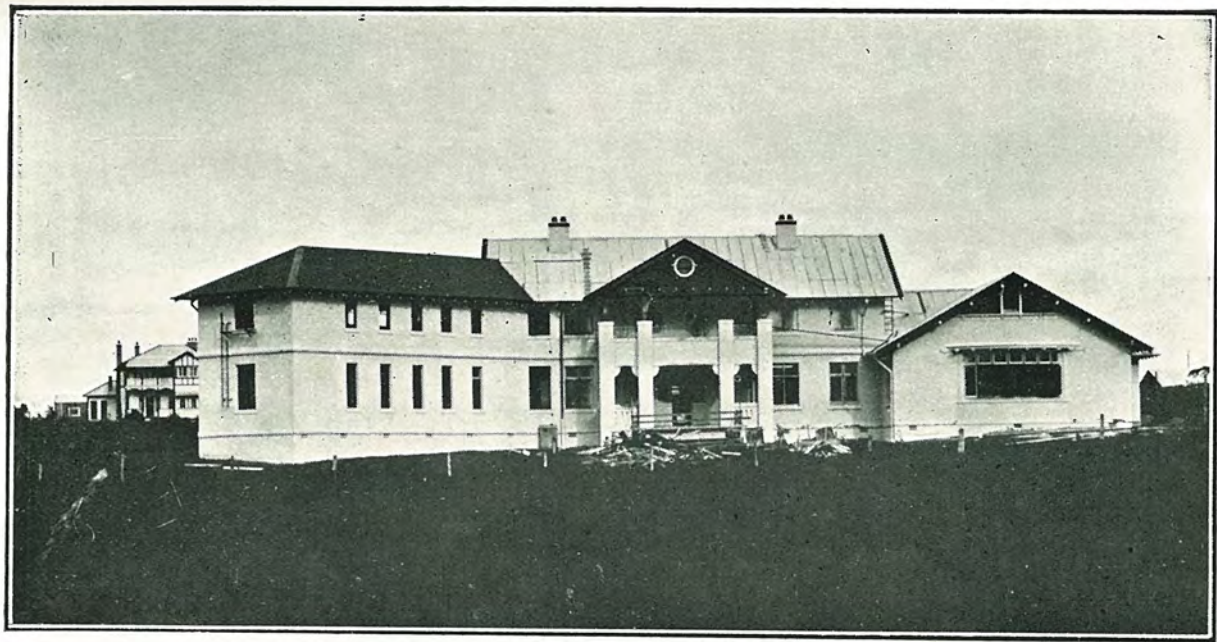
Eton (Anglo-Saxon Ea-Ton or River-Islet Town) is practically a suburb of the ancient and royal town of Windsor (Windle-Shora or Winding-Shore). The former lies in Bucks, and the latter in Berkshire. A fine bridge over the silvery Thames connects the two towns, from which one catches a glimpse of the majestic tower and its massive walls, and gets a view of Brocas Clump and the fine school boat-houses on the left, the headquarters of the Eton "Wet-Bobs" or Boating Boys, so called to distinguish them from the "Dry-Bobs" or cricketing members of the great school community.

About a mile on lie the ancient College Buildings, the Upper and Lower Schools, the Upper and Lower Chapels, and quite a big colony of masters' houses and private residences, breathing a certain indefinable air of dreamy old-world academic calm and dignity. Eton, I should not forget to say, is as keen on boating as

she is on classics and cricket. She always sends up a pretty fair "Eight" to represent her at Henley Regatta for "The Ladies' Plate," and altogether she has nine or ten smart craft in her river-flotillas, the best-known of which are named Dreadnought, Britannia, Thetis, Victoria, and Defiance. Each crew has its own distinctive and dainty colours.

Every afternoon on the great elm-shaded playing fields and on the river one sees a most bewildering variety of coloured head-gear, as if a giddy rainbow had shed itself loose over the landscape. Each master's house-eleven has its special football colours of a more or less artistic blend. The school cricket eleven have light blue caps and sashes of the self-same hue as Cambridge University. The school shooting eight cap is light blue and white. The "Sixpenny" or junior school cricket eleven rejoice in caps with a broad magenta and white stripe, whilst the ordinary school head-gear, crowning the noddles of members of the inglorious herd who have not yet won any special athletic colour-distinction is a cap with narrow stripes of black and vivid purple for winter, and one with thin pink and white stripes for summer wear. The ordinary school uniform worn during study hours is a short black trimly-cut jacket, with waistcoat and trousers to match, with a big broad white collar and black tie for the juniors, and a long black tail-coat and turn-down or stand-up collars and white clerical-looking choker-tie for the bigger boys. A tall black silk top-hat completes the outfit of the Eton boy. Walking-sticks in term-time are strictly forbidden. Umbrellas may be carried, but it is contrary to school etiquette for smaller boys to carry them rolled up. To do so is considered as "putting on side," and is promptly sat upon and squashed by the seniors, who are exceedingly jealous of any infraction of the many unwritten laws, which a newcomer has just got to pick up for himself as soon as possible after his arrival, and the sooner the better for his personal comfort.

In the early and mid-Victorian days the fagging system was tolerably strict, and took various displeasing shapes to boys of tender years, the principal one being the duty of proper preparation by the luckless small boy (under divers pains and penalties in case of contumacy or unskilfulness) of the breakfast and tea of some magnate of the Upper School.



THE NEW BOARDING HOUSE NEARING COMPLETION.

Then there was General Fagging (almost as unpopular an officer as Corporal Punishment), which meant the sending of small boys at shortest notice upon miscellaneous errands out of doors in search of eatables for the Fag Master sitting in his den. It sounds rather like Saul amongst the prophets, but really I can't help describing the system of fagging in my time as an unmitigated nuisance, which lent itself to a certain amount of oppression, and grievously wasted a lot of the junior boys' time, which might have been more profitably employed on their own business, especially upon the preparation of their school work, which was apt to get sadly in arrears, with the inevitable consequence of detention in pupil-room, lines of heathen authors to write out by fifties and by hundreds at a time (nauseous penance!) with the grim black shadow of the birch looming in the background.

There was a fine public spirit of truth and manliness and honour in the old school. The masters were a splendid stamp of men—scholars, athletes and Christian gentlemen every one. They kept grand discipline and order, and the Sixth Form in general supported them nobly.

There are about a thousand boys in residence who pay considerable fees for board and tuition, and are called Oppidans or Town-Boys, who originally were sons of local or district residents, but who for many generations past have flocked in from all parts of the United Kingdom, and even from lands beyond the sea, attracted by the fame of the grand old College. In addition to this huge muster-roll there is a body of 120 boys, to whose names in the school-list are appended the letters K.S., or King's Scholars, because they receive "de gratia speciali" free tuition on the Foundation of Good King Henry of sainted memory. These favoured individuals go about in black gowns, and are called Togati, or wearers of the gown or Toga. Hence in the current language of the school they are called "Tugs."

A certain number of quaint old-fashioned words lingers on in the Eton vocabulary. "Sock" denotes "tuck" or extra dainties of any kind. "Scug" is a term of reproach applied to a boy who shirks his work or loafes generally, or who is untidy in his habits, or takes no interest in games.

Members of the larrikin or hooligan class are known at Rugby as "louts," at Eton as "cads."

The masters are referred to as "the beaks," a thieves' Latin or London slang word, applied in Charles Dickens' time to a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace by members of the criminal class.

To study hard was described by the phrase "To sap" (from Latin "sapiens," wise).

A "rise" was the usual term for a rage or a bad temper."

Marmalade was popularly known as "Squish."

Three o'clock roll-call on half-holidays is called "Absence," probably because the boy who absents himself from this ceremony does so at his peril.

"Bully" is a scrum at football, and "Slick" denotes a hack or jar received from the boot of an opponent in that noble game.

Now we will take a passing glance at Eton athletics. There are splendid opportunities for bathing, swimming and boating on the noble river close at hand, about two miles up before it passes Brocas Clump and pours over old Windsor Lock, skirting Datchet Meads as it runs London-wards, passing historic Runnymede, where surly King John signed the famous Charter. The Upper School bathing-place is called Athens—a high place from which bathers dive is styled "Acropolis," whilst a little lower down is the bathing-place of the Lower School, situated on a back-water fenced in with a double row of low palisades called Cuckoo Weir. No boy is permitted to go out in a boat and become a "Wet-Bob" until he has gone through the ordeal of "Passing," where two masters sit in a punt critically watching the candidates one by one plunge into the water and give ocular evidence of their capacity to swim thirty or forty yards or so at a pinch.

I must not forget to say something about Eton football. A certain amount of pure Rugby and Association "footer" is played during the Lent term, which is also devoted to "fives" and to cross-country runs. The autumn Christmas term is reserved for the "Field-game," a peculiar and antiquated local form of the "Soccer" code, played with a small round ball about the size of a medium pie-melon. A "try," obtained when the ball cannons over

the line off one of the defending side and is touched down by one of the attackers is termed "a rouge." Instead of being taken out for the shot at goal as under Rugby rules the ball—as the defending side form up in the very mouth of their goal—is placed by the referee between the feet of the defending centre-forward, and at the word "Play," the attacking side bear furiously down in the form of a wedge, dashing in with the impetus of a battering-ram with the fixed intention of carrying ball and defenders bodily between the posts and under the cross-bar in order to convert the "rouge" into a goal, i.e. the three points gained into five. A "bully" or scrum in goal is a stirring and right diverting sight to the onlooker, and a mighty hot corner for the players. One hears heads cracking merrily together like coconuts, the crisp sound of hack after hack as a boot gets home on the mark, and low deep-muttered execrations as tortured Nature seeks utterance for very agony as shin ruthlessly crosses shin.

The other code of rules is known as the Eton "wall-game," a very ancient time-honoured form of strength, so called because it is played at the side of a huge high wall overlooking Lower Club Fields just below Weston's Yard. It consists of a seemingly endless series of scrummages, the respective goals being an old white-painted tree-trunk at one end, and a door in a garden-wall at the other. The arena is long and narrow and runs along the side of the great wall, and is about as broad as an average dining-table.

The reader will hardly be surprised to hear that the inside forwards playing side-on to the wall wear tough leather jerkins like those used by coal-heavers, specially made to protect their persons from bumps and abrasions from the solid and unyielding brick-work. The melees are exceedingly spirited and fierce, and tries or "shies" at goal are about as rare as snakes in New Zealand.

Cricket as played at Eton deserves some mention here. The Upper School games are played on splendid wickets of ancient velvety turf as true and level as a billiard-table, whilst the juniors for the most part, in my time at least, had to content themselves with rather an inferior order of pitch, where fast balls would sometimes "shoot dead" or rise breast and chin-high in somewhat disconcerting fashion. The two great school matches of the summer term are with Winchester and Harrow,

Eton's ancient rivals. The former fixture is played alternately at Eton and Winchester, the latter always at "Lord's," the classic cricket ground of the M.C.C., near Hampstead and St. John's Wood, in N.W. London. It is a two-day fixture and a notable Society function, all the parents, sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles of Harrovians and Etonians alike making a point of turning up in their smartest and best attire to get a glimpse of the great struggle.

Given fine weather, the grand old ground as people parade around at lunch-time looks just like a huge Eastern flower garden. Vachell, the old Harrovian, has recently enriched school literature by a novel entitled "The Hill," which contains a splendidly stirring account of one of these Eton-Harrow matches, which I recommend to the notice of all readers of "The Taranakian."

I haven't said anything yet about Eton school hours and school work and will be content with stating that Eton boys get up at half-past six in summer and seven o'clock in winter, to rush into early morning school, with a short break for breakfast, followed by chapel at 9.15, and more class-work to follow.

At mid-day there is a two hours' break for play, dinner at two o'clock, and afternoon school commencing at 3 p.m. A good many of the junior boys have the pleasure of spending the 12-2 period doing "Prep." in pupil-room, with a long-suffering tutor to superintend them, a task which repeats itself again from 7 to 9 p.m. after "lock-up." There are three half-holidays in the week, viz., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, when the afternoons from three o'clock roll-call until "lock-up" time at sunset are devoted almost invariably to athletics.

Just a word or two about school-work and these reminiscences of an old Etonian must draw to a conclusion under the double demands of space and the inexorable time limit; even masters are but mortal.

Greek and Latin, solidly backed by Scripture and Classical History and Geography and the strenuous business of painfully hammering out passable, feeble and shockingly bad Greek and Latin verses by the dozen, constitute the solid foundation of Eton school-work. French, ordinary geography, and then three grim remorseless idols, geometry, algebra and arithmetic, make up the cornice or coping-stone of the edifice,

Of late years the Board of Governors has yielded a somewhat grudging assent to the introduction of "a modern side" under strenuous pressure from modern parental opinion, which, like the boy Sextus, so dear to the heart of III. (a) and III. (b), takes no interest in Latin poets and their songs and turns them down as useless rubbish. Well, everybody I suppose has a right to choose his own company in the choice of authors, and certainly the solid old classical school-system of Eton and Harrow has managed to turn out some fine scholars and thinkers to fulfil the work of the Empire as governors and great pro-consuls and great statesmen at home and abroad, with a cultured taste for and appreciation of the beauties and excellencies of foreign and classical languages, which is a very key to open the heart of the Continental and of the educated Caucasian and Mongolian of the Far East.

Whilst I write these last words, memories of the good old school return, bringing with them scenes of green shady playing fields and the far-off banks of that ancient river, Silvery Father Thames, and an echo of the breezy words of a fragment of the old Eton Boating Song:—

"Fine boating weather with a hay-harvest breeze,
Blade on the feather, shade off the trees,
We'll swing, swing together with our bodies betwixt
our knees.

Harrow may be more clever,
Rugby may make more row,
But we'll swing, swing for ever
Steady from stroke to bow,
And nothing in life shall sever
The chain that is round us now.

(And the last stanza, which has a pathos all its own):—

Twenty years hence this weather
May tempt us from office stools,
Though we may be slow on the feather,
And seem to the boys old fools,
Yet we'll still swing together
And swear by the best of schools."

—F.W.C.

FOOTBALL.

Another season has come and gone, and to us on whom has fallen the task of giving a résumé of the season's play, there appears the usual difficulty of knowing how much to say and how to say it. Unfortunately the results of the school competitions, seven-a-side tournaments, and other notes on football matters were destroyed in the school fire, but we have done our best to record facts which will doubtless prove interesting to present boys in future years.

The First Fifteen have had a fairly strenuous season, and have played the majority of their matches with weaker teams than we had expected to put into the field. It is only natural that the winter season should see certain inroads into a team through minor illnesses, but luck has been very much against us this year, and of the first fifteen only two members have played throughout the whole season without missing a match. Nevertheless this year's team has proved itself to be a team comparable with the best of recent school teams. The backs, though not a fast lot, have played good school football, and, in the only match we lost, were beaten by superior pace. Their main weakness was defensive work. The forwards were a good lot of workers and the play of the younger members of the team augurs well for next year's football. Two teams were entered for the Senior Cadet Competition, and we missed winning the North Taranaki Competition by a narrow margin.

The Second Fifteen has suffered mainly from the inroads which were necessary to keep the First Fifteen at full strength. Although rather badly beaten in some of the competition games, this year's team has shown up some promising players. This year's backs were, on the whole, a very weak lot, and had the forwards been better supported, the team would have made a much better showing in all its matches.

The First Fifteen consisted of: M'Murray (captain), Terry (vice-captain), Wood, Herbert, Yates, Ewing, Bayly i., Kidd, Goss, M'Hardy i., M'Kay, Bryce i., Wyborn i., Fouhy i., Atkinson i., Tansey, Drake.

The Second Fifteen consisted of: Callander (captain), White (vice-captain), Brokenshire, Hamerton, Scown, Fookes i., Fox i., Fox ii., Saxton, Burkhardt, Bryce ii., Boon ii., Doile, Ellerm, Stohr.

Following is the record of matches:—

FIRST XV. v. N.P. CADETS.

Won 12-6.

This match was played on the Racecourse. M'Murray, Fouhy, Herbert, Atkinson and Wyborn did not play in this game.

Cadets kicked off, and a series of line-outs followed, and from a scrum in our 25, the ball was obtained by our opponents, and Sykes cutting in, scored in a good position. The try was not converted. Even play now followed, Cadets having the advantage in the forwards, owing to superior weight. From a throw-out near our line Sims obtained the ball, and scored in the corner. The kick was unsuccessful. School now began to infuse more dash into their play, and a rush headed by the forwards saw Bayly pick up and score. Yates failed with an easy kick, and half-time saw the scores:—

Cadets 6, School 3.

On resuming, School made the game more open, and after several passing rushes Yates crossed near the touch-line. Bryce did not increase the score with his kick. The backs were now handling the ball well, and another fine passing rush resulted in Drake scoring. The kick at goal failed. Cadet forwards, with the help of good line-kicking by Sykes, gradually worked upfield, but good defence prevailed. School forwards brought the ball up to their opponents' 25, where Terry, obtaining from a line-out, scored in a good position. He failed with the kick. Even play followed, and soon after the whistle went with the scores:—

School 12, Cadets 6.

FIRST XV. v. WANGANUI TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Won 72-0.

This match was arranged by the Rugby Union and took place at Hawera. As excursion fares were granted, owing to the Hawera Show, the School went down in force, over a hundred being present. The match was played on the Show Grounds.

From the start of the game it was seen that Wanganui was out-matched, both in weight and tactics. The game gave fine opportunities for the School backs to excel themselves, and this they certainly did. In the first

half, playing against the wind, twenty-three points were registered, seven being tries, and one converted. Towards the end of the first half, Callander, who was playing first five-eighths, received a severe kick in the leg, and had to retire, Bryce ii. taking his place.

In the second half, School scored forty-nine points. One of the pleasing features of the game was the way in which our opponents played with unabated vigour throughout.

For School the scorers were: Yates 6, Drake 4, Kidd 4, Goss 2, Ewing 2, Bayly 1, Terry 1, Wood 1.

SCHOOL v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(Drawn 6-6.)

This match was played on the Recreation Grounds on July 6th and ended in a draw. The result is accounted for by the fact that our opponents were considerably stronger in the forwards and that their backs showed up to advantage in line-kicking and general defensive work.

From the kick-off, Technical College forwards swept down the field and our backs had an anxious time. A scrum resulted in Kidd securing the ball and passing to M'Murray, who beat a couple of men, but, with Bayly and Herbert on his outside, tried to cut in on the full back and was grassed, a certain try being lost. Play hovered in midfield for some time, and from a free kick near the twenty-five M'Murray kicked a good goal.

School 3, Technical College 0.

Half-time was called a few minutes later.

From the beginning of the second spell our opponents set up a determined forward attack, which was only repulsed by good defensive work by our backs. From a scramble near our line, Lealand picked up and fell over.

School 3, Technical College 3.

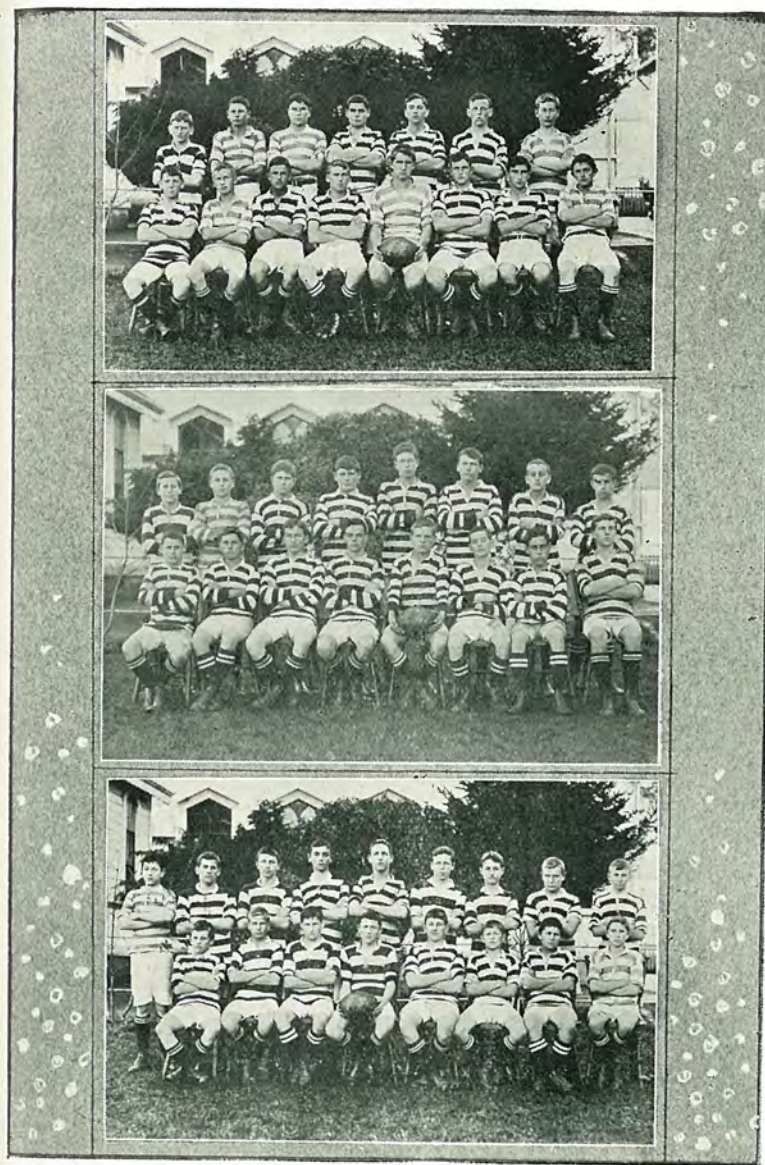
We were still kept on the defence by fine line-kicking by Oliver. A scrum near the twenty-five saw Hart receive and, cutting-in, score a good try.

School 3, Technical College 6.

This reverse livened up School, who now swept down the field with much vim. After several unsuccessful passing rushes Drake scored near the posts. Herbert failed with an easy kick.

School 6, Technical College 6.

Even play lasted till the whistle sounded.



FIRST GRADE COMPETITION TEAMS.

East End.

Boarders (Winners).

West End (Runners-up).

FIRST XV. v. CIVIL SERVICE.

(Lost 5-3.)

On Saturday, August 13th, a return match was played with Civil Service. School were without the services of seven seniors, who were replaced by five juniors and two third-fifteen players. Nevertheless the standard of play was very gratifying. In the first spell Hart ran through our backs and scored between the posts. He converted his own try. For School, Yates, from a "no charge," kicked a penalty goal. There was no score in the second spell, and the game concluded as indicated above—

Civil Service 5, School 3.

FIRST XV. v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(Lost 0-14.)

Owing to Technical College having vacation when the first round fixtures were to be decided, instead of playing our boys in July it was arranged to play the first round match on the Recreation Grounds.

School were without the services of two or three of the team. The game resulted in our first loss this season. The score does not indicate fairly the difference between the teams, Oliver's fine goal-kicking accounting for 8 points.

From the kick-off School attacked. Our hookers were getting the ball in good style, and this enabled the backs to indulge in passing bouts. On two occasions Wood was left with a clear field, but insufficient pace caused him to be grassed when within a few yards of the line. Technical College now began to liven matters up and their forwards carried play to our twenty-five, but Brokenshire saved. Good kicking by the backs caused us to again get within our opponents' twenty-five, and a fine passing rush saw Ewing crowded out near the corner. A period of even play, in which Oliver's line-kicking played a prominent part, caused a line-out near our line. From this Technical College scored.

Technical College 3, School 0.

Half-time sounded a few minutes after.

Playing against the sun on resuming, high kicking resulted in the backs mulling, and Brokenshire saved in the nick of time. A knock-on by Ewing spoilt a good

chance, and from the resulting scrum Berg, our opponents' half, secured and ran through School backs, none of whom made any attempt to tackle him. Oliver converted with a nice kick.

Technical College 8, School 0.

School now infused more vigour into their play, with the consequence that the Technical College backs had a strenuous time. Kidd securing from a scrum passed to Terry, who beat a couple of men and passed to Yates. The latter made a determined effort, but failed to get over. Our opponents gradually assumed the upper hand and from a free kick Oliver kicked a good goal.

Technical College now forced twice in succession, but play again was brought to half-way, where it hovered for some time. Later on, from another free kick against School, Oliver kicked a very fine goal.

Technical College 14, School 0.

Forward play was dominant till "no-side" sounded.

FIRST XV. v. WAITARA.

(Won 22-0.)

Our last match in the competition resulted in a good win. Waitara arrived on the ground two men short, but these vacancies were filled as the game progressed. By winning this match we tie for second place in the competition—one point behind Technical College, to whom we offer our congratulations.

Winning the toss, we played with the sun at our backs and soon had Waitara on the defence. Two or three good scoring chances were missed, but eventually Ewing scored in a favourable position, M'Kay placing a good goal.

School 5, Waitara 0.

A period of even play followed, in which Waitara forwards showed to good account. Eventually, however, Yates, securing the ball near half-way, beat the opposition and crossed the line. M'Kay did not convert.

School 8, Waitara 0.

The whistle then sounded for half-time.

Immediately on resuming, School, in both the vanguard and rearguard, attacked, and a nice passing rush ended in Ewing scoring. M'Kay made a good attempt at goal, but failed.

School 11, Waitara 0.

Sustaining the attack, School nearly scored on two occasions, and ultimately Yates succeeded in scoring. M'Kay failed to convert.

School 14, Waitara 0.

Waitara rallied for a time and play hovered at half-way. Good kicking by our backs caused play to be brought to Waitara's 25, where Terry secured and transferred to Ewing, who crossed the line. M'Kay did not convert.

School 17, Waitara 0.

Waitara attacked, but play was again brought near their line where, from a scrum, Terry scored. M'Kay converted. Time sounded soon after.

School 22, Waitara 0.

SECOND XV. v. NEW PLYMOUTH CADETS.

The first match of the season was played on the Racecourse against a team representing the New Plymouth Cadets. The second fifteen had a strong team, and the result of the match was in doubt up to the last minute. After a hard-fought game the Cadets won by six points (two tries) to three (try). The try was obtained by M'Hardy from a scrummage on the line.

SECOND XV. v. WAITARA.

The next match was played on the Racecourse against the Waitara Cadets. Their team was much heavier than ours, and it is due mainly to this fact that they won the game. The play was very strenuous at times, but our forwards often held their own against their heavier opponents. Waitara won after a keenly contested game by 10 points to nil.

SECOND XV. v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE FIRST XV.

In the match played in the Recreation Grounds against Technical College our team was very weak, there being only four members of the second fifteen present. The remainder of the team consisted of members of the third fifteen. The College team was much speedier, and in the first spell piled on points. In the second spell, however, our team livened up and the College were only able to gain six additional points. The College won by 26 points to nil. This match concluded the first round.

SECOND XV. v. NEW PLYMOUTH CADETS.

The second match against the New Plymouth Cadets was again an interesting game. Our team had the Cadets penned upon their own goal-line for a considerable time, but were unable to score. The Cadets obtained most of their points by taking advantage of the mistakes our team made. The Cadets won by 9 points to nil.

SECOND XV. v. WAITARA CADETS.

The last match of the season was played at Waitara against the Waitara Cadets. Again we had a very weak team and so were completely outclassed. Our tackling was bad, but it improved as the game progressed. Their forwards were much too heavy for ours, and also their kicking was superior to ours. Waitara easily won by 43 points to 3. The try was obtained by Fox i. after a fine dribbling rush.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT (SENIOR).

On August 17th the fixtures having been postponed, a seven-a-side tournament was arranged. There were four teams picked, M'Murray, Bayly, Terry and Yates being the captains. The teams were as follows:—

A.—M'Murray (captain), Drake, Wood, Bryce i., Scoun, O'Carroll, Doile.

B.—Bayly (captain), Herbert, M'Hardy, Broken-shire, Saxton, Ellerm, Bryce ii.

C.—Terry (captain), Tansey, Stohr, Hooker, White, Boon ii., Hamerton.

D.—Yates (captain), Callander, Pott, Wyborn, Fox i., Fox ii., Fookes.

The games and results were as under:—

A (M'Murray) 3, v. C (Terry) 3.

A kicked off and C attacked. Terry was nearly through, but O'Carroll tackled well. Eventually, however, obtaining the ball at half-way, Terry scored under the posts. On changing over, M'Murray passed to Wood and he beating Hooker scored in a good position. These were the final scores.

B (Bayly) 8, v. D (Yates) 8.

It was expected that B would have a comfortable win, but in the second spell D livened up and Yates finally evened matters with a nice penalty goal. For B,

Herbert and Bryce ii. scored, the former converting. D's try was by Fox ii., Yates converting and also placing a penalty.

A (M'Murray) 8, v. D (Yates) 8.

Another draw resulted. M'Murray's team, through the agency of Wood and Bryce, quickly put up 8 points. In the second spell, however, Callander scored early, and the last try was the result of the finest piece of play in the tournament. Yates, obtaining near his own line, passed to Fox who, near the half-way line, was tackled by Drake. Fox passed the ball back to Yates, and he, on being tackled near the line, passed again to Fox, who scored a pretty try under the posts. Yates converted, making a draw.

B (Bayly) v. C (Terry).

The monotony of three draws was at length broken by a hollow win by Bayly. From the outset it was evident that the backs of Terry's team could not stand against the three senior backs of Bayly's. The first try was immediately at the beginning, Saxton scoring near the posts. M'Hardy and Herbert scored in quick succession, and the latter converted two.

A (M'Murray) 0, v. B (Bayly) 8.

B soon got the upper hand, and from a scramble near the line Ellerm scored, Herbert adding the major points. In the second half Herbert scored. Bayly's win in this game decided the competition.

C (Terry) 5, v. D (Yates) 3.

From the start Terry received and was pulled down only a few yards from the line. Yates saved, but Terry again receiving scored under the posts. He converted his own try. From a scrum Callander struggled over, but Yates failed to equalise. The game ended: C 5, D 3.

The result of the competition was:—

B (Bayly), 5 points.

C (Terry) 3 points.

A (M'Murray) 2 points.

D (Yates) 2 points.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

The competitions between teams picked in the School have this year been very successful. In the First Grade competition there were three teams, and a play-off was necessary to decide the winning team. The Second Grade competition consisted of four competing teams, and a keen interest in the competition was maintained up to the end of the season.

Following were the teams in the First Grade:—

Boarders: Atkinson ii. (captain), Lucena (vice-captain), Spence, Calder, Wills, Beckbessinger, Train, Rigg, O'Carroll, Henson, Reynolds, Wilson, Christie, Reeves, Duckworth, Howell.

East End: Phipps (captain), Rockel, Pott, Kyngdon, Blundell, R. Boon, Whittle i., Way, Ogle, Brooker, Hamling, Boulton, Bayly ii., Ward i., Sole i.

West End: Stohr (captain), Hooker (vice-captain), Doile, Clemow i., Clemow ii., Sturtevant, Greiner, Johns B., Fouhy ii., Morey i., Young, Brydon, M'Hardy ii., Russell L., Bayly iii., Brokenshire ii., Webster.

Six rounds were played in this competition, and at the finish the points were: West End 14, Boarders 14, East End 8. The play-off resulted in Boarders winning a closely-contested game by 6-0.

The following were the teams in the Second Grade competition:—

Boarders A: Winfield (captain), Harrison (vice-captain), Sutherland, Rodger, Zinsli, Good, Johns E., Guild, Smith ii., Pitt, Train ii., Mackie, Allemann, Graham, Roberts.

Boarders B: Hine (captain), Horner (vice-captain), Jones, Knuckey, Chapman, Ducker, O'Halloran, Pope, Fussell, Jury L., Guscott, Old, Henderson, Dobson.

Day Boys: Morrison ii. (captain), Hutchen, Whittle ii., Denny-Brown, Bedford, Meikle, Hughes L., Smith i., Beggs, Blane, Thomas, Pease, Russell S., Hill, Jillett.

At the end of the second round the four teams were practically equal for the competition, but in the fourth round Boarders A won all their matches fairly easily and won the competition with a score of 16 points.

The Junior Preparatory boys played regularly throughout the term, and some of them show very promising form. The following is their team: Williams (captain), Moyes, MacDiarmid, Robinson, M'Neill, S.

Fookes, G. Fookes, K. Fookes, Saxton, Sladden, Scanlon i., Scanlon ii., Blundell ii., Hutchen ii., Kebbell, Knowles. U

A seven-a-side tournament was held for the First, Second and Third Grade teams on August 17. The First Grade results were:—

East End 15, v. West End 0.

Boarders 9, v. West End 0.

East End 3, v. Boarders 0.

East End won the competition.

The Second Grade seven-a-side resulted in a win for Boarders A team.

Other matches played during the season were:—

Form IV. 10, v. Form V. 8.

Form IIIb. 11, v. Form IIIa. 0.

Under 8st. team 29, v. Warea Public School 0.

YOUNG HELPERS' LEAGUE.

At the beginning of next term, Mr. Christian, who has now assumed the duties of secretary and treasurer of our Habitation, will hold another box-opening ceremony, when it is hoped all the boxes will be returned, so that a record sum can be raised for the League. On the last occasion when boxes were opened the very satisfactory sum of £8 5s. 6d. was obtained. Among other donations was that of Mr. Lucena, who pushed a "fiver" through the slot. Consequently a few days ago at roll call Lucena was the recipient of the League's silver medal, which is presented to donors or collectors of £5 or more. We hope that in the near future some other boys will have the luck or good management to receive £5 and the medal too.

Members are reminded that their annual subscriptions will fall due some time within the next month or two.

During the progress of the fire on Monday last some anxiety was experienced for the League books, etc., but a search afterwards revealed them, little the worse for fire or water; so fortunately the good work of the local habitation will be in no way impaired.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

This term the roll number of the Preparatory Department has increased by five, four of whom, Candy, Barak, Mounsey and Hutchinson, are in the Upper Prep. and Jackson in the Lower Prep.

The chief item of interest this term has been the football. There is no term so much looked forward to, for there is no doubt that "footy" is the most popular of all games. This year there was arranged a series of competitions, and we took part in the Junior competition. We hopped off the mark all right, but in the end weight and size counted against us; however, we managed to run into third place. We got a lot of fun out of the competition, and there is no doubt we picked up a lot of useful football knowledge. The Lower Prep. had their share of football too, although they were too small to enter for any of the competitions.

During the term, a team of boys journeyed out to Warea by motor-lorry for the purpose of playing the local school team. The ride out was very jolly, and the country folk treated us right royally on our arrival. There were six Preparatory boys in the team; so it was only natural that we took an additional interest in the game. We managed to secure an easy win, but the Warea boys, who played with determination, have not nearly the same advantages, either in coaching or in playing-grounds, as we enjoy. We had a most enjoyable ride home, and arrived back at the school in a very happy frame of mind, after a most pleasant day's outing, largely due to the hospitality of the Warea folk.

Little did we know then, when we were singing our way back to school, that next night our school would be levelled to the ground by fire. The only rooms in the main building left standing were the Fifth Form Room and the Physics Laboratory. Fortunately, the Preparatory Room, a detached building, was saved.

Hutchinson, one of our new boys, has been away practically all the last half of the term through illness, and we hope he will be with us again next term. About the middle of the term Maclean had the misfortune to break his arm down in the gully, and for a long time has had his arm in splints, but he is quite well again. K. Ward had an accident from his bicycle before the close of the term, and as a consequence missed the exams. We are glad to hear that he is on the mend again and will be with us again next term.



PTE. V. KIRKBY.

PTE. P. BURKHARDT.

PTE. GERALD CHONG.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Several boys in the Prep. have entered for scholarships this year and are settling down to hard "swot."

Mr. Diprose, who taught in the Preparatory School for a year, is leaving us to take up a position on the staff of Wellington College. The Lower Prep. will miss him greatly, as he coached them for football and was the master responsible for the good work of the Young Helpers' League. He will be missed by the whole school.

