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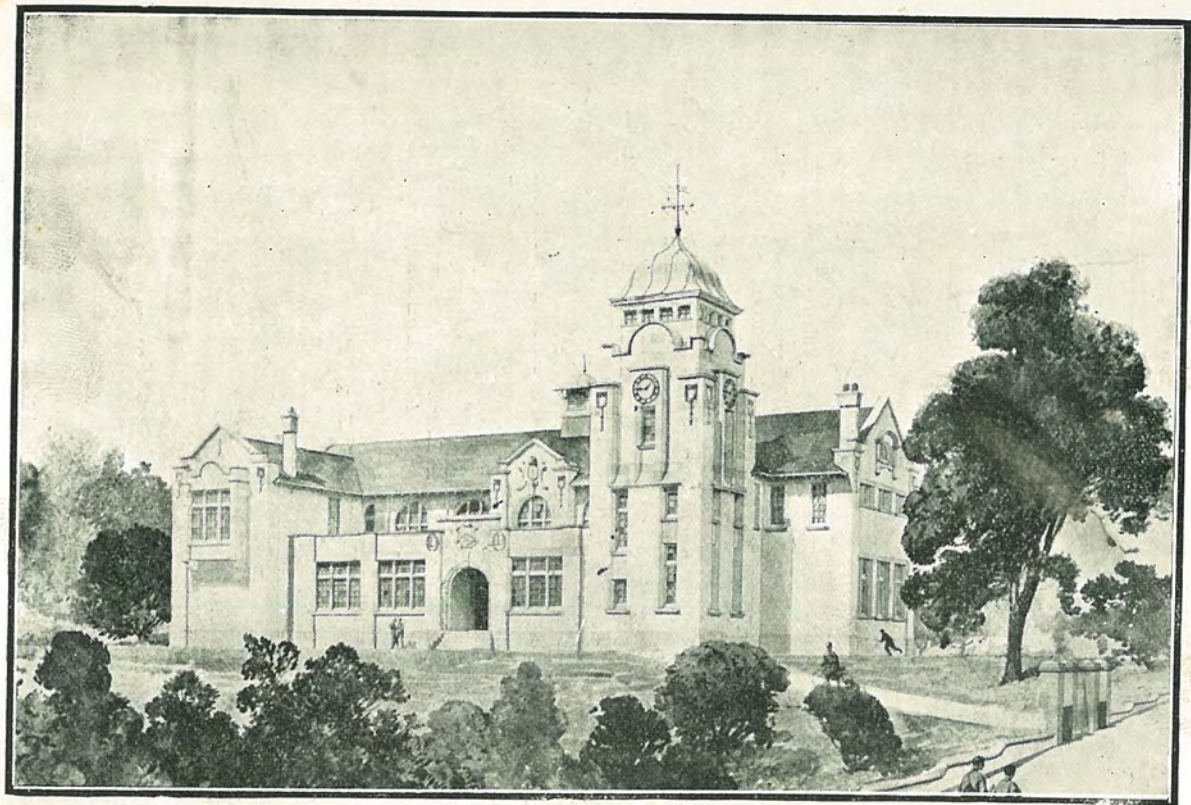
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EDITORIAL.

THE Education Department has not yet given its sanction to the plans for the new School, which have been for some time drawn up by the Board's architect. The Department considers that the scheme of the Board is too ambitious, while the latter considers that the expansion of the School in all activities during the last few years is more than likely to be maintained. In any case the Board is anxious that a building should be erected in keeping with a rapidly increasing town and a rapidly expanding district. We believe that it is the desire of those interested, and these are not a few, that the equipment of the new School should be equal to that of any other Secondary School in the Dominion, and that it should embody the latest improvements.

The Education Department is averse to the inclusion of an Assembly Hall in the new building, considering it more or less of a luxury. Possibly, too, the War has increased the difficulties of obtaining money. We have, therefore, thought it not out of place to point out the importance of an Assembly Hall to a Secondary School.

In the first place an Assembly Hall is necessary for all school functions. Prize-givings, addresses, concerts and all the numerous gatherings of various kinds should most certainly be held on the premises. One not unimportant part of a boy's education consists in bringing him into contact, as far as possible, with leading men of the day and of public standing. The Governor and

the Prime Minister should not be mere abstractions. Highly educative, too, are addresses by, say, noted travellers or by men eminent in art, science, or literature. Without an Assembly Hall it is difficult to see how this part of a boy's education can be carried out.

Further than this, it is essential that the whole school should be assembled once a day. Few who have had any experience in Secondary School work will dispute this. The day begins far better with this corporate gathering. Prayers are read, and the headmaster has an opportunity of addressing the whole School, or of arranging co-ordinated schemes without any loss of time and without any dislocation. Two or three minutes thus spent in the morning, when the whole School is thus assembled will save endless trouble and confusion. Then, there is the all-important matter of "esprit de corps," which can be much better fostered by such an assembly than by dealing with smaller aggregations. True education consists in much more than mere book-learning.

This brings us to another point, that of training in citizenship. It is desirable, for this end, to make the School as self-contained as possible. By doing this it is far easier to inculcate the principles of loyalty and of individual responsibility to the community. The results of loyal and of disloyal actions are much more easily seen, and the self-sacrifice and hard work of individuals for the common weal stand out in clearer relief. The schoolboy is the citizen and legislator of the future, and the community, in self-interest, must see that this civic training is given as fully as possible to its youth. It may be thought that by making a school self-contained in the manner which we have indicated, there is some danger of a spirit of parochialism springing up. This can be guarded against by judicious leading on the part of the staff; and it is perhaps better that there should exist this narrow spirit than that there should be an absence of the development of what we might call "the civic sense."

It has been said that the English student goes to Oxford or Cambridge to a certain College these simply because his ancestors for generations past have gone there. The German student goes to a certain university because of the instruction given by some special professor, and when this professor removes to another university the student follows him thither without any feeling towards the institution he is leaving. In short the

German exhibits the instinct of the dog, while the Englishman exhibits that of the cat. Now, there is much to be said for this cat-like instinct, and it is this, we think, that should be encouraged in our schools.

These are, rightly, the days of attention to the physical welfare of the young. It is highly desirable that the class-rooms should be thoroughly flushed at every interval. Every boy should be turned out into the fresh air for the whole interval. Now, where is the boy to go in wet weather? In Taranaki we have many wet days; provision should be made accordingly. The Assembly Hall affords just the place of relief. In view of the present financial difficulties the Assembly Hall should, for the present, be used as the school gymnasium. Later on it might be possible to erect a separate gymnasium, but meantime we have no means of carrying out the very important work of physical training, except under serious disabilities.

A school which has no Assembly Hall must allow its pupils to make use of the class-rooms more or less as miniature gymnasiums. Boys will be boys, and must be allowed to work off their superfluous energy by vigorous physical exercise, and but little consideration is necessary to see that a class-room is by no means a proper playground. Besides the probable damage to furniture and apparatus and the increased difficulty of effective supervision, there is the moral question of training in respect of places and property.

If, then, the Assembly Hall is so necessary for day-boys, much more necessary must it be for boarders. Indeed it is not too much to say that no boarding-school can be considered properly equipped unless it possesses an Assembly Hall, as all the arguments in the case of a day-school apply here with double force. The preparation of the boarders can be done in the class-rooms, but the only alternative for the accommodation of boarders in the evenings or on wet days is the provision of sufficient sitting-rooms; and this, in addition to the extra expense, would be too inconvenient.

For boarders the School is the home for the whole of the working year, and the influence of environment on the youthful can hardly be over-estimated. The young should be brought up, so far as is possible, in pleasant and lovely surroundings. Too often is this important fact lost sight of. One has only to see the hideous buildings usually provided for primary schools

and for the teachers. We are not arguing for a training in art, but we certainly think that the time has come when the people of New Zealand should demand that all schools should be better and more artistically built, and that some attempt should be made to foster in the young some sense of pride in their schools; if then schools are only partially equipped nothing in this most desirable direction can be done. We are thoroughly convinced that the extra expenditure thus involved would be more than justified.

In New Zealand everything is yet very new, and we have scarcely yet had time to have any traditions or the sanctity conferred by time alone. We miss here the influence indefinite, perhaps, but not the less real, of old buildings and of old institutions. It is a magnificent thing to be looked down upon "by ramparts old in story," to tread those corridors which have been trodden for centuries by the great and good of our race, to sit where sat More and to worship where Wicliffe worshipped. We can have none of these things here for long years to come. But we think that the Assembly Hall should be the repository of all the visible emblems of the School and of its aims and aspirations. Here should be hung the groups of teams and of classes, pictures and honours' boards, and, in short, all other valuable and interesting records. These all speak to the present of the doings of the past, and the silent influence thus exercised must inevitably work for nothing else than for good.

A suggestion has been made by the Efficiency Board that the September holidays should be curtailed to one week in order that the Summer holidays may be lengthened. The extra time thus available could then be utilised by the boys for giving assistance to employers who, on account of the large number of their employees that have enlisted, are experiencing difficulty in carrying on their business with anything like complete efficiency. Much is heard of the shortage of labour, and this shortage, if it really exists, is a very serious matter not only to the employer but also to the State. This seems especially true of farmers. Just about Christmas there seems to come a rush of work that must be attended to. There are shearing, haymaking, harvesting and the kindred tasks.

If, therefore, a shortage of labour for these operations does exist, the proposal of the Efficiency Board would seem to be a wise one, and all concerned would be most willing and ready to fall in with it. But there are one or two considerations to be taken into account.

In the first place, there must be an assurance that the shortage of labour really does exist. So far as we can gather, this has not been proved. We may be wrong, but in any case the dislocation consequent on the adoption of the suggestion of the Efficiency Board must be justified and compensated for by the certain knowledge of the alleged shortage. No doubt, however, the Board has at its disposal the means to obtain definite information. But the point should be settled at the earliest possible moment in order that proper arrangements can be made in good time.

This brings us to our second point. If the scheme is to be put into operation, definite co-ordinated arrangements must be made well beforehand; otherwise waste of time, energy and money is sure to result, and but little thought is required to enable one to see how absolutely essential at this time is the avoidance of every species of waste. Employers, especially farmers, who wish for the services of boys temporarily released, should put in applications for such assistance before a certain date. This date should be not later than July 31st, if possible. This would enable schools to go on with their regular programme, should but few or no boys be applied for. To assist both the organisers and the employers a printed form of application could be issued. On this form would be questions to which brief and definite answers could easily be given. But the great need is that of definite organisation. The allocation of the boys to the different employers could easily be made a matter of mutual arrangement. Both employers and boys have often, as is but natural, decided preferences.

Again, boys are not skilled labourers, and those who employ them must recognise this. A boy cannot be expected to do work which is done by men who have had years of experience. Neither has a boy the set frame and powers of endurance that a grown man used to hard physical toil has. A boy should not be asked to get up at four o'clock and work right on till six in the evening. The task is beyond the powers of any but very exceptional boys. The generation to come must not be allowed

to grow up with that droop of the shoulders and dragging of the feet that we too often see as the result of overwork in the young. Not even the present necessity can justify that.

Employers recognising the limitations of boys as labourers may perhaps at times be inclined to underestimate the usefulness of their temporary juvenile assistants and pay them an adequate wage. The employer may be pretty sure that any boy who volunteers for work in the holidays either is keen or has a strong sense of duty. In each case the boy has within himself a powerful incentive to do his best, and this very willingness is worth no small amount to an employer. In order to show that we are pointing out no mere "ignis fatuus," we may mention a case that has come under our own notice. Not long ago an employer required labour and made an offer to a strong, well-grown lad of a wage less than one-third of that offered to ordinary unskilled labourers. Further comment is unnecessary.

Farming is the most important industry in New Zealand, and must always be so, we believe. Whatever else is neglected and has to suffer in the present state of things, farming must not suffer. All occupations connected with the production or distribution of luxuries or amusements come last. We hope therefore that if a scheme is evolved it will be to the farms that the boys will go, or, at any rate, to occupations intimately connected with farming.

If there is any real need for any help that school-boys can give, we sincerely hope that they will be called on, and that a definite co-ordinated scheme will be immediately formulated. Some sacrifice will be made by parents and boys by this alteration in a routine that has been proved by the experience of many years to be the best. But no one will do other than rejoice at the opportunity thus afforded to do some little thing for our beloved Empire.

So far some eighty boys have given in their names. If these are allocated to suitable employers they should do something towards supplying the alleged shortage of labour. The number of boys volunteering is pretty sure to be considerably increased, so soon as it is known that a definite co-ordinated scheme has been put into operation.

THE TARANAKIAN.

In consequence of the rise in the price of paper and other necessary material we have been compelled, with the greatest reluctance, to reduce our annual issue to two numbers. We shall issue one number at the end of each half year, for the present. We hope that no further reduction in either the number of issues or in the contents will be necessary. We may point out that we are doing only what we believe practically every other Australasian school magazine is doing. In fact many such magazines have made more drastic reductions than has the "Taranakian." We ask, therefore, the indulgence of our readers in this matter. In the two annual issues we intend to supply all the matter heretofore contained in the three annual issues.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School Brass Band are plodding along steadily, and are consistent in their attendance at rehearsals twice a week. Arrangements have been made for the lads to have a practice by themselves for half an hour each evening, the players having made sufficient advancement to enable them to do so. The personnel of the Band, now that it has assumed definite shape, is given for record purposes, as, of course, the formation of such a body as a School institution is making school history:—Cornets: Osborne, Wills, Gilbert, Ward, Jones, Johns, Knuckey, and Yates; Tenor Horns: Blane, Pope, and Hutchen; Baritones: Bedford and Rawson; Trombones: Beckbessinger and Bryce; Euphonium: Duckworth; Bass: Spence. Yates and Beckbessinger are taking private lessons, but doubtless their services will be at the disposal of the Band on high days and holidays. Two new pupils (Brackebush and Goldsworthy) have been enrolled, but they have not had instruments allotted them so far. Judging by the drilling the lads are receiving in the shape of bugle marches, Mr. M'Leod should soon have the boys out on the parade ground, thus enlivening the Cadet parades.

The Tuck Shop has come, and the cry of "Two liquorice straps," "Peach ripe, please," can be heard on any weekday after four o'clock. The habit of eating, we have

reason to believe, dates back to antiquity. With the habit of eating arose the tuck shop, which is to be found where numbers of schoolboys congregate. With the origin and history of tuck shops we are not concerned, but the significance of the saying, "Come over to the tuck shop" must be apparent to all who have received the invitation. With all the painful proceedings of the day's school forgotten in peaceful oblivion the two link arms and saunter across the cricket field. They continue on until they arrive at a knot of boys gathered round a red building. If the young plutocrat shows his opulence in his swagger to the shop, the crowd make way, cheery salutations are exchanged, and the boy of the moment (probably Jones tertius) advances to the counter. With a movement similar to that of an American hustler, he flings on the counter a crisp brightly coloured Postal Note, leans on the counter with his left elbow, crosses his legs, and with loftily raised chin he says in a voice which rings with importance, "What are you going to have, Big Face?" Big Face advances, looks at the colour of the Postal Note and calls for a Horehound Beer. The colour of the note influences his choice for Horehound Beer is more expensive than, say, Peach Ripe. Jones iii. is not influenced by the tenor of the note; his palate responds to only one drink, and forthwith he calls for Peach Ripe. To the small boy glasses are unknown receptacles; he only knows that the bottle has a conveniently sized neck, and he has an elastic mouth. After one swig at his bottle our worthy may chance to glance round at the knot of boys. To those from whom the aforementioned salutations have been cheeriest he issues an order to "Name your Rot-gut." Monastic discipline has given to these fortunate ones the habit of obeying orders by instinct. After sundry purchases of Stickjawettes, Billiard Balls, Plain Tabs, Walnut Creams, etc., our hero "soon outlives his usefulness." He perforce retires to the background, there to amuse himself by spraying the hair of some small boy with any surplus Peach Ripe. Tomorrow he joins the knot of boys who act as noxious weed exterminators in the region of the Tuck Shop. It is he who now gives the cheery salutation to all new-comers. Miss Bedford is in charge of the Tuck Shop, and many are the boys who have unsuccessfully attempted to lead her to believe that a greater number of Walnut Creams should be given for the humble penny. It is war time, and in war time economy must prevail.



J. J. K. TERRY (Head Boy, 1917.)

Anzac Day was celebrated this year on April 23rd. In the morning we were all sized up and marched round the ground to get us a bit used to marching, for we had not done any company drill before. In the afternoon, under the charge of Lieutenant Wynyard, we marched down to the Soldiers' Club, where we were joined by the returned soldiers, veterans, territorials and town cadets. From the Soldiers' Club the parade marched to the Coronation Hall, where the Anzac Commemoration Service was held. Several stirring addresses were given by local gentlemen, amongst these was a stirring address given by Chaplain-Captain Evans, who has lately returned from the war zone. He related to us many touching incidents of endurance and unselfishness exhibited by our wounded soldiers. Finally he appealed to the young men present to take up arms in the fight for liberty and justice. Following this was the "Dead March in Saul," and the National Anthem, given by the New Plymouth Citizens' Band.

Many and varied are the mounts which convey our "brain-fagged" youths to the "house of toil." Among the latest additions are several motor-cycles, which seem to give great satisfaction, even though engine trouble is experienced now and then. These "motor hogs" vie with one another in speed around the racecourse, which, it seems, may be utilised in many different ways. Those members of the V.I.A. formerly well versed in the art of horse-racing, have now turned their talents in the direction of motor-cycle racing, and many and heated are the arguments that ensue. One of our Masters, who felt in a "Speedy" frame of mind, returned this term with a Douglas, commonly called "The Sewing Machine." On the first day he was sporting his newly-acquired "toy" in all directions, but sad to relate, his machine became as a mule and refused to budge, even though it was pushed several miles. The following morning our budding motorist wheeled that stubborn machine down to that well-known institution, the motor garage. The mechanic, after a short examination, found that our "speed-hog" had been trying to run on kerosene!

Another Master, envious of the prowess of the owner of the "Douglas," borrowed the machine for a spin. He rode up Avenue Road in good style, and on the way back turned some handle or other, and the machine responded with a jump and was soon going some 50 or 60 miles an hour. In less time than it takes to write this he was

down at the School, but did not know how to stop. All the taps, etc., were turned one after the other, and finally, when well down Eliot Street, he found the right one. We shall long remember his triumphant cry of "I can't stop it!" as he dashed past the group of admiring spectators in his involuntary speed-test.

After the destruction of the School and our subsequent removal to the racecourse buildings, we found ourselves in urgent need of some means of proclaiming the beginning and termination of each period. We started off with a bugle, but owing to the collapse of our bugler's blowing capacity we were left stranded. The gap was then filled with a small bell of very limited sounding qualities. But since the Forms were very scattered, it very often failed to make itself heard, especially if any wind was blowing. So it was disposed of, and by the courtesy of St. Andrew's Church, who lent us a large bell, we were again provided for. This bell was hoisted on a tripod stand which, if it was not a thing of beauty, was, nevertheless, serviceable. But after some use the tongue, which was very rusted, dropped out, and we were reduced to the necessity of arming ourselves with the tongue and striking it on the inside. Nevertheless, it has proved itself, for we no longer continue our studies for ten minutes' (useful?) overtime owing to our failure to hear the bell.

Now that Winter is approaching rapidly we are beginning to feel the cold weather very much. Situated as we are in the Racecourse, we are exposed to almost every cold wind. The cold is especially felt in those rooms which have concrete floors, and it has been suggested that, if these floors were covered with sacks, the comfort of the scholars would be materially increased. As there are at present none in the rooms we have to warm ourselves by running round the Racecourse two or three times (?). Doubtless, however, the heaters will soon be installed. On June 11th and 12th a bitter southerly gale sprang up. Such was the intensity of the wind that some members of Form VIA., which is situated in the upper story of the Stewards' Stand, were almost seasick with the constant rocking to and fro of the building. However, by constant exercise we manage to keep fairly warm. Yet whilst dreading the cold weather to come, we are all waiting for the time when we shall be comfortably housed in our new buildings.

He was a new boy, and had evidently not been used to correction. Moreover he was stalwart and full of the independence of youth. Only once or twice had he visited the Stationery Room, but evidently he was slow at recognising faces. On one occasion he took a short cut across a barrier erected to keep traffic off a track that threatened to become permanent beneath the tread of innumerable feet. One of the Senior Masters corrected him. This correction he resented, for he confided to his mates that "The old chap that kept the shop was too smart." A mere tradesman must not venture to take upon himself any of the functions of a Master.

That great event—the New Boys' Concert—to which every newcomer looks forward with misgiving and dread, has once more successfully taken place. Each new boy was requested to render as tunefully as he could a song consisting of not less than three verses. About a fortnight was allowed to the boys to choose and to rehearse their songs. Then on an appointed day they were assembled in the IIIB. room by the committee, consisting of the Prefects, who took their place at the head of the room, and called out in alphabetical order the names of the performers. The singing, generally speaking, was fairly good, but there were, however, a few items that resembled recitations rather than songs. One of the new boys uttered in his song, as a revenge, many embarrassing remarks concerning a certain Prefect, who, in his consternation tried to hide himself behind his chair. Taken on the whole, the concert of 1917 was just as good as, if not better, than its predecessors.

Owing to the shortage of boarding room at the beginning of the First Term, it was deemed necessary to rent Niger House again. There being ten of us there, only one dormitory was required, the remaining rooms of the house being occupied by Mr. Ward. This term, however, room has been made in the old boarding house by turning the music room, perhaps more commonly known to the Sixth Formers as VIB. Study, into a dormitory. Thus, so far as we can see, Niger House has been abandoned for ever as a School building.

At the beginning of this term improvements have been started in Hendry Street, at the side of the Old House. The large macrocarpa trees have been felled and the stumps taken out and drawn away by traction engines. The road has been levelled, and metalling is now in progress. We hope at the end of some weeks to see it

completed. During the felling of the trees one unfortunately fell across the electric light wires connected to the New House. As this happened late in the afternoon repairs could not be effected before night, and consequently the New House was thrown into darkness. One Sixth Form boarder, however, constructed some rude candlesticks, and so we were able to have tea at the usual hour. It cannot be said that the candles in their improvised stands are as effective luminants as the ordinary electric bulb. What must our ancestors have had to endure from feeble lighting?

On Tuesday, June 12th, the Rev. F. H. Spencer, the Agent for the British and Foreign Bible Society, paid the School a visit and gave an address on the work of the Society. The aim of the Society is to promote the brotherhood of man by a recognition of the Fatherhood of God. This can be done only by a knowledge of the revealed Word of God as contained in the Bible. Further, the Society, by issuing translations of the Bible or of portions of it, promotes and assists the work of missionaries to an extent that is impossible in any other way. In spite of the war and its claims the output of the Society has shown a large increase. Millions of copies of the Bible, or of portions of it, in about sixty different languages have been distributed among the troops of the Allies since the war broke out. China and Japan appear to be the countries which at present are asking for the largest supply. To-day the Society has in hand the production of four million copies of the Bible for China alone. A very interesting account of the methods and progress of the Society is regularly supplied in "The Bible in the World," a small periodical issued in London and sold at one penny per copy.

The sheep whose shearing caused so much interest at the end of last year is now no longer a denizen of these parts. It survived the operation of being shorn, and for some considerable time thrived vigorously. But one day it seemed sick. The symptoms were a large swelling of the throat, accompanied by much protrusion of the eyes. We came to the conclusion that the complaint was exophthalmic goitre. Death soon supervened, and a verdict that it had died of the above complaint was returned.

The fleece of the sheep weighed just over nine pounds and was sold for 13s 3d. This being a species of windfall was spent in the purchase of an old and very excellent engraving of the statue of the great William Pitt in

Trinity College, Cambridge. It is at all times well to keep before us the memory of the great founders of the Empire. This picture will form some sort of humble companion, artistically speaking, to the fine historical engravings presented by Mrs. and the Rev. Archdeacon Evans.

This year has witnessed the introduction of a new system of marking into the school. Each pupil has been supplied with a "Preparation" Book, in which the Form time-table and the work set for each night is entered. On the last page columns are reserved for the place in the Form during the week, remarks for the week, and the signature of the parent. These books, if properly kept, will be very useful in future life as references. Besides these, each Form is supplied with a book for the marks obtained each day, which are entered by the Master taking the lesson. Needless to say, these new institutions were received by a storm of disapproval from a certain section of the community who, no doubt, foresaw that the presentation of their weekly report to their parents might be accompanied by some embarrassment.

Both drill and shooting have suffered this term owing to the difficulty of obtaining rifles. The School possesses only twenty of the Lee-Enfield pattern, and these are kept over at the Racecourse for musketry training. For practising for the Imperial Challenge Shield Match several rifles have been obtained, but the chief difficulty was to get one suitable for rapid firing. The Defence Office issued two Morris-tubes, and a Winchester rifle was purchased with another heavy rifle of .22 bore. These, we hope, will prove sufficient for our purposes.

About the middle of last term a start was made with the laying out of the grounds about the New House. The workmen began levelling the ground on the North-East side of the dormitories for a tennis court. One Saturday afternoon each boy put in half-an-hour's work on the court, and by evening a material difference had been made. When finished the court was enclosed by a low concrete wall. The surplus earth was taken to the front of the House to form an embankment overlooking the gully. To the right and left of the main entrance the small lawns are showing a good growth of grass already, and in the Spring ought to present a very pleasing appearance. As the section on Avenue Road was not School property, a road was made from Hendry Street past the main entrance and terminated at a circular flower bed at the north end of the tennis lawn. About this bed

vehicles can turn. Many arguments arose between Mr. Moyes and some boys who thought themselves motor experts, as to whether a car could turn about it or not. As it proved, cars can encircle it with ease. A small rustic fence was erected below the embankment, and roses are to be grown about it. It is to be hoped that they will be a success.

The first half of the year is often considered to be the settling-down period. Perhaps this is one reason why there have been fewer gleams of sunshine in the classrooms than usual. However, we have had one or two intellectual feats. A senior class was dealing with the matter of obsolete expressions, when in the text-book occurred the expression: To ruffle it (to swagger). Of course the Master with his usual untimely inquisitiveness asked, "What is swagger?" "To carry a swag on the road!" was the answer, much to the glee of the class.

In the same class one student was observed to be dividing his attention between the work in hand and some engrossing spectacle outside. Horace said of old that you cannot expel nature with a pitchfork, and so it proved. This youth, usually so suave and correct, on being asked what was taking up his interest, thoughtlessly replied, "Two dogs having a hang of a game."

French as she is understood. "Il est rare qu'il pleuve en Egypte" was rendered "It is rare that he weeps for Egypt." Later on we had "Ils gardaient leurs portes fermées" turned "They guarded their farm doors."

The following is the text of a circular issued by the National Efficiency Board. We may state that the circular arrived too late for any action to be taken with respect to the May holidays. The matter of the September and Christmas holidays is discussed in the Editorial in this issue.

It has been suggested to this Board that during the present war conditions the assistance of the Senior Boys and Girls attending the Secondary Schools could be utilised with material benefit to the State during the long summer vacation, and that for this purpose it is desirable that the holidays now granted in the Autumn and Spring should be reduced from three weeks to one week to enable the four weeks so saved to be added to the Summer holidays. It is suggested that the period during which the lads and girls could be of the greatest service would be

between November and February. The French Government have utilised school labour during war time very largely, and with wonderfully satisfactory results. In Otago a large number of boys during the past shearing season spent their holidays in the shearing sheds, with beneficial results to the farmers and to themselves, enabling the shearing work to be carried out more expeditiously, thus themselves deriving benefit from the point of view of health and in the earning of pocket money. For example, it is reported that twelve first-year pupils of the Dunedin Technical School earned cheques varying from £10 9s to £20, and averaged about £13 each, during the Christmas holiday season. These boys were from 14 to 15 years of age. Not only could such lads be employed with advantage in the shearing sheds, but also in fruit-picking, turnip thinning, and other farm pursuits.

This matter has been submitted to the Hon. the Minister of Education, and he replies suggesting that I should ascertain the views of the various High School Boards of Governors and their Principals, as he feels that they would be in a better position to furnish information regarding the proposed re-arrangement of the holiday terms than the Minister is.

As arrangements will shortly have to be made for the May holidays, this matter is one of great urgency if any benefit is to be obtained from the scheme this year, and I submit the matter for your consideration, trusting that your reply will be favourable, and that your Board will be able to fall in with the suggestion, which is made in the best interests of the Dominion.

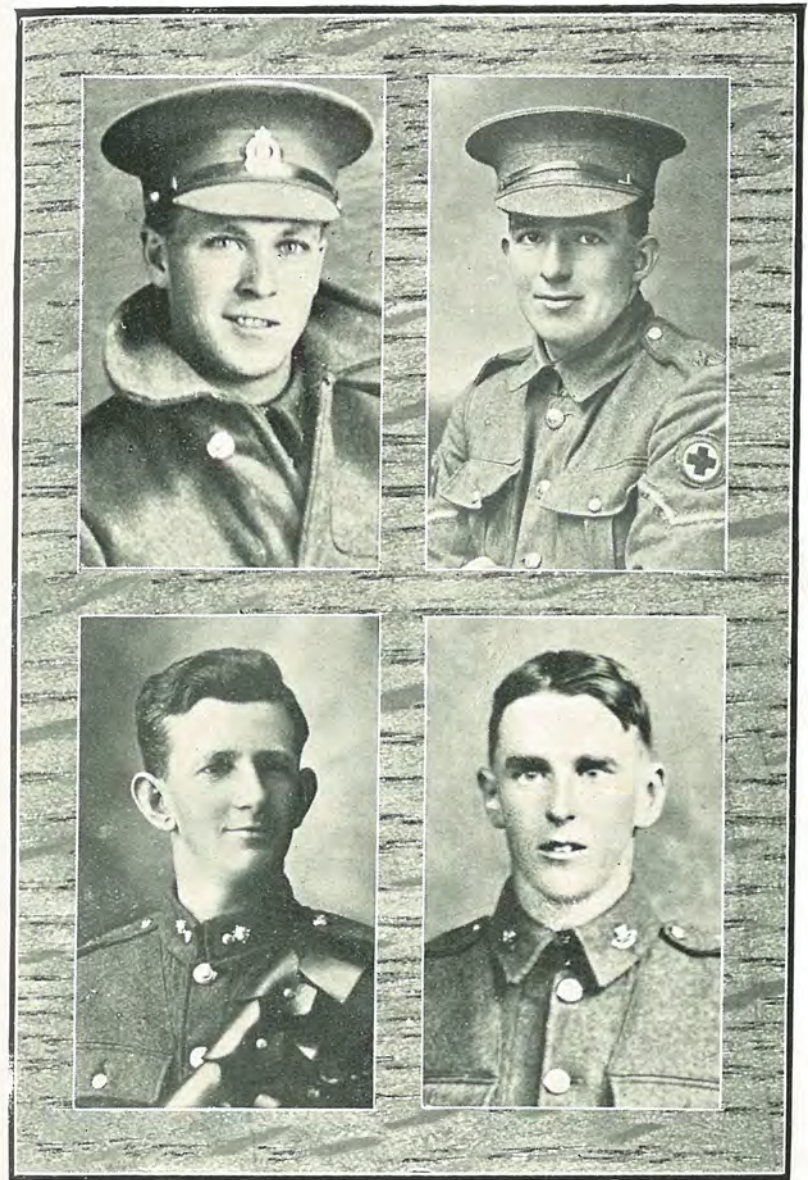
Since Niger House has been given up and Montosa has been taken over, the residence there has been occupied by Mr. Ward. This is a great convenience, as the house is on the actual property used for grazing and agricultural purposes. An additional convenience is the fact that this property practically adjoins the School grounds, there being but a street between the two areas. We have never ceased to regret that the founders of the School had not secured in actual school-ground the whole area now represented by the two properties combined. This area is not one rood too small for a properly equipped modern school.

This Term has seen still further improvements in the Gully. A good deal of excavation has been done according to a comprehensive plan, and the soil has been used to fill up quite a large portion of what was for so long swamp. We are now feeling the benefit of the cutting-off of the perennial stream of water from the drainage of the Racecourse and the adjoining ground. We shall, in all probability, be using the practice-wickets in the Gully during the coming cricket season. The completion of the filling of the remainder of the swamp and the terracing of the sides now seems within measurable distance. When the work is finished we shall have a football ground unsurpassed both for its convenience and its beauty.

Negotiations are still in progress for the erection of the new building. The Board of Governors is doing its utmost to secure a building that shall be in keeping both with the requirements of an efficiently equipped school and with the requirements of the town and district. So far no finality has been reached. The old School was burned down nearly a year ago, and we are still the guests of the Taranaki Jockey Club. To judge from present appearances we shall be in our present quarters till the end of 1918.

The duration of the war is telling more and more heavily on the price of all commodities. No doubt there has been a certain amount of exploitation of the public, and it is certain that the war has made the fortunes of not a few. But the rise in prices is inevitable. As a School we are intimately concerned with the increase in the price of books and stationery. These have gone up materially, and there seems every prospect of the prices rising still higher. It therefore behoves everyone to exercise the strictest economy. The Stationery Department of the School has done all that is possible to keep down prices and to inculcate economy. We hope therefore that parents and boys alike will understand why the stationery accounts are perhaps larger this year, and tend to become still larger. The School makes as few changes as possible in the text-books used and encourages the careful preservation of books by boys, in order, partly, that these books may be passed on second-hand to a future generation of scholars.

Towards the end of the first Term the Minister of Education, accompanied by Dr. Anderson, the Director of Education, paid us a visit in our temporary quarters.



PRIVATE L. PATERSON.

PRIVATE E. MASON.

LANCE-CORPORAL H. MACKIE.

PRIVATE A. MARFELL.

The Ministerial party inspected everything and all the classes at work. They then visited the site of the fire and had an interview with the members of the Board. A deputation of citizens waited upon the Minister in connection with the new buildings and put the case before him both from the standpoint of the School and from that of the town. The Minister showed himself unsympathetic, and in the evening he held a conference with the Board. The Minister contends that the Board's programme is too ambitious and insists upon a material reduction in the plans prepared by the Board's architect. The present stumbling block is the Assembly Hall, which the Minister considers a pure luxury, and which the Board considers a necessity. The matter is discussed in our Editorial in this number.

During the last Term of 1916 the present boys of the School despatched through the local Patriotic Committee a small Christmas package for every Old Boy at the front. We were particularly desirous to let our Old Boys know that we remembered them, especially at Christmas. So far as we have been able to ascertain not one of these packages has reached its destination. Consequently our disappointment is threefold:—First, the Old Boys must inevitably feel that we have no thought for them; secondly, there is the waste involved; and thirdly, there is the uncomfortable feeling that there is some gross carelessness or worse outside of New Zealand.

THE ROLL.

This now stands at 248; 82 new boys having been enrolled, while 52 left at the end of 1916. The full roll is as follows:—

FORM VIa.

*Atkinson, W. M.
 Bayly, O. W.
 Brokenshire, K.
 Brydon, I. R.
 *Callander, A. R.
 Fookes, N. C.
 Lealand, R.
 *Mackie, D. G. D.
 Saxton, D. F. C.
 *Tansey, E. L.
 Terry, J. J. K.
 *Yates, C. C.

FORM VIb.

*Atkinson, P.
 Bayly, G. F.
 *Beckbessinger, E.
 *Boon, G.
 *Boulton, E.
 *Calder, H.
 Clemow, K.
 Denny-Brown, D.
 Doile, D.
 *Drake, S. F.
 Gilbert, A. V.
 *Goss, H. H.

Greiner, R.
Hamling, E.
Herbert, C. C.
*Hine, J. M.
Howell, R. G. G.
Johns, B. M.
Knapman, J.
Morey, C.
*M'Hardy, A.
M'Hardy, O.
Ogle, S.
Pitt, H.
*Roberts, K. C.
Rockel, R. M.
*Scown, R.
Sturtevant, B.
*Train, F.
*Winfield, C.

FORM V.

*Allemann, S.
Bellringer, N.
Boon, A.
Boon, A. R.
Grayling, B. H.
*Guild, I. M.
*Harrison, R. I.
*Henderson, J.
*Henson, W. H.
Jillett, J. W.
*M'Kay, C.
*Moore, G. H. W.
Newell, C. A.
Noble, C. A.
*O'Halloran, L.
*Pope, E. R.
*Reeves, E. L.
*Reynolds, A. E.
*Rigg, C.
Sampson, L.
Sinclair, R. O.
Smith, C. R.
*Sutherland, R.
Waddle, A.
Webster, G. P.
Young, A. W.
*Zinshi, C. R.

FORM IVA.

Bedford, E.
*Cachemaille, M.
Chapman, P.
*Christie, A.
Hill, C. J.
*Horner, B.
Johnson, C.
Kyngdon, C. I.

Morey, H. B.
*Morton, H.
*Spence, C.
*Smith, P.
*Smith, S. S.
*Train, S.
White, S. E.
*Wills, R.

FORM IVB.

Allen, K.
Blane, P. G. H.
*Blundell, R.
*Bryce, H.
Butcher, C.
Clemow, J.
*Fox, K.
Goldsworthy, R.
*Guscott, P. E.
Hughes, A.
Hutchen, B.
*Jones, C.
*Knuckey, E. R.
Lash, E. G.
*Lee, R.
*Marshall, R.
*Meikle, D.
*Morison, D. C.
*Old, C. W.
Pease, R. H.
*Sarten, R. H.
Taylor, W.
Ward, R.
White, C. G.
Whittle, R. J.

FORM IIIA.

Anthony, M.
Baker, K. D.
*Barak, M.
Berridge, W.
Blanchett, E.
Boon, H.
*Brunette, G. A. J.
*Candy, R. A.
*Ducker, K. A.
*Fookes, C. A.
Gilbert, Alf.
Hayden, S.
Hill, F. R.
*Hutchinson, A.
*Hunt, H.
Kidson, C.
*Kingston, J. R.
Lints, R.
Malt, L.
*Messenger, E.

*M'Neil, A. D.
O'Brien, R.
O'Dowda, R.
*O'Halloran, K.
Rea, W. C.
Smart, E. C.
*Snowdon, T. A.
Sutton, D. W.
Waters, E.
*Walter, J.
Ward, K.
White, E. H.
Wright, P.
Yates, R.

FORM IIIb.

Allen, L. A.
Bird, H.
Blanchard, H.
Brackebush, A. Y.
*Brown, C.
*Burkhardt, I. V.
Case, L.
Chong, M.
*Cole, E.

THE LOWER SCHOOL.

FORM III.

*Bothamley, R.
*Brennan, A.
*Duckworth, C.
*Forbes, T.
Griffiths, P.
Holden, H.
Hasell, T.
Johns, O.
*Jackson, S.
*Jury, D.
*Mackay, W.
*Moyes, A.
*Nicholson, W.
*Noakes, B.
*Pease, L.
*Prideaux, E.
Teed, L.
*Waterson, G.

FORM IIA.

*Arthur, R.
Butler, F.
Dolby, R.
Emmerton, C.
Fookes, S.

Cleland, A.
*Donald, R.
*Fox, D.
Greiner, L.
Guddopp, K.
Hamblyn, N.
Healy, W.
*Herbert, S.
Hodder, H. L.
Honeyfield, H.
Hughes, C.
Johnson, P.
*Mitchell, N.
M'Rae, R.
Moss, C.
*Musker, R.
*Osborne, M.
Penman, D.
*Rawson, L.
Renaud, I.
*Smart, C.
Short, W.
Smellie, R.
Webber, H. C.
West, K.
*Walter, A.
*Wyborn, G.

FORM IIB.

Blundell, F. B.
Carthew, V.
Ellis, S.
*Fussell, E.
*Hooper, B.
Hutchen, S.
Kebbell, M.
Lysons, M.
*MacLean, W.
Millar, N.
*Martin, H. C.
*Robinson, K.
Saxton, C.
Scanlon, B.
Scanlon, J.
Thomson, H.
Welch, R.

SCHOOL NOTES.

FORM II.

*Barrell, C.
Bellringer, H.
Fookes, K.
Fookes, G.
MacDiarmid, N.
M'Neill, H.
Walker, G.

Gilmour, C.
Jones, I.
List, R.
M'Neill, C.
Sladden, P.
Bell, G.

FORM IB.

Elliot, E.
Fookes, H.
Jackson, E.
Strong, J.
Bell, D.

FORM IA.

Davies, O.
Garner, H.

*Indicates Boarders.

The following boys entered the School in the first term of the year:—Sinclair, R. O.; *Lee, C. H.; Baker, K. D.; Boon, H.; *Brunette, G. A. J.; Blanchett, E.; Berridge, W.; *Ducker, K. A.; Gilbert, Alf.; *Hunt, H.; Hill, F. R.; Kidson, C.; *Kingston, J. R.; Lints, R.; *Messenger, E.; Malt, L.; *M'Neil, A. D.; O'Dowda, R.; O'Brien, R.; Rea, W. C.; *Snowdon, T. A.; Sutton, D. W.; Smart, E. C.; *Walter, J.; Waters, E.; Yates, R.; Anthony, M.; *O'Halloran, K.; Wright, P.; Allen, L.; Bird, H. J.; Blanchard, H.; *Brown, C. J.; *Burkhardt, I. V.; Case, L.; Chong, A. M.; *Cole, E.; Cleland, A.; *Donald, R. H.; Greiner, L.; Guddopp, K. Hamblyn, N.; Healy, W.; *Herbert, S.; Johnson, P.; *Mitchell, A. F. N.; M'Rae, R.; Moss, H. C.; *Musker, R.; *Osborne, M.; Penman, D.; Renaud, I.; *Smart, T. C.; Smellie, M. T.; Taylor, W.; Short, W.; Webber, H. C.; West, K.; *Walter, J. A.; *Wyborn, G.; Brackenbush, A. Y.; *Brennan, A.; *Noakes, B.; *Pease, L.; *Prideaux, E.; *Waterson, G.; *Arthur, R.; Carthew, V.; *Hooper, B.; Millar, N.; Thomson, H.; *Fussell, E.; *Barrell, C.; Davies, O.; Garner, H.; Elliot, E.; Fookes, H.; Jackson, E.; Strong, J.

*Indicates boarders.

The following boys left at the end of 1916:—Ellerm, N.; Huse, A.; M'Murray, V. S.; Ewing, W.; Kidd, R. D.; Phipps, A. H.; Rodger, G. H.; Traill, W. P.; Whittle, E.; Wilson, R. A.; Hamerton, T. E.; Barnett, P.; Brooker, A.; Fox, R. N.; Moverley, B.; Sole, L.; Thomas, K.; Way, C.; White, J.; Wyborn, J. C.; Amor, M.; Brokenshire, N.; Fouhy, J. C.; Fouhy, C. B.; Bryce, L.; Burkhardt, B.; Ducker, C.; Johns, E.; Sole, I.; Wood, L. H.; Amor, W.; Bayly, V.; Beggs, D.; Ellis, J.; Fussell, L.; Hughes, A.; Russell, L.; Thomas, K.;

Bradbury, D.; Dobson, L.; Good, E.; Graham, L.; Huggard, F.; Jury, L.; Morrison, R.; Seamark, F.; Amor, Z.; M'Kean, A.; Mounsey, A.; Bennett, R.; Buxton, P.

The following are the successes gained by the School in the various public examinations held at the end of 1916:—

Matriculation and Allied Examinations.—T. E. Hamerton, R. Kidd, R. Lealand, D. G. D. Mackie, A. Phipps, G. H. Rodger, D. F. C. Saxton, E. Tansey.

Partial Success for the same Examinations.—W. M. Atkinson, I. R. Brydon, N. C. Fookes.

Auckland University College Terms.—Second Year: V. S. M'Murray; First Year: O. W. Bayly, J. J. K. Terry.

Public Service Senior.—N. Ellerm (partial pass).

Public Service Junior.—R. Howell, C. J. Way.

[Only a few candidates sit for this examination, as all those who are successful are expected to accept positions in the Public Service if such be offered them. So far remarkably few boys from this School have shown any inclination to enter the Service, realising its serious limitations.]

Senior National Scholarship.—D. G. D. Mackie.

Junior National Scholarship.—A. Candy, J. W. Jillett.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mr. George Grey, who was for some considerable time a member of the Board of Governors, has most generously presented us with the sum of three guineas for prizes for essays. We can assure Mr. Grey that we are deeply grateful to him for his kindness, and we feel sure that the stimulus thus given will be productive of material benefit to both School and scholars.