This term we laid out some agricultural plots wherein to do our practical work; but the weather has been so inclement as not to permit of our doing much work on them as yet. We hope that next term we will be able to accomplish more.

CADET NOTES.

In order to give the cricket ground the opportunity of recuperating during the winter months, our parades have this term been held on our No. 1 Football Ground in the Racecourse. Here more scope is given for open-order work, and at the same time the ground is very suitable for company drill.

The departure of Mr. M'Donald, who had been in charge of No. 2 Platoon, necessitated the promotion of Sergeant-Major M'Murray to the position of acting-platoon commander, while the vacancy caused by Q.M.S. Eyre's enlistment in the Expeditionary Forces was filled by Sergt. Kidd.

The work throughout the term has been interfered with to a certain extent by the wet weather, but nevertheless there has been a marked improvement in the drill. Instruction has been given in judging distance, signaling and extended order drill, as well as in the usual squad, platoon and company drill movements.

On August 4th the company paraded to attend a public gathering in order to commemorate our entry into the present war. On this occasion the strength of the company on parade was 189, the largest we have had on record for a public parade.

Towards the end of the term, Q.M.S. Kidd sat for the Practical portion of the Examination for First Commissions and passed.

CAMERA CLUB.

We regret to say that owing to the fire we are unable to include in this issue of the Magazine any of the Camera Club work. The photos handed in for the competitions were unfortunately posted up in the gymnasium and were consequently destroyed.

The work handed in for the first competition showed a marked improvement on that of the first term. Some really excellent photos were entered, and the judges had considerable difficulty in making the awards. The results were as follows:—

Seniors.—1st, Ducker, 40 points; 2nd, Ewing, 35; 3rd, Wyborn, 33.

Juniors.—1st, Johns, 42 points; 2nd, Duckworth, 40; 3rd, O'Carroll, 35.

Beginners.—1st, Christie, 27 points; 2nd, Calder, 26; 3rd, Brokenshire, 16.

The results of the second competition were destroyed.

Unfortunately the dark-room was one of the first rooms to be demolished, and with it went most of the property of the club. We hope, however, to be able to purchase another enlarger this term, and no doubt, when the new school is built, provision will be made for Camera Club work.

In the meantime a new dark-room is being fitted up in what was the old wash-house, and this when completed will make a good substitute for the old room.

TE AUTE VISIT.

On the 22nd of June many of the boys, including the 1st XV., went down to the station to welcome the members of the Te Aute College 1st XV., who arrived by the mail train, accompanied by Mr. Wynyard. After being heartily welcomed they took cab up to school, where a welcome tea was provided for them. Several boarders stayed with parents or friends in town in order to make room for our Maori guests.

The following day the 1st XV. took the visitors to the places of most interest in New Plymouth. They visited the Recreation Grounds, the Municipal Electrical Buildings, and took tram down to the Breakwater in the morning. They were taken to morning tea there and

afterwards they were shown over the oil wells by Mr. N. Little, who gave an interesting explanation of everything. In the afternoon both XV.'s went for a ride to Inglewood in a motor-lorry. In the evening some of the visitors who were not shy went to the dancing class held in the gymnasium, while the others who were of shier disposition were entertained at the Theatre Royal.

On Saturday morning, the day of the match, Maoris from the surrounding district swarmed in to see the Native boys defeat the pakehas. Their wish was not gratified, as we won by the narrow margin of nine points to three. The excitement was so intense that many people, so it is said, suffered from heart disease. After the match Mr. Ryder kindly treated the two XV.'s to afternoon tea, a refreshment much relished. In the evening a dinner was given to the players. After ample justice had been done a few toasts were proposed. The post-prandial speakers were Mr. Moyes, M'Murray, and Mr. Wynyard, the toasts being "The King," "The Visiting XV.," and the corresponding replies. After singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne," the gathering broke up and wended its way to the pictures, where an enjoyable couple of hours were passed.

Next morning, it being Sunday, we all went to St. Mary's Church, where a special service was held. The afternoon passed slowly, and in the evening we again went to church.

Next morning the whole team, with the exception of two, who went to Auckland on the following Tuesday evening by boat, departed after what, we hope, was a most enjoyable stay.

We have since been surprised and pleased to hear that Mr. Wynyard, who visited us with the Te Aute team, has been appointed to take the place of Mr. Diprose.

THE GAME.

We append the "Taranaki Herald's" report of the match:—

Clean, hard-fought Rugby was the outcome of the meeting of the first fifteens of Te Aute College and New Plymouth High School on the Sports Ground on Saturday. It was thought that the visitors' preponderance in weight would play a big part in the decision of the game,

but the local boys cleverly counteracted the advantage by fast, open play that was good to watch. There was a large attendance, and the game was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Te Aute lost the toss and played the first spell with the sun in their eyes. Momentarily, the heavy Maori forwards looked like breaking through, but M'Murray cleverly relieved, and a glimpse was given of the High School plan of attack. Kidd, the sturdy School half, snapped up the ball from a tussle on the line-out, and whipped it out to M'Murray, to Bayly, to Herbert. The move was checkmated by deadly tackling, and another promising rush was spoilt by M'Murray's endeavour to beat too many men, but the bouts gave a taste of the rearguard's fleetness and accuracy, proof of which was to come.

Te Aute were awarded a free kick, and Brown, the visitor's captain, a hefty lad of 12.12, followed up smartly, and Riddiford soon after kicked well upfield, but on both occasions Wood, the School full-back, was equal to the occasion. Down came the local boys again, to the encouraging sound of cheers, and two promising movements were started, but each was nipped in the bud, first Yates being collared, and then Herbert.

The School forwards were now doing magnificent work, avoiding tight formations and adopting loose, quick rushes that enabled them to dash through the opposing vanguard. Atkinson, on one of these occasions, came through in great style, but when it remained for the backs to put on the finishing touches, and M'Murray had only to pass to one of his mates, who would surely have scored, he foolishly hung on, and a great chance was lost. The Te Aute boys were now penalised, and Yates had an unsuccessful shot at goal. From the drop-out, the visitors gradually worked their way downfield, Hepere, Rehua and Brown being prominent, and New Plymouth had a lively time defending. Soon, however, Yates kicked well up, and then ensued a pretty piece of play.

Kidd secured from a scramble, and passed to M'Murray, to Bayly. The latter made a fine run, and transferred at just the right time to Herbert, who flashed over, Yates failing to convert. Cheered by their success, the New Plymouth lads kept the others on the defensive, and it was only a moment or two later that Wyborn forced his way over the line, but lost the ball. Then

Kidd got the leather from a scrum at quarter-way, and with a slashing run through the opposition, scored the second try. Herbert's attempt at goal was fruitless. A fine kick to touch by M'Murray had the visitors again defending. Kidd shot the ball to Bayly, who transferred to Herbert, and the latter streaked over again. Terry's kick failed, and half-time was called soon after with the scores:—

New Plymouth 9, Te Aute 0.

The second spell opened with an attack by Te Aute, Moses finding the corner with a well-judged kick. The Maori lads made desperate efforts to score. The backs failed to handle the ball cleanly, however, and Wood brought relief for New Plymouth by a good kick to the twenty-five flag. Next the local vanguard made a forward move, but Timu, the visitors' full-back, lined smartly. School worked into a good position, but offside play, which was a little too frequent, gave the visitors a free kick, and with it relief. Te Aute allowed nothing to stop their progress, and slowly but surely worked to the New Plymouth citadel. A nice piece of passing was then witnessed. Swinton whipped the oval to Hindmarsh, and Hepere, Riddiford and Moses handling well, the latter rushed over near the corner. Hindmarsh just failed to convert.

Encouraged by their success, the visitors attacked again, and an infringement by the locals gave Hindmarsh another shot, the ball going under the bar. Up and down play then followed, both sides opening out and making the game fast and interesting. M'Murray, the New Plymouth captain, had to retire owing to a crushed rib, and Callander filled the vacancy. Terry, who was playing a good wing-forward game, broke away well, but Timu was safe, and Te Aute forwards retaliated, the forwards taking play to midfield. The rearguard attempted a passing rush, but Hindmarsh failed to pick up, and from a scrum Brown lined at the corner. A strenuous struggle took place, the visitors trying hard to increase their score, but all efforts to penetrate the local lads' defence failed. Callander showed up well, and Yates and Wood also did good work. Hindmarsh on two occasions was just prevented from scoring, and good play by Moses brought play to the corner. Finally a passing bout by Swinton, Hindmarsh, Tatana, Riddiford and Moses saw the latter punt over the line, and Ewing forced. Once more Te Aute pressed, but a hot rush, headed by M'Kay,

Fouhy and Terry, brought relief. Back came Te Aute with a passing rush, in which all the backs participated, Riddiford lining at the corner. Terry next intercepted a pass when Te Aute looked dangerous, and Bayly wisely found the line. The concluding moments saw give and take play, in which honours were evenly distributed, the New Plymouth lads, now somewhat tired, standing up gamely against their heavier opponents. The excitement was tense, when eventually play was taken to midfield, and remained there till time was called, with the scores:

New Plymouth 9, Te Aute 3.

HOUSE NOTES.

We are all eagerly anticipating the completion of our new boarding establishment, and are pleased to note that it is already nearly finished. Next term we hope that we shall be able to occupy the new dormitories. The buildings are large and contain every convenience, while the dining-room alone is almost as big as the late gymnasium. It will be a happy day when we occupy these buildings and say good-bye to Niger House, which has sheltered many of us for a long time.

This term has witnessed a number of changes in our roll. Barak, Jones, Candy and Mounsey have joined us; three of these boys are in the Preparatory Department. On the other hand, Williams and Ferguson have left, and are farming, while "Hoppy" Smith has taken over the headmastership of the Pitone School. His staff, however, is said to be rather small.

This term, several of our number contracted influenza and had to retire to their bunks for a few days. This was bad enough, but to crown all, several of the first fifteen forwards also caught the "flue." This, of course, was a serious set-back to the team, but the sick boys soon recovered. There has also been the usual complement of "shins" received in football, but otherwise, we have preserved whole skins.

We take this opportunity to farewell Mr. Diprose, who is going to take up a position in Wellington. We hope his stay with us has been pleasant.

The unusual amount of snow on the mountain this year attracted several parties of boarders to spend the week-end at the Mountain House and there enjoy themselves. Their accounts of glissading were very interest-

ing and pleasant to listen to, but their early risings on the mornings of their departure were anything but pleasant to the other inmates of their dormitories. One very enthusiastic party of trippers arose at the unearthly hour of 3 a.m.! Evidently they intended to have breakfast at school and arrive at the Mountain House in time to obtain another meal there, but report does not verify this conjecture.

Judging from the experience of one of our number, wet weather has a very unpleasant effect on the steps at Niger House. This boy was descending the steps one wet afternoon and, being in a tremendous hurry, he endeavoured to get down two steps at a time. His attempt succeeded beyond expectation, however, for his foot slipped, and he went almost all the way down on a very tender portion of his anatomy. Needless to say, this is a very sad tale!

This term Mr. Christian delivered some lectures on the South Sea Islands; these lectures were exceedingly interesting, especially as they were illustrated by a number of very fine slides, and a fair number of day boys came to hear the lecture and see the slides. Two lectures were given, one of which had to be abandoned, as the lantern refused to work properly. The master who was in charge of it tried to mend it, but on account of having no light, could not do so that night, and after giving his opinion of lanterns in general and this one in particular had to give it up as a bad job. However, the episode gave us an excuse to hope for another lecture in the near future, and it is quite on the cards that Mr. Christian will give us another lecture on the Islands next term.

One night the prefects, while toiling assiduously with their preparation, were treated to a very fine musical entertainment in the shape of flute-music, which seemed to come from one of the master's rooms. The flutist was, a little while after his commencement, joined by a singer, and together they rendered some very fine music in the shape of "amoretto" such as "I love a lassie." The inmates of "the study" fully appreciated this entertainment, and when one song was finished, responded heartily with a great deal of clapping. Whereat the flute and singer miraculously became silent, and no more music was rendered that evening, nor has there been heard any at later dates, although the performance seemed entirely successful. Evidently the flute-player was extremely bashful.

We are pleased to say that the boarders' teams won all the junior football competitions this season. Evidently "burgoo" and "knock-out" are excellent stimulants to good football. We hope these performances in the field will be repeated by future generations of boarders.

This term some unknown persons who have neither sense nor good fellowship, have seen fit to attempt to burn down our preparatory school. Luckily, the outbreak was discovered before it had got going well. However, the police were notified, and for several nights afterwards a constable remained on the premises. This led to a small youth receiving a very bad shock one night. He had been sent by a master at Niger House to post a letter, and while descending the stairs he heard someone rush from a room and kick over a chair. He saw someone go out of the door, and on getting outside himself, he had an electric torch flashed in his face, whilst a gruff voice demanded his name. To use his own words, he "took to his heels" in a great state. It was afterwards discovered that his waylayer was a "limb of the law" who was quietly taking a look over Niger House. However, it took a long time to convince the boy that this was so.

When the big fire in town took place, we all awoke and obtained a fine view of the blaze from both houses. However, we did not go to see it at close quarters. Next morning one youth spun a choice yarn which was to the effect that he had seen the fire fifteen minutes before the bells rang! However, we could not bring ourselves to believe this, so we advised the story-teller to take on fishing, as he would then have admirable opportunities for using his inventive ability

This term, dancing classes have been held in the gymnasium every Friday night, and consequently preparation does not consist of many boys. All the dancers are very enthusiastic. One youth, who could not turn out to football on account of a ricked back, went to dancing class and had to remain in bed the following week. He was indeed a martyr.

The inmates of a dormitory in Niger House were one night treated to an exhibition of gymnastics performed while in a state of sleep. The performer, who is a bit of a somnambulist, suddenly leaped from his bed in such a manner that he landed on his head. He then crawled back to bed, and apparently he had not awakened. Next morning, when questioned about his strange antics,



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he said that he had dreamed he was falling down the stairs. His actions of the previous night seemed to correspond to his words, so this was accepted as being correct.

This term several pieces of apparatus in the gymnasium have been repaired. The parallel bars and the military horse were sadly knocked about, but have been fixed again.

During the term we visited the pictures, which, as usual, were thoroughly appreciated. Some of us also went to see Miss Dorothea Spinney.

The last day of the term was a very sad one for all of us, as early that morning a fire was discovered to be blazing fiercely in the school class-rooms and gymnasium. The boarders were very soon on the spot, and on entering the buildings it was discovered that all the western end of the school and the gymnasium were blazing fiercely. We all set to work and saved as many books and as much scientific apparatus as we could in the short time we had at our disposal. At first the boarding house was in danger of catching alight also, and all the bedding and other articles were removed to the new buildings. However, the Fire Brigade very soon extinguished the flames, and we all adjourned to a much-needed breakfast.

LIBRARY NOTES.

“Books are undemonstrative but faithful and abiding friends” (Stephenson).

This term the boarders have made good use of the library, some of the most enthusiastic having read about twenty books each. The average for each boy is 8.3.

Next term should see the library established in the old dining-room, where things will be much more convenient. It has been our aim to build up a reference library, and this term we made a start by adding about £30 worth of “English Reference Books.” Our present selection of up-to-date science works is rather meagre, but on some future occasion we hope to be able to do the same for those boys taking up a scientific course.

The following books have been added to the library this term:—

Science.—The Poison War (Roberts), Volcanoes (Bonney), Time and Tide (Ball), Chemistry of Common Things (Brownlee, Fuller, Hancock, Whitsit), Optic Projection (Gage and Gage).

Useful Arts.—Journal of Agriculture (4 volumes) 1914-15, Explosives (Marshall).

History and Geography.—Nelson's History of the War (volumes 8 and 9), A Companion to Roman History (Jones), In Darkest Africa (Stanley), Stories of Old Greece and Rome (Baker), An Untamed Territory (Masson), The Principal Voyages of the English Nation (8 volumes) (Hakluyt), Havelock's March on Cawnpore (Scherer), Murray's Classical Atlas, European History, Volume I. Early Times to Rise of Mohammedism (A. R. Hope Moncrieff), Volume II. Middle Ages (Moncrieff), Volume III. Renaissance to Frederick the Great (Chaytor), Volume IV. The Making of Modern Europe (Chaytor), Volume V. The Great Powers of Modern Times (Collinge).

Language and Literature.—Intermediate Text Book of English Literature (Wyatt and Law), Shakespeare and his Predecessors (Boas), A New Shakesperian Dictionary (Cunliffe), The Age of Shakespeare (2 volumes) (Secombe and Allen), The Age of Transition (2 vols.) (Snell), The King's English (Fowler), English Prose Selections (5 volumes) (Craik), Dictionary of Phrase and Fable (Brewer), Classical Dictionary (Smith and Marindin), Concise Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities (Cornish), Adjustable Classification for Libraries (Brown), The New Atlantis (Bacon), Bacon's Essays, Advancement of Learning (Volumes 1 and 2) (Bacon), The Study of English Literature (Macpherson), The English Novel (Raleigh), English Works of Roger Ascham (Wright), Sidney's Arcadia, A Companion to Latin Studies (Sandys), Apologie for Poetrie (Sidney), The Jacobean Poets (Gosse), Principles of English Etymology (1st Series) (Skeat), The Iliad of Homer (Lang, Leaf and Myers), Morte D'Arthur (Sir Thomas Malory), The Cambridge History of English Literature (12 volumes) Ward and Waller, Addison (Courthope), Bentley (Jebb), Bacon (Church), Bunyan (Fraude), Burns (Shairp), Burke (Morley), Byron (Nichol), Carlyle (Nichol), Chaucer (Ward), Coleridge (Traill), Cowper (Smith), Defoe (Minto), De Quincey (Masson), Dickens (Ward), Dryden (Saintsbury), Gibbon (Morrison), Goldsmith (Black), Gray (Gosse), Fielding (Dobson), Hawthorne (James),

Hume (Huxley), Johnson (Stephen), Keats (Colvin), Lamb (Ainger), Landor (Colvin), Locke (Fowler), Macaulay (Morison), Milton (Paterson), Pope (Stephen), Scott (Hutton), Shelley (Symonds), Sheridan (Oliphant), Sidney (Symonds), Southey (Dowden), Spenser (Church), Sterne (Traill), Matthew Arnold (Paul), Swift (Stephen), Thackeray (Trollope), Wordsworth (Myers), Crabbe (Ainger), William Hazlitt (Birrell), Andrew Marvell (Birrell), Rossetti (Benson), Walter Pater (Benson), Edward Fitzgerald (Benson), Robert Browning (Chester-ton), Jane Austen (Cornish), Fanny Burney (Dobson), Samuel Richardson (Dobson), Jeremy Taylor (Gosse), Sir Thomas Browne (Gosse), Thomas Moore (Gwynn), John Ruskin (Harrison), Adam Smith (Hirst), Maria Edgeworth (Lawless), Alfred Tennyson (Lyall), James Thomson (G. C. Macaulay), William Morris (Noyes), Sydney Smith (Russell), Shakespeare (Raleigh), Hobbes (Stephen), George Elliot (Stephen).

Poetry and Drama.—The English Poets, 4 volumes (Ward), The Works of Christopher Marlowe; Greene, Marlowe, Ben Jonson.

Fiction.—The Lone Star Ranger (Zane Grey), The Elusive Pimpernel (Orczy), Freckles (Gene Statton Porter), The War in the Air (Wells), The Grey Dawn (S. E. White), Parrot and Co. (MacGrath), An Emperor's Doom (Hayens), Shorty M' Cabe (Sewell Ford).

Juvenile Fiction.—Shod with Silence (Ellis), The Champion of the School (Shaw), The South Sea Whaler (Kingston), Afar in the Forest (Kingston), An Ogre Up-to-date (Ethel Turner), The World of Ice (Ballantyne), The Lost River (Ellis), Boys of St. Elmo's (Story), Willis the Pilot (Frith), Little Warhorse (Seton), The Slumcat (Seton), Monarch (Seton), The White Reindeer (Seton), The Biography of a Silver Fox (Seton).

We also have to thank the following for their donation of books:—F. Williams, "Stories of Kings"; H. Bryce, "The Champion of the School"; L. Bryce, "An Emperor's Doom" (Hayens); L. Bryce, "Heroes All"; K. Robinson, "South Sea Whaler" (Kingston); B. Horner, "In Darkest Africa" (Stanley), "Afar in the Forest" (Kingston), "An Ogre Up-to-date" (E. Turner), "Willis the Pilot" (Frith), "World of Ice" (Ballantyne), "The Lost River" (Ellis); D. Rawson, "The Boys of St. Elmo's" (Story); R. Howell, "The Amazing Argentine" (Fraser); M. Guild, "The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's" (Reed); Mr. Moyes, "The Grey Dawn" (White).

MASTERS: PAST AND PRESENT.

We seem fated to have changes on the staff every term. This term it has been Mr. M'Donald. During the time he was with us Mr. M'Donald did much for the school and for the special activities with which he was connected. Every boy found in him a good friend, and the school has suffered a distinct loss in his departure. His present address is District High School, Coromandel. This move is, however, only preparatory to enlisting, as the Auckland Education Board has a scheme by which teachers enlisting receive assistance for their dependents. Mr. M'Donald was, we believe, sorry to leave us, and we hope some day to see him amongst us again. Meanwhile we wish him everything he would wish for himself.

This term Mr. F. W. Christian joined the staff. Mr. Christian is an old boy of Eton and a graduate of Baliol College, Oxford. He has spent many years in visiting many of the groups of islands in the Pacific, and is specially interested in the ethnology of these groups, and in the linguistic problems connected with them. We have already on the library shelves a copy of Mr. Christian's "Caroline Islands." He is also the author of a number of papers and articles connected with the subjects in which he is specially interested. We have had the pleasure of seeing some of his very interesting lantern-slides, and look forward to seeing the rest of them on some future occasion.

It was with regret that we learned during the term that Mr. Diprose had accepted a position on the staff of Wellington College. We shall always have the pleasantest recollections of our intercourse with him, and trust that he will miss us as much as we shall miss him. Most of us were, unfortunately, prevented by the tragedy of the fire from bidding him a personal farewell, and we must ask him to accept this in place of that. There must surely be some affinity between our school and Wellington College, as two of our masters, Messrs. Balham and Diprose, have left us to go there this year.

Mr. Balham, according to the latest tidings, is very happy in his new position, and has by this time become thoroughly acclimatized. Mr. Diprose will therefore not be quite friendless in the great city, but will have a "guide, philosopher and friend" already on the spot.

Mr. Diprose's position is to be filled by one who is not altogether a stranger to all of us. Mr. C. H. Wynyard, who was here in charge of the Te Aute football

team, is to join us next term. Mr. Wynyard is at present on the staff at Te Aute, and has charge of the athletics there. We take this opportunity of extending to him a hearty welcome, and hope that his stay with us will be long and happy.

By the courtesy of a friend we are permitted to copy the following extract from a letter by Major Temperley: "On the night of the 16th of June we prepared for a raid on the German trenches. Espiner was put in command of a party told off to cut the wire in front of the trenches. He was wounded in the head, face, and side by a shell just before they got to the wires. With characteristic devotion to duties and dogged determination, desperately wounded though he was, he insisted on remaining until his party knew what to do, and he told them how to carry on. In the hospital his unselfishness and fine character has shown itself just the same. He insisted on some gassed cases being attended to before himself, and though his skull was fractured, asked for paper and pencil to write a report to his brigadier." This extract speaks for itself, especially coming, as it does, from a man like Major Temperley, who wastes no words. We are very glad to be able to say that Lieut. Espiner is now making good progress towards recovery.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Harper Lepper was killed on April 9th, and we are enabled by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Lepper to give here his last letter, one written the day before he was killed.

I landed at Basrah on the Tigris on February 28th, and went into camp there for a little over a week. I left Basrah on March 9th and went up the Tigris in a river-boat to Sheik Laad, where we again went into camp. There we had plenty to do and had some little excitement driving off Turkish patrols that came round our camp. We knew that we were going up to attack the Turks very soon; so we were busy practising the charge, etc. On the night of March 31st, we left our camp during an awful storm and set off for Orah further up the river. None of us had any coats or change of clothes, and for two days we lived and slept in wet ones. Although we had to go only seven miles, it took us eight hours from the time we fell in to the time we arrived there. We had to walk through mud and slush about six inches deep pretty nearly all the way, and all the time it was pitch dark; so we could not see anything. On the night of April 2nd we again set out

and marched up to the trenches on the east bank of the river near Hannah. There things were pretty comfortable and there was very little firing going on. This was the place we were to attack, and things looked favourable to us. As we were to attack at day-break on the 5th we were very busy getting things ready. You have no idea of the amount of work there is to be done before an attack takes place. Every man had to carry two bombs, four sand-bags, as well as rifle and equipment; and half the men had to carry picks and shovels with them. The night before the attack is a night I shall long remember. We were all crowded into the trenches from which we were to charge in the morning. There was absolutely no room for to lie down, and barely room for us all to sit; so you can imagine there was very little sleep. Every time we were just dozing off some message would come along for something to be done, and this meant that we had to go and see to these things being done properly. The charge was timed to start at 4.55 a.m., and at 4.52 we started to crawl out of the trench and lie down in a position from which we could quickly get up and charge. There was another regiment in front of us, which was to take the front line, and we were to go on past them to the second line. The charge came off much better than we expected, as the Turks had somehow got wind of the show and left their trenches with only about two hundred men in them. These put up a very poor fight, and were very soon despatched, and then we had to wait for our artillery bombardment to cease before we could go on any further, as they were bombarding the Turks' third line. As soon as the shelling stopped we were able to collect our people and have a look round. The casualties were not very heavy, but a large percentage were killed owing to the fact that some of our people had advanced too far and come under our own artillery fire. My company commander and a second-lieutenant were killed and several others wounded by our guns. About . . . men were killed in the same way, and it was rather sickening. As soon as things had calmed down a bit we advanced again for about three miles till we came up against the next Turkish position. This country is as flat as a table, and to advance in daytime against a strong position is absolutely fatal. Our staff did not know much about the position; so we started to advance against it at 7 a.m. The Turks are no mean shots, and at about 1200 yards the bullets fairly whizzed round us. Of course at this stage we were all in one long extended line with about two yards between man and man, and we officers had to take command of as many men as we could get under us. Our C.O. is a very cool fellow, and for a hundred yards we advanced at a walk, and then as the men began to fall he signalled the "double." We kept this up for about another hundred yards; then we all lay down for a rest. The bullets were flicking the dust up all round us

and fairly singing round. From this point we began the advance by short rushes of about thirty yards, and only a few men at a time. It was awful to see the men dropping all over the place and hear their cries and groans, but we still went on and we did this for about three hundred yards, when we were about 600 or 700 yards from the Turks. From here it would have been madness to try to get any further; so we set to work to dig ourselves in. Just as I was about to blow my whistle as the signal to advance for one of our short rushes a bullet got me on the point of my left shoulder and pretty well paralysed my arm. I could not tell whether it had gone through my shoulder or just grazed me, as we were out in the open. I thought it best to go back with it; so I went to where we dug in. There I had no trenching-tool; so had to lie there and be shot at by the Turks, and they did pretty well, as they kept me in a perpetual state of expectation. After about an hour of this the man alongside of me was killed by a shot through the head; so I moved his body and, with his trenching tool, dug myself into the hole he had been at. My left arm was no good to me; so progress was pretty slow. At last I got enough to cover me up, and when I was able to look at my shoulder I found that the bullet had made a groove in it about four inches long, but it had done no serious damage. Later, when I went to the doctor to have it dressed, he said had it been an inch to the right I should very probably have lost my arm. So it was a near go. The whole of that day we lay in the burning sun and fired away at the Turks. Several times I had to take messages, and at these times as I ran along the line I formed a pretty good mark, but I got off all right. After dark the rest of the Division came up and took over from us, and we were out of the business for a while. That night, after a good shelling by our guns, the position was taken from the Turks with fairly heavy casualties. Next morning our people had advanced another three miles, and we had to go over and clear up the battlefield. The casualties in this battalion were 195 men and N.C.O.'s, and 4 officers killed and 6 wounded. There were two others besides myself slightly wounded, but as we have not gone sick we are not in the casualty list. I was also hit in the hand by a piece of shell, but beyond a slight cut it did no damage. On Tuesday we had no work, but were resting about one and a half miles behind the firing line, and we were shelled at now and then, but had only three casualties. To-day we are in the same place, and our advance is at present held up, but we hope it will not be for long. Probably we are having this rest prior to going into the show again, and making a push; but another day like the 5th and there will be very few of us left to carry on, as our brigade got it much worse than any of the others. The heat during the day is awful, and they say that in a month's time military operations will not

be possible here, as the temperature is now over 100 in the shade. The nights are very cold, and as we carry no coats or blankets with us, we are very cold at night, and after midnight it is almost impossible to sleep. My shoulder is not very bad now, and beyond a little stiffness I do not notice it.

On the very next day after the above letter was written, Lepper fell while gallantly leading his men in an attack on the Turkish trenches. His body was brought in after dark and was buried behind the British lines. Later his personal belongings were sent home. Mr. and Mrs. Lepper have received letters of sympathy from Brigadier-Colonel Hay and the chaplain attached to the 13th Division, in which he was serving.

C. J. Hamblyn writes as follows:—

I was going to write you a long letter when we had our first spell out of the trenches, but when I heard of Espiner's bad luck I thought I should wait a while to see how he progressed. I'm afraid he was rather badly hit, from what I can gather, and was very weak. The back lash caught him in the head and stomach. My brother helped me to carry him in, and he soon came round; but it was just like him trying to save trouble. He lost much blood and his head gave him trouble, and they could not operate on his stomach owing to frequent relapses. The last I heard was that he was doing as well as could be expected, which, under the circumstances, is not saying much. That was more than a fortnight ago. Still, I have no fear myself but that he will soon recover, although I believe he has finished with the trenches.

By the way things are looking just now I have hopes myself of seeing the finish within maybe another year. You will probably know quite as much as to how matters stand as I am likely to. All I know is that our "Friend Fritz" has by far the smallest say when the guns begin to talk, and moreover, they talk all day and all night. Of course the news of the move is continually coming through to us. It will be a big thing, but will come off sooner or later, maybe not altogether this year. We are quite confident.

So far my luck seems to be in; one or two good frights and my experiences are almost related. Perhaps I shall bother you with one or two some other time. By the way, you will notice near the beginning of this letter that when I was making an "h" the pencil apparently slipped. That was "Hans's" fault, as he lobbed an "H.E." just over my "bivvy" and shook the whole show. It is a favourite landing place of his, but he can go on putting them there as long as he likes, as there is nothing there to hurt. I'm fast becoming a fatalist, I reckon, and it's not a bad policy.



BOARDERS B.
SENIOR PREPARATORY.

SECOND GRADE COMPETITION TEAMS.

DAY BOYS.
BOARDERS A (Winners).

Poor Harper's death came as a shock, because I thought he was still in Egypt. We can only feel proud of his achievements and I'm sure none of us could wish for a better death. It is now that we in the trenches feel the loss of friends and mates. Somehow there always seems something to keep us from thinking of them, but I am sure there will come a time when we shall miss those with whom we have been so long. At present, it may seem a strange thing to you, but it is nevertheless true, that we see nothing but the funny part of life. It is just as well too, as jokes and laughter go a long way to brighten and shorten the long hours in the trenches.

R. M. Monteath writes from the Tauherenikau Camp:—

The 19th Reinforcements were all shifted thither from Trentham on account of the persistent wet weather making the ground round the camp somewhat swampy. Colds are very prevalent, but the change is proving beneficial. The Tauherenikau Camp is in every way superior to that at Trentham. Monteath has seen several of our old boys—"Chesty" Goss, who is one of the "big bugs" down there, and Staff-Lieutenant Eyre and Brokenshire. He also saw Guild and "Fatty" Richards before they left. There have been a series of football tournaments, and in the final of one the game lasted so long without a score on either side that the two teams tossed for who should be the winners. Monteath's team won the toss.

The following is taken from the "Taumarunui Press" of June 27th:—

Mr. Charles Putt left last night for Wellington to take up his new position in the drafting section of the head office of the Public Works Department. The local members of the P.W.D. met Mr. Putt yesterday prior to his departure, and made him a suitable presentation, and in doing so congratulated him upon his new appointment. At the Railway Station last night Mr. Putt had quite an enthusiastic send-off from his colleagues of the Department and friends in private life, amongst whom he was very popular.

Private J. J. Howell, of the 10th Reinforcements, has lately been reported wounded in France. He is suffering from shell shock, but is progressing favourably.

Private N. B. Howell, who was severely wounded at Gallipoli, has returned to New Zealand. He again reported at Trentham and has received his discharge. He is at present at Hawera.

Captain-Surgeon I. J. Faris is serving with the forces in France.

R. Adlam has been appointed a sergeant in the 19th Reinforcements. He previously saw active service in Samoa.

Trumpeter G. Knight has returned wounded.

Sergeant-Major J. N. Bullard and Sergeant-Major N. F. Little have been appointed Second Lieutenants.

Among the lists of wounded appear the names of Corporal Wm. Mulloy and Privates L. G. Haworth, L. A. Warren and D. B. Brown.

The following have gone into camp:—Sergeant E. C. Day and Privates Roy Blanchett, A. Blanchett, F. Rowlands, R. M. Monteath, P. Arthur, J. Gibbons, H. S. White, and C. J. White.

Judge W. E. Rawson, of the Native Land Court, has been in New Plymouth lately in connection with the recent sitting of the Court. He was also present at the Waitara Cadets v. our 1st XV. match.

Private J. J. Howell writes:—

I have been up in the firing line and have been too busy dodging bullets and shells, etc., to write. We are just out now for a bit of a spell, but are still within range of the guns, and will be going back any day. We are in a good billet here in a town just behind the firing line, but I cannot give you much more of a description of where we are than that. I suppose the papers out there will know pretty well exactly where we are. . . . I am doing pretty well out here and we are having pretty fair weather, but it is very cold out in the trenches of a night. . . . I have met two of our boys from our own office here, and also dozens of others I know, but I cannot get any trace of Eric Faris here. . . . I have had all sorts of narrow escapes too numerous to mention here, as have most of us, but I suppose I shall get used to ducking my head one of these days. You see some very funny sights here, and you have to laugh even in the hottest of times when shells are flying in every direction. . . . Well, I will have to ring off now, as I have to turn-to again. We are always on the go here.

Corporal E. D. Colson, who left with the 10th Reinforcements, was transferred in Egypt to the 2nd Brigade Training Battalion, the name of which has now been altered to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion Auckland-Wellington Regiment.

Writing from Sling Camp, Salisbury, England, Corporal Colson states that the camp there is much after the style of Trentham—only about ten times as big, as some of the Tommies are also there. Major M'Donnell is in charge of the battalion, and other

New Plymouth men on his staff are Sergeant-Major G. E. Cutfield, Sergeant G. Pott and Quartermaster-Sergeant S. Collis. 'I managed to get three days' leave the other day, and took the opportunity of going to London. Whose place should I strike to stay at but Mrs. Foster's, who had the Terminus Hotel in New Plymouth? Cutfield went on leave at the same time, and at Tunbridge Wells he happened to meet Miss Grant (late of the High School) and Mrs. Claude Weston. I am hoping to get away with the next draft, but the trouble is you don't get the option here—if they want you back for instruction you have to stay.'

Lieut. G. W. Bollinger has been home lately on final leave.

Gordon Sykes has been successful in passing the final examination of the Pharmacy Board.

Philip Grey, who recently took his LL.B. degree, has joined the firm of Messrs. Weston and Weston, Solicitors, New Plymouth.

We give the following newspaper clippings:—

Major Ivan T. Standish, who according to to-day's cables has received the D.S.O., is a son of the late Captain Standish, of New Plymouth. He received his education at the New Plymouth High School, and subsequently was sheep farming with his brother, Mr. M. Standish, in the Tarata district. Deciding, however, upon a military career, he went Home for training and later received an appointment in the Permanent Artillery in New Zealand. Some time ago he went Home and received an appointment with the Imperial Forces.

Rifleman Lewis Albert Warren, son of Mr. C. Warren, was wounded in both legs and left knee on June 5. Rifleman Warren joined the Bank of New South Wales after leaving the High School, and was transferred from New Plymouth to Auckland, at which centre he enlisted. He left with the 4th Battalion, New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

Eric Shaw is accountant at Mr. Newton King's Inglewood branch.

Arthur Osborne, who is with the New Zealand Insurance Company at Invercargill, has enlisted. Before being accepted, it was necessary for him to undergo a slight operation.

Wilfred Blanchett is in camp with the 18th Reinforcements.

Privates Leslie M'Allum, "Doc" Morey and other Old Boys who left with the 13th Reinforcements, were, at latest advices, training at Sling Camp, Salisbury, and, to use M'Allum's expression, "having the time of their lives."

Cecil Quilliam, who holds a senior lieutenancy in the Territorial Force, enlisted some months ago, and is still waiting to be called up.

John Grey, who is farming down the coast, near Opunake, spent a short holiday in New Plymouth in the early part of August. He has now enlisted and gone into camp.

Lance-Corporal David Brown, who left with the 5th Reinforcements, was wounded in July, but we are pleased to hear that the wound, which is in the left hand, is nothing serious.

Ian Pott (8th Reinforcements) transferred from the mounteds to the artillery in order to get away from Egypt to France with the main forces.

Alan Matthews was "resting," after a spell in the trenches, when he last wrote (at the end of June). During these rest periods, Matthews acts as orderly-room corporal for the Taranaki Company.

Hugh Fraser is a sergeant in H Company, 19th Reinforcements.

Private Leslie Mace (3rd Battalion, New Zealand Rifle Brigade) reported "all well and going strong," when he wrote from France on June 23.

Vaughan Kirkby (17th Reinforcements) spent his final leave in New Plymouth in August, returning to Featherston on Saturday, the 19th inst.

Those who were at school with Lewis Warren ("Flick") will be pleased to hear that he is making good progress from his wound, which is in the knee. Warren left with the 4th Battalion, N.Z.R.B.

William Mulloy, who was farming at Korito Road, left with the 9th Reinforcements, and was wounded in July. He is a brother of Wattie, who met his death in action at Gallipoli.

Douglas Harle is a sergeant in the 18th Reinforcements.

W. A. Guild and L. C. Richards left as sergeants in the 15th Reinforcements.

Jack Bullard is a second lieutenant in the 19th Reinforcements. He was married in July to Miss Curtis, of Inglewood.

Sergeant Roy Okey, who went through most of the fighting at Gallipoli, and was afterwards invalided to England, is back again with the forces in France.

Hugh Bradbury is a member of the 20th Reinforcements.

Eric Grant, lately stationed at Hastings in the Bank of New South Wales, is a member of the 19th Reinforcements. He was in New Plymouth in August on sick leave, owing to influenza, and returned on Monday, the 21st inst.

A. R. Standish is in camp as an N.C.O. in the Army Service Corps.

Eric Cutfield is a sergeant-major in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Auckland-Wellington Regiment, training at Sling Camp, Salisbury. Cutfield was recently operated upon for appendicitis, at the Brockenhurst Military Hospital, by Surgeon-Major Wylie, of New Plymouth.

It is understood that when his father returns to South Africa, Joe Pott intends coming out to New Zealand to enlist. He saw some fighting against the rebels.

Bernard Linn, who left for the front a few months ago, has been wounded.

T. B. Kelly, who left as a lance-corporal with the 14th Reinforcements, is now in training at Sling Camp, Salisbury Plains.

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE.

RIDER, HARRY, PRIVATE.—Early in July, Private Harry Rider gave his life in battle for his country. He was educated at the New Plymouth Boys' High School, and afterwards entered the employ of Mr. Carter, grocer. His parents reside in Carrington Road. He was of a quiet, unassuming nature, and made many friends, who, while deeply regretting his loss, will be proud to have been his friends.

SALWAY, GORDON F., TROOPER.—In the casualty list there appears the name of Trooper Gordon F. Salway (11th Reinforcements, missing), son of Mr. Frank Salway, of Fitzroy. After leaving the New Plymouth High School, which he attended for some years, Trooper Salway entered the service of the National Bank, but subsequently resigned in order to take up farming. He spent several years on the farm at Bell Block, and achieved considerable success with his pedigree Shorthorns, which were exhibited at most of the leading A. and P. Shows. Towards the end of last year he sold his herd and enlisted, and after being rejected once was finally accepted, going into camp last December. The news that he is officially posted as "missing" will be received with the deepest regret by his many friends.

QUILLIAM, REGINALD, LANCE-CORPORAL.—Reg. Quilliam, who made the supreme sacrifice in France on August 3rd, was exceedingly popular with all who knew him, and the death of so promising a man will cause universal regret. He was educated at the local High School and Nelson College, and on leaving school entered the staff of Messrs. Govett and Quilliam, solicitors. With the various branches of sport he was closely identified, being an invaluable forward of the Rover Football Club, and later the Tukapa fifteen, while he was a very keen member of the Law Cricket Club, and previously of the New Plymouth Tennis Club. He left for the front in the early part of 1915 with the 5th Reinforcements, and was several months on the Peninsula, escaping both wounds and sickness. After the rest in Egypt he proceeded to France with the main forces, and the intimation that he has been killed in action comes in the form of a private cable from his brother, Lieutenant Ron. Quilliam.

D. N. MacDiarmid writes:—

As you well know, I have written to you from some queer places in the five Continents, and from most of the seas "to which men go down in ships," but for all the out-of-the-way places on this old planet commend me to this, where I now am. Here I am seated in the Padre's tent in an oasis in the great Sahara Desert! All around this oasis—which, by the way, is only an oasis when compared with the surrounding country; in New Zealand it (the oasis) would be called arid sandy desert—all around is an absolute desolation of desolation, a country so sun-stricken that it must be seen to be realised; a country a million acres of which would not support the ghost of a sheep. Nothing but a howling waste of glaring yellow sand and sun-baked mountains of greyish rock. Why a force of Highland soldiers is stationed here I must refrain from telling you until I get back. But here we are, surrounded by barbed-wire entanglements and protected by sand-bag forts, and here we expect to remain during the summer months, with the temperature at 117deg. in the shade. In the early days this place used to be a prosperous oasis. There are remnants of various civilisations in the neighbourhood. There is a Persian temple, built by Darius II.; there is a Christian acropolis; there are ruins of Coptic churches, and there are traces of Rome in the ruins of old Roman baths. But the desert has conquered them all. It has also laughed at the modern attempts at reviving the soil by sinking artesian bores, and the oasis is now almost as desert as the

surrounding Sahara. Away to the westward some 80 miles across the sand is another oasis where the enemy is encamped, but between them and us "is a great gulf fixed," and there will probably be no intercourse between us.

I left Cairo on Thursday evening last, with Mr. Hamilton—another Y.M.C.A. officer—and went up the Nile 300 miles to Girgeh, from which place we took train across the desert 130 miles west to the oasis of Khargeh. On the train we secured seats for ourselves, by insulting the Egyptian guard, to the extent of five piastres, and so had a good sleep. Next day Mr. Hamilton left me to do what he could for the troops at the camp we had reached, and I came on here to "my" oasis. Here I found that those in charge, especially the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian chaplains, were most anxious for the Y.M.C.A. to start work, and with their help and the help of some other interested officers I hope to have a good organisation in full swing. Several brick buildings were erected here, when a company attempted to irrigate the oasis by means of artesian bores, and one of these buildings, containing four rooms, has been allotted the Y.M.C.A. for its work. I am "messing" under the Roman Catholic chaplain's care, with the Lovat's Scouts, and sleep in the tent of the Presbyterian chaplain. Both these chaplains, together with Captain Tuke, have given me a very great deal of help, doing all in their power to forward the work, and spending much of their time in doing odd jobs about the building. There is nothing that could be done to help more than is being done, and I am looking forward to a very enjoyable spell of work here. In fact, I reckon I have altogether fallen on my feet. The chaplains are absolutely splendid, enthusiastic helpers, and I do not know how I would have fared without their assistance. Both go about with saw or hammer in hand, building something here or removing some useless erection somewhere else. My native servant, a boy I picked up at Qara, has also turned out a great acquisition. He has, on his own account, made many little fixings for the Y.M.C.A. rooms. My knowledge of Arabic has been a help to me, as I have had a gang of five natives employed in cleaning up inside and outside. In fact everything has gone just splendidly, and I am very happy about things in general. Although the place is not properly furnished yet, the writing room was full to overflowing this evening. Before I left Cairo Mr. Montieth Smith, the Minister for the Interior, who is chairman of the executive of the Y.M.C.A., advised me to get measured for white suits, etc., which would be sent up after me, and I think I shall certainly require them, as I understand that during May, June and July the thermometer registers anything up to 120deg. in the shade. Spine pads must be worn.

My duties are very varied, and life is pretty full for a Y.M.C.A. officer here in the desert. There being no canteen I have opened one for the benefit of the troops, and out of the small stock I have in hand am selling £9 worth of post-cards and cigarettes per day. The sale of cigarettes by a Y.M.C.A. officer might be questioned, but it is a choice of two evils. The men have money and will either gamble it away or spend it somehow. They will buy cigarettes, so to save them buying rotten Egyptian ones at a big price from the native canteen, we let them have good stuff at cost price. In the same manner we hope soon to be able to supply the men with tea, cocoa, limejuice and biscuits. Sometimes we are able to get the men fruit, and when that happens we are all kept very busy. Yesterday, for instance, I was able to get 50lb. of apricots grown in a more fertile part of the oasis, and two goat skins of dates. The latter were made up into small packets and sold at a piastre a packet, and were much appreciated by the men, who cannot purchase these things from the natives direct. And this—though not usually Y.M.C.A. work—is here a part of the work the public has entrusted us with; seeing that these troops are volunteers, many of them unused to this rough life, anything the Y.M.C.A. can do to supply them with luxuries at cost price should be done.

To-day, as usual, at 5 a.m. the quiet of the morning was disturbed by the pipers playing "Are ye waking, Johnny Cope?" and immediately the pipes had finished the trumpeters played their morning sonata; then the bugles sounded the reveille. With these three reminders of the fact that another day had begun sounding in one's ears, and with the noise of a wakening camp driving away all possibility of sleep, there is nothing for it but to get up. At 6 a.m. my native boy came in with my morning tea, and at the same time an orderly with a beautifully groomed horse came to my door. Soon I was joined by the Roman Catholic padre, and we went for a most delightful scamper over the desert sand. You have absolutely no idea how delightful it is in the cool morning air of the desert to go for a good quick gallop across the hard sand of Sahara. The sun is just warm enough to be pleasant, and the air is most glorious. After an hour's ride we went to the Hospital Camp to see a sick man, and then back to camp for a swim. Yes, a swim; in a bathing pool, surrounded by date palms, away in the heart of the sun-scorched Desert of Sahara. This is a cement bath 15 feet by 30 feet and 5 feet deep, into which an artesian bore sends a continual stream of warm water. This oasis, called by Herodotus the "Island of the Blest," was once famous for its mineral baths. There are many ruins of ancient Roman wells and baths, and we now, in this modern occupation of Egypt are disporting ourselves in the same way and in the same place as did the early Roman soldiers. After the swim came breakfast,



L. CPL. T. B. KELLY.

LIEUT. K. S. EWING.

SERGT. W. GUILD.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

not very good, perhaps, as it is chiefly ration food we are now on, but the ride and the swim made even bully beef very acceptable. After breakfast I go to the Y.M.C.A. building to see that everything is in readiness for opening it. The Officer Commanding has given me three splendid orderlies to assist me, and I am able to leave practically the whole of the canteen work to them, which leaves me free to attend to other Y.M.C.A. work. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the sun is so very powerful that the troops are not required to do anything; the consequence is that they fairly throng the Y.M.C.A. building, reading, writing, and playing games. This morning I was able to make a very acceptable presentation of gift socks to an officer in the Telegraph Department. His men have to do a great deal of walking over the hot sands, and their boots and socks get burnt off their feet. So I have fitted him out with a supply of socks which he will distribute to his men. This evening we had a concert out in the centre of the camp. The O.C. and most of the officers, together with nearly every man not on duty, attended. I had to take the chair and from 6.30 to 7.30 kept it going strong—a good concert. Back to the Y.M.C.A. building and found the canteen besieged and the orderlies serving out cold water, candles, cigarettes, and New Testaments, according to the requirements of the men.

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CONTINUATION OF LIST OF ENTRANTS.

We here continue our list of entrants to the school in order of time. We cannot say "List of Old Boys," as very few in the list are at present old boys. However, for our own convenience and because we hope that the list will be of interest to all boys, past and present, we continue it up to the end of 1914. In a few years every name here will be that of an old boy.

ADMITTED AUGUST, 1908.

480a. Kelly, T. B.

ADMITTED FEB., 1909.

499a. Malone, T. J.

ADMITTED FEB., 1912

564. Brokenshire, K.

565. Claridge, R.

566. Guild, W.

567. Hirst, H.

568. Hill, R. E.

569. Ellerm, N.

570. Grayling, S.

571. Horsup, R.

572. Herbert, E.

573. Jenkinson, W. H.

574. Jones, A.

575. King, F.

576. Le Pine, R.

577. Luxton, W. T.

578. Medway, C. J.

579. Mitchell, W. G.

580. Marfell, L.

581. M'Hardy, A.

582. Martin, E. W.

583. Oliver, P. S.

584. Paterson, D.

585. Sykes, D. S. S.

586. Terry, J. J. K.

587. Wood, A. B.

ADMITTED APRIL, 1912.

587a. Hine, H.

ADMITTED SEPT., 1912.

588. Court, S.

ADMITTED FEB., 1913.

589. Atkinson, M. W.

590. Barker, H. H.

591. Bennett, S.

592. Blanchett, A.

593. Blanchett, W.

594. Bradbury, H.

595. Bradbury, G.

596. Blackhall, S.

597. Bishop, D.

598. Baillie, R.

599. Beckbessinger, E.

600. Bradbury, D.

601. Blundell, R.

602. Corkill, T.

603. Cocker, R.

604. Cliff, J.

605. Callander, A. R.

606. Clemow, K.

607. Clemow, W.

608. Death, A.

609. Fookes, N.

610. Fox, N.

611. Fagan, L.

612. Grayling, H.

613. Guscott, R.

614. Graham, G.

615. Griffiths, P.

617. Hutchen, B.

618. Huse, A.

619. Honnor, A.

620. Hamerton, E.

621. Hoffmann, L.

622. Howell, R.

623. Jackson, R. M.

624. Jackson, S.

625. Jackson, K.

626. Johns, B.

627. Johns, E.

628. Kendall, J.

629. Kelly, F. C.

630. Kirkby, V.

631. Lealand, R.

632. Lovell, L.

633. Lye, K.

634. Moyes, A.

635. Meuli, P.

636. Mackie, D.

637. Murray, K.

638. Neal, K.

639. Norman, B.

640. Newell, C.

641. Nitz, R.

642. Pott, J.

643. Pope, E.

644. Petch, G.

645. Robertson, M.

646. Russell, L.

647. Rollo, S.

648. Renaud, E. G. H.

649. Rich, H.

650. Sutherland, A.

651. Smith, S.

652. Stoddart, B.

653. Skelton, S.

654. Smith, M.

655. Smith, C.

656. Sole, N.

657. Saxton, D.

658. Skelton, E.

659. Teed, L.

660. White, E.

661. White, C.

662. Webster, G.

663. Wilson, B.

664. Wilson, R.

665. Yates, C. C.

ADMITTED MAY, 1913.

666. Bayly, C.

ADMITTED JUNE, 1913.

667. Chisholm, S.

ADMITTED FEB., 1914.

668. Quilliam, N.

669. Peach, C.

670. M'Murray, V. S.

671. Mason, G.

672. Barnett, P.

673. Deare, R.

674. Doile, D.

675. Drake, S. F.

676. Gardner, A. H.

677. Gilbert, A. V.

678. Le Pine, F. C.

679. Phipps, A. H.

680. Rockel, R. M.

681. Smellie, W. G.

682. Snowdon, E. W.

683. Tansey, E. L.

684. Tuohy, J.

685. Traill, W.

686. Waller, L.	717. Moody, A.
687. Way, C. J.	718. Allan, K.
688. Wyborn, J. C.	719. Kyngdon, C.
689. Borrie, S.	720. Harvey, R.
690. Bayly, H. N.	721. Fox, K.
691. Bellringer, B. P.	722. Healy, W.
692. Boon, G.	723. Watkins, I.
693. Brooker, A.	724. Emmerton, C.
694. Brydon, I. R.	725. Holden, H.
695. Candy, D. E.	726. Kebbell, M.
696. Clinch, G.	727. Williams, F.
697. Cock, R. J.	728. Fookes, S.
698. Haggitt, A.	729. Dolby, R.
699. Hamling, E.	730. Weston, H.
700. Hastie, A. J.	731. Saxton, C.
701. Healy, C.	732. Fookes, C.
702. Herbert, C. C.	733. Blundell, B.
703. Jennings, P. A.	
704. Kibby, N.	ADMITTED MARCH, 1914.
705. Mace, F.	734. Wilson, A.
706. Mackie, A. S.	ADMITTED APRIL, 1914.
707. Moverley, H. B.	735. Foreman, R.
708. Ogle, S. W. G.	ADMITTED MAY, 1914.
709. Sole, L. J.	736. Alexander, W.
710. Traill, A.	
711. White, J. T.	ADMITTED JUNE, 1914.
712. Yates, M. G.	737. Winfield, D.
713. Denny-Brown, D.	
714. Harker, M.	ADMITTED NOV., 1914.
715. Goss, H.	738. Eyre, L. G.
716. Guild, M.	

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:—

- Junior University Scholarship.
- Taranaki Scholarship.
- Matriculation.
- Engineering Preliminary.
- 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 61 pupils, of whom 20 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 and physical culture.

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 National Scholarships.**—These vary in value from £5 to £35 per annum. They are tenable for three years and are open to boys under 14 years of age.

(2.) **Senior National 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 14 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 University National Scholarships.—Value £50 per annum for three years.

FEEES (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 (for boarders 1s 6d); Magazine, 1s.

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THIRD TERM 1916.

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Platoon Sergt. : J. J. K. Terry.

Section Commanders :

Sergeant : E. L. Tansey.

Corporal : J. Wyborn.

Lance-Corporal : N. Fookes.

Lance-Corporal : A. Huse.

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In Charge of Platoon : Sergt.-Major V. S. McMurray.

Platoon Sergt. : W. M. Atkinson.

Section Commanders—

Lance-Sergt : W. Ewing.

Corporal : A. McHardy.

Lance-Corporal : N. Ellerm.

Lance-Corporal : —. Callander.

No. 3 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander : Mr. C. G. Bottrill.

Platoon Sergt. : C. C. Yates.

Section Commanders :

Sergeant : T. E. Hamerton.

Corporal : H. Goss.

Corporal : K. Clemow.

Corporal : R. M. Rockel.

No. 4 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander : Mr A. W. Diprose.

Platoon Sergt. : H. Lucena.

Section Commanders :

Lance-Sergt. : O. Bayly.

Corporal : R. A. Wilson.

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Lance-Corporal : J. Fouhy.

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Vice-Captain 1st XV.: J. J. K. Terry.

Captain 2nd XV.: A. R. Callander.

Vice-Captain 2nd XV.: J. T. White.

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V. S. McMURRAY.
HEAD BOY, 1916.

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EDITORIAL.

IT was providential that the fire took place just at the end of the term. The immediate concern was the matter of finding accommodation for the Upper School. At first it was intended to turn Niger House into a temporary school building, but so many disqualifications and inconveniences soon became evident, that the idea was abandoned. It was therefore decided to take advantage of the kind offer of the Taranaki Jockey Club to make use of their buildings and grounds. We have therefore spent the term up on the Racecourse. Our best thanks are due to the Jockey Club and to all its officials for the kindly consideration and courtesy extended on every occasion.

In the last week of the holidays the new furniture was taken up and arranged to the best advantage. We have been able to use some of the Jockey Club's furniture, and this fact has been a great convenience to us.

The Fifth Form has been housed in the outer grandstand. The room is airy and well-lighted and has a concrete floor. There is ample floor-space for a large form. In the cloak-room at the end of the building nearest John Street is the stationery depot. This is a most convenient room for the purpose, as every boy on his way to his class-room has to pass it. The totalisator house is the abode of Form IIIB. This, too, makes an excellent class-room. It has a wooden floor and plenty of space. It is well lighted from both sides, and has a door which does not face any of the weather quarters.

The main grandstand contains two large and well-lighted rooms which are occupied by Forms IIIA. and IV. respectively. The room occupied by Form IIIA. is also used as an assembly room for the whole upper school. Form VIB. is accommodated in the tea kiosk. Here the tea-tables and chairs are used instead of desks. Indeed we hold that the ordinary school-desk, even if large enough, is unsuitable for a sixth-form boy. The tea kiosk has a concrete floor with a very wide verandah running round three sides of it. This means that in dull weather the room is apt to be somewhat dark; but this is the only drawback that can fairly be urged against it. Meanwhile the occupants are very comfortable. Only in the short dull days of winter will any material discomfort be experienced.

The aristocrats of Form VIA. have their quarters upstairs in the Stewards' Stand. There they have plenty of chairs and tables, and are most comfortably housed.

The practical science and agricultural work is, of course, conducted at the old school building. It will be remembered that the Fifth-form Room and the Physics' Laboratory were saved from the fire. This fact assures a more definite and regular course of instruction in practical work than might have been expected.

It will thus be seen that, serious as has been the effect of the fire, the work of the school has suffered much less dislocation than was anticipated. The premises we have been fortunate enough to secure are much more suitable than such buildings usually are, and it can safely be said that the vast majority of the boys have certainly risen to the occasion and have done their share in helping to tide over difficulties.

Of course we are all anxious to be back again in our own buildings, with everything, so to speak, under the one roof. But till that blessed consummation we are in quarters which have much to recommend them. One great matter not mentioned above is the quietness and privacy.

It is always undesirable that a secondary school should be close to a town or in a busy street. It is noticeable that most of the great public schools of England and the two great universities are situated in quiet country towns, hardly more than large villages. The principle is perfectly sound.

The mention of the privacy and quietness so desirable for a school suggests one or two other thoughts.

In too many instances the founders of secondary schools have lost sight of the necessity for this privacy and quietness. Too often the school has been built actually inside the town boundaries. This means that both school and neighbours suffer unnecessary inconveniences. Further, the absence of distracting sights and sounds is in the highest degree desirable if the best results are to be obtained from the teaching. The young are notoriously susceptible to all external distractions, and it therefore seems unfortunate that to the difficulties attendant upon actual learning should be added this further difficulty.

We should say that no school should be within a mile of the busier parts of the town. In fact, it would be better if the school were right out in the country. Earlier in the history of this country land was much more plentiful, and therefore cheaper. To purchase ideal sites now is a difficult and expensive matter. Would that it had been attended to in the first instance! Some day it may be that the Government will insist upon definite approved sites of definite approved areas before permitting the establishment of any new secondary school.

This brings us to the second point, that of adequate areas of grounds attached to secondary schools. A boys' school should have at least thirty acres (fifty would be better still) in order to develop its outside activities to the highest possible degree. The school should be absolutely self-contained, that is, it should not be necessary for it to go off its own ground for any of its athletic, military or agricultural work.

We were glad to notice that recently the Hon. Mr. Allen stated that, in his opinion, schools should have more attractive buildings and surroundings. This is what every true educationalist has long since recognised. We hope that Mr. Allen's remarks represent the official mind, and that they will mark the commencement of a new era. So far our schools and their surroundings have been conspicuous for pure ugliness and unattractiveness. Certain it is that we on the Racecourse have very beautiful surroundings, better perhaps than any school in New Zealand.

Beautiful sites, large and well-kept grounds and roomy and well-designed buildings cannot fail to exert an unconscious but none the less effective influence upon

the pupils of the school. A child's education should be made as pleasant as possible, and everything external should be done to help him and to foster a love for the beautiful and good. Money and architectural skill can secure these external aids. The art of educating is so difficult in itself that none of this expense should be grudged.

The modern tendency, especially in secondary schools, is towards a freer system of discipline with more attention to individual differences of disposition, ability and taste. This by no means implies any increased laxity. On the other hand it demands greater skill on the part of the teacher, and greater help in the way of those external aids we have indicated.

Perhaps the chief inconvenience suffered in our present quarters is the fact that the actual school class-rooms are some distance from the boarding-houses and other school institutions. We have referred above to great desirability of having all school activities under one roof, so to speak. Another, and very serious matter is that we are in our present quarters only by the courtesy of the Jockey Club, and that the present arrangement is only temporary. What would happen were our hosts to give us notice to quit? There is certainly no other building or block of buildings in or near the town which would be in the slightest degree suitable for us. It is therefore absolutely imperative that next year should see a new school erected and occupied. It is most unfortunate that the fire should have happened while the war is still raging. But the resource, ability and organisation of the foe forms so striking an object-lesson in the value of education that no community can afford to neglect to give its youth every possible educational advantage. No money is spent more remuneratively than that spent on education. Perhaps it is not generally known that the University of Paris was thoroughly reorganised and modernised by Napoleon I. during all the stress of his continental wars. A more striking example still was the founding of perhaps the greatest continental university, that of Berlin, while Prussia was at the depth of her distress and was lying trampled under the heel of the conqueror. Such practical examples surely afford a powerful reason why education, instead of suffering the slightest neglect, should, even in these times of stress, receive the utmost support.



1. FROM THE WEST.

THE NEW BUILDING.

2. FROM THE NORTH.

PROSPECTUS.

Owing to the destruction in the fire of most of the copies of the Prospectus issued by the School authorities, it has been decided to make use of the present issue of "The Taranakian" as a Prospectus. More detailed information than usual is, therefore, given at the end of the Magazine. A number of photographs have also been included in the body of the issue, in order that a more accurate idea may be obtained of the School, boarding arrangements and of the grounds and surroundings than could possibly be obtained from mere letterpress. Any further information which may be desired can be obtained on application to the Principal, Mr. W. H. Moyes, or to the Secretary, Mr. Walter Bewley.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following have entered during the term:—H. Roberts, E. Fussell, both being boarders. The following have left:—F. Stohr, L. Dobson, S. Russell, P. O'Carroll, B. Burkhardt, R. Hooker.

We are grateful to the Taranaki Jockey Club for their kindness in giving us a temporary home. But we are afraid that there is something in the atmosphere on the Racecourse which certainly savours of the sport. During the term one of the masters expressed his surprise and indignation at hearing that one member of an upper form was sceptical about the statement that the two cows at the School together yielded in one day 100lb. of milk. A challenge was forthcoming and the sceptic was invited to cover a half-sovereign. This was done, the Patriotic Fund to benefit. A certain day was chosen for the test, and the milking boys prayed for two or three days' warm weather. Extra feeds of green oats, an early milking on the previous night and a later milking than usual could have effected the purpose. The sceptic was to witness the milking, but decided to take the result on trust. This result turned out somewhere in the region of 110lb. The offer of the sceptic to pay was politely and decisively declined, and a suggestion was thrown out that his form might be invited to pay a visit to Teapot's. We have not heard whether the suggestion was acted upon. But perhaps a success in the Matric. Exam. will prompt a generous action—the master in question to be one of the recipients.

Owing to the fire the "long night," which usually closes the dancing-class for the season, was postponed until the last week of October. The Prep. School was carefully swept and garnished, but the floor was a trifle heavy owing to the sanitary dressing recently applied to the floor. However, the enthusiastic dancers disregarded this, and "joy was unconfined" until well on into the night. The same floor was again occupied by much the same company on the evening of the Sports Day. The dance was primarily given to those ladies who so kindly assisted with the afternoon tea. In spite of the warm weather and the excitement of the day all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The large amount of cinders which was all the fire left us of the gymnasium, became a great nuisance because they were continually being carried into the School rooms and boarding houses. However, as the paths round the buildings were badly in need of repair, we had a good chance of killing two birds with one stone, the two birds being the repair of the paths and the riddance of the unsightly heaps of cinders. The paths were first levelled and then the cinders were scattered plentifully over them. Several dray-loads of sand were next spread over the cinders and then a heavy cement roller, propelled by some promising Junior forwards, was drawn up and down the paths. This hardened the surface and we now have some first-class paths about the building.

One of the serious losses by the fire was the old school-bell, by which half New Plymouth used to set its clocks. On our removal to the Racecourse it was decided that a bugle should take the place of the bell. For the first week or two the experts on that instrument sounded the calls. The novelty then began to wear off, and of late a variety of amateurs sounded a variety of calls, interspersed in many cases with sounds of violent struggling with the instrument. On more than one occasion the sound has been varied by the mellow (or otherwise) notes of the cornet or E-flat horn. This latter music generally issues from the class-rooms during intervals.

One of the most popular items at the Sports Dinner was the ice-creams kindly presented by Mr. Renaud. An encore would have been imperatively demanded had not our native modesty forbidden the suggestion.

The most disappointing feature in connection with the Bayly Memorial Sports was the very meagre number of entries. We are inclined to think that this is in some measure due to the conditions being insufficiently known, and perhaps to the late date on which the competitions take place. It would make considerably too, we feel sure, for the success of the sports if the date specified in the Regulations, not later than October 31st, were strictly adhered to. Prospective candidates could then know definitely the date of the meeting and make their arrangements accordingly. If the date is not strictly adhered to it is difficult for candidates to get into proper form at the right time.

Very few ladder games on the tennis courts have been played this term, but next term should bring surprises in this respect for many of the younger members of the Club are to be found on the courts in the early hours of morning. So proficient have these younger members become that they have been heard to remark that their play is being handicapped by the fact that the courts require another coating of tar. These budding champions will be pleased to learn that it is intended to tar and sand the courts during the holidays. Our grass court has not been used, but has been carefully prepared for use next term. A start has also been made on two new asphalt courts. Most of the filling-in has been done and providing labour can be obtained these courts should be ready by next term.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of two boxes of tennis balls from the New Plymouth Lawn Tennis Club. For this thoughtful donation we tender our sincere thanks.

During this term the orchestra has practised regularly as usual. Naturally, with the approach of summer outside activities have, to some extent, interfered with our work. Steady progress has been made, but we are sadly in need of a double bass, a flute, an oboe and a horn. There has been no change in the personnel of the orchestra, but one boy has given up the flute for the cornet, as he is also a member of the School Band.

One of our literary authorities on being asked the meaning of the phrase "he was received into the Benedicks," explained "this means 'benediction' or 'blessed' on being married." We hope this youth's anticipations of a union with Beatrice will be realised.

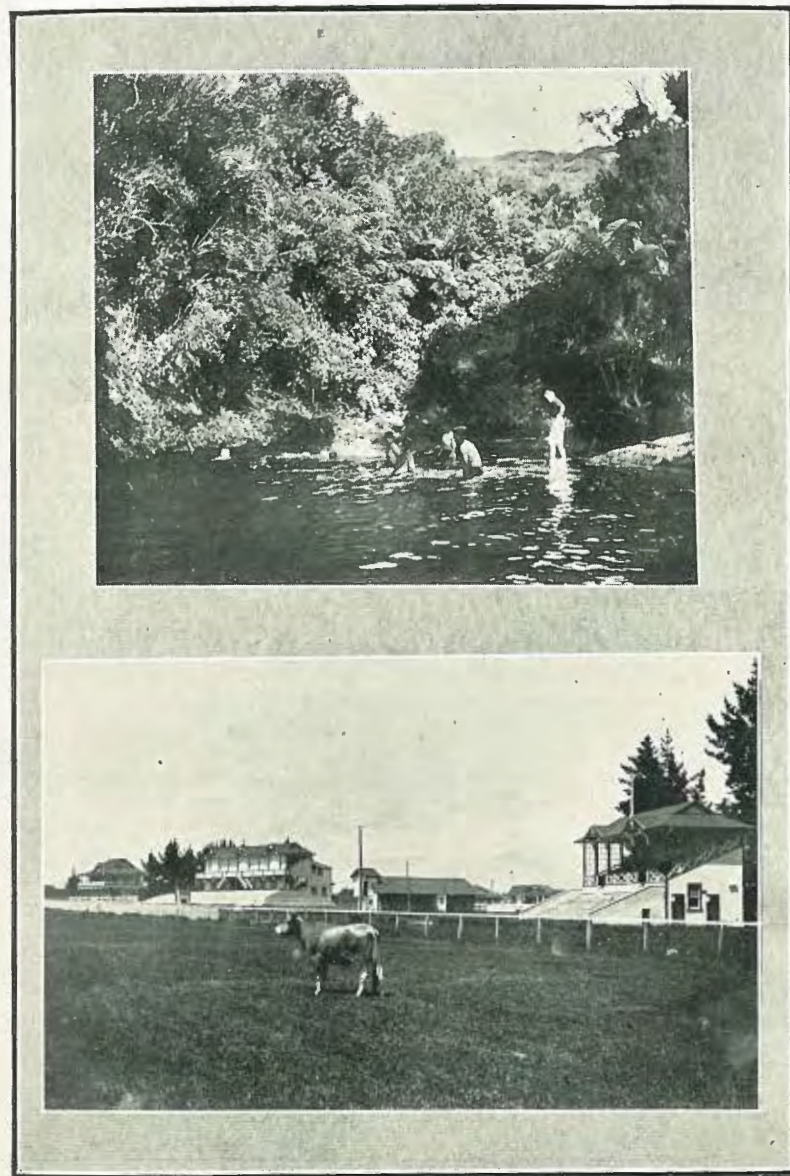
Not having the gymnasium we find it difficult to hold concerts, but we did manage to have one in the Preparatory Room on October 21st. We are not greatly blessed with performers, but this particular concert, judging by the enthusiasm evinced and the ovations secured by each performer was a great success. Some of our juvenile theatrical artists rigged up a very creditable stage. As usual Mr. Renaud was a tower of strength at the piano. A notable feature of this concert was the large proportion of items contributed by the Lower Preparatory boys, who well deserved the cordial reception they received. The programme was:—

1. Chorus Song Boys.
2. Recitation, "Horatius" Barak.
3. Violin Solo Bothamley.
4. Dialogue, "The Dentist's Den"
..... Candy, Forbes, Jury and Bothamley.
5. Song Mr. Bottrill.
6. Recitation (comic) K. Neal.
7. Dialogue Mackay and Jackson.
8. Recitation Lysons.
9. Song Mr. Renaud.
10. Song Yates.
11. Song Cachemaille.
12. Recitation Candy.

Now that the school is to have a band we may look forward to well filled out and varied programmes at our future concerts.

This year the invitation race at the annual sports was the 100 yards. The trials were run off on November 2nd, when six starters toed the mark. A close finish resulted in C. Herbert being first, with C. Yates second. These positions were reversed on sports day, when Yates was first, Herbert second, with Auld of Stratford third.

After the fire the members of Form VIA. changed their abode from Niger House to the stewards' stand on the racecourse. From this building they can obtain a fine uninterrupted view of the surrounding country, and what was of more importance, of the racing-track itself. Accordingly, every morning before roll-call the enthusiastic sportsmen of VIA. are wont to gather on the balcony to discuss the merits and the faults of the various horses training for the Christmas meeting. One member of the



1. THE BATHING HOLE.
2. OUR TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

Form seemed to know the name and past performances, and even the future prospects, of every horse on the field, and as the rest of the Form knew but little, they had to believe him. Now that the meeting is drawing near, and the horses are beginning to arrive in larger numbers, the excitement is growing more tense. Often during morning school when the thundering of hoofs is heard, there is a general rush to the window to see the horses gallop up the straight. It is a notable fact that the master in charge is generally just as anxious as the boys to see the race. Quite a considerable amount of valuable information has been obtained from a young jockster who is always talking of the powers of his favourite coursers. The trainers themselves know that the Form takes an interest in the racing, and one day a trainer asked them if they were timing the horses. Hence it is not unreasonable to imagine that some of the sportsmen of the Form will make a pot of money at the meeting.