After consultation with Mr. Grey it has been decided that there shall be no prizes, a senior and a junior. The senior division will comprise Forms V., VI_B. and VI_A.; the junior Forms III_B. to IV_A.

The writing of the essay will be compulsory for every boy, and the essay itself will be written in school under supervision, towards the end of the Term. Boys are expected to prepare the subject beforehand and to write the

actual essay without notes or assistance of any kind. The subject chosen is "New Plymouth, Present, Past and Future, as a Sea-Port." The essays will be judged by someone not connected with the School.

We are very grateful to Mrs. and the Rev. Archdeacon Evans for the gift of three large and remarkably fine engravings of the Coronation of Queen Victoria, Marriage of Queen Victoria, and the Christening of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII. The engravings are splendidly framed, and apart from their great historical interest, are very valuable from an artistic point of view. They are now hanging on the walls of the School Dining-Room. When the new building is completed they will probably be transferred to the Hall.

Mr. D. Hutchen, Chairman of the Board of Governors, has very kindly donated a guinea for a prize for literature. The prize will be awarded at the end of the year. We heartily thank Mr. Hutchen for his kindness.

Mr. F. Farrell, of Eltham, has presented us with a valuable medicine ball. This the Football Team is finding very useful. We tender Mr. Farrell our heartiest thanks for his gift.

Mr. W. N. Ewing has always been a good friend to the School, and he has added to his many former kindnesses by presenting along with Mr. George Smart of Stratford an excellent rifle. To both these gentlemen we tender our heartiest thanks. The gift is all the more acceptable as good rifles are now so very difficult to procure. The gift was just what the Shooting Committee wanted.

Mr. W. Collis has presented us with a framed photo of his son, Q.M.Sergt. D. L. Collis, who gave his life for country and freedom last year. We are very grateful for the gift, and shall always value it as a memorial of an Old Boy who did his duty.

Mr. H. Collier has very kindly presented the band with a euphonium. This is a very welcome addition to our list of instruments, and we tender Mr. Collier our best thanks for his kindness and thoughtfulness.

W. E. Rawson (Judge Rawson of the Native Lands Court) has been kind enough to give us a football. We are particularly grateful for this timely gift, as most of our footballs were destroyed in the fire. We only hope that this ball will often be touched down over the opponents' line by our fellows.

FORM AVERAGES.

FIRST TERM, 1917.

Form VIA.—Average 54.2. 1 K. Brokenshire, 75.9 per cent.; 2 C. Yates, 69.4 per cent.

Form VIB.—Average 54. 1 A. M'Hardy, 71.5; 2 K. Clemow, 70.1.

Form V.—Average 69.4. 1 C. A. Noble, 90.2; 2 R. O. Sinclair and N. Waddle, 85.

Form IVA.—Average 63. 1 S. White, 76; 2 C. Kyngdon, 73.

Form IVB.—Average 53. 1 C. White, 72; 2 R. Blundell, 67.

Form IIIA.—Average 66. 1 M. Barak, 90; 2 E. Smart, 83.

Form IIIB.—Average 49.4. 1 A. Walter, 80; 2 C. Smart, 69.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III.—Average 69. 1 W. Mackay, 84; 2 H. Holden, 78.

Form IIA.—Average 66. 1 F. Williams, 80; 2 K. Neal, 78.

Form IIB.—Average 70. 1 M. Lysons, 91.5; 2 W. MacLean, 84.4.

Form II.—1 H. Bellringer, 81.9; 2 K. Fookes, 72.3.

Form IA.—1 P. Sladden, 77.4; 2 H. Garner and C. Gilmour, 75.7.

Form IB.—1 H. Fookes, 75.7; 2 J. Strong, 68.2.

SHOOTING.

FIRST TERM, 1917.

On Tuesday, February 24th, a meeting of all those who wished to take up shooting on the miniature range was held in Form IIIA. room on the Racecourse to elect a committee. As a result, Yates, Bayly O., Boulton, and Tansey were elected, with Mr. Kidd as Chairman.

For the first month or six weeks in the Term we were unable to obtain any rifle that would be suitable for practice, and as a result the shooting practices were not started till much later than in previous years.

However, after much poring over catalogues and the expenditure of a considerable sum in telegrams, Mr. Kidd received a catalogue mentioning a rifle apparently more appropriate for our use than any we had seen hitherto. We immediately wired for it, and its prompt arrival gave us great satisfaction, for we were all keen to enter the lists again to emulate our last year's performance.

We immediately commenced the tedious process of "weeding out" the bad shots from the fifty or sixty keen young members who all desired a place in one or other of the teams. The Term was well advanced before we had finished this task, and, in the meantime, as the new rifle was too heavy for many of the younger boys to hold steadily, we purchased a small, light Winchester, and with it obtained excellent results.

A few days before the end of the Term we held a Field Day out at the Rewa Rewa Range, and erected a target for the .22 calibre rifles. Mr. Kidd presided over this field of operations, and an excellent day's practice resulted.

The ammunition is a heavy item this year, but although it is considerably dearer than it has been hitherto, owing to the generosity of the Finance Committee we have had no shortage. Indeed, the difficulty seems to be to obtain a permit to buy it, for the necessary permission was not granted until we pointed out that it was not as dangerous to store 10,000 rounds of small cartridges in a fireproof building as it was to store a much larger quantity of bigger ammunition in a part-wooden building like the Drill Hall.

During the holidays we managed to obtain four very fine rifles from the Defence Department, and a marked progress in the shooting was at once noticeable. We also obtained a smaller rifle for the Juniors to use, as the .303 size were rather heavy for them under the new regulations.

The Canadian style, which was allowed last year, has now been prohibited, and consequently we have to shoot off our elbows. At first this caused a little inconvenience, especially to the new shots, but now we have all settled down to it and find it almost as easy as the other way.

With this new style we can hardly hope for such excellent results as we obtained last year, but the shooting is nevertheless very satisfactory, and we should maintain, to a certain degree at least, our reputation as a shooting school.

The usual quota of new boys and boys who have not shot before has been added to the teams, and some of these have proved themselves as good as, if not better than, most of the older shots.

Now all the competitors for the various teams are at a great pitch of expectation, for it is nearly time for the teams to be chosen. The results of the various competitions will be published in next Term's Magazine, as the matches do not take place till the end of the month.

On the first Saturday of last Term we took a working bee across to the miniature range and there put in a good morning's work cutting the grass on the mounds and chipping the fern, which has sprung up since last season, out of the space between the targets and the shooting mound.

Unfortunately, our clever device for returning our targets was broken last year and had not since been mended. Our "Engineer" undertook to fit it up again but, although he put in another post and put on some fresh wires, we still have to pause after every shot till someone has run up to the mound and seen the result.

Hearing of our difficulty in obtaining rifles for the competitions, Mr. Ewing and Mr. G. Smart very kindly offered to write Home to England and order one to be made specially for us, so that it would be here in time for next season. Needless to say, we gratefully accepted this very thoughtful offer, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking these gentlemen for their timely gift.

At the Group Rifle Meeting on the Rewa Rewa Range at New Year several of our boys competed with the following results:—

No. 1 MATCH.

Grouping, 100yds.; second-class figure targets; five rounds.

Private E. Boulton (4th)	20
Sergeant W. Ewing (5th)	20

No. 2 MATCH.

Application 100yds.; second-class figure targets; five rounds.

Private E. Boulton (1st)	25
Sergeant W. Ewing (3rd)	24

No. 3 MATCH.

Application 500yds.; first-class figure targets; seven rounds.

Private E. Boulton (1st)	28
Lance-Sergeant O. Bayly (3rd)	27
Colour-Sergeant V. S. M'Murray (4th)	27

No. 5 MATCH.

Snap-shooting, 200yds.; second-class figure targets; six seconds' exposure; five rounds.

Lance-Sergeant O. Bayly (2nd)	23
Colour-Sergeant V. S. M'Murray (4th)	20
Private E. Boulton (5th)	20

Cadets' Gold Medal, presented by Officers of the 11th Regiment for Aggregate.

Private E. Boulton	93
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The following letter has been received from Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Surrey, dated March 31st, 1917.

Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Surrey,
March 31, 1917.

Captain W. H. Moyes,
New Plymouth High School Cadets,
Taranaki, New Zealand.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your application for prizes won by the New Plymouth Boys' High School Cadets in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions (Senior and Junior) for 1916.

In view of the conditions at present existing, I think it would be unwise to send the two Silver Challenge Shields out to New Zealand, having regard to their value, both sentimentally and financially, and after communicating with the High Commissioner for New Zealand on the subject, I have forwarded to you through that office the following:—

- 1 Bronze Replica, Imperial Challenge Shield, Senior.
- 1 Bronze Replica, Imperial Challenge Shield, Junior.
- 11 Silver Medals, Imperial Challenge Shield, Senior.
- 9 Bronze Medals, Imperial Challenge Shield, Senior.

9 Silver Medals, Imperial Challenge Shield, Junior.

First Prize £15, Imperial Challenge Shield, Senior.

Third Prize £5, Imperial Challenge Shield, Senior.

First Prize £15, Imperial Challenge Shield, Junior.

Special Prize of £20, awarded by Colonel Schumacher to the unit for securing first and third place in the Senior Competition and first in the Junior.

I trust these will reach you safely.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating you and the members of the teams upon the success you and they have achieved.

Yours faithfully,
L. R. CROSSE, Lt.-Colonel,
Secretary N.R.A.

TERM'S DIARY.

- February 8—School re-opened for current year.
- February 26-28—Plate-diving competitions in Henui.
- March 1—Half-holiday. A. and P. Show.
- March 5—Swimming Sports at Breakwater.
- March 7—Swimming Championships at Baths.
- March 8—Cricket, Masters v. Boys.
- March 10—Tennis, Masters v. Boys.
- March 21—Holiday on occasion of arrival of first direct Home boat at New Plymouth.
- Water football competition won by School team.
- March 29—Cricket match v. Inglewood.
- April 6-10—Easter Holidays.
- April 23—Anzac Day. Parade and address in Coronation Hall.
- April 24—Term Examinations began.
- April 27—Visit of Minister of Education, accompanied by Director of Education.
- May 3—Broke up for Term Holidays.
- May 24—Resumed school for Second Term.
- May 31—Football match v. Athletic Rovers. Won by 12-3.
- June 4—Holiday. King's Birthday.
- June 11-13—Furious mountain gale.
- June 16—Football match v. Waimate. Draw, 3 all.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

The roll number has now reached 68.

New boys admitted this term were:—Bell i., Bell ii., Brennan, Waterson, Arthur, Mackay ii., Noakes, Pease ii., Elliot, Hooper, Miller, Thomson, Martin, Bayly, Barrell, Davies, Garner, H. Fookes, and Strong.

At the end of last term Miss Winfield, of the Lower Preparatory, left us and Miss Banwell has taken her place. Miss Winfield was the recipient of a silver vase from the Preparatory boys.

FOOTBALL.

On May 30 a general meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing season. Captain, Mackay i.; Vice-Captain, Duckworth; Committee, Noakes, Jury, Bothamley.

Football has begun in earnest now and already we have played several matches.

One June 5 Preparatory beat Boarders by 3 to 0.

On May 29 Preparatory defeated Day Boys after a most exciting game by 14 to 13. Mackay I. landed a very welcome goal just on the call of time.

CRICKET.

In the middle of last term we played our annual match against Inglewood and suffered defeat by one run.

SWIMMING.

In the recent Life-Saving Examination the following Preparatory boys secured Certificates of Proficiency:—F. Williams, Forbes, Waterson, Duckworth, Watkins, and Hooper.

In the long-distance swimming Waterson swam 666 yards, Noakes 466 yards, Griffiths 433 yards, Hooper 433 yards, Jury 400 yards, Duckworth 600 yards, Jackson 433 yards, Pease 333 yards, Nicholson 200 yards, Robinson 266 yards.

On February 29 a team from the Preparatory School won the water football tournament which was held in the surf near the Breakwater. The team consisted of Forbes, Watkins, Duckworth, Bothamley, Mackay and Noakes, and each was presented with a silver watch.



LIEUTENANT L. G. GOSS.

This year we are taking an Elementary Science Course instead of Agriculture, and we are much interested in the subject, for which Mr. Moyes takes us.

Since the beginning of the year there have been introduced Preparation Books. The idea of keeping these books is to indicate what progress we are making in our work from week to week. Marks are given for most of our subjects and the competition for a high percentage each week is keen.

SWIMMING.

The Handicap Events of the Annual Swimming Sports were held at the Breakwater on Monday, March 5. The weather was all that could be desired and an enjoyable day resulted for all concerned. This year a new locality was decided upon for the sports, and by the courtesy of the Harbour Board the competitions were held in the stretch of water between the Breakwater and the Wharf, and so successful was the innovation that it is almost certain to be adhered to in the future. A temporary platform was rigged up between the Breakwater and the Wharf. From this the races were started. The distances were marked off along the Wharf by flags, and all the events were keenly contested. This year, owing undoubtedly to the conditions of the weather and the ease with which the spectators were able to follow the races, induced a larger attendance of spectators than on previous occasions. As we were unable to get balloons this year the Balloon Race had to be eliminated.

We wish to thank Mr. Swanson for his kind donation of one guinea for the Swimming Fund. This year it was decided to divide the Long Distance Swimming into two competitions—a senior and junior—and to utilise Mr. Swanson's donation for the purpose of purchasing two medals, one for the Senior Champion and one for the Junior Champion.

The results of the Handicap Events are as follows:—

30 YARDS OPEN.

First Heat.—C. Fookes (7sec.) 1. Also started: Spence (2sec.), A. M'Hardy 3, B. Johns 4, Calder 5, F. Train 5, Winfield 6, Gilbert 6, K. Roberts 6, and J. Walter 8.

Second Heat.—Malt (8sec.), C. Smith (4sec.), and Brokenshire (1sec.) dead heat. Also started: Goss (scr.), R. Boon (2sec.), Sampson 3, S. Train 5, Waddle 6, Noble 6, Robinson 7.

Third Heat.—L. O'Halloran (3sec.) 1. Also started: Ogle (3sec.), Bryce 3, Rawson 4, Donald 5, West 5, Cleland 6, Smellie 6, Messenger 7, Lints 8.

Fourth Heat.—Kyngdon (4sec.), 1. Also started: M'Kay (2sec.), N. Fookes 3, Horner 4, Cachemaille 6, Brown 6, Fox ii. 6, Wyborne 6, Brunette 7, R. Ward 8.

Fifth Heat: Watkins (5sec.) 1. Also started: Howell (3sec.), Fox i. 4, Guscott 5, Allen 6, Butcher 6, Old 6, Christie 7, Williams 8, Snowdon 8.

Sixth Heat.—Bothamley (6sec.) 1. Also started: O. Baily (2sec.), Doile 4, Hutchen 5, Jillet 6, Moore 6, Sutton 6, Hayden 6, L. Greiner 7, L. Webster 8.

Seventh Heat.—Walter i. (5sec.) and Penman (6sec.) dead heat 1. Also started: Denny Brown (3sec.), C. Morey 3, Harrison 4, Terry 4, Rigg 4, Guild 5, Hooper 7, Gilbert ii. 8.

Eighth Heat.—Boulton (4sec.), Allemann (4sec.), Sutherland (5sec.) dead heat 1. Also started: Hine (4sec.), Zinsli 4, Kingston 4, O'Dowda 5, Hill 5, Newell 5, Griffiths 8.

Ninth Heat.—G. Boon (7sec.) 1. Also started: Osborne (6sec.), Reeves 6, Sturtevant 6, Clemow 6, P. Atkinson 7, Young 7, R. Greiner 7, G. Bayly 7, Blane 7, Wills 8.

Tenth Heat.—D. Mackie (7sec.) 1. Also started: Jones (6sec.), R. Ward 6, Hamling i. 6, Johnson 6, Pope 6, Renaud 6, B. Boon 6, Bellringer 6, Reynolds 6, Candy 8.

Eleventh Heat.—Chapman (8sec.) 1. Also started: Bedford (7sec.), Henderson 7, G. Smart 7, H. Morey 8, Beckbessinger 8, R. Blundell 8.

Final.—Malt 1, Watkins 2, Bothamley 3. Won rather easily.

PREPARATORY BOYS' RACE.—30 YARDS.

First Heat.—Bothamley (1sec.) 1, Kebbell (4sec.) 2, Robinson (7sec.) 3. Also started: Prideaux (scr.), Duckworth (2sec.), Griffiths 3, S. Hutchen 3, C. Saxton 4, Nicholson 4, Walker 6.

Second Heat.—Watkins (3sec.) 1, Jackson (6sec.) 2, Forbes (5sec.) 3. Also started: Hooper (6sec.), Waterson 6, Teed 6, Emmerton 6, Hasell 6, Williams 7, Roberts 7.

Final.—Bothamley 1, Watkins 2, Jackson 3. A good race.

60 YARDS OPEN.

First Heat.—L. O'Halloran (1sec.) 1, R. Boon (2sec.) 2. Also started: Henderson (2sec.), Bedford 3, Watkins 3, Guscott 3, Donald 3, Walter i. 4, Cleland 5, K. Ward 6, Malt 8.

Second Heat.—G. Boon (3sec.) 1, C. Smith (5sec.) 2. Also started: O. Bayly (scr.), Brokenshire (scr.), F. Train (2sec.), Atkinson i. 3, Chapman 4, Rigg 4, Young 4, Snowdon 7, Lints 7, Walter ii. 8.

Third Heat.—Kyngdon (4sec.) 1, N. Fookes (1sec.) 2. Also started: G. Bayly (3sec.), Hine 4, Smart 4, Rawson 5, West 5, Hayden 5, Bellringer 5, Sutherland 5, O'Dowda 6, Brunnette 8.

Fourth Heat.—Doile (4sec.) 1, O. M'Hardy (5sec.) 2. Also started: Spence (1sec.), Goss 1, Osborne 4, Reynolds 4, Sturtevant 5, K. Fox 6, Blane 7, Hooper 7, H. Morey 8.

Fifth Heat.—M'Kay (4sec.) 1, C. Herbert (4sec.) 2. Also started: Denny Brown (6sec.), Boulton 6, C. Morey 6, L. Greiner 6, Ogle 7, K. Roberts 7, Winfield 7, Hill 8.

Final.—L. O'Halloran 1, B. Boon 2, M'Kay 3. M'Kay got away well, but in the run home was beaten.

LONG DIVE.

Howell (2ft.), 30yd. 1ft., 1; B. Hutchen (4ft.), 2; Rockel (scr.) 3.

NEW BOYS' RACE.—30 YARDS.

First Heat.—Malt (7sec.) 1, B. Boon (5sec.) 2. Also started: C. Smart (3sec.), J. Walter 4, Sutton 4, Kingston 4, C. Fookes 5, R. Ward 5, E. White 6, Snowdon 6, Candy 6, Rea 6.

Second Heat.—Burkhardt (3sec.) 1, Osborne (2sec.) and Spence (scr.) dead heat 2. Also started: Smart (3sec.), Ducker 4, O'Dowda 4, Lints 5, Hill 5, Brown 6, Cleland 6, Gilbert ii. 6, Brunette 7.

Third Heat.—Messenger (5sec.) 1, Donald (5sec.) 2. Also started: Johnson (4sec.), C. Hill 4, Wyborn 5, A. Salter 5, D. Fox 5, E. Blanchard 6, Hooper 6, Waterson 6, Hamling ii. 7, Barak 7.

Fourth Heat.—Renaud (5sec.) 1, Penman (6sec.) 2. Also started: L. Greiner (6sec.), R. Blanchard 6, Jones 6, M'Rae 6, Meikle 6, K. West 6, Smellie 6, S. Herbert 7.

Final.—Malt 1, Messenger 2, Renaud 3. The winner shows promise as a swimmer.

INTER-FORM RELAY RACE.

Form V. (M'Kay, O'Halloran, Reeves, R. Boon) 1; Form VI.B. (Doile, Goss, Herbert, M'Hardy) 2. Also started: VI.A. (Bayly, Fookes, Brokenshire, Saxton); IV.A. (Spence, Wills, Horner, Kyngdon); IV.B. (Ward, Blane, Bryce, Hutchen); III.A. (Smart, Boon, Kingston, Lints); III.B. (C. Smart, Osborne, Wyborn, Renaud). Won with a little to spare.

CORFU DIVE.

Twenty-seven competed in this event, which proved very interesting. Eight boys remained in the final, which was decided in the New Plymouth Baths the following Wednesday evening.

GREASY BOOM.

Nineteen boys competed in this event, which caused considerable amusement, and was won by Grayling.

BACK STROKE.—30 YARDS.

First Heat.—B. Boon (2sec.) 1, Lints (3sec.) 2, Mitchell (2sec.) 3. Also started: L. O'Halloran (scr.), R. Boon (1sec.), Guild 1, Terry 2, Smellie 2, K. Ward 3.

Second Heat.—Osborne (1sec.) 1, Zinsli (3sec.) 2, O. M'Hardy (3sec.) 3. Also started: C. Smart (2sec.), Reynolds 2, Blane 3, Hooper 3, Donald 3, West 3.

Third Heat.—R. Ward (3sec.) and A. M'Hardy (2sec.) dead heat 1, D. Saxton (3sec.) 3. Also started: N. Fookes (2sec.), Rockel 2, S. Johns 3, Boulton 3, R. Clemow 3, Pope 3. A very close finish.

Final.—Saxton 1, O. M'Hardy 2, A. M'Hardy 3. The variety of styles in this event caused much amusement.

HIGH DIVE.

Spence 1, Forbes 2. Also competed: Lints, Cleland, C. Smart, Burkhardt, R. Ward, Brokenshire, G. Boon, Goss, Grayling. The two placed men tied and had to dive again to decide. The diving from a height of about 20ft. was good.

200 YARDS OPEN.

M'Kay (scr.) 1, Henderson (9sec.) 2, O. Bayly (scr.) 3. Also started: C. Herbert (scr.), Goss (scr.), C. Smart (6sec.), Rawson 9, K. West 9, Sutherland 9, Cleland 12. This proved a good race, but at the finish M'Kay came away and won with a little to spare.

PREPARATORY BOYS' RACE.—60 YARDS.

Watkins (scr.) 1, Forbes (2sec.) 2, H. Roberts (6sec.) 3. Also started: Bothamley (2sec.), Jackson 4, Teed 4, Hasell 4, Emmerton 4, Hooper 5, S. Hutchen 6. Watkins crawled in fine style, and won by about ten yards.

BREAST STROKE.—30 YARDS.

First Heat.—Zinsli (3sec.) 1, B. Boon (3sec.) 2. Also started: Reeves (scr.), Saxton ii. (1sec.), Rigg 2, Sampson 3, Sutherland 3, O'Dowda 3, J. Walter 4, Moore 4, C. Smith 4, K. Ward 5.

Second Heat.—Lints (5sec.) 1, F. Train (2sec.) 2. Also started: K. Clemow (1sec.), Blane 2, R. Greiner 2, C. Morey 2, Boulton 2, Gilbert i. 3, Prideaux 3, Henderson 3, Rea 3, Ducker 4.

Third Heat.—Spence (scr.) 1, M'Rae (3sec.) 2. Also started: Howell (1sec.), Ward 2, Butcher 2, Jensen 2, Cole 3, A. Walter 3, H. Morey 4, Brunette 6, Walker 8.

Fourth Heat.—B. Hutchen (6sec.) 1, Howell 2. Also started: Rockel (3sec.), C. Smart 4, Knapman 5, West 5, Donald 5, Burkhardt 5, Barak 6, R. Roberts 6, C. Fookes 6, Hill 7, Snowdon 8.

Fifth Heat.—A. M'Hardy (4sec.) 1, Jackson (8sec.) 2. Also started: Bryce 4, Atkinson i. 5, Reynolds 6, Young 6, Pope 6, Chapman 6, Meikle 6, Wyborn 7.

Final.—A. M'Hardy 1, Saxton 2, Zinsli 3. The winner, swimming strongly, was too good for the opposition.

PLATE DIVING.

Ducker (7 points) 1, Duckworth (5) 2, Jackson (5) 2, Burkhardt (4) 3. Also started: Reeves, Waterson, O'Halloran, Zinsli, Renaud, Horner, Harrison and Lints.

LEARNERS' RACE.—20 YARDS.

First Heat.—Hill (1sec.) 1, Barak (scr.) 2. Also started: Johnson (scr.), Lash (1sec.), Hamling ii. 1, Cole 1, S. Herbert 2, Snowdon 2, Gilbert ii. 3, Malt 3.

Second Heat.—S. Ellis (1sec.) 1, S. Smith (1sec.) and G. Fookes (2sec.) dead heat 2. Also started: S. Train (scr.), Christie (scr.), Kebbell (1sec.), Lysons 1, Merton 1, F. Blundell 2, Carthew 3.

Third Heat.—Candy (2sec.) 1, Cachemaille (1sec.) 2. Also started: Allen (2sec.), Welch 2, Jury 2, Nicholson 3, Scanlon 3, Robinson 3.

Fourth Heat.—Forbes (2sec.) 1, Brown (3sec.) 2. Also started: West (2sec.), D. Fox 2, Noble 2, Jillett 3, Sutton 3, J. Walter 3.

Final.—Candy and Cachemaille (dead heat) 1, Ellis 3. An interesting finish, the judge being unable to separate the first two.

100 YARDS OPEN.

First Heat.—G. Boon (6sec.) 1, C. Smith (11sec.) 2, Doile (4sec.) 3. Also started: Sturtevant (5sec.), Reynolds 6, Young 7, Zinsli 8, Hayden 9, Rawson 10, Cleland 11, Lints 11. Won easily.

Second Heat.—Brokenshire (6sec.) 1, N. Fookes (6sec.) 2, Spence (6sec.) 3. Also started: Denny Brown (9sec.), Boulton 10, Bellringer 10, Donald 11, Sutherland 11, Henderson 11. A close finish.

Third Heat.—M'Kay (scr.) 1, O. Bayly (scr.) 2, C. Herbert (scr.) 3. Also started: Goss (scr.), Howell (2sec.), Meikle 4, Blane 5, K. Ward 9, Malt 11. Won easily.

Final.—Brokenshire 1, B. Boon 2, M'Kay 3. The winner, who swam with an easy action, obtained the verdict by a length.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Championship Events were competed for on Wednesday evening, March 7th, at the Municipal Baths, and the weather was all that could be desired. There were so many entries for the Junior Championship that it had to be swum off in heats. A considerable improvement was noticeable in the times for the short races.

The Championship results were: C. M'Kay (Senior Champion), L. O'Halloran (Junior Champion), E. Messenger (under 14 Champion).

The Old Boys' Race was keenly contested, the result being as follows: Howell 1, Hoffmann 2, Gibson 3.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Messrs. Schwartz and Christiansen gave an interesting exhibition of fancy

swimming and diving, which was most attentively watched and keenly appreciated by the spectators.

The officials were: Messrs. W. H. Moyes (starter), A. R. Ryder (call steward), R. H. Rockel and C. G. Bottrill (judges), Messrs. M'Kinney, Wynyard, M'Murray, and Kidd (stewards), Greiner and Bennett (time-keepers).

The results are as follow:—

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Senior Championship.

25 Yards.—M'Kay 1, Callander 2, Spence 3. Time, 15 2-5sec.

50 Yards.—M'Kay 1, Spence 2, Callander 3. Time, 36 1-5sec.

100 Yards.—Spence 1, M'Kay 2, Bayly 3. Time, 1min. 24 2-5sec.

Junior Championship.

25 Yards.—L. O'Halloran 1, Reeves 2, M'Hardy 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

50 Yards.—L. O'Halloran 1, Reeves 2, Doile 3. Time, 39sec.

75 Yards.—Reeves 1, L. O'Halloran 2, Doile 3. Time, 1min. 3sec.

Under 14 Championship.

25 Yards.—Bothamley 1, Messenger 2, Sutherland 3. Time, 18sec.

33 Yards.—Bothamley 1, Messenger 2, Boon 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

66 Yards.—Messenger 1, Boon 2, Sutherland 3. Time, 1min. 6 2-5sec.

Senior Championship Points.—M'Kay 18, Spence 10, Callander 3.

Junior Championship Points.—L. O'Halloran 13, Reeves 11, Doile 2.

Under 14 Championship Points.—Messenger 11, Bothamley 10, Boon 4.

OTHER EVENTS.

Corfu Dive.—Rawson 1, Morrison 2.

Musical Lifebuoys.—First heat: C. Smith. Second heat: B. Hooper. Final: Won by C. Smith.

Awkward Entry.—Won by Osborne.

This year a much larger number secured passes in the different examinations for Life-saving than in previous years. The Boarders' classes were held at the Baths every Tuesday and Thursday morning, and the Day-boys' class on Monday and Wednesday afternoons after school.

The examiners were Messrs. Walker and Christian-sen for the practical work and Dr. Blackley for the physiology.

The results of the examination were as follows:—

Honorary Instructors' Certificates.—Claude M'Kay and H. Goss.

Teachers' Certificates.—Claude M'Kay, H. Goss, Brian Johns.

Bronze Medallions.—Maurice Osborne, Ian Renaud, Basil Grayling, Stuart Spence, Roy Wills, Claude Kyngdon, Brian Johns, Derek Denny-Brown, Fredk. Train, Beresford Sturtevant, Reginald Howell, Philip Atkinson, Edward Pope, Edward Reeves, Cedric Zinsli, Lionel O'Halloran, Ronald Boon, Hugh Bryce.

Proficiency Certificates.—Maurice Osborne, Ian Renaud, Leonard Rawson, Douglas Meikle, Cecil Fookes, Eric Smart, Kenneth Ducker, Herbert Boon, Stuart Spence, Roy Wills, Claude Kyngdon, Brian Horner, Bruce Hutchen, Derek Denny-Brown, Reg. Howell, Philip Atkinson, Edward Pope, Ronald Boon, Hugh Bryce, Twysden Forbes, Waterson, Frank Williams, Cecil Duckworth, Basil Hooper, Cecil Smith.

Elementary Certificates.—Maurice Osborne, Ian Renaud, Colin Smart, Arthur Walter, Douglas Meikle, Cecil Fookes, Eric Smart, Kenneth Ducker, Herbert Boon, Stuart Spence, Roy Wills, Claude Kyngdon, Brian Horner, Sydney Train, Derek Denny-Brown, Reginald Howell, Philip Atkinson, Edward Pope, Ronald Boon, Hugh Bryce, Waterson, Twysden Forbes, Frank Williams, Cecil Duckworth, Ivan Watkins, Basil Hooper, Cecil Smith, Surrey S. Allemann.

A large number entered for the long-distance swimming, for which certificates are awarded by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association. The Association award three classes of certificates: (1) Beginners' Certificate for a distance of 100 yards; (2) Proficiency Certificates for a distance from 100 yards to a mile; and (3) Certificate of Merit for distances over one mile. The results are as follows:—

LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING.

Senior Championship.			Yards.	
Name.	Distance.			
	Miles.	Yds.		
C. M'Kay	3	446	B. Boon	933
K. Brokenshire ...	3		B. Hutchen	933
A. R. Callander	1	33	C. Smith	933
A. M'Hardy	0	1333	A. Walters	933
G. Boon	0	1066	I. Burkhardt	833
H. Bryce	0	933	L. Rawson	800
F. Train	0	800	I. Harrison	800
A. Reynolds	0	800	C. Malt	733
E. Beckbessinger..	0	666	R. Wills	666
R. Howell	0	600	C. Smart	666
			G. Waterson	666
			C. Duckworth.....	600
			R. Lints	600
			N. Mitchell	533
			C. Rigg	533
			S. Jackson	533
Junior Championship.				
Name.	Distance.			
	Miles.	Yds.		
M. Osborne	2	700	C. Old	500
J. Henderson	1	1066	S. Herbert	500
C. Zinsli	1	1000	B. Noakes	466
L. O'Halloran.....	1	666	B. Horner	466
E. Reeves	1	553	P. Griffiths	433
M. Guild	1	466	D. Jury	400
K. Ducker	1	266	K. O'Halloran ...	400
D. Denny-Brown..	1	66	L. Teed	400
S. Hayden		1333	C. Fookes	333
G. Wyborn		1266	S. Hutchen	333
P. Chapman		1266	L. Pease	333
E. Pope		1200	K. Robinson	266
S. Train		1200	C. Rea	266
R. Boon		1200	J. Walter.....	200
I. Renaud		1133	A. Snowdon	200
M. Sutherland		1066	W. Nicholson	200
C. Kyngdon		1066	B. Hooper	133
R. Donald		1000		
P. Guscott		946	Senior Champion: C. M'Kay.	
			Junior Champion: M. Osborne.	

HOUSE NOTES.

At last our numbers have reached the one hundred mark: 103 Boarders were on the roll very shortly after the re-opening of School. Both the New and Old Houses are completely filled, and at the beginning of the year most of the weekly boarders occupied two rooms in Niger

House. However, at the beginning of the Second Term, several rooms were fitted out as dormitories in the Old House; so that Niger was not needed to accommodate the week-enders.

That our ranks have been largely swelled this year may be seen from the following list of new boys:—Tansey, Goss, M'Hardy (i.), Arthur, Brown, Baker, Burkhardt, Brennan, Brunette, Blundell, Boulton, Cole, Donald, Ducker, Hooper, Herbert, Hunt, Kingston, Lee, M'Neill, Mitchell, Musker, Mackay (ii.), Noakes, O'Halloran, Osborne, Pease, Robertson, Martin, Smart, Water-son, Snowdon, Wyborn, Walter, Messenger, Barrell, Boon, Brackebush. A very large proportion of these boys, as usual, hail from South Taranaki; but it is noticeable that the Auckland quota is increasing steadily.

On our return to School at the beginning of the year we found two new House Masters with whom we were not altogether unacquainted. In fact, we found that two popular members of our last year's School community had been appointed to positions on the Staff. We take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. M'Murray and Mr. Kidd to our establishment in their new role as wielders of the rod.

This year has seen the Tuck-Shop properly started. The building, which is on the north side of the Cricket Ground, is always thronged with a noisy crowd of hungry Boarders, all clamouring at once for their particular dainties. Nowadays one does not hear the almost incessant interrogation of the Boarder of last year, "Can I go down to Tea-Pot's?"

At the end of the First Term lawns were laid down around the New House and paths and roadways definitely fixed. A tennis court has also been laid down. The grass in these lawns is coming on well, and in a very short time the surroundings of the New House will present a pleasing appearance.

At the beginning of the Second Term a start was made with the formation of a new road running alongside the Old House. A large pine-tree was felled and brought down with it the electric light wires, so that the New House was left in the dire predicament of having to use candles. The candle-sticks were particularly artistic; they consisted of a piece of wood into which three nails were driven. Candles were forced between the nails, and the final result was very satisfactory. There were quite a number of large stumps in the proposed line of the

road, and to remove these it was necessary to utilise a traction engine. Needless to say, this piece of mechanism did not waste a great deal of time in removing these obstacles. However, one particularly stubborn stump refused to budge until it had broken several times a wire rope used in its removal.

Several concerts have been held this year. As usual they have been entirely successful. It has been noised about that the Masters are going to give a display of their vocal powers in the near future.

One evening, as Mr. Moyes was out, the Master on duty read prayers. This Master, whose name bears a strange resemblance to the technical term for a place in which grapes are cultivated, chose to read us the story of the rich man who hired labourers to work in his "vineyard!" We would like to remind this Master that the pun is said to be the lowest form of wit.

The wave of advancement in means of locomotion has not left our School unaffected. Motor-cycles are now making their appearance. Recently, the Master in charge of the Old House purchased a speedy-looking steed on which he often takes a cruise up to the Mountain, whence he returns with vivid tales of glissading and other forms of enjoyment in the snow. His machine, however, showed at first a strong inclination to do with one cylinder what it is supposed to do with two. Its owner could not remedy the trouble, and at last, in desperation, sought the advice of "Deedle," our motor expert. "Deedle" traced the trouble to dirt in the "carburetter," and since his mechanical skill (?) remedied that defect, the motor-bike has given no trouble.

During the First Term, Reggie, the fox-terrier who joined us last year, swelled our roll by presenting four healthy pups to the establishment. These four young canines afford a great deal of amusement to everybody by their antics. In the words of one of our number, they are continually "having a hang of a go," whatever that may be.

During the Second Term a representative of the Persian variety of the feline species came to make his abode with us. He too makes himself very popular by prowling around the dormitories at night. However, one night while he was performing this escapade he was captured by a certain youth who, in his wrath, hurled the unfortunate "puss" out the window.

We have in our midst a certain youth who is generally known as the Bush-Lawyer! He dearly loves to swot hard and, we have it on reliable authority, that his favourite mode of doing this is first to send a small boy for wood and coal to make a fire. When he has brought it, send him for more. Then pile a huge piece of coal on the fire, draw an armchair as close as possible to the furnace thus created, rest the body in the chair and the feet on the mantelpiece, get a swot-book, and then gaze in the fire and dream about—we will not say what. However, we would not recommend this method of doing preparation to anyone who is not the possessor of an iron constitution such as belongs to our Bush-Lawyer.

The garden round the Old House is now assuming a beautiful aspect under the tender care of the House Master. Any boy who runs across a lawn has to pay dearly for his folly. Evidently this fact inspired one youth to plant on a stick in the centre of a bed of chrysanthemums a piece of paper bearing the inscription:—

“To my Garden.

A poor thing, but mine own.”

Needless to say this label did not long remain to amuse passers-by.

The Prefects in the New House had, at the beginning of the year, rather a trying experience owing to the efforts of a small boy, who evidently fancies himself something of a musician, to play the “Double Eagle.” This youth was practising this march with a view to swelling the programme of a future concert. Nevertheless, his first attempts at what was evidently intended to be a stirring march were extremely nerve-racking.

About twenty-five Boarders went to the Mountain at Easter, where a very enjoyable time was spent. The journey to Egmont Village was done by motor, but all of us walked the distance back to School. One of our number, who is renowned as having walked all over Ruapehu, went to bed for a fortnight after tramping home. It is surmised that for once, at any rate, he overdid it.

Now that our numbers are so greatly increased we miss the Gymnasium more than ever. On wet nights the Library is generally filled with a none too quiet assemblage of youths, and both Masters and Prefects have plenty to do in the way of wielding weapons of torture. However, a shed has been erected next to the Preparatory



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Class-room, and has been fitted with electric light. Here all pugilistically-inclined Boarders settle their differences, and here also members of our Band very often exhibit their musical skill.

Nowadays there are too many Boarders to allow of all of them doing Preparation in the Prep. Room. So the Preparatory boys now do their home-work in the Library.

We are pleased to note that M'Kay, O'Halloran (i.), and Messenger each won a Swimming Championship. Boarders have thus won all three Swimming Championships. In the long-distance swimming, Boarders also did very well.

The first matches of the Football Season were as usual a Senior and a Junior Boarders v. Day Boys match. These were played at the end of last Term. Boarders won both matches. Several of the Senior Boarders were unable to play owing to illness. Early in the Second Term the Junior Football Competitions were started, and there are three Boarders' teams taking part in the two competitions.

Evidently as a result of his arduous "swot," our aforementioned Bush Lawyer considers the partaking of a little light (?) refreshment not at all out of place before he retires to the well-earned oblivion of slumber. So it has been noticed that he regularly hies himself to the Dining-room at a rather late hour to pick up a few crumbs (not of knowledge). One night he must have been extremely thirsty, as he was observed in the act of slaking his abnormal thirst by the simple expedient of raising the milk-jug to his lips and draining its contents, to his own satisfaction and, incidentally, to his observers' amusement. We can quite understand that our Bush Lawyer would be able to put away large quantities of milk, as it is rumoured that he hails from a "dry" country.

During the First Term we saw the screening of "The Rescue of the Steffanson Expedition." This picture was very interesting, and gave us an idea of the terrors and hardships of the Boundless North.

During the Second Term we experienced a severe wind-storm from the Mountain. This wind upset things not a little. It was impossible for us to do any drill in the mornings before breakfast, so we were permitted to stay in bed half-an-hour longer than usual. This was a not unwelcome change. One dormitory in the Old House had an exciting experience, as the wind carried off one of the windows of the "dorm." All the doors on the

south side of the New House were kept closed, so we were obliged to enter the Dining-room through the front door of the House. However, we should be thankful that such gales are few and far between.

CRICKET.

Since the local competitions had long since been abandoned we found ourselves with no outside fixtures for the XI. We managed to arrange several matches with some of the remaining enthusiasts in the town, and on one occasion were visited by an Inglewood team. We returned this visit the following week, and would like to record our appreciation of the generous hospitality accorded us.

In place of the usual net practices, in which only a comparatively limited number can participate, we instituted this Term a series of matches between teams representing the districts from which our numbers are chiefly drawn. These we found more successful than the old method in stimulating that keenness for the game which Taranaki air seems somehow to chill.

At the end of the season the central pitch was dug up, re-levelled and sown. As a result we hope to have next year a wicket as nearly perfect as matting can be.

We opened the year with a match between the First XI. and a team picked from the rest of the School. The pitch was not in perfect order, but notwithstanding, some good cricket was seen. The following is a detailed report of the scores:—

FIRST XI.

Yates, c. Bryce, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	36
Goss, c. Mr. Bottrill, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	5
Terry, c. Pope, b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	14
Fookes, b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	4
M'Kay, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	10
Reeves, c. Mr. Bottrill, b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	0
Grainer, c. Mr. M'Kinney, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	2
O'Halloran, b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	0
Hine, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	4
Wills, c. Spence, b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	0
Christie, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	10
Total	...	...	85

The bowling analysis was not taken.

REMAINDER OF SCHOOL.

Mr. Wynyard, c. Terry, b. Goss	...	...	69
Mr. M'Kinney, retired	...	...	56
Mr. Bottrill, b. Goss	...	...	20
Jones, b. Goss	...	...	0
Pope, c. Terry, b. O'Halloran	...	...	0
Osborne, c. and b. Yates	...	...	1
Spence, b. Yates	...	...	8
Train i., c. Wills, b. Yates	...	...	0
Walters, not out	...	...	2
Total for nine wickets	...	...	156

The next match was one which had long been looked forward to by both Masters and Boys, but the laurels went to neither side, as the match had to be abandoned on account of the rain. Yates 42, Fookes 12, and M'Kay 13 did most of the scoring for the Boys, while Mr. M'Murray 36, Mr. M'Kinney 28, and Mr. Bottrill 15, accounted for most of the Masters' score. The detailed scores were:—

BOYS.

Yates, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	42
Goss, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	0
Atkinson, st. Wills, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	1
Terry, b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	7
Fookes, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	12
M'Kay, st. Wills, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	13
Scown, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	4
Greiner, c. Mr. M'Murray, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	1
Reeves, st. Wills, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	5
Drake, b. Mr. M'Kinney	...	...	2
Hine, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	9
Total	...	...	96

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Wynyard, seven wickets for 40 runs; Mr. M'Kinney, two for 16; Mr. Moyes, one for 10; Mr. M'Murray, none for 11; Mr. Bottrill, none for 10.

MASTERS.

Mr. Wynyard, l.b.w., b. Goss	...	...	3
Mr. M'Murray, b. Goss	...	...	36
Mr. M'Kinney, c. Goss, b. M'Kay	...	...	28
Mr. Bottrill, c. Fookes, b. M'Kay	...	...	15

Mr. Moyes, c. Goss, b. Scown	9
Wills, not out	5
Spence, not out	2
Extras	13

Total for five wickets 111

Bowling analysis.—Goss, two wickets for 39 runs; M'Kay, two for 38; Scown, one for 12; Yates, none for 9.

SCHOOL v. NEW PLYMOUTH.

Mr. Wynyard, b. Bain	4
Mr. M'Kinney, b. Bain	9
Goss, b. Knapp	19
Mr. Bottrill, b. Bain	16
Mr. M'Murray, c. Kidd, b. Knapp	17
Yates, b. Bain	0
O'Halloran, c. M'Donald, b. Knapp	0
Terry, l.b.w., b. Knapp	1
M'Kay, b. Bain	12
Scown, b. Nicoll	10
Reeves, not out	1
Extras	14

Total 104

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Nicoll, b. M'Kay	5
Oliver, l.b.w., b. Mr. Wynyard	23
Knapp, c. and b. Goss	54
Bain, run out	16
Elliott, b. Mr. M'Murray	6
O'Byrne, c. Mr. Wynyard, b. Mr. M'Murray	0
Billing, c. Goss, b. Mr. M'Murray	0
Kidd, c. Yates, b. Mr. Wynyard	1
Ewing, b. Mr. Wynyard	0
M'Donald, not out	3
Wills, c. Yates, b. Mr. Wynyard	2
Extras	16

Total 126

A second match between Masters and Boys was played half-way through the Term, but this also remained unfinished. The Masters compiled 68, mainly through the efforts of Mr. M'Kinney 16 and Berg 19. The Boys

replied with a total of 72 for eight wickets. Yates 20, M'Kay 15, and Scown 16 did most of the scoring, whilst for the Masters, Mr. Wynyard and Mr. Bottrill shared the honours with the ball.

Return Match.—School v. New Plymouth:—

SCHOOL.

Mr. Wynyard, b. Bain	0
Mr. M'Murray, c. O'Byrne, b. Christian	37
Yates, c. sub., b. Knapp	6
Goss, run out	0
Mr. Bottrill, run out	57
Terry, b. O'Byrne	3
M'Kay, l.b.w., b. Christian	0
O'Halloran, not out	10
Scown, run out	7
Reeves, b. Graham	7
Greiner, b. Bain	1
Extras	4
Total	132

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Heskett, b. Goss	70
Knapp, c. Mr. Wynyard, b. Mr. Bottrill	10
Bain, b. Mr. Bottrill	35
Nicoll, c. and b. Mr. Bottrill	0
Graham, c. and b. Mr. M'Murray	25
O'Byrne, b. Mr. M'Murray	7
Ryan, c. Mr. Wynyard, b. Mr. Bottrill	7
Christian, c. and b. Mr. M'Murray	0
Hughes, c. O'Halloran, b. Mr. Bottrill	5
Wills, not out	15
Spence, c. and b. Mr. Bottrill	8
Extras	11
Total	193

Bowling analysis.—Terry, no wickets for 17 runs; Mr. Wynyard, none for 19; Mr. Bottrill, six for 84; Goss, one for 22; Mr. M'Murray, three for 19.

An Inglewood eleven paid us a visit. Unluckily we had been playing for but a short time when the game had to be abandoned on account of the rain. Batting

first, School compiled 129 with the aid of Mr. M'Kinney 45, Mr. M'Murray 41, M'Kay 14, Mr. Bottrill 10. Inglewood had 63 to their credit for the loss of five wickets when rain prevented further play.

The following Thursday we returned the Inglewood team's visit. Our opponents treated us in the good old Inglewood style, with the result that we had a most enjoyable outing. As for the play, alas! the asphalt pitch had us completely flustered. Goss, Yates and M'Kay were all caught in slips in the first two overs. A stand by Mr. Bottrill 41 and O'Halloran 16, brought our total to a modest 87. However, the pitch proved too fast for the Inglewood team also, who were dismissed for 43. The scores were:—

SCHOOL.

Goss, c. Clegg, b. Sutherland	0
Yates, c. sub., b. Harkness	0
M'Kay, c. Harkness, b. Sutherland	0
Mr. Bottrill, b. De Launey	41
Scown, b. Harkness	5
Fookes, b. O'Byrne	0
O'Halloran, b. De Launey	16
Reeves, b. O'Byrne	3
Drake, b. O'Byrne	0
Wills, not out	10
Hine, c. Nichols, b. De Launey	6
Extras	6
Total	87

Bowling analysis.—Harkness, two wickets for 21 runs; Sutherland, two for 19; O'Byrne, three for 17; De Launey, three for 23.

INGLEWOOD.

Clegg, b. Goss	1
Scott, b. Goss	1
Sutherland, b. M'Kay	18
De Launey, b. Goss	2
Harkness, c. Wills, b. M'Kay	5
O'Byrne, b. Goss	1
Williams, b. M'Kay	2
J. Nichols, run out	9

Julian, b. M'Kay	0
T. Nichols, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	43

Bowling analysis.—Goss, four wickets for 22 runs; M'Kay, four for 19.

The last game of the season, played against New Plymouth, turned out the best of the season. Batting first, School compiled 156, mainly through the assistance of Mr. Wynyard 40, Yates 27, Goss 30, and Mr. Extras 30.

The following is a detail of the scores:—

SCHOOL.

Mr. Wynyard, b. M'Donald	40
Yates, c. M'Murray, b. Elliott	27
Mr. Bottrill, l.b.w., b. Bain	1
Mr. M'Kinney, b. Bain	0
Goss, b. M'Murray	30
Terry, b. Knapp	0
M'Kay, c. M'Donald, b. Oliver	4
O'Halloran, c. Knapp, b. Hughes	8
Scown, b. Oliver	4
Wills, c. Hughes, b. Bain	6
Reeves, not out	6
Extras	30
Total	156

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Billing, b. Goss	1
M'Murray, run out	3
Bain, b. Goss	11
Knapp, c. Goss, b. M'Kay	34
M'Donald, b. Goss	32
Oliver, not out	37
Elliott, b. Goss	11
Hughes, b. Goss	3
Ryan, b. Goss	0
Pope, c. Scown, b. Goss	0
Knuckey, c. Scown, b. Goss	0
Extras	5
Total	137

Bowling analysis.—Goss, eight wickets for 35 runs; one for 31; Terry, none for 26; none for 30; Scown, none for 10.

THE INTER-PROVINCIAL CONTESTS.

The teams were:—North: Comprising North Taranaki and Auckland. South: Comprising Wellington. Central: Comprising Central Taranaki. Waimate: Comprising the Waimate Plains.

Results:—South defeated Waimate; North defeated South; North defeated Central; Waimate defeated Central. North, with two wins, therefore won the competition.

CAMERA CLUB.

The work of the Camera Club has suffered to some extent owing to the fact that it has been found impossible to replace a good deal of the apparatus destroyed by fire. An attempt was made to purchase a suitable enlarger; but for some time without success. We are glad to say; however, that just as we had given up all hope of obtaining this, we heard of one for sale in Hawera. This has been purchased, and arrived at the School a couple of days ago. It has not yet been fitted up in the dark room, but we hope to see it in use within the next week. It is much superior to the old apparatus, and the Club is lucky in having been able to buy it.

THE EASTER TRAMP.

For the Easter exeat we had planned our time-honoured trip across the Ranges to Kahui House, but unfortunately the weather on the Thursday afternoon was too wet. Good Friday was not much better, and in consequence some 26 of us, Masters and boys, set out in cars for Egmont Village, en route for the North House. Thence the majority of us tramped the ten miles to the House, save a few fortunate and wealthy ones in the last car, who went as far as the Gate. However, Fortune, in the guise of a small maiden, came to the aid of the tired rearguard at the first mile peg, and swags were most gratefully got rid of. What the geese in the crate



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beneath them said is not on record. During the afternoon the fog came down, and some were not sorry of the excellent excuse to stay in front of the fire.

The weather was much better the next day, and we determined to try the ascent. As there was exceedingly little snow on the Mountain we picked a track to the west of Humphries' Castle to avoid the scoria and, after some four hours of intermittent climbing and resting (during which canned pineapple was much in evidence) reached the lip of the crater. So little snow was there that we had the almost unprecedented experience of climbing direct from the Lizard instead of following the wired track which towered some fifty feet overhead. Unfortunately the view was largely spoiled by the cloud masses racing past and the wind was distinctly cold, but we stayed long enough for lunch and hockey on the ice, and all enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the summit under such abnormal conditions. The descent was easily and rapidly accomplished down the scoria ridge. Tea followed, and that was succeeded by a dance in the big room, in which visitors at all three houses participated.

Easter Sunday was spent in quiet fashion round the House except for a few energetic members of the XV. who tramped to Bell's Falls.

The Monday was devoted to a tramp to Dawson's Falls, new ground for most of us. Unfortunately heavy clouds threatened all day, the seven miles seemed leagues and the wind was cold. Still, we had arranged for dinner. Our disappointment was commensurate with our anticipations when we found we had arrived too late, and had to solace ourselves with afternoon tea and the remains of the "duff." At 4 p.m. we commenced the return journey and the rearguard had scarcely passed the Mangonui Gorge when the fog blanket settled down thickly. The more energetic arrived back before night-fall, but it was seven ere the last stragglers, aided by a lantern "dimly burning," emerged from the bush. Despite a certain unconfessed weariness the idea of a dance was welcomed with enthusiasm, for was it not the last night?

The next day was thoroughly wet, and it was a much bedraggled and muddied line of stragglers who arrived home about 3 p.m. Still we had a better Easter than our fickle climate usually grants and hope, this next exeat, to renew our acquaintances with Egmont under its more normal snow-clad state.

LIBRARY NOTES.

As the first term is the shortest, the average for each boy is consequently rather low, being only 5.6 books.

This term we requested the Finance Committee to supply us with leather-bound covers for the magazines. These were duly granted us.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Ryder, it was decided to subscribe to the *New Zealand Farmer* for the benefit of the agricultural students.

At the beginning of the Term Drake, who had been made a Prefect, resigned his position as Librarian and took a place on the Committee. As Librarian, Drake did some very good work, and we were sorry to lose him. Hine was appointed Librarian, with Spence as Assistant Librarian. During the Term Goss came in to board, and consequently ceased to act as the Day Boys' representative on the Committee. The Committee met and decided unanimously to elect Waddle to the vacancy.

The following books have been added to the Library during the last six months:—

Science.—Geology (Processes and Their Results) (Earth History I. and II.), by Chamberlain and Salisbury.

History and Geography.—Russia of To-day (Fraser); On the Side of the Angels at Mons (Begbie); Carthage and the Carthaginians (Smith).

Language and Literature.—Hydriotaphia and the Garden of Cyrus (Sir Thomas Browne); *Religio Medici* (Sir T. Browne); The Story of English Literature, 1625-1780 (Edmunds and Spooner); Foreign Debt of English Literature (Tucker); The Age of Dryden (Garnett); The Age of Milton (Masterman); Readings in English Literature (Murray); Milton—Paradise Lost (Verity); Characters (Butler); Elements of Style (Rannie); English Satires (Smeaton); Holy War (Peacock); Readings in English Literature, I. and II. (Murray).

Poetry and Drama.—Comus (Milton); Sonnets (Milton); Arcades (Milton); Lyrical Poems (Herrick); Complete Works of Chaucer; Paradise Regained (Milton); Lycidas and other Poems (Milton); Samson Agonistes (Milton), *Areopagitica* (Milton); Dryden's Poetical Works.

Useful Arts.—The Way of the Red Cross (Vivian and Williams).

Biography and Correspondence.—Comrades in Arms (Captain P. Willett); Lives and Complete Angler (Walton); Milton (Brooke).

Fine and Recreative Arts.—Systematic Drawing (Ryan).

Philosophy and Religion.—School Classics (Hill).

Miscellaneous.—Outing Magazine, 1889-90, 1891-92; Cowley's Essays (Gough).

Prose Fiction.—The Watchers of the Plains (Ridgwell Cullum); When I was Czar (A. W. Marchmont); Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush (Maclaren); The Long Labrador Trail (D. Wallace); Faith of Men (Jack London); The Riddle of the Sands (E. Childers); The Chronicles of Don. Q. (K. and H. Pritchard); The Westerners (S. E. White); The Secret Seaplane (Guy Thorne); T. Tembarom (Burnett); At the Villa Rose (Mason); The Marriage of William Ashe (Mrs. Ward); The Fusing Force (Chapman); My Lady of Doubt (Parrish); Round the World in Seven Days (Strang); From Dartmouth to the Dardanelles; Laddie (Stratton Porter); The Spy (Gilson); An Enemy Hath Done This (Hocking).

Juvenile Fiction.—The Chatterbox, 1915; The Prefect's Uncle (Woodhouse); Treasure Island and Kidnapped (R. L. Stevenson); The Last Struggle (Ellis); Tom Wallis (Becke); The Mystery of the Sea (Haynes); Sons of the Vikings (Ballantyne); Sir Nigel (C. Doyle).

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the following presentations of books:—When I was Czar; Faith of Men; An Enemy Hath Done This; T. Tembarom; At the Villa Rose; The Marriage of William Ashe; The Westerners; The Way of the Red Cross (presented by Mrs. Robertson); Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush; My Lady of Doubt; The Fusing Force; Laddie; The Long Labrador Trail; The Prefect's Uncle (presented by Mr. Moyes); The Secret Seaplane; Comrades in Arms (presented by Miss Winfield); The Spy; Treasure Island and Kidnapped; The Last Struggle; Sons of the Vikings; Sir Nigel; Russia of To-day (presented by A. Candy); The Chatterbox, 1915 (presented by D. Jury); Systematic Drawing; Outing Magazine, 1889-90, 1891-92 (presented by Mr. Hutton); parcel Scientific Americans (Mr. Goss).

GEORGE BENDALL.

We have just received from Mr. W. E. Bendall a cheque for £50, a bequest to the School by the will of an Old Boy, George Bendall. He enlisted early and made the supreme sacrifice before he had been at the front many weeks. We feel a difficulty in expressing our gratification at the spirit which prompted the gift. It is not the magnitude of the gift for which we feel grateful, but it is the kindly feeling this evinced that moves us.

With the two exceptions of the General Excellence Cup and the Honours Board destroyed in the fire, both presented by Dr. Fookes, the School has until this year received no donations for the establishment of prizes or honours for what we might term "the inner working" of the School. We have a considerable number of trophies, most generously presented for outside activities by kind friends. It is intended to invest the sum bequeathed to us, and with the interest to establish an annual prize for literature, to be called the "Bendall Memorial Prize."

TENNIS.

This Term has seen a marked increase in the number of members of the Tennis Club. Since we came back from the Christmas holidays we have had over forty members. During the Third Term of last year very little tennis was played, owing to the wet weather, but on resuming this Term the ladder matches were commenced.

We were sorry that we had to part with our Chairman, Mr. Searle, whose good work placed the Tennis Club on its present footing, but his position has been ably filled by Mr. M'Murray.

There are only two courts fit to play on at present, and the asphalt one is getting very rough. We hope that it will have another coat of tar soon. The grass court was much better this year, and was used by all the players. The result was that the grass became very brown and dry, so we had to stop playing on it every afternoon and reserved it for Thursday and Saturdays.

During the First Term we arranged a match with the Masters. This was played on the town courts one Saturday morning. The weather was perfect, and some very interesting games resulted. The scores are as follows:—



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SINGLES.

Mr. Ryder	9	v.	Yates	2
Mr. Rockel	9	v.	Atkinson i.	2
Mr. Bottrill	9	v.	Hine	5
Mr. Wynyard	4	v.	Reeves	9
Mr. M'Kinney	7	v.	Atkinson ii.	9
Mr. Moyes	9	v.	Callander	2
Mr. M'Murray	7	v.	Bryce	9
Mr. Kidd	7	v.	Fox	9

DOUBLES.

Messrs—				
Ryder and Rockel ...	9	v.	Yates and Atkinson i. ...	2
Bottrill and Wynyard	9	v.	Hine and Reeves	3
M'Kinney and Moyes	9	v.	Atkinson ii. and Callander	4
M'Murray and Kidd	5	v.	Bryce and Fox	9

RESULTS.

Masters	93	games	7	sets.
Boys	65	games	5	sets.

At the end of the season we received a challenge from the Girls' High School. We were sorry that we could not play them then, and consequently the match had to be postponed until the Third Term. There will probably be some very good ladder matches to enable some of the keen "tennis players" to get in the team.

Soon after we came back from Christmas vacation a few of the noble Sixth Formers were gated, and while all the rest of us were at the Show, they helped Mr. Moyes to cut and mark out the grass court. The Committee look forward to the future gating of some of the Sixth Formers at the commencement of the next season.

FOOTBALL.

This report is being made practically in the beginning of the football season, and consequently only a few matches have been played and the teams named are not permanent. The real football report will appear in the next number of our Magazine.

Several of last year's team have left us but, counter-acting this, those remaining have gained both in strength and weight, and we expect this year's fifteen to be up to the standard of last year's. The forwards are heavier

as most of the old team have gained a good stone, while the new forwards are certainly a hefty crew. The chief fault in our forwards seems to be that they do not pack together and use their weight to the advantage they should. We are glad to notice in our forwards, however, some of that "elan" which is so essential to good footballers.

This year has seen a great change in our backs and consequently we were afraid they would not be up to last year's standard. However, there is much good material and with a few weeks of the systematic training which they are now undergoing they will, no doubt, improve considerably. The chief blunder made by our backs is that they do not run straight and thus force their wings on to the side line. The backs are faster this year and should give a good account of themselves when we play our School matches at the end of the Term.

BOARDERS (10) v. DAY BOYS (8).

Our football season was opened on Thursday, the 19th of May, by a match between the Boarders and Day Boys. This match is played annually at the opening of the season and is looked forward to with very keen interest by both sides.

The Boarders kicked off with the wind and a forward rush headed by Goss carried the play into their opponents' quarter. Here Scown picked up smartly and scored, M'Kay converting with a good kick. For a while the play was alternately up and down the field, when, from a scrum near the line, the ball was whipped out to Scown, who cut in and again scored. M'Kay converted and, shortly after, half-time went.

Osborne, who had received a severe kick on the knee, retired, and the Boarders were forced to play the second half with one man short. Soon after resuming, Terry scored near the corner, his kick at goal failing. The Boarder forwards then pushed up the field, but were brought back by good line kicking. Here Terry secured, passed to Bayly, to M'Hardy, who scored between the posts and converted his own try. From the quarter-way Drake broke through, but was neatly collared by Clemow. Several line-outs followed, and time was called leaving the Boarders winners by ten points to eight.

FIRST XV. v. ROVERS. (Won 12 to 3.)

On Thursday, the 31st of May, we played a friendly match against the Rovers. School kicked off with the wind and, as a result of playing an open game, Osborne, the left wing, scored. M'Kay failed to convert. From the centre of the field Callander kicked and following up well took the ball over the touch-line, causing Rovers to force. On resuming, M'Kay secured from a line-out and, dribbling down the field, scored near the corner, but his kick failed.

At the commencement of the second half smart play by School caused the Rovers to force repeatedly. From midfield a forward rush brought play well down the field and Fox scored near the corner after a fine dash through the opposing backs. Bryce failed to convert. A very clever piece of play followed. Brokenshire, securing from the scrum, set a passing rush going. The ball went right out to the wing and returned through Yates to Goss, who scored near the posts. Terry's kick failed. The Rovers, determined to score, swept up the field and, after a fine run by Cliff, Singh scored. The kick failed, and shortly after time went leaving School the winners by twelve points to three.

FIRST XV. v. OLD BOYS. (Won 8 to 0.)

On Saturday, June 9th, we played a town team representing the Old Boys. Owing to the war, sufficient Old Boys could not be got and consequently several outsiders were playing.

Old Boys kicked off against the wind and play was carried to the School twenty-five, where a penalty gave Sykes a chance to goal, but the kick failed. Good line-kicking followed, and a forward rush by School brought play into their opponents' quarter. M'Kay had an attempt from a penalty but failed. School kept play well in the Old Boys' twenty-five until a force relieved them. A few minutes after a good passing rush saw Drake score at the corner. M'Kay converted with a good kick, and soon after the whistle sounded for half-time.

On resuming, School attacked vigorously, and Town were compelled to force. Give-and-take play followed, School having a slight advantage. A good passing rush

was spoilt by a pass forward. Repeated line-kicking followed, and after a strong forward rush the backs secured the ball and Drake scored at the corner. M'Kay failed to convert. Sykes then broke away well for Old Boys but passed forward. After this forward play predominated until the whistle blew with the scores eight to nil in favour of School.

FOURTH 12 v. FIFTH 10.

The only Form match played this year was one between the Fourth and Fifth Forms. The game was very closely contested, the Fifth leading by one point till the last minute, when Fox scored for the Fourth.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

The First and Second Fifteens comprise the first group. All other football is considered Junior Football. Following the scheme adopted last year, junior football is divided into two grades—Senior and Junior. Teams are made out from each grade and play-off a competition between themselves. This scheme answers very well, as it ensures a full team turning out every night and gives some object for which to train. A boy plays in the position for which he is best fitted and consequently develops in his play in that particular place, fitting him for the time when he will be called to play in the First Fifteen.

The Senior Grade consists of four teams, namely:—

Boarders A.—Boon (captain), O'Halloran i., Harrison, Atkinson ii., Brackebush, Jones, Sutherland, Henderson, Knuckey, Roberts, Allemann, Burkhardt, Chapman, Hine, Donald and M'Neil.

Boarders B.—Winfield (captain), Candy, Fox ii., Sarten, Calder, Smart, Wyborn, Pope, Guscott, Walters i., Lee, Zinsli, Blundell, Mackie, Horner, Messenger.

Day Boys A.—Ward (captain), Brown, Boon i., Sturtevant, Rockel, Hayden, Young, E. Smart, Hutchen, Blane, Webster, Jillett, Morey, Blanchard, Healy.

Day Boys B.—Renaud (captain), Newell, Kingdon, Bedford, Yates, Smith, Sampson, Greiner i., M'Hardy ii., Clemow ii., Pease, Grayling, Whittle, Rae, Wright.

The Junior Grade consists of three teams, namely:—

Boarders.—Fookes ii. (captain), Walters ii., O'Halloran ii., Cole, Rawson, Brown, Herbert, Hunt, Baker, Brunette, Train ii., M'Neil, Barak, Old, Mitchell.

Day Boys.—Hughes (captain), C. White, E. White, Noble, Lash, Morey ii., Ward ii., Lints, Hamblyn ii., Penman, M'Rae, Allen, O'Dowda, Malt, Cleland.

Preparatory Fifteen.—Mackay i. (captain), Waterson, Pease, Noakes, Brennan, Prideaux, Jackson, Williams, Roberts, Jury, Forbes, Duckworth, Bothamley, Watkins, S. Fookes, Mackay ii.

The following are the results of the matches played to date:—

Senior Grade.

Boarders A 19 v. Day Boys A 0.

Boarders B 3 v. Day Boys B 0.

Boarders A 6 v. Boarders B 0.

Junior Grade.

Prep. 14 v. Day Boys 13.

Prep. 3 v. Boarders 0.

Boarders 6 v. Day Boys 3.

Two Junior matches—Boarders versus Day Boys—have been played this year. The first symbolised the opening of the Junior football for the season, and the second was played on a Thursday when there was no other bigger match. Boarders won the first game, and the second, after a very hard fight, ended in a draw.

FIRST XV. v. WAIMATE.

On the Saturday during the Winter Show we played a friendly match with Waimate. It was arranged to play at the Pukekura Park but, as the ground was covered in long rat-tail and could not possibly be marked out, we played on our own grounds.

School kicked off with the wind and a good line by Callander brought play well up the field. School began to open the game, but the rushes were spoiled by faulty passing. A forward rush headed by M'Kay again brought School into a good position, but they were pushed back by repeated attacks of the Waimate forwards. Another passing rush brought play into the twenty-five, but Waimate were relieved by M'Kay being penalised for offside. A good kick by Yates again brought School into a favourable position, and from a scrum near the line our half whipped the ball out to Callander, to Bayly, to Terry, who scored near the corner. M'Kay's kick failed. Waimate were kept hard

pressed, and M'Hardy, following up well, dribbled the ball over the goal-line, but Waimate forced smartly. From a scrummage near half-way Tansey broke away, but was collared, and half-time sounded with the scores:—3 to 0.

Considering the strong wind blowing in favour of School three points was a very small lead, and it was feared that the second half would see Waimate win. Our team, however, made up their minds this would not be the case, and put every ounce of their strength into the following struggle. From the kick-off M'Hardy and Terry worked well down the field, but were brought back with a good kick by Hughes. Forward play predominated, and Klenner, the Waimate half, showed marked ability. School were penalised, and from nearly half-way Waimate kicked a very fine goal, thus equalising the scores. A passing rush by School brought play down the field, and Callander marked and, no whistle going, made a very fine dash through the opposing forwards, but was collared by Linskey. Yates saved a nasty forward rush by a good kick and our forwards, headed by Goss and Tansey, again brought play down the field, but were driven back by good line kicks. M'Kay saved an awkward position by a neat mark, and himself lined well. The game was then up and down the field till a good kick by Yates brought School into a favourable position. The backs fumbled the ball, and Waimate broke through and forced School back to their twenty-five. Callander marked, and a good kick by M'Kay relieved the tension. Each side, lustily cheered by the spectators, tried hard to score, but time went with the play at half-way, leaving the game a draw—3 to 3.

CONCERT NOTES.

Fortunately this year we possess more talent in the musical line than last year, and as a result there has been very little difficulty in providing well-filled programmes on the four occasions on which we have held concerts. It is regrettable though, that so many who are quite capable of rendering items still hold back out of modesty or want of confidence in their ability. It is a splendid opportunity for the young performer to gain experience and confidence in appearing before the public.

The Band is still in its infancy, and as yet our concerts have benefited but little from it. However, we are

sure that before long its presence will be felt in affording a welcome variety in our programmes.

At present we are working up a Nigger Minstrel Show, which is to be presented on June 30th. The second half of the programme is to be taken up by a Farce, which the Day Boys are contributing. We hope this innovation will be successful and prove a forerunner to further concerts of a similar nature.

The first concert was held on Saturday, February 24th. The programme was as follows:—

1. Pianoforte Solo Yates.
2. Recitation Lysons.
3. Violin Solo Bothamley.
4. Song Mitchell.
5. Recitation Candy.
6. Piano Solo Pease.
7. Song Cachemaille.
8. Piano Solo Zinsli.
9. Chorus "Tipperary."
10. Song Mr. M'Kinney.
11. Recitation Noble.
12. Recitation Goldsworthy.

"National Anthem."

The second concert was held on Saturday, March 10th. The programme was as follows:—

1. Pianoforte Solo Neal.
2. Violin Solo Bothamley.
3. Recitation Williams.
4. Pianoforte Solo Butler.
5. Recitation Lysons.
6. Reading Mr. Bottrill.
7. Pianoforte Solo Morey.
8. Song Cachemaille.
9. Recitation Rawson.
10. Song Mitchell.
11. Recitation Herbert.
12. Song Mr. M'Kinney.
13. Recitation H. M'Neill.
14. 'Cello Solo Rockel.
15. Recitation Neal.
16. Pianoforte Solo Yates.

"God Save the King."

The third concert was held on Saturday, March 24th.
The programme was as follows:—

1. Pianoforte Solo Yates.
2. Song Herbert.
3. Recitation Candy.
4. Song M'Rae.
5. Dialogue Bothamley and Forbes.
6. Song Chong.
7. Recitation Walker.
8. Song Horner.
9. Pianoforte Solo Neal.
10. Recitation Elliot.
11. Song Mitchell.
12. Recitation Kebbell.
13. Descriptive Song Goss.
14. Recitation Saxton.

“God Save the King.”

The fourth concert was held on Saturday, June 2nd.
Programme was as follows:—

1. Pianoforte Solo Yates.
2. Choruses Led by Yates and Goss.
3. Violin Solo Bothamley.
4. Reading Noble.
5. Pianoforte Solo Zinsli.
6. Reading Mr. Bottrill.
7. Song Herbert.
8. Recitation Mitchell.
9. Pianoforte Solo O'Halloran.
10. Song Cachemaille.
11. Recitation Candy.
12. Song Goss.
13. Recitation Mr. M'Kinney.
14. 'Cello Solo Rockel.
15. Recitation Lysons.

“God Save the King.”

AGRICULTURE.

The following is a brief summary of the work done last season:—

Area A.— $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre.

Mixture.—Cocksfoot, Perennial Rye, Italian Rye, Cowgrass, White Clover, Trefoil and Prairie Grass. 50lb. per acre.

Manure.—2cwt. super, 1cwt. blood and bone.

Observations.—Poor strike of seed, but thickened out in autumn.

Area C.— $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre.

Sown with the same mixture of grass seed and manure, but sown at the rate of 70lb. of seed per acre.

Observations.—Good growth of clovers.

Area B.—1 acre.

Plot 1.— $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre. Carrots—Matchless White.

Observations.—These were a great success, and a portion of these have been fed to the cows.

Plot 2.— $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre. Swedes.

Observations.—Were rather disappointing, due to the dry weather experienced after sowing.

Plot 3.— $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre.

Wheat (Huguenot).

Manure.—1cwt. super.

Observations.—Sown in autumn for spring feed for 1917. Good growth showing.

Area D.—Marlborough Lucerne.

In sowing the Lucerne a quarter of an acre was sown in rows and the other quarter of an acre sown broadcast. The advantage was that the Lucerne in rows could be kept free from weeds in its earlier growth. Another noticeable feature in the Lucerne plot was the fact that the area which had Lucerne in two years ago came away faster and had a deeper green colour and a healthier look. This shows that Lucerne requires inoculated soil.

Area E.— $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre.

Divided into 1-20 acre plots.

No. 1.—Timothy Selection. This has been well cut back for the winter.

No. 2.—Matchless White Carrot. 5oz.

Manure.—70lb. super, 40 bonemeal, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ sulphate of ammonia.

(24 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of above.)

These did not turn out as well as the others in

Area B.

No. 3.—Sinclair's Champion Carrot, 5oz.

Manure.—As for Plot 2.

These also did not give as good a result as was expected.

No. 4.—Jersey Queen Mangel, 6oz.

Manure.—As for Plots 2 and 3.

No. 5.—Jersey Queen Mangel, 6oz.

Manure.—14lb. super, 5 bonemeal, 2½ sulphate of ammonia, 12lb. salt.

These two plots turned out well, but the last mountain wind has somewhat spoilt the look of this crop in blackening the leaves.

No. 6.—Prizewinner Mangel, 6oz.

Manure.—As for Plots 2, 3, 4.

No. 7.—Prizewinner Mangel, 6oz.

Manure.—22lb. super.

These plots also turned out well, but the leaves were blackened.

No. 8.—Sugar Mangel, 6oz.

Manure.—As for Plots 2, 3, 4, 6.

No. 9.—6oz.

Manure.—22lb. Ephos.

To this crop was added salt, which showed a marked difference in the size of the Mangels.

No. 10.—White Horsetooth Maize, 7lb.

Manure.—21lb. super, 15 sulphate of ammonia.

This was an excellent crop and kept the cows going for some time.

No. 11.—Sudan Grass, 1lb.

Manure.—12lb. of mixture in Plot 10.

Exceeded expectations. Two cuts were taken off this plot. No doubt this grass will be used more in Taranaki in future years.

Plot 12.—Maize Local Variety, 7lb.

12lb. of mixture in Plot 10.

This plot did fairly well.

Area F.—Formerly the old garden, but is to be sown in Oats and Vetches to clean it up.

FARM NOTES.

At the beginning of the year the two pigs presented by Mr. Lepper were sent to the Bacon Factory. We are now enjoying the bacon in the boarding establishment. To replace these pigs, four young ones were bought, and are now being fattened.

Of the cows, Brindle was dried off at the beginning of the Second Term, and another cow bought to replace her. Daisy and Polly are still milking exceptionally well for this time of the year. The new cow bought is a Jersey, and she has been given the name of "Fatty."

The following is the amount of milk given by the cows from February 19th to April 30th:—

Week ending	Brindle.	Daisy.	Polly.	Fatty.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Feb. 19	169	185	141	—
„ 26	166	182	135	—
Mar. 5	180	242	168	—
„ 12	186	217	158	—
„ 19	184	202	153	—
„ 26	184	228	152	—
April 2	138	163	154	—
„ 9	140	142	144	213
„ 16	121	153	128	186
„ 23	91	143	117	162
„ 30	112	113	95	128
	1671	1930	1545	689

Total amount supplied, 5835lb.

CADET NOTES.

Drill this year has consisted mainly of recruit drill. As soon as we came back from the Christmas vacation the Company was split up into 14 recruit squads, each under an N.C.O. Nine squads consisted of trained Cadets and six of recruits. During the first term, a competition was held between the squads. There were two competitions—one for trained Cadets and one for recruits. Following are the results:—

Place	Squad	Turning	Saluting	Slow	Quick	Total
		10	10	10	10	
1	L.-Corp. M'Kay	10	9	10	9	38
2	Corp. Rockel ...	9	8	9	8	34
3	L.-Corp. Doile..	9	8	7	10	34
4	Sgt. Atkinson...	9	8	6	8	31

Place	Squad	Turning	Saluting	Slow	Quick	Total
				March	March	
		10	10	10	10	40
1	Sgt. Tansey	6	8	6	7	27
2	Corp. Clemow...	6	6	6½	6½	25
3	Corp. Goss	6	7	4	6½	23½

No marks were allotted for the word of command of the N.C.O., but only on the merit of the teams.

Towards the beginning of the year we obtained about 20 rifles. These came in useful for the class-firing which took place on the Rewa Rewa Range.

Each day a squad has been taken by Lieut. Wynyard for musketry. This seems to be much more interesting than squad drill.

On Anzac Day, the whole Company paraded, 180 strong. The Company marched with all the other Companies of the town through the principal streets, and thence to the Coronation Hall, where a service was held.

At the beginning of the Second Term the Company was formed into platoons, and so, once a week, Company drill is done. Although the Company drill is not perfect, there is great hope of our having a very good Company before the end of the year.

MASTERS, PAST & PRESENT.

Ladies first always. Miss Winfield, who has been in charge of the Lower Prep. since the beginning of 1916, left at the end of the First Term. In bidding her an editorial farewell we wish to express our regret at her departure, and can assure her that we only hope that she will remember us as long as we shall remember her. It is always a misfortune to lose a teacher who has not only done good work but who has won the respect and affection of those under his or her charge. We hope to be able in our next number to give our readers some information about Miss Winfield's future career. At present we wish her every happiness.

Miss Winfield's place has been taken by Miss Banwell, who has very high English qualifications along with considerable New Zealand experience. We tender her a hearty welcome, and trust that her stay may be pleasant to us all.



LIEUTENANT H. V. SEARLE.

This Term many, if not all, of the Boarders have made the personal acquaintance of Miss Bedford. The importance of the institution over which Miss Bedford presides fully merits the mention of her name here under the title of this article. Indeed, we have heard that not a few Boarders consider that she is the most important member of the staff. That being the case we welcome her to our number and hope that long may she continue to conduct, with the same sense of the grave responsibility that has hitherto characterised her work, the gastronomic education of her clients.

Lieut. Espiner, who was badly wounded at the Front in France, has returned to New Zealand, and is still at his father's home. He has not yet completely recovered from his wound, but we sincerely hope that he will before long be his old self.

Lieut. Searle, who went into camp in October, 1916, paid us a visit during the First Term. He left New Zealand with his Reinforcement at the beginning of June. He made a non-stop run in his swift Ford from Featherston through the Manawatu Gorge to New Plymouth. Evidently he came across no Keating's Powder on the road. We have much pleasure in announcing his engagement to Miss Annie Bullard, daughter of G. H. Bullard, Esq., New Plymouth.

We heartily welcome to the School Mr. A. S. Bannatyne, who has taken Mr. Searle's place. Mr. Bannatyne is an Old Boy of Charterhouse and a graduate of Glasgow University. He has had considerable experience in teaching, and has travelled. We hope that his stay with us may be long.

At the beginning of the year two of our Old Boys were appointed to the staff, and have already given us a taste of their quality and of their keenness in all that concerns the welfare of the School. The new boys, of course, know and address them as Mr. M'Murray and Mr. Kidd, but the senior boys and, we regret to have to add, the Masters, constantly make slips and speak to or of "Bob" and "Mac." Mr. M'Murray is about to go into Camp, and Mr. Kidd is anxious to follow his example, as soon as he reaches the age-limit. Meanwhile we are glad to have them with us, and feel that they are integral parts of the School.

Mr. D. E. Hutton has been with us almost from the date of the separation of the Girls' and Boys' Schools. He has taught the drawing ever since then till the beginning of the present year. Not only has he taught his classes, but he was unwearied in his efforts to help in any way, and only those who are in the inner knowledge of things really know what he did. We cannot say good-bye without recalling all these instances of his kindness and without thanking him here for them all. We shall miss him very greatly. He has gone to live in Christchurch, and we can assure him that we shall always keep a lookout for any news of him.

Mr. Hutton's place has been taken by Mr. A. M. Bradbury, to whom we tender a hearty welcome. We hope he will be long with us as our Drawing Master.

Mr. Diprose is in camp with the 29th Reinforcements at Tauherenikau as a Corporal.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

LIEUT.-COLONEL IVAN STANDISH.

We clip the following from the local press. The record is one of which any man may well be proud; and the honour conferred on an Old Boy is reflected on the School with which he was connected. Need we say that every boy, past or present (and Masters are either old or present boys) is proud of the honour and offers his hearty congratulations to an Old Boy on his well-earned decoration?

In the King's Birthday Honours List announced a day or two ago there occurred the name of Colonel Standish among other recipients of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.). This is Lieutenant-Colonel Ivan Standish, son of Mrs. Standish, of New Plymouth. Colonel Standish who will be 34 years of age in December next, left as a major of artillery with the Main New Zealand Expeditionary Force. He is an old New Plymouth High School boy, and for a time was assisting his brother sheep-farming at Tarata. After serving in the South African War he returned to New Zealand and joined the Permanent Artillery, and his progress has been rapid. Some time ago he was awarded the D.S.O. It is worthy of passing remark that Dr. Truby King and Colonel Standish are the first Taranaki-born men to receive the C.M.G.

Another distinguished honour has fallen to an Old Boy. The Military Cross has been conferred upon W. E.

Moore. He entered the School in 1893 and was lately in practice as a solicitor in Auckland. We have received no details as to when and how the distinction was won.

Gordon Beck was up on final leave in the early part of June. He paid us a visit while he was in New Plymouth. He left New Zealand with the 27th Reinforcements. He went into camp originally as a Private in the 25th Specialists' Machine Gun Company, but is now Quartermaster-Sergeant of E Company in the 27th Reinforcements. This year he completed the Senior Public Service Examination in six subjects, three of which are also South Kensington Examination subjects. He has promised to write us from time to time and let us know any items of interest that come under his notice.

Sergeant John Hiorns Mander (B Company, 27th Reinforcements), has been appointed Second-Lieutenant on probation and posted to the 31st Reinforcements.

Corporal R. G. B. Sinclair ("Jimmie") has also received a commission in the same draft.

Harold Clarke, who went with the 7th Reinforcements, is still at the front and, so far, has come through safely. His photo appears in this number. Prior to his enlistment he was in practice with his brother Cyril as a dentist at Whangarei. Cyril is carrying on the practice alone during his brother's absence.

Eric Colson was, when last heard from, still at Sling Camp engaged in the work of training.

His special work is instructing in bayonet fighting and physical drill. The weather was very cold, and a great deal of rain often preventing the bayonet drill. The letter received yesterday was written on October 18th, when Eric says: "Things over here are just about the same. The 15th Reinforcements have been here some time, and we expect 16ths any day. I'm wondering how you are managing to fill up the Reinforcements in New Zealand, and it is remarkable what a number of men there are in the drafts here of extreme ages—either very young men or old grey-headed ones."

He has been chafing for a long time at not getting away to the firing line, forgetting, possibly, that someone must do the training. But there seems at last a prospect of his smelling powder in France. According to his last letter he had spent a day or two in Birmingham. While there he ventured to visit some people who were related

to friends of his in New Zealand. He was received with the utmost cordiality and treated right royally. He was much impressed with the splendid grounds and buildings. Camp seemed rather tame after the entertainment of the holiday.

Through the kindness of Mr. H. B. Lepper we have been permitted to publish the following letter, upon which it would be impertinence for us to comment:—

8th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers,
40th Brigade, 13th Division,
Mesopotamia, Sept. 25th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Lepper,—Your nice letter of the 5th August received this morning. Your son was killed in an unfortunate reverse we had on the 9th April and owing to the Brigade's sudden dispatch to another action your son's body was buried by another Brigade, and the only news we had of him after we left was that his body had been found and buried by a chaplain of the 7th Division.

I cannot express in writing the sympathy expressed by the few of his fellow officers who were left at the Battalion's loss in the death of your son. He was such a fine specimen of manhood, kind hearted, brave as a lion and generous beyond words.

Regarding his effects, we sent off all that he left at the dump, but heavy baggage was left at Basra and instructions were given to have it forwarded to you. I understand his camera was left in his heavy baggage, and he may have left the articles referred to in your letter. Nothing is known of them here.

We were not permitted to erect a cross to his memory owing to the prevalence of Arabs digging up the bodies and stripping them of their clothes. You will understand how readily we would have done so (and had the grave photographed) when I say he was one of the most respected officers in the battalion. He lived an honourable and straight life and died a hero. He was eight times over the top of the trenches, and wore the reward for bravery on his breast. Your son took a photo of a group of our officers on board the Briton, and it should have been in his camera undeveloped. If it turns up safely would it be too much trouble to ask for a copy of same, as only four of them now remain.

Will you once more on behalf of his fellow officers accept our deepest sympathy and give the same to the rest of your family.—Believe me, Yours sincerely,

T. J. GRAHAM,
Capt. and Adj., R.W.F.



LIEUT.-COLONEL I. T. STANDISH, C.M.G. (Artillery).

Percy Jackson has been appointed manager of the New Plymouth branch of the Union Bank of Australia. For some time previous he had been stationed at Wairoa, Hawke's Bay.

In the Senior Public Service Examination held in January, Charles E. H. Putt secured a partial pass.

Leslie Hill, who left with the Main Body Expeditionary Force, has been granted a commission on the field in France.

Dr. S. L. Serpell, who was in practice at Manga-weka, has removed to Te Kuiti.

D. N. MacDiarmid has removed to Khartoum in connection with his work as field-secretary for the Y.M.C.A. So far he has been working in Upper Egypt, but the work there has ceased temporarily and is to be prosecuted in Khartoum with fresh vigour. MacDiarmid greatly enjoyed his life and work in Upper Egypt and was at all times in the best of health.

Information has been received by his parents that Lieut. R. L. Okey is returning to New Zealand on duty and is expected to arrive in Auckland shortly.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Gordon Beck spent a few days in New Plymouth on his final leave. He was present at the football match School v. Athletic-Rovers.

George Hooker has just gone into camp with the 32nd Reinforcements, in the Engineering Corps.

Gunner L. W. Hooker has arrived in England with the 22nd Reinforcements. He was, previous to his enlistment, teller in the Bank of New South Wales at Carterton.

Corporal Eric Grant is in hospital in France suffering from a slight attack of fever.

We regret to have to record the death of Frank Gardiner, who was transport clerk at Greymouth in the district office of the New Zealand Railways. He had had a serious illness in the summer, and was compelled to take extended leave. He thought that he had recovered sufficiently to resume duty, but died suddenly on May 22nd. He was married to Miss Ethel Abbott, of New Plymouth, and leaves three children.

Private A. R. Bayly, of the 27th Reinforcements, has been promoted to the rank of Lance-Corporal.

Captain Sten. Hurle was wounded in an attack on Saily-Saillisel on February 28th, and was for some time an inmate of the Empress Eugenie's Hospital, Farnborough. The wound was slight, and was caused by a piece of shrapnel in the ear. No doubt it is, judging from the tone of his message, healed by this time; and he is no doubt once more in the thick of it.

Major C. E. Cornwall, who went through the East African campaign and subsequently volunteered for active service in France, has been appointed a full Major in the Imperial Army.

Lieutenant D. A. Lusk (Imperial Camel Corps) was wounded recently in Egypt.

Private L. G. Eyre received on March 28 a slight scalp wound and was admitted to hospital in France. He has now recovered and is on duty once more.

Keith Matthews, who has for some time been working on a war invention, was cabled for by the Admiralty and sailed almost immediately for England. It is understood that the invention is very highly spoken of and has passed all tests successfully.

While on final leave, L. G. Goss was one of the team of Old Boys who played us. After some fifteen months of instructing in the Military Camps of Trentham, Featherston, and Tauherenikau, he sails with the 27th Reinforcements.

Writing from France on March 20th, V. Kirkby says:—

"Things out here are not too cheerful, as it has been so very cold and raining 'good-oh!' It is useless telling, or trying to tell, where we are and what we are doing, as it would only be scratched out again by the censor. As I was going down — Street in —, I ran across a chap who was smiling from ear to ear. As he came nearer he put out his old 'mud-hook,' and you can guess how surprised I was when I saw it was Willie Guild. Well, Willie and I had a great time that night. We went and had a good feed of chips, eggs and steak, which cost us 5 francs 50 cents. each. Kindly remember me to all friends in New Plymouth."

H. L. Lucena ("Lucy") has had considerable difficulty in obtaining a suitable rifle for us in Christchurch. But he has succeeded at last. He has been shooting at the Red Cliffs range with success, making a possible at the snap-shooting. The trouble is to borrow or get a

rifle. "Lucy" is hard at work on his engineering course. Hard work is varied at times by reducing the numbers of rabbits on the Port Hills.