Owing to the destruction of the gymnasium and all the apparatus, it has been found impossible to hold the usual annual gymnastic competitions. This falls particularly heavily on those who were training with the competitions specially in view. These will now have the consolation of feeling within themselves that virtue is its own reward.

No reasonable person, who has any knowledge of the various walks of life, can possibly doubt that the hardest worked members of the community are secondary school boys. Day after day, term after term, year after year, they toil, seeking no reward except the approval of their own tender consciences. It is but fitting, therefore, that this unremitting toil should once a year receive some alleviation. This year the alleviation and recognition came on October 23rd, when we had a holiday on Labour Day. Of course the masters neither needed nor wished for the holiday; but they were good enough to put up with it for our sakes—just for once.

There were three very interesting pulls in the tug-of-war competitions on Sports Day. The pull between the Day-boys and the Boarders was long and evenly contested, the former ultimately avenging last year's defeat upon the latter. But this pull paled into insignificance in comparison with the next pull, that between a team of members of the Board and the Masters. After a lusty pull the Masters proved victorious. The teams then changed ends and had another pull, but this time the

excitement of the crowd was so intense that a rush was made to assist the competing teams and no definite result was arrived at. We hope that in making any future appointments to the staff the Board will be careful to select masters of considerable ability with respect to avoirdupois.

We have received this term some useful practical instruction in flower-gardening. The lawn behind the main grandstand and in front of the tea-kiosk has some dozen beds of annuals, and we have seen the whole process of preparation and planting out. These annuals will be in their full beauty at the time of the usual Christmas race meeting. To be sure, some of the more festive spirits in the Third Forms have been under the impression that these beds were made in order that they might have something to run round and chase each other. Most of them have been finally disabused of the delusion under which they laboured. A good deal of grass-cutting on this large lawn was done, especially by the members of the Sixth Form.

Two years ago one of our boys passed the University first-year's terms with Victoria College. Last year two kept first-year's terms with Auckland University College. This year we had three successes with our three candidates. J. J. Terry and O. Bayly kept first-year's terms in Latin, English and Constitutional History, while V. S. M'Murray kept second-year's terms in English, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, and has sat for the first section of the B.A. degree examination in these subjects. These students are taking the direct University course instead of competing for Junior University Scholarships.

Many of us received a pleasant surprise when we saw Mr. Searle at the sports. He is, of course, Lieut. Searle, and was in uniform, but to us he will always be Mr. Searle. He managed to obtain special leave, and stayed in New Plymouth for three or four days. He will not leave New Zealand till January or February next year.

The following is from "The Scotsman" of Sept 29th, 1916:—The National Lifeboat Association has issued the 1916 results of the Imperial Challenge Shield competition for boys. Shooting with the small bore rifle, in the senior competition (over 15 years), 323 teams competed in all parts of the Empire, and 197 in the junior competition, representing a total of over 5000 boys. New Plymouth

High School, New Zealand, won the first prize in both competitions. A very large proportion of the fifty prizes in the senior competition was won by Australia, where the cadet system is in an advanced stage. English teams were fairly prominent in the junior competition.

We have just seen a copy of the "New Plymouth High School Boys' Magazine," dated July, 1908. It comprises twenty-five pages, and deals with most of the school activities. There are two contributed articles, one on Cricket and one on School Athletics. Both of these are at the end of the magazine. Reports of cricket and football matches occupy nearly half of the issue. The annual sports took place on March 12th, and were held on the Recreation Grounds. There were twelve events, including a girls' race, on the programme. A list of boys, numbering fifty-eight, on the roll is given. School Notes occupy three pages, and the Old Boys' column two. There are also four photos, arranged on two pages, of the sports. The magazine is of great interest to those connected with the school in 1908, and it is a pity that lists of subscribers and exchanges were not included.

This term there have been no exeats, but instead we have had a half-term holiday. This holiday was given on Monday, October 30th. A further reason for the holiday was that it was felt the success of the shooting teams in the Imperial Challenge Shield matches was deserving of something out of the ordinary routine. Hence the holiday.

It goes without saying that the news of the result of the shooting matches was received most enthusiastically. We try to abstain in the columns of "The Taranakian" from anything that has any suggestion of boasting, but we honestly think that we can be proud of the prowess of the shooting teams.

On the last day of the term a practical demonstration in shearing was given by a master on the staff who was least suspected of having any skill in this direction. Much to the astonishment of the boarders the first assistant was seen arrayed in blue denims and hob-nailed boots valiantly battling with the sheep that has been used to keep down the grass on the tennis lawn. The struggle resulted in the ultimate removal of its fleece to the satisfaction of all on-lookers, though it is rumoured that the sheep was intensely relieved in more ways than one when the operation was over. With the price of wool at

1s 6d a lb. it is hoped that the Finance Committee will benefit to the extent of fifteen shillings.

The unusually wet weather this spring has interfered materially with the cricket. Early in the term a list was made out by the Cricket Committee and provision was made for the regular playing in matches by every boy in the school. The players were graded and a master was appointed to take charge of each group, just as is done in the case of football. Time after time were wickets prepared, and time after time did the rain prevent play. Consequently we have had but little cricket until towards the end of the term. It is impossible, of course, to begin cricket in good earnest until the sports are over. We notice that Mr. Clement Wragge has stated that the sun is unusually active, and that unsettled weather is to be expected all over the world for six or nine months. We are delighted that the science of Meteorology is so far advanced that it is possible to make such predictions with every chance of their fulfilment; but, at the same time, we have some secret hope that the above-mentioned science is not so exact after all.

One afternoon early in November quite a sensation was caused by an accident to a horse and cart employed in tipping soil over the bank which looks down on to Pukekura Park. The cart had been backed a little too far, and in a moment cart and horse went backwards over the bank right down to the bottom, a distance of some thirty feet. Fortunately the horse was quite uninjured, and was soon brought up again. The affair happened not long before school was dismissed, and therefore many willing hands were immediately available to haul up the cart. A block and tackle with plenty of rope was fastened to the cart, and soon it was safely once more on the top of the bank.

There can be few more beautiful views than that obtained from the Racecourse in fine weather. Specially beautiful is that towards the Mountain, with Pukekura Park and Mr. Newton King's grounds in the foreground. In all directions the view is beautiful, and this implies that the site is open to every wind that blows. The Racecourse is indeed an ideal site for a school, and we can only wish that the founders of the school had placed it further back on some such site as the Racecourse. The present school site is certainly excellent in every respect, but a still more excellent and more roomy site could have been obtained by going back a little further into the country.

One of the Forms was asked in a recent examination to explain certain phrases and allusions and to embody them correctly in sentences. Amongst these phrases was "to write Johnsonese." This evoked the following answer:—"To write Johnsonese" is to write to a person telling him your opinion of him. Example: Very few people in Germany would dare to write Johnsonese to the Kaiser or the Crown Prince, much as they deserve it.

On Saturday, December 2nd, an informal dinner was given in the school dining-room to members of all the shooting teams. All the masters were present as well. After more than justice had been done to the viands and potables (especially the latter, the evening being warm), Mr. Moyes proposed the toast of "The King." This was received with musical honours. Mr. Moyes then proposed the toast of the "Shooting Teams." Lucena responded. Next the health of Mrs. and Mr. Moyes was enthusiastically drunk, and after a good deal of friendly chat the company dispersed, all further eloquence being reserved for the Annual Sports Dinner.

Our temporary home on the Racecourse is very pleasant indeed in fine weather, but in wet weather it is not quite so pleasant. The long grass of the spring growth is very wet, and many boys were wise enough to bring with them shoes to wear in the actual buildings. This simple precaution saved many a severe cold. The unusual high northerly wind accompanied by heavy rain beat in under the stationery-room door and completely flooded it. Fortunately there was very little stock on the floor, and thus but little damage was done.

We heartily thank the following for sending back numbers of the magazine in response to the appeal published in our last issue:—Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Teed, Messrs. Roy, English and Johnstone.

We wish to thank Mr. A. H. Goss for his kindness in presenting us with two sets of the Target-Index Practice Rod apparatus, for use with the long rifles. The shooting teams will find these very helpful, and hope that they will contribute to another "double event" in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions next year. Mr. Goss will, we feel sure, consider such a result the best thanks we can tender him.

Mr. Swanson of the "Taranaki Daily News" has very kindly presented a bat for the use of the First XI. He has also once more made the donation of a guinea towards

the funds of the Swimming Club. We tender him our heartiest thanks for his continued kindness.

In order to encourage the practical work in Agriculture and Dairying, Mr. H. B. Lepper has given us two pigs. They represent one more item towards a still fuller equipment for these branches of our work. The gift is only one of a number for which we are indebted to Mr. Lepper.

We wish to thank Mrs. D'Arcy Robertson for the gift of a valuable set of books dealing with English Literature. This, together with Mr. F. Messenger's handsome gift of a set of the "Cyclopaedia Britannica," form a valuable addition to the reference section of the Library. We here offer Mr. Messenger our heartiest thanks.

Mr. D'Arcy Robertson has very kindly given us a number of prize chrysanthemum roots for the grounds, a gift for which we are very grateful.

We are very grateful to Messrs. M'Leod and Slade for the gift of a handsome trophy for shooting.

To Messrs. Searle and Hamblyn we also tender our sincerest thanks for their gifts of two fine cups for shooting.

We have also received bequests from two Old Boys, R. White and G. Bendall, who have fallen at the front. These bequests are to be applied to school purposes. We here record our appreciation of their kindly remembrance of us.

TERM'S DIARY.

- Sept. 18.—Resumed School after holidays. New boarding-house occupied.
- Sept. 19.—Began term's work in earnest on Racecourse. Mr. Wynyard joined staff.
- Oct. 6.—Long night dance in Good Templar Hall.
- Oct. 13.—Mr. Searle left for camp.
- Oct. 18.—News of results of Imperial Challenge Shield Shooting received.
- Oct. 19.—Annual steeplechase.
- Oct. 23.—Holiday: Labour Day.
- Oct. 25.—News of Auckland University College Terms' Examination received.

- Oct. 26.—Cricket began with a mixed match, masters and boys.
- Oct. 30.—Half-term and shooting holiday.
- Nov. 2.—100 yards trial Invitation Race run off.
- Nov. 6.—Term examinations begun.
- Nov. 16.—Annual sports.
- Nov. 22.—Public Service Entrance, National Scholarship and Free-place Examinations began.
- Dec. 1.—Agricultural plots inspected by Department officials.
- Dec. 2.—Shooting dinner. Match against Rifle Club.
- Dec. 5.—Matriculation examination began.
- Dec. 9.—Bayly Memorial Sports held.
- Dec. 13.—Shooting championships fired for.
- Dec. 14.—Boxing championships decided.
- Dec. 16.—Annual sports dinner.
- Dec. 18.—Annual break-up.

FORM AVERAGES.

Third Term, 1916.

- Form VIA.—This Form consists of several divisions, each of which is preparing for higher commercial and agricultural work, Public Service Senior Examination or for Junior University Scholarship. The following are the results in the latter division:—59.—1 K. Brokenshire, 70; 2 C. C. Yates, 60.
- Form VIB., 55.—1 R. Kidd, 68; 2 R. Lealand, 66.
- Form V., 59.—1 H. Goss, 78; 2 R. Greiner, 75.
- Form IV., 54.—1 E. Boulton, 70; 2 E. Reeves, 68.
- Form IIIA., 59.—1 N. Waddle, 82; 2 C. A. Noble, 81.
- Form IIIB., 50.—1 S. Spence, 68; 2 C. Jones, 63.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III., 68.2 per cent.—1 A. Candy, 84.1; 2 K. Ward, 79.4.
Form IIA., 59.8 per cent.—1 W. Mackay, 80.9; 2 P. Griffiths, 75.8.
Form II., 74 per cent.—1 S. Fookes, 87; 2 F. Williams, 82.5.
Form IIB., 67 per cent.—1 M. Lysons, 83; 2 B. Blundell, 82.
Form IA., 75 per cent.—1 G. Walker, 83; 2 R. Bennett, 77.
Form IB., 51 per cent.—1 C. Gilmour, 78; 2 C. M'Neil, 65.

CRICKET.

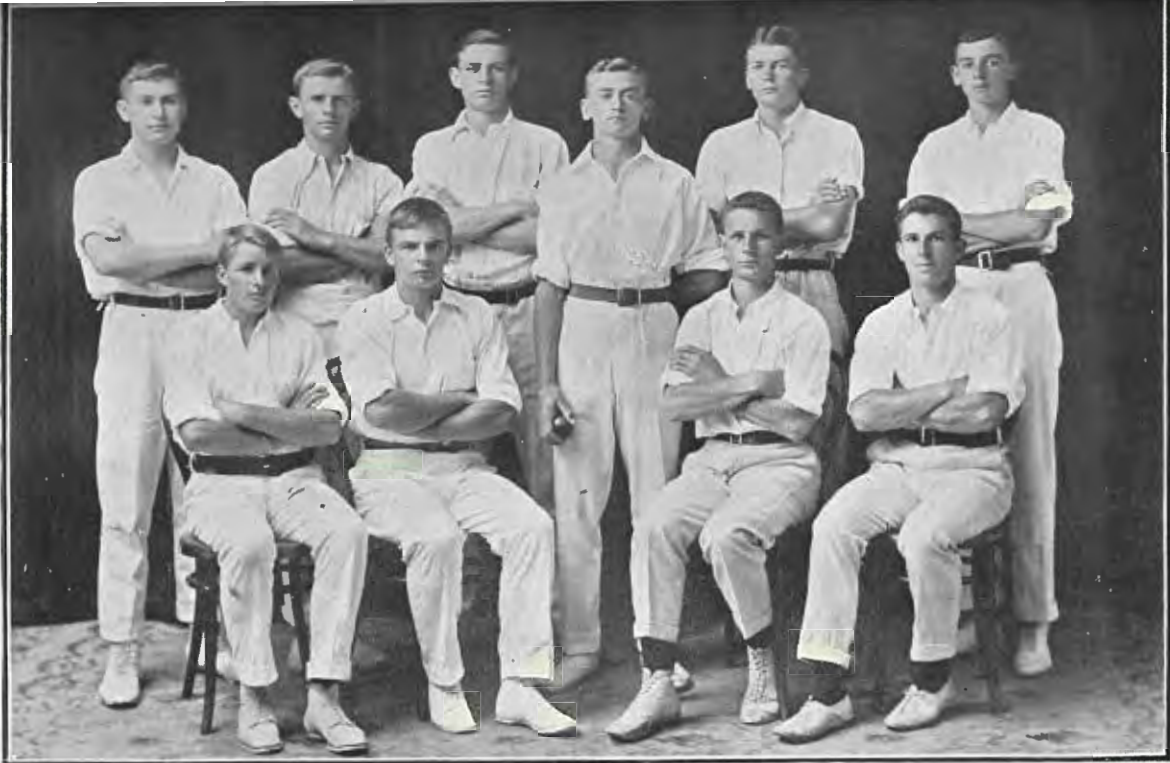
A series of competition matches had been arranged for the term's cricket, but unfortunately all attempts to start were foiled by the unpropitious state of the weather. As the fine weather did not arrive till the exams. were at hand, these matches have been postponed till next term. Outside matches have been few, on account of the war, but the middle and lower schools cricket, as a result of their extra matches, showed a decided improvement.

SCHOOL v. TOWN ELEVEN.

SCHOOL.

Mr. Wynyard, b. Bain	14
Yates, b. Heskett	0
M'Murray, c. and b. Heskett	0
Mr. Bottrill, b. Graham	18
Goss, l.b.w.	11
Mr. Christian, b. Nicoll	0
Mr. M'Kinney, b. Bain	0
Terry, l.b.w.	0
Fox, l.b.w.	23
Fookes, caught, b. London	13
Ewing, not out	1
Extras	18
Total	98

The bowling averages were taken incorrectly.



FIRST ELEVEN, 1916.

STANDING : H. GOSS, J. WYBORN, J. TERRY, S. McMURRAY, N. FOKES, R. GREINER.
SITTING : R. SCOWN, C. MCKAY, W. EWING, C. YATES. ABSENT : R. FOX.

TOWN ELEVEN.

Ingram, b. M'Murray	30
Berg, b. Fox	8
Graham, b. Fox	11
Way, caught, b. Mr. Wynyard	21
Nicoll, b. Mr. Wynyard	1
Hasell, retired	34
Oliver, b. Mr. Bottrill	19
Bain, retired	21
MacDonald, hit wicket, b. Goss	9
Heskett, c. Yates, b. Goss	2
London, not out	3
Extras	15
Total	174

Bowling averages.—Mr. Christian, no wicket for 41; Fox, two for 17; M'Murray, one for 15; Mr. Wynyard, two for 57; Mr. Bottrill, one for 28; Goss, two for 13.

The second match against the town was played a few days later and ended in a tie. For school, M'Murray hit up 24 by good cricket. The only other batsman to make double figures was Terry. The detailed scores were as follows:—

SCHOOL.

M'Murray, c. Bain, b. Heskett	24
Mr. Bottrill, l.b.w., b. Knapp	2
Mr. Wynyard, b. Bain	4
Yates, c. MacDonald, b. Knapp	1
Mr. M'Kinney, b. Bain	2
Terry, c. Knapp, b. Bain	12
Mr. Christian, b. Knapp	8
Fookes, c. and b. Heskett	5
Wyborn, b. Knapp	0
Ewing, not out	2
Scown, st. Heskett	1
Extras	3
Total	64

Bowling analysis.—Knapp, four for 14; Bain, three for 13; MacDonald, none for 6; Mackay, none for 10; Way, none for 8; Heskett, two for 14.

TOWN ELEVEN.

Knapp, b. Mr. Christian	...	...	0
Way, c. and b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	3
Mackay, b. Mr. Christian	...	...	9
Heskett, caught, b. Mr. Christian	...	...	25
Bain, b. Mr. Christian	...	...	1
London, c. Mr. Wynyard, b. Mr. Christian	...	...	11
MacDonald, b. Terry	...	...	2
Sutherland, not out	...	...	8
Wills, c. Scown, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	1
Lucena, c. Wyborn, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	0
Burton, b. Mr. Christian	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	1
Total	...	...	64

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Christian, six for 15; Mr. Bottrill, one for 35; Terry, one for 5; Mr. Wynyard, two for 5.

THE HOUSE MATCH.

This match was undoubtedly the most interesting of all. It created quite a lot of excitement, with the result that each house had a host of supporters present. The Principal's House eleven batted first and knocked up 64. The principal scorers were Mr. Moyes 16, M'Murray 29, and O'Halloran 9. School House replied with 112. Mr. Wynyard made 39 and Wyborn 27, while Yates and Hamerton helped the score along by 12 and 11 respectively. With 48 to the good, School House sent their opponents in again and dismissed them for 39. The following are the detailed scores:—

PRINCIPAL'S HOUSE ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Mr. Moyes, b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	16
Mr. Ryder, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	0
M'Murray, b. Wyborn	...	...	29
M'Kay, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	0
O'Halloran, b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	9
Reeves, l.b.w., b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	5
Wills, b. Wyborn	...	...	0

L. Bryce, b. Wyborn	...	...	1
Callander, b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	0
Train, not out	...	...	0
Henson, b. Wyborn	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	—
Total	...	...	64

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Bottrill, two for 27; Mr. Wynyard, two for 27; Mr. M'Kinney, two for 0; Wyborn, four for 4.

Second Innings.

Mr. Ryder, c. Wyborn, b. Hine	...	...	7
M'Murray, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	4
O'Halloran, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	4
Reeves, c. and b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	1
H. Bryce, b. Lucena	...	...	13
Wills, b. Scown	...	...	4
M'Kay, b. Scown	...	...	0
Callander, b. Scown	...	...	2
Train, not out	...	...	0
Henson, b. Johns	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	3
Total	...	...	39

SCHOOL HOUSE ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Mr. Wynyard, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	39
Mr. M'Kinney, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	5
Yates, c. Bryce, b. M'Kay	...	...	12
Mr. Bottrill, c. Bryce, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	1
Wyborn, run out	...	...	27
Scown, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	0
Hamerton, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	11
Lucena, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	2
Hine, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	0
Johns, not out	...	...	3
Sarten, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	12
Total	...	...	112

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Moyes, six wickets for 31; Mr. Ryder, two for 25; M'Kay, one for 20; M'Murray, none for 20.

MIDDLE-SCHOOL CRICKET.—IV. and V. FORMS.**BOARDERS v. DAY BOYS.**

This match turned out to be one of the most exciting games ever played between the Boarders and Day Boys. The Boarders batted first and by the aid of M'Kay and Wyborn, who made 48 and 44 respectively, hit up 114. The Day Boys replied with 109, 34 of which were contributed by Goss. The following are the detailed scores:—

BOARDERS.

Wyborn, b. Sole	...	...	...	...	44
Reeves, b. Goss	...	...	...	...	11
Scown, b. Goss	...	...	...	...	0
M'Kay, b. Sole	...	...	...	...	48
Johns, b. Goss	...	...	...	...	4
Drake, c. Greiner, b. Sole	...	...	...	...	0
Train i., c. Ward, b. Sole	...	...	...	...	0
Winfield, not out	...	...	...	...	0
Harrison, b. Goss	...	...	...	...	0
Atkinson, b. Goss	...	...	...	...	0
Hine, b. Wood	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	114

Bowling analysis.—Goss, five wickets for 39 runs; Sole, four for 20; Wood, one for 35; Greiner, none for 14.

DAY BOYS.

Sole, b. Wyborn	...	...	...	...	15
Johns, b. M'Kay	...	...	...	...	0
Doile, b. Wyborn	...	...	...	...	13
Wood, b. Wyborn	...	...	...	...	5
Greiner, b. M'Kay	...	...	...	...	3
Goss, b. Wyborn	...	...	...	...	34
Fouhy, stumped	...	...	...	...	9
Denny-Brown, c. Scown, b. Wyborn	...	...	...	...	2
Blundell, b. Wyborn	...	...	...	...	1
Brokenshire, b. Wyborn	...	...	...	...	12
Boon, not out	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	14
Total	...	...	...	...	109

Bowling analysis.—Wyborn, seven wickets for 42 runs; M'Kay, two for 43; Scown, none for 10.



FRONT HALL : NEW BUILDING.

PREPARATORY CRICKET.

The Preparatory School XI. have played two matches against outside teams during the term—one against Central and the other against Fitzroy. Their first venture was a failure, their total score being 16. To this Central replied with 53. But their second attempt was altogether successful, and the eleven is to be congratulated on its fine performance. No doubt the school fielding was weak, but it must be remembered that as yet there has been very little time for practice. Hayden and Walter went for the bowling from the start and hit up 32 and 25 respectively in fine style. With the aid of these two, Forbes (15) and Candy (11) school brought the total to 104, to which Fitzroy replied with 28 and 26, thus leaving the Prep. winners by an innings and 50 runs. Hayden and Walters were the two most successful bowlers.

SHOOTING.

This term, owing to lack of rifles and ammunition, there has been very little shooting of any kind. Our miniature range rifles were burnt last term, so we had to wait until Mr. Moyes could procure some Lee-Enfields from the Defence Headquarters at Hawera.

More hindrances came in the guise of Scholarship Examinations, two or three of the team being thus debarred from the one and only practice we had. This practice was on Saturday, November 25th, when, all things considered, the shooting was good.

The following Saturday afternoon the Rifle Club challenged us to a match over the 200yds., 500yds., and 600yds. ranges. This, as was expected, resulted in a defeat for our team, but considering our opposing team it was not a disgrace.

The following are the scores for the match:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	Total.
Sergt. Lucena	33	30	33	96
Pte. Fookes	33	32	29	94
Sergt. Ewing	32	29	32	93
Pte. Boulton	30	24	30	84
Pte. Hamerton	30	33	19	82
Pte. Wyborn	23	30	23	76
Pte. Tansey	23	31	12	66
Pte. Greiner	25	26	9	60
	229	235	187	651

RIFLE CLUB.

	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	Total.
Rifleman Keating ...	33	28	34	95
Pres. Hill	35	31	29	95
Rifleman Davies	30	32	32	94
Rifleman Coppen	31	33	30	94
Rifleman Blanchett...	34	27	32	93
Rifleman Lysons	34	29	26	89
Rifleman Palmer	29	31	26	86
Rifleman Ramson	26	32	25	83
	252	243	234	729

The only other shooting this term was that for the School Championships—the Belt and the two Lady Godley Cups. These were fired for on Wednesday, December 13th, which was an ideal day for shooting. Most of the rest of the school went out to the range to look on, dinner, in the shape of bread and butter, cheese, sausage, and “fizz” being supplied for the boarders.

The first shoot was for the Belt, with which was included a gold medal presented by Mr. Williams, of Wanganui. As usual the ranges were 200yds. and 500yds., the conditions seven shots and an optional sighter at each range. The dimensions of the scoring rings on the targets were larger by a good deal than those used in the Schools of the Empire competition, so the shooting cannot well be judged from that standard. Nevertheless Ewing's was a splendid score, and hard to beat.

The following are the scores:—

	200yds.	500yds.	Total.
Ewing	34	34	68
M'Murray	31	34	65
Boulton	32	33	65
Lucena	34	30	64
Hamerton	34	27	61
Fookes	34	25	59
Morey	26	28	54
Wyborn	29	25	54
Tansey	28	25	53
Greiner	24	25	49
Yates	30	18	48

From 500yds. we went back to 300yds. and changed to service sights, to shoot for the Lady Godley Cups. The ranges to be shot over were 300yds. and 500yds., seven shots and a sighter at each range. No slings were allowed in this shoot, but any military position could be used.

The shooting in this match was poor, as most of us had not used service sights since the Groups meeting at New Year, and we also had to guess the setting of our sights.

The scores are as follow:—

	No. 24 Coy. Cup.	300yds.	500yds.	Total.
Yates	32	30	62	
Boulton	30	23	53	
Lucena	26	23	49	
M'Murray	20	28	48	
Ewing	29	19	48	
Morey	20	24	44	
Hamerton	28	14	42	

	No. 110 Coy. Cup.	300yds.	500yds.	Total.
Greiner	28	25	53	
Kidd	26	27	53	
Rockel	22	24	46	

The tie between Kidd and Greiner was decided by the order of scoring at 500yds., and the Cup awarded to Greiner.

Lieut. Searle, our former coach, now in camp at Trentham, has presented us this term with a fine silver cup, to be awarded for the Senior Championship on the Miniature Range.

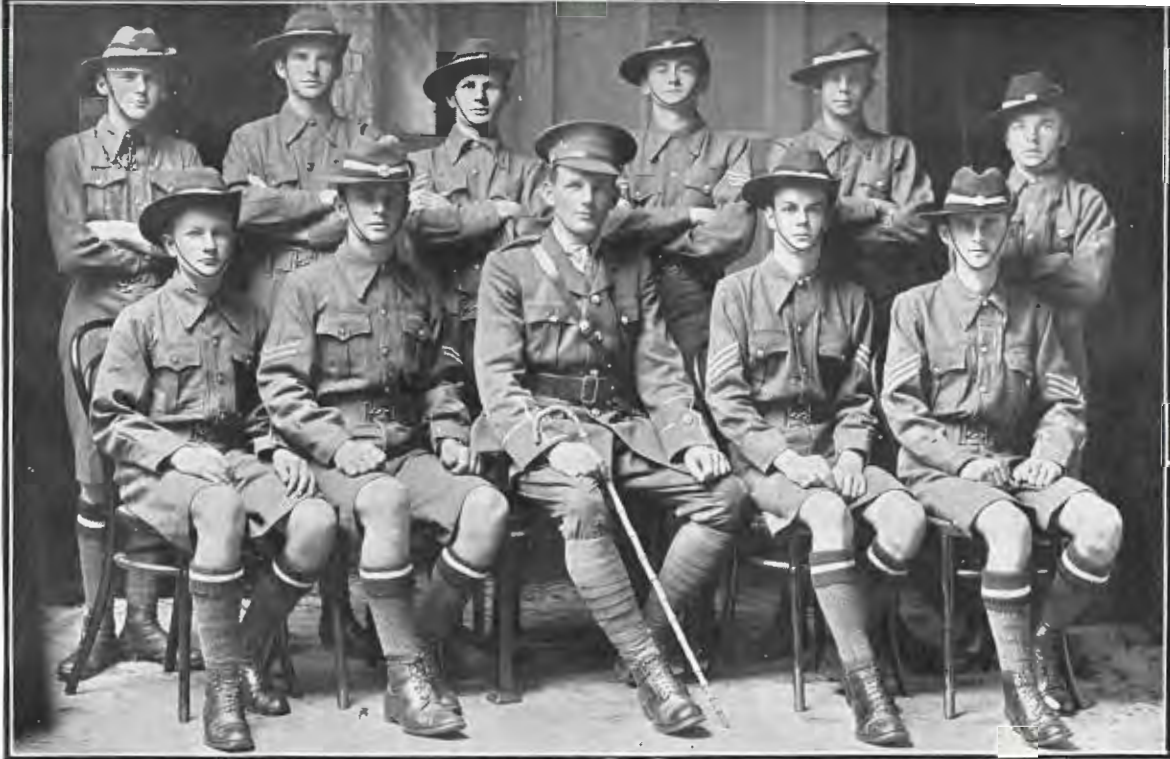
Corporal Hamblyn, of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and the firm of Messrs. M'Leod and Slade, have each donated £10 for shooting trophies, for which we wish to convey our hearty appreciation.

Since the issue of the last number of "The Taranakian" details of the scores in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions have come to hand. We give here the full list of teams winning prizes—

SENIOR COMPETITION.

Three hundred and twenty-three teams competed. Average age of New Plymouth Boys' High School A team (winners), 17 years 2 months:—

Place.	Team.	Strength.	Score.	Average.
1.	New Plymouth Boys' High School A team ...	10	938	93.8
2.	R.A.N.R. No. 4 Coy., Geelong Division, Aus.	9	828	92
3.	New Plymouth Boys' High School B team	8	723	90.37
4.	Depot Royal Marines Cadet Corps, Deal	9	813	90.33
5.	R.A.N.R., No. 3 Coy., Geelong Division, Aus., (Provisional)	12	1076	89.6
6.	15th Nottingham Boy Scouts	9	799	88.7
7.	R.A.N.R. (O.) Cadets, Cairns Sub-district, Aus.	8	706	88.2
8.	R.A.N.R. (O.) B Coy., Sydney Division, Aus., and R.A.N.R., No. 1 Coy., Geelong Division, Aus. (tie)	8	705	88.1
10.	No. 2 Platoon 51st Battalion Senior Cadets, Aus.	9	786	87.3
11.	R.A.N.R. Cadets, No. 1 Coy., Hobart, Australia	9	783	87
12.	R.A.N.R. (O.) A Coy., Sydney Division, Aus.	8	696	87
13.	R.A.N.R. (O.) Launceston, Australia	10	865	86.5
14.	R.A.N.R., No. 2 Coy., Geelong Division, Aus.	9	769	85.4



SENIOR "IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAM," 1916.

STANDING : PRIVATE E. BOULTON, CORP. O. BAYLY, SERGT. W. EWING, COL.-SERGT. V. S. McMURRAY,
PRIVATE C. HERBERT, PRIVATE B. H. GRAYLING.

SITTING : PRIVATE W. TRAILL, CORP. J. C. WYBORN LIEUT. SEARLE, SERGT. H. L. LUCENA, SERGT. E. HAMERTON.

15.	R.A.N.R., No. 7 Coy., Sydney Naval Cadets, Australia	8	680	85
16.	A Coy., Haberdashers Hampstead School Cadets Corps	10	844	84.4
17.	Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, A team...	20	1678	83.9
18.	A Coy., 1st New Brighton Territorial Cadet Corps...	9	752	83.5
19.	Eye Grammar School A Team	8	667	83.3
20.	Nelson College Artillery Corps, New Zealand	8	666	83.2
21.	No. 5 Company, Senior Naval Cadets, Port Fairy, Australia	8	665	83.1
22.	De Aston School, Market Rasen	8	664	83
23.	Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, C team ...	8	663	82.8
24.	West Bridgford Boy Scouts	8	660	82.5
25.	1st Ormskirk Boy Scouts, A team	8	659	82.3
26.	Pitlochry Boy Scouts ...	8	652	81.5
27.	Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, D team...	8	651	81.3
28.	Hartlebury Grammar School and Latymer Up- per School, Hammer- smith, B team (tie)	8	649	81.1
30.	Auckland Grammar School, New Zealand, A team	13	1052	80.9
31.	No. 1 Platoon A Coy., 74th Battalion Senior Cadets, Australia	9	728	80.8
32.	No. 4 Platoon 51st Bat- talion Senior Cadets, Aus.	9	727	80.7
33.	R.A.N.R. Cadets, 1st Division, Brisbane, Aus.	10	804	80.4
34.	R.A.N.R. Cadets, 2nd Division, Brisbane, Aus.	10	803	80.3
35.	No. 62 Hamilton Collegi- ate Institute C.C., Canada	10	800	80

36.	Christchurch Boys' High School Cadets, N.Z.	16	1279	79.9
37.	No. 2 Platoon, St. Lawrence College, O.T.C. ...	10	797	79.7
38.	Kelly College, O.T.C. ...	9	716	79.5
39.	B Coy. Haberdashers' Hampstead School, C.C.	9	714	79.3
40.	No. 2 Coy., 1st C/Bn. Shropshire L.I.	9	710	78.8
41.	No. 5 Platoon 51st Bn. Senior Cadets, Australia	9	710	78.8
42.	A Coy. King Edward's School, Witley C.C.	10	784	78.4
43.	Bundaberg Naval Division, Australia	8	627	78.3
44.	R.A.N.R. (O.) Cadets, No. 5 Coy., Australia ...	11	858	78
45.	Naval Reserve (O.), Thursday Island, Aus.	8	622	77.7
46.	Dufftown Boy Scouts ...	8	621	77.6
47.	London Orphan School, Watford	10	775	77.5
48.	1st Leiston Boy Scouts, A team	8	619	77.3
49.	Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, E team...	8	618	77.2
50.	No. 1 Platoon, A Coy., 1st C/Bn., K.R.R.C.	8	615	76.8
51.	Kilmarnock Academy Cadet Corps	8	611	76.3
52.	Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, H team...	8	609	76.1

NEW ZEALAND TEAMS.

The order taken by the New Zealand teams that competed was as follows:—

1.	New Plymouth Boys' High School, A team ...	10	938	93.8
3.	New Plymouth Boys' High School, B team ...	8	723	90.37
20.	Nelson College Artillery Corps	8	666	83.2
30.	Auckland Grammar School, A team	13	1052	80.9
36.	Christchurch Boys' High School	16	1279	79.9

58.	Nelson College Cadets...	10	753	75.3
77.	Auckland Grammar School, B team	8	559	69.8
100.	Woodville Cadets	9	593	65.8
102.	Christ's College	15	987	65.8
103.	18th Coy. Auckland Senior Cadets	13	855	65.7
134.	78th Coy. New Zealand Senior Cadets	13	805	61.9
174.	Hamilton High School...	13	722	55.5
178.	Whangarei High School	10	551	55.1
208.	Hamilton High School, B team	8	406	50.7
215.	Stratford High School ...	11	556	50.5

THE JUNIOR COMPETITION.

One hundred and ninety-seven teams competed. Average of New Plymouth Boys' High School team (winners), 14 years 6 months:—

1.	New Plymouth Boys' High School	8	738	92.2
2.	No. 8 Coy., Sydney Naval Cadets, Australia	8	731	91.3
3.	R.N. Barracks Boys' Brigade, Devonport	10	908	90.8
4.	Cottesmore School, Brighton	8	725	90.6
5.	No. 9 Coy. Sydney Naval Cadets, Australia	8	703	87.8
6.	St. Cyprian's School, Eastbourne Coy., 2nd H.C. Brigade, R.F.A., A team	10	860	86
7.	No. 1 Platoon, State School 1852, South Melbourne, Australia	10	851	85.1
8.	B Coy. Haberdashers' Hampstead School Cadet Corps	8	680	85
9.	R.A.N.R. (O.), Launceston, Australia	8	677	84.6
10.	Depot Royal Marines Cadet Corps, Deal	10	841	84.1
11.	1st City of London Cadets, Coleman Street Ward School Co.	9	753	83.6

12.	Earl of Shaftesbury's Own Boy Scouts, Bisley	8	667	83.3
13.	Royal Marine Artillery Cadets, A team	11	914	83
14.	No. 363, Winona Cadet Corps, Canada	8	662	82.7
15.	Ascham St. Vincent's School, Eastbourne	8	658	82.2
16.	Mowden School Cadet Corps, Brighton	8	657	82.1
17.	3rd Sherborne Boy Scouts	9	734	81.5
18.	St. Andrew's School, Eastbourne, A team	11	896	81.4
19.	St. Andrew's School, Eastbourne, B team	8	651	81.3
20.	Shaftesbury School, Bisley, A team	14	1137	81.2
21.	Plymouth Division Royal Marines' Cadet Corps, A team	10	811	81.1
22.	Allan's School Cadet Corps, Newcastle-on-Tyne, A team	9	717	79.6
23.	St. Andrew's School, Eastbourne, F team	8	636	79.5
24.	Shaftesbury School, Bisley, B team	8	633	79.1
25.	No. 2 Platoon, State School 1852 Cadets, South Melbourne, Australia	9	710	88.8
26.	Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, A team...	26	2048	78.7
27.	R.A.N.R. (O.) Cadets, Hobart, Australia	8	625	78.1
28.	Hartlebury Grammar School	8	624	78
29.	St. Andrew's School, Eastbourne, D team	8	622	77.75
30.	No. 7 Platoon, B Coy., 47th Battalion Senior Cadets, Australia	11	855	77.72
31.	St. Cyprian's School, Eastbourne Coy., 2nd H.C. Brigade, R.F.A., B team	8	617	77.1
32.	Wandsworth Boys' Naval Brigade, B team	8	616	77



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STANDING : PRIVATE G. BAYLY, PRIVATE R. HARRISON, LIEUT. SEARLE, PRIVATE, I. M. GUILD, PRIVATE S. ALLEMANN.
SITTING : PRIVATE J. HINE, PRIVATE L. O'HALLORAN, PRIVATE R. GREINER. INSET : PRIVATE J. POTT.

33.	St. Edmund's School, Hindhead	9	686	76.2
34.	Wandsworth Boys' Naval Brigade, A team	9	677	75.2
35.	C Coy., Halifax Common School Cadet Corps, Can- ada, B team	8	601	75.1
36.	Shaftesbury School, Bis- ley, C team	8	595	74.37
37.	Det. No. 2, Maritzburg College Cadets, South Africa	9	669	74.33
38.	C Coy., Halifax Common School Cadet Corps, Can- ada, A team	10	741	74.1
39.	De Aston School, Market Rasen	8	592	74

NEW ZEALAND TEAMS.

The order taken by New Zealand teams was as follows:—

1.	New Plymouth Boys' High School	8	738	92.2
42.	Christchurch Boys' High School	12	882	73.5
56.	Auckland Grammar School, A team	11	775	70.4
90.	Whangarei High School	10	612	61.2
136.	Hamilton High School...	11	524	47.6
161.	Hamilton High School, B team	8	286	35.7
166.	Auckland Grammar School, B team	8	261	32.6

Three hundred and twenty-three teams from schools in all parts of the Empire took part in the Senior Competition and 197 in the Junior.

Mr. Moyes has received the following telegram from the Minister of Defence:—"I have very great pleasure indeed in informing you that I have received advice that the founders of the Imperial Challenge School Competition have instructed me that an additional prize of £20 has been awarded to the New Plymouth Boys' High School for its wonderful performance in gaining first prize in both senior and junior shield competitions, and also third

place in the senior competition. Please accept my very heartiest congratulations. Although New Zealand has always won some prizes in these competitions, I understand that this is the first time that the Dominion has been either first, second, or third. Your school's performance is one you may well be proud of.—James Allen."

HOUSE NOTES.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the fact that this term has seen the completion of the new boarding establishment. The building is a two-storey one and is beautifully finished throughout. Niger House is not now in use, as there have been three new dormitories fitted up in the old house.

Several new boys have joined our ranks this term. Their names are Forbes, Prideaux, S. Smith, C. Duckworth, E. Fussell and H. Roberts. All these boys are in the Preparatory School. Evidently the "Prep." is becoming famous. K. Duckworth and Knowles left us last term, and during this term R. Wilson, who was going to sit for Matriculation this year, had to leave on account of his eyes failing him. We tender our sympathy to Dick and hope he may yet be able to resume his studies.

On returning this term we discovered that Mr. Diprose had left us to take up a position at Wellington College. He has been with us for some time, and we hope that his stay here was as pleasant to him as it was to us. His position has been filled by Mr. Wynyard, who accompanied the Te Aute football team during their visit to us last term. We extend to him a hearty welcome and hope that he will enjoy his stay here.

As usual the Pictures have been patronised this term. We went to see the "All-Red Route" screened, and were well satisfied with the picture. We also visited the "Cinema" during the half-term holidays and after the sports. Towards the end of the term the firms of C. A. Wilkinson (Eltham), and Bellringer Bros. (New Plymouth), presented us with complimentary tickets to the screening of "From Molten Steel to Motor Car." We thoroughly enjoyed this picture and were especially interested in the hill-climbing feats of the Maxwell Motor Car. We take this opportunity of thanking the two above-mentioned firms for their kindness.

This term cycling has claimed quite a number of victims. Several boys have had very severe spills, and it has been no uncommon sight to see youths limping painfully about with their knees and elbows swelled to abnormal proportions by reason of innumerable hot compresses and endless bandages. As usual we have had a round of coughs and colds, but thanks to the timely doses of Wood's Great Peppermint Cure and Fluenzol, not to mention Ammoniated Quinine, administered by our Matron, these minor epidemics have been stopped.

We have this term to introduce a new arrival to the ranks of the boarders in the shape of a fox-terrier, to whom has been appended the epithet of "Reggie" or sometimes "Rags." Reggie is a great favourite with everybody, and makes a point of always being present at the Masters' supper. He created a great commotion one evening after tea by barking furiously all the time grace was being said. Needless to say, Reggie received his deserts for this escapade.

During the term the band instruments arrived and at first were kept in Mr. Moyes' study. As a result of this we discovered for the first time that our Headmaster is something of a musician. Very often we heard soft melodious (?) tunes floating out upon the "Stilly night," and for a long time we were at a loss as to where they came from. We thought we would enjoy some good music when the bandsmen-to-be commenced practice, but our hopes were soon dashed to the ground when our youthful musicians started to let off their steam, so to speak, through such instruments as the trombone and euphonium. However, we have every reason to hope that the band will soon become more competent.

At the beginning of the term, as we had no gymnasium in which to exercise ourselves, we used to go for a run every morning about half-a-mile up the road and back. We found this was not too easy to perform at first, but after a week or so we were not so absolutely done up after it. After the sports were over we gave up the running and, instead, rose at half-past six every morning to do some excavating in the gully. We first started by beginning to raise the level of the new grass tennis-court, preparatory to its being put down as an asphalt court. We obtained the earth needed for this from the side of the hill, and several big slips of earth were brought down. This led to a very amusing incident occurring one evening while we were bringing down

the earth. A large portion of the bank had been undermined and we were standing around waiting for it to fall. One youth, however, did not notice that he had taken up his position directly in front of an empty barrow of generous dimensions. Suddenly the bank gave way and our hero, who evidently considered himself too near the centre of activity for safety, retreated backwards in great haste, only to fall rather suddenly into the barrow, where, being tired, he remained for some time.

We now have school over at the Racecourse buildings; thus we are getting a sample of a Day-boy's life. We admit that it is very pleasant to have a walk before school when it is fine weather, but sometimes Jupiter Pluvius has his innings and then things take on an entirely different aspect.

As is usual during the third term, we have commenced our swimming. The bathing-holes in the Te Henui seem more delightful than ever now that we are having such hot weather. Several times some of us have had a dip after tea and have always found it very pleasant, although one cannot then stay in for long.

In past terms it has been customary for the Boarders to be allowed either to go home or to stay with friends twice a term during exeats. This term, however, we have had a half-term holiday from Friday till the following Tuesday. Many Boarders took advantage of this and went home.

Several Boarders went up the Mountain with Mr. Bottrill and, from all accounts, had a fine time of it. The rest of us could not resist the lure of the sea and consequently we did a lot of swimming. One day we picnicked out at the Breakwater, and, in the afternoon, hired a row-boat, in which we had a very enjoyable time.

At the beginning of the term we experienced some very wet weather. As the paths around the new house had not then been fixed up properly, the mud which was carried into the house was a very great nuisance. This got so bad, especially in the evenings, that Mr. Moyes allowed us all to go to bed one night at about seven o'clock. However, paths have now been laid down, and wet weather does not now make such a mess of things.



THE DINING-ROOM.

We who occupy the new house have now a large locker apiece. These are very convenient, as they will hold quite a lot of "tuck" and other schoolboy "valuables." Each locker is fitted with a Yale lock which, as one witty youth remarked, serves to "lock 'er!" Several boys, however, managed to lose their keys, but, on application to Mr. Moyes, they found that they could obtain duplicate keys for the small sum of sixpence.

This term a tuck-shop has been erected in one corner of the grounds. It is intended that all the profits shall be handed over to the Finance Committee. Business, however, has not yet been commenced in earnest.

We have to announce the fact that another attempt was made during the term to burn down the Preparatory School. The Boarders were in the building during Preparation, and noticed smoke coming through the floor. On investigation it was found that some old desks which had been placed under the building were blazing merrily. However, the flames were easily extinguished.

What used to be the Library has now been converted into a Dormitory, while the old dining-room is now the Library. It is a great improvement on the old Library, as it is much larger, and will accommodate many more boys.

The Preparatory boys celebrated Guy Fawkes in real good fashion. Several of the smaller lads became very excited, and there were some healthy arguments as to whose rocket went the highest.

Tennis has again been started this term. The old court is to be re-asphalted during the holidays and another asphalt court is to be laid down.

During the term we have put in quite a lot of time rolling the cricket pitch and it is improving steadily.

When we came back this term we were surprised to find that a shed had been erected on the plots. This is divided into two parts. In one are stored the various agricultural implements, while a cart is kept in the other. It is rumoured, however, that, in the very near future, the cart will be ousted in preference to one of Henry Ford's latest productions.

Behind the new house, down a gully, is a frog-pond, the waters of which have perhaps moved a foot during the last six months. Behind the new house, at the head of this self-same gully, was placed a horse-trough. A few days later two small youths whose names have become synonymous with mischief, happened on the scene. They saw the trough, and they also espied the frog-pond. With a great deal of labour they managed to shift the trough to the frog-pond on the placid waters of which they launched their clumsy craft. The more daring of the two jumped in and propelled himself into the middle of the pond, where he promptly lost control of the trough, which calmly deposited him in about three feet of swampy water. He crawled out and decided he had had enough, so he went back to school. However, undaunted by his comrade's failure to navigate the pool, the second small-boy attempted to do so, with exactly the same result as that achieved by his predecessor. He too returned to school, but he forgot that the trough would not follow him thither. Consequently, when sent to fetch it back, he found it had disappeared. Such is the mystery of the horse-trough.

A cricket match was played between the New and Old Houses. The Old House was victorious by a fairly substantial margin, but it is rumoured that the New House intends soon to get its own back.

During the term Mr. Searle, who has been with us some time, left us to go to camp. He has a Lieutenantcy in the 25th Reinforcements. We hope that he will be able to return to us before long.

The following Boarders have distinguished themselves in athletics this year. Nicholson won the Steeplechase, while Lucena obtained fastest time in the same event. Beckbessinger, Bothamley and Williams won Sports Championships, while Yates tied for the Senior Cup. In the Boxing Championships the following Boarders were successful:—M'Murray, O'Halloran, Zinsli, Candy, Jackson and Callander.

One night in a dormitory in the old house, the conversation turned to sword-fencing. One youth, when he was asked if he had ever indulged in this pastime, calmly remarked that he had done miles and miles of it! Needless to say this lad is a farmer, as well as a wit.

Another very small boy, who is very interested in the Pictures, was enquiring when the third episode of a certain serial picture was to be held. Said he, "I say, Bill, when are they showing the third 'espoide'!" Such is English as she is spoken.

A certain small youth whose acquaintance has already been made in connection with a certain horse-trough, discovered at the foot of the gully a pool, which he maintained was absolutely full of mountain-trout. Armed with rod and reel he set off to catch them, but eventually resorted to a kerosene tin with which he baled a couple out. These two fish he kept in the tin evidently to gloat over.

When Reggie arrived it was considered quite in keeping with his dignity to erect a residence for him. This contract was let to a certain Fourth-Former, who is renowned for his skill as a carpenter. This lad spent all one week-end in constructing a very imposing building, erected on the lines of a bungalow. The addition of some very vivid red paint enhanced the beauty of the residence, which was established behind the House.

One of the Masters, who is evidently keen on horticulture, has this term commenced to make a garden. Evidently things are going well, as we often overhear discussions on various species of flowering plants. The same Master has also begun to make a rockery. The garden will no doubt be very beautiful before long as a result of his efforts, or at least we hope so.

All the Boarders were present at the Sports Dinner and needless to say they did ample justice to the viands. Next day one youth who had been packing-up remarked to an amazed audience that he had left nothing in his locker except a pair of tripods! We leave it to the reader to imagine what sort of garment that is. Evidently it has some connection with camera-work. The dinner of the night before must surely have fogged this youth's somewhat abnormal brain.

As this is the last term of the year, a number of Boarders will be leaving. We who are remaining at school take this opportunity of farewelling them. We wish them every success and also hope they will sometimes come back to see us.

AGRICULTURE.

This term has seen a large increase in our field work, owing to an additional area of nine acres of land having been taken over for pastoral purposes. This area is situated just adjacent to the plots, and although the ground is rough and the pastures poor, yet it will enable some experimental work to be carried out on the top-dressing and sowing-down of pastures. This area is fenced off into three large paddocks, two of which are at present being used for grazing, while the third has been allowed to grow for hay. At present three cows are being run on this area, but it is hoped to increase this number as soon as the pastures are sufficiently improved. The milk from the cows is supplied to the School Boarding House, and a record of the production of each cow is kept. At the beginning of the term Mr. H. Lepper very kindly presented two pigs to the school, and these are being fattened off.

The following table gives the weights of milk given by each of the three cows, Brindle and Daisy being of the Brindle type, while Polly is a Holstein. The latter is a heifer just recently calved:—

Week ending.	Brindle.	Daisy.	Polly.
Oct. 4, 1916.	355lb.		
„ 11, „	361	383lb.	
„ 18, „	350	388	
„ 25, „	357	390	
Nov. 1, „	359	404	
„ 8, „	343	416	
„ 15, „	325	400	225lb.
„ 22, „	311	383	230
„ 29, „	286	336	236
Dec. 6, „	290	324	244
„ 13, „	310	316	246
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	Total for 11 weeks—	Total for 10 weeks—	Total for 5 weeks—
	3647lb.	3740lb.	1181lb.
	Av. 331.5lb. per week.	Av. 374lb. per week.	Av. 236.2lb. per week.



HARROWING AND CULTIVATING.
THE COWS.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWS.

GULLY IN NEW AREA.
GENERAL VIEW OF GRAZING AREA.

An area of about five acres has been cultivated during the last term, the whole of the work being now carried out by the boys themselves. Mr. F. W. Atkinson kindly presented us with a single-furrow plough, and the Board of Governors purchased harrows and a cultivator. The absence of discs and a drill has been somewhat severely felt, but the cultivator has to a certain extent enabled us to supply the need for the former, while the large number of boys taking the course has enabled sowing by hand to be carried out successfully.

The following are the crops at present under cultivation:

Area A, $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre.—Permanent pasture consisting of cocksfoot, perennial rye, Italian rye, cowgrass, white clover, trefoil, and prairie grass—50lb. of seed per acre. Manure 2cwt. super, 1cwt. blood and bone per acre.

Area B, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre.—Previously in oats, barley and vetches. Ploughed in and divided up into the following lots:—

1. Carrots.—Varieties of Sutton's Matchless White, Giant Belgian, Yellow Intermediate.
2. Turnips and Swedes.—Varieties of Sutton's Up-to-Date, Best of All, Magnum Bonum, Superlative, Champion Purple Top, and of Webb's Monarch, Superlative, Imperial, Masterpiece, Skirving's Liverpool.
3. Varieties of Maize.
4. Buda-Kale.

Area C, $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre.—Permanent pasture consisting of the same mixture as in Area A, but sown at the rate of 70lb. of seed per acre.

Area D, $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre.—Sown in Marlborough Lucerne. This area was ploughed, limed at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton per acre, harrowed, rolled and cultivated. One cwt. of inoculated soil was then spread over it and harrowed in, after which it was rolled and the seed sown. Half the area was sown in drills and the other half was broadcasted. There has been a good "strike" in both areas and the outlook for a good crop appears very hopeful.

Area E, 1 acre.—Divided up into plots each of one-twentieth of an acre in area:—

- No. 1.—Timothy selection plot. Seed selected from the best types of plants grown in last year's area was sown, and a further selection will be carried out this year.
- No. 2.—Sutton's Matchless White Carrot.
- No. 3.—Sinclair's Champion Carrot.
- Nos. 4 and 5.—Jersey Queen Mangel.
- Nos. 6 and 7.—Prizewinner Mangel.
- Nos. 8 and 9.—Sugar Mangel.
- No. 10.—White Horsetooth Maize.
- No. 11.—Sudan Grass.
- No. 12.—Maize—local variety.

At the recent A. and P. Show at Stratford a Juvenile Cow-judging Competition was held for boys under the age of eighteen years. There were thirty-three entries from all parts of Taranaki, and although we were unable to send more than two competitors, owing to the Public Examinations being held at the time, yet one of our representatives, R. Scown, was successful in winning the first prize. We have been given to understand from remarks made by the judge that Scown was well ahead of the other competitors in points. His remarks were:—“Scown is an outstanding winner. His remarks are very explicit and in conformity with his pointing. He will undoubtedly make a good judge.” We offer our hearty congratulations to Scown on his success.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

Five new boys, four of whom are in Standard V., joined us this term. Duckworth, Forbes, Prideaux, Roberts and Fussell are the new boys, all of whom are boarders.

The great event of the term was the Sports, which were held on a fine sunny day. C. M'Neill won the under 10 championship, with R. Fookes runner-up. In the under 12 championship F. Williams came first and M. Kebbell came second. In the under 14 championship R. Bothamley was an easy winner and D. Fox secured second place.

This year the Prep. again had the honour of having one of its members, Nicholson, winning the Steeplechase.

On December 5th all the Standard VI. boys went up for their Proficiency Examination, the results of which are 8 Proficiency passes, 2 Competency passes, and 3 failures, but Hayden, one of the failures, is to have another test in arithmetic.

Standard VI. boys, Candy, Barak and Rawson, also sat for the Junior National Scholarship Examination.

In the term examination, Barak came top, with Candy second; the same order was maintained in the average for the year.

When we came back this term we found that Mr. Moyes had put most of the Prep. boarders in the bottom dormitory in the new buildings, but unluckily for us, the Prefects' study happens to be too near to allow us the latitude we might otherwise enjoy.

Early in the term one of our Masters, Mr. Searle, left us to take up a commission in the 25th Reinforcements. Many of the Prep. boys write to him, and there are few more pleasing moments than when reading a letter which he has sent to one of the boys.

This term has seen a revival of interest in Library matters, most of the boys in the Preparatory School being members, and it is not to be wondered at considering what a fine selection of books we have.

Good attendance certificates were won by Roy Harvey, Arthur Walter, Owen Johns, Cyril Hughes, Harry M'Neill, Leonard Rawson, William Healy and Sydney Hayden.

PREPARATORY CRICKET.

On September 26th we held our annual meeting, at which Hayden was elected captain, Forbes vice-captain, and Candy secretary. A committee was also formed. The season lulled considerably between Steeplechase Day and Sports Day, after which, however, cricket was taken up with fresh enthusiasm. We have again entered for the “Whittle Shield” competition. Our first match against Central was disastrous, for we notched only 16 runs to our opponents' 53. However, a week later, taking matters more seriously, we comfortably accounted for Fitzroy by an innings and fifty runs, the scores being High School 104, Fitzroy 28 and 26.

On the 11th December great enthusiasm was manifested over a match between Upper Prep. Day Boys and Boarders. Day Boys made 50 runs, Hayden (31) and Healy (9) being top scorers, to which Boarders responded with a score of 73 runs, Walter (31), Candy (6), Mackay (6), and Rawson (6), being top scorers.

The Lower Prep. are very keen on their cricket and have had two most keenly-contested matches among themselves.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The weather fortunately was fine for the Annual Athletic Sports of the New Plymouth Boys' High School on Thursday, November 16th, and in consequence the sports were even more successful, if that were possible, than the gatherings in previous years. The large playing field of the school had been given careful attention, with the result that the rain of the previous day had hardly any effect, the tracks being in first-class order. In many ways such a function as that on Thursday indicates very fairly the progress of the institution, and it was significant that on no previous occasion had there been so many entries, such keen competition, or such a large assemblage of visitors. Parents of boys were present from every part of the province and even further afield, and it must be conceded that from every point of view the athletic sports of 1916 were a brilliant success.

A sign of the time was discernible in the Old Boys' Race—each of the fifteen competitors had some good reason for not being at the front. Those Old Boys who are at present on active service (and their number is large, for the past members of the school have responded loyally to the call) were not forgotten, for a small charge was made for afternoon tea, which was dispensed in the preparatory rooms by a committee of ladies, and the proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of Christmas comforts for the soldiers who claim the New Plymouth High School as their Alma Mater.

Among the visitors in the afternoon were his Lordship the Bishop of Auckland (Dr. A. W. Averill), the member for Taranaki (Mr. H. J. Okey), and Lieutenant H. V. Searle (24th Reinforcements), a member of the teaching staff. During the afternoon the Citizens' Junior Band, under Mr. F. W. G. M'Leod, discoursed selections, and added materially to the enjoyment of the outing.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1916.

BACK ROW : W. EWING, L. BRYCE, C. HERBERT, J. WYBORN, E. TANSEY, M. ATKINSON, O. BAYLY, C. MCKAY, H. GOSS.

MIDDLE ROW : C. YATES, J. TERRY, S. McMURRAY, R. KIDD, A. MCHARDY.

FRONT ROW : S. DRAKE, L. WOOD, A. CALLANDER.

The remarkable promptitude with which the events were dispatched was a noteworthy feature of the proceedings. School sports are often characterised as "slow," but not so the local gathering, which is full of interest throughout. Long experience on the part of the officials is responsible for this, and the school has much to be thankful for in a band of Masters who know exactly what to do, and do it promptly. The Principal (Mr. W. H. Moyes) acted as starter, and Mr. C. H. Wynyard was marksman, and these two made it their business to see that the various races were started right up to time. The duties of ground steward were carried out by Mr. C. G. Bottrill, and Messrs. R. H. Rockel, C. H. M'Kinney and W. M. Falconer had an arduous time as result stewards. Mr. J. Bennett was timekeeper, and the judges were Messrs. E. P. Webster, A. M'Hardy, W. C. Weston, R. W. D. Robertson and others. The committee in charge of the arrangements comprised Messrs. Ryder (chairman), Hutton, L. Bryce, E. L. Tansey, R. D. Kidd, V. S. M'Murray, T. E. Hamerton, and A. R. Callander and C. C. Yates (hon. secretaries).

There were five championships, and each was keenly contested. Yates and Terry tied for the Senior Cup, Beckbessinger won the Junior Cup (under sixteen years), the under fourteen championship went to Bothamley, under twelve to F. Williams, and under ten to C. M'Neill.

There were some splendid races during the day, and it was stated that competition had never been so keen as it was on Thursday. The record for the long jump (Junior Cup) was beaten by two inches by Wood and Fox (16 feet), while Beckbessinger broke the record for the 100 yards Junior Cup (11 2-5sec.). Other good times were established, and many boys of promising athletic ability were seen. The finishes in numerous cases were splendid ones, especially in the 880yds. open, in which Yates just got through, and the mile open, P. Guscott (150yds.) winning by a small margin from O'Halloran (150yds.), with A. Hutchinson (100yds.) third.

The prize money this year is again being donated towards patriotic purposes. A lollie stall, presided over by pupils of Misses Pike and Smith, realised £1 6s 9d for the Y.M.C.A., —Taranaki Herald,

The following are the results of the various events:—

150 YARDS—OPEN.

First heat: Drake (scr.) 1. Second heat: J. Whittle (10yds.) 1. Third heat: Doile (7yds.) 1. Fourth heat: F. Train (7yds.) 1. Fifth heat: A. M'Hardy (1yd.) 1. Sixth heat: Rockel (5yds.) 1. Seventh heat: Wood (3yds.) 1. Eighth heat: D. Mackie (6yds.) 1. Ninth heat: Kyngdon (8yds.) 1. Tenth heat: Rigg (6yds.) 1. Eleventh heat: Lealand (6yds.) 1.

Final: F. Train (7yds.) 1, Lealand (6yds.) 2, M'Hardy (1yd.) 3. Time, 16sec.

100 YARDS—UNDER 15.

First heat: O'Halloran (2yds.) 1, Kyngdon (3yds.) 2. Second heat: Bothamley (2yds.) 1, J. Whittle (1yd.) 2. Third heat: E. White (7yds.) 1, Waddle (4yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Horner (2yds.) 1, Bradbury (3yds.) 2.

Final: O'Halloran (2yds.) 1, S. Train (7yds.) 2, Kyngdon (3yds.) 3. Time, 12sec.

100 YARDS—SENIOR CUP.

Record—E. D. Colson, 11sec., 1912.

First heat: E. Whittle (5yds.) 1, S. Drake (scr.) 2. Second heat: A. M'Hardy (1yd.) 1, H. Bryce (1yd.) 2. Final: C. Yates (scr.) 1, Herbert (scr.) 2, Terry (scr.) 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

100 YARDS—JUNIOR CUP.

Record—C. C. Herbert, 11 3-5sec., 1915.

First heat (championship): Beckbessinger (scr.) 1, R. Boon (3yds.) 2; time, 11 1-5sec., a record. Second heat: O'Halloran (4yds.) 1, Reynolds (3yds.) 2. Third heat: Good (5yds.) 1, C. Morey (3yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Doile (2yds.) 1, L. Sole (3yds.) 2. Fifth heat: F. Train (2yds.) 1, P. Atkinson (3yds.) 2.

Final: Beckbessinger (scr.) 1, F. Train (2yds.) 2, P. Atkinson (3yds.) 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

LONG JUMP—SENIOR CUP.

Record—F. A. Bruce, 18ft. 9in., 1913.

Lealand, 17ft. 3in. (including 1ft. handicap) 1; Mac-
kie, 17ft. (including 18in. handicap) 2; Herbert, 16ft.
10in. (scratch) 3. For the championship Herbert notched
5 points, Callander 3 points, and Yates 1 point.

LONG JUMP—JUNIOR CUP.

Record—L. I. Day, 15ft. 10in., 1913.

Wood (scr.) and K. Fox (scr.) 16ft., equal, 1; R.
Boon, 15ft. 11in. (including 6in. handicap), 2. Record
broken.

880 YARDS—SENIOR CUP.

Yates (scr.) 1, N. Fookes (40yds.) 2, Terry (scr.) 3.
A fine finish, Yates just getting up in the last few
strides. Time, 2min. 15sec.

100 YARDS—UNDER 14 CUP.

Record—O. M'Hardy, 13sec., 1915.

First heat (championship): Bothamley (scr.) 1, C.
Jones (scr.) 2. Time, 11 3-5sec. (a record). Second heat:
Moore (5yds.) 1, K. Ward (5yds.) 2. Third heat: Forbes
(scr.) 1, Rawson (3yds.) 2.

Final: Bothamley (scr.) 1, Moore (5yds.) 2, Forbes
(scr.) 3. Time, 12 2-5sec.

220 YARDS—OPEN HANDICAP.

First heat: F. Train (9yds.) 1, Reynolds (11yds.) 2;
time, 25sec. Second heat: Harrison (11yds.) 1, H. Bryce
(11yds.) 2; time, 25 2-5sec. Third heat: A. M'Hardy
(3yds.) 1, Zinsli (12yds.) 2; time, 25 4-5sec. Fourth
heat: Harvey (12yds.) 1, I. Sole (12yds.) 2; time, 25 3-5
sec. Fifth heat: Doile (9yds.) 1, Hamerton (5yds.) 2;
time, 25 4-5sec. Sixth heat: G. Boon (11yds.) 1, Ewing
(5yds.) 2; time, 26sec. Seventh heat: L. Sole (11yds.) 1,
Knapman (12yds.) 2; time, 26 1-5sec.

Final: G. Boon (11yds.) 1, Harvey (12yds.) 2, I. Sole
(12yds.) 3. Time, 27sec.

HIGH JUMP—JUNIOR CUP.

Record—L. I. Day, 4ft. 6½in., 1914.

F. Train, 4ft. 6½in. (including 3in. handicap), 1;
Wood, Ward and K. Fox (scr.), 4ft. 3in.

75 YARDS—UNDER 13

C. Saxton (4yds.), 1; Moyes (scr.) 2, Time, 10 1-5
sec.

50 YARDS—UNDER 10 CUP.

Gilmour (2yds.) 1, Walker (4yds.) 2, K. Fookes (scr.) 3. Time, 7 2-5sec.

440 YARDS—SENIOR CUP.

Record—F. A. Bruce, 56 2-5sec., 1913.

Terry (scr.) 1, K. Clemow (15yds.) 2, Yates (scr.) 3. Time, 58 4-5sec.

440 YARDS—JUNIOR CUP.

Record—D. Grant, 59 2-5sec., 1913.

Reynolds (20yds.) 1, F. Train (15yds.) 2, Zinsli (25yds.) 3. Time, 58 4-5sec.

75 YARDS—UNDER 14 CUP.

Record—O. M'Hardy, 10sec., 1915.

First heat (championship): Bothamley (scr.) 1, D. Fox (scr.) 2, E. White (scr.) 3; time, 9 2-5sec. Second heat: Moore (2yds.) 1, Rawson (2yds.) 2, Guscott (scr.) 3; time, 9 4-5sec. Third heat: Forbes (scr.) 1, Teed (3yds.) 2, Barak (1yd.) 3; no time taken.

Final: Bothamley 1, Moore 2, Forbes 3; time, 9sec. A record.

50 YARDS—UNDER 11.

1 Gilmour (5yds.), 2 Carthew (2yds.), 3 S. Fookes (scr.).

75 YARDS—THREE-LEGGED RACE.

First heat: Blane and Newell 1, Jackson and Mackay 2. Second heat: E. White and Hayden 1, Spence and H. Bryce 2. Third heat: I. Sole and Zinsli 1, Rodger and D. Mackie 2. Fourth heat: E. Whittle and J. Whittle 1, E. Johns and Harrison 2. Fifth heat: C. Morey and R. Atkinson 1, Jillett and B. Hutchen 2.

Final: C. Morey and P. Atkinson 1, I. Sole and Zinsli 2, E. Whittle and J. Whittle 3.

HIGH JUMP—SENIOR CUP.

Record—D. S. Sykes, 5ft. 5½in., 1914.

A. M'Hardy (4ft. 10½in., including 2in. handicap) 1, Tansey (scr.) 2, Herbert (scr.) 3.



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100 YARDS—UNDER 12 CUP.

F. Williams (scr.) 1, M. Kebbell (scr.) 2, M. Robertson (scr.) 3.

POTATO RACE.

First heat: O'Halloran 1, J. Whittle 2. Second heat: H. Bryce 1, L. Jury 2. Third heat: Zinsli 1, Knapman 2. Fourth heat: Harvey 1, E. Whittle 2. Fifth heat: Ewing 1, Harrison 2. Sixth heat: K. Clemow 1, Hamling 2. Seventh heat: Pease 1, Gilbert 2.

Final: K. Clemow 1, Harvey 2, O'Halloran 3.

100 YARDS' INVITATION RACE.

This race excited much interest. Six boys faced the starter: A. Tatton and A. Auld (Stratford High School), D. Anderson and E. Fenwick (Technical College), C. C. Herbert and C. C. Yates (New Plymouth High School). The last two made the pace throughout, Yates winning by a short margin from Herbert, with Auld third. Time, 11 2-5sec.

75 YARDS—UNDER 10 CUP.

Record—A. Moyes, 11sec., 1914.

Gilmour (3yds.) 1, K. Fookes (scr.) 2, MacDiarmid (3yds.) 3. Time, 11sec.

50 YARDS—UNDER 12 CUP.

B. Blundell (1yd.) 1, F. Williams (scr.) 2, M'Kean (5yds.) 3.

SACK RACE.

First heat: Watkins 1, Knuckey 2. Second heat: B. Blundell 1, Grayling 2. Third heat: Good 1, Gilbert 2. Fourth heat: D. Jury 1, Forbes 2.

Final: B. Blundell (10yds.) 1, Grayling (4yds.) 2, Good (5yds.) 3.

100 YARDS—UNDER 10 CUP.

Gilmour (4yds.) 1, Walker (8yds.) 2, K. Fookes (scr.) 3. Time, 14 1-5sec.

150 YARDS—UNDER 12 CUP.

B. Blundell (4yds.) 1, Williams (scr.) 2, S. Fookes (scr.) 3. Time, 21 2-5sec.

OLD BOYS' RACE—100 YARDS.

This race, for Mr. Pridham's Cup, attracted, as usual, a big field. Several of the older school took part, including Dr. Fookes, E. P. Webster and D. W. Hursthouse, but the younger contestants triumphed over their elders, Deare, Grant and Sykes filling the places.

R. Deare 1, D. Grant 2, D. S. Sykes 3.

120 YARDS HURDLES—SENIOR CUP.

Record—F. A. Bruce, 18 2-5sec., 1914.

First heat (championship): Wood (owe 7yds.) 1, K. M'Murray (owe 7yds.) 2, Herbert (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 19 2-5sec. Second heat: Kidd (owe 7yds.) 1, Ewing (scr.) 2, H. Bryce (scr.) 3; time, 20 3-5sec.

Final: Terry 1, Kidd 2, M'Murray 3; time, 20 2-5sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES—JUNIOR CUP.

Record—B. A. Norman, 19 4-5sec., 1914.

First heat (championship): Wood (owe 7yds.) 1, K. Fox (owe 7yds.) 2; time, 22sec. Second heat: F. Train (owe 3yds.) 1, R. Boon (owe 3yds.) 2; time, 21 2-5sec. Third heat: Knuckey (scr.) was the only finisher. Final: Train 1, Wood 2, Knuckey 3; time, 22sec.

220 YARDS—UNDER 14 CUP.

Bothamley (scr.) 1, Forbes (scr.) 2, S. Jackson (15yds.) 3. Time, 29sec.

ONE MILE OPEN.