Leslie Marfell ("Bill") is still farming at Toko, and condoles with us on our difficulties in connection with our building; but his innate optimism emerges as he assures us that "things ought to be all right when you get the new building." He wishes to be remembered to all his old Masters.

Alan Brooker ("Snowy") is now at work in Auckland, and has now shaken down. He found the preliminary office-work a little irksome at first, but that is over now. He intends to attend classes at the Seddon Memorial Technical Classes in evenings.

H. L. Cook, who enlisted some time ago, sat for his commission last February and came out first among the 67 candidates. He is now with the 27th Reinforcements, which sailed about the beginning of June.

We have received from Mrs. Hamblyn, of Henwood Road, the sum of £10 from the pay of Corporal C. J. Hamblyn. This is the sum which "Weed" presented as a shooting prize. We have preferred to mention the gift here as it is a matter of an Old Boy. All connected with the School, and especially those who knew him, deeply appreciate his thoughtfulness.

Alf. Honnor is still with Bignell Bros. at Awakino. This is the slack season and only pottering jobs are being done. Things seem fairly primitive up there yet. The roads are very bad, and motorists are advised, even if they do take Fords, to bring with them spades and trace-chains. Honnor tells us that he and the other men had a row with the cook because they found out that he had been using their mugs for shaving and had put them on the table without washing them. Such are the amenities of pioneer life.

Mr. Pridham writes from Whitehall, Weston under Penyard, Ross on Wye, Hereford, England, acknowledging the receipt of the "Taranakian." Although he recognises only two names of those with whom he was associated—Messrs. Ryder and Kidd—he feels a personal interest in the School and wishes us all further success.

"Tommy" Johns writes from Ohinepoutea, Ruatourea, to say that he has gone on the land and is learning farming. He is learning shepherding at present, and likes the life. We notice a note of regret in his letter at being no longer at school. He wishes to be remembered to all who knew him, and, in particular he states that two of the Masters are to be told first, that he has not forgotten how to make oxygen, and second, that he still knows where the Great Barrier is.

E. C. Stanley, who has been wounded twice, is once more at the front. His father received a photo of him lately and tells us that he "notices that he is now wearing three stripes," a well-deserved promotion say all of us.

At the recent election for two members for the New Plymouth Harbour Board the poll was headed by C. E. Bellringer.

We tender our sincerest sympathy to Norman Day on the loss of his wife, who died at Wellington on April 8th.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business at the Taranaki Hospital Board this morning, Mr. F. C. J. Bellringer, who for the past ten years has occupied the position of Chairman and is now severing his connection with the Board, took the opportunity of thanking the Board for the courtesy and assistance they had always extended to him. He regretted very much having to sever his connection with the Board, and said he would always look back with pleasure to his association with it. He referred to the erection of the new Hospital, and said that when he first joined the Board he recognised that better provision would have to be made for the treatment of the sick, and was glad to see that the town and district had a Hospital to-day of which it might feel justly proud. Mr. Bellringer also expressed his appreciation of the treatment he had always received at the hands of the employees of the Board. Each member of the Board expressed sincere regret that Mr. Bellringer had decided not to seek re-election. He had made an ideal Chairman, and he devoted a great deal of time and thought to the affairs of the Board. It was a great loss to the town and the district generally that Mr. Bellringer was resigning from the Board. He had rendered most valuable service.—Taranaki Herald.

Donald Grant is in the office of Mr. Harold Thomson, solicitor, Inglewood. He has lately taken up golfing, no doubt to obtain a more lurid and forcible vocabulary.

Lieut. Gil. Hawkins, who returned to Trentham with the rank of Reg. Sergeant-Major, received a commission and has again left for the front.

R. D. Kidd is on the staff of his old School. His association with the other Masters has not produced a marked effect on "Bob's" sporting temperament.

Lieut. D. A. Lusk, of Oaonui, who is attached to the Imperial Camel Corps, is returning to New Zealand permanently unfit as the result of a gunshot wound in the chest received at Gaza.

Selwyn Candy is at present residing at Belfast, South Canterbury, where he still takes a keen interest in rifle-shooting.

Willard Ewing holds a position on the Electrical Staff of the Borough. He hopes to go into camp in August.

Reg. George is manager of the local branch of the Ridd Milking Machine Co.

Jack Gibbons enlisted at Auckland with the 22nds, and has so far escaped any wounds or sickness.

David Brown, who resigned his position in Messrs. Weston and Weston's office, enlisted with the 5th Reinforcements and has since seen much fighting in France. On recovering from a wound he was given a position in the New Zealand Records Office in London.

Harry Cutfield is in charge of Mr. Newton King's business at Inglewood.

Frank Clemow has a position in the State Fire Insurance at New Plymouth.

Newton Quilliam, who recently enlisted at New Plymouth, was passed as fit for active service. He has been granted three months' leave to sit for his medical exam. at Knox College, Dunedin.

Lieut. A. R. Standish, of the Army Service Corps, left for the front with the 24ths.

Hugh Bradbury, who enlisted with the 20th Reinforcements, on arriving in England was prevented from going to France with his reinforcement on account of having contracted mumps.

Ernie Armstrong, formerly on the staff of Messrs. Weston and Weston, enlisted as an N.C.O., and was last heard of from Sling Camp.

Lieut. Chas. Bayly, leaving his farm at Toko, obtained a commission at Home in the Devonshire Yeomanry and was recently heard of from Palestine.

Lieut. Jack Bullard, who was formerly in Mr. Harold Thomson's office, went into camp as an N.C.O. and received a commission.

Albert Bayly went into camp with the 26th Reinforcements and was looking very fit after camp-life when up on final leave.

F. A. Bruce, our erstwhile football captain, is now studying medicine at Quincey, Florida. He expects to get to the front in the Ambulance Corps shortly.

L. G. Eyre, who left us to enlist in the middle of last year, was wounded on March 28th. Fortunately his injury was not serious, and he was able to resume his duties in the Tunnelling Corps after four weeks in the Hospital. His letters show that he still takes a great interest in the School.

S. V. Paul has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He is very popular with his men. He is a member of the victorious "All Black" team which has put up such a record in England.

Les. Ryan is now stationmaster at Morrinsville. His brother George is now practising law on his own account at Hawera.

V. W. L. Stanton has been granted leave from the Central School and went into camp at the end of May.

W. H. Jenkinson was at last time of writing having a rest in England. His wound was luckily very slight.

Gideon Pott is in England also. One of the boys writing from there mentions that Pott has been promoted to the rank of Company Sergeant-Major. "He is a very good one too," adds the writer.

John Grey left with the 22nd Reinforcements. He was last heard of at the front.

P. Wright left Stratford District High School at the end of last year. He takes a keen interest in golf and lately made a record for the Wellington Links.

B. Moverley, who was in the pharmaceutical class, while at School took P. S. Oliver's place at Davies' Pharmacy.

Stan. Hoby, Gunner N.Z. Artillery, writes that he is to be Bombardier. He mentions inter alia that he was congratulated three times for his gun-laying on the Somme. That he is as well as he says is amply borne out by his weight now being 13st. 10lb.

R. G. B. Sinclair, who went into camp with the Dunedin quota of the 27th Reinforcements, expected to get to the front with that force, but on being promoted to the rank of Second-Lieutenant has been kept back.

T. V. Tuohy resigned his position in the Railway Department to go into camp. He was married shortly before he left New Zealand.

D. Paterson, who was farming at Tarata, has recently gone into camp.

D. Winfield has been transferred from the Marine Department, Wellington, to the Lands and Deeds Office, New Plymouth.

T. Furlong recently sold out his tobacconist's business and is now devoting himself to public affairs. He is one of the New Plymouth Trustees on the Efficiency Board.

H. B. Gibson resigned his position in Mr. Newton King's office to go into Mr. D. Hutchens' law office. He completed his Matriculation Examination last year.

J. Tuohy was recently transferred to Auckland. He has been promoted and is now in the Operating Room.

J. H. Mander has been promoted to the rank of Second-Lieutenant.

K. C. Jury is still on the staff of J. H. Cock and Co. He is now acting as traveller for the firm.

Trevor Hawkes has been transferred to the Inglewood branch of Mr. Newton King's business. While in New Plymouth he took a lively interest in golf and is now reputed to be the "village champion."

R. C. Adlam, who went to Samoa with the Expeditionary Force has, after a period of school-teaching at Stratford D.H.S., again enlisted.

L. Avann still retains his position in the Agricultural Department. He paid a visit to New Plymouth during his Christmas vacation and again on his final leave.

P. O. Grey is managing clerk at Adams and Harley, Nelson. On account of his eyes, he failed to pass the medical test.

R. M. Jackson, who up to the time of his enlistment, held a position in the National Bank, is now in England training preparatory to departing for France.

R. S. Campbell is working on his farm at Opunake. He has taken up racing with enthusiasm and finds it a paying proposition.

R. E. Dowling, who left New Zealand with the First Expeditionary Force, was invalided home early in the year and is now working in Mr. F. Hall's Pharmacy.

T. J. Ellis was badly injured in the foot at the front and soon after arriving back in New Zealand resumed work at his old position in the Public Works in Wellington.

C. W. Fair enlisted early in March and is in the 28th Reinforcement. While on his final leave a few weeks ago he visited his former mates at School.

H. Broadmore holds a position in the local branch of the Lands and Survey Department.

R. J. Brokenshire, who hurt his foot while playing football for Old Boys and was consequently unable to leave with his Reinforcement, is now in England.

G. Chong was at last time of writing in England expecting to go to the front at any minute. He remarks that it was rather a coincidence that Strathie Ewing and himself should have found themselves playing in the same positions in a recent football match, as they did when representing School, 1913.

R. Monteath writes from Sling Camp:—

We, the 19ths, are in England at last, after a long but good trip. It took us about eleven weeks to get here, but we were held up at different ports. They kept us for seventeen days at Capetown, and we had a very good time there. We used to get leave every day, and so had plenty of time for a good look round. Our next port was St. Helena, then Freetown, but at neither of

these places did we get ashore. After that we went on a zigzag course to avoid submarines, and finally landed in Plymouth on January the 29th. It's very cold here, for everywhere the snow is two or three inches deep. We felt it very much after being in the tropics so long.

They rub the drill into us a lot here in the bull-ring, as they call the parade ground. There are hundreds of instructors here who take us in small squads for different things, like bayonet fighting, shooting, bombing, machine-gun, gassing, and other things. They shake us up properly. Tell Mr. Searle if he is there that he will be drilled by sergeants and corporals when he gets here. The C.B. is given for any little thing, and is no joke, as one has to run up every half-hour with a full pack on his back to the Orderly Room. There are dozens of aeroplanes flying round all day, as the aerodrome is near-by. I understand that we are to be here for nearly a month, after which we get about four days' leave to London, and then go to France. Bill Eyre has just gone over the other night to France, and "Jenky," who is going with the second draft of the 18ths to the front again, leaves in about a week. He is sitting here with me and writing letters also, and wishes me to remember him to you and all his old friends

Lieut. Strathie Ewing writes from France on February 2nd saying that at the time of writing the weather was fine but very cold. Many pools were covered with ice twelve or eighteen inches thick, and when water is wanted holes have to be cut. There was a tank in the camp which was one solid block of ice. The weather was at the same time bright and clear, and the only unpleasant thing was the extreme cold. Everyone in the Company would be glad to be back in New Zealand again, and is fully convinced that France is not as good as New Zealand.

Writing on March 3rd, he says that he is at an Officers' Rest Home in a large chateau at La Motte. The invalids (if we may call them so) are very comfortable there. The cause of Strathie's presence there was a severe cold caught in a very wet trench. He had been for some days in a front trench about 200 or 300 yards from the German line. Previous to that he had been in the reserve line, where the work was harder than in the actual front line. Troops new to the life at first amuse the older hands by ducking at every shell, but familiarity soon does away with that. Many a peep is taken and many a round of ammunition fired over the top of the trench in spite of the risk. The periscope is a very use-

ful appliance, but does not give the view that one gets by peeping over. In some places the opposing trenches are only 60 yards apart, and then peeping is still more dangerous. When the Germans use heavy shell on the British trenches a reply is made by our heavy artillery, and if six or eight German shells come together out goes an S.O.S. message "and everything is turned on to him." Strathie bought a pair of trench boots reaching up to his knees for 75 shillings and a very useful sleeping bag for 65. Gum boots are always worn in the trenches.

Writing again on March 19th he says that he had quite recovered, and was once more at his post. There was little doing at his sector at the time of writing. A football tournament had taken place among a number of teams, and several of our Old Boys were playing for one team or another. Cricket, too, was talked of as soon as the weather settled. At the time of writing it was cold, windy and changeable. We notice the very appreciative tone in which a "hot bath" is mentioned.

Private E. Mason, who left with the 21st Reinforcements, has written a very interesting letter describing the voyage to England. From this letter we take the following extracts:—

We sighted the Cape of Good Hope at dawn, and all that day sailed along the coast. Late in the forenoon we sighted Table Mountain, and at 4 o'clock we entered the harbour of Capetown. The Health Officer came on board and gave us a clean sheet. So we were able to berth at once alongside a coaling wharf. As soon as we were tied up a large number of niggers began the coaling. After seeing natives of both Australia and Africa I am convinced that they cannot be compared to the Maoris either physically or mentally. We got leave to go ashore at 9 o'clock, and after being three weeks at sea you can guess that we headed straight for a restaurant. We found meals exceedingly dear at Capetown. On the other hand, fruit is very cheap, especially grapes, which are only a penny or twopence a pound, while the quality exceeds that of the New Zealand grapes. Many a pound of grapes I had in South Africa. On the next morning we marched through the city to the Gardens, where we were dismissed till 11 p.m. Some of us went one way and some another. A few of my mates and I went out to Camp's Bay for a motor run, then to Muizenberg and on to the Zoo. I then returned to the city to do some shopping. Unfortunately we stayed only one day at the Cape, otherwise I should have climbed to the top of Table Mountain to see the country beyond. At the time of our stay Capetown was full of

khaki from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. In the evening we sailed. There were five large transports escorted by a cruiser. The transports were arranged in two lines comparatively close together, while the cruiser headed the procession in the centre. At times we were so close to the Ulimaroa that we could hail those on board of her.

Over fifty naval men who had been on service in various parts joined us at Capetown. They were a very merry crew and helped to make our monotonous life a pleasant one.

A few days after leaving port we entered the Tropics, and as we neared the Equator the weather became exceedingly hot, often too hot to eat. During this time our clothing consisted of a hat, a shirt, and a pair of shorts. Even then we perspired considerably, especially if there was nothing to do. The sun browned us very much, but that did not affect our health in any way. A feature of the Tropics was the sunsets, which were simply beautiful. As soon as the sun had gone down vivid flashes of lightning would illuminate the clouds throughout the night. On our voyage the sea in the Tropics was for a week as calm as a lake.

When we crossed the Line, Father Neptune came on board and carried out the ceremony in his customary manner. The Jack-tars were entrusted to do the ducking and shaving, and they carried out their responsible task with exemplary efficiency. All hands enjoyed the proceedings.

About a fortnight after leaving the Cape we sighted land once more. This time it was the west coast of Africa. Towards the end of one day the transports were formed into one long line and, headed by the cruiser, we all sailed into the port of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. The town is a small one, with a population of about 11,000, mostly natives. The staple production is fruit—bananas, coconuts, etc. The port is now controlled by the Admiralty as a coaling and watering station. Although we had to stay there for two days, we were not allowed to land on account of the prevalence of disease. So we amused ourselves by rowing about from transport to transport and talking to our comrades. The natives crowded to the transports to sell fruit. This we found very dear. However, I bought some coconuts, as they keep well in the hot weather. The entrance to the port is rather pretty. On the starboard side are some islands clothed in green and dotted here and there with native huts neatly thatched. We also passed a German trading steamer hard and fast on the reef near the entrance.

We left Freetown in the same line formation as before, and here we are at sea at the time of writing. We are now almost

twelve hours behind New Zealand time, and have run into the cold weather again. We carry our lifebelts with us wherever we go, and no light whatever is allowed except those below.

Corporal C. J. Hamblyn writes from Billets in France:—

You will be pleased to hear that after a long spell of several months in the trenches we have come back a few miles to another small village where we are training for a few weeks. What happens then remains to be seen, but I suppose we shall be back at it again. Our training now consists mainly in refreshing drill, and goodness knows the companies need it as they are just about all new men. We Lewis gunners are busy, when not on company parades, training the battalion in the use of the gun. We take about fifty at a time and put them through a few days' course, then let them have a few rounds on the range. Most of them get a very fair idea of the gun, and the knowledge will come in very handy should we be wanted to do our bit of "pushing" again. And I quite expect to have to go in again soon. Oh, well, we can but go on and take what's coming. If we are "marked for it," as the boys say, we shall surely get it, so what is the use of worrying. I'm sure I'm not the one to do that, and I haven't seen the chap that does.

I believe they had some rain back your way and a few floods. We have had several small falls of snow, and the ground is white. A bit of snow-balling has been possible, but it is a hard matter to keep warm, especially the feet, while on parade. Lecturing doesn't give one a chance to move about. However, a good fire now and then makes all the difference. One of the worst days I have had lately was when we went out wiring up to the rear trenches. It was just raining lightly when we set out early in the morning. We got to an R.E. dump and each man (there were a hundred of us) picked up a coil of wire or iron stakes and tramped off through mud and slush up to where we had to work. There we started off in twenties, each twenty having about seventy yards to do. Well if it had been fine that was no hard job, but the cold rain turned to rain and sleet, with a driving rain. Good weather to handle rusty barbed wire and stakes—I don't think! We kept going, though half frozen and wet through; but when it began to snow in earnest we chucked it and set off home, about half a dozen miles the way we had to go. I know most of us got into bed, and my mate and I got across the street into a French-woman's shop, where we dried our clothes. Such is life on certain days, but usually we are well off. A happier crowd you couldn't find, and whatever comes you can depend we'll make the best of it. One thing, I can always rake up a good old smile, and find that it carries a chap a good way.



LANCE-CORPORAL W. F. KELLY.

PRIVATE H. CLARKE.

PRIVATE F. J. ROWLANDS.

I was glad, as I believe I told you before, to hear of the boys' success in the shooting. Indeed, I am proud of the old school, and wish it all the luck and prosperity it deserves. They were happy days I spent there, and I shan't forget them. We've got to get through with this job, and until we have settled it I can only look forward with pleasure to the time when I shall be with you again. I can see some very hard work sticking out for me, but I have learnt a great deal here, and feel sure that I will be able to work with a will at anything. I'm ashamed to say I never did that while at school. You knew that, of course, I suppose. That is looking a long way ahead, but what does it matter, the longest day has an end, and so will this affair.

I must say "au revoir" now, Mr. Moyes. Please remember me to the boys, and especially to Mrs. Moyes. With best of good wishes for the success of the new school.—Yours sincerely,

"WEED."

Sapper Irwin Howell writes from Codford:—

I am writing these few lines to see how I stand with regard to the subscriptions to the "Taranakian," as I am afraid I have been rather neglectful of late. If you would see how I stand and send my account in to my people I will arrange with them to fix it up for me.

I have just been reading through one of the recent School Magazines, and it was with deep regret that I read of the disastrous fire you have had, but was indeed pleased with the progress the School has made in the last few years, and feel sure that it can now hold its own with any other Secondary School in the Dominion.

Being attached to the Auckland Battalion, I did not come in touch with many of the old boys while I was over in France, but since coming over to England I have met several of them at different times. I met Captain-Surgeon I. E. Paris while in Armentieres in France, but later he went into hospital to undergo an operation and is now in charge of the surgical section of the New Zealand Convalescent Camp at Hornchurch, in Essex, England.

While in the 2nd London General Hospital I went with a party one afternoon to the London Opera House and then to the New Zealand Hostel in Russell Square, where I met Miss Grant, late of the High School, Mr. Nolan of Hawera, and one or two of the old boys, one of whom was David Brown, who gave me Mr. Pridham's address, but as yet I have not had a chance to look him up.

From London I went to the New Zealand General Hospital in Brockenhurst, Hants, where I met M'Isaac and Oliver, and also Miss Grant again, but this time in the role of official visitor to the hospital.

At present I am in a light training camp here at Codford, where they prepare us for the heavier work at Sling Camp after we come out of hospital. I have met a great many of the old boys here, including Cutfield, Molloy, Colson, from Sling Camp, Jenkinson, Hooker and several others I cannot call to mind at present. They are all looking fairly well and, judging from appearances, thoroughly enjoying life over here in this country.

We have got the worst part of the winter over now and most of us have felt it fairly severe, not being used to having the snow lying thick on the ground for weeks at a time, but things are getting much better now, and the last few days have brought a very agreeable change in the weather.

I will bring this to a close now, hoping I have not taken up too much of your time, and wishing to be remembered kindly to Mr. Moyes, the Masters and the boys.

Eric Colson writes:—

Codford, April 9, 1917.

I think I have already told you that I am now in the new Brigade they have formed here, and as soon as we are properly trained, etc., we shall go straight to France or somewhere desperate. We may be here two months; if so we shall get the good weather coming on. I am in the Taranaki Company of the Wellington Battalion, which is under Colonel Fletcher, and New Plymouth is well represented in the Company. Lieutenants Bullard and Laing, Sergeant-Major Roebuck, Lieut. Fraser, also Roch the referee, and many others perhaps you would not know. In other Battalions are Lieuts. Arden and Walter Matthews from Inglewood. I have met hundreds of acquaintances about here of late too numerous to mention. Lieut. Laing is my platoon officer, a good man of experience, and we have a very good company of men here, and the sooner we get away the better I think, as I am anxious to get doing my bit at the front after being so long on the training staff at Sling and here at Codford.

In our last issue we published extracts from the diary of Captain A. MacDiarmid. In this we continue his narrative from the time of his arrival in England:—

We landed in Plymouth. The trip through Devon in the early autumn was a revelation and an inspiration in the way of what can be done in the way of agriculture by a large population. The landscape was utterly different from that of New Zealand, and

was gorgeously beautiful, everything being so "finished" looking. It was easy to see where our "Landscape Targets" originated. After six weeks' stay at Sling Camp I went over to France in charge of a party of troops—an interesting trip. The country we passed through was not nearly so "finished" as England, and all that I have seen of France so far makes me wonder why the French do not simply give the whole show over to the Huns. But that is perhaps because I have seen only the worst part of the country and under the worst conditions. Nor was I impressed favourably with the people with whom we have so far come into contact, but that is because only the lower classes of farmers and farm-labourers are about here, and they are a mixture of French and Flemish. The language is difficult to understand, as there is so much patois spoken. I have been rubbing up my French, learnt at the "High," and find it very useful. Only this evening I had to translate a letter one of my men received from a French girl. I find it a jolly sight easier to make the people understand what I say than to understand them. They speak so quickly and my vocabulary is strictly limited, and the verbs are my "betes noires."

On reaching France in October I put in six days at the Base Camp, where all Reinforcements are put through a course at the "Bull Ring," and on October 13th I joined up the Rifle Brigade at a little village near the Belgian frontier. I arrived there late at night after a long tramp over the paved roads, and was posted to the command of D Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd N.Z. Rifle Brigade. I slept that night on the stone-flagged floor of a farmhouse, and had my first introduction to what Bairnsfather calls the "rectangular smell." All these farmhouses are built round three or four sides of a rectangle, the centre of which is a huge pit varying in size up to 40 feet by 20. Into these all stable manure, stable bedding, pig-stye muck, house refuse and drainage are put and allowed to rot until the early spring, when the manure is put on the fields and ploughed in. The farmhouse well is always situated right alongside these "rectangular smells," so you can easily understand why so many of the pumps are condemned by our medical men, and the battalion has to get water from its water-carts. Just as I write there is a ghastly cold wind blowing. This hut is in an advanced state of leakiness and my brazier is not burning too well, so I must turn into my bag and try to get warm there.

Continuing the letter next day he writes:—

I joined up the Battalion on its way back from the Somme, and the following day, October 14th, we were on the move and went by foot and motor lorry to a little village about 6000 yards

behind the actual line. Began to realise more fully that I was getting near the actual thing from the boom of the guns and solitary graves dotted at intervals along the roadsides; all the ground we passed over had been fought over two years before. Next day I saw several new sights. An aeroplane being shelled, a man stripped to the waist sitting in the sun and clearing his shirt of lice, church parade under the lee of a haystack, a 6in. howitzer in action, and picked up the position of my billet with map and compass.

At this billet we put in several days' training, and on October 21st I was told to report up in the trenches to inspect the part of the line I was to take over. Accordingly, after a long hot march, at 9.45 a.m. I stepped into the first actual communication trench I had been in, and after about half a mile of it, reported at the Headquarters of the Company I was to relieve. Some swank that Headquarters I can tell you. About 10ft. x 12ft., two bunks, a table, board floor, glass window (about one foot square) and a lace curtain of uncertain age. Went all through the Company sector of trenches and had a look at the Hun parapet. It would be difficult to imagine anything more different from the trenches we have in Trentham than these are; in fact, they are not trenches at all, but breastworks; the ground is too wet to dig any depth. On my way back to billets I saw an uncommon and most enthralling sight. A plane, marked with the British colours, flew right overhead from the Hun lines and made for one of our captive balloons a good distance away. When it got near I heard a rattle of machine-gun fire from the air and suddenly saw a little puff of smoke from the balloon, and the plane turned tail. In a very few seconds the balloon was an appalling mass of flames and started to fall faster and faster till it disappeared from sight. The plane, its work done, went hell for leather back for the Hun lines; but suddenly, apparently from nowhere, another plane appeared as a speck, growing rapidly bigger and bigger, until presently, having greater speed than the Hun, it overtook it, and both started manoeuvring for position. Our machine gained the weather gauge, and a few rounds of machine-gun fire spat out almost directly over my head, but to the great disappointment of those of us who were watching, our plane immediately afterwards sheered off and flew away, while the Hun got safely home again. It was the most thrilling and disappointing sight I have ever seen, and I was never nearer foul-mouthed cursing as when the Hun got away. I have seen many hundreds of planes since then, but never another aerial duel.

On October 25th our battalion took over a section of the line, and I had my first experience of trench warfare which, on that sector, was normally very dull.

Had my first experience of being under shell-fire on the 27th, and to tell the truth I rather enjoyed it, with a good thick parapet in front and a good parados behind. It is exciting work hearing the shells whizz over and wondering where they would land. The usual periodical spells in the trenches and billets continued till about January 8th, when our Brigade was pulled out for a 16 days' rest some few miles back from the line. The rest consisted of solid training every day, but was a tonic after the inevitable slackness of all ranks after so long in the trenches. After the rest we moved into the line again a little farther along from our old sector, and there I put in the coldest time I've ever known. For five weeks the ground was covered with snow, and there were heavy frosts daily for the last four weeks, and those of us who had never been through a Continental winter before got an eye-opener in the way of cold. Ponds and ditches were frozen, goodness knows how many inches thick, and we had great fun, and many falls, sliding on the ponds. Washing and making my toilet in the mornings at the door of my dugout was a painful process. My batman used to bring me hot water in a canvas bucket, and before I had finished with it the bucket would be frozen to the concrete, shaving brush stiff as a board, comb covered with particles of ice after I had done my hair, and my fingers cold beyond words. The bread was frozen, bully beef was full of granulated ice, fountain pens would freeze if laid on the table for a few minutes, and even the water in my felt-covered water-bottle was frozen in my dugout. I never want another experience like it.

During that cold spell the Hun treated us to a gas bombardment and inflicted several casualties on a Company on my right. We got a whiff of it over our lines, but nothing to worry about. Two or three nights after that though, we did have to worry, as at 9 p.m. he gave us the heaviest artillery fire the Brigade had had since the Somme. I was just turning in when suddenly the Hun started chucking stuff over as hard as he could, so I got out and ran along to the signallers and wired through the S.O.S. message. This, with us, is not a signal that we are "in extremis," but is a call for our artillery to paste all they can into No Man's Land, as a heavy sudden bombardment on front and support lines and C.T.'s usually is the prelude to a raid. Our guns opened up in fine style, and things were merry for about half an hour—guns, machine guns and Lewis guns all going their darndest, and then gradually things quietened down. We learned soon that Fritz had attempted to raid the Company on our right, but had had no success, and all his heavy fire had resulted in only two slight casualties with us.

Next day we very gladly handed over that sector to another Battalion, and shortly after that our whole Division was relieved by a new "Tommy" Division. We moved, by a two days' tramp,

to a totally new sector, where we are now, and it's a h— of a sector—a tremendous amount of artillery activity. As I write the hut is in a continuous state of tremor from the heavy stuff Fritz is pitching over at one of our heavy batteries which has been annoying him. We had a bad introduction here, too. Relieved a "Tommy" Brigade late one evening in inconceivably bad trenches and next morning were properly raided by Fritz, who got the Company on my left rather badly. They put a box barrage on the front and support lines and C.T. of my Company, so that I could get no information through either to front or rear from my dugout, which was situated between front and support lines. By Jove, they did shake things up for a while, and things were mighty unpleasant. My Company has been wonderfully fortunate, and we are looked on as being very lucky while I have been with them in the line. In five months we have only had one man killed, and his case was mighty hard indeed. He was my Company clerk and had just brought me the daily routine orders and was going up the C.T. to his dugout in the front line when a "Rumjar" must have landed on the side of the parapet right by him and killed him instantly. A "Rumjar" is a Hun medium trench mortar shell and is wonderfully like the earthenware rumjars both in shape and size—the effect is quite different and most unpleasant. The "Minnie" is the heavy trench mortar shell and is what we hate more than anything else—except perhaps the users of them.

I can tell you we were heartily glad when this last trick in the trenches came to an end; most of us were nervy and pretty well worn out. The trenches were in a shocking state; so bad that we could only keep the men in the front line for 24 hours at a spell, and then relieved them from the supports. We had to wear thigh gum boots continuously, and for scores of yards had to wade through mud and slush up to our knees. I have seen men go into holes in the trench almost to the waist. Other parts the mud was the consistency of very thick treacle, and each step was an effort. Being very short of officers I had to take a trench watch day and night, and my word three hours tramping backwards and forwards along that trench at night time, visiting the sentry groups, was no joke. Usually about 11 p.m. my observer and I used to call at the S.M.'s dugout for a stiff nip of rum.

W. H. Jenkinson ("Jenkie") writes from Sling Camp:—

I have been keeping a diary this year, so can tell you fairly exactly what has been happening for the last month or so. New Year's Day I was in Codford. I think there is only one place in England that is worse than Codford and that is this place (Sling). On Wednesday, January 3rd, I went up to the doctor and asked

him to recommend me for leave. This he did. He gave me seven days, and it did not take me long to push it through the Orderly Room. I have a friend or two among the clerks. Thursday morning I left for Burnley, via Bristol and Manchester. I spent a few hours in Bristol, but as I had been there several times before I was not very much interested. Bristol is not a bad place, though; I have had many a jolly week-end here. Manchester was my next stop, and I stayed there four days with some people whom I had met on my last visit to Manchester, and as you may guess I made the most of my time. I visited all the art galleries and museums and other places of interest. Although I had such a good time in Manchester, I must say I do not think it comes up to other towns I have visited. It is too smoky and business-like. Burnley was the next town I visited. It is a typical Lancashire cotton town. It is funny to see the people going home after a day's work with their clogs and shawls. I have relations in Burnley, and I had spent a couple of days with them when I suddenly decided that I would like to see Liverpool. So off I went by the next train. I forgot to state that before I left Burnley I had wired to our Headquarters for an extension of furlough. This was granted, giving me ten days instead of seven. I happened to have an address, given to me before I left New Zealand, of some people in Liverpool, so the first thing I did was to hunt them up. They proved to be very nice people, and I stayed with them for a day or so. Liverpool is a fine place; in fact to my mind it is one of the finest towns in England. The docks are well worth visiting. I was lucky enough to meet a gentleman who was on the "Dock Board," so you may be sure I made the most of my time and went over them thoroughly. I spent three days in Liverpool, and saw most of the sights worth seeing. I hope to go there again one of these days. If I am lucky enough to get back to "Blighty," this time I intend to go to Ireland when I get furlough. If I ever get to Ireland it will be via France, for I am going over to France again in ten days' time. I left Liverpool and went back to Codford via London and Walton-on-Thames. I arrived back a day late. Of course I was on the mat for it, but I had an excuse ready (you know what I am like for excuses) and got off Scot free.

As soon as I got back to Codford it struck me that it was about time I did something, so as my knee had been lasting fairly well I went up to the doctor and told him that I was fit for France. Two days later I came to this place and have been training ever since. Drill! Drill!! Drill!!! I am fed up with it. I dream about it. For almost a month I have heard of nothing else but "Left, right! Left, right!" "Hold your head up!" "Eyes right!" etc., etc. Thank Heaven! I have almost finished with it now. I have now finished my training and am once more a "trained soldier." I expect leave any day now—then, what oh! for France.

This has been the coldest winter that England has experienced for over twenty years, and the Salisbury Plains are the coldest parts of England, so you can see that training here is not all "apples and pears." For the last three weeks it has been freezing day and night. The water in our fire-buckets is frozen solid. We often take the ice out, but in two or three days it is solid again. For over a week we have had frozen snow on the ground, so you may guess one gets very cold when going through a course of musketry.

I will give you some idea of the training we do here, as I know you will be interested. To start with, there is the much-dreaded "Bull Ring." Here we go through bayonet drill, "physical jerks," squad, platoon and company drill, besides gas and bomb practice. Everything is done at the double in the "Bull Ring." Before finishing one's course one has to go through "gas" and throw three live bombs. The gas is the ordinary chlorine gas. It is in a gas chamber, and we have to go in this chamber with our gas helmets on. The bombs are the ordinary Mills' mark five. I got "first class" for throwing, so I have a chance of being made a bomber.

Some time during next week I am going on four days' embarkation leave. I intend to visit friends in London and Walton-on-Thames.

I saw a School Mag. the other day—the first I have seen since I left New Zealand, and I see that the new Boarding House is now finished. It seems to be a splendid place. There are a good many Old Boys in this camp, including "Monty" (Monteath), Eric Lepine, Billing, Ben Adlam, Eric Rolands, Brokenshire, Lieut. S. Paul, Lieut. N. Little, Grant, N. F. Skelton, and several others. We often get together and have a chat about the old School.

I must close now. Give my kindest regards to the Masters and boys.

Private Howard Mackie writes from Walton-on-Thames, March 15:—

About a month ago I reckoned that I had had long enough in hospital and camp doing nothing, and decided to try for furlough, and then go on to Codford for training. However, the doctor considered my hand was not fit for stretcher-bearing and might never be again, and thought that it wasn't fair to me to have to go on to Codford, handicapped as I was. I tried him twice, but he would not let me go, so finally I told him I wanted a staff job if I could not go on to Codford, so he got me to apply for a job here. He recommended it, and finally I was advised that I was to be transferred here.

After getting furlough I headed for Scotland again, intending to visit Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness and Aberdeen. All of these I managed except Inverness, for which I had hardly enough time. I left camp on the Friday afternoon, February 23; spent the weekend in London; was in Edinburgh till Friday, March 2; put in Friday and Saturday in Glasgow; had Sunday in Edinburgh, and the rest of the time was spent in Methlick or else in travelling, until I finally landed back here at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10.

I left for Edinburgh, from King's Cross, by the 10 a.m. train on Monday, and arrived in Edinburgh about 7.30 p.m. Colonials coming off the train there are met by two gentlemen from the Victoria League Club for Overseas Soldiers, and if they have nowhere arranged to stay at, are conducted to quarters either in Rutland Square or at Ramsay Lodge, near the Castle. I landed up at Ramsay Lodge, and a nice comfortable place it is. The ladies who serve the meals and do the cooking, etc., are all volunteers, and are very kind indeed, and the place is just like a home. Tariff was: Beds 1s 6d, breakfast 1s 3d, dinner 1s 6d, tea 1s, which was very reasonable considering the price of foodstuffs here now, and also that the meals were first-class. Also, there is a fine cosy writing room, a reading room, and a billiard room on the premises, so that you can see it is quite up to date. Tuesday I spent strolling round Edinburgh with an Australian boy, getting to know the lie of the town. On Wednesday several of us—Canadians, Australians, and New Zealanders—went out to the Forth Bridge. On Thursday the Australian and I visited the Castle, St. Giles' Cathedral, Holyrood Palace, and went a good way up the path round the Salisbury Crags, but could not get on to Arthur's Seat, as they have anti-aircraft guns there now. I bought a camera while in Edinburgh and took a couple of photos of Ramsay Lodge, one of Holyrood Palace, and one of the city, but neither of the last two turned out any good owing to wrong focussing. Well, I went to Glasgow on Friday morning, and put up at the Welcome Club (for overseas soldiers) in Sauchiehall Street, which is run much after the style of those in Edinburgh. In the afternoon I took the car to one of the termini and, after a pleasant stroll, landed in Cambuslang. Passing a school there I heard some fine singing, so I ventured in and met the headmaster, Mr. Buchanan, who made me most welcome. He took me to the class which was singing, and made them sing again for my benefit, and showed me right through the school. Strange to say, Ernie Whyte, who was in the Medical Corps with me in Trentham and in No. 3 Field Ambulance, is a great friend and regular correspondent of Mr. Buchanan's. I have a very cordial invitation to visit them again and to see through the school in working hours, whenever I am in Glasgow again. On Saturday morning I went to see the University,

but the Art Gallery and Museum being open, and near to the University, I spent two or three hours looking through them instead. The Art Gallery and Museum is a beautiful building, and they have a splendid collection of pictures, and also of birds, animals, curios, etc., that go to make up a museum. That part of the City is very pretty, with its fine parks, and the University is beautifully situated on a hill, with plenty of open space around it. If only Marischal College, from Aberdeen, could be put there, instead of the building they have now, I don't believe that there would be a finer university in the world. In the afternoon I went to see a football match, just to see "soccer" as it is played in Scotland—the home of the game, and I was surprised to see a crowd of 10,000 or so watching one of the ordinary cup matches. It was a good game, however, and worth watching. I met a Scotty at the match, and we had tea together; then we both had to catch trains, mine going back to Edinburgh at 9 o'clock. On Sunday morning I went to the service in St. Giles' Cathedral, and never have seen a church so well packed. I did not manage to hear much of the service, however, as the stone pillars in the centre seemed to stop the sound.

On Monday morning another Australian and I caught an early train for Aberdeen, and arrived there about mid-day. On the journey we got into conversation with a Scotty in the Field Artillery, who had come back from France to sit for his commission, and also with a Scotch gentleman, and when we got out at Aberdeen this old gentleman invited us to come and have dinner with him at a tea-room, which we did, and a fine dinner we had.

From Aberdeen this Australian and I journeyed to Methlick under rather unfavourable circumstances. We got to Udney in a snowstorm, or really a blizzard, and found that we had nearly four hours to wait for the mail car. However, some kind folk took us in for a warm by their fire, and afterwards we discovered that the seats on the mail car were all booked up, so we had to hire a car instead to go there. We got put out at the foot of the Buckie Burn, and going up the brae it was all we could do to face the driving snow. Against the dykes there were drifts of snow four feet deep, so you can imagine what it was like. Next day it was snowing still and quite as cold, so we only ventured out as far as the village, and for the rest of the time sat round the fire mostly. I stayed on till Friday morning, and on the Wednesday afternoon paid a visit to the Chapel Park folk (relatives). On Thursday there was a patriotic sale and concert at Methlick, and luckily it was a fine, sunny day, although there was still plenty of snow about. They had a most successful day, realising over £650, which was very good for a small district like Methlick. One stirk (bullock) brought £46 (sold only once), and a goat (sold several times)

brought £40. I had my camera with me, and took some snapshots, several of which I am enclosing.

Next morning I had to be down at Methlick Post Office at 6.15 a.m. for the car, and it was indeed a keen, frosty morning. Our car developed a leak in the radiator, and they had to get another one to take us on after we had travelled half-way, but we managed to get the train in time. I had a couple of hours to spend in Aberdeen, and four or five in Edinburgh, and then, travelling all night, landed in London on Saturday morning at 8.30. Spent the morning there, and got back here at 2 p.m.

Well, this is nearly a fortnight that I have been here now, and the life is suiting me all right. I am on general duties, which includes cleaning bath-rooms, sweeping, putting up tents, coal heaving, shifting boxes, stretcher-bearing, etc., but this last I am unable to do. I can manage the coal shovelling and carrying all right, so you see I am not so handicapped as you might think. However, we don't get worked very hard, and as we get good food and have good beds, life is fairly pleasant. Most of us on the staff are sleeping at Oatlands Park Hospital, over a mile from here, so that we have a nice little walk down to breakfast in the morning and home after tea at night. Midway between the two places is a fine house turned into a "Y.M.C.A.," and it is the cosiest and nicest little place of its kind that I have seen. It has a very cosy club room, writing room, dining room, and other rooms, and another chap and I have started a photographic studio in one of the rooms, with the permission of the ladies in charge. We get plenty of music there, and the place is just like a home; so much so, that so far I have spent all my evenings there.

Writing a week later, Private Mackie says:—Over here we are beginning to realise there is a war on. Although we have not had to go hungry yet, we are having our rations cut down, and have been accustomed the last few months to having very little sugar. Lately we have been several days without potatoes.

Private Mackie further mentions that as a new brigade of infantry from the New Zealanders is being made up, a new Field Ambulance is also being got together from the convalescent men. His hand, however, is not recovered, and he will probably be kept in England for a while.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

"FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."

BOLLINGER, G. W., Lieutenant.—George Bollinger was in the service of the Bank of New South Wales and was stationed at Hastings when the war broke

out. He left with the Main Body of the Expeditionary Force and took part in the landing at Gallipoli. After serving there for six months he was invalided to Egypt. On being promoted to the rank of Sergt.-Major he returned to New Zealand to take up commissioned rank in one of the Reinforcements. He was again in the thickest of the fighting when he gave his life for the cause.

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Diprose, A. W., Corp.	Serpell, S. L., Med. Corps.
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Grayling, F. S., Pvt.	Stanton, V. W., Pvt.
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NEW PLYMOUTH 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	One Dark Suit for Sunday
Two Uniform Knickers	One Overcoat
Three pairs School Stockings	Two pairs Boots

One pair House Shoes	Three Bath Towels
One pair Rubber Shoes	One Necktie (black preferred)
One School Cap and Badge	Brush and Comb
One Leather Belt	Clothes Brush
Two Pyjama Suits	Tooth Brush
Two Soft Shirts suitable for Linen Collars	Tooth Powder
Two Singlets (if worn)	One pair Braces
Eight Handkerchiefs	One Prayer Book
Four 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., VIA. and VIB. In this department boys are prepared for the following examinations:—

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

*This examination is held in December of each year. The subjects are (compulsory) English, History, Elementary Mathematics, Geography, General Knowledge; (optional—two of the following) Mathematics (Div. II.), Physics, Chemistry, French or German.

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

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

Senior 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 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.

FEES (Per Term).

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

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

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

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

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EDITORIAL.

LEAVE-TAKING is seldom a pleasant thing, especially when long-standing ties are severed. Mr. Walter Bewley was, in the early history of the School, a member of the Board of Governors. Later on he resigned his seat and afterwards became Secretary to the Board. This office he has held for many years, and during that time has shown himself to be an efficient and painstaking official. Not only was Mr. Bewley the Board's Secretary, but he also took a keen personal interest in the School. His grasp of the business and his unfailing courtesy to all with whom he came into official relations will long be remembered. It is therefore with all the more regret that we learn that he is to retire from the position at the end of the year. We take this opportunity of bidding him farewell, and hope that many years of rest will be granted him. Further, we only hope that his successor in office will prove as diligent, helpful and courteous.

We hope that the words uttered by the Minister for Defence and by the Headmaster will long remain in the memories of those who heard them on Sports Day. Most emphatically a boy's education, that is, his equipment for the battle of life, does not consist merely in what he learns inside the four walls of the class-room. To be sure he learns there over and above his actual subjects of study the groundwork of character and the qualities of truthfulness, honour and self-reliance. But these moral qualities can be but partially learned inside.

What is wanted in addition is the fuller development in all the outside activities. But we leave the moral aspect to glance at the physical. All too late have educational officials (not teachers) come to recognise the fact that the development of the body must go on "pari passu" with that of the mind and of the character. The present war has emphasised this point. So far are modern appliances of war from precluding the necessity for personal vigour and bodily strength and endurance, that it would seem that the contrary were the fact.

Hence we feel that it is not out of place once more to bring forward this most important subject. The number of parents who still object to their sons' participation in the regular school athletics, or who give but a grudging consent, is larger than one would be inclined to believe. Games are, we contend, absolutely necessary for the proper physical development of all boys, and are further, the most pleasant and easiest form of exercise. We have long advanced beyond the stage at which instruction in order to be effective was considered necessarily irksome. The old system of thwarting for thwarting's sake has gone.

We hope we shall be pardoned for once more referring to the old bogey of waste of time in sport. This ghost we tried in the editorial published in the "Taranakian" of May, 1914, to lay. Had we space we should reproduce here the analysis there given of a boy's week.

A further part of a boy's education, and a very important part too, is that of learning how public and official functions of all kinds are conducted. This training every properly conducted secondary school endeavours to give; and many a boy has had occasion to bless the day on which this instruction was given. On the other hand much of the bungling and awkwardness only too painfully apparent in many public functions is due to nothing but lack of this training. The good schoolmaster is the good opportunist, and he makes the most of all visits of eminent men, Ministers of the Crown, &c. It is but right that the citizens of to-morrow should have opportunities of seeing and hearing such men. These men must in no way be to any member of the community mere abstractions; and we strongly hold that time taken from regular school-lessons for such purposes is well spent.

In spite of our somewhat lengthy sojourn as guests of the Taranaki Jockey Club and in spite of the great difficulty experienced in obtaining books, material and

apparatus, we are glad to be able to say, in all truthfulness, that the School is much more efficiently equipped than we had thought possible. The great difficulty was the laboratory accommodation, chemicals and apparatus. However the difficulty has been very largely overcome. The work certainly is being carried on under difficulties, but owing to the loyal co-operation of Masters and boys and owing to a resolute endeavour on the part of all to make the best of all circumstances, these difficulties have very largely disappeared. But the new building now seems at last to be in sight, and the enjoyment of this will be all the sweeter because of the recollection of difficulties surmounted.

One of the lessons of the present war is the enormous value of intensive and scientific culture of the soil. There is not the slightest doubt that Germany has been able to hold out as long and stoutly as she has done, and seems likely to be able to continue to do, mainly owing to her full recognition of the value of scientific agriculture. But there are signs that in this country this matter is being taken up seriously. So far the soil has been producing crops of all kinds without much attention to scientific treatment, and merely because of the plant-food which had been accumulating for many centuries. In order to encourage still further the study of agriculture, properly so called, the Education Department has established Agricultural Bursaries, which are tenable on the same terms as those awarded in Home Science. While the neglect of what are sometimes called "culture" (not "kultur") subjects would be a disaster, there is no doubt that such technical subjects as Agriculture and Home Science have been long neglected.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following have entered the School during the Second Term:—Hodder, H.; Prideaux, J.; Bayly, Gordon; Bell, G.; Bell, D.

The following have entered the School during the Third Term: Wilkie, W. G.; Catanach, W.; Grant, K.; Gilbert, R.; Scown, G.; Williamson, R.; Pearce, E.

The following left during the First Term:—Boon, A.; Prideaux, E.

The following left during the Second Term:—Pitt, H.; Rigg, C.; Sampson, L.; Hill, C.; Allen, K.; Blane, P. G.; Hughes, Allan; Marshall, R.; Morrison, D. C.; Pease, R. H.; Hill, F. R.; Hutchinson, A.; Yates, R.; West, K. T.; Scown, R. S.

The following left during the Third Term:—Fookes, N. C.; Brydon, I. R.; Bedford, E.; M'Hardy, O.

On September 20th, Mr. Broome-Smith gave a lecture in the School Dining-room. Mr. Smith spent 23 years in mission work in West Africa. His sphere of labour extended from the Congo all along the coast as far as Sierra Leone and Senegambia. During his work he came into contact with all sorts of types of men. In West Africa the Mohammedans are very numerous, and they are the only active missionaries other than Christian. We learned that some of the natives, particularly those along the northern shore of the Gulf of Guinea and of the hinterland of this territory, were highly intelligent, and, in many cases, highly cultured. Most especially is this the case with the powerful Hausas. Many of these are now at the front in France and Flanders, and have acquitted themselves like men. Missionary activity in the parts of Africa where Mr. Smith worked has had remarkable success; but "the harvest is white and the labourers are few." Of the eight bishops in Western Africa four are natives, all of whom are graduates by examination of English universities. We were much interested by the account of the pigmies in the great, dark forest of the Aruwimi. These little folk, who have suffered so much at the hands of both natives and Europeans, are now being converted to Christianity. Mr. Smith touched upon the brutalities practised by German officials in the Cameroons. He also told us incidentally that he had bound up two hundred and one footless legs and handless arms, all victims of European greed. The lecture was illustrated by a series of excellent lantern slides. These views gave a very vivid idea of life and scenery in the great continent. This is all the more interesting at this time, when almost the whole of Africa will soon be in the hands of the Allies, Britain, France and Portugal.

It is not often that a Minister of the Crown is present at the ordinary school dining-table at the usual hour and with the regular boarders. Such, however, was the case on Sports Day, when Sir James Allen came up to the School with Captain Rockstrow and lunched

there. After this the Minister was present at the Sports until the prize-giving at 3 o'clock. Fortunately the day was fine, and the grounds were looking their very best. We imagine that a three-hours' respite from deputations is a somewhat novel experience for a Minister of the Crown; but we firmly believe that even Ministers when visiting for some special purpose, as was Sir James Allen, should be treated as guests of the day, and should be allowed to forget business for a short time. We trust that Sir James Allen will some time visit the School again, and we can assure him that, though we are but small, he will be heartily welcome.

There has passed away this term a figure well known to every boy, especially to the Boarders. We append a clipping from the local press, and wish to assure Mrs. Roberts of our sincerest sympathy in her bereavement:—After a long illness, Mr. J. A. Roberts passed away this morning at the age of 64 years. He came to New Plymouth thirty years ago and established himself in a small fruit and grocery business where Mr. Waddle's tailor's shop is now. The Tea-pot store he called it, and the name was retained after he removed to Eliot Street, "Tea-pot's" becoming quite an established institution. Mr. Roberts himself was a man quite out of the ordinary; he had seen a good deal of the world and was of an observant nature and fond of reading, so that he was excellent company. Some two or three years ago he met with an accident, breaking a leg, and as for very many years he had been in anything but robust health, recovery was slow; in fact it may be said that he never recovered, and latterly his strength had steadily declined and his friends realised that his end could not be long deferred.

Since the appearance of the last issue of the "Taranakian," an Old Boy who left School but two years ago and a present boy have both learned that their fathers have laid down their lives for the cause of freedom and justice while fighting on the French front. We refer to Burford Norman and Stewart Jackson. To both these and to the other members of the bereaved families we tender our sincerest sympathy. In doing so, however, we feel that "better love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

One afternoon as P. Wright was on his way home from School, and was quietly cycling down the Gover Street hill, a dog ran out and got in front of the machine. Wright did his best to avoid the animal, but in vain.

The consequence was a nasty fall. He received some bad bruises and was for some little time very much dazed by his fall. Fortunately help was at hand, and after receiving every attention he was sent home in a taxi-cab. After a week's enforced absence he returned to School quite recovered, and ready to run over and damage seriously the next dog.

We are very sorry to have to record that both H. Blanchard and R. Goldsworthy have been for some months in the Hospital. They are, however, now well on the road to recovery, and are able to get about a little. We hope to see them both back at School again as usual at the beginning of next year.

At the end of October the Jockey Club decided to enlarge the "Tote." This meant that the festive and gay Fourth Formers had to leave their loved haunts. They were transferred to the Outer Stand, and the staid and studious Fifth were accommodated upstairs in the large Stand. So true it is that merit always rises. The chief drawback from the point of view of the Fourth Formers is the very near proximity of their place of study, or, as traducers assert, their place of gambols, to the Stationery Room

On Tuesday, September 4th, the day on which we resumed school after our week's holiday, Sapper Moore-Jones came up to the School and delivered us a most interesting lecture in aid of the Returned Soldiers' Association. The School dining-room made an excellent lecture-hall, and it was well filled. The lecture, which was illustrated by some seventy excellent lantern slides, was of very great interest. The slides were all the work of Sapper Moore-Jones himself, and we had the assistance of our own eyes in getting a much better understanding of the insuperable difficulties of the Gallipoli campaign.

We were first shown maps of the near East, then of the Peninsula, then of the actual ground fought over. One of the great difficulties met with was the meagre knowledge of the country, till, fortunately a good map was found on the body of a Turkish officer. On looking at the steep, forbidding cliffs we wondered that a landing was ever effected, and that, when this was effected, our gallant troops ever hung on. Anzac Cove, Suvla Bay, Shrapnel Gully, Achi Baba, Jobson's Jolly, and such names have now become realities for us.

The story of the landing, of the progress of the campaign, and of the evacuation has been told so often that we much preferred to hear Sapper Moore-Jones's running commentary on his pictures and to listen to his informal talk. In this way the whole business was brought home to us much more vividly, and it is but right that this should be so. We were much interested to hear the lecturer say, as John Masefield has said, that we were within an ace of forcing the Straits, and that the attempt must by no means be written down a complete failure.

A small charge was made for admission, and the Association benefitted to the extent of over £5.

No doubt in time to come we shall, especially when the war is over, have many opportunities of seeing views and of hearing good lectures; but it is safe to say that few will have for us the interest that Sapper Moore-Jones's pictures and lectures on the Gallipoli campaign have had.

About the middle of the last Term the Jockey Club began the enlargement of the Totalisator building. This necessitated an exodus of the Fourth Form. This celebrated Form had lived so long in undisturbed possession of its safe seclusion that it mourned, as did Ngatitoo or the Accadians in their days of migration, but the Fates were relentless; and so the migration took place to the Outer Stand, long the sanctum of the Fifth. The latter were accommodated upstairs in the Ladies' Room in the large Stand. The full-length mirrors which adorn the walls of this room are much appreciated by the new arrivals. A marked improvement in their general appearance is already most noticeable. Unfortunately, the location seems likely to be only temporary, and a return to the old haunts is imminent. The great drawback to the present quarters of the Fourth is the immediate proximity of the Stationery Room.

On the 30th of July the School was assembled for the presentation of Live-saving and Long-distance Swimming Certificates and Medallions won by the boys during the year. Mr. D. J. Hughes, President of the local branch of the Life-saving Society, before presenting the Certificates, expressed his appreciation of the progress made in this branch of sport by the School in the past few years. He strongly urged those who were not efficient in the art of swimming and life-saving to become

efficient as soon as possible. Mr. P. Schwartz announced that in the coming year a meeting would be held for the Championship of the Secondary Schools of the Province. He also stressed the point that all boys should become acquainted with the knowledge of swimming and life-saving. The Medallions and Certificates were then presented by Mr. Hughes. The complete list of recipients appears in the last issue of "The Taranakian."

One day about the middle of the Second Term, Mr. Moyes announced that we had been requested by the ladies of the Patriotic Committee to run the Red Cross Mart. At a meeting of the School it was decided that committees should be formed from the Forms VIA. and VIb. These committees began to collect produce, meat, etc., from all around in view of having a record day, and to make all arrangements. As the day approached, boys brought game and poultry, which the Smart Road Freezing Works kindly consented to keep.

On the day before the great day, boys were busy skinning hares, plucking fowls, making stalls, while some of our enthusiastic shots fitted up a rifle-range. Mr. Openshaw kindly assisted us in the butcher's shop, the result being that this presented a most business-like and attractive appearance by Friday night, when the stock of meat was inspected by a number of people.

Mrs. Moyes, assisted by a number of ladies, managed the cake and sweet stalls, and, on Saturday morning, the produce and flower stalls were arranged on the footpath, and all were soon in full swing. Mrs. Burgess was in charge of the flowers, Mrs. Walker of the small goods, and Mrs. Kebell of the produce. Before 10 o'clock boys were out selling buttonholes, golliwogs, oranges, shilling parcels and tickets for all manner of guesses and competitions. The rifle range was banging away, and the various stalls were doing good business. Before noon the butcher's stock showed signs of being depleted, but the other stalls were still doing a roaring trade.

Throughout the afternoon, a rose-bowl given by Mr. Hayden, a wristlet watch given by Mr. Greiner, a painting by Mr. Bradbury, and several other articles of value were disposed of. Trade went on briskly till about half-past five o'clock, when almost everything was sold. About this time the takings were collected, and it was found, much to our surprise, that the proceeds of the day

were in the neighbourhood of £200. By the time all the receipts were handed in a day or two later, the total was found to be £203 15s.

Needless to say, we were pleased with this amount, and we wish to express our hearty thanks to the ladies who so kindly assisted us, and to Mr. Openshaw, and to those parents who lent their cars to collect produce, and to all donors of material or produce.

"L'entente cordiale" produces something more than its title implies. In proof we give the following examples of sight translation:—*La vieille diligence*—The diligent old lady; *Il s'assit en donnant aux chevaux leurs anciens sobriquets*—Assisted in hurling their old sobriquets at the horses (evidently the translator was thinking of, first "briquettes" and then of "bricks"; "old," we presume, refers to brick-bats, which have been used as missiles).

Another translator is impressed with the extreme age of the horses. He translates "*chevaux plus maigres que nature*" by "horses older than nature."

Yet another gives in "*les chevaux qui devaient enlever la voiture*" a translation reminiscent of Gulliver in "horses happened to occupy the carriage."

War-work is to be encouraged among our sisters, especially if the following remark culled from a French essay is true. The bloom of youth is ever coveted and many and complex are the cosmetics used and recommended, but the following prescription is the simplest and cheapest: *Nos soeurs courent pour etre plus fraises.* We hope our lady friends will try the method.

On August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, the School was inspected by the Education Department's Inspectors, Messrs. Rudman and Cresswell. These gentlemen made an exhaustive examination of the School in all its departments, and saw every class actually at work. This is not the place in which to refer to the report on the school, but both expressed approval of much that they saw. They had in this school what they have had in no other, namely, the poetry of motion. Indeed, we shall not be exaggerating greatly when we say that while putting a question or while listening to an answer our visitors' eyes would wander out eastward and be occupied, to some extent at least, by the poetry of motion, as the pundits of Form VIA. would say:

Quadrupedante putrem sonitu quatit ungula campum.
To which we would add:

A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the wisest men.

The half-term holiday was given on Monday, October 22nd. This enabled many of the boarders to get away from Friday afternoon till Monday night or Tuesday morning. Many went home, and others went to friends. One party went camping near Egmont Village on the green banks of Waiwakaiho. Another party accompanied by several teachers took cars to the end of Mangorei Road, and then shouldering their swags tramped to the top of the Ranges. Tempted by the treacherous fineness of the weather, instead of camping at the usual Ranges' Camp, they pushed on to the saddle leading up to the Hump. On this saddle they bivouacked for the night. All promised well till the clouds came up early in the morning. This was followed by rain about 6 a.m. A comfortable night had however been spent in spite of the fact that one youth spent a night of misery as his bunk-fellow persisted in making him "lay on a stump." After breaking camp a move was made up the Hump and across the swamp. Thence they marched to the North Egmont Hostelry. During the whole of the tramp rain came down in torrents, and at times the wind blew fiercely. However huge fires and good appetites soon made all comfortable in a short time. Next day a return to town was made in cars. We understand the Egmont Village party enjoyed fully the interior of their tent, although some of them did go up to the Mountain House and then walked round to Dawson's Falls, while another party made an unsuccessful attempt on the summit, unsuccessful only on account of the rain. It was very unfortunate that the rain spoiled so much of the outings. But it is worth noting that not one member of any of the parties was one whit the worse in any way for tramping and wetting. Indeed all are more than ready to go again.

The fine engravings of "The Coronation of Queen Victoria," "The Marriage of Her Majesty," and "The Christening of the Prince of Wales," so kindly presented by Archdeacon Evans, have now been hung in the dining-room. There they are a distinct addition on account of their artistic excellence as well as on account of their historical interest.



NEW HOUSE FROM ACROSS THE GULLY.

We have always understood that the Racecourse was laid out primarily for the purposes of horse training and racing. But this year it has been the scene of human training and contests. For weeks before the Steeplechase, and indeed to some extent since then, the Racecourse was the regular school training ground. The training has been very largely under supervision of the masters, and every encouragement has been given to youthful athletes. Soon after the beginning of the third term relay races round the course were run. The Senior was won by Form VIb., and the Junior by Form V.

The winter and spring just past seemed to us to have been unusually wet. Reference to actual observations bears out the general impression. Gum-boots and water-tights have been much in evidence, and the long grass in spring tested the water-resisting capacity of these to the utmost. We have, however, the consolation of knowing that we have only one more year to spend on the Racecourse. As it is we have been more comfortable than we had any right to expect, and therefore our gratitude is further due to the Taranaki Jockey Club, which has assisted us in every possible way.

Every term sees an extension of the work done in the Gully. The reclamation and widening is pushed forward constantly. At the present rate of operations we shall have in the not remote future the whole area reclaimed and both sides terraced. There will be sufficient room for a full-sized football ground, while the terraced sides will afford a unique advantage to spectators. Like everything else, this development has been seriously hindered by the war.

A reporter who had a great flow of language and of the resources of English once stated that "on the golf links hundreds of woolly mowing-machines were at work keeping down the grass." We have adopted the suggestion, and for some time a number of sheep have been enclosed on the Sports' Ground. The result has been a distinct improvement in the quality of the turf. The grass has been kept within limits during the rush of spring growth. The unusual amount of rain this winter and spring has caused more trouble than usual in dealing with lawns and turf.

After a very long delay en route the Christmas tobacco parcels sent by the present boys to the Old Boys who are at the Front have arrived. In the Old Boys'

column will be found a number of letters acknowledging receipt of these parcels. The chief value of the letters seems to us to lie in the fact that they are a bond between us, and that they give us so vivid a picture of conditions at the Front. These details are not the items given by the usual news agencies.

One of the amenities of our temporary quarters on the Racecourse is the annual clearing-up. Every desk, form, blackboard, etc., has to be taken over to the school. The matter is complicated by the transference of all the stock of books and stationery and of the fittings of the stationery room. We believe that this will be our last temporary fitting, and that our next move after this one will be to our new buildings.

Although the eruption of a volcano can hardly be said to be a school matter, yet so seldom are we within the reach of such phenomena that we mention here the fact that the detonations of the outburst of Ngauruhoe were distinctly both heard and felt in New Plymouth. To read of eruptions in a text-book is all very well, but to hear and feel is a very much more real thing. It is to be regretted that the very cloudy weather which prevailed during the end of October and the beginning of November effectively prevented us from seeing any smoke or glow from the mountain. We presume that most people know that Ngauruhoe, while not visible from the actual town as Ruapehu is, is quite readily seen on a clear day from the top of Paritutu. Although the mountain itself is not visible it might fairly be inferred that any smoke or glow seen a little to the north of Ruapehu would be that from Ngauruhoe.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We wish to acknowledge, with many thanks, the following gifts:—

Mrs. Bothamley has presented us with a handsome cup for a sports trophy.

Mrs. Paton has given a number of books to the Library.

Mr. J. E. Wilson has also presented the Library with books.

Mr. T. Avery has presented the Library with a copy of "Chemistry in the Service of Man."

Mr. Swanson has presented us with a set of boxing-gloves.

Mr. B. H. Chaney has given a cup for a Boxing trophy.

Mr. Maclaren Thomson has given us swimming trophies.

Mr. Hutchen has given a literature prize for award to the Upper Forms.

To one and all of these ladies and gentlemen we tender our heartiest thanks for the very acceptable donations. We value much more highly the spirit that prompted their generosity.

TERM'S DIARY.

May 24.—School resumed for Second Term.

May 31.—Football match against Athletic Rovers. Won by 12—3.

June 3.—Church Parade at Whiteley Memorial Church.

June 4.—Holiday; King's Birthday.

June 21.—Football match, 2nd XV. against Technical College. Lost, 8—3.

Football match, 1st XV. against Athletic Rovers. Won, 10—3.

June 26.—Mr. McMurray left to go into Camp.

June 27.—Junior Team fired for Imperial Challenge Shield. Average 81.3.

June 28.—Senior Team fired for Imperial Challenge Shield. Average, 85.

Football match 1st XV. against Technical College. Lost, 9-5.

Football match 2nd XV. against Athletic Rovers. Lost, 9—0.

June 29.—Junior B team fired for Imperial Challenge Shield.

July 2.—Miss Billens joined the School.

July 5.—Football match, 1st XV. beat 2nd XV. by 44—0.

July 7.—Football match 1st XV. against Waimate at Hawera. Lost, 5—9.

July 9.—Half-term holiday.

July 19.—Football match, Technical College beat 2nd XV., 3—0.

Football match, 1st XV. beat Athletic Rovers, 3—0.

- July 26.—Football match, Athletic Rovers beat 2nd XV. by 16—0.
Football match, 1st XV. beat Technical College by 6—3.
- July 28.—School conducted the Patriotic Mart.
- July 30.—Presentation of Swimming Medallions and Certificates by Mr. Hughes.
- August 4.—Football match, 1st XV. beat Stratford D.H.S. by 15—0.
Cadets paraded on Anniversary of Declaration of War.
- August 11.—Football match, 1st XV. beat a team of Old Boys by 46—0.
- August 16.—Football match, Technical College beat 1st XV. by 16—3.
- August 22-24.—School inspected by Messrs. Cresswell and Rudman.
- August 24.—End of Second Term.
- Sept. 4.—School re-opened for Third Term.
Lecture in Dining-room by Sapper Moore-Jones.
Miss McLeod joined the School.
- Sept. 15.—Football match, School beat a Waihi team by 57—5.
- Sept. 20.—Lecture in Dining-room by Mr. Broome-Smith.
- Oct. 4.—Annual Steeplechase run.
- Oct. 16.—Inspection of Cadets by Major Cox.
- Oct. 22.—Half-Term Holiday.
- Nov. 8.—Annual Sports, and Presentation of Shooting Trophies by Minister of Defence.
- Nov. 17.—Shooting Championships fired on Rewarewa Range.
- Nov. 21.—Boxing Championships decided.
- Nov. 24.—Tennis match against Girls' High School.
Sports' Dinner.
- Nov. 26.—Tennis Championships played off.
- Nov. 29.—Annual Break-up.

FORM AVERAGES.

SECOND TERM, 1917.

Form VIA.—Average 46.3. 1 K. Brokenshire and C. C. Yates 67 (equal).

Form VIB.—Average 63.7. 1 A. M'Hardy 72, 2 H. Goss 71.

Form V.—Average 71. 1 C. Noble 89, 2 N. Waddle 88.

Form IVA.—Average 64.1. 1 S. White 78, 2 C. Kyngdon and C. Johnston 74 (equal).

Form IVB.—Average 54. 1 C. White 73, 2 C. Jones 72.

Form IIIA.—Average 68. 1 M. Barak 92, 2 E. Smart 86.

Form IIIB.—Average 61.7. 1 S. Herbert 79.2, 2 M. Osborne 78.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III.—Average 74.6. 1 W. Mackay 85, 2 P. Griffiths 78.

Form IIA.—Average 65.6. 1 D. Mackay 81.9, 2 R. Arthur 74.

Form IIB.—Average 74. 1 W. MacLean 94, 2 C. Saxton 84.

Form II.—Average 70.8. 1 H. Bellringer 87.3, 2 G. Fookes 78.8.

Form IA.—Average 81. 1 P. Sladden and C. Gilmour 84.5 (equal).

Form IB.—Average 60. 1 R. List 79, 2 G. Bell 76.

THIRD TERM, 1917.

Form VIA.—No exam. was held this Term, as it was considered better to utilise the time in actual teaching.

Form VIB.—Average 55.6. 1 H. Goss, 73; 2 A. M'Hardy, 70.

Form V.—Average 69.3. 1 C. Noble, 91.4; 2 N. Waddle, 86.7.

Form IVA.—Average 65.7. 1 S. White, 77; 2 S. Train, 76.

Form IVB.—Average 57.4. 1 C. A. Jones, 74.4; 2 C. White, 71.7.

Form IIIA.—Average 70.1. 1 M. Barak, 94; 2 K. O'Halloran, 88.

Form IIIB.—Average 61.1. 1 D. Penman, 87; 2 S. Herbert, 82.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III.—Average 66.4. 1 W. Mackay, 86.9; 2 P. Griffiths, 82.6.

Form II A.—Average 68.1. 1 D. Mackay, 83.1; 2 F. Williams, 81.7.

Form II B.—Average 79.4. 1 M. Lysons, 94; 2 W. M'Lean, 93.8.

Form II.—Average 69. 1 G. Walker, 82.4; 2 G. Fookes, 82.

Form I A.—Average 77.7. 1 H. Garner, 85.8; 2 C. M'Neill, 78.6.

Form I B.—Average 66.7. 1 I. Jones, 81.7; 2 G. Bell, 74.5.

ESSAYS.

The Essays for the prizes so kindly presented by George Grey, Esq., were written during the last Term. The best eight or ten in each class were selected and sent on to Mr. G. H. Dolby, M.A. He has been kind enough to spend a good deal of time and trouble in selecting the best in each class. For this we tender him our heartiest thanks. It will be remembered that the Senior class consisted of Forms VI B. and V., and the Junior of the rest of the School. The following are the results:—

Senior—K. C. Roberts, Form VI B.

Junior—C. W. Old, Form IV B.

The following are notes by Mr. Dolby:—The subject, "New Plymouth as a Port: Past, Present and Future," did not lend itself to much literary treatment; it was rather a question of putting down the facts with some approach to accuracy and keeping the narrative well balanced. The Senior essays were all good, and showed that the subject had been well studied. Few grasped the fact that a good introduction is half the battle. If you start dully no one will read you. Several used "when nature designed the North Island, etc.," evidently recollected from some history of the Harbour. I put No. 272 first, and though I do not place the others in strict order, I thought 251 and 257 were good, and liked 206 for its plain straightforward dealing with the subject. Some writers were too diffuse, getting away from the subject.

CRICKET NOTES.

This Term has seen a decided increase in the number of boys anxious to take part in the game. This is explained, perhaps, by the fact that the annual match with Wanganui College is to be played early next Term.

To get a more fiery wicket, a concrete pitch has been laid down just above Niger House and is proving very beneficial.

During the winter many improvements were carried out in connection with the grounds. The centre pitch was dug up and laid down in fresh grass, whilst a turf practice wicket was formed near to the pines.

Despite the fact that no cricket was indulged in until after the Annual Athletic Sports, matters were soon so arranged that there were two groups in operation, practising both at batting and at fielding.

On Saturday, the 17th of November, a match was played against a town team. Our first innings closed for 58 runs, to which Town replied with 81. In our second innings the score was 94, to which Goss contributed 57 by severely punishing all loose stuff that came along.

The following are the detailed scores:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Yates, b. Mr. Blamires ...	...	...	...	4
Goss, c. Mr. Weston, b. Mr. Blamires ...	...	...	...	13
O'Halloran, c. Mr. Mackay, b. Mr. Johnson ...	...	...	...	2
M'Kay, b. Mr. Johnson ...	...	...	...	5
Wills, l.b.w., b. Mr. Blamires ...	...	...	...	4
Reeves, b. Mr. Blamires ...	...	...	...	3
Hine, not out ...	...	...	...	11
Sinclair, b. Mr. Johnson ...	...	...	...	0
Brokenshire, stumped, b. Mr. Johnson ...	...	...	...	3
Tausey, c. and b. Mr. Mackay ...	...	...	...	3
Greiner, b. Mr. Mackay ...	...	...	...	4
Extras ...	...	...	...	6
Total ...	...	...	...	58

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Blamires, four wickets for 14 runs; Mr. Johnson, four for 28; Mr. Mackay, two for 8; Mr. Anderson, none for 2.

Second Innings.

Hine, c. Mr. Blamires, b. Mr. M'Donald ...	7
Tansey, b. Mr. Bottrill ...	2
Goss, b. Mr. Hughes ...	57
Yates, c. Mr. Blamires, b. Mr. M'Donald ...	1
O'Halloran, st. Mr. Stainton, b. Mr. M'Donald ...	0
M'Kay, l.b.w., b. Mr. Blamires ...	9
Brokenshire, b. Mr. Hughes ...	3
Reeves, l.b.w., b. Mr. Hughes ...	0
Greiner, not out ...	8
Sinclair, b. Mr. Hughes ...	0
Wills, c. Mr. Blamires, b. Mr. Hughes ...	4
Extras ...	3
Total ...	94

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Robertson, no wickets for 22 runs; Mr. Bottrill, one for 14; Mr. MacDonald, three for 4; Mr. Mackay, none for 4; Mr. Blamires, one for 23; Mr. Hughes, five for 7.

TOWN.

First Innings.

Mr. Johnson, b. M'Kay ...	8
Mr. Mackay, b. M'Kay ...	2
Mr. Blamires, c. O'Halloran, b. Sinclair ...	49
Mr. Sinclair, b. M'Kay ...	2
Mr. M'Donald, b. Goss ...	1
Mr. Anderson, b. M'Kay ...	3
Mr. Robertson, b. Goss ...	1
Mr. Stainton, c. and b. Brokenshire ...	7
Mr. Hughes, l.b.w., b. M'Kay ...	3
Mr. Weston, retired hurt ...	0
Mr. Bottrill, not out ...	0
Extras ...	5
Total ...	81

Bowling analysis.—M'Kay, five wickets for 35 runs; Goss, two for 16; Sinclair, one for 18; Brokenshire, one for 7.

CADET NOTES.

The work this Term has been more interesting. We commenced with company and platoon drill at the end of last Term and continued it up to the middle of this Term. Physical drill was also carried out in sections by the N.C.O.'s up to the inspection by Major Cox. After this inspection we were put on to the most interesting portion of the drill syllabus, namely, extended order drill. This was carried out by the whole company at first, but soon the platoon commanders took their respective platoons through this drill.

After this the platoons went on to infantry attacking and advancing under rifle fire.

Since the publication of the last number of the "Taranakian," there have been three parades. On the 4th August, the anniversary of the Declaration of War, the company paraded two hundred strong on the School grounds. From here we marched to the Courthouse, where a large public meeting was held and an address was given by the Mayor. A patriotic resolution was passed stating the unshakable determination of every British subject to continue the war to a successful issue.

The next parade took place on Tuesday, October 16th, on the Racecourse. Major E. P. Cox, accompanied by Lieutenant Crutch, inspected the company. After the inspection, the section commanders put their respective squads through the physical drill, which was also inspected. Then the platoons, each commanded by a sergeant, carried out some platoon drill for the competition. The marks given by Major Cox and Lieutenant Crutch are:—

1st.	No. 2 Platoon, Sergeant Atkinson	146
2nd.	No. 4 Platoon, Sergeant M'Hardy...	145
3rd.	No. 3 Platoon, Sergeant Goss	144
4th.	No. 1 Platoon, Sergeant Tansey ...	142

After the competition the whole company went through the company drill, and the Major gave us a few words. He remarked on the steadiness of the company and on the even standard throughout. This last caused him much difficulty in placing the platoons in the competition.

The last parade was to form a guard of honour to Sir James Allen on 7th November. The company fell in eighty strong at the Drill Hall, and then marched to the railway station. Here the Minister was received in

due form. He then inspected the company and was kind enough to compliment us on our appearance. The company was then dismissed. The heavy rain was the one drawback to the parade.

General Remarks.—Although without rifles, the boys have carried out Cadet work with enthusiasm, and the standard of drill reached has been highly spoken of by all staff officers who have seen the company at work. There is a possibility of a "barracks" being held next year by Major Sleeman and this event will be eagerly awaited by the boys. A course of instruction such as this would prove of inestimable value at the beginning of the school year.

The Sole Cup for the best sergeant for the year has been awarded to Sergeant-Major Yates, to whom we offer our congratulations.

SHOOTING NOTES.

After the numerous setbacks which we experienced during the first term, while practising on the miniature range for the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, we naturally expected that we would not be able to maintain the position which we won last year. However, despite the lack of rifles and reliable ammunition, we practised assiduously under the instruction of Mr. Kidd, and thus, in face of the fact that we laboured under adverse conditions, obtained some degree of efficiency. As a result, when we shot off for the match, the form displayed was very little below last year's, especially when we take into consideration the facts that we used faulty ammunition and practically strange rifles. For, as a culminating disaster, the bolt of the rifle we were to use in the competition was broken off a few days before it was needed and consequently the sights had to be readjusted on a strange rifle.

The Senior A team shot off for the competition on the morning of Thursday, June 28th, under the supervision of Mr. C. Webster. The light was excellent, but a light, gusty breeze slightly interfered with the shooting. Considering the altered regulations, some of the scores obtained were very creditable, and all reflect on Mr. Kidd's coaching.

The individual scores were as follows:—



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	Slow (50)	Rapid (50)	Total (100)
Sgt.-Major Yates (capt.) ...	46	41	87
Sgt. Tansey ...	43	38	81
Sgt. Bayly ...	45	46	91
Sgt. Atkinson ...	38	41	79
Sgt. Callander ...	45	44	89
Private Harrison ...	47	43	90
Private Greiner ...	40	39	79
Private Morey ...	42	43	85
Private Grayling ...	44	46	90
Private Boulton ...	43	43	86
Private G. Bayly ...	44	40	84
Total ...	477	465	942

Average score for team: 85.6.

Average age of team: 16 years 10 months.

In the afternoon the Junior Team, with Mr. Watkins as supervisor, fired for the competitor. The individual scores were as follows:—

	Bull (50)	Figure (50)	Total (100)
Private M'Neill (captain) ...	45	43	88
Private Barak ...	41	42	83
Private Bothamley ...	46	42	88
Private Dicker ...	39	37	76
Private Waters ...	44	38	82
Private Boon ...	37	39	76
Private Smart ...	40	39	79
Private Kingston ...	36	43	79
Total ...	328	323	651

Average score of team: 81.37.

Average age of team: 14 years 1 month.

As the date for entries was approaching, the Senior B Team was obliged to shoot off under very adverse weather conditions. The light was very poor, and a cold wind served to increase the discomfort of the competitors. Lieut. Crutch acted as supervisor. The individual scores were as follows:—

			Slow (50)	Rapid (50)	Total (100)
Sgt. Goss	...	...	37	34	71
Sgt. M'Hardy	...	...	39	35	75
Corp. Herbert	...	...	39	39	78
Corp. Hine	...	...	39	41	80
Corp. Johns	...	...	43	34	77
Private Boon	...	...	39	40	79
Private O'Halloran	...	...	40	30	70
Private Guild	...	...	42	42	84
Total	..	...	318	296	614

Average score for team: 76.7.

Average age of team: 16 years 5 months.

We should like to express our thanks to the gentlemen who gave up their time and business to come and superintend the shooting. It is significant of the goodwill borne towards the School that we never have any trouble in obtaining someone who willingly gives up his business in our interest on such an occasion as this.

A short while ago we received news of this year's competition and found that we had again figured well against the other teams. Our Senior A Team took 15th place, and Senior B 46th place amongst some three hundred odd schools. The Junior Team came 21st on the list of almost two hundred competitors.

The scores obtained during the practices preceding this competition, and in the competition itself, were counted for the Searle Cup (Senior Competition), the Hamblyn Cup (Junior Competition), and the Loveday Cup (under 15).

The results for the Senior Competition are as follows:—

	100	50	50	50	50	Total (300)	Per- centage
Pvt. Grayling ...	90	46	47	47	46	276	92
Pvt. Harrison...	90	47	47	45	46	275	91.4
St.-Major Yates	87	46	48	47	46	274	91.2
Pvt. Boulton ...	86	49	46	48	45	274	91.2
Sgt. Callander..	89	47	44	45	46	271	90.2
Sgt. Bayly	91	46	44	44	45	270	90
Pvt. Bayly	84	47	45	45	43	264	88

Thus Private Grayling was winner of the Searle Cup with an average of 92 per cent., and Private Harrison second with an average of 91.4 per cent.

The results in the Junior Competitions are as follows:—

	100	50	50	50	Total (250)	Per- centage.
Pvt. M'Neill	88	44	46	45	223	89.2
Pvt. Bothamley ...	88	46	45	43	222	88.8
Pvt. Barak	83	46	46	46	221	88.4
Pvt. Kingston	79	41	40	43	203	81.2
Pvt. Smart	79	42	40	41	202	80.8
Pvt. Ducker	76	42	41	40	199	79.6
Pvt. Boon	76	41	40	40	197	79.2

Private M'Neill was thus winner of the Hamblyn Cup with an average of 89.2 per cent.

Private Bothamley was winner of the Loveday Cup with an average of 88.8 per cent., and Private Barak second with 88.4 per cent. These latter results are very satisfactory indeed, seeing that the competitors were all under 15 years of age.

During the term holidays we suffered severely from various unknown pillagers, who succeeded in stealing nearly a case of unused .303 ammunition, in addition to several of the rifles we used on the miniature range. As yet only one of these latter has been discovered, and that is irretrievably ruined. It was found, clogged with mud and rust, by some children who were playing near a small creek. It had evidently been cast away out of sight into this stream when no longer of use, as an unexploded cartridge, jammed in the breech, had rendered it useless for the time being.

As we have already ordered rifles for next year we are hoping that we may be able to regain the position which we won last year, by winning again at least one of the shields.

We take this opportunity of heartily thanking Mr. Kidd for the time and trouble which he has bestowed upon us this year on the miniature range. We all feel that the success the teams attained was almost entirely due to his thorough coaching and to the enthusiasm which he infused into them.

REWA REWA RANGE.

On Saturday, November 17th, we held the MacDiarmid Belt Competition out at the Rewa Rewa Range. Considering the fact that we had had absolutely no

practice owing to our inability to obtain either rifles or ammunition, the scores were very creditable.

The leading scores were as follows:—

	200yds.	500yds.	Total (100)
Sgt. Atkinson ...	45	47	92
Pvt. Boulton ...	47	44	91
Pvt. Boon ...	41	48	89
Pvt. Greiner ...	43	44	87
Corp. Johns ...	42	43	85
Sgt. Bayly ...	41	42	83
Corp. Hine ...	43	33	76

Thus Sergeant Atkinson won by one point after a very close contest, Private Boulton coming a close second.

The Lady Godley Cups for the Nos. 24 and 110 Companies were awarded according to the scores obtained in the class-firing earlier in the year.

Some of the higher scores were:—

	Group (25)	200yds. (20)	100yds. (20)	Total (65)
Sgt.-Major Yates ...	25	18	19	62
L.-Sergt. Rockel ...	25	17	15	57
Corp. Hine ...	20	20	16	56
Corp. Greiner ...	20	16	20	56
Sgt. Bayly ...	15	19	19	53

Sgt.-Major Yates gained the No. 24 Company Cup and Lance-Sergeant Rockel the No. 110 Company Cup.

Those who have been successful in winning shooting trophies this year are:—

Sgt.-Major Yates (No. 24 Company Godley Cup).
L.-Sergeant Rockel (No. 110 Company Godley Cup).
Sgt. Atkinson (MacDiarmid Belt).
Private Grayling (Searle Cup).
Private M'Neill (Hamblyn Cup).
Private Bothamley (Loveday Cup).

We have received the following letters, which require no comment:—

Wytham Abbey, Oxford,
October 9th, 1916.

Dear Sir,—I write to congratulate most heartily yourself, your school, your shooting teams and their instructors on the really brilliant results obtained in firing for the Imperial Challenge Shield competitions,

Senior and Junior, this year. You will, I believe, have already received the news through a Press cable that you have won both the first prizes, as well as the third in the Senior Competition.

I shall be very glad to hear from you how the boys were trained, and, if possible, to receive a photograph. I trust your example will encourage further entries from New Zealand. Perhaps you could help a little in this direction. The number was much too small. Altogether 5000 shot in both competitions. We must soon bring this to 50,000, and later to far more.

I have to add that you will be awarded a special prize for your school's all-round excellence.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,
RAYMOND W. SCHUMACHER.

R.M. Depot,
Deal, Kent,
6/10/16.

Dear Sir,—As winners last year of the Imperial Challenge Shield the R.M. Depot Cadets wish to congratulate your team on their splendid score and on winning the Shield. We hope to have many more good matches with you.

Yours sincerely,

H. G. GRANT, Capt. and Adjt.,
Royal Marine Light Infantry.

R.M. Depot,
Deal, Kent,
7/10/16.

Dear Sir,—The Depot Royal Marine Cadet Corps as last year winners of the Imperial Challenge Shield wish to congratulate your team on their splendid score and on winning the Shield. We hope to give you another good match next year.

Yours sincerely,

H. G. GRANT, Capt.,
Royal Marine Light Infantry
(O.C. Cadets).

October 4th, 1916.

Mr. Moyes, Capt. Ryder, and Shooting Teams of 24 and 110 Coys.,—I hope you will forgive this intrusion, but I cannot refrain from offering you my heartiest con-

gratulations on your recent "double event" in the juvenile shooting world. This news comes to me through the continental mail of to-day's date.

I cannot explain just what my feelings are: I certainly could not be more pleased if I had still been among them. It is certain that this achievement could not have been attained unless the happiest relations existed between yourselves and your units. This I know was the case two years ago. The greatest credit is due to all concerned, particularly to the lads and their present instructor. Their esprit de corps will be greatly strengthened, and it can safely be left to them to make the utmost use of it. They have every reason to be proud of this fine performance so early in their career. My heartiest congratulations to all.

Believe me, Sir,
Yours most respectfully,
O. A. BOND.

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

The meritorious achievement of the shooting teams of the New Plymouth Boys' High School in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions of 1916 was consummated on Thursday afternoon, when the bronze replicas of the shields, and the silver and bronze medallions won by the members of the teams, were formally presented by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. Sir James Allen).

VERY HANDSOME SHIELDS.

The bronze replicas of the Imperial Challenge Shields were inspected with not a little interest by the crowds present at the sports. In the senior competition, in which 323 teams from various schools throughout the Empire participated, the New Plymouth High School teams won both the first (with shield) and third prizes, while in the junior contest, in which 197 teams competed, the School also annexed the first prize (with shield). In the two events the School thus won prize money amounting to £55, in addition to the bronze replicas of the shields, and twenty silver and nine bronze medals, which



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go to the actual members of the teams. Owing to the great risk attending oversea carriage at the present time, the National Rifle Association decided not to send out the actual silver challenge shields which the winning teams are entitled to hold for one year. The shields, however, are being displayed in the windows of the High Commissioner's Office, where they are attracting very considerable interest and attention. The bronze replicas formally presented to the School by Sir James Allen are of exquisite workmanship and design. They stand nearly 4ft. high and are 2ft. 6in. across, being mounted on solid oak. Each is symbolical of Britannia and the Empire, with the following inscription appearing at the foot: "This shield, the gift of Raymond W. Schumacher, is dedicated to the youth of the Empire by them to be kept in perpetuity as a challenge shield for shooting to be competed for annually by teams from all parts of the Empire." The silver and bronze medals won were also inspected with great interest. The donor is Lieutenant-Colonel Schumacher, of the South African Forces.

Following are the names of members of the successful teams:—

Senior Competition.—"A" team (first for the Empire): Sergeants Hamerton, Lucena, M'Murray, Corporals O. Bayly, Wyborn, Ewing, Cadets Traill, Boulton, Grayling, Herbert. "B" team (third for the Empire): Sergeants Yates, Tansey, M. Atkinson, Cadets Morey, Hooker, Johns, Duckworth, Fookes.

Junior Competition (first for the Empire).—Cadets Pott, Greiner, Alleman, Hine, G. Bayly, O'Halloran, Harrison, Guild.

THE PRESENTATION.

The presentation of the shields and medals took place at the School grounds during an interval in the annual sports programme. A platform had been erected on the grounds and around this a very large crowd of interested spectators gathered. Mr. D. Hutchen (chairman of the High School Board of Governors) presided, and there were also on the platform the Hon. Sir Jas. Allen and his daughter (Mrs. Montgomery), Mr. H. Okey, M.P., the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burgess), Lieut.-Colonel M'Donald, Captain Rockstrow, Lieutenant Crutch, Mr. W. H. Moyes (Principal

of the School), and Mr. Dixon (the Minister's private secretary). The bronze replicas occupied prominent positions on the front of the platform.