The mile race is always one of the most interesting events of the day, and this year, when there were 67 competitors, a very exciting race was witnessed. P. Guscott, who had 150yds. start, was first, O'Halloran (150yds.) second, and A. Hutchinson (100yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 9 4-5sec.

TUG-OF-WAR.

This event, the last of the day, was very exciting. After a splendid series of pulls, the day boys (both senior and junior) triumphed over the boarders. Great amusement was caused by the next contest, Members of the Board v. Staff. Representatives of the governing body were Messrs. S. Smith, D. Hutchen, E. P. Webster, D'Arcy Robertson, J. S. Fox, Dr. Fookes and F. W. Atkinson. Honours rested with the Masters.

PREVIOUSLY COMPETED FOR.

Steeplechase (4½ miles), run on October 19.—Nicholson (11min.) 1, Knapman (6½min.) 2, Pease (5½min.) 3. Fastest time: H. L. Lucena (29min. 39sec.). Record: F. A. Bruce (26min. 21sec., 1914).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (record 88yds., R. M. Monteath, 1915).—A. Hughes 1, E. Johns 2, S. M'Murray 3.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior Cup (presented by Old Boys' Association).—Terry and Yates (equal) 17 points, Herbert 14, Lucena 7, M'Murray 5, Callander 3. The winners each scored 2 firsts, 2 seconds and one third, Terry winning the 440yds. and 120yds. hurdles, second in 880yds. and high jump, and third in 100yds., while Yates won 100yds. and 880yds., second in steeplechase and 440yds., and third in long jump. Herbert won the long jump and high jump, and second in 100yds., and third in hurdles.

Junior Cup (under 16 years).—Beckbessinger 21 points, K. Fox and L. Wood each 13 points, Denny-Brown 5 points, Henson 4 points, R. Ward 3 points. The winner notched 5 for each of the 100yds., 440yds., 880 yds., and the steeplechase, and was third in the long jump. Fox got two seconds (hurdles and 100yds.), 4 points for tie in the long jump, and 3 points for tie in the high jump. Wood won the hurdles, 3 for tie in the high jump, 4 for tie in long jump and 1 for third in steeplechase.

Under 14 Cup (presented by Mr. J. Bennett).—Bothamley 15 points, D. Fox 6, Candy 5, E. White 4, Forbes and C. Jones each 3. Bothamley did not score any points in the steeplechase, but won all the other events (75yds., 100yds., and 220yds.).

Under 12 Cup (presented by Mr. C. Carter).—F. Williams 15 points, Kebbell 8, M. Robertson, S. Hutchen, S. F. Fookes each 4, J. Scanlon 1. The winner gained maximum points in everything but the steeplechase (50yds., 100yds., and 150yds.).

Under 10 Cup (presented by Mr. W. H. Moyes).—C. M'Neill 11, K. Fookes 10, Lysons 3, B. Scanlon 2, G. Fookes 1. There were three races, K. Fookes winning two (75yds. and 100yds.) and M'Neill the 50yds., while he was second in each of the others.

FORMER CHAMPIONS.

Senior Cup.—1903, N. Matthews; 1904, L. B. Stohr; 1905, L. B. Stohr; 1906, J. Gibbons; 1907, J. Sinclair; 1908, J. Sinclair; 1909, T. 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; 1915, F. A. Bruce.

Junior Cup.—1911, F. A. Bruce; 1912, H. V. B. Hirst; 1913, D. Grant; 1914, B. A. Norman; 1915, C. C. Herbert.

Under 14 Championship.—1913, A. M'Hardy; 1914, K. Fox; 1915, O. M'Hardy.

Under 12 Championship.—1913, E. Pope; 1914, B. Hutchen; 1915, F. Williams.

Under 10 Championship.—1914, F. Williams and A. Moyes; 1915, S. F. Fookes.

440 Yards Championship Shield (presented by Old Boys).—1902, R. Paul; 1903, R. Ambury; 1904, L. B. Stohr; 1905, L. B. Stohr; 1906, I. P. Grant; 1907, I. P. 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; 1915, F. A. Bruce.

Winners of Steeplechase Cup.—1912, H. Hine; 1913, B. Wilson; 1914, C. J. Emmerton; 1915, N. MacDiarmid.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The third term being the "swot" term, owing to the proximity of the various public examinations, and the sports and other competitions being held this term only a limited amount of time is left for reading, and consequently the average for each boy is slightly lower, that for last term being 9.2, and for this 7.9 books.

This term the Library has been transferred into the old dining-room, which is more suitable for a Library than the old room. A larger space of room was thus placed at our disposal and consequently two new tables and four forms were added, but the Library is still in need of two new book-cases and also of a magazine cabinet.



THE LIBRARY.

It was with regret that the Library had to part with its chairman, Mr. Searle, who is now in camp, and we take this opportunity for expressing our appreciation of the splendid work done by him, for it was due to his efforts that the Library has attained its present standard. However the vacancy has been ably filled by Mr. Wynyard.

The following books have been added to the Library this term:—

Science.—Ferns of New Zealand (Field)).

Useful Arts.—The Maintenance of Motor Cars (Walford), Tracing Troubles—Motor Cycle Troubles (Rider).

History and Geography.—The Amazing Argentine (Fraser), Travels on the Amazon and Rio Negro (Wallace), The Dreadnought of the Darling (Bean), Ordeal by Battle (Oliver), The Tale of a Field Hospital (Treves), Flagships Three (Bean), Suvla Bay and After (Juvenis).

Miscellaneous.—The Anzac Book, Nelson's Encyclopædia (24 volumes), Webster's International Dictionary, Speeches and Toasts, Odd Shots ("One of the Jocks"), Etiquette of Good Society (Lady Campbell), Doing Their Bit (Cable), The Taranakian (1913), The Taranakian (1914).

Poetry and Drama.—Golden Treasury (Palgrave).

Fiction.—The First Hundred Thousand (Hay), The Crisis (Churchill), The Crossing (Churchill), Rocks of Valpre (E. Dell), The Bars of Iron (E. Dell), The Men Who Wrought (Cullum), Desert Gold (Grey), Lest We Forget (Hocking), All Men Are Liars (Hocking), An Enemy Hath Done This (Hocking), Tommy (Hocking), Max Logan (Trent), Some There Are (Page), The Edge o' Beyond (Page), The Heart of the West (O. Henry), Whirligigs (O. Henry), The Hound of the Baskervilles (Doyle), The White Company (Doyle), Pierre of his People (Parker), A Ladder of Swords (Parker), Eternal City (Caine), The Witch's Head (Haggard), The Net (Beach), Trent's Last Case (Bentley), The Prisoner of Zenda (Hope), The Adventures of Lieut. Lawless, R.N. (Bennett), The Trail of '98 (Service), Her Royal Highness (Le Queux), Chief of the Staff (Combe), Private Spud Tamson (Campbell), Coo-oo-ee (Cooper), The War of the Worlds (Wells), The Island of Surprise (Brady),

Six Star Ranch (Porter), The Poison Belt (Doyle), The Triumph of Tim (Vachell), Seventeen (Tarkington), The Girl Philippa (Chambers), Emperor of the World (Hyne), The One Before (Pain), A Daughter of the West (Gerard), The Last Link (Gerard), Martin Eden (London), Love of Life (London), The Faith of Men (London), The Crimson Gardenia (Beach), The Auction Block (Beach), The Winning of Barbara Worth (Wright), Nan of Music Mountain (Spearman), The Cruiser on Wheels (Thorne), The Dust of Life (Hocking), The Supreme Desire (Page), Laddie (Porter), Captain Calamity (Bennett), The Last of the Plainsmen (Grey).

Juvenile Fiction.—Martin Rattler (Ballantyne), The Pearl Fishers (Hollis), The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's (Reed), The Three Admirals (Kingston), Ned on the River (Ellis), Camp Fire of Wigwam (Ellis), Hereward the Wake (Kingsley).

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the following presentations:—Mr. D'Arcy Robertson (International Library of Famous Literature—20 volumes); Mr. F. Messenger (Encyclopædia Britannica—35 volumes); Mr. Rockel (Students' Latin Grammar); R. Howell, The Cruise of the Snark (London); D. Jury, The Heart of the Hills (Fox); E. Tansey, Who Goes There? (Chambers), Mr. Midshipman Easy (Marryat), Conjuror's House (White), The Barrier (Beach), Kronstadt (Pemberton), Tom Brown's Schooldays (Hughes), Rules of the Game (White), Bobby Orde (White), The Call of the Wild (London), When a Man's a Man (Wright); R. Wilson, The Unknown Lady (Forman), A Modern Mercenary (Prichard), The Diva's Ruby (Crawford).

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Annual Boxing Championships took place in the Prep. room on the afternoon of Dec. 14th. There were 13 bouts fought, all of which were keenly contested. Although the afternoon was hot, the boys lasted out very well, which speaks a great deal for their training.

Messrs. Wynyard and M'Kinney acted as referees, while Mr. Rockel acted as timekeeper.

During the first bout Kidd sprained his thumb, and this accident necessitated his withdrawing from the Senior Championship. We hope that "Bob's" thumb will soon be on the road to recovery.

M'Kay v. Kidd (Senior).—At the commencement each sparred to find the other's weak points, the first round being mostly lead and retaliation. They soon warmed up and Kidd landed some good blows, which M'Kay stopped with a handy left. In the last round M'Kay hit rather blindly, and Kidd's superior experience stood him in good stead. He was declared the winner.

Zinsli v. Mackay (under 7st.).—Zinsli landed some good body and face hits, which were very effective. Mackay stood up very pluckily, but his opponent's long reach and aggressive tactics proved too much for him. Zinsli was declared the winner at the end of the second round.

Candy v. Walter (bye).—Owing to an uneven number of entries, Candy and Walter boxed a vigorous bye.

Bryce v. Bayly (Senior).—Bayly's style was freer and he was leading at the end of the first round. Bryce failed to use his weight and strength, and Bayly was declared the winner.

Callander v. Ducker (final under 9st.).—This bout was fast, and some nice sparring was seen. Ducker rained in some deadly blows, but Callander was equal to the occasion, and, owing to his superior science and aggressive tactics, he was able to keep Ducker off. Callander was victorious after exhibiting some fine boxing.

M'Murray v. Henson (Junior Final).—From the beginning it was apparent that M'Murray was the better man, but Henson stood up very well to his superior opponent. During the bout M'Murray's straight right, followed by a left upper-cut, was very effective. M'Murray won by a good margin.

Tansey v. Wyborn (Senior).—During the first round these two seemed to be putting more energy into their smiles than into the boxing. However, they warmed up, and Tansey's right was much in evidence. Wyborn stood up well and showed more science than his taller opponent. Tansey, owing to his reach, was able to get home several hard hits. The verdict was in favour of Tansey.

Jones v. Webster (under 6st.).—Jones's leads and follows were very conspicuous. Webster stood up pluckily to his heavier opponent, but was unable to keep Jones off. In the third round Webster became aggressive, but Jones had piled up the points in the previous rounds. Jones was declared the victor after a fairly even contest.

O'Halloran v. Train (final under 8st.).—During the first round the sparring was very even. O'Halloran led well and Train shone in the close fighting. However, in the third round O'Halloran outboxed Train and was declared the winner. This was undoubtedly the most scientific bout of the day.

Jackson v. Robinson (under 5st. final).—This perhaps was the most amusing event of the afternoon. Robinson stood up very gamely to his taller and more experienced opponent, his favourite hit being a furious upper-cut, which, however, did not always take effect. The verdict went to Jackson.

Candy v. Jones (final under 6st.).—Candy led off with some good blows, and Jones guarded and returned well, Candy's face blows being particularly effective. Jones stood up very well, but he was unable to resist Candy's deadly following up. Candy was victorious after a very fast bout.

Zinsli v. Walter (final under 7st.).—Zinsli's longer reach gave him a great advantage; but in the beginning Walter landed some good straight lefts. Walter boxed pluckily, but Zinsli's reach and following up were too deadly. The verdict was in favour of Zinsli.

Tansey v. Bayly (Senior Final).—This was a very willing bout, but very little science was shown, it consisting mainly of hard hitting. Tansey's straight right to the jaw was very deadly. In the second round, Bayly stood up very well, but Tansey's superior reach and height again gave him the advantage. During the third round, Tansey became particularly aggressive, knocking Bayly to the ropes several times. The verdict was in favour of Tansey after a very fast bout.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Under 5st.—Final: Jackson beat Robinson.

Under 6st.—First bout: Jones beat Webster. Final: Candy beat Jones.

Under 7st.—First bout: Zinsli beat Mackay. Final: Zinsli beat Walter.

Under 8st.—Final: O'Halloran beat Train.

Under 9st.—Final: Callander beat Ducker.



ONE OF THE DORMITORIES IN THE NEW BUILDING.

Junior Championship.—Final: M'Murray beat Henson.

Senior Championship.—First round: Kidd beat M'Kay, Tansey beat Wyborn, Bayly beat Bryce. Final: Tansey beat Bayly.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior, Tansey. Junior, M'Murray. Under 9st., Callander. Under 8st., O'Halloran. Under 7st., Zinsli. Under 6st., Candy. Under 5st., Jackson.

BAYLY SCHOLARSHIP.

THE ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS.

The sports in connection with the Bayly Memorial Scholarship were concluded on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9th, on the New Plymouth Boys' High School grounds in beautiful weather. The grounds were in perfect order, and complete arrangements for the success of the sports had been made by Mr. W. H. Moyes, Principal of the school, and his staff. A Stratford lad, H. Tristram, proved to be the best athlete, scoring a total of 210 points; G. Moore (New Plymouth H.S.) was next with 140 points, and A. M'Guinness (Stratford D.H.S.), 115 points, third. These lads were the only ones to gain the 80 points necessary to qualify in athletics, L. Jillet (New Plymouth H.S.) just failing by 5 points. The officials were:—Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; timekeeper, Mr. Jas. M'Leod; judges, Messrs. Jas. Garcia, A. R. Ryder and C. A. M'Kinney.

The performances of the lads were, on the whole, very disappointing, and it is also a matter for regret that the number of entries was so small. Only two schools—Stratford District High School and New Plymouth High School—were represented, by a total of seven competitors. The conditions attaching to the scholarship are:—Age limit 13, with easy standards for a few athletic events, combined with the marks obtained at the Junior National Scholarship Examination. The competition brings the scholarship within range of many lads at various schools, and it is surprising, to say the least, that head teachers of primary schools do not encourage their pupils to enter for it. Next year it is hoped to infuse more interest into the scholarship, and this would only be

fitting, for Mr. Alf. Bayly, in whose memory the competition was instituted, was one of the finest athletes Taranaki has ever produced.

Detailed results:—

100 Yards (standard $13\frac{1}{2}$ sec.).—G. Moore, 40 points, 1; H. Tristram, 30 points, 2; L. Jillet, 25 points, 3. A good race. Won by less than a yard. Only the placed boys secured the standard.

Long Jump (standard 12ft.).—H. Tristram (15ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.), 40 points, 1; G. Moore (14ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ in.), 30 points, 2; A. M'Guinness (13ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), 25 points, 3. L. Jillett (12ft. $11\frac{1}{2}$ in.), S. Smith (12ft. $10\frac{1}{2}$ in.), and A. Candy (12ft. 3in.) each gained the standard, and scored 20 points.

Place-kicking, three kicks at three different angles (standard, one goal at each angle).—A. M'Guinness, 20 points, 1; H. Tristram, 10 points, 2. A very poor exhibition. No one gained the standard.

440 Yards (standard 70sec.).—H. Tristram, 40 points, 1; G. Moore, 30 points, 2; L. Jillet, 25 points, 3. Candy got away well, and led for the first 200 yards, when Tristram, followed by Moore, cut him down, the former winning easily in the run home. Only the placed lads gained the standard. Winner's time, 65sec.

Punt (standard 35 yards).—A. M'Guinness, 40 points, 1; H. Tristram, 30 points, 2; G. Moore, 5 points, 3. Only the first two boys equalled the standard.

Drop Kick (standard 40 yards).—H. Tristram, 20 points, 1; G. Moore, 10 points, 2; L. Jillet, 5 points, 3. None of the lads equalled the standard.

High Jump (standard 3ft. 9in.).—H. Tristram, 40 points, 1; A. M'Guinness, 30 points, 2; G. Moore, 25 points, 3. No one else gained the standard. The winner gave a fine exhibition, clearing 4ft. 3in.

—Taranaki Herald.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

The membership of the club this term is just about the same as it was last term—about 50.

Owing to the loss of the enlarging apparatus in the fire, no work has been done in the way of enlarging. Before the fire, many of the boys found that excellent

enlargements could be made from Vest Pocket Kodak films. Consequently most of the new members, on joining bought Vest Pocket Kodaks. However, the films cannot now be enlarged, so all are looking forward to the time when we get a new enlarger.

There have been no jaunts this term, but some of the enthusiastic members have organised tramps of their own, principally to the Mountain. One party of eight, during the half-term holidays made the tramp to Kahui Hut, twelve miles from the North Egmont House, via the Bell's Falls Track. At first the weather was very discouraging, all of the party being drenched on the way to the hut. Later, however, the weather cleared, and the Okahu Gorge was visited. This is one of the prettiest gorges on the Mountain, so all were impressed with its beauty, and some good photos were taken. It is interesting to note that out of the seven cameras taken up, five were V.P.K.'s.

As our dark room was one of the first to go in the fire, a new one had to be built. During the last term holidays the old wash-house was fitted out and transformed into a spacious dark room. There is a plentiful supply of water, and when the electric light is installed it will be quite as suitable as the old one.

Our lockers in which we kept all our cameras and material were also destroyed, and all the belongings of those who kept a locker went with them. However, thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who are interested in our club, a substantial sum of money has been donated towards buying new material and apparatus. We take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly assisted us.

During the term two members of the club, C. Ducker and J. Wyborn, entered photos in the competition at the Palmerston Show and both were prize winners. We are indebted to Ducker for a number of the photos included in this issue of the Magazine.

THE SCHOOL BRASS BAND.

The final term for 1916 marks another "forward move" in the annals of our school, viz., the formation of a Brass Band, which may prove the nucleus of a Brass and Military combination. The fire was responsible for

a considerable delay in the launching of the new scheme, but the Headmaster having set his heart on something of the kind, the financial disabilities were overcome by a number of friends and enthusiasts going guarantee at the Bank for the wherewithal to purchase the first instalment of new instruments. These came to hand from Sydney on November 7th, and were distributed a few days later. We have now 21 boys undergoing a period of "probation," and they are all very keen. Our main difficulty is the shortage of instruments. At present we have 13 school-owned, and two private-owned, instruments to serve 21 boys, and consequently several of the lads are "double-banking," thereby working at a considerable disadvantage. Nevertheless, good general progress is being made, some showing marked ability. Mr. F. W. G. M'Leod, the New Plymouth City Bandmaster, was recently added to the list of music teachers on the staff, and as he is taking pupils for flute, clarinet, cornet, etc., the School Band is under his guidance. He expresses himself as more than pleased at the progress made in such a short time by the boys, his main regret being that circumstances (the Xmas vacation) necessitates a break in the work at a critical period. Mr. M'Leod would welcome additions to the list of instruments, and we commend this new branch of our work to the serious thought of parents and well-wishers of the school. He would be glad to furnish particulars of the instruments required to anyone contemplating helping us in this way. Donations of suitable music would be gratefully acknowledged. Next term we hope to put the Band on a proper business basis, both as regards organisation and finance, and trust to have the interest and practical assistance of all our readers.

THE ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

No test of endurance in athletics could be more conclusive than a long, cross-country run, and for this reason, coupled with the near approach of the annual sports meeting, a great deal of interest was displayed in the annual steeplechase of the Boys' High School. It was run on Thursday afternoon, October 19, in ideal weather, and the number of starters, 190, was larger than ever; in fact, each year sees an increase in the number of those competing, in proportion to the growth of the school.



THE GULLY.

The course, about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, was the same as for the last two years, namely: From school, up Avenue Road to Henui Bridge, then along right bank of river and out on to the Old Hospital Road, down to bowling green, over old railway bridge to Watson Street, Lemon Street, Hobson Street, and on to the school ground.

About 3 o'clock the limit lads, the smallest in the school, set out, and, leaving in groups at intervals, the whole of the 190 competitors were soon on their way. It was a great sight to see the line of white-clad figures extending from the school right up to the bend in the Avenue Road. In a few minutes the boys were out of sight, and 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 and passed down on to the Old Hospital Road, with a lead of about 400 yards from a group of four or five boys. The others followed in a steady stream.

Nothing more was seen of the runners till the bottom of the school gully was reached, when Nicholson, a small Stratford boy, ten years of age, who was one of the first to leave, had a lead of over 50 yards from Knapman, a bigger boy, and he passed the post an easy winner. The next boys were not far behind, and for over ten minutes a continual stream of boys arrived until all were home.

The first twenty were:—

Place.	Name.	Handicap.	Actual time.
1	Nicholson	11min.	36min. 42sec.
2	Knapman	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	32min. 15sec.
3	Pease	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	31min. 42sec.
4	Guscott	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	32min. 7sec.
5	Gillett	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	33min. 25sec.
6	Hutchinson	5min.	32min. 6sec.
7	Atkinson ii.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	31min. 36sec.
8	Kebbell	9min.	36min. 25sec.
9	Train i.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	32min. 22sec.
10	Morey i.	5min.	32min. 55sec.
11	Bayley	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	33min. 29sec.
12	Harvey	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	33min. 36sec.
13	Grayling	5min.	33min. 10sec.
14	Sole	6min.	34min. 10sec.
15	Healy	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	34min. 40sec.
16	Hutchen ii.	9min.	37min. 15sec.
17	Zinsli	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	33min. 50sec.
18	Gilbert	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	33min. 54sec.
19	Ducker	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	33min.
20	Emmerton	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.	33min. 10sec.

The next 20, in the order of finishing, were:—Jackson, Brokenshire ii., Candy, R. Boon, Allemann, Sladden, Ellis, J. Scanlon, Bennett, Hill, R. Morrison, Fussell, Graham, E. White, Hine, Lucena, A. Hughes, Good, Walter, Russell.

Fastest Time.—H. Lucena, 29min. 39sec.; L. H. Russell, 30min. 25sec.

Championship Points.—Senior: Lucena 5, Yates 3, M'Murray 1. Junior: Beckbessinger 5, Denny-Brown 3, L. Wood 1. Under 14: Candy 5, E. White 3, D. Fox 1. Under 12: Kebbell 5, Hutchen 3, J. Scanlon 1.

Previous winners of the Steeplechase Cup have been:—1912, H. Hine; 1913, B. Wilson; 1914, Emmerton; 1915, MacDiarmid. The record for the course is held by A. Bruce (26min. 21sec.).

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SPORTS DINNER.

The Annual Sports Dinner was held in the School Dining-room on Saturday, December 16th. About 120 boys sat down. All the Masters, both permanent and visiting, were present, as also was Mr. E. P. Webster, who represented the Old Boys.

After more than justice had been done to the excellent spread on the tables a lengthy toast-list was gone through. Every toast was given with musical honours. A noteworthy feature was the great improvement in the quality of the speeches given by boys both when proposing or responding.

The first toast was, of course, "The King," given by Mr. Moyes.

Then followed that of the "First XV.," given by Hamerton. He pointed out that in spite of sickness and of other drawbacks, the football of the School has made good progress, and the standard of play was perhaps higher than it had ever been before. The victory over Te Aute was proof of this.

M'Murray, in responding, stated that much of the success was due to regular practice and training, and that he had an idea that had not sickness interfered at an unfortunate time the Senior Cadets' competition might have been won.

O. Bayly then proposed the health of "The First XI." Owing to absence of competition and to the persistent wet weather in the last term very little could be carried out as planned. Nevertheless it was very evident that there was much good material among the younger cricketers.

Yates, in acknowledging the toast, endorsed what had been said by the proposer, and further pointed out that the training for the Sports also militated against the cricket. The first term of the new year would, no doubt, see much more cricket played.

In proposing the health of the "Shooting Teams," Terry had a congenial subject. He pointed out that the remarkable successes achieved were in the main due to careful coaching and to regular and long-continued methodical practice. He exhorted the younger shots to emulate the deeds of the present teams, and said that similar methods would produce similar results.

Lucena, in response, endorsed all that the proposer had said. He felt sure that the old habit of missing the target at 200 yards was for ever gone. The present war had shown the great necessity for proficiency in shooting. In conclusion he said that the teams were greatly indebted to those gentlemen who had at various times, and especially during the past year, so generously donated valuable trophies for competition.

Mr. Wynyard was entrusted with the toast of "School Institutions." He dealt with the Band, the Orchestra, the Library, and the Camera Club. He felt that he could safely say that each institution was in a flourishing condition, and was contributing something to the general efficiency of the School. The Library and Camera Club were only a few years old, while the two musical societies were of this year only. The excellent beginning made augured much success in the future.

Mr. Renaud responded on behalf of the Orchestra. He said much good work had been done, but emphasised the necessity for more instruments and more players. A bass, a bassoon, a viola and more violins were specially needed. No doubt these will come in time.

Mr. M'Leod said that the band hardly existed yet, but the instruments had been obtained. That was the greatest difficulty. All the members seemed to be keen and a marked advance had recently been made. Like Mr.

Renaud, he felt the need of more instruments. At present there are several under-studies, and these could be given any new instruments.

Goss spoke very optimistically about the Camera Club. It had made a very good recovery after the fire, and was in its full vigour again. Indeed the work produced for the last competition was perhaps the best in the history of the club.

Drake, like a loyal craftsman, thought that his department was the important one of the School. At this point he paused for dramatic effect, and while all were sitting in silent expectancy, the silence was broken by the loud explosion of a bottle of ginger-ale. This was greeted with roars of laughter, amidst which the speech terminated.

Mr. Christian then proposed the "Sports Champions." He referred to the sporting spirit so characteristic of the British, and dwelt on the high virtue of being able to take a beating gracefully. This was demonstrated to a marked degree by the broad smiles visible on the countenances of two of the contestants in the Senior Boxing Championship.

Yates and Terry, in their responses as joint Senior Champions in Athletics, thanked the speaker for his references, and both pointed out that the performances were, to their minds, not as good as in previous years. No records had been broken, but this was partly due to the persistent wet weather, which rendered regular training difficult, and partly to the somewhat heavy state of the ground.

As Shooting Champion, Ewing freely acknowledged the invaluable help given by coaches, and outlined the history of the shooting for the last four years or so. He stressed the need for untiring practice and for enthusiasm.

Tansey, as Boxing Champion, naturally praised this branch of sport. He pointed out that with the loss of the Gymnasium and of the apparatus, the boxing had been conducted under difficulties. However, the sport was not dead, and he felt sure that next year would see further improvements in skill and style.



SERGEANT W. BECK.

PRIVATE R. M. MONTEATH.

SERGEANT H. FRASER.

Mr. Moyes then proposed the toast of "The High School Board." He pointed out how greatly the School was indebted to the energy and interest of the members of the Board, both individually and collectively. The Board had been faced with many difficulties, and had overcome them all, and now it was once again faced by a serious difficulty—the erection of a modern and adequately equipped school. The great difficulty was to obtain the necessary money, but every member of the Board was determined to do what in him lay to see that the new building would not be unworthy of the work to be done. Mr. Moyes had much pleasure in referring to the cordial relations which had always existed between himself and the Board, and that the Board had been sympathetic and helpful in every possible way. This had certainly made for the progress and efficiency of the School.

Mr. Webster in his response spoke even more strongly than Mr. Moyes of the absolute necessity of having the new building erected according to the plans made out. He stated that the needs of secondary education in Taranaki were by no means as yet fully met. This was the great argument for the Board's scheme. Although there was an upward limit to the number of pupils available, that limit had by no means been as yet reached. Mr. Webster pointed out that the School had sadly deteriorated, even according to Mr. Moyes' showing, as four years ago there were 72 girls, now there were only some dozen or so, and these were not pupils. There were three or four lady teachers, now there was only one; and, worst of all, there had been a school, and now there was none. We would have to have a year up at the Racecourse, but by the end of next year there would, he felt sure, be the new building we need.

M'Murray was entrusted with the toast of "The Masters." He thanked them for their untiring work and the keen interest taken by them not only in school but also in the outside activities. He fully recognised that success in sports and shooting would be just as impossible without the assistance and hearty co-operation of the Masters as it would be in actual school work. He appealed to every boy to continue to give his ungrudging loyalty and support to the masters.

Mr. Rockel, in reply, thanked the proposer of the toast, and said that all the Masters had done only what they conceived to be their duty, and had taken much pleasure in so doing. It was inevitable that collisions should occur every now and then, but good sports soon forgot that and, after all, discipline was necessary.

Mr. Bottrill endorsed the previous speaker's remarks, and felt that the present policy of the Masters living among the boys was certainly the right one.

Mr. Ryder proposed the toast of the "Old Boys." He referred to the close bond of union between the School and the Old Boys. They had helped the School in numberless ways, and we had all been touched by the way in which the Old Boys at the Front had remembered us. Two of them, R. White and G. Bendall, had bequeathed us money with which to obtain trophies. Another, C. J. Hamblyn, had sent the money with which to procure another.

Yates, in proposing "Boys Leaving," continued the strain of Mr. Ryder's remarks, and felt that though some present were about to become Old Boys, they would still feel that they belonged to the School.

Kidd, in his response, said that he felt that he owed more to the School than he could express, and urged the younger boys especially to follow in the footsteps of those who were now Old Boys.

M'Murray proposed the health of "Mrs. and Mr. Moyes." He dwelt upon their whole-hearted devotion to the welfare and comfort of all the boys, especially, of course, of the Boarders. He felt that there was some danger of this being taken as a matter of course, but that ought never to be.

Mr. Moyes thanked M'Murray for his sentiments, and assured us of the pleasure it gave both Mrs. Moyes and himself to do what they had done. He let us into the secret of some of his leniency; namely, that Mrs. Moyes had often asked him to temper justice with mercy. The boys of the School could always rely upon everything possible being done for their comfort and permanent welfare.

Mr. Renaud gave the last toast of the evening, "The Ladies." He adopted a high ethical tone, and spoke of the noble work done by women at all times and more especially to-day in these times of stress. It was impossible to express adequately what we owed to them.

Mr. M'Kinney, in his response, acknowledged all that Mr. Renaud had stated, and then adopted quite a modern and young man's tone. His remarks, to judge by the applause, were clearly the expression of the feelings of those present.

During the evening the following musical items were given:—Orchestra, "Dream Kisses"; song, Mr. Hutton, "Queen of the Earth," encore "In Old Madrid"; violin solo, Mr. Rockel, "Gavotte," by Gossec, encore "Canto Amoroso" by Samartini; song, Mr. Renaud, "The Village Blacksmith." The evening concluded by the singing of "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."

A TRIP TO KAHUI HOUSE.

Seven of us, accompanied by a Master, set out at mid-term exeat in high spirits, for a three days' sojourn on the Mountain. We reached the House at 10 p.m. on Friday and on Saturday morning commenced the trip to Kahui, some 12 miles distant. We were on the level of Humphries' Castle when the rain set in. On the referendum being put no voices demanded return and after negotiating the big slip without misadventure we reached Bell's Falls Hut thoroughly soaked. Here we had a brief ten minutes for lunch and then commenced the, to us, unknown country. The first obstacle was a huge slip which we had to skirt; then, fondly hoping that each bend would be the last, at 1 p.m. hailed with delight the rusty roof of Kahui House. Fortunately the hut was in excellent order, and after gathering some wood, we commenced drying operations, during which heat and steam played havoc with the clothes, notably the posterior part of one unfortunate's nether garments. These were renovated with a nail and some string and then looked fairly presentable. Domestic arrangements concluded, we ranged the mattresses round the fire and were soon wrapt in well-earned slumber, broken only by the too-insistent rats.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear and we clambered down into the bed of the Okahu Gorge, which we unanimously voted to be the finest piece of scenery on the lower slopes of the Mountain. The summit, now lightly veiled in transient mists, now icy blue against the eastern sun, towered above, while through the alpine scrub of the lower slopes one could catch occasional glimpses of the vivid blue of the ocean, fringed with foam-

ing surf. Most reluctantly we climbed out again and returned to the hut, but all the photographers' efforts to catch the grandeur of the sunset were in vain. Gone were the steely cold hues, replaced by the exquisite saffron and gold of the lingering alpine-glow.

Next morning we retraced our steps to the North House, and, after dinner, most regretfully turned our backs once again on old Egmont.

Before closing this brief account we should like to express to Mr. Williams, of the North Egmont House, our gratitude for the courtesy he has shown us on our frequent excursions thither.

ANNUAL BREAK-UP.

There was a good attendance at the Good Templar Hall on December 18th, at 3 p.m., when the breaking-up ceremony in connection with the New Plymouth Boys' High School was held. The stage was tastefully decorated with flowers, a distinct feature being the table, on which was displayed numerous trophies, comprising shields, cups, belts, etc.

Mr. D. Hutchen (chairman of the High School Board) presided, and there were also on the platform: Mr. C. H. Burgess (Mayor), Mr. H. J. H. Okey, M.P., Messrs. H. Trimble, F. W. Atkinson, J. S. Fox, E. P. Webster, R. W. D. Robertson, and Dr. Fookes (members of the Board), W. Bewley (secretary), Mr. W. H. Moyes (Principal of the school), and several members of the staff. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. O. Samuel, M.L.C., S. G. Smith, T. G. Hirst, and Ballantyne.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman expressed his gratitude at seeing such a large attendance of parents, who took an interest in the School. Mr. Moyes and his staff certainly stood in need of sympathy and support, as they had experienced trying times during the year, first through a depleted staff, owing to Masters having gone to the front or to other schools, and the impossibility of replacing them, necessitating the school working short-handed; then the unfortunate outbreak of infantile paralysis at the beginning of the year generally disarranged the school. There was the great loss caused by the fire, which destroyed a portion of the school building and the



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gymnasium. The school was greatly indebted to the Jockey Club for the use of its building, but conditions were quite unsuitable for school work. Mr. Moyes, with his staff, had shown great resource in meeting and overcoming all difficulties, and for this were deserving of every thanks.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Principal (Mr. W. H. Moyes) reported as follows:—

In presenting the thirty-fifth annual report of your school, I have to record a year beset with difficulties. Early in the first term the school was closed through a case of sickness, and at the close of the second term the disastrous fire which destroyed the class-rooms necessitated a second break in the school work.

Alterations to the staff, owing to the war, have further increased our difficulties, and have left us short-handed for the greater part of the year. Nevertheless, I hope this report will show that good work has been done in all departments of the school, and that, in spite of the consistent ill-fortune that has attended us, everything possible has been done to counteract the disadvantages under which we have laboured.

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death, from infantile paralysis, of Douglas Edward Candy. Good at games, hard-working in school, and of a courteous and kindly disposition, he was a great favourite both of Masters and boys, and was, I hope, the type of boy that characterises this school. In the full possession of his faculties to the last, he faced the end with splendid courage and resignation, and though the school is poorer for the loss of such as he, the noble manner in which he accepted the inevitable will always remain as an example to those who were fortunate enough to be numbered amongst his friends.

The Roll.—The number of names on the roll again creates a record. Eighty-four new boys have been entered, and during the year 243 boys have attended the school. Of these 95 have been boarders and 148 day boys. It will thus be seen that the numbers have increased from 71 in 1912 to 243 in 1916.