Mr. Hutchen, in a few remarks, said the Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions were established about six years ago by Colonel Schumacher, of South Africa, who provided a fund for the purchase of annual prizes to be competed for by all schools throughout the British Empire and by cadet corps. The New Plymouth Boys' High School first competed for the shield in 1913 and had continued to do so every year since then, the record of the School team showing a steady improvement each year. In the first year in which the School competed—1913—the rifles used were of an inferior pattern, but the team secured twenty-ninth place and received a prize of £2. The success achieved was due largely to the enthusiasm and hard work of the late Corporal V. J. B. Hall, who had charge of the team, and to Captain Frank Hartnell, who had coached the boys. In 1914 the junior team gained seventh place and the senior team again appeared in the prize list. In 1915 the senior team was tenth out of 341 schools and the junior team ninth out of 122 schools. Both teams were easily first of the New Zealand teams who competed. In 1916 the shooting was placed in charge of Lieut. Searle, to whom a great deal of credit was due. The senior teams gained first and third places and the junior team first place for the Empire, a meritorious performance and one of which they could all feel justly proud. (Applause.) In the senior competition 323 teams competed and in the junior 197. Mr. Hutchen then expressed pleasure in calling upon the Minister of Defence to make the presentations, remarking that Sir James was so pleased with the record of the School that he had paid a special visit to New Plymouth for this purpose. (Applause.)

THE MINISTER'S ADDRESS.

Sir James Allen said that when it became known to him that the School had put up the great record it had in the competition he felt he would like to have the pleasure of formally handing the shields over to the care of the School. Unfortunately the silver shields which were won had not been sent to New Zealand. It was considered too dangerous to send them out and they had therefore been retained in England. However, they had the bronze replicas and he was delighted to have the

opportunity of formally presenting them to the School. Lieut.-Colonel Schumacher, who had organised these competitions under the National Rifle Association, had made them open to all schools of the Empire, so that those trophies were Empire shields. When the competitions were inaugurated, Colonel Schumacher desired to make the boys of the Empire expert in the use of the rifle, which had come into its own again in this great war. At one time it was thought by many people that the bayonet would be of no more use in actual warfare and that the rifle would be of very little use in face of the machine-gun fire, but the latest they had from the front was that the rifle was a weapon the use of which must be cultivated and be made as perfect as possible if we wished to defend our Empire now or in the future. The bayonet, too, had come into its own. They would all have read of the bayonet fights in France during the last twelve months or more. Colonel Schumacher had another idea, too, and that was that the money which was given for cash prizes should not go to the individual boys, but should be devoted to the further encouragement of the use of the rifle in the schools competing. The principle that was inculcated here was one they must not forget, and in a school like this they had learned to play the game not for the individual but for the team and for the school, just as in this great and terrible war our soldiers were playing the game, and fighting not only for this country but for all the countries of the Empire and for all our Allies. (Applause.)

It was with very great pleasure indeed that he came to present these shields, and he would hand them over knowing full well that they were being placed in the hands of the School which, ever since he had known anything about it, had always called for his admiration, especially in regard to its cadet training. He well recollected his first visit, and said how much he was struck with the training at that time, and he had never been disappointed since. He always went away from a school like this feeling that they could look with the greatest hope to the future when they saw fine young lads receiving such a sound training as they were getting there and fitting themselves as noble citizens of this glorious young country of New Zealand, fitting themselves to fight not merely for themselves but for their country, for their country's industries and for its high character, so that it would have a high moral standing among the nations and that the world would know that our word was always

our bond and that there was no tearing up of our scraps of paper when we put our names to them. (Applause.)

Continuing, the Minister said it was a very big record that the School had put up. It was the first time that New Zealand had won first place in the senior or junior competition; in fact he believed it was the first time New Zealand had ever won a first, second, or third prize in the competition, but the New Plymouth Boys' High School was in the proud position of having won first prize in both the senior and junior competitions and also third prize in the former competition. These competitions were open to all the schools of the Empire if they liked to compete, and they were also open to Boy Scouts, and certain of the Navy. Looking through a list recently he found that England, Scotland, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Malta, Jersey and various other parts of the Empire had competed for these shields, and the fact that despite this wide competition this one school had secured both first places and one third place was a particularly fine performance. Fourteen schools in New Zealand alone competed in the senior competition and seven in the junior, and he congratulated the boys and the Masters most heartily upon the brilliant success they had achieved. He looked upon it not as a success of this School alone, but for New Zealand as a whole. It was a New Zealand honour won by the boys of the New Plymouth High School. (Applause.) The competition was widespread, and all concerned could feel justly proud of the record which had been established. Lieutenant Searle, who had had charge of the shooting, was away doing his duty at the front, and all honour to him. "May he be brought back safe and sound to you," concluded the Minister amid further applause.

Sir James then presented the shields, Sergeant Lucena receiving that won by the senior team and Cadet members of these teams were also presented with silver medals, whilst the members of the senior team which came third in the competition received bronze medals.

At the call of Sir James, hearty cheers were given for the School and for the teams.

Mr. Moyes (Principal) expressed his thanks to Sir James for being present on this occasion and assured him that they appreciated very much the fact that, in spite of the many calls upon his time, he had made it convenient to be with them that day. The occasion would long remain a pleasant recollection to those who



PRESENTATION OF SHOOTING TROPHIES BY
THE HON. MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

had been fortunate enough to receive a prize at the Minister's hands and would, he hoped, be an incentive to the younger boys to maintain the high reputation won by the School in the shooting world. There had been times, Mr. Moyes continued, during the past five years when the outdoor training given to the boys in the School had been objected to, it being argued that it could not be considered a necessary part of a boy's education. They had, however, always turned a deaf ear to such arguments—(hear, hear)—contending, and he thought rightly so, too, that no boy was educated who only received that knowledge that could be assimilated within the four walls of the class-room. (Applause.) Shooting must always rank high in the outdoor life of a school, for no other pastime inculcated in such a marked degree self-reliance, patience, and perseverance. "The boy who wins his place in the School team shoots for the honour of his school, and later on, when the call comes, he is found shooting for the honour of his country and his Empire." (Applause.) This was not mere conjecture. Of the boys who composed the first team in 1912, two were still under military age, four had been for many months fighting in France, whilst another was on his way there. And as it was with the shooting so it was with other branches of school sport. Of the fifteen who fought the battles of this School on the football field in 1912 one had since died in New Zealand, five had been wounded, one had been mentioned in dispatches, two lay buried beneath foreign soil, and two had been decorated by the King for conspicuous bravery on the battlefield. (Applause.) "Need I say more," proceeded Mr. Moyes, "in favour of organised school games? Need I say that we are proud to have known this fine band of young men? They were leaders in school sport, and they are leaders to-day when word comes to go over the parapet." (Applause.)

In conclusion, Mr. Moyes said it would have been noticed in the competition this year the School occupied fifteenth place. This was a big drop from the proud position held last year, and although he did not wish to make excuses it was only fair to the boys that he should say they had worked under great disadvantages. The fire destroyed all the rifles they had and although they had tried throughout Australia to do so they were unable to procure others. He hoped, however, that when the war was over and rifles were again procurable, the School would once more attain its proud position and that in

the future they would have Sir James Allen officiating in the same capacity as he had done that day. (Applause.)

At the call of Mr. Moyes the boys gave three hearty cheers for the Minister, and the ceremony concluded with the playing of the National Anthem by the School band.

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HOUSE NOTES.

The following new boys have joined the ranks of the Boarders since the last issue of the "Taranakian": W. Catanach, K. Grant, D. R. Williamson, S. Scown, and E. Pearce. At the end of the Second Term, R. Scown left us. We wish him success in his new sphere of life.

During the Second Term we were apprised of the fact that Mr. M'Murray was about to go into camp preparatory to joining the fighting forces. As we wished to present him with some token of our respect for him, the Preparatory Boarders stayed up till the later supper, when Mr. Moyes presented Mr. M'Murray with a safety razor. Mr. M'Murray made a few appropriate remarks, after which three cheers were called for the departing soldier.

Once more has Egmont favoured us with a taste of winds as keen as "biting Boreas." During the Middle Term of the year, a very bitter south wind made life very irksome for everyone connected with the House. However, all good things come to an end; and so the gale from the south abated and left us wondering when the next would arrive.

On June 29th the Pierrots, who have been practising a great deal this Term—a fact which is most forcibly impressed on most Boarders—favoured us with a concert. This took place in the Racecourse buildings. The concert itself was a great success and greatly relieved the monotony of having to while away Saturday night in reading or playing cards. The Concert Committee have since given several entirely successful concerts, all of which have been patronised by the Boarders.

During the half-term holiday in the Second Term, the First Fifteen journeyed to Hawera, where they played a match against the Waimate team. A number of Boarders took the opportunity of seeing the Hawera Show as

well as the football match. A party of Boarders also went up the mountain with Mr. Bottrill. However, the weather was not all that could be desired, and the plans which our youthful mountaineers had intended to carry out were not all realised.

No one can say that we have never faced the camera man; the real movie-fiend, in fact! Excitement was tense when Mr. Moyes announced at dinner one day that one of the local Picture Companies wanted to obtain a film of the School. However, the photograph was taken all right, with the result that every Boarder, on the following Saturday, went to see the marvellous production. No small amusement was caused by the sight of one hundred Boarders rushing to dinner, but the height of hilarity was reached when on the screen was flashed a notice to the effect that a picture of "Taranaki's future manhood" was to follow. Then was seen a fine assemblage consisting mainly of broad smiles; one a very broad smile! Needless to say, the owner of the smile, on seeing his efforts at a pretence of joy so vividly portrayed on the screen; there and then decided to adopt acting as his profession.

As it was decided that our Christmas holidays this year should be much longer than is usually the case, we were allowed ten days' holiday at the end of the Second Term. We broke up on August 24th and were to commence work again on September 4th. But evidently the luxury of home-life was too great for some of our number, for lo! on September 4th the dining-room presented quite an empty appearance at breakfast, and it was quite evident that all the Boarders had not yet returned. Accordingly the idea of commencing School for the Third Term was abandoned until September 5th, when everyone was present and eager to commence work again.

On the first evening of the Third Term, Sapper Moore-Jones gave a lecture on the Landing at Anzac. The lecture was held in the School dining-room, where the lantern and screen had been fitted up. Sapper Moore-Jones' slides were greatly appreciated by all, and we were sorry when his lecture had come to an end.

Shortly afterwards, on September 20th, Mr. Broome-Smith visited us, and gave a lantern lecture on Missionary Work in Africa. Mr. Broome-Smith has spent most of his life working among the natives of the Dark Continent, and thus is well qualified to speak on the subject.

His lecture was extremely interesting, and we all enjoyed the lantern slides he showed us. This lecture was also held in the dining-room.

All the Boarders were "out" on the School's Mart Day. Judging from results, it would seem that certain of our number are experts at selling flowers!

As preliminary training for the Steeplechase, a paper-chase was held on September 27th. It was quite a damp day and was therefore not a very pleasant one on which to be pursuing three youths loaded with huge bags of paper. However, we all enjoyed the jaunt, and no doubt it did a great deal towards counteracting the effects consequent on the frequent visits which are paid to Tea-pot's by a large section of the Boarders.

On October 4th the Steeplechase was run off beneath an extremely warm sun. We offer our congratulations to Fussell, who won the event. His success was no doubt due to the excellent "knock-out" all Boarders are acquainted with.

Sports Day was this year something of a red-letter day for us all, as Sir James Allen was visiting the School. He was entertained at dinner in the School dining-room, which presented a festive appearance, as all the School trophies were displayed, as well as the Shields won by the Shooting Teams in last year's Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions. We were glad also to see several old Boarders present who had come to receive medals as reward for their success in the above-mentioned Shooting Competitions.

As Sir James Allen arrived in New Plymouth by the mail train, it was decided that we should form a guard of honour for him. As Mr. Ryder had numerous arrangements to make for the ensuing sports, Mr. Wynyard took charge of us and marched us to the station, where we were inspected by Sir James Allen. On the way back the fire-bell rang out and we Boarders all hoped that we would be allowed to see the fun if any there was. But our commander firmly marched us back through the rain to School, where we had the pleasure of removing desks from the Prep. room, preparatory to cleaning the floor for the dance which was to be held there next evening.

Always before Sports Day a great deal has to be done in the way of cleaning-up the School grounds. Now that there is no gymnasium left us, we Boarders fall in for a large share of this work, which we do before breakfast

instead of physical drill. It was indeed "nice to get up in the morning" and hump lumps of concrete to an ever-increasing pile of debris! But we were amply rewarded for this in seeing that everything was spick and span for the 8th November.

In view of the approach of the Boxing Championships a great deal of boxing has been done this Term especially amongst the Boarders. A great deal of interest was shown in the sport, and every evening numerous bouts were fought. Mr. Wynyard and Mr. Kidd have been in charge of the boxing this Term, and, with the aid of the Boxing Committee have formed "order out of chaos" with regard to the styles of fighting adopted by some of the Boarders. The Boxing Championships were held this year on the lawn outside the Library. The following Boarders were successful in the various championships:—Tansey (Senior), Harrison (under 9), K. O'Halloran (under 8), A. Walter (under 7), S. Jackson (under 6). We congratulate the above winners.

The Sports Dinner was held on November 24th. All the Boarders were present and, as usual, acquitted themselves honourably, nay, gloriously! However, we hear that the Master on duty next morning had not a little difficulty in rousing the drowsy inmates of his House in time for breakfast.

This Term has seen the Tennis Courts in great demand as far as Boarders are concerned. A new court has been laid down near the New House and should be fit to play on by next Term. A team of six—all Boarders—played a match against the Girls' School on the 24th November. Our team was successful in this match, an account of which will be found under the Tennis Notes. We offer our congratulations to Hine, who was successful in winning the Tennis Championship.

AGRICULTURE.

The work on the plots has, for the past two Terms, been broken into a good deal, partly owing to a new arrangement of the time-table, and partly owing to breaks in the work for examination purposes.

In August last, Areas A and C, consisting of 1½ acres, which had been down in permanent pasture for the

past year, were treated with different types of phosphatic manures and also with lime. The whole area was divided into eight strips and was top-dressed as follows:—

No. 1, Ephos phosphate, 3cwt. p.a.; No. 2, basic super, 3cwt. p.a.; No. 3, basic slag, 3cwt. p.a.; No. 4, rock phosphate, 3cwt. p.a.; Nos. 5 and 6, burnt lime, 3cwt. p.a. and super 2cwt. p.a.; Nos. 7 and 8, carbonate of lime, 6cwt. p.a. and super 2cwt. p.a.

The results have given conclusive proof of the advantage of liming. Strips 5, 6, 7, and 8 are all looking far better than the others, although the basic slag has given good results. The dressing of carbonate of lime shows a slightly better result than that of the burnt lime, and the clovers are now (December) showing up very well.

The Lucerne in Area D— $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre—was cultivated and harrowed in August and came away well, but the only portions that appear to be doing well are those in which the ground was sub-soiled three years ago. The cows were later on turned in at intervals, and the feed made a great difference in the milk yield. The area was then closed and the Lucerne has just recently been cut for hay.

Area B of one acre was sown in Algerian Oats in the autumn and supplied a welcome change of food to the cows at the end of the winter. The ground was then ploughed and a portion of it has now been sown in Carrots in which four varieties are being used, viz.: White Belgian, Matchless White, Barriball, and Sinclair's. Another portion has been divided into plots for a competition in Carrot growing for prizes presented by the Chilean Nitrate Propaganda Ltd. The work in these plots is being carried out entirely by the boys, no advice as to methods of preparation of the ground, sowing, or manuring, being given. Four varieties have been sown by each boy, and portion of the manurial treatment will consist of an application of nitrate of soda as a top-dressing. In addition prizes have been offered for the best photos showing the effect of the top-dressing of nitrate of soda on the plots.

Area F—one acre—was sown in Algerian Oats and Vetches, and has made good progress. The area has also been cut for hay and will be fed to the cows with the Lucerne.

Area E—one acre—has again been divided into plots of one-twentieth of an acre each. The greater portion has been sown in mangels—Jersey Queen and Gatepost—and an experiment in the variation of the width of the drills is being carried out, drills of 14in., 21in., and 28in. being used in different plots. The remainder of the area has been sown in Maize and Sudan Grass.

The orchard was pruned during the winter and has been kept clear of all weeds. The areas between the trees were planted with Gamekeeper potatoes, and the crop is looking very healthy.

In connection with the syllabus of work required by the Education Department for the Intermediate Examination, practical work in gardening has been carried out by the Junior Classes, and pruning, cultivation of vegetables and of flowers have formed part of the year's work.

The sheep which were purchased for the purpose of keeping down the grass on the Sports Ground have thrived, and were recently shorn by two of the senior boys.

We are indebted to the Board of Governors for the fine new P. & D. Duncan plough, which has been purchased to replace the only one, which, although very useful, proved too light for the class of work required.

The milking records of the School cows have been regularly kept, and books have been kept to enable us to determine the cost of running a small herd. The appended statement will give an idea of the success which has attended our efforts during the first year in which this scheme has been in operation:—

WORKING ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Wages		52	0	0	By Sales—				
„ Rent and Rates...		19	0	0	Milk	137	17	0	
„ Pig Food: Pollard					Bacon	33	16	0	
£2 8s, Bran £1...		3	8	0	Calfskins	0	8	9	
„ Bacon Curing									
Charges		6	13	0					
„ Purchases of									
Suckers		2	0	0					
„ Gross Profit		89	0	9					
		£172	1	9			£172	1	9

AGRICULTURE.
STOCK ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Cash—		By Sales	5 10 0
5 cows: 2 at £12,		„ Profit, and Loss	
1 at £18, 2 at		Account: Loss	
£14	70 0 0	on Stock	8 10 0
		„ Balance	56 0 0
	£70 0 0		£70 0 0

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Loss on Stock ...	8 10 0	By Gross Profit	89 0 9
„ Net Profit	80 10 9		
	£89 0 9		£89 0 9

In order still further to encourage the scientific study of Agriculture, the Education Department has established Agricultural Bursaries. These are held on the same conditions as those attaching to the Home Science Bursaries in connection with Otago University. Holders of Bursaries must have a Senior Leaving Certificate, and the Bursary may be held at the Ruakura or any of the other State farms. Full particulars can be obtained on application to either the Education Department or to the Headmaster.

TENNIS NOTES.

The Third Term is not the Term where we usually find much tennis activity, yet this Term has been an exception. Much interest has been shown, the match against the Girls' School and the Championships probably accounting for this.

We were once again left without a Chairman, as Mr. M'Murray left us for Trentham during the year. We were extremely sorry to lose him, for his work gave much encouragement to the players. Mr. Wynyard, who is very keen on the game, ably filled the position.

A great deal of the practice and ladder games was handicapped through the scarcity of balls, the Committee being unable to procure any in the town. In spite of this the Championship play was of a higher order than in previous years.

On the morning of Saturday, November 24th, 1917, we played a match against the Girls' High School on their courts. The weather was perfect. We must also take this opportunity of thanking the girls for the excellent morning tea provided.

We were successful in winning the majority of the games, but the play on the girls' side was distinctly promising, particularly that of Phyllis Heal and Eileen Ballantyne, both of whom won their games against their opponents. The following are the detailed results (the names of the girls being mentioned first in each case):—

SINGLES.

C. Terry v. H. Bryce	25—40.
M. Hawkes v. J. Hine	19—40.
L. Hurle v. A. Callander	32—40.
E. Ballantyne v. P. Atkinson	40—35.
F. Evans v. W. M. Atkinson	32—40.
P. Heal v. C. Yates	40—26.

DOUBLES.

J. Hurle and C. Terry v. Callander and Bryce	44—50
E. Ballantyne and M. Hawkes v. Atkinson ii. and Hine	32—50.
P. Heal and F. Evans v. Yates and Atkinson ii.	44—50.

RESULTS.

	Girls.	Boys.
Points	308	371
Games	2	7

Our Championships were held on Monday, November 26th—a perfect day. Unexpectedly, J. Hine won the Championship. The detailed results are as follow:—

M. Atkinson v. Saxton.—Atkinson went to the front early, his placing being good. Saxton recovered towards the end, but could make no impression on Atkinson's lead. Atkinson's game, 30—24.

J. Hine v. P. Atkinson.—The play right through was very even. Neither player led by more than three points. Atkinson was driving well, but Hine's playing was too steady, and he won by 30—27.

H. Bryce v. J. Terry.—This game showed a great variation in the play of the opponents. Bryce believed in

using the full face of the racquet, while Terry was cutting the balls. The game ended in favour of Bryce by 30—22.

E. Reeves v. O. Bayly.—Reeves proved the better man all through the game and won comfortably by 30—12.

M. Atkinson v. C. Yates.—A very interesting game. Atkinson led well and managed to keep the lead, although Yates picked up well towards the end of the game. Yates was out of form, so Atkinson won by 30—28.

SEMI-FINALS.

J. Hine v. E. Reeves.—Reeves played a very good game, but Hine was too steady and placed the balls well, although Reeves returned very well with the backhand. Hine won by 40—36.

M. Atkinson v. H. Bryce.—Bryce served four double faults. In the latter part of the game Atkinson's service fell off and he threw away points, while Bryce drew up. Atkinson was the winner by 40—32.

FINAL.

J. Hine v. M. Atkinson.—After a short spell, Atkinson i. appeared to play off the final with Hine. At first it appeared that Atkinson was distressed with his last game, and Hine took the lead. Hine's service ended with the score—Atkinson 2, Hine 8.

Atkinson's service opened with a good rally, he eventually gaining the point with some pretty net play. His service was showing to advantage, while his driving was effective. Hine, nevertheless, played steadily, his short lobs confusing his opponent at times. Atkinson 7, Hine 13.

About this time, Hine's service began to trouble Atkinson, but some brilliant rallies were witnessed. "Safety" stamped itself indelibly on Hine's play. Atkinson 11, Hine 19.

Atkinson recovered slightly, with Hine judging his returns badly. In the earlier stages of his service he gained points, but lost them later. Atkinson 17, Hine 23.

A poor back-hand stroke by Atkinson lost him the first point. Hine was serving excellently, while Atkinson's volleying and driving lacked judgment. Atkinson 19, Hine 31.

Atkinson opened his service with one to the corner which beat Hine, but Hine's careful play was asserting itself. Atkinson 24, Hine 36.

Hine's service opened with even play. Atkinson drove well, but his opponent still played soundly. Hine was gaining points with his service only to lose them with weak back-hand play. Atkinson 29, Hine 41.

Atkinson served two good balls and gained points. A back-liner from Atkinson found Hine wanting. Hine's back-line play at this stage was poor, and Atkinson, playing with determination, pulled up. Atkinson 36, Hine 44.

Hine was undoubtedly the safer of the two, but he was finding some difficulty with Atkinson's back-line shots. With dashing play, Atkinson reduced his opponent's lead. Atkinson 42, Hine 48.

Atkinson was playing well, but had left his run too late for Hine was playing a sterling game. He gained two points, but failed to return a short lob from Hine, and the latter became the champion for the year. Atkinson 44, Hine 50.

Hine had played a fine game and was very safe. Atkinson was dashy, but safety was wanting.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

During the latter part of last term we continued against Junior Boarders and Day Boys football competitions in which we came second.

At the beginning of the present Term our roll was increased by the coming of G. Scown, E. Pearce, R. Williamson and A. Eyre, all of whom are in the Upper Preparatory, the total roll now being 32 in the Upper and 37 in the Lower Preparatory Department.

Owing to the re-dressing of the cricket pitch we have had no cricket this Term as yet. But the ground, owing to the ceaseless attention being given to it, will soon be ready, and we hope to have some cricket very soon.

Mr. Kidd has taken over the boxing instruction, and each evening there are some merry bouts. One small youth of a hardy nature shows promising skill and ability in the art. He manages to swing his arms about in a most cyclonic manner, and although he generally misses his mark he is very effective at close quarters.

The honour of winning the Steeplechase has once more fallen to a Preparatory Boy, E. Fussell. The Prep. did well in the Sports also, the sack race being won for the second time by a Junior Prep. boy, B. Blundell. D. Mackay won the 75 yards under 13 (open). Carthew won the under 12 championship and G. Bell the under 10.

There has been a mild craze for photography among our ranks since the fine weather has come.

One of our subjects for a recent essay was "His Majesty's Mail," and one boy took it to mean the King's personal mail, and made some most extravagant statements on the subject.

The under portion of the Prep. building has been boarded up to serve as a safe place wherein to stow our bicycles. We can now feel sure that our bikes won't have mysteriously disappeared when we go to look for them.

For the first time a boy has been chosen from the Preparatory for one of the shooting teams, and as our representative made one of the highest scores we are naturally very pleased.

Two of our boys belong to the Band, which is progressing splendidly. It was able to give some very good selections at our Sports.

A number of the Prep. Boarders now belong to St. Mary's Choir.

The Upper Preparatory School was visited on November 26th by Mr. A. J. Morton, the Inspector, who examined Form III. The result was that out of 19 boys presented 16 obtained Proficiency Certificates, 2 gained Competency Certificates, while one failed. The successful candidates were: R. Bothamley, C. Duckworth, T. Forbes, P. Griffiths, T. Hasell, O. Johns, S. Jackson, D. Jury, W. Mackay, A. Moyes, W. Nicholson, B. Noakes, L. Pease, E. Pearce, H. Holden, G. Waterson, L. Teed, and A. Brennan gained Competency Certificates.

CONCERT NOTES.

This year has seen a marked extension in our operations, and it is our hope that, next year, the Concert Club will become a still livelier institution. Since last issue of the Magazine, we have held three concerts; For the



THE BAND, 1917.
THE ORCHESTRA, 1917.

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first, we had been working up a plantation scene, while the Day Boys worked up a farce. However, it was decided to turn the "Nigger Minstrels" into a band of Pierrots. We heartily thank the "New Plymouth Pierrots" for the loan of their costumes for the night. Practices for the concert were held every evening from 6.30 to 7, and it was due to the enthusiasm of the members and to their regular attendance at practices that this concert was such a success.

Thus, on the 21st July, the assembly room in the Racecourse buildings was arranged. A large stage was erected, and the room was illuminated by Wizard lamps, for the loan of which we must thank Mr. Robertson.

From 7 o'clock until half-past 7, No. 3 Dormitory was laden with the perfumes of grease paint, and gay with the throng of whirling Pierrots. At last, when most of the Boarders had made their way to the "theatre," the "actors" appeared, like several ghosts, all along John Street. At 7.30, the Pierrots lined up behind the scenes, and when the club's wristlet watch chimed the half-hour, the opening choruses were struck up.

The second half was taken up by a farce, which thrilled everybody from head to foot. The truth of spiritualism was, indeed, proved beyond all doubt.

Following is the programme:—

THE PIERROTS.—CAST:

Rosebud	Brackebush.
Puma (Pianist)	Yates.
Mr. Hunter	Goss.
Sam	Cachemaille.
Ossipoff	Osborne.
Sales	Rawson.
O'Brien	Henson.
Shorty	Reeves.
Joe	Mitchell.
Arty	Bryce.
Slender	Pope.
Cherub	Meikle.
Guy	Forbes.
Mangold Wurzel	Bothamley.
Snowy	Mac. Robertson.

1. Opening Choruses—"The Long, Long Trail,"
"Who's Your Lady Friend?" "The Taxi-
meter Car," "The Broken Doll."
2. Remarks Mr. Hunter.
3. Song—"Bayou" Sam.
4. Witticisms Joe.
5. Song—"I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut
for you" Slender and Sales.
6. Newspaper Clippings Puma.
7. Duet—"Be my Rainbow" ... Cherub and Rosebud.
8. Jokes Arty.
9. Song—"But it is so!" Mr. Hunter.
10. Remarks Shorty.
11. Song—"Alexander's Ragtime Band" ... Ossipoff.
12. Anecdotes O'Brien.
13. Duet—"Alabama Jubilee" ... Joe and Mr. Hunter.
14. Conundrums Guy.
15. Chorus and Elocution—"Oh! Alice where art
thou?" O'Brien and Shorty. (To our own
words), Pierrots.
16. Remarks Shorty.
17. Song—"Everybody's doin' it" Arty.
18. Blowing off Steam Blossom.
19. Harmony (?) Six Pierrots.
20. Jokes Mangold Wurzel.
21. Song—"Good Night" Puma.

Interval.

PLAY: "THE MESMERIC TEA PARTY."

Dramatis Personæ:—

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| Brown (host) | C. Morey. |
| Robinson (medium) | B. Johns. |
| Dr. Mesmer (Robinson in disguise) | ,, |
| Tom (footman) | Geoff. Bayly. |
| Fred and Charley (Brown's sons) | O. M'Hardy and D. Doile. |
| A labourer | B. Sturtevant. |

"God Save the King."

A second concert was held in the Prep. Room on Saturday, 22nd of September.

PROGRAMME.

1. Overture Orchestra.
2. Flute and piano solo Horner and Zinsli.
3. Song and anecdotes Goss and Mitchell.
4. Pianoforte solo Yates.
5. Reading Candy.
6. Pianoforte solo Zinsli.
7. Recitation Neal.
8. Song Cachemaille.
9. Piano solo Hayden.
10. 'Cello solo Rockel.
11. Song M'Rae.
12. Cornet selections Osborné.
13. Clarionet solo K. Ward.
14. Recitation Brackebush.
15. Violin solo Bothamley.
16. Piano solo Morey ii.
17. Thought reading Candy and Forbes.
18. Song Rawson.

"God Save the King."

As soon as we came back from the term holidays we commenced to practice for another large concert. We decided to run a concert on lines similar to those of our Pierrot concert. However, we were not to be Pierrots this time, but "Strolling Merry Makers." We received great help in this concert by the addition of Catanach, who is a most valuable asset to the Club. The second half of the programme was taken up by another spiritist production, in which the audience had the thrilling experience of witnessing an illuminated violin turning giddy fins in the dark. While this was going on, the lights were suddenly switched on, and Professor Davenport, the medium, was discovered standing without boots or coat, dangling the mysterious violin on the end of a fishing rod! This concert took place in the Prep. Room on Saturday, November 3.

PROGRAMME.

1. Opening choruses—"The Long, Long Trail,"
"Are we all here?" "What the—, How
the —, Why the —, Who the —,
Where have you been to-night?"
2. Remarks Mitchell.
3. Song—"Long white cloud" Bryce.

4. Jokes Horner.
 5. Song—"Be my little baby bumble bee" Goss.
 6. Anecdotes Spence.
 7. Song—"I'm from Chicago" Catanach.
 8. Witticisms Forbes.
 9. Song—"Put your troubles in your old kit bag"
 Reeves.
 10. Remarks Cachemaille.
 11. Song—"The Kipling Walk" Mitchell.
 12. Witticisms Rawson.
 13. Song—"Trentham" Pope.
 14. Jokes Jones.
 15. Duet—"Oh! Mr. Dream Man"
 Robinson and Williams.
 16. Remarks Bryce.
 17. Duet—"If it's a lady—thumbs up!"
 Cachemaille and Walter i.
 18. "The Village Blacksmith" (???) Goss.
 19. Song—"I've lost all ambition in life!" Goss.
 20. Remarks Walter.
 21. Song—"I'd love to live in loveland" Jones.
 22. Jokes Reeves.
 23. Song—"Anzac" Rawson.
 24. Song—"I start my day over again" ... Catanach.
 25. Remarks Goss.
 26. Song—"If you were the only girl in the world"
 Horner.
 27. Advice on love Catanach.
 28. Song—"Oh! oh! Antonio!" Spence.
 29. Song—"Back home in Tennessee" ... Cachemaille.
 30. Song—"The Soldier" Horner.

Interval.

PLAY: "THE SPIRIT RAPPER."

Dramatis Personæ:—

- Jones (host) C. W. Morey.
 Prof. Davenport (medium), W. J. Catanach.
 Aminadab (butler) A. Gilbert.
 Brown (guest) H. H. Goss.
 Robinson (guest) R. Donald.
 Johnson (guest) R. Bothamley.
 Smith (guest) C. Forbes.
 Hidden Violinist K Ducker.

"God Save the King."

VERY SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

The beautiful weather which prevailed on Thursday morning, November 8, continued throughout the afternoon, and the result was that the Annual Athletic Sports of the New Plymouth Boys' High School must be classed as even more successful than its predecessors. Good management means everything to a sports carnival, and it may be said—as a Wellington visitor declared on Thursday—that no other school sports in New Zealand are so capably managed. Certain it is that after coming away from any of the meetings in recent years one is convinced that the gathering cannot be improved upon. Yet the next year sees some slight alteration made that adds still more to the attractive nature of the day's races. As an instance of the splendid organisation and control of the officials responsible for the Sports it should be mentioned that 45 events, some of which necessitated twelve heats, were decided in four to five hours. The races were, as usual, keenly exciting, there being many close finishes, and the lads showed themselves to be sportsmen of the best kind. Defeat was accepted smilingly—victory modestly. A number of the boys displayed exceptional promise and should show up well in the athletic world in years to come. The records for the junior long jump, junior high jump, 75 yards under 10, and 100 yards under 12 were broken, and some others were also broken.

Among those present during the afternoon were Sir James Allen (Minister of Defence), Dr. A. W. Averill (Bishop of Auckland), Lieut.-Colonel M'Donald (General Staff Officer), Archdeacon F. G. Evans, Captain J. F. Rockstrow, Mr. H. Okey, M.P., Mr. C. H. Burgess (Mayor of New Plymouth), Mr. D. Hutchen (Chairman of the High Schools Board), and Mr. R. Masters, Stratford (Chairman of the Education Board). Parents from every part of the province, and in numerous cases much farther afield, were present. The School Band gave several selections during the afternoon; under the baton of Mr. F. W. G. McLeod, and acquitted itself very creditably. Mrs. Wood's orchestra was also in attendance, and played selections on the ground and also in the dining-room, where a group of workers under Mrs. Moyes provided afternoon tea.

The officials one and all performed their duties to the satisfaction of everyone, and much credit is due to them for the success of the day's sport.

Following is a list of officials:—Judges: Messrs. A. M'Hardy, E. P. Webster, L. B. Webster, W. C. Weston, E. F. Blundell, R. W. D. Robertson, and Dr. E. F. Fookes. Starter: Mr. W. H. Moyes. Marksman: Mr. C. H. Wynyard. Ground Stewards: Messrs. C. G. Bottrill, R. D. Kidd, R. H. Rockel, C. A. M'Kinney, W. M. Falconer. Timekeepers: Messrs. J. Bennett, E. Whittle, W. Roberts, N. Greiner. Committee: Mr. A. R. Ryder, Mr. A. M. Bradbury, E. L. Tansey, H. Bryce, H. H. Goss, S. F. Drake, A. M'Hardy, C. M'Kay. Hon. Secretaries: W. M. Atkinson and F. E. Train.—“Taranaki Herald.”

150 YARDS OPEN.

The heats in the 150 yards open were first run off. There were twelve heats, the total number of competitors being 151. Some good times were put up, the best being by Beckbessinger, who won the seventh heat off scratch in 16 1-5sec.

First heat: G. Boon (4yds.) 1; time, 17 2-5sec. Second heat: Bothamley (3yds.) 1; time, 17 3-5sec. Third heat: A. M'Hardy (scr.) 1; time, 17sec. Fourth heat: Lealand (4yds.) 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Doile (4yds.) 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Sixth heat: R. Boon (3yds.) 1; time, 17sec. Seventh heat: Beckbessinger (scr.) 1; time, 16 1-5sec. Eighth heat: Whittle (3yds.) 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Ninth heat: Zinsli (5yds.) 1; time, 17sec. Tenth heat: Kingston (7yds.) 1; time, 16 4-5sec. Eleventh heat: Penman (12yds.) 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Twelfth heat: Forbes (10yds.) 1; time, 17sec.

Final.—Lealand (4yds.) 1, M'Hardy (scr.) 2, Doile (4yds.) 3. Time, 16 1-5sec. Won by a clear yard.

100 YARDS.—UNDER 15.

Five heats, 64 runners.

First heat: Bothamley (scr.) 1, Waterson (6yds.) 2; time, 11 4-5sec. Second heat: O'Halloran (6yds.) 1, Smart (6yds.) 2; time, 11 3-5sec. Third heat: Forbes (5yds.) 1, Moore (3yds.) 2; time, 12 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Kingston (3yds.) 1, Brennan (7yds.) 2; time, 11 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Penman (5yds.) 1, K. Ward (6yds.) 2; time, 12 1-5sec.



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Final.—K. O'Halloran (6yds.) 1, Kingston (3yds.) 2, Penman (5yds.) 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

100 YARDS.—SENIOR CUP.

First heat (championship): Bryce 1, Yates 2, Callander and Herbert (dead heat) 3. Time, 11 3-5sec. This was a slashing finish, the judges having a hard task to sort out the winners.

Second heat: M'Hardy (scr.) 1, Lealand (3yds.) 2, Hine (5yds.) 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. Twelve started.

Third heat: Beckbessinger (scr.) 1, Goss (6yds.) 2, Brackebush (2yds.) 3. Time, 11sec. (equalling E. D. Colson's record made in 1912). Twelve started.

Fourth heat: Doile (2yds.) 1, D. Mackie (4yds.) 2, G. Boon (4yds.) 3. Time, 11sec. Ten started.

Final.—Beckbessinger (scr.) 1, Lealand (3yds.) 2, Doile (2yds.) 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. The winner, who is a promising runner, won by a foot. (In his morning heat he ran the distance in 11sec.—equalling the record.)

100 YARDS.—JUNIOR CUP.

First heat (championship): Whittle 1, Kyngdon 2, L. O'Halloran 3; time, 11 2-5sec.; eight started. Second heat: K. O'Halloran (6yds.) 1, Bothamley (scr.) 2; time, 12sec.; thirteen started. Third heat: Knuckey (5yds.) 1, Moore (3yds.) 2; time, 11 3-5sec.; thirteen started. Fourth heat: Cole (3yds.) and Horner (3yds.) dead heat 1; time, 11 3-5sec.; twelve started. Fifth heat: Kingston (3yds.) 1, Penman (7yds.) 2; time, 11 3-5sec.; twelve started. Sixth heat: Snowdon (9yds.) 1, C. White (7yds.) 2; time, 12 2-5sec.; twelve started.

Final.—Whittle (scr.) and Kingston (3yds.) dead heat 1, K. O'Halloran (6yds.) 3. Time, 12sec.

LONG JUMP.—SENIOR CUP.

(Record: F. A. Bruce, 18ft. 9in., 1913.)

A. Callander (scr.), 18ft. 8in., 1; R. Boon (3in.), 18ft. 4in., 2; D. Mackie (12in.), 17ft. 10½in., 3. Nine competed.

LONG JUMP.—JUNIOR CUP.

(Record: L. H. Wood and K. Fox, 16ft., 1916.)

Harrison (scr.), 16ft. 9in. (record), 1; Whittle, 16ft. 6in., 2; Webster (3in.), 16ft. 4in., 3. Eight competed.

880 YARDS.—SENIOR CUP.

This was a fine race, there being 50 starters. Results:—

Meikle (35yds.) 1, Terry (scr.) 2, Snowdon (80yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 15sec. The limit boy, Snowdon, made the pace throughout, but at the turn into the straight Terry and Meikle had his measure, Meikle finishing best and winning with something to spare.

100 YARDS.—UNDER 14 CUP.

First heat (championship): Malt 1, Brennan 2, Walter 3; time, 13sec.; eleven started. Second heat: Rea (3yds.) 1, D. Bell (10yds.) 2, G. Bell (10yds.) 3; time, 12 4-5sec.; nine started. Third heat: K. Ward (3yds.) 1, O. Johns (4yds.) 2, M'Rae (4yds.) 3; time, 12 4-5sec.

Final.—K. Ward (3yds.) 1, Rea (3yds.) 2, Malt (scr.) 3. Time, 13sec. A close finish.

220 YARDS HANDICAP.

Eight heats were run, with a total of 123 competitors.

First heat: Lealand (6yds.) 1, Kingston (10yds.) 2; time, 25 4-5sec. Second heat: Goss (15yds.) 1, Beckbessinger (scr.) 2; time, 25 4-5sec. Third heat: Forbes (13yds.) 1, Spence (5yds.) 2; time, 25 3-5sec. Fourth heat: Zinsli (6yds.) 1, Hughes (13yds.) 2; time, 25 1-5 sec. Fifth heat: Osborne (6yds.) 1, Moore (7yds.) 2; time, 26sec. Sixth heat: D. Mackay (22yds.) 1, Penman (14yds.) 2; time, 25 3-5sec. Seventh heat: D. Mackie (7yds.) 1, K. O'Halloran (12yds.) 2; time, 25 3-5sec. Eighth heat: Gilbert (3yds.) 1, O. Bayly (3yds.) 2; time, 26sec.

Final.—Goss 1, Zinsli 2, Hughes 3. Time, 25 3-5sec.

HIGH JUMP.—JUNIOR CUP.

(Record: L. I. Day, 4ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 1914.)

R. Ward (scr.), 4ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., 1 (record); Kyngdon and Whittle (scr.), 4ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 2. Ward showed himself to be a beautiful jumper, and his performance evoked rounds of applause.

75 YARDS.—UNDER 13.

D. M'Kay (2yds.) 1, D. Bell (5yds.) 2, Williams (scr.) 3. Time, 10sec.

100 YARDS.—UNDER 12.

(Record: B. Hutchen, 1914, and A. Moyes, 1915, 14sec.)

First heat (championship): Carthew 1, S. Fookes 2, B. Scanlan 3. Time, 13 3-5sec., beating the record by 2-5sec. Seven started.

Second heat: Fussell (5yds.) 1, Gilmour (2yds.) 2, G. Bayly (5yds.) 3. Time, 13 4-5sec. Nine started.

Final.—Carthew 1, Fussell 2, Gilmour 3. Time, 13 3-5sec. Won by inches.

POTATO RACE.

(Fourteen started in each heat.)

First heat: D. Mackie 1, J. Scanlan 2. Second heat: Wills 1, Reeves 2. Third heat: Waterson and H. Roberts (dead heat) 1. Fourth heat: Osborne 1, C. White 2. Fifth heat: A. Walter 1, K. O'Halloran 2. Sixth heat: Grayling 1, Cole 2.

Final.—Wills 1, Grayling 2, Moore 3.

75 YARDS.—UNDER 10.

(Record: A. Moyes, 11sec., 1914.)

G. Bell (scr.) 1, Davies (5yds.) 2, C. M'Neill (scr.) 3. Time, 10 4-5sec.—1-5sec. better than the record. Seven started.

50 YARDS.—UNDER 10.

G. Bell (scr.) 1, Davies (3yds.) 2, Sladden (scr.) 3. Time, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. Eight started.

440 YARDS.—SENIOR.

(Record: F. A. Bruce, 56 2-5sec., 1913.)

Zinsli (20yds.) 1, Goss (30yds.) 2, Clemow (10yds.) 3. Time, 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. There were 23 competitors. Won by three yards.

440 YARDS—JUNIOR.

(Mrs. Bothamley's Cup.)

(Record: D. Grant, 59 3-5sec., 1915.)

Kingston (10yds.) 1, Whittle (scr.) 2, Snowdon (30yds.) 3. Time, 59 3-5sec. Sixty-four competitors. A well-contested race, Kingston winning by about two yards from Whittle.

75 YARDS—UNDER 14.

(Record: A. R. Bothamley, 9sec., 1916.)

First heat (championship): Malt 1, J. Walter 2, Brennan 3; time, 10sec.; eleven started. Second heat: D. Mackay (4yds.) 1, C. Saxton (2yds.) 2, M'Rae (3yds.) 3; time, 9 3-5sec.; ten started. Third heat: K. Ward (1yd.) 1, O. Johns (3yds.) 2, D. Bell (6yds.) 3; time, 9 3-5sec.; ten started.

Final.—D. Mackay 1, K. Ward 2, Malt 3. Time, 9 2-5sec. An exciting finish, the placed boys finishing in a bunch.

50 YARDS—UNDER 11.

Gilmour (scr.) and G. Bayly (2yds.) dead heat 1, H. Fookes (3yds.) 3. Time, 7 3-5sec. Twelve started. Another close race, the judges being unable to decide between Gilmour and Bayly.

THREE-LEGGED RACE—75 YARDS.

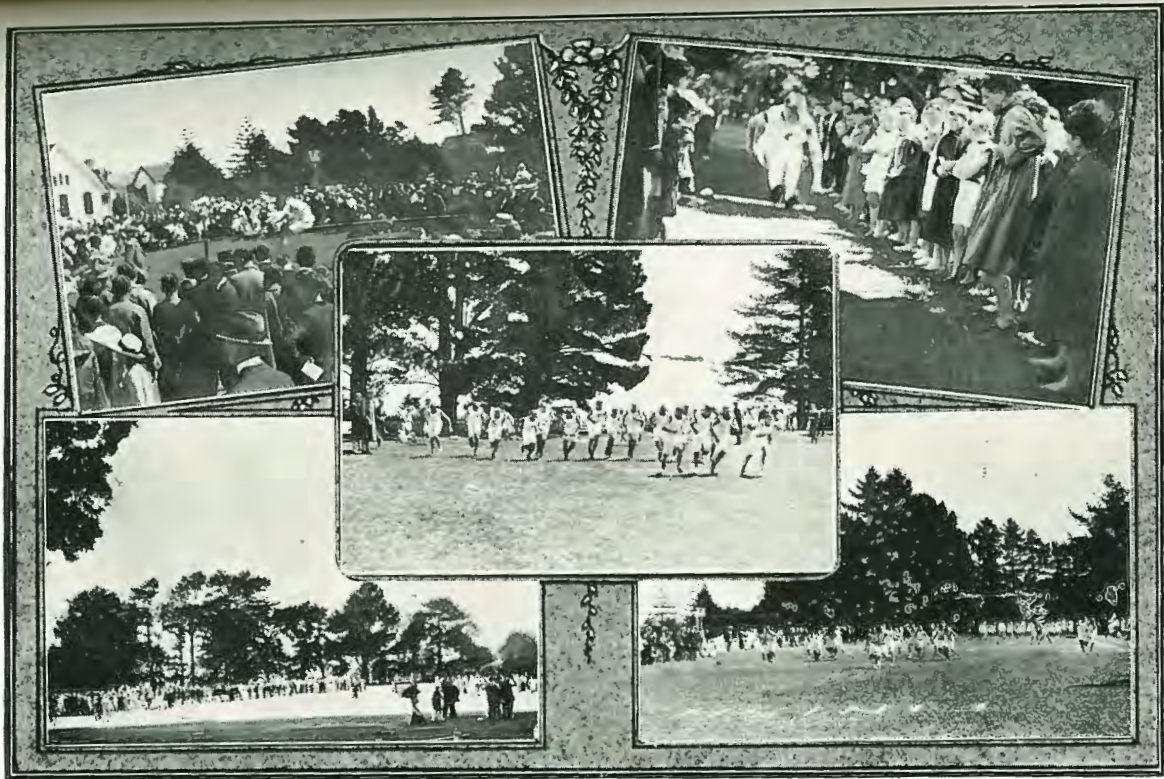
First heat: C. Herbert and O. Bayly (scr.) 1, Donald and Cole (5yds.) 2; time, 10 3-5sec.; twelve couples started. Second heat: D. Mackay and Williams (15yds.) 1, Teed and Watkins (15yds.) 2; time, 11sec.; thirteen couples started. Third heat: A. Walter and D. Fox (10yds.) 1, Brown and Musker (10yds.) 2; time, 11 3-5sec.; thirteen couples started. Fourth heat: Penman and Short (10yds.) and S. Hutchen and Carthew (15yds.) dead heat 1; thirteen couples started. Fifth heat: S. Train and Jones (10yds.) 1, Grant and Lee (5yds.) 2.

Final.—Bayly and Herbert 1, Donald and Cole 2, Train and Jones 3.

HIGH JUMP—SENIOR.

(Record: D. S. Sykes, 5ft. 5½in., 1914.)

Herbert (scr.), 4ft. 11½in., 1; Tansey (scr.), 4ft. 10¾in., 2; Terry (scr.), 4ft. 9¾in., 3. Six competitors.



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INVITATION RACE—100 YARDS.

Beckbessinger (N.P.H.S.) 1, M'Hardy (N.P.H.S.) 2, Harkness (Stratford D.H.S.) 3. Also started: Johnson (Stratford D.H.S.). This was a good race, Beckbessinger cutting the 100 yards out in 11sec. dead, and winning by about a foot from M'Hardy, who was about 2ft. in front of Harkness.

50 YARDS—UNDER 12.

First heat (championship): Carthew (scr.) 1, S. Fookes (scr.) 2, Gilmour (1yd.) 3; time, 7 3-5sec.; eight started. Second heat: MacDiarmid (4yds.) 1, E. Jackson (5yds.) 2, Prideaux (4yds.) 3; time, 7 3-5sec.; eight started.

Final.—Carthew 1, Gilmour 2, Jackson 3. Time, 7 2-5sec. A close finish.

100 YARDS—UNDER 10.

(Mrs. Burgess's Trophy.)

G. Bell (scr.) 1, C. M'Neill (scr.) 2, H. Fookes (scr.) 3. Time, 14 2-5sec. Seven started. Won comfortably.

150 YARDS—UNDER 12.

Gilmour (6yds.) 1, G. Bayly (10yds.) 2, Carthew (scr.) 3. Time, 20sec. Thirteen started.

OLD BOYS' RACE.—100 YARDS.

(Mr. Pridham's Cup.)

Hoffmann (4yds.) 1, L. B. Webster (3yds.) 2, Lovell (3yds.) 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. Eleven others started. D. Sykes was the scratch man, and Dr. Fookes and E. P. Webster were on the limit (5yds.). Pat. Webster got a flying start and looked a comfortable winner, but Hoffmann beat him by inches.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—SENIOR.

(Record: F. A. Bruce, 18 2-5sec., 1914.)

First heat (championship): Terry (owe 7yds.) 1, Herbert 2, Bryce 3. Time, 19 3-5sec. Terry, who jumped well, won with something to spare.

Second heat: Tansey (scr.) 1, F. Train (scr.) 2, Hine (scr.) 3. Time, 20sec.

Final.—Train 1, Tansey 2, Hine 3. No time taken. Terry seemed to be winning when he had to pull out owing to knee trouble.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—JUNIOR.

First heat (championship): Kyngdon (owe 7yds.) 1, L. O'Halloran 2, Harrison 3; time, 20sec. Second heat: Reeves (scr.) 1, Knuckey (scr.) 2, Brown (scr.) 3; time 20 2-5sec.

Final.—Reeves 1, Kyngdon 2, Harrison 3. Won by a yard.

SACK RACE.

(Twenty starters in each heat.)

First heat: C. Saxton (9yds.) 1, Kebell (10yds.) 2, Morton (8yds.) 3. Second heat: Carthew (13yds.) 1, G. Bayly (13yds.) 2, Waters (7yds.) 3. Third heat: F. Blundell (6yds.) 1, Lysons (13yds.) 2, Arthur (10yds.) 3. Fourth heat: Scanlan 1, H. Roberts (10yds.) 2, Grayling (scr.) 3.

Final.—Blundell 1, Saxton 2, Lysons 3. The race provided plenty of amusement, Blundell skipping in first with a little to spare.

220 YARDS—UNDER 14.

(Record: A. R. Bothamley, 29sec., 1916.)

D. Mackay (12yds.) 1, Malt (scr.) 2, J. Walter (scr.) 3. A good race. No time taken.

ONE MILE OPEN.

(Dr. Fookes' Cup.)

S. Train (250yds.) 1, Snowdon (250yds.) 2, Williamson (250yds.) 3. Time, 4min. 52 2-5sec. There were 74 starters. It was an interesting race, the scratch boys being unable to make any impression on the leaders. The winner had several yards to spare. The youngsters on the limit (350yds.) were applauded on completing the course.

TUG-OF-WAR.

The tugs-of-war can always be relied upon to provide exciting contests and feverish enthusiasm. In the seniors, the Boarders (Burkhardt, Bryce, Tansey, M'Kay, Goss, Osborne, K. Fox, P. Atkinson) defeated the Day

Boys (Herbert, Terry, Bayly, A. M'Hardy, R. Boon, Saxton, Brokenshire, Rockel). The Boarders won the first pull, the Day Boys the second, and the Boarders the third.

In the juniors, the Day Boys (J. Clemow, B. Boon, Malt, Gudopp, Hambllyn, Webster, B. Hutchen, C. Smith) defeated the Boarders (J. Walter, A. Walter, Wills, Zinsli, D. Fox, Brennan, Jones, Old). The Boarders won the first pull, the Day Boys the second, and the third was easily the best of the day. The sides were steady about 15 minutes, and then the Day Boys gradually proved superior.

OTHER EVENTS.

Throwing the cricket ball (competed for previous to the sports).—Senior: M'Kay, 77 yards. Junior (under 15): Hayden, 68 yards.

SENIOR CUP.

J. Terry: Steeplechase 5, 100 yards 0, 440 yards 5, 880 yards 5, long jump 0, high jump 3, 120 yards hurdles 5—total 23.

C. Herbert: 3, $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 0, 3, 5, 3—17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

H. Bryce 8 points, A. Callander 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, and C. Yates 5, were the other contestants for the cup.

Previous winners: 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; 1916, J. J. K. Terry and C. C. Yates.

JUNIOR CUP—UNDER 16.

C. Kyngdon: Steeplechase 1, 100 yards 3, 440 yards 3, 880 yards 3, long jump 1, high jump 2, 120 yards hurdles 5—18.

Whittle: 0, 5, 5, 0, 3, 2, 0—15.

L. O'Halloran: 5, 1, 1, 5, 0, 0, 3—15.

Harrison 7 points, R. Ward 5, A. M'Neill 3, also competed for the cup.

Previous winners: 1911, F. A. Bruce; 1912, H. V. B. Hirst; 1913, D. Grant; 1914, B. A. Norman; 1915, C. C. Herbert; 1916, E. Beckbessinger.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Cup presented by Mr. J. Bennett.)

Malt: Steeplechase 5, 75 yards 5, 100 yards 5, 220 yards 5—20.

J. Walter 10 points, Brennan 5 points, and Musker 1 point, were the only others who received points.

Previous winners: 1913, A. M'Hardy; 1914, K. Fox; 1915, O. M'Hardy; 1916, A. R. Bothamley.

UNDER 12 CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Cup presented by Mr. C. Carter.)

Carthew: Steeplechase 3, 50 yards 5, 100 yards 5, 150 yards 0—13.

S. F. Fookes: 0, 3, 3, 5—11.

S. Hutchen 6, B. Scanlan 5, H. M'Neill 1, were the only others who scored points.

Previous winners: 1913, E. Pope; 1914, B. Hutchen; 1915, F. Williams; 1916, F. Williams.

UNDER 10 CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Cup presented by Mr. Moyes.)

G. Bell: 50 yards 5, 75 yards 5, 100 yards 5—15.

C. M'Neill: 1, 3, 3—7. P. Sladden 3, H. Fookes 1, and G. Walker 1, also competed.

Previous winners: 1914, F. Williams and A. Moyes; 1915, S. F. Fookes; 1916, C. M'Neill.

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; 1916, J. J. K. Terry; 1917, J. J. K. Terry.

STEEPLECHASE CUP.

1912, H. Hine; 1913, J. B. Wilson; 1914, C. J. Emmerton; 1915, N. M'Diarmid; 1916, W. Nicholson; 1917, E. Fussell.

On Thursday, September 20th, a Form Relay Race was held on the Racecourse. The distance was a mile, and the race was run on the outside course, starting opposite the result-board. There were two competitions—a Senior and a Junior—the former being won by VI.B. and the latter being won by III.B. The following are the results:—

Senior.—1st, VI.B. team; 2nd, V. team; 3rd, VI.A. team; 4th, IV. team.

Junior.—1st, III.B. team; 2nd, III.A. team; 3rd, VI.B. team; 4th, V. team.

There were five members in each team, and the winning Senior team did the five miles in 27min., while the winning Junior team covered the five miles in 28½ min. The winning Senior team consisted of Gilbert, F. Train, P. Atkinson, Doile, and Knapman. The members of the Junior team were Donald, Cole, Renaud, Brown, and C. Smart.

The following Thursday, September 27th, a paper chase was run. The course, which was slightly over five miles, was down Eliot Street, over the old railway bridge, up the Old Hospital Road to the top of the hill, and from there across country back to School. The hares—A. Gilbert, F. Train and P. Atkinson—left School at 3 p.m., and three minutes later the hounds started. They lost the trail before reaching the bridge, and started off to the coast; but after a few minutes they picked it up again. The hares were first seen on the top of the hill on the Old Hospital Road, and O. Bayly, who was leading, began to overhaul them until he caught them fording the Te Henui about a quarter of a mile from School.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Quite a considerable number of books have been added to the Library this term owing partly to the expenditure of our own funds and partly to the kindness of various friends. To these we tender our heartiest thanks and we can assure them that we thoroughly appreciate this kindness. The latest additions are as follow:—

SCIENCE.—The Modern Locomotive (C. Allen).

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.—History of English Bible (F. Brown); The Rise of Presbyterianism in Scotland (Lord Balfour); The Ground Plan of Eng-

lish Parish Church (A. H. Thomson); Early Religious Poetry of Persia (J. Moulton); The Historical Growth of English Parish Church (A. H. Thomson); Comparative Religion (F. Jevons); Early Religious Poetry of Hebrews (E. King); A Cyclopædia and Bible Concordance (Frowde); The Vanguard (Gale).

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.—Master Mariners (J. Spears); Peoples and Problems of India (Sir T. Holderness); A Geographical Discovery (J. Jacobs); A Piece of Coal (E. Martin); The Cotton Plant (F. Wilkinson); The Empire (E. Sammon); Forest and Stream (G. Rodway); Bird Life (W. Pycroft); The Work of Rain and River (T. Bonney); Plant Animals (F. Kiebal); China and the Manchus (H. Giles); Brasses (F. Ward); Natural History of Clay (A. Serle); Links with the Past (Seeward); Earth Worms and their Allies (F. Beddard); The Story of a Loaf of Bread (T. B. Wood); The Atmosphere (A. Berry); The Wand'rings of People (A. C. Haddon); The Natural History of Coal (E. Ardner); The Individual in the Animal Kingdom (J. Huxley); The Origin of Earthquakes (C. Davison); The Migration of Birds (T. Coward); Plant Life on Land (F. Bower); Brewing (A. Chapman); Everyday Life in South Africa (E. E. K. Lowndes); The Imperial Heritage (E. D. Williams); The Rise and Fall of Krugerism (Scoble and Abercrombie); With the Royal Tour (E. F. Knight).

BIOGRAPHY AND CORRESPONDENCE.—Letters of Self-made Merchant (Lorimer); From Log Cabin to White House (W. M. Thayer).

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.—Greek Tragedy (J. Sheppard); Life in the Medial University (R. Raite); Goethe and 20th Century (F. Robertson); The Ballad in Literature (T. Henderson); The Icelandic Sagas (W. Craigie); Ancient Stained and Painted Glass (F. Eden); King Arthur in History and Legend (W. L. Jones).

WAR BOOKS.—With the French Eastern Army (W. E. Gray); British Regiments at the Front (Reginald Hodder); The Campaign of Sedan (G. Hooper); The Russian Advance (Marr. Murray); The German Fleet (A. Hurd); Famous Fights of Indian Native Regiments (R. Hodder); The Submarine in War (C. W. Donville-Fife); The Fleets at War (A. Hurd); How

the War Began (W. Courtney); The Campaign Around Liege (J. Kennedy); The First Campaign in Russian Poland (P. Standing); The Slav Nation (S. Tucie); With the Scottish Regiments at the Front (E. C. Vivian); Motor Transports in War (H. W. Yatt); Forty Years After (H. C. Bailey); How the Nations Waged War (J. Kennedy); With the R.A.M.C. at the Front (E. C. Vivian); The Battle in Flanders (E. Dane); A Manual of Military French (G. Pitt); A Modern Warship (E. Attwood); Aerial Locomotion (Furgerson); Warfare in England (H. Belloc).

JUVENILE FICTION.—The Young Ranchers (E. S. Ellis); A Strange Craft (E. S. Ellis); Campfire and Wigwam (E. S. Ellis); The Boy Scouts in the Rockies (Carter); The Boy Scouts down in Dixie (Carter); Wild Adventures Round the Pole (G. Stables); The Little Duke (Yonge); Marooned on Australia (Favenc); Swiss Family Robinson (Kingston); The Fairy Bedmaker (G. Rowe); Sons of the Vikings (J. Gunn); The Little Duchess (E. Turner); Frank Already's Fortune (F. Fox).

FICTION.—The Fugitives (Bridges); Around the World in Eighty Days (Jules Verne); Blazed Trail Stories (S. E. White); A Courier of Fortune (A. W. Marchmont); A Moment's Error (A. W. Marchmont); By Stroke of Sword (A. Balfour); Eugene Valmont (R. Barr); Andre Cornellis (Bourget); A Damaged Reputation (H. Bindloss); The Pit (F. Norris); A Fair Refugee (M. Gerard); A Glorious Lie (D. Gerard); The Crisis (W. Churchill); Richard Carvel (W. Churchill); The Prince of This World (J. Hocking); The Daughter of David Kerr (K. H. Tootle); The Chronicles of Rebecca (K. D. Wiggin); Beatrice of Venice (Max Pemberton); Glengarry Days (R. Connor); Sir Nigel (Conan Doyle); The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Conan Doyle); The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes (Conan Doyle); Marjory Mallory (I. Hodgkinson); The Air Pilot (R. Parrish); The Smiler Bunn Brigade (B. Atkey); Mysteries of the Riviera (E. P. Oppenheim); According to Maria (Mrs. J. Lane); Our New Selection (Steele Rudd); The Old Blood (F. Palmer); The Serpent (W. M. Scott); Light-fingered Gentry (D. G. Phillips); Sandy (A. H. Rice); The Man Trail (H. Oyen);

When Greek Meets Greek (P. Trent); Captain Gardiner (R. Allen); Two Years Before the Mast (Dana); The Trufflers (Merwin); The Heart of Thunder Mountain (Bingham); The Snow Burner (Henry Oyen); Torchy, Private Sec. (Sewell Ford).

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the following presentations:—The Vanguard; The Rise and Fall of Krugerism; With the Royal Tour; From Log Cabin to White House; The Little Duke; Swiss Family Robinson; The Fairy Bedmaker; Sons of the Vikings; The Little Duchess; Frank Already's Fortune; The Crisis; Richard Carvel; The Prince of This World; The Chronicles of Rebecca; Beatrice of Venice; Glengarry Days; The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes; The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes; According to Maria; Light-fingered Gentry; Sandy; Two Years Before the Mast; Whitaker's Almanac, 1912; In the Days of Auld Lang Syne (all presented by Mrs. Paton); Masefield's Gallipoli (presented by J. E. Wilson (Esq.)); The Trufflers; The Snow Burner; The Heart of Thunder Mountain; Torchy, Private Sec. (presented by W. H. Moyes, Esq.).

BOXING NOTES.

At the beginning of the Term, as we had no professional coach, Messrs. Kidd and Wynyard began lessons in the Gymnasium. As the Boxing Championships were approaching, many boys took advantage of the instruction of these two Masters to glean some of the finer points of the art. A punch-ball was obtained, and this helped materially in the training of the competitors for the various championships. We must thank Mr. Swanson for the welcome donation of a set of gloves. The Championships took place on November 19th, on the front lawn. Mr. Wynyard acted as referee, while Mr. M'Kinney acted as timekeeper. The following are the results:—

1. Under 5 stone.—S. Hutchen v. G. Bell.—The bout was willing from the start, Hutchen hitting with straight lefts and having the advantage of the first round. In the second round, Hutchen led, and Bell went down to a straight left, but except for a good right by Bell, the round was uninteresting. Things once again became lively in the third round, and after a good fight, Hutchen won.

2. Under 7 stone.—Mitchell v. Malt.—Mitchell led and landed two hard lefts, which he followed up by another left and two rights. Malt was not using his left, but got in two good rights. At the end of the first round, Mitchell was leading. In the next round, Malt stood up better, and landed two good rights to Mitchell's head, but Mitchell gained the points. The last round was very lively, Mitchell becoming very active, but Malt evading well. At the end of the round Mitchell was declared the winner.

3. Under 6 stone.—Barrell v. Snowdon.—Barrell made it willing, but soon tired, and Snowdon landed some good rights. Snowdon's round. Snowdon led, and Barrell placed a good one to the jaw, Snowdon replying with hard rights and chasing Barrell round the ring. Snowdon's weight and size were telling, and although he was not using his left, he won the bout easily.

4. Under 7 stone.—Walter i. v. Ducker.—Walter led, but the round was very tame, tapping only taking place. Walter's round. In the second round things were very uninteresting, but in the third round Ducker began to lead, and things became lively. Walter was very quick, and was declared the winner.

5. Under 8 stone.—K. O'Halloran v. Wyborn.—There was nothing of note in the first round, but Wyborn's footwork was very good. The second round was also tame, but in the third O'Halloran had his opponent busy, and won a very tame bout.

6. Under 7st.—Rawson v. Brunette.—The first round was marked by an exchange of blows, of which Rawson had a slight advantage. Both fought well, Rawson being very good with his left. Brunette was forced to the ropes, and Rawson won a hard-fought battle.

7. Bye.—Jackson v. Hunt.

8. Bye.—Barrell v. B. Scanlan.—This was very vigorous for a bye, and more willing than the last bye.

9. Under 8 stone.—Zinsli v. Forbes.—Zinsli led and got hard lefts on to Forbes's head, thus obtaining a big lead in points. The second round saw a lively "go" in which Zinsli was badly downed by a beautiful left. The third round was a bout of hard hitting, and Zinsli was declared the winner.

10. Under 9 stone.—L. O'Halloran v. Harrison.—Harrison led with strong lefts, and was too quick, O'Halloran missing some good chances to get home. Harrison was leading at the end of the first round. The second

round saw O'Halloran wake up and land Harrison some good rights on the head. O'Halloran's round. Harrison began to lead, but was pushed back by hard rights. Harrison began to lead again, hitting hard, but O'Halloran was equal to the leads, and a very even and interesting fight ensued. Things were so even that another round had to be fought. Harrison led with lefts, and immediately a willing "go" was witnessed. It was most strenuous, Harrison winning.

11. F. Train v. Lee.—A bye.

12. Final under 5 stone.—B. Scanlan v. S. Hutchen.—Scanlan jumped to it from the start, and Hutchen went down to a weighty right. Scanlan then began to hit hard and follow up well. Scanlan's round easily. In the second round things became warm, Hutchen standing up much better, but Scanlan won the round. The third round was fast, Scanlan making the pace and getting a deserved win.

13. Final under 6 stone.—Snowdon v. Jackson.—Jackson led, making it hot, and things became willing. At the end of the first round Jackson had most points. The second round saw both leading and hitting hard. Jackson was rather quicker than Snowdon, who laid himself open to attack by not keeping up a firm guard. Jackson won this round also. The third round opened by each exchanging hard blows with left and right. Jackson became very aggressive and was declared the winner.

14. Final Junior Championship under 10st. 7lb.—O. Bayly v. Callander.—Bayly led and landed a good left, to which Callander replied with a beautiful right swing to the head. Bayly's reach began to tell, and he won the first round by one point. Bayly began the second round by leading with his left. Callander was very quick and evaded his bigger opponent's heavy punches well. Towards the end of the round Callander landed another right. The third round was very interesting, Bayly leading with one to the body, and Callander replying with a right to the jaw, and later another to the side of the head. Callander was doing excellent footwork, but Bayly was too big and heavy, and was declared the winner.

15. Semi-final under 7 stone.—Mitchell v. Hunt.—Mitchell led and hit hard with left and right, Hunt responding with similar tactics. The round was very even, each obtaining the same number of points. The second round immediately became lively, Hunt showing up

well. Then Mitchell woke up, and landed some pretty blows on his adversary's head. Hunt went down, and Mitchell gained a majority in points. In the third round, Mitchell led and Hunt responded. Mitchell's blows began to tell, especially his hard rights. Hunt, seeing a good opportunity, landed Mitchell on the point, and the latter went down. The gong then went, and Mitchell won.

16. Bye.—Walter i. v. Train i.

17. Final under 8 stone.—K. O'Halloran v. Zinsli.—O'Halloran landed three lefts in quick succession to Zinsli's jaw, and the latter went down. Zinsli began to fire early, and O'Halloran won the round. The second round was more even, O'Halloran leading and landing some good body blows. The third round opened by O'Halloran chasing Zinsli round the ring. Early in the round O'Halloran landed a hard right, and Zinsli went down for six seconds. O'Halloran continued landing rights and Zinsli again went down for eight seconds. Zinsli was absolutely done, and O'Halloran won easily.

18. Final under 9 stone.—Harrison v. F. Train.—As Harrison had strained himself, this took place on November 26th. This was the best fight seen at school for many a year. Train led, but Harrison, who possesses a most powerful punch, landed a good right on Train's head, and the latter went down. Clean hitting then took place, Train leading, and Harrison waiting and landing very telling rights. Towards the end of the round it looked like a knock-out, but Train continued the fight like a hero. The second round saw Train leading and punching straight. Although Train landed some good lefts, Harrison kept cool, and to every lead of Train's, retaliated with a stunning right. Towards the end of the round Harrison had Train done, and put in right after right. Train was well shaken up, and things looked hopeless for him. He went down again and a knock-out seemed inevitable when, at six seconds, the gong went. The third round saw Train buck up and lead well, but only to receive Harrison's powerful-right on the side of the head. However, Train stuck to it very pluckily, but finally the gong went and Harrison's rights won for him a great fight.

19. Final under 7 stone.—Mitchell v. J. Walter.—Walter led, and Mitchell responded with a good right to the head. Walter was keeping cool and forced Mitchell down. Even points. The second round saw Walter

lead, and Mitchell went down for nine seconds. Walter landed a good right, and Mitchell swung an ugly right, but missed. Walter's round. In the third round Mitchell went down for eight seconds. Walter made things hot, and Mitchell, tired from his two previous bouts, began to hit the air, swinging wildly. Mitchell then went down for seven seconds, and Walter was declared the winner.

20. Final Senior Championship over 10st. 7lb.—M'Kay v. Tansey.—This was the event of the day. M'Kay began by leading, and things became warm from the start, both hitting hard. Tansey landed a hard right on M'Kay's head, and M'Kay replied with a right swing, followed by an effective body blow. He followed these up with a left and right to Tansey's jaw. Tansey then made the pace, and forced M'Kay to the ropes.—M'Kay's round by a half point. In the second round Tansey led with a left to M'Kay's jaw, to which M'Kay replied by sending Tansey to the ropes. Then M'Kay was forced to the ropes, and clinches followed. M'Kay got a good straight left to Tansey's chest, but Tansey retaliated with a hard left to the jaw.—Tansey's round by 1½ points. The third round opened by Tansey putting two good blows with his left on M'Kay's face. M'Kay then delivered some good hard rights to the side of Tansey's head, Tansey replying with telling lefts. M'Kay swung a right, but missed, and Tansey landed a pretty left to the head. After a most exciting bout Tansey was declared the winner.

WINNERS OF CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior	L. Tansey.
Junior	O. Bayly.
Under 9 stone	R. I. Harrison.
Under 8 stone	K. O'Halloran.
Under 7 stone	J. Walter.
Under 6 stone	Jackson.
Under 5 stone	B. Scanlan.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

At the end of last Term the enlarger which had recently been purchased to replace the one lost in the School fire was fitted up in the dark room. As it is a much better machine than the old one, and as there are greater facilities for using it, some high-class work has been done by some of the members. Many alterations

have been made in the dark room this Term. One of our Masters being in an artistic frame of mind undertook to paint the interior. Owing to some miscalculation in the mixing, the paint failed to dry, and red hands and clothes were revelled in by some of the careless members. At the same time a red electric light and a few very necessary benches were erected. The small dark room that adjoins the boot room has been repaired and proves itself very handy when the larger one is occupied. Towards the end of last Term an amount of badly-needed material was purchased.

Owing to Scown leaving at the end of the Second Term it was found necessary to appoint a new Secretary, and Kingston now fills the position.

The boys in the Junior Forms have done most of the photography this year, and the types of camera mostly used by them are the V.P.K. and the Brownie. The Senior boys who are the possessors of expensive cameras do not seem to have the same enthusiasm as their younger fellow members. Some of the boys have given the Masters a lot of trouble keeping them out of their way. It has become quite a common sight to see a boy with his camera set hiding behind a bush trying to snap a Master while he is weeding the garden or cutting the lawns. We are still waiting patiently for the day in the near future when we shall have our new dark room with all its up-to-date conveniences. Here we will be able to go through the most difficult photography in the proper manner. This is not to say that good photos are not taken at the present time. It is quite the opposite. Some of the photos taken by some of the members would rival a professional's. The best, however, have been taken by one of our Masters who has recently invested in a new camera. Frequently during the week-ends he has ridden up Mt. Egmont on his "Douglas" and returned with a bag of spoil that might well be valued by any photograph collector.

Towards the end of the year it was decided to arrange for a competition to obtain photographs for the Magazine. Prizes of £1 and 10s. were awarded to the best groups of four photos consisting of two of the sports and two of the grounds. The prizes were keenly competed for, and the results were as follows:—1st, L. Tansey; 2nd, R. Bothamley and C. M'Neil.

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

The Annual Steeplechase, which precedes the Athletic Sports, was run on Thursday afternoon, October 4th. Each year sees an increase in the number of the runners, the figures this year being something over 200 as compared with 190 last year. The five-mile course, which was the same as that used for several years past, presented a variety of conditions, but no very great difficulties. First, the Avenue Road was followed to the Henui Bridge, where the course turned again towards town down the right bank of the river and out on to the Old Hospital Road, from where it ran across the old railway bridge to Watson, Lemon, and Hobson Streets and back to the School grounds. Mr. Cliff and Mr. Page, whose properties were traversed, had considerably removed stock in order to place no hindrance in the way of the runners.

The limit boy set out alone at about 3.10, and was followed at intervals by groups of the other competitors, until eleven minutes later the nine scratch men were also on the move. After leaving the Avenue Road the competitors were lost to view until a long ridge on the opposite side of the Henui River and more than half-way round the course was reached. A few seconds after half-past three the first boy came into view, and more than a minute elapsed before the second, the third, and then a continual stream followed. Fussell, 12 years of age, who received the limit handicap, proved to be the leading boy, and he arrived at the winning post 50 yards ahead of Boon, who made fastest time, 27min. 45sec.

The first nine were as follows:—

	Handicap.	Actual time.	
	min.	min.	sec.
E. Fussell	11	34	10
B. Boon	4½	27	45
E. Smart	6	31	30
P. Sladden	10	35	40
F. Hodder	6	31	41
C. Rea	5½	31	35
J. Scanlan	8½	34	36
L. Malt	6½	32	45
I. Renaud	3½	29	46

The best times were: B. Boon, 27min. 45sec.; Knapman, 28min. 50sec.; O. Bayly, 29min. 15sec.; P. Atkinson, 29min. 16sec.; Zinsli, 29min. 41sec.; Renaud, 29



STEEPLECHASE SNAPS.

THE SCRATCH MEN START.
ON THE MARK.

THE WINNER (FUSSELL) FINISHING.
THE LIMIT MEN START.

Camera Club Photo.

min. 46sec.; Grayling, 29min. 47sec. The average of the fastest times is much higher than than of any previous year.

The fastest time last year was H. Lucena's 29min. 39sec., while the record for the course is held by F. A. Bruce, who ran it in 26min. 21sec. in 1914. Boon is 14 years of age, and his performance this year speaks for his ability as an athlete. The previous winners of the Steeplechase Cup are:—1912, H. Hine; 1913, B. J. Wilson; 1914, C. J. Emmerton; 1915, N. MacDiarmid; 1916, W. Nicholson.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Position in the Steeplechase counts in connection with the various Championships in connection with the Sports held on November 8. The points were as follow:

Senior Cup.—Terry 5, Herbert 3, Yates 1.
 Junior Cup.—O'Halloran 5, M'Neill i. 3, Kyngdon 1.
 Under 14 Cup.—Malt 5, J. Walter 3, Musker 1.
 Under 12 Cup.—S. Hutchen 5, Carthew 3, B. Scanlan 1.

—Taranaki Herald.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Another season has come and gone, and in most respects this year's football has been very successful, not only from the point of view of matches won but also from the enthusiasm and keenness which has existed amongst the Junior players.

The First Fifteen showed great promise at the beginning of the season, but the backs, although much improved on those of last year, rarely played up to expectations. The forwards were a solid, hard-working pack and played fine games in almost every match. On the whole the team was perhaps superior to the previous team of 1916, which beat Te Aute. The team won the Northern Championship in the Taranaki Rugby Competition, but was unfortunately unable to play off a final with the successful Waimate team owing to the lateness of the season.

The Second Fifteen is undoubtedly the finest team of Seconds the School has turned out for many years. The forwards were fairly heavy and worked well, while the backs, although light, were quick and, in some

games, quite outshone the First Fifteen in defensive work. Although the team did not win an outside match, the scores were in most cases low, and the Second Fifteen deserve great credit for the games they played throughout the season. The following played in the First Fifteen: Terry (captain), Yates (vice-captain), Goss, M'Hardy, Tansey, Boon, Fox, Herbert, Bayly, M'Kay, Callander, Train, Brokenshire, Drake, Saxton, Bryce and Reynolds.

Results of matches:—Games played 13, lost 3, won 9, drawn 1. Points for 217, points against 40.

Second Fifteen matches: Games played 7, lost 5, won 2. Points for 25, points against 88.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. ROVERS

(Won 10 to 3).

School won the toss and kicked off against the wind. For a while School were kept hard pressed, their play being devoid of any dash or enthusiasm. It was almost the end of the first spell before School woke up, and a forward rush, headed by M'Kay and Goss, brought play down the field. School were driven back, but a combined piece of play by Callander and Fox brought play back. From a scrum the ball was whipped out to Yates, who, cutting in, made a fine run, but was collared. The forwards heeled out the ball, and another passing rush saw Terry score. M'Kay converted, and soon after half-time went with the scores 5 to 0.

At the commencement of the second half, M'Kay broke through and dashed down the field. After several ineffectual attempts, Rovers succeeded in stopping him, but Goss, receiving the ball, rushed over the line and scored. M'Kay converted with a fine kick. Spurred on by their reverse, Rovers attacked hotly, and from a scrummage near the line one of their forwards picked up the ball and scored. The kick failed. Soon after, Callander dashed through the opposing forwards and, aided by M'Hardy and Terry, rushed play into the Rovers' quarter. Good kicking relieved the Rovers, and shortly afterwards time went, leaving School the winners by 10 points to 3.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE

(Lost 9 to 5).

School won the toss and kicked off with the sun behind their backs. Technical College pressed hard at

the beginning, and two attempts at goal from penalties in our quarter fell short. Soon after, Yates, being hard pressed under our goal, kicked for the line. The ball fell short, and Oliver, taking it on the full, dashed over and scored. The kick failed.

Technical College 3, School 0.

School began to infuse more vigour into their play and in their turn pressed their opponents. A smart passing rush saw Terry cut in and pass to Yates, who scored near the corner. M'Kay converted with an exceptionally good kick, and half-time sounded with the scores:—

School 5, Technical College 3.

From the kick-off a forward rush, headed by M'Hardy and Goss, brought play down the field, but faulty handling by our backs saw us forced into our own twenty-five. Here our forwards got going, and a brilliant rush down the field saw Technical hard pressed in their own quarter. From the line-out, Fox broke away and passed to Goss, who launched himself over the line with three opposing men on top of him. The decision of the referee was against us. Technical College gradually forced School into their twenty-five, and M'Kay was penalised for offside. Oliver's kick was successful.

Technical College 6, School 5.

Soon after, an opponent marked, and from nearly half-way Oliver kicked a very fine goal.

Technical College 9, School 5.

Soon after time sounded with the play in midfield.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. SECOND FIFTEEN

(First Fifteen won 49-0).

It was expected that the Second Fifteen would put up a good game against the Firsts, since they had done so well in the matches against the teams in the competition. Some supporters of the Second Fifteen were even hoping for a victory for their side. The team, however, failed badly, and the Seniors, who knew the weak points in their opponents, played to those weaknesses every time. Tries were gained by Drake 4, Callander 2, Terry 2, Bayly 2, Saxton, Yates and M'Hardy. Yates converted three tries and M'Kay two.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. WAIMATE (RETURN MATCH)
(Lost 9-5).

The following account is taken from the "Hawera Star":—

Great interest was taken in the match New Plymouth High School v. Manaia Senior Cadets, on Saturday, July 7th, at the Show Ground. After a strenuous, hard-fought game, victory rested with Manaia by the narrow margin of nine points to five. Play from the beginning of the first spell was fast and good. The ball travelled up and down the field without much advantage to either side, excellent work being shown by both teams. School were getting the ball in the scrum, and made use of their opportunities, the ball travelling across the field in brilliant passing rushes, but the excellent defence of the Manaia backs staved off attack after attack. Hickey, Lynskey, and Roberts especially showed capital spoiling work. Then Manaia attacked. Hickey started a rush and the ball was carried over the opposing line, but M'Kay dived for it and saved an almost certain try. Again in a few minutes School were forced. School forwards were generally getting the ball in the scrum and also on the line-out, where Terry especially was playing a fine game. This gave their backs fine chances, and they attacked again and again. At length the ball came out to Train, who beat his opponents cleverly and scored a really good try. M'Kay goaled.

School 5, Manaia 0.

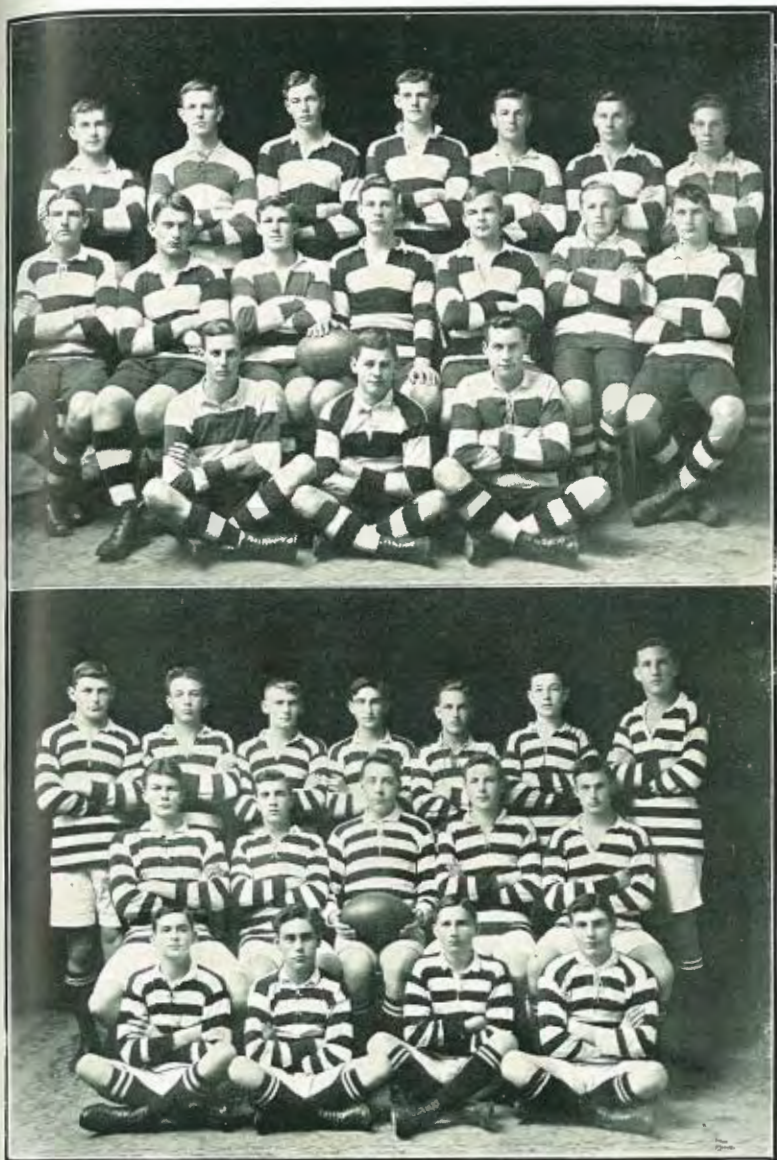
Spurred on by this reverse, Manaia attacked hotly. A free kick given them in a good position enabled Bailey to place a fine goal.

School 5, Manaia 3.

The second spell saw Manaia working with splendid determination, and play was very fast and keen. A loose forward rush took play well into School quarters, where the backs, failing to field accurately, Fergusson secured and dashed across. No goal resulted.

School 5, Manaia 6.

School attacked at once with great determination and gave some very fine expositions of the passing game, the ball being thrown about in great style. Manaia backs were, however, more than equal in defence. Then



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Bailey, following up well, spoilt a return, and securing, passed to Lynskey, and he to Roberts, who finished a fine dash by scoring near the posts. The kick failed.

School 5, Manaia 9.

From this out Manaia had generally the best of the play, their deadly tackling upsetting the School attacks. The match was played right out to the finish, School making a magnificent struggle to cross the line, and almost succeeding on two occasions. Shortly after, time was called, leaving Manaia the winners, after a splendid game.

Mr. W. T. Cleaver refereed satisfactorily.

The excellent form shown by both teams was the theme of general favourable comment. The High School boys (in the first spell especially) showed really brilliant passing. In the second, however, the forwards were not able to hold their weightier opponents, and they did not get so many chances. M'Kay played an especially useful game. Terry and Tansey were the pick of the forwards. Lynskey, Klenner, Hickey, and Roberts were the best of the Waimate backs, whose tackling and spoiling work was very good indeed. They had not the same combination as their opponents. The forwards were good, especially in the loose.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. ROVERS (SECOND ROUND). (Won 3 to 0.)

This match was played under very trying conditions. A steady rain thoroughly soaked both the players and the ground, and the ball was consequently so greasy that it was impossible to pick it up. The game started very briskly, and for a while School were hard pressed. The tension was relieved by an energetic rush headed by Callander and Bayly. From a line-out Goss secured and, after a fine run, passed to M'Hardy, who scored. The kick failed. Until half-time the play was alternately up and down the field.

From the kick-off a forward rush, headed by Reynolds and Tansey, carried School to a good position. Rovers by smart work in the forwards worked out of their quarter and dashed down the field. M'Kay relieved with a good kick. From the line-out M'Hardy and Her-

bert broke through, but were brought back by a sharp run by Loveridge. Time sounded with the scores:—

School 3, Rovers 0.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE (SECOND ROUND).

(Won 6 to 3.)

This match decided the North Taranaki Championship. During the greater part of the game it was raining heavily and the ground was very wet.

Technical College kicked off and after several line-outs pressed School. M'Kay relieved with a good kick. Then the forwards, headed by Fox and Terry, carried the play into their opponents' twenty-five. Here, from an exciting scrummage, Kidd whipped the ball out to Train, who dashed round the blind side and passed to Hamling, who beat his man and scored. M'Kay failed to convert.

School 3, Technical College 0.

From the kick-off School were forced into their quarter, but a forward rush, in which Goss showed up prominently, brought relief. Soon afterwards, Terry hurt his injured knee and was forced to retire, but resumed later. From quarter-way Technical College started a passing rush, but fumbled the ball, and Yates, backed by Bayly, carried play up the field with a rush. Here School started a passing rush, and Train cut in neatly, but spoilt his run by bad passing. School continued to press, and from a scrum near the line Yates broke through and scored. Soon after, half-time went with the scores:—

School 6, Technical College 0.

On resuming, Technical College attacked fiercely and a certain score was saved by Bayly, who tackled brilliantly. The School forwards, by dint of hard graft, worked out of their twenty-five, but School were penalised and Oliver kicked a fine goal.

School 6, Technical College 3.

From the kick-off, Fox broke away and, backed by fine line-kicking, the School forwards worked down the line. Oliver relieved Technical College, and their forwards, charging down the field, pressed us in their turn.

Brokenshire saved a critical position, and our forwards, headed by M'Kay and M'Hardy, worked School into a good position. From now on to the end of the game the match was really confined to strenuous forward play. Fuller, by sheer strength, broke through our forwards, but was magnificently collared by Brokenshire. M'Kay and M'Hardy, with splendid co-operation, rushed down the field and, backed by Terry and Goss, kept Technical College hard pressed when time went with the scores:—

School 6, Technical College 3.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

(Won 15 to 0.)

Stratford journeyed in and played us on our own grounds. School won the toss and played with the wind. For a while Stratford pressed us, but our backs got to work and brought School into a favourable position. A penalty kick by M'Kay failed. A passing rush by School saw Drake, our wing-three-quarters score near the corner. The kick failed. School ordered a scrum out and from a dashing rush Drake again scored. M'Kay's kick failed. Shortly after, Reynolds broke through, and half-time sounded with School pressing.

School 6, Stratford 0.