Examinations.—The result of the November and December examinations were quite up to expectations. Two candidates, L. G. Eyre and V. S. M'Murray, were entered for the first term's university examinations, and

both were successful. J. K. Terry, C. Yates, A. Huse, N. Quilliam, O. Bayly, H. Lucena, A. R. Callander and R. Monteath passed matriculation, while partial passes were gained by D. Mackie, K. Brokenshire, and H. Gibson. Three candidates, W. Alexander, D. Winfield and R. Monteath, entered for and passed the Public Service Senior Examination. The Public Service Entrance was passed by A. R. Callander, R. Monteath, D. Winfield, K. Clemow, F. King, E. Martin, J. Fouhy, and N. Ellerm. Senior National Scholarships were won by A. R. Callander, E. L. Tansey and M. W. Atkinson, while G. Webster was the winner of both a Junior National Scholarship and the Bayly Memorial Scholarship. I am glad to say that the class for University terms students has again been in existence this year, and been attended by four boys. One of these, L. G. Eyre, left us at the end of the second term to become a member of the Expeditionary Force, and was therefore unable to sit for the examination at the end of the year. From the high quality of his work during the past two years we had every reason to believe that he would have been successful had he remained at school. Of the others, V. S. M' Murray was successful in passing his second terms examination, and O. Bayly and J. K. Terry completed the first year's examination in law. Four boys failed in matriculation and four in the Public Service Entrance.

The Staff.—As I have already stated, the war has been the cause of many alterations to the staff. Mr. M. Macdonald left at the end of the first term, and Mr. Searle at the beginning of the third term to join the reinforcements. Mr. A. Diprose resigned at the end of the second term in order to accept a position under the Wellington College Board. The vacancies caused by the departure of the above Masters have not yet all been filled, but every endeavour will be made to engage a full complement of teachers before the school opens in 1917. Since war was declared eight members of the staff have volunteered for active service. I regret to say that of these Mr. V. J. B. Hall has made the supreme sacrifice, and that Mr. R. H. Espiner has returned to New Zealand suffering from very serious wounds received in France. I would like to place on record my appreciation of the great interest taken in the school by Masters who are absent on active service. Without exception, all continue to write to the boys who were under them, and in spite of the dangers by which they are surrounded their thoughts are always with us. In particular I wish to

thank Mr. C. J. Hamblyn and Mr. H. V. Searle, who have both devoted a considerable portion of their military pay to the purchase of handsome challenge trophies which are to be awarded this afternoon. At the beginning of the year, owing to the difficulty experienced in staffing the upper school, it was decided to transfer Mr. C. G. Bottrill from the preparatory department. He has therefore severed his connection with the preparatory school, of which he was in charge, and has been attached to the upper school staff. The staff has more recently been enlarged by the appointment of Mr. F. W. Christian, of the Ocean Bay School, and of Mr. C. H. Wynyard, who was formerly assistant master at Te Aute College.

The Curriculum.—With one or two exceptions this remains the same as that of last year. In history the period covered in each Form has been that extending from 1757 to 1912, and an increased number of boys took this subject for examination. As this is the period during which Britain emerged as a world Power, an endeavour has been made to trace the causes and effects of that movement. Hence colonial history and the relations existing between the Motherland and the Colonies have been an important section of the study. Frequent lessons, especially in the Upper Forms, have been given dealing with the nature of and the necessity for Imperialism. It is hoped that, as a result, those who have studied this subject will take a more intelligent interest in the great national problems which will undoubtedly absorb our attention after the war. Throughout the curriculum the Mother-tongue has been made the staple of instruction. A co-ordinated course has been drawn up, with a view to developing a command over the language, first, from the standpoint of comprehension, and, second, from the standpoint of expression, both oral and written. An attempt has been made to instil a taste for literature. Therefore all classics and set books studied have been treated as literature, and not as quarries, whence may be obtained material for parsing, analysis, paraphrasing and other perversions of masterpieces. An endeavour has also been made to improve the pupils' use of oral English. Crude pronunciations, clipping of words (especially final consonants), confusion of vowels and other common faults have been dealt with. Every lesson in every subject is a lesson in English, and this fact has not been lost sight of. Owing to the difficulties encountered by the school, we have been unable to do as much in this respect as we

had planned and hoped. But something has been done, and next year, we hope, much more will be done. In addition to the general and special instruction in English, a three years' course in commercial English has been provided. This course includes commercial correspondence, precis, indexing, etc., and leads up to the Public Service Senior Examination. So far as possible the courses in Latin, French, and English have been closely co-ordinated, and each language treated as a dialect of the great Aryan speech. The agricultural class continues to increase in numbers, thirty boys having attended the course during the year. The work in connection with agriculture has now assumed a new phase. An additional eight acres of land have been leased, and these, with the five acres under cultivation, have made possible an organised system of combined instruction in dairy science and agriculture. At present three cows are being milked by the boys in the class, and the milk is supplied to the boarding-houses. The work of ploughing, harrowing, rolling, etc., is now being done entirely by the boys themselves, and I feel confident that the new system will result in the boys gaining a much sounder knowledge of the practical side of farm life than has been the case in the past. In connection with the agriculture, Mr. Falconer is introducing a system of farm book-keeping, which will enable a close comparison to be made between the cost of supply and the returns obtained. I desire to tender my thanks to Mr. Deem and to Mr. Barry, of the Agricultural Department, for the great interest they have taken in the work and for the valuable assistance and advice they have so frequently given.

The School Institutions.—In spite of the many drawbacks, it is gratifying to be able to report that all the school institutions have had a successful year. Success in these departments of school life is, of course, largely due to the enthusiasm displayed by the boys, but it must be remembered that without unstinted labour on the part of the Masters very little could be accomplished. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the members of my staff for the manner in which they have ungrudgingly given up practically all their spare time in order to maintain the standard reached in past years. In shooting, the success achieved is worthy of special notice. Owing to the want of rifles and to the difficulty in obtaining ammunition, the work on the long range has naturally suffered. Teams were, however, entered for the Schools of the Empire matches, and were fortunate in gaining

second place in the senior and in the junior competitions. On the miniature range a special effort has been made, and, owing mainly to the able coaching of Mr. Searle, the various teams have reached a standard never before approached. Three teams were entered for the Imperial Challenge Shield competitions, in which 323 teams from all parts of the Empire competed. It is with a feeling of pride that I am able to announce that the New Plymouth High School was first for the Empire, both in the senior and in the junior competition, and also third in the senior. In recognition of this fine performance, Colonel Schumacher has kindly donated a special prize of £20, in addition to the usual prize money. This is, I understand, the first occasion on which any New Zealand school has gained either first, second or third place in this competition, and the importance of the achievement is shown by the numerous congratulatory messages that have reached us from all parts of the Empire.

In football the chief interest was centred in the Te Aute College match, which was won by the school, after a strenuous game, by 9 points to 3. This win has proved conclusively that the standard of football in Taranaki schools is not below that of the rest of the Dominion, and that our fifteen, if given the opportunity, could reasonably be expected to make a creditable showing against the average secondary school teams of New Zealand.

The school library has this year received special attention. Five hundred and thirty-five volumes, comprising largely books of reference, have been added to the shelves, with the result that the school now possesses a library that affords valuable help to the more advanced pupils. In this connection our thanks are due to Mr. F. Messenger, who kindly donated a set of the Encyclopædia Britannica, and to Mrs. D'Arcy Robertson for the gift of a valuable set of books on English literature. It is still a matter for regret that the library is not made more use of by day-boys, and I hope that in future parents will insist on their boys becoming subscribers.

Not the least important of the school institutions is "The Taranakian," which has just concluded the fifth year of its existence. In it a consistent endeavour has been made to realise the true functions of a school magazine, and all extraneous matter has been excluded. It contains an authentic record of all school activities and events; and we have tried to make "The Taranakian" a

bond between Old Boys and the school and between Old Boys and Old Boys. We take this opportunity of stating that the Magazine is not written by the Masters.

Regular classes were held in swimming and life-saving during the first term, with the result that the standard of swimming has noticeably improved. A large number of boys competed for the certificates awarded by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, with the following results:—V. S. M'Murray was awarded a teacher's and honorary instructor's certificate, nine boys were awarded the bronze medallion, 19 the certificate of merit, 61 the certificate of proficiency, and 4 the elementary certificate. The school has to thank Messrs. Stohr, Christiansen and Schwartz for much valuable help, and also Mr. Swanson for a donation towards the swimming funds. The classes were under the control of Mr. M'Kinney and Mr. Diprose, to whose efforts much of the success achieved is due.

The Preparatory School.—This section of the school has now reached its maximum strength. Sixty-two pupils have been in attendance during the year, and this number cannot be increased unless more accommodation is provided. Since the transfer of Mr. Bottrill to the upper school this department has been under the control of Mr. M'Kinney, who has been ably assisted by Miss K. Winfield. Fourteen pupils were entered for the recent examinations. Of these eight gained proficiency certificates, three gained competency, and three failed—a result which, I think, must be considered in every way satisfactory.

Music.—During the year musical work has been continued with the closest attention. The use of pianos in small and separate rooms has been felt to be of the greatest help, as one piano is not distracting to another. Parents are reminded of the benefit to be derived from practical examination work, as when in conjunction with regular study it proves of the greatest assistance. The orchestra has been working with constant zeal, and has made great progress. In this connection I may add that the need of more instruments is felt and that should these be forthcoming there will be no difficulty in finding boys to make use of them. Thanks to the generosity of several gentlemen in the town, I have been able to purchase a set of band instruments at a cost of £95. It is perhaps premature to make any remarks with reference to this, but from what I have seen of the work of

the boys under Mr. M'Leod, I am certain that in a few months a creditable combination will be forthcoming. Two boys entered for examinations during the year. W. Traill, a pupil of Miss Pike, gained a pass in the rudiments of music, and A. Bothamley, a pupil of Miss Dowling, passed with honours.

The Old Boys.—It is with mingled feelings of pride and sorrow that I once again refer to the Old Boys. Pride in the fact that in this greatest war of all time so many have answered the call, and sorrow at the thought that many of them have left us never to return. The number of Old Boys serving his Majesty continues to grow from month to month. Sixteen have given their lives for their King and Empire, and thirty have been wounded. The school will always remember with pride the response that Old Boys have made in this time of trial. Their devotion to duty and their spirit of sacrifice will ever remain a living influence in the school. No reference to this gallant band would be complete did I neglect to mention the school spirit shown by the younger Old Boys, who, although under the military age, have given their lives gladly for the cause of righteousness. The school has been deeply touched to learn that Corporal Ronald White and Private George Bendall, who met their deaths on the battle-front in France, had left bequests to their Alma Mater. Such a spirit is a sure sign that the school has left her mark on her sons. A memorial brass has been placed in the school dining hall to Lieutenant Harper Lepper, who fell while fighting gallantly in Mesopotamia. Other brasses will be erected in the near future, and I shall be pleased to give information to any parents who would like such a form of commemoration.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all those who have so kindly assisted the school during the year. In particular I desire to thank Dr. and Mrs. Walker, Dr. Fookes and others, who, by their generosity, have made it possible for the Camera Club to replace most of the material destroyed by the fire. On behalf of the boys I also wish to express appreciation for the assistance that has enabled them to make good a portion of the losses which unfortunately, most of them sustained. To the Board I feel that I owe a deep debt of gratitude. On not one occasion have my requests been refused, and, thanks to their enterprise, the school now possesses boarding accommodation second to none in the Dominion. Nor must I for-

get the prefects and senior boys, who have throughout the year worked indefatigably to place their school in the front rank. Lastly, I wish to thank the Press for the unflinching assistance they have at all times given us.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman said that Mr. Moyes and staff deserved to be congratulated upon the successful work of the year. The record in the Imperial Shield competition must have been some consolation for the difficulties of the year. He then referred at some length to the need for rebuilding the Boys' School.

PRIZE LIST.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form 1B.—First, F. C. Gilmour; second, C. A. M'Neill.

Form 1A.—First, G. Walker; second, A. MacDiarmid.

Form II.—First, M. Lysons; second, B. Blundell.

Form IIB.—First, S. Fookes; second, K. Neal.

Form IIA.—First, W. Mackay; second, P. Griffiths.

Form III.—First, M. Barak; second, A. Candy.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Form IIIB.—First in form, E. Bedford; second in form, P. Guscott and R. Wills (equal); Languages and Literature, B. Hutchen; Mathematics and Science, E. Bedford; History, E. Bedford; Drawing, E. Knuckey; Agriculture, P. Guscott.

Form IIIA.—First in form, N. Waddle; second in form, C. A. Noble; Languages and Literature, N. Waddle; Mathematics and Science, C. A. Noble; History, N. Waddle; Drawing, S. White; Book-keeping, C. Hill.

Form IV.—First in form, E. Boulton; second in form, E. Reeves; Languages and Literature, E. Boulton; Mathematics and Science, C. Zinsli; History, C. M'Kay; Drawing, E. Johns; Book-keeping, L. Wood; Agriculture, W. Henson.

Form V.—First in form, H. Goss; second in form, R. Greiner; Languages and Literature, K. C. Roberts; Mathematics and Science, D. Doile; History, R. Greiner; Drawing, K. C. Roberts; Book-keeping, C. Way; Agriculture, R. Scown.



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Form VIB.—First in form, R. Kidd; second in form, R. Lealand; Languages and Literature, R. Lealand; Mathematics and Science, R. Kidd; History, A. M'Hardy; Drawing, N. C. Fookes.

Form VIA.—First in form, K. Brokenshire; second in form, C. C. Yates; Dux medal, K. Brokenshire; General Excellence cup (presented by Dr. Fookes), V. S. M'Murray; Head boy's medal, V. S. M'Murray; Bayly Memorial Scholarship, G. Webster.

THE PRIZES.

The prizes won at the school during the year were then presented, Mr. Okey presenting the certificates, which were awarded in lieu of prizes for scholastic attainment, and Mrs. Hutchen the sports trophies.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Moyes and the staff upon the rapid advance that the school had made during the past few years—an advance that he thought would continue. They had an energetic Principal and an energetic Board, and he felt that they would overcome all difficulties and get the necessary Government grant towards the school. He then gave the lads some advice on the necessity of discipline, and urged those who were leaving the school to be thorough in whatever they did. We were inclined, he said, to take things too easily, and that was probably the reason why we were up against the present trouble, because the other nations thought that we were too lazy and too fond of sport, though they had found their mistake. If the war had not come on when it did, the Empire would have had a hard fight to get back the commercial supremacy that it had gradually lost. It therefore depended on the present generation to see that they worked as thoroughly as their enemies, and if they did they would do more than hold their own, for they could beat the enemy.

Mr. H. J. Okey, M.P., congratulated the boys on the success achieved in shooting. He doubted whether the boys quite realised the responsibility that the war had placed on them. Owing to so many of the present generation being put out of action, the boys were really advancing two steps, and they should be prepared. Personally he thought next year would tell wonders in connection with the war. The Germans were beginning to show that they had had enough, but we would not give up before the enemy was properly beaten. There would be no peace before it could be guaranteed that it would be a lasting

one. Of course the boys might be wanted yet, so they should be prepared. After the war producers would be wanted, as it would be necessary to double our production, so he was pleased to learn that many of the lads had decided to spend their holidays on farms.

Mr. F. W. Atkinson impressed on the lads the necessity of learning to concentrate, and said that if he gave them a sermon he would take for the text: "Whatever my hands find to do I will do it with all my might." He also pointed out that the lads had the making of the school traditions, and they should aim at something of which they could be proud.

Dr. Fookes, as an Old Boy, contrasted the advantages enjoyed to-day with those of his time, and urged the boys to see that the school did not suffer at their hands. Talking to the lads about to enter the world as so many craft set upon the ocean, he stressed the need of steering clear of any obstacles they might see, also of submarines and torpedoes, which they did not see, but which would wreck their careers.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the programme.
—Taranaki Daily News.

CADET NOTES.

The beginning of the term was devoted mainly to open order work and attack practice. This proved more interesting than the usual company drill. The non-coms. received several lectures on the carrying out of an attack and the work in the open was thus facilitated. Part of the term was as usual spent at squad, platoon and company drill.

We are pleased to note the arrival from the Defence Headquarters of apparatus for instruction in musketry and for use on the range.

On the evening of December 7th, those non-coms. who were not having exams. attended a class for musketry instruction at the Drill Hall. Sergeant-Major Bell was in attendance supervising.

Mr. Wynyard has taken over command of No. 4 Platoon.

There have been several promotions during the term. When Lieut. Searle left for camp, Q.M.S. Kidd took over command of No. 1 Platoon.

Sergeant Yates has been promoted to acting-Q.M.S.

Q.M.S. Kidd has again won the Sole Cup for best Sergeant. On this occasion the cup was awarded for the most consistent work throughout the year.

It is rumoured that next term rifles are to be issued. We shall look forward to this with great expectation, for, with rifles, drill will be made much more interesting.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

John Hiorns Mander (1910) went into camp in December with the 24th Reinforcements. Before leaving, a wristlet watch was presented to him by the firm and staff of Okey and Rollo.

Victor F. West (1906), who was severely wounded at Gallipoli, and was invalided to England and then to New Zealand (receiving his discharge) has now resumed his dentistry work. He is with Mr. E. Carter, dentist, Eltham.

Corporal Eric B. Ellerm (1906), who was severely wounded at Gallipoli and afterwards went to England, returned to New Zealand in September. We were pleased to see him at the annual cross-country run. Since then he entered the New Plymouth Hospital in order to undergo a serious operation, and it is gratifying to hear that he is making good progress towards recovery.

Sergeant-Major Eric Cutfield (1906) is now suffering from pneumonia, but is progressing favourably. Cutfield's luck has been far from good, as he had measles at Trentham, enteric in Egypt, and was only just recovering from an operation for appendicitis in England. We sympathise with him.

A New Plymouth man who was wounded in France in September said that he met Harry West (1910) at a dressing station just behind the lines. West, who was formerly with Mr. T. Hood, chemist, is now in the Medical Corps, New Zealand forces.

W. P. Okey (1905), who returned from Gallipoli last year suffering from shell-shock, has been appointed temporary secretary of the Taranaki A. and P. Society during Mr. Arthur Humphries' absence with the forces. He is also the returned soldiers' representative on the Patriotic Committee.

When last he wrote, Leo. Richards (1910) was training at Sling Camp, but expected to get away towards the end of October for France. He had a good journey home with the 16th Reinforcements.

Gilmore J. Hawkins (1905), who left with the forces early in the war, returned in November to receive a commission. Since returning, he has not yet been to New Plymouth, but we hope to see him before he leaves again for the front.

Sappers P. A. Tunbridge (1905) and Hugh Bradbury (1913) are in the Engineers section, 20th Reinforcements.

Staff-Lieutenant Leonard Goss (1910), who is engaged in instruction work at the training camps, was in New Plymouth on sick leave early in November.

Sergeant Hugh Fraser (1903) and Corporal Eric Grant (1908) went away with the 19th Reinforcements.

Lieut. Norman F. Little (1907), who went away with the 18th Reinforcements, visited the school while here on final leave in September.

Bert Dowling (1907), who was one of the first of our Old Boys to volunteer, and went away in the Ambulance Corps, returned to New Zealand in December by the Maheno. Dowling served at Gallipoli, where he was wounded, and he was then invalided to England.

Lieutenant A. R. Standish, of the Army Service Corps reinforcements, was here on leave in November.

Lieutenant F. Russell Baker (1899) was reported wounded on October 1, and suffering from shell-shock. At the time of his enlistment Baker was stationed at Hamilton as inspector for the New Zealand Insurance Company in the Waikato district. He went into camp as a non-com. in the 9th Reinforcements, and on being granted a commission was appointed to A Company of the 12th Reinforcements. His brother Selwyn (1907) was wounded twice at Gallipoli, and is now with the troops in France.

Philip Grey (1904), of Messrs. Weston and Weston's staff, New Plymouth, was recently admitted by Mr. Justice Edwards as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court, on the application of Mr. A. H. Johnstone.

Laurence Smith ("Hippo"), 1908, has been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal in the Wellington Regimental Band in France.

Corporal Ernest C. Stanley (1903) was recently reported wounded for the third time. According to a letter received from him, however, it appears that he was not wounded, but was suffering from the effects of concussion, caused by an exploding shell.

David A. Lusk ("Buster"), 1909, who went away in the Main Body as a member of the Canterbury Yeomanry, has been granted a commission in the Imperial Camel Corps. We have to congratulate Lusk on his promotion, which is the more meritorious inasmuch as he was only a trooper when he left New Zealand.

Trevor J. Ellis (1904), who left for the front early in 1915 and was wounded at Gallipoli, returned to New Zealand in July of this year. He is gradually regaining health and strength.

Sydney V. Paul (1904), who left here with the 5th Reinforcements, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He was recently in England having a much-needed rest.

Lieut. D. A. Harle (1906), 20th Reinforcements, spent part of his final leave in New Plymouth. He was recently admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court.

Norman Healy (1909) is in camp with the 23rd Reinforcements.

Harold Johnson (1910) and D'Arcy Newell (1910) are two of our Old Boys who have come through the big advance safely.

Roy Okey (1907), who joined the New Zealand forces at the beginning of the war as a private, is now in England receiving training for a commission. Okey saw practically the whole of the Gallipoli campaign, and was afterwards invalided to England. Going over to France, he was promoted from sergeant to regimental-sergeant-major, and came safely through the great September advance. During the preliminary training, a soldiers' sports meeting was held, and Okey accounted for quite a number of the events on the programme. He won both the high and long jumps, the hop, step and jump event, and the 220yds. and 440yds. races. He also won a number of events at the College of Instruction sports a short time previously.

Two Old Boys of this school, who had not seen one another for ten years, met on September 6, a short distance behind the lines in France. They were Captain "Tim" Matthews, R.A.M.C., now attached to the Indian Cavalry, and Corporal Alan Matthews, Taranaki Infantry.

Cedric T. E. Gibson (1910) is a private in the 19th Reinforcements. Since leaving school Gibson was a member of Messrs. Bellringer Bros.' staff, and before he went into camp a gathering was held for the purpose of farewelling him. The guest was presented with a leather hold-all and a patent chest and lung protector.

Eric Kimbell (1908) is a corporal in the 20th Reinforcements (New Zealand Field Artillery).

F. S. Avery (1903) returned to New Plymouth recently from the "States," where he has been the last six years gaining valuable experience in the printing business.

While he was in New Plymouth on final leave, a dance was given in honour of Private Ruthven M'L. Monteath (1911), 19th Reinforcements. During the evening he was presented with a fountain pen by his friends. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and three cheers for the departing soldier brought the evening to a close.

A. W. Morey ("Dock"), 1907, was wounded in France on November 10. He went away in the 13th Reinforcements (Rifle Brigade section). He was admitted to the 2nd London General Hospital on Nov. 21 suffering from gunshot wound in thigh (severe).

J. M'Mahon-Box (1911), who was formerly in the New Plymouth Customs Office, and is now Assistant Resident Commissioner at Alofi, Niue, had an interesting experience recently in connection with a mutiny on a ship. On Sunday morning, August 27, the Resident Commissioner called his attention to a large four-masted barque, some distance out, flying signals, and apparently heading for the island. Proceeding to a point three miles from Alofi, Box saw that the signal was: "Am in distress; want immediate assistance." The whaleboat was launched from the island, and the Resident Commissioner, the writer, and the chief medical officer proceeded to the ship, which they found to be the Resolute, of San Francisco, 600 tons, and bound from Grave's Harbour, Washington, to Melbourne, with Oregon pine. When the boat came within hailing distance, the captain, Thos. M. Endreson, called out: "The two mates and five seamen have mutinied. Four of us—my wife, the ship's boy (about 16), the Japanese cook, and myself—have navigated the ship for 31 days. I require your assistance to procure another crew." When the party boarded the ship the master said the crew had refused to handle a rope of any sort on the ship, and had gone forward and

subsisted on biscuits and water for 31 days. Their reason was that they did not know anything about working a ship, that they wanted to get rid of the master, and that they were afraid to enter a British port because they had heard that conscription had come in. Again, he said, they were influenced by the first mate, who had threatened to kill him. The men admitted to the writer that they had refused to work for 31 days, but the reasons given were quite contrary to those given by their master. Attempts had been made on their lives, they had been underfed and overworked, and attempts made to lock them in the fo'c'sle. They had made attempts to come to terms with the master, but, just when they reckoned these would bear fruit, in would come the captain's wife and put an end to every hope of reconciliation, so they decided to lie low and do nothing and see who would cave in first. After about three hours' arbitrating the Resident Commissioner at last succeeded in effecting a reconciliation. However, a Niue sailor was shipped in case anything else should crop up on the passage to Melbourne.

Sergeant Stan. Hoby (1907), writing to his parents from France on July 3, says:—

Things are very lively here; in fact, all along, as no doubt you have heard, but one soon gets used to it, and I'm still fat and flourishing. I reckon it won't be long now, with any luck, before we start for New Zealand.

In another letter he refers to the strenuous time they had been having with the Huns:—

I didn't get an unbroken night's sleep for eleven days. One night I stood to the gun from 7.30 till 4 next morning, and got up again at 6.30. We were rousted out at three one morning, and went navvying till eight the following night. Of course we groused a lot, but I think we are entitled to a little bit and it pleases us. Well, with all my hard work, I'm ashamed of my weight. I'm as thin as a barrel. I weighed myself about a quarter of an hour ago, and was very disappointed. I only went 13st. 10lb. I had to weigh myself about six times to make sure, but it was right. I had a bit of fun about three days ago. A cobbler and I were watching some Hun shells strafing a bridge. I was standing alongside a tree, and he was standing at the end of a brick wall ready to dodge behind it. Well, a six-incher came a bit closer than we expected, and I got behind the tree. A piece of shell as big as your hand came 'bick' into the tree just opposite my face. My cobbler heard me let out 'Oh, ———,' and started to laugh just as another piece hit the top of the wall he was crouching behind. He dashed near pushed the wall over squeezing against it. My hat, those splinters do fly. An old Frenchman was standing fully eighty yards away from one the day before yesterday, and a piece cut his throat as neat as a razor. Finis.

Sergeant Ronald Adlam (1907) was accorded a farewell social by the settlers of Oakura and district on the eve of his departure for the front. During the supper adjournment, Captain Mace, on behalf of the settlers of the district, presented Sergeant Adlam with an illuminating wristlet watch suitably inscribed. In making the presentation Captain Mace remarked that Sergeant Adlam left New Zealand with the First Expeditionary Force to Samoa, where he spent seven or eight months. On his return he immediately volunteered for the front, but owing to blood poisoning the Defence Authorities said he must rest for the time being. He had now recovered and would in due course be leaving for the front. Captain Mace said he wished there were many more young men as keen to get away and do their bit as Sergeant Adlam had been. It was the duty of every man who could possibly go to do so and fight, not for England and her Dominions alone, but for civilisation generally.

Gerald Chong (1910), who enlisted in the Medical Corps and left New Zealand with the 13th Reinforcements, has written a most interesting letter from Sling Camp on August 30, in which he gives news of several people well known to Old Boys of this school. We make the following extracts:—

At 4.30 p.m. on Friday we left for Bulford station, in teeming rain, en route for London. The train was late in starting, and we thought we would miss the up express, but luckily it was late also, so we just had time to connect. The eighty miles to London were covered in an hour and a half, so no time was lost. While stepping off the platform at Waterloo I ran into Tom Kirkby, who is working at the New Zealand Records Office. Then we took a tube to Peel House, and were only able to secure a shakedown in an adjacent school, which is now used as an annex when Peel House is overtaxed. Went round to the cafe and met Kirkby again, and he told me there was a New Zealand home in Russell Square, under the charge of Miss Grant. Next morning (Saturday) I went round, and, sure enough, there was Miss Grant buzzing about like a little bee. I booked a bed and then had a chat, scoring two theatre tickets. After dinner I went down the Strand and all of a sudden I met David Brown (the Browns from Mangorei). He has been wounded and is now recuperating at Walton-on-Thames. At 2 p.m. I went back to join a party going to St. Paul's and a very old monastery. While waiting for the drag, two or three nurses came round the corner and were talking to Brown. One of them kept looking at me, and I thought the face was familiar, so I went over to her, and she turned out to be Sister Lee. The brake then arrived, and I had to go. First of all we drove round to a very old monastery close to Smithfield market. Smithfield market, by the way, is where the martyrs of the olden days were burned alive at the stake. This monastery



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is over 600 years old, and is now used as a refuge for infirm males, nobles who have suffered a downfall. They are admitted provided they do not possess an income exceeding £60, and receive £40 per annum from the institute. This place is important from an historical standpoint, being the only structure of medieval times left standing in London. The history relating to it is too tiresome to relate, so I'll pass on to St. Paul's Cathedral. On entering one is immediately struck by the exquisite architecture of the ceilings and walls. The ceiling is covered with beautiful designs, all worked by hand. Our guide explained everything as we went along. Then we went down to the crypt, where lie in peace the bodies of Lord Roberts, Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington, etc., etc., and all the clergy who have served with the church. The pigeons abound in hundreds—feed or perch in one's hand, so tame have they become.

Private Ray Okey, who is acting as a dispatch carrier with the New Zealand forces in France, writing to his brother, Mr. Alf. Okey, of Frankley Road, on September 28, says that for the past two or three weeks the New Zealanders had been through the heaviest fighting they had experienced. They had been able to hold the objectives which they had taken and whilst their casualties had been heavy they had at the same time caused very serious losses to the Huns. Referring to the first day's operations in the big offensive he says:—

At daybreak there commenced a terrible cannonade by our artillery—simply one long screech of shells—and the noise was such that the men could hardly hear each other speak. Later in the morning I could see our fellows advancing very coolly as though on parade, and there were dozens of planes knocking around. Our battalion had eventually shifted up across land that was once covered with green grass, but since the war had become more like a desert. It was covered with shell holes, and many a British soldier lay there in his last sleep. By this time our fellows were bringing in droves of German prisoners, who seemed to be of all ages and very frightened. The Huns' artillery had started going properly and shells were coming along our whole front, and Fritz did not care for them very much. They rolled in the whole day, but we had seen the first of real war. Our fellows were everywhere, some killed and others wounded, coming in on stretchers, and walking or crawling. I had to be crossing the field which was constantly shelled and saw chaps killed, expecting every minute that my turn would come, but I could see it was no use worrying and kept going on, but not before I had thrown a good deal of my gear away, including overcoat and oilsheet. You might think this was a foolish act, but I felt fit to drop. All I wanted was to get through and I felt I could only do so by travelling light. I managed to pull through all right, although once I thought I had scored a nice little wound, a piece of shell striking me on the arm, but causing nothing more serious than a black bruise. The night was spent in a bit of a German trench which was badly battered by our fire. No wonder Fritz could not stand it. Their dead lay thick in this bit of trench that was left.

Private Okey then goes on to relate that the following morning when delivering a dispatch he met his brother Lionel, who had been in reserve. They had a little talk and when he turned to get his message to take back a shell seemed to land behind them.

Many of our fellows fell, but I managed to reach some sort of shelter, and after a few minutes, during which time we were getting a deluge of shells, I discovered that Lionel had been killed just where we stood talking.

One of our Old Boys, Trooper Gordon F. Salway, who entered the school in February, 1904, was reported "missing" after the fighting in Romani in July. No news was heard of him for a long time, and the worst was feared. However, after about three months, the Government was advised that he is a prisoner of war at Afion Kar Hissah, and he has now written to his mother saying that he is in perfect health and she has nothing to worry about. The circumstances under which Salway was lost are described in the following letter from Corporal Cliff Tate, of Waitara, who was in the same troop:

Our squadron were ordered to advance on to a certain position. As is usual, a "screen" was thrown out, but as is also usual when the enemy are known to be about, an additional screen was thrown out slightly ahead of the screen, acting as sort of scouts. Gordon, who was doing good work in the troop, was with the latter. He and his pals were riding some distance apart when, crossing a small sand ridge, one of the boys suspected the presence of Turks and shouted a warning to the others. Almost immediately he caught sight of them and shouted again. His warning was of no avail, however, as almost simultaneously the Turks, who had laid a clever ambush, opened fire with machine-guns and rifles. It was a case of every man for himself, and it was wonderful how any escaped. Gordon was closest to the Turks, and had the least chance of any. A man named Rew, riding next to him, was fatally wounded, but the boy next to him again managed to get him back to the squadron, where the poor chap succumbed. The Turks followed up this advantage and compelled our chaps to retire until they fell back on the main body. Here it was found that Gordon was missing. As the Turks had advanced strongly over the spot where all this occurred, no possible action could be taken on his behalf. I can assure you that I got the shock of my life on rejoining the troop that evening when I heard what had occurred. This happened on July 28. The Australians temporarily occupied this ground the next day, but reported no sign of any of our men. From then until August 4, when the Turks made their big attack, and later until we had them on the run on the 7th, they were in occupation. The very first chance that we had when our regiment went out on the 8th, a few of us cut out to the spot and had a hunt around. Now, one of our boys who was riding in the screen behind Gordon, at some distance, was certain that he saw someone fall from his horse, but could not say whom. It therefore appeared to us that if Gordon had been killed we should find some signs of his body. We could not even find the signs of a mound where anyone might

have been buried. As we surmised, Gordon's horse must have been instantly shot under him, as we found it buried (by the Turks) right where it fell. A little further away we had found his rifle. It would therefore appear almost certain that Gordon was wounded. The rifle had a bullet hole through the sling. Now, in the event of Gordon being in the hands of the Turks, alive or wounded, you may rest assured that he is well cared for, as the Turks have proved themselves worthy fighters. That is absolutely all the information available at present. Of course, there is always the chance of some news turning up, in which case I will not fail to acquaint you of such immediately.

From "Somme"—where in France, on September 28, Corporal Alan Matthews (Taranaki Infantry) sends a cheery letter to his people at Fitzroy:—

I am having what you might call a great time. The papers have told you where we are, and also our casualties in this little stunt—Gallipoli fades into oblivion before it, in some ways. I have seen the most wonderful and awful sights imaginable—sights which no painter of battlefields has ever produced or ever can in their awful reality. You really can't imagine what a modern battlefield is like. From where we were bivouacked yesterday, I could look out north, east, south and west to the skyline, and see not a blade of grass or green leaf. All is desolation and destruction—one shell-hole crest forming the crest of the next, and this for miles. The various woods (now so famous in reports) consist of what looks in the distance exactly like a New Zealand bush-clearing after a good burn.

We, of course, have no real trenches, and everyone digs in when we stop any considerable time in one place. Dead men and equipment are everywhere, and you walk over them and have tucker alongside them in the most unconcerned manner.

Our chaps, as you no doubt heard, distinguished themselves as usual, though Charlie Holmes, our new Sergeant-Major, said to me that his utmost imaginations of the horrors of war were more than realised. However, I can tell you for an absolute fact that we really have our Mr. Hun well by the wool, and he never waits for the bayonet. He either surrenders or runs for his life, and it is only his artillery that saves him. As a result we are all full of confidence for the future. Our artillery fire is perfectly wonderful, and Mr. Beech Thomas describes things very correctly.

The scenes I have seen from where our line originally was to where it now is—over some seven or eight miles of country—are beyond description. The whole place is a "stunner," and one sees to the full old "Blighty" at her full power and strength—and she's formidable indeed. All the country I speak of, though, is still covered with remains of the vast struggle—overturned motor-wagons, smashed limbers, railway lines twisted and turned into all shapes, and various other signs of the great push. Up nearer the front, of course, the signs of destruction change, and one sees there the dead—German and our own—mixed up with rifles, overcoats, mess-tins and various equipment, and half-buried in a slough of craters and mud.

Our lads had a most trying time, and it has been wet for days, but they far outstripped the Tommy divisions, and I can now see why they are considered so superior to the latter. For myself, much to my disappointment, I was out of the worst three

or four days, being sent back to base the morning of the attack, as I was needed for the work of reorganisation when we came out. However, I soon rejoined the company, and we were "bivied" on the land we took last week, up till a day or two ago, when we moved back again a little way.

Young Ron. White was killed just alongside me on the morning of the attack, when we were standing on the parapet watching the effect of a terrific bombardment by our artillery. Our captain (Captain Jardine) and myself have found his grave, which is on the battlefield, where he was shot, and we have put up a wooden cross, and also the skipper has advised the Graves Registration Committee as to its whereabouts. Lionel Okey was also killed the same morning, but I don't know where he is buried.