School attacked from the kick-off and our backs started to put more vigour into their play and to handle the ball more accurately. From a dashing rush near half-way, Drake sprinted down the line and scored. The kick failed. Another rush saw Yates pushed out at the corner, but from the line-out M'Kay dived through the scrum and scored. Yates failed to convert. Another passing rush from quarter-way saw Drake again score. The kick failed. School again started a passing rush, and Callander cut in neatly but was collared in time. Shortly after, time went with the scores:—

School 15, Stratford 0.

SCHOOL v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE. PATRIOTIC MATCH.

(Lost 16 to 3.)

School kicked off with the sun behind their backs and for a while play was even, the two packs of forwards feeling each other's strength. Then the Technical backs

started to throw the ball about, and from quarter-way Ruru got the ball, and faulty collaring by our backs allowed him to score. Oliver converted.

Technical 5, School 0.

School now worked into the Technical quarter, and from a penalty M'Kay kicked a fine goal.

Technical 5, School 3.

Technical again worked down the field, and Ruru beat Yates and scored. The kick failed, and half-time went with the scores:—

Technical 8, School 3.

On recommencing, School, headed by M'Hardy and Goss, worked up the field and for a while held Technical hard pressed. Technical relieved with good kicks, and from a forward rush Skelton broke through and scored, converting his own try.

Technical 13, School 3.

For a while Technical held School pressed, but our forwards worked their way out. In the open Yates received the ball and sprinted up the field, but was collared. Technical worked back, and from a passing rush Oliver received the ball and, beating Bayly, dashed over and scored. The kick failed, and time went with Technical College the winners by 16 points to 3.

SECOND FIFTEEN v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(Lost 8 to 3.)

In this match the seconds played a very plucky game against a much heavier team. In the first spell Beckbessinger made a fine run and just got over, but was caught in the air and thrown back by a big forward. Our backs were playing well, and a cross-field kick by Technical College saw Smart take the ball and score. Doile just failed to convert. Feakins and Richards scored for Technical.

SECOND FIFTEEN v. ROVERS.

(Lost 9 to 0.)

As in their former match our seconds played a very dashing game. Though playing against a much older and heavier team they not only held their own but at times

pressed Rovers hard. Until half-time neither side had scored, but in the beginning of the second half Sharrack broke through and scored for Rovers. The kick failed. School were now kept hard pressed, and Bridger dashed through and scored. The kick failed. Soon after Singh scored from a passing rush. The kick again failed. Beckbessinger dashed away, but was collared, and time went with Rovers winners by 9 to 0.

SECOND FIFTEEN v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(SECOND ROUND).

(Lost 3 to 0.)

The ground was wet and slippery and speculation was rife. At half-time no score had been registered, but soon after the commencement of the second half Technical scored from a short passing rush. The kick failed. Smart broke away and ran the length of the field, but was collared by the opposing full-back, and soon after time went with the scores 3 to 0 in favour of Technical College. Both forwards and backs in the School team played a fine game in this match.

SECOND FIFTEEN v. ROVERS (SECOND ROUND).

(Lost 16 to 0.)

The wet and heavy ground was against our comparatively light team. The Rovers were in great form and made all their points in the first quarter of an hour. When the School team once settled down to play, they not only kept Rovers at bay but pressed them most of the time.

SECOND FIFTEEN v. THIRD FIFTEEN.

(Second Fifteen won 19 to 3.)

This match was arranged for a spare Thursday, and was very keenly contested. Howell, Beckbessinger, Henson and Osborne scored for the seconds, and Whittle for the Thirds.

SIXTH FORM BOARDERS v. DAY BOYS.

(16 to 6.)

Boarders played with three of their best men away, and the match resulted in a win for Day Boys. Herbert scored twice, and Johns and Bayly each once for Day Boys, while Atkinson ii. and Jones scored for Boarders.

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FORM IV. v. FORM V.
(6 to 6.)

This match resulted in a draw after a fast, hard game, contested vigorously from the beginning to the very end.

SECOND FIFTEEN v. FARMERS.
(Seconds 5, Farmers 3.)

This match proved very fast and willing, the Farmers' team varying greatly, as they were playing some of both the First Fifteen and the Fourth Fifteen. The Seconds were more uniform and worked well together. Doile scored for the Seconds, dribbling the ball from nearly half-way.

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS.

The following is the final result for the Junior Competition:—

Senior Grade—

Boarders A	16	points.
Day Boys B	15	”
Boarders B	14	”
Day Boys A	3	”

Junior Grade—

Boarders	15	points.
Day Boys	12	”
Preparatory	11	”

SPORTS DINNER

The Annual Sports Dinner for 1917 took place in the School Dining-room on Saturday, November 24th. The tables were well laden with freight appropriate to the occasion. In all about one hundred and twenty sat down. The invitations were confined to all Sports and Shooting Champions and to all members of Senior teams and of Committees. All the Masters, with the exception of Mr. Renaud, who was unavoidably absent, also were present. The function went off with a good swing, and it can safely be said that the Sports Dinner of 1917 was one of the most successful yet held. The toast-list was somewhat shorter than on previous occasions, and even the

longest speeches were marked by that brevity which is the soul of wit. One very pleasing feature was the distinctly higher standard of the speeches delivered by the boys.

After justice, and perhaps more than justice, had been done to the viands, the proceedings proper opened with the usual loyal toast of "The King," followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Atkinson i. then proposed the first toast on the list, that of "The First Fifteen." The season could fairly be described as having been a successful one. The team, by winning the North Taranaki Championship, had proved that. Unfortunately it was found impossible to arrange any outside school matches except with Stratford. The speaker then proceeded to pronounce a eulogy on athletics in general and on football in particular. He claimed that many exercises had much to do with the development of character, and that the proficient athlete was much superior to the confirmed "swot."

Terry, in his response, thanked the proposer of the toast and the company for the hearty manner of receiving it. He felt pleased that the team had met with the approval of the rest of the School, but added that whatever success had been attained was due to the zeal and loyal support of the members of the team, and especially to the untiring help and coaching of Mr. Ryder.

O. Bayly, in proposing the toast of "The First Eleven," felt that cricket was sometimes looked upon as inferior to football. This was a mistake, and it was to be hoped that as a result of the match arranged with Wanganui for next term cricket would receive a fillip.

Yates, in his response, after acknowledging the compliment of the toast, said that he had no fears for the future of cricket in the School, and that enthusiasm was sure to increase. The liberal treatment of the Cricket Club by the Finance Committee was, at any rate, some sign of confidence in the prospects of the game.

Brokenshire then proposed the toast of the "Sports Champions." He spoke strongly of the benefits conferred by the various departments of School sports, and congratulated the winners of the different championships. There was something more than the mere winning of competitions, and that was the preparation involved. Still further there was the true chivalrous sporting spirit.

The toast was responded to by Tansey and M'Kay on behalf of all the champions. Both speakers fully endorsed the proposer's remarks about the importance of a course of athletics. Tansey spoke particularly of boxing, his own speciality, and M'Kay of swimming. The large number of competitors in all competitions was a matter of congratulation, and it was to be hoped that this spirit of friendly, yet keen, rivalry would still further grow.

Drake followed with the toast of the "Shooting Teams." This toast he felt sure would be a popular one. The successes of last year had not been repeated this year, owing very largely, at any rate, to the impossibility of obtaining suitable rifles or reliable ammunition. However the teams had done well, and all concerned had gone into the shooting whole-heartedly.

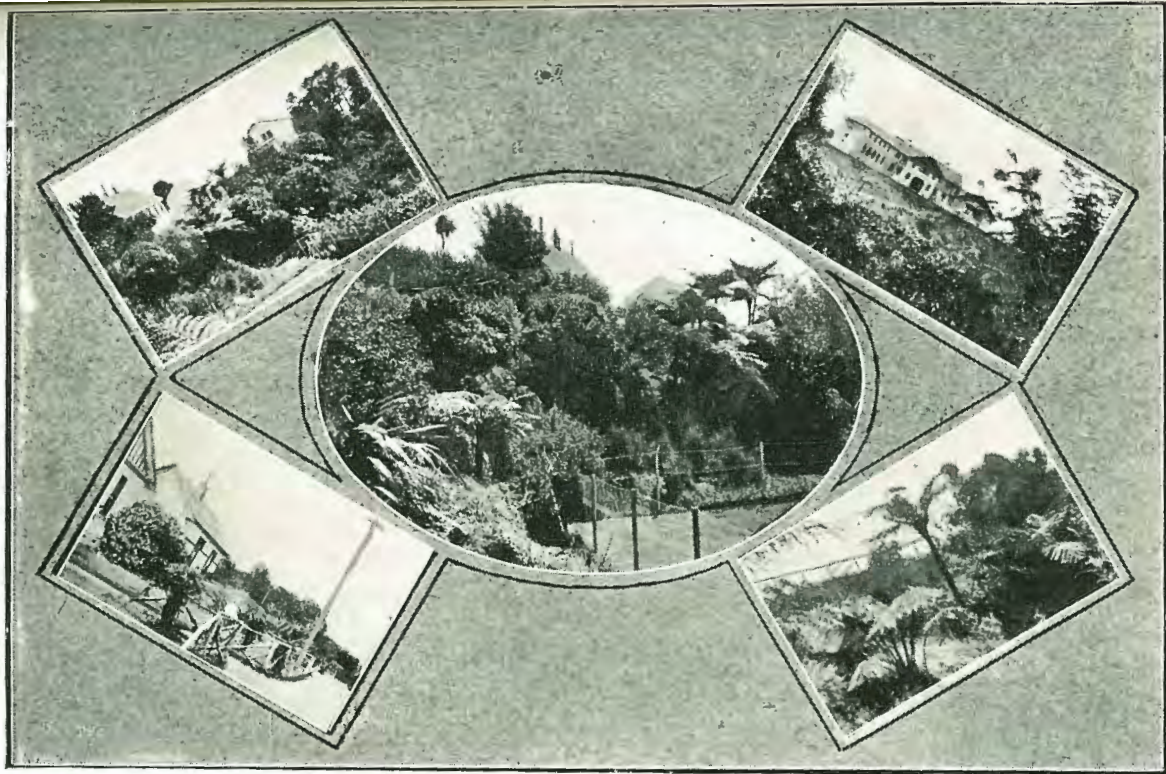
Boulton, in his reply, thanked both the proposer and the receivers of the toast, and could assure one and all that the teams had done their best. From the keenness shown all through the year there was good reason to hope that in time to come the deeds of 1916 would be, to some extent at least, repeated. The present urgent need was that of good rifles and ammunition. Shooting on the big range had particularly suffered in this respect.

Mackie then proposed "Boys Leaving." In a few remarks, conspicuous for their extreme brevity, he hoped that those leaving had had a good time at school and that in after life they would have every success and happiness.

Callander, in his reply, emphasised what the School had done for him in all respects. He was sure that if any boy failed so to benefit the blame lay on himself and not on the School. Many things were learned besides what was taught in the class-room, and perhaps these were, after all, as important as any of the others. Personally he would carry away with him a deep sense of gratitude of what he owed to the School, and he felt leaving to be a great wrench.

The last toast on the list was "The Masters," proposed by Clemow i. He pointed out the many ways in which the Masters had helped everyone and thanked them for this real interest.

All the Masters spoke in response. Each thanked the proposer for his kind remarks, and each spoke briefly on the various School institutions under his management.



SNAPSHOTS ABOUT THE GROUNDS.

Camera Club Photo.

There was a spirit of comradeship and keenness in all that was said, and this spirit was most pleasant to notice. As usual on such occasions some sound advice was given.

During the evening a musical programme was got through. The orchestra opened the proceedings with "The Pasha March," which was so well played that a vociferous encore ensued. The rest of the programme was as follows: "Anzac Chorus," with solo by L. Rawson; song, "I'm from Chicago," by Catanach, with chorus; violin solo, "Rubinstein's Melody," by R. Bothamley; solo, with chorus, "Kipling Walk," by N. Mitchell; solo and chorus, "Tennessee," by M. Cache-maille. The proceedings concluded by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" in the orthodox fashion.

ANNUAL BREAK-UP.

The Good Templar Hall was all too small to hold the big crowd of people who assembled for the annual breaking-up ceremony of the New Plymouth Boys' High School. Dr. E. F. Fookes, vice-chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and with him on the platform were the Bishop of Auckland (Dr. Averill), the Ven. Archdeacon F. G. Evans, the members of the governing body, and the members of the teaching staff. The stage was tastefully arranged, and the School cups and trophies made a brave array. Two new trophies were included—Mrs. Bothamley's handsome cup for the junior quarter mile and Mr. B. H. Chaney's neat little boxing trophy. The School orchestra, 14 strong, under the conductorship of Mr. R. N. Renaud, made its first appearance in public and earned hearty applause for its rendering of Rhomberg's "Toy Symphony" (in two parts).

Proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem.

Dr. Fookes explained that Mr. D. Hutchen (chairman of the Board of Governors) was, despite his best endeavours to come up here, detained in Wanganui on urgent legal business. He also announced apologies from Mr. H. J. Okey, M.P., and the Hon. Thos. Kelly.

The Principal was then called on for his report, and on his coming forward the orchestra struck up "For he's a jolly good fellow." The audience joined in and sang enthusiastically, giving three hearty cheers at the conclusion.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Mr. Moyes's report was as follows:—

At the close of 1916 it was expected that owing to the unsettled conditions due to the war and to the fact that the School work would be carried on in temporary premises, there would be a decrease in the attendance. It came therefore as a surprise to find that on School re-opening the roll number again showed an increase. The total roll number for the year is 256. Of these 116 have been Boarders and 140 have been Day Boys.

As was to be expected, the scarcity of labour on the farms has had a marked effect on the number remaining at School and has resulted in many boys leaving who would have otherwise remained with us. However, in spite of this the boarding department has remained full, new boys taking the place of those leaving.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

In the public examinations held at the end of 1916 fifteen candidates were entered for Matriculation. Of these T. E. Hamerton, R. Kidd, R. Lealand, D. G. Mackie, A. Phipps, G. H. Rodger, D. F. Saxton, and E. Tansey gained full passes; W. M. Atkinson, I. R. Brydon and N. C. Fookes gained partial passes, and four candidates failed.

D. G. Mackie was the winner of a Senior National Scholarship, while Junior National Scholarships were won by A. Candy and J. W. Jillett.

R. Howell and C. J. Way were successful in passing the Public Service Entrance and N. Ellerm gained a partial pass in the Public Service Senior. It is only fair to add that very few candidates now enter for these Public Service examinations. In filling in the entry form it is necessary for a candidate to sign a declaration to the effect that he will, if successful, accept a position in one of the Government departments. It will be seen, therefore, that entries are sent in only by those boys desirous of joining the Public Service. For the Public Service Entrance examination held this week only two boys were entered from this School.

Two candidates sat for the Second Term's University examination, and of these J. K. Terry was successful. One candidate sat for the first section of the LL.B. degree, the results of which will not be known until next year.

It is gratifying to be able to report that for the first time in its history the School now has an Upper Sixth Form comparable in size to similar Forms in other schools. This year six candidates have been entered for the Junior University Scholarship examination and we have every reason to hope that they will acquit themselves creditably.

THE STAFF.

I have again to report a number of changes on the staff. Mr. F. W. Christian, B.A., left us early in the year, and Mr. A. S. Bannatyne, M.A., towards the end of the second term. Mr. V. S. M'Murray, last year's head boy, who at my request had accepted a position on the staff in order to help us over the difficulties that had arisen through the war, resigned on reaching the age of 20 and is now in camp. Realising the utter impossibility of being able to obtain the services of suitable men assistants, I suggested to the Board that lady teachers should be included on the staff. Acting on my suggestion, the Board appointed Miss Billens, B.A., of Patea, and Miss M'Leod, M.A., of Hawera. Both these ladies have entered with enthusiasm into the work of the School and their appointment has made the staff a strong one.

Miss K. Winfield, who had charge of the Lower Preparatory Department, resigned at the end of the first term. The vacancy thus caused was filled by the appointment of Miss Banwell, who has carried out the duties entrusted to her in a capable and efficient manner.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

In spite of the disadvantages necessarily attached to our present residence in temporary quarters, all the School institutions have been carried on successfully. In football the high standard set by former teams has been maintained. Although, owing to the war, no School matches were played, the team was able to give a good account of itself in the Rugby Union fixtures, winning the Senior Cadet competition for North Taranaki.

In shooting the boys have again acquitted themselves creditably. One junior and two senior teams were entered for the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, and were successful in gaining 21st and 15th places for

the Empire. Both teams were easily first for New Zealand. It is only fair to add that the boys were greatly handicapped through our inability to obtain suitable rifles to replace those destroyed in the fire of last year.

The annual sports were held on Thursday, November 8, on which occasion Sir James Allen presented the trophies won by the School in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition of 1916.

Swimming and life-saving have received special attention and have now become a recognised feature of the School activities. During the year two boys were awarded honorary instructors' certificates, three were awarded teachers' certificates, eighteen obtained bronze medals, twenty-five obtained proficiency certificates and twenty-eight obtained elementary certificates. Large entries were received for the long distance swimming, which was won by C. M'Kay, who covered a distance of 3 miles 446 yards. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to those gentlemen who have assisted in various ways in connection with swimming and especially to Mr. Swanson, who has on several occasions sent us handsome donations for this branch of sport.

The cadet work still maintains the high standard set in previous years. This is now in charge of Mr. Ryder, who has been ably assisted by the other members of the staff.

The Magazine has now concluded the sixth year of its existence, and continues to be of inestimable value to the School. I regret to say that, owing to the increased cost of printing, it has been found necessary for the duration of the war, to cut down the publication to two numbers a year in place of three.

The musical side of the School work has been carried on with care and attention throughout the year. A second teacher for string instruments has begun work, and the pupils are making satisfactory progress. Several boys are taking up different wind instruments and in time should prove effective players. In the pianoforte section, several boys are showing considerable ability and are getting accustomed to more advanced work. The School Band continues to do regular work and made its first appearance in public on Sports Day. The School Orchestra has been in regular rehearsal and is contributing to this evening's function.

THE CURRICULUM.

In the class room the work has naturally suffered through inadequate equipment and the scattered nature of the buildings used. Nevertheless, every member of my staff has spared neither time nor trouble to keep the work up to the necessary standard and we can, I think, fairly claim that success has attended our efforts. The fact that 36 boys in the Fourth and Fifth Forms qualified for Senior Free Places is evidence of this. The curriculum remains practically the same as that of last year. The science work has been carried on satisfactorily by utilising the two remaining rooms of the old buildings but, needless to say, we are anxiously awaiting the time when the new school is ready for occupation and well equipped laboratories are available.

The course provided in agriculture has been carried out in a thorough and efficient manner with pleasing results. Through the assistance given by the Board we have been able to make this of a thoroughly practical nature and of real use to the boys concerned. A small farming scheme has been in operation for the last twelve months, and I am pleased to say that the first balance-sheet showed a profit of £80. In connection with the agriculture I wish to tender my thanks to Messrs. E. P. Webster and F. W. Atkinson for the great interest they have taken in the work and to Mr. Barry, of the Agricultural Department, for much valuable assistance.

In history, the period set for matriculation has been that from 55 B.C. to 1485 A.D. Lessons given have included a detailed examination of the current European political system and its influence on English religious institutions and methods of government. The Middle Forms have specialised in the period of colonial development and an effort has been made to render clear, both the origins of the present European struggle and the necessary changes which are imminent in British colonial policy. It is worthy of note that history has been made a compulsory subject for those desiring to qualify for a Senior Free Place.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

The Preparatory School has again been filled to its full capacity and continues to do good work. On Monday and Tuesday last the School was inspected by Mr. Morton, who also conducted an examination for profi-

ciency certificates. The results were eminently satisfactory; 19 boys sat for the examination, 16 gained proficiency, 2 gained competency and 1 failed. It is only right to add that the boy who failed had only recently joined us and had for some considerable time been away from school.

A STRIKING RECORD.

I regret to say that every mail brings us news of further casualties amongst our Old Boys fighting in France. Along with the other Secondary Schools of the Dominion this School has done its duty nobly, and it has established a record of which those connected with it may justly feel proud. The response of the old Secondary School boys of the Dominion affords a striking testimony of the value of secondary education. Of all the boys who have passed through this School during the last six years, I do not know of a single one of military age who has not volunteered for active service.

Since war was declared 26 Old Boys have made the supreme sacrifice, 48 have been wounded, and 250 are on active service. Three more of our Old Boys have been decorated for bravery on the battlefield. These are W. E. Moore, A. M'Isaac, and N. Little, each of whom has been awarded the Military Cross. We are also proud to hear that Lieutenant-Colonel I. Standish, D.S.O., was recently the recipient of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

We have been deeply touched at the spirit which has prompted Old Boys to remember the School even amidst the horrors of war. Three boys—G. Bendall, R. White and E. Mason—who were with us but a short time ago, have found a grave in France and each of them has bequeathed a sum of money to the School. Though they have gone from us, their memory will always remain with us, and will serve as an inspiration to those who follow after them.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I would like to say that a difficult year has passed with a minimum of trouble, largely owing to the help and sympathy of the people of New Plymouth and Taranaki. I cannot adequately express my thanks to the Board of Governors for the advice and assistance given me on all occasions, nor to my

staff, to every member of which I owe a deep debt of gratitude. The School has to thank a large number of friends for monetary donations to the Sports Fund, and Mr. G. Grey and Mr. Hutchen for valuable prizes which are to be awarded to-night. I sincerely hope that twelve months hence the annual prize-giving will take place in the Assembly Hall in the new School buildings.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Fookes said he was sure all would agree that the report read by Mr. Moyes was a very excellent one, and reflected great credit on the Principal and his loyal staff. A great disadvantage was the lack of school buildings, and it was only due to the courtesy of the Taranaki Jockey Club that the work had been carried on. Another difficulty was the matter of replacing members of the staff who had been accepted for active service, and the addition of two lady teachers had, he was pleased to say, been attended by most satisfactory results. The good work carried out during the year could not have been accomplished but for the support accorded the Principal by the staff. The Board was therefore under a deep debt of gratitude to the whole of the teaching staff. As to the work of the Board itself, the chief disability during the year had been the lack of funds. The equipment of the Girls' High School had involved the Board in very considerable expense, and for this and other reasons the Board had found itself in a serious difficulty to replace the Boys' School, which had been destroyed by fire. However, as they knew, the Government had now placed £5000 on the Estimates towards the re-building of the School, and that amount, together with the insurance on the old School, should enable a start to be made at the earliest possible moment. The School had made exceedingly rapid strides in the last few years, and now occupied a very important position among the institutions of its kind in the Dominion. He understood there were only one or two other schools in New Zealand which had a larger number of boarders.

The Chairman then addressed a few words of advice to the boys, stressing the fact that every lad, from the smallest to the dux, had a responsibility in working for and maintaining the good name of the School. The education they were receiving at the School would assist them to fight the good fight in the years that were to come. In conclusion, he hoped the boys would remember that in the work they were going to do during

the long vacation they would be performing a duty to the Empire—as those Old Boys who went to the front were doing—and he impressed upon them to do it well. He wished them all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

SPEECH BY DR. AVERILL.

His Lordship Bishop Averill was then introduced by the Chairman and expressed his thanks to the Board of Governors for the invitation to attend and to present the prizes. He might say that he had taken a great interest in the School for some time, and he realised that it was rising to be quite one of the best schools in the Dominion. (Applause.) He hoped that the good people of Taranaki would realise that in the School they had a very valuable asset, not only to Taranaki but to the whole of New Zealand. This developed School—for it had certainly made marked progress in the last few years—was still in the formative stage, which was a most important period. It was of paramount importance that the foundations should be well and truly laid. The value of sufficiently high ideals could not be exaggerated. Let them not regard the School as a merely local institution. He felt it was going to be similar to the English public schools. (Hear, hear.) He wanted to warn them of the spirit which the London Times described as the dominant spirit before the war. The Times said that England's greatest trouble was a lack of a desire for excellence. They were contented to be, without being anything. This spirit of self-complacency, of self-satisfaction, which we sometimes called "taihoa," and which was condemned by Earl Roberts, Admiral Beatty, and others, constituted a very grave menace. It meant being satisfied with low ideals. The beginning of England's greatness was when that grand man Earl Kitchener called for volunteers three years ago and got a response of five million men. The speaker referred to F. S. Oliver's "Ordeal by Battle," in which the writer warned the Empire of the great danger of allowing its policy to outrun its armaments. It was just the same thing with the School. They must have a policy, but they must have armaments, ideals. They must have the ideals high and keep them high, resolve to make the School occupy a high place and never waver in that resolve. To the boys he said he wished to remind them that they went to school not to get but to give. That great man Lloyd George—he called him great because

he believed he was raised up to save the Empire—had said, it is not what it gets but what it gives that makes the Empire great. An instance was our coming into the war to protect the smaller nations—we hadn't done so yet, but he hoped we would before we finished. He reminded the boys that everybody had something to contribute to the tone of the School, and the boy who went to school to get and not to give was not helping to forward the ideals of the School. It was not only the boy who was a successful scholar who counted. It was the boy who strove for honesty, purity, truthfulness and gentlemanliness who was equally needed to contribute to the welfare of the School.* (Applause.) All must strive with their utmost power to help to bring up this School which, he was convinced, was going to be one of the great schools of the future. He felt that one of the secrets of the School's welfare was the interest taken in it by the Old Boys. He would honour the School if he knew nothing more than Mr. Moyes had said in his report, that every boy who was of military age, who had passed through the School in the last six years, had volunteered. Just as the Old Boys were doing their bit, so must the present boys do theirs. A point he wished to impress upon parents was the necessity of allowing their boys to remain at school as long as they possibly could. The last year or two at school, when the boy had risen to a position of responsibility, had the most important bearing on his future life. If they found that they were able to allow him to stay there for that extra period they would be doing the very best thing for their boy's career. From his acquaintance with the School he had learnt something of what brought about the success of the School—it was the personality of the headmaster, Mr. Moyes. (Applause.) To the Board of Governors, as a member for several years of the Christ's College Board of Governors, and at the present time Chairman of the King's College Board of Governors, he would give them a piece of advice quite voluntarily—and they needn't take it if they wished not to—if they wanted to achieve the best results, trust the Headmaster, give him a free hand, and leave him alone. (Applause.) They would get the best out of the staff and the best out of the boys by trusting. The Headmaster trusted his boys, that was why he got such good results. The lads who were going to help on farms during the vacation were going to do hard labour, and he hoped they would come back with a good record of work accomplished. He was reminded of

an answer given by Mrs. Selwyn, wife of Bishop Selwyn, to an inquirer who asked if she were not afraid of what might happen to her husband in Melanesia. She replied that she knew he was perfectly safe because he was doing his duty. So he said to the boys he knew they would be safe as they would be doing their duty. He wished them a very happy Christmas, and hoped they would come back with new vigour to help the School on still further and make it at least one of the very best in the Dominion. (Applause.)

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The prizes were then presented by the Bishop, and each recipient was loudly applauded and, in the chief instances, heartily cheered. The prize list was as follows:—

Form Ib.—Form prize: G. Bell 1, I. Jones 2.

Form Ia.—Form prize: C. M'Neil 1, H. Garner 2.

Form II.—Form prize: G. Walker 1, G. Fookes 2.

Form IIb.—Form prize: W. M'Lean 1, M. Lysons 2.

Form IIa.—Form prize: D. Mackay 1, F. Williams 2, K. Neal 3.

Form III.—Form prize: W. Mackay 1, P. Griffiths 2, H. Holden 3.

Prize for Nature Study.—Lower Preparatory: M. Lysons.

Form IIIb.—Form prize: S. Herbert 1, D. Penman 2. Languages and literature: S. Herbert. Mathematics and science: S. Herbert. History: M. Osborne. Drawing: L. Rawson.

Form IIIa.—Form prize: M. Barak 1, E. Smart 2. Languages and literature: M. Barak. Mathematics and science: M. Barak. History: M. Barak. Drawing: M. Barak. Commercial: A. Walter. Agriculture: D. Sutton.

Form IVb.—Form prize: C. White 1, C. Jones 2. Languages and literature: C. White. Mathematics and science: C. Jones. History: C. White. Drawing: E. Knuckey. Agriculture: C. Old.

Form IVa.—Form prize: S. White 1, C. Kyngdon 2. Mathematics and science: S. White. Languages and literature: S. White. History: R. Blundell. Book-keeping: H. Morey. Drawing: S. Train.

Form V.—Form prize: C. Noble 1, N. Waddle 2. Languages and literature: C. Noble. Mathematics and science: C. Noble. Drawing: C. Noble. History: N. Waddle and E. Reeves (equal).

Form VIb.—Form prize: A. M'Hardy 1, H. Goss 2. Languages and literature: A. M'Hardy. Science and mathematics: H. Goss. History: H. Goss. Drawing: S. Drake.

Form VIa.—Dux medal: K. R. Brokenshire. Form prize: K. R. Brokenshire 1, C. C. Yates 2, A. R. Callander 3. Languages and literature: K. R. Brokenshire. Mathematics and science: K. R. Brokenshire. General excellence: A. R. Callander.

The prizes won at the swimming and athletic sports, also the boxing competitions, were then presented (as published in the reports of the gatherings), and, in addition, the following shooting prizes:—

W. M. Atkinson, senior champion, MacDiarmid Belt and Pewter.

C. C. Yates, Lady Godley Cup, No. 24 Company.

R. M'K. Rockel, Lady Godley Cup, 110 Company.

A. D. M'Neil, Hamblyn Cup, miniature range junior championship.

B. H. Grayling, Searle Cup, miniature range senior championship.

A. R. Bothamley, Loveday Cup, under 15, miniature range championship.

Tennis Championship.—J. M. Hine.

Sole Cup, best sergeant.—Sergeant-Major Yates.

Mr. R. W. D. Robertson, in a brief address, assured Dr. Averill that the Board of Governors allowed Mr. Moyes a free hand—two (not too) free hands—in the administration of the School. The uppermost question before the Board was that of rebuilding the Boys' School. Even without a building the staff had achieved very good results—how much better would they be with the advantage of a proper building? The money available would not allow of the building of anything more than the bare class rooms—no luxuries, no gymnasium, no central hall could be provided—and they were faced with the possibility of having to canvass the people of Taranaki for assistance, and should that be necessary he trusted that a good response would be made.

The ceremony ended, as it began, with the singing of the National Anthem.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Corporal D. L. Teed acted as chief dispenser on the transport which carried his Reinforcement. We have just heard that he has been ordered to return to New Zealand in the ship. No doubt the reason is his professional ability.

L. I. Day has kept First Year's Terms at Victoria College obtaining first-classes in Physics, Theory and Practical; and second-classes in Pure Mathematics and Chemistry, Inorganic and Practical.

Sergeant Alfred Henry Avery, reported wounded in the casualty list, joined the Australian Imperial Forces, in Captain Tivey's 8th Brigade, in August, 1915. When wounded he had recently returned from two weeks' leave in England. He is now in hospital at Birmingham. Sergeant Avery had the distinction of being among the first who entered Bapaume after its capture.

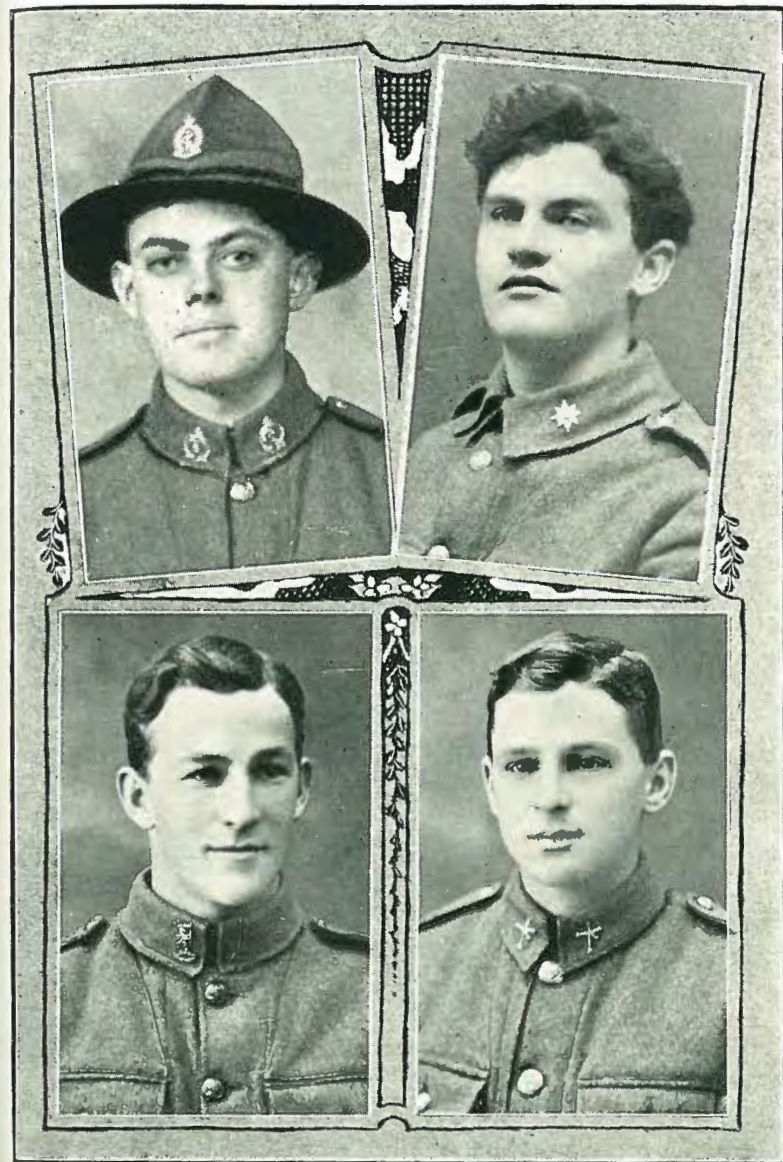
Lieutenant A. R. M'Isaac has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery on the French front. He worked with most untiring energy and determination for three days when, in charge of a carrying party whose duty it was to keep his battalion supplied with material from the brigade dump. It was necessary to make each trip under very heavy shell fire, and it was due to his fine personal example that the supply was maintained.

Sergeant S. C. Foote has been awarded a bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal previously won by him.

Amongst those who have been wounded since our last issue are:—Corporal C. J. Hamblyn (gunshot wound in the finger); Sergeant L. C. Richards; Sapper H. Bradbury; Sergeant H. Fraser; Lieutenant N. F. Little; Private C. Hendrickson; Sergeant E. Armstrong.

In the Canterbury College Annual Sports, H. L. Lucena won the Steeplechase. It will be remembered that "Lucy" obtained the fastest time in the School Steeplechase last year. Evidently his arduous studies have not been so engrossing as to prevent him taking his share in athletics. He proposes entering the Flying Corps and goes into the Training School at Christchurch almost immediately.

Harry Hine, who won the first School Steeplechase, which was run in 1912, is also about to join the Flying Corps. He goes into training at Auckland almost immediately.



ON ACTIVE SERVICE :

CORP. D. L. TEED.
PRIVATE F. CLEMOW.

PRIVATE W. BLANCHETT.
PRIVATE L. AVANN.

Sergeant W. C. Beck was wounded in the left leg and received a fracture of the left arm on October 11. He has since been removed to the New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst, and is making a good recovery.

Captain S. L. Serpell, who was in practice as a doctor at Mangaweka up until the time of his enlistment, has soon got to the French port. Already he has won the Military Cross for bravery.

C. Putt is still in Trentham with the probationary rank of corporal in the N.C.O.'s Class of the 34th Reinforcements. He tells us that in the same class are Len. Avann and George Hooker. Putt has submitted a suggestion for the design of a badge for the 34th Reinforcements.

V. S. MacMurray is still in Trentham, but is anxious to get away with one of the Reinforcements rather than wait for the chance of a commission later. Meanwhile his training goes on steadily.

From Hugh Fraser we have received the following:—

"Just a few lines of thanks for the Xmas parcel sent by the boys, which I very much appreciated. My parcel awaited me at our billets when I came out after my first spell in the trenches, and its value was considerably enhanced owing to the fact that our unit was then experiencing a small financial drought, and anyone with tobacco was to be envied. Eric Colson also got his parcel at the same time. We are together in the Trench Mortar Battery of the Fourth Brigade, and at present he is in the trenches. Things have been quite lively here and we received quite a generous baptism of fire. The village in which we are billeted has been thoroughly smashed by Fritz's shells, and every day and night he drops a few in our neighbourhood. As yet, I am glad to say, his shells have kept a moderately respectable distance from our homely barn."

C. Bayly writes from Palestine:—

"I got your parcel of tobacco and cigarettes, for which many thanks. It was very kind of you to remember me, more especially as I am not with the New Zealand Forces. I have now been out here about eight months, and find the country very interesting. If it had a rainfall anything like Taranaki I should say it would grow almost anything, there being a great depth of soil. We are looking forward to the time when the war will end and getting home again."

France, 25/6/17.

Dear Sir,—May I, through you, offer my very best thanks to all concerned for so kindly sending me the tobacco and cigarettes? They arrived safely a few days ago, and it is indeed a pleasure to think that, after so many years away from home, one is still remembered and that such proof of remembrance has been sent to me. As I smoked I thought, as I am sure many another must have been doing at the same time, of the dear old School and of the grand time we used to have there; of the rushes up the school hill when the second bell had started; of the football ground; of the cricket in the Gym. in the wet weather; of the Gully and the rush across it in the hot weather to be "first in" at the "back of the Cem." Then of the school itself, though I must confess that in those days the Senior and Junior Rooms did not strike one as being altogether necessary. In fact we often used to think that they could quite easily have been dispensed with! However, one realises now what inestimable benefit we obtained from within their walls, and of the kindness and forbearance of our masters and mistresses one cannot speak too highly. I am sure that we all learned there thoroughly the ground-work on which our future careers so much depended. It is with feelings of the deepest and sincerest gratitude that I look back to the days I spent there, and it is that genuine sympathy which I am sure all old pupils feel for the school that has helped so much in maintaining the high standard and good name with which one always hears our old school associated. I am indeed sorry to see so many Old Boys in the casualty list. Some of them I knew; most of their names are familiar, and one realises that they were just the men, the good sportsmen, who would willingly do their duty and give up their lives for their King and Country for a just cause and for the honour of the old school. In closing, I would again like to thank you very very much for your kindness, and to remain,—Yours very sincerely,

NEWTON MATTHEWS.

Leo Hooker writes from Chadderton Camp:—

I know you will be quite surprised to hear from me, but I received my copy of the "Taranakian," December issue, yesterday, and thought you might like to know how and where I was, for the Old Boys' Notes. I joined the army with the 19th Reinforcements, N.Z.F.A., but was unlucky enough to be transferred to the 22nds. We left New Zealand on 16th February, and after a three months' voyage arrived safely at Plymouth. The latter part of the trip was pretty exciting, one of our convoys, the *Balarat*, was torpedoed, as you will have heard before now. We had several scraps with submarines, the last thirty-six hours out. Our

escorts got one of them down. Chadderton Camp is near Manchester, and is the New Zealand Field Artillery Depot, with about 500 troops at present. We get as much leave as we want to Manchester and Oldham, and expect to go to London for four days on the 23rd May. Afterwards, we shall be off to France at the shortest notice. Glad to hear you have a new school at last, and also to hear of your winning the Imperial Schools' Shooting Competition. We have a good few King's College and Grammar School Old Boys here with us, and the usual arguments always arise about the best colleges, best athletes, best rifle shots, etc., so I had much pleasure in letting them read the Shooting Notes in the "Taranakian." John Grey came over in the same ship as I. He is in the 22nd Infantry; also Ted Mason is in the 21st Artillery in this camp. King George is coming to inspect us tomorrow, so I must away to clean my gear. Kindest regards to Mr. Ryder and old 5th Form boys.

Without looking at the signature of the following excellent letter, all Old Boys will recognise the writer:—

Just a few lines to let you know that I am once more in France. I have been here for over six weeks; but have not reached the firing line. I am now in a segregation camp, owing to the fact that one of my tent-mates has contracted measles. So we are all now segregated for a period of three weeks.

We have a great time in this camp. We do a route march in the morning, and have the afternoon off. So you can see that we are not overworked. We do most of our own cooking. Jove! I bet you would laugh if you were only to see this chicken wiping the tears and smoke from his eyes, trying to make a dry hash out of "bully" and tinned vegetables. Don't be surprised if I apply for the position of chef to the boarding school when I arrive back.

My knee is now completely better, but I'm afraid it will not stand much knocking about in a gymnasium. It is, however, good enough for ordinary military routine.

I see that the slackers are now being called up. Jove, I am glad to hear it! It's about time some of those beggars were sent over here. It seems that New Zealand is too far from the war zone to feel the effects of the war. The public don't seem to realise that such a thing as a war exists.

If the public of New Zealand only saw once some of the things which to us are every-day sights, it might learn a great lesson. Here, in France, boys and girls are to be seen doing men's work, while one of the most common sights is to see a woman following a plough. A man of military age is never seen over here unless he is in the famous blue of the French uniform, yet despite this

fact, one does not see a square yard of waste ground. It is all under cultivation. All this work is done by the women, children and old men of France. It is truly wonderful.

I have never yet received a "Taranakian." Do you know if any have been sent to me? If not, will you ask Mr. Ryder to send me them in future and fix up the sub. with my pater. I would like to see the "Mag.," so as to see how things are going with the old school. One hears very little about it nowadays, as my mates have now left New Plymouth.

I suppose football is now in full swing. Jove, I would like to have another game with the boys! Perhaps we will be able to form an Old Boys' Club when this war is over. I hope so, anyway. Whom are we playing this year? Have you arranged a game with King's yet? I would like to see our boys get in a win with one of the big schools.

I have seen several big matches both over here and in "Blighty," but have not seen a match to equal the school matches for combination and dash.

Please give my kindest regards to the masters and boys, and if you can spend the time please drop me a line and tell me how things are progressing with the old school.

Well, I must now close. There are many more things I would like to mention, but there is a four-page limit on our correspondence.—I am, yours sincerely,

"JENKIE."

A. H. Avery writes as follows:—

It was a very pleasant surprise to receive the tin of tobacco and cigarettes sent to me by the school. I see very little of New Zealanders, for we are seldom close to each other, and anything at all from home is particularly welcome. The first time our Brigade went into the line in France we relieved New Zealand troops, and in October last year we were relieved at Armentieres by New Zealand troops from Flers. We went to the Somme and took over the same sector which had been held by Tommies meanwhile. Those are practically the only occasions I have had of seeing any boys from New Zealand while I have been in France, and the ones I spoke of came from everywhere else but Taranaki. We are having a long-looked for spell from the trenches after a very hard winter. It is only a matter of a few days, though, when we shall be moving again; this time to the north, close to places we were at last summer. So far I have come through without mishap, and I am now a Platoon Sergeant in my Company. Please accept my thanks for the kind thoughts and wishes conveyed by the gift just received.

F. Throssell writes from France:—

I have just received a tin containing packets of Three Castles cigarettes from the old school, for which please accept my sincere thanks.

At present I cannot think of anybody who attended the school whose name you have not included in the school Roll of Honour. Should I do so, I will be pleased to let you know.

I receive the School Magazine regularly, and am much impressed with the steady progress it is making; it is indeed a credit to all concerned with the writing of its many interesting pages, and brings me back to the many happy days I had at the School, when I sit here in a "bivvy" reading its pages.

Mr. Ryder is the only master now on the staff who was there when I left the school, and, like myself, he must be proud of the great progress the school has made since then. The feat of the shooting teams in the recent Imperial Competition is one you might well be proud of.

I look forward to the time when lads will be coming from every part of New Zealand to the school, as they do to many of the colleges in New Zealand.

May the old school continue to progress until it is the recognised leading secondary college of the Dominion is the wish, I am sure, of all Old Boys.

When addressing the envelope it struck me that New Plymouth College would sound much more up to date than N.P.H.S.

[We heartily endorse the remark in the concluding sentence.—Editor "Taranakian."]

Norman Little writes from France:—

Since I last wrote I have had another spell in the trenches and then had a week well back behind at a Grenade School—quite a big show, reached by a journey by train. Had a very good time at the school—very interesting work, and had a good billet in the village near by. There were a few New Zealanders and Australians, but most of the chaps were from the various English divisions scattered about. Being a permanent sort of institution, they have built an excellent ante-room, furnished with easy chairs, stoves, etc., and a fine big mess-room—tucker quite flash.

A few days ago I joined up with the battalion again, which is at present out for a "rest," and is in a camp with huts (the billeting accommodation is not sufficient for all the troops behind the line, and camps