We are still under fire, but hope to go out for a short rest shortly. Weather conditions (with no blankets, and it's pretty cold), and sleeping on foul ground with no covering except an oilsheet, are not calculated to improve the health of the boys, but all the the same most of us manage to keep pretty fit and are well hardened off now. Have had several narrow escapes lately, though am still safe and likely to remain a deal more so than the bulk of my pals, though I have twice asked to "go over" when our chaps do, but have been refused both times. One has to do as he's told in this "damn" outfit, but I really think the other chaps have to go through more than I, so am not quite satisfied.

Corporal Matthews mentions that the delivery of parcels and letters in his company is excellent, and he has received all the parcels sent him, and by the last mail nine letters and a Budget.

Sten. Hurle, who is a lieutenant attached to one of the English regiments in France, sends a kind of diary from which we make the following extracts:—

6-4-16.—To-day I paid my first visit to the front line of trenches, going into those just in front of the village of Auctonvillers, occupied by the K.O.S.B. The trenches are very comfortable. Had a look over the parapet into the village of Beaumont, occupied by the Germans. Everything appeared blown to pieces, and no life about the place. Returned by way of a path supposed to be under machine-gun fire, but nothing happened. At 9 p.m. hell broke loose. Every gun in this part of the line seemed to be in action, and they spoke with the volubility of a Frenchman. For an hour and a half it lasted. The sky presented the spectacle of a huge fireworks display, and the din was comparable to something worse than the worst thunderstorm that ever happened. Verrey's lights went up in scores, and indicated only too brilliantly the line of the front trenches. The bombardment ceased as suddenly as it had begun. Next morning discovered that the Germans had made a raid on a point just north of salient, and captured fourteen. Eighty-four casualties during the night. Our own artillery was ignorant of the spot at which the attack was being made owing to all communication wires having been destroyed—an example of the idiocy of relying entirely upon wires above ground when there has been ample opportunity to put some underground, if only as emergency wires.

7-4-16.—Took a digging party to Fort Witherington in reserve lines, where I had a grand view of all night operations for several miles along the line. There was, however, not a great deal of activity.

8-4-16.—Practised patrolling No-Man's-Land for purpose of gaining information in regard to enemy's entanglements and entrenchments. After crawling on hands and knees over 200 yards of bog and ploughed land I did not present a drawing-room appearance. However, was successful in not being seen by men manning the trenches, and received congratulations of C.O. upon report sent in.

9-4-16.—At 10 p.m. took a working party up to the front line trenches. At one point had to pass over a piece of road that the previous evening had received a good deal of attention from the enemy's artillery. Nothing happened to us; in fact, nothing ever seems to happen to me. Two evening's back I was detailed to take out a working party that was afterwards taken by another officer, as I was suddenly required elsewhere, and that party had the satisfaction of being shelled and came out of it all right.

12-4-16.—Took a working party to Auctonvillers, and had a most unpleasant morning mending trenches as the rain came down in torrents all the time. When darkness fell the battalion moved from Englehelmer to Maily Maillet, a distance of about a mile and a half. It was horribly wet and muddy, but the new billets were quite good.

13-4-16.—Moved from Maily to immediate support of firing-line. My dug-out was in the communication trench known as Piccadilly, and though rather cold and miserable looking when I went into it it was soon quite "comfy" and glowing with the warmth of a hastily-constructed brazier.

14 to 18-4-16.—In the trenches: One night I was required to take a party to erect wire entanglements in front of the firing-line. Were under machine-gun fire all the time and although none of my party were hit a sergeant of the Munster Fusiliers only about 20 yards on my left received three bullets in his legs. The very next night I had a party constructing a new trench when the beggars got on to us with shrapnel and sent over five or six shells that burst far too close to be comfortable. However, once again luck was in and no one was hit. On the 18th, when we were marching back from the trenches, the last man of my party had just left a communication trench when, plonk!—right in the middle of it dropped an H.E.—a very narrow escape indeed. If only they had been two minutes earlier they would have bagged at least half-a-dozen of us. The last dug-out I had, the mice occupied mostly. There were hundreds of them and some of them were so tame that they were not averse to eating off the same table at the same time as yourself. Back to Maily in a heavy hailstorm, arriving there at 2 a.m. wet to the skin and no chance of a change till the morning—no wonder we get rheumatics. But the rum helps things a little.

19 to 21-4-16.—At Maily-Maillet; working parties. Plenty of rain and consequent mud.

22-4-16.—Moved from Maily to Anchovillers. Here the billets are full of shell holes—in fact there is very little of the village left standing, it being constantly under the shell fire of the Germans. At the first it is anything but an experience to be quietly enjoying a meal when suddenly, crash — and a shell bursts in the backyard; and all the time one can hear the whirr

of the shells as they fly over the housetop to strike some battery or other point away to the rear. But you soon get used to these fiendish fellows and learn to judge whether one is coming your way or not. It is the whizz-bangs that are so unpopular with us all. They come on you so suddenly that there is no time to get out of the way; you no sooner hear the whizz than the shell explodes and the fragments scatter themselves around you—hence the name "whizz-bang."

23 to 27-4-16.—At Anchoouvillers we had rather bad weather up to the last couple of days and so experienced what the trenches were like when half-full of water. I should have mentioned before that Anchoouvillers is practically in the firing-line, the front-line trenches being only a matter of a couple of hundred yards in front of the village. On one occasion the village was shelled very heavily and everyone was forced to beat a hasty retreat to the cellars. The last couple of days there was beautiful sunshine and the trenches soon dried up with the help of numerous working parties.

A. M. MacDiarmid, who left New Zealand as Officer Commanding the troops by the transport Maunganui on June 26th, has kept a very complete diary. By the kindness of Mrs. MacDiarmid we are permitted to make extracts or precis. The diary begins with the departure from Wellington, and terminates (so far) with the arrival at and settling down in Sling Camp on Salisbury Plain.

The Maunganui had a rough passage as far as Fremantle, and it took most of those on board some time to get used to the sea. Captain MacDiarmid says "the ship was like a rabbit-warren." There were several other transports at Fremantle. A short stay was made there, and the troops were all taken on shore for a route march, and were also given leave. After the rough passage this leave and this exercise was all the more necessary. The time on board was taken up by routine duty and by a considerable amount of responsible and continuous work on the part of the officers. The rough weather, the crowded state of the ship and the inexperience of most of the men, who were at sea for the first time, made it difficult at first to keep the ship in as orderly a condition as necessary. The coaling at ports of call, too, did not help the cleaning and the keeping clean. At both Perth and Fremantle the officers were admitted as members of the various clubs, and met with a hearty reception. The description of the places visited are most interesting. The Swan River opens out above Fremantle into a broad lake-like reach, at the upper end of which is situated Perth. The mouth of the river is very narrow, only 400ft. wide. Perth is not a particularly fine city, and the shops are distinctly poorer than are those in the larger towns of New Zealand. On July 8th, the Maunganui, in company with the Tahiti, left Fremantle. The two transports had a specially rough passage to Durban. On the latter there were no fewer than three deaths, while on the former there was one. A funeral at sea is even more depressing than one on land. On each ship, too, there were quite a number of cases of measles—mostly of the German type. Captain MacDiarmid had also the experience of being inoculated for typhoid. During the passage across the Indian Ocean many flying-fish and several whales were seen. In

fact Durban is at present the headquarters of a flourishing whaling industry. At present the price of whale-oil, £25 per ton, often ensures a profit of 60 per cent. On July 22nd, Durban was reached, and the troops from the Maunganui and from the Tahiti were landed. The latter, however, on account of the sickness during the voyage, had no leave, but simply had a route march. Their more fortunate comrades obtained leave and were able to see something of the town. All accounts agree in stating that Durban is a much finer city in every way than Cape Town. The latter is larger, to be sure, but is less beautiful, and is inferior in its buildings and arrangement. During a motor ride in the residential part of the town orange-trees in full fruit were seen everywhere. Indeed at one place two little girls threw a supply of the ripe fruit into the car. The rickshaw is one of the institutions of Durban, even more so than Colombo. The original home of this vehicle is Japan. In Durban one took Captain MacDiarmid a distance of a mile and a half in under a quarter of an hour. Some idea of the cost of living may be obtained from the fact that one New Zealander resident in Durban is paying £30 a month rent.

On July 23rd, Durban was left, and the ships headed south. Here a strong wind blowing in a direction opposite to that of the celebrated Agulhas Current caused an extraordinary rough sea, and much discomfort resulted. It is supposed that somewhere in this locality the ill-fated Waratah capsized. On July 26th, Cape Town was reached. Here a stay of four days was made. The troops were taken on shore and had route-marches, and a good deal of leave. The officers managed to see nearly everything in the town worth seeing. The chief sights of interest were the famous Table Mountain and Groot Schur, the residence of the late Cecil Rhodes. The extraordinary polyglot and polychrome nature of the population was also of the highest interest. At Cape Town was met an old Boer who had fought against us under General Botha sixteen years ago. He was now enthusiastically loyal to the British Empire, owing largely to the generous treatment extended to the Boers after the war. While the troops were being exercised ashore a gun was placed on the transport, and naval gunners taken aboard. This was some sort of defence against submarines. The gunners had practice at sea, firing at a packing case thrown overboard, and good practice was made. Cape Town was left on July 30th, and several transports filled with troops were now taken under charge of a man-of-war. The weather in the Atlantic was distinctly better, and the conditions of the voyage were therefore much more pleasant. The most annoying part of the business was the slowness of one of the Australian transports.

The crossing of the "Line" was celebrated with the usual ceremonies. Several ships were met, and the reality of the war was every day brought nearer home. The escort circled round and zig-zagged about her convoy "like a dog rounding up sheep." The only port of call was at Dakar, in Senegal, a French possession. No one went ashore except one or two of the officers. This part of the African coast has long had the reputation of being one of the unhealthiest spots on the face of the globe. It is, however, exceedingly beautiful. The escorting man-of-war quietly slipped off during the stay here, and another took her place. When in the same latitude as Gibraltar wireless communication was set up with the Eiffel Tower. At last the Bay of Biscay was entered, and the destroyers took charge of the convoy. Of course all sorts of

rumours were in the air of the presence of hostile submarines, and no precaution was neglected. The men wore life-belts, rafts and boats were ready, and a fully armed guard was always ready for instant action. A reward of £5 was offered to the man who first detected a periscope. However, no attack was made by the enemy, and on August 21 the convoy arrived safely at Plymouth. The troops were landed and sent on to Sling Camp by train. There they were distributed to their various stations. Captain MacDiarmid amply confirms all that we have heard of the great beauty of England. A three days' leave gave him an opportunity to see something of London. On his return to Salisbury Plain he had to put in a few days undergoing a course in field cookery! We hope he will put his knowledge to good use on his return to New Zealand. After this course he resumed his duties with the Rifle Brigade (the "Dinkums"). At this point this instalment of the diary closes, and we leave him in camp hearing almost continuously the boom of guns, the crack of rifles, the sharp and distant explosion of hand-bombs, and the hum of aeroplanes. We notice that in one place he talks of going over to the training school for aviators and of having a fly.

Lieut. Strathie Ewing writes from Sling Camp, Salisbury:—

On the way home the transport called at Durban and at Capetown. The latter place is distinctly inferior to the former in beauty and attractiveness. At Capetown the troops were quarantined for a short time. The ship called at the Cape Verde Islands, and there the first British man-of-war was met. More of these were met later on, and finally a destroyer escorted the transport safely to Devonport. The troops then went by train to Sling Camp. They were greatly surprised and delighted with the beauty of England. On their arrival at Sling Camp the men were dispatched to their respective quarters, and some of the officers were fortunate enough to get two days' leave to visit London. Strathie was one of these. He met friends there, and these showed him as many of the sights of the city as could be seen in the short time at his disposal. While he was in London there was a Zeppelin raid and one of the marauders was brought down. He says that as soon as a Zeppelin crosses the German border news is received in London and all preparations to meet it are made. Many of the men of the 15th Reinforcements were to go to the front in a week or two, while the officers were to be kept back for a couple of months or so. Lieut. Ewing has been transferred to the Signalling Company, 2nd Auckland Regiment. He expects to be sent to an instruction school for a six weeks' course of training. Meanwhile he has been able to pay a visit both to Glasgow and to Edinburgh to visit relations there. He concludes his letter by remarking on the beauty of Edinburgh. By the time this is in print he will, no doubt, be at the front.

A. P. Burkhardt writes from France a letter dated June 6th:—

I am now in France about forty miles, as the crow flies, behind the firing line. We are being instructed by officers and sergeants who have come down for a rest. We are being taught trench tactics and have done some bomb-throwing. We have had gas-helmets issued and have worn them once but have not been through the gas yet. This camp is a details camp, that is, a camp from which men are drawn as they are required "up the line."

When I shall go up the line depends upon the casualties sustained by the Rifle Brigade. At present I belong to A Company, N.Z. 3rd (Rifles) Brigade Details. In any case, if all goes well, I shall either be in or near the firing line within a month. I expect I shall feel queer for a while when I hear the boom of the guns, which they say shakes one's nerves up for a bit. Of course one does not know how he will feel as he has a very faint idea of what it is like.

I spent a fortnight in Egypt before coming here, and it was quite long enough for me, as during that time I experienced a heat-wave of three days' duration. The temperature in the tents was between 110 and 120 degrees. So you see it was uncomfortably hot. I was lucky enough to get leave to visit Cairo, our camp being at Tel-el-Kebir just near the battlefield where General Wolseley defeated Arabi Pasha. I visited the Pyramids and the Sphinx, and had a look at the different parts of the city. A day is far too short a time to do anything but to see a few of the most important places. Among the things that I took particular notice of were two Mohammedan funerals. One of them was the funeral of a man who had visited Mecca, while the other was that of one who had not made the pilgrimage. The coffin of the former was a very gay-looking affair, and was preceded by flag-bearers carrying gay flags, while the coffin of the latter was just plain black and was preceded by men without flags.

We have just received news of Lord Kitchener's death, and wouldn't believe it till we saw the papers, which proved it to be only too true. I suppose he will be succeeded by Sir William Robertson, Chief of the General Staff.

Since the above was written news has come through that Rifleman A. P. Burkhardt has made the supreme sacrifice.

An Old Boy writes from Albany on his way to the front:—

Just a line to let you know that I am keeping well. We arrived here yesterday after a rather rough trip from Auckland. We landed this morning for a five-mile route march to stretch our legs, and have been dismissed for the rest of the day. The routine on board, so far, has been very light, our chief trouble being to find amusement for ourselves. Please remember me to Mr. Moyes, the masters and the boys. Hoping the School is still holding well and keeping up its reputation.—I am, yours sincerely, L. G. Eyre.

Ronald White writes from France:—

Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and have not forgotten you. I can honestly say that I am sorry I did not pay more attention to my French while at school. The country over here is beautiful and, as you know, Southern France is known all over the world as a fine summer resort. We are right in the thick of it now, and can notice fresh faces in the platoon every week coming in to fill the vacancies caused by the cruelty of war. The people of France are very hospitable and they have a lot of time for the New Zealanders and the Australians, and they cannot do enough for you, provided you treat them properly. It seems years since I was at school, and I wouldn't mind coming back tomorrow. Certainly we had a bit of "swat" to do, but there were no shells, high explosives, whiz-bangs, rifle-grenades flying about,

and I would rather "swat" all my life than live among these devilish things. There is no doubt about it, the boys I am among are some of the best and bravest. You will be pleased to hear that Syd. Paul has gained his commission in the field, and two more of our boys have gone to the Old Country to sit for theirs. I have seen quite a lot of the New Plymouth boys over here, and they all wish to be remembered to you.

Since writing the above, Ronald White has also laid down his life for the righteous cause.

Lance-Corporal C. J. Hamblyn writes from France on October 18, 1916:—

You have perhaps been wondering why I have not answered your letter of July 22 ere this and given you some news of the Old Boys with us, as you wished me. I was in the trenches, up to my eyes in mud, when your letter came, and since then not a chance have I had even to drop a line home. However, I think we are settled down now, for a while at least, and I shall try to give you some idea of what the boys from Maoriland have been doing lately.

Of course our little force was but an item in the mass that swept over the Hun lines on the morning of September 15. We thought we had seen a bombardment, but our eyes were opened that morning, and many of us felt something like pity for the poor beggars in the trenches opposite. They talk of a rain of lead; that was a deluge. There were the eighteen-pounders and 4.5's (howitzers) standing wheel to wheel, and the gunners working like demons. Behind them were the siege batteries, and further back the heavy artillery (anything between eight inch and fifteen). They set up, I think, four barrages, one (shrapnel) on "No Man's Land," called a creeping barrage, then a double one (high explosive and shrapnel) on his front trench, with a fourth (high explosive) on his next line. Besides these there were certain guns "strafing" communication lines and roads. Well, at 6.20 over went the 2nd Brigade, in extended order, line after line. The creeping barrage lifted on to the front line, and they got up to within 60 yards. Then no sooner had the barrage lifted off the trench than the boys were in to finish off what was left. As Fritz says, the Tommies come soon after the barrage, but the colonials come with it. That is a great point, as he can't get his machine-guns up in time. Our Brigade then went over, and did about two miles in Indian file (artillery formation); they took their objectives and consolidated quickly. But Fritz had his machine-guns well planted, and did a lot of damage. His artillery also, of course, was pounding away the whole time, and really it's a marvel how anyone lives through such a hell. There was not a blade of grass left on the ground we went over. It was torn and rent into thousands of holes. When a chap looks back on that day he has but a dim recollection of struggling on, climbing in and out of huge holes, of men falling all round, and wondering why he himself is not hit. That was the worst part, mates whom we have been with all through blown to bits within a few yards. Anyway, we took all that was required of us, and helped to make a bigger name for our little Dominion. We had to wait for the Tommies to come up on either side, so rapid was our advance. But I don't suppose the papers left much unsaid; I think myself they go a bit too far. We quite expected to be relieved and

sent right out of the trenches within a couple of days, but that was a delusion. We were backwards and forwards between front line and supports for more than a month, taking more and more ground and pushing our line further ahead. The Tommies had been out and back again, but we lived there in the mud the whole time without a wash or shave. You can imagine the wrecks we looked. It was a hard test, the stiffest any troops have had down there. When it rained the mud was awful. At night the long lines of transport cut up the roads into a frightful mess, then Fritz would blow up a whole team. That meant the blockage of the whole system till the limber, dead horses and men were thrown clear. Without actually seeing it you couldn't imagine the amount of transport that passes along those roads, most of them just soft mud. I've seen a road laid down with 18in. of metal, and in a day and a half you would take it for a very old road. It's a tremendous task this of driving back the Huns, but from what I have seen he can't stop us. It's just a steady, methodical push, and squash at the same time. As for fight, that is with the bayonet, Fritz can't make a show. I heard of not a single Hun meeting one of our chaps.

After we left down there we travelled back the way we came by train and road, finishing up with a motor ride to the trenches again. We were out about ten days altogether. This is a nice quiet show, and I think we are here for the winter, doing reliefs in and out of the trenches. We have just been issued our winter clothing, and should weather the cold all right. Just at present I am attached to headquarters, taking recruits for instruction in the Lewis gun. We are quite comfortable here, and I'm enjoying myself. Fancy sleeping in a bunk, even if it was made by the pioneers, with a couple of blankets, after sleeping in a muddy trench in a little hole made in the side without even an overcoat. It was quite pleasant when the roof of the hole subsided. Still, I'm not dead yet, and worse things than that have happened. I remember one night sleeping in a dug-out that I found next morning was propped up by a dead Hun.

But I promised to give you some news of some of the old boys. There are very few that I know anything about. You see most of them belong to the other two brigades. However, there are a few I can give you news of. George Bendall had just joined our 1st Battalion, and it was his very first time in the trenches; we had just gone up to take over ready for the advance when he was caught by a shell and killed instantly. Frank Billing, of the 1st Brigade, I saw at a dressing station. He had been shot in the leg by a machine-gun while making a strong post in front of his company just after they took a fresh trench. He had to hobble back as best he could through a heavy shell fire, a distance of quite three and a half miles. A boy perhaps you still remember, although not an old boy, was Claude Roberts, son of the contractor. He was a splendid fellow, cool and collected the whole time. He had done splendid work, and had just been placed in charge of his platoon, and got them going at cleaning up the captured trench, when he was killed, together with his captain and five men. He was a lance-corporal, and well liked by everyone. Would you please give his father the few particulars I have given you if you see him at any time? Richards and Guild have not joined up yet, although they are over here now. The last time I saw Roy Okey he was R.S.M. in his battalion (1st Wellington). Corporals E. Stanley and Allan Mathews are still

with their company; Mathews is in the Records. Charlie Potts, of Stratford, is still going strong, having been through the lot. Dick Mace is a lance-corporal in the 3rd Battalion of this Brigade. There seem to be very few old boys in my battalion, and one does not get a chance to look up mates in the other brigades or battalions. However, if I get a chance at all I shall make a point of getting a record of all old boys I can get hold of, in the infantry at any rate.

I've just heard about the blaze you had at the school. I don't suppose you were sorry, except that many of the old records have gone. I'll be seeing quite a flash city by the time I get back.

I was pleased indeed to hear that you had settled both Te Aute and Wanganui Tech. The boys, I think, will always turn out a good team. But I was more than pleased to hear of the good score they made on the miniature range. If they don't pull that off I'll walk over and see Fritz again. Was that true they got second again in the Schools of the Empire? Certainly you are having a hard time with the masters, but I don't think it will be for long now. I've always given it three years, and I think that will be the end all right.

Well, this is a disjointed affair I must say, and rough too, but we're all that way now and I'm afraid I shall need a deal of polishing up when I'm wanted to go on in the old ways of life. Still it's all an education that will never come amiss. As for talking French, I often have great fun acting as interpreter for the boys. I remember once I had to buy a pile of wood for a bonfire we were having in celebration of the day the battalion left New Zealand. It took me the whole afternoon chasing the owner of a certain pile, each person referring me to someone else. In the end I got it though.

Well, I've managed to live through everything without a day's illness, and with but one or two scratches and several very narrow escapes. My luck has always been in, and from what I recently heard from the Major there is a good chance of a commission ahead. Perhaps you have wondered why I have remained a lance-corporal so long. You see I took on the Lewis gun work, and am kept now as an instructor, chiefly. There are no chances of promotion, whereas in the platoon the man that took my place is now the sergeant. However, I have a chance of getting Home to a cadet school, at least I have been recommended, and hope to hear more of it shortly.

By the time this reaches you I expect your thoughts will be at Christmas, so I will close by wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It now turns out, according to later information, that G. F. Salway, who was reported as having been killed, is a prisoner-of-war in Turkey instead. Word has been definitely received that he is well, but, of course, would much sooner be on active service again.

B. Sinclair has been successful in passing college terms at Otago University for the Medical Intermediate Examination in Physics, Biology and Chemistry.



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CORPORAL R. WHITE—FRANCE, 1916.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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Awarded Military Cross:

LIEUTENANT HARPER MERVYN LEPPER.

Awarded D.S.O.:

LIEUT.-COLONEL IVAN T. STANDISH.

Mentioned in Dispatches:

PRIVATE CHARLES CRONE.

"For the Empire's Cause."

COLLIS, DOUGLAS L., Quartermaster-Sergeant.—Douglas Collis entered the School in 1904, and remained there for several years. Shortly after the outbreak of the war he enlisted, and in due course went to France. Here he was one of the New Zealanders who distinguished themselves in the offensive on the Somme. He was one of those who made there the supreme sacrifice.

WHITE, RONALD WENWORTH, Corporal.—On September 14th, in action during the offensive on the Somme, Ronald White fell in the service of his country. He entered the School in 1911 and began a business career when he listened to the call of duty. He was only twenty years of age, and his ready offer of service was a proof of the promise of still better things.

BENDALL, G. H., Private.—On September 27th, word was received that George Bendall had died of wounds received during the fighting on the Somme. He was with us for several years, and left the School at the end of 1914. Had he lived he would have been twenty-one years old in February, and it seems only yesterday that he came to say good-bye to us. By his early enlistment and by the supreme sacrifice he has made he has proved that he has made a complete success of his life.

BURKHARDT, ARTHUR PETER, Private.—Peter Burkhardt entered the School in February, 1910. After staying there for three years he went on to his father's property and was engaged in farming. He enlisted some time ago and was soon at the front in

France, where he fell in the defence of right and justice in September during the Somme offensive. It seems only like yesterday when he was with us, and those who knew him will long remember his pleasant manner and sterling qualities.

Killed or Died of Wounds:

Baily, R. H., Pvt.	Lepper, H.M., Lieut. (Military Cross)
Bendall, G., Pvt.	Mulloy, Wattie, Sgt.
Burkhardt, A. P., Pvt.	Okey, S.M., Sgt.
Crone, C., Pvt.	Quilliam, Reg. P., Corp.
Coates, F. H., Pvt.	Rider, F. H., Pvt.
Collis, D., Q.-M.Sgt.	Sole, L. P., Corp.
Griffiths, S. J., Pvt.	Stoddart, J. H., Pvt.
Hall, V. J. B., Corp.	
	White, R., Corp.

Wounded:

Blythe, H., Gunner	Lusk, D. A., Lieut.
Billing, F. H., Corp.	Morshead, H. B., Pvt.
Baker, S. G., Pvt.	Malone, T., Trooper
Brown, D. B., Pvt.	M'Connell, T., Corp.
Dowling, R. E. C., Sgt.	Matthews, N., Capt.
Ellis, W., Pvt.	Mulloy, Wm. Pvt.
Ellis, T. J., Corp.	M'Isaac, A. R., Lieut.
Ellerm, E. B., Corp.	Okey, R. L., Lieut.
Espiner, R. H., Lieut.	Okey, W. P., Sgt.
Hill, L. G., Sgt.	Patterson, W. B., Pvt.
Howell, N. B., Pvt.	Stanley, E. C., Corp.
Howell, I. J., Sapper	Smith, L., Lance-Corp.
Haworth, L. G., Pvt.	Simmons, W., Trooper
Knight, G., Trumpeter	West, V. W., Pvt.
Linn, B., Corp.	Whitham, A., Sgt.
	Warren, L. A., Pvt.

On Active Service:

Adlam, R., Sgt.	Bollinger, G., Lieut.
Avery, H., Lance-Corp.	Bullard, J. N., Lieut.
Arthur, W., Pvt.	Buxton, T., Capt.
Armstrong, E., Sgt.	Blundell, K., Pvt.
Baker, F. R., Lieut.	Blanchett, R., Lance-Corp.
Bayly, C., Lieut.	Blanchett, P., Gunner
Beck, W. C., Sgt.	Blanchett, W., Pvt.
Bellringer, L., Pvt.	Brokenshire, R., Sgt.



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Bradbury, H., Sapper	Johnston, H. N., Pvt.
Borrie, S., Pvt.	Kibby, R., Sapper
Callaghan, F. F., Gunner	Kimbell, E., Corp.
Cartwright, A., Pvt.	Kirton, H. S., Pvt.
Clark, H., Pvt.	Kelly, T. B., Corp.
Chappell, N. M., Pvt.	Kirkby, V., Pvt.
Chong, G., Pvt.	Laing, R., Pvt.
Coker, A. C., Pvt.	Langmuir, E.
Colson, E. D., Corp.	Little, N. F., Lieut.
Cornwall, C., Major	Mander, J. H., Pvt.
Cornwall, N., Capt., R.N.	Medway, J., Trooper
Cliff, A., Pvt.	Mackenzie, R. W., Lieut.
Cutfield, E., Sgt.-Major	M'Arthur, A., Sgt.
Dockrill, J., Capt.	MacDiarmid, A. M., Capt.
Day, E., Sgt.	Mänder, G., Trooper
Dumbleton, A. G., Pvt.	Mace, L., Pvt.
Ewing, S. K., Lieut.	Mackie, H. J., Pvt.
Eyre, L., Pvt.	M'Allum, L., Pvt.
Faris, E. I., Capt.	Morey, A. W., Pvt.
Fraser, H., Sgt.	Matthews, A. B., Corp.
Guild, W. A., Sgt.	MacDonald, A. M., Pvt.
Gibson, C. T. E., Pvt.	Martin, G. H., Pvt.
Grant, I. P., Lieut.	Monteath, R. M., Pvt.
Grant, A. H., Corp.	Moore, W. E.
Grant, Eric, Corp.	Newell, D. R., Lance-Corp.
Glasgow, B., Sgt.	Olson, E. E.
Gaukrodger, R., Driver	O'Driscoll, A. J., Pvt.
Goss, L., Lieut.	Pridham, C., Capt.
Gibbons, J., Gunner	Pearce, H., Pvt.
Grey, J., Pvt.	Perry, W. L., Corp.
Harle, D. A., Lieut.	Paul, G., Sgt.
Hancock, R. T.	Paul, Stan., Sgt.
Healy, N. R., Pvt.	Paul, S., Lieut.
Hill, S. A., Sgt.	Pott, I. W., Trooper
Hawkins, G. J., Lieut.	Pott, Joe, Pvt.
Hempton, M., Pvt.	Pott, G. H., Pvt.
Hurle, S. H., Lieut.	Potts, C. H., Pvt.
Healy, A., Pvt.	Quilliam, Ron., Lieut.
Hamblyn, C. J., Corp.	Russell, G., Q.-M.Sgt.
Hill, W., Corp.	Richards, L. C., Corp.
Hirst, J. B., Corp.	Rowlands, F., Pvt.
Heldt, F., Pvt.	Salway, G. F., Trooper
Hoby, S., Sgt.	Standish, I. T., Lieut.Colonel
Hobson, P., Pvt.	Standish, A. R., Lieut.
Hooker, H. S., Driver	Skelton, N., Pvt.
Jenkinson, W. H., Pvt.	Searle, H. V., Lieut.

Stapp, A. D., Driver	Woodhouse, R., Sgt.
Throssell, F., Gunner	Whitaker, G. L., Pvt.
Tunbridge, P. A., Sapper	White, K. S., Pvt.
West, B. F., Pvt.	White, C. J., Pvt.
West, H., Pvt.	Weston, I. W., Pvt.

As the above list is by no means complete the Head Master would be grateful for any information concerning Old Boys serving with the forces.

MASTERS: PAST AND PRESENT.

This term we have to chronicle the departure of Mr. Searle for Trentham. Ever since he has been with us he has thrown himself whole-heartedly into everything that made for the good of the School and of everything connected with it. He left us on October 13th, and was made the recipient of presentations from Masters and boys. On principle we refrain from any expressions which may seem fulsome; but we venture to say that the remarkable success achieved by the shooting teams was almost entirely due to his untiring efforts. For a Master to raise these teams to a state of efficiency sufficiently high to gain second place in both the Senior and Junior Schools of the Empire competition, and first place in both the Senior and Junior Imperial Challenge Shield competitions, with third place also in the former is a feat of which anyone might well be proud. Under Mr. Searle's management, too, the Library has been exceedingly well conducted, and his successor is left no light task. We deeply regret the cause of Mr. Searle's leaving us, but we are proud that he has obeyed the call and has gone to do what he can. We hope that before long peace will be declared and that Mr. Searle will soon be with us again.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Wynyard, who joined us this term. He was not altogether a stranger to us, as he came as manager of the Te Aute team on its visit here last term. We hope Mr. Wynyard will have a pleasant experience in New Plymouth and that he will long remain with us.

EXCHANGES.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following exchanges:—New Plymouth Girls' High School Magazine, Scindian, Torch, Palmerstonian, Canterbury College Review, Nelsonian, Waitakian, Ashbur-



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tonian, Southlandian, Christ's College Register, Christchurch Boys' High School Magazine, Timaruvian, King's Collegian, Auckland Grammar School, Chronicle, Wellingtonian, Otago Boys' High School Magazine.

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PROSPECTUS.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

(Established in 1882).

THE NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL is situated on what is probably one of the finest school sites in the Dominion. Standing on the edge of a plateau that stretches inland from the coast, it commands a magnificent view of the town and the ocean on the one hand, and of Mt. Egmont on the other. It is within 15 minutes' walk of the Post Office and the Railway Station, and is within two minutes' walk of the far-famed Pukekura Park.

THE SCHOOL GROUNDS cover an area of 17 acres, which are laid out in lawns, tennis courts, cricket ground and agricultural plots. In addition to this, 8 acres adjoining the School have been leased for the agricultural work in connection with the School. A further area of 11 acres next to the School has been permanently secured for football grounds.

THE BOARDING DEPARTMENT is under the supervision of the Headmaster, who is assisted by six resident Masters. There are two houses adjoining each other, one being the house occupied all along and the other being a fine new building containing 35 rooms. Views of this building, both of the exterior and of the interior, appear in this issue of the Magazine. There is ample accommodation in the two houses for between 90 and 100 boarders. All domestic arrangements are in charge of an experienced Matron.

The following is a brief description of the Principal's house, taken from the "Taranaki Herald":—

Built of reinforced concrete, with rough-cast finish, it is indeed an imposing structure, probably unequalled by anything of its kind in the Dominion. It is situated only a very short distance from the School proper, and the site appears to be an excellent one, healthy and commanding a splendid view. The front portion is mostly two-storied, concrete pillars from the main entrance supporting a fine little balcony, which gives additional attraction to the building.

Inside, the plaster finish, with Oregon panelling, is extremely handsome in appearance. On the ground floor the first rooms inspected were the private sitting rooms and dining-room for the Principal, Prefects' room, and then the splendid, large dining-room, to seat 200 boys. There is a semi-circular bay window in front, and at the side there are windows wherever practicable, so that there is an abundance of light. This portion is only one-storied, and the room is of good height, greatly assisting ventilation. The design is good, and the room is, in every respect, ideal for the purpose for which it was designed.

Then, jutting out from the eastern end to the north, is the most striking portion of the whole building. Dormitories for 24 boys are here, 12 beds being on the ground floor, and 12 upstairs. The position is such that the dormitories get the benefit of the sun all day long, and they are wonderfully airy and well lighted. The health of the boys has been the first consideration, and it is safe to say that no school in New Zealand can boast of better dormitories. A small wardrobe is provided for each boy, and quite near to the dormitories are shower-baths, etc. Other rooms on the second floor include the sick bay (three beds), Principal's quarters (four bedrooms), and a work room. On the eastern side of the building provision is made for another "wing" to be built at some time in the future.

Altogether, the accommodation could hardly be improved upon, whether from the point of view of the Principal, the boarders, teaching staff or domestic staff. The new boarding-house, it is not too much to say, could not be surpassed anywhere in the Dominion. It is a valuable acquisition to the School, to New Plymouth, and to Taranaki.

BOARDER'S OUTFIT.

School Uniform—

Three Uniform Shirts	Two Singlets (if worn)
Two Uniform Knickers	Eight Handkerchiefs
Three pairs School Stockings	Four Collars
One Dark Suit for Sunday	Three Bath Towels
One Overcoat	One Necktie (black preferred)
Two pairs Boots	Brush and Comb
One pair House Shoes	Clothes Brush
One pair Rubber Shoes	Tooth Brush
One School Cap and Badge	Tooth Powder
One Leather Belt	One pair Braces
Two Pyjama Suits	One Prayer Book
Two Soft Shirts suitable for Linen Collars	One Boot Outfit

All articles must be marked distinctly and a list fixed inside the trunk.

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 National.

Bayly Memorial Scholarship.

Senior Free Place.

Public Service Entrance (formerly called 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 61 pupils, of whom 20 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



THE SICK ROOM.

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 and physical culture.

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 National Scholarships.—These vary in value from £5 to £35 per annum. They are tenable for three years and are open to boys under 14 years of age.

(2.) Senior National 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 14 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 University National Scholarships.—Value £50 per annum for three years.

FEEES (Per Term).

Tuition—£3, reducible to £2 10s if paid within 31 days.

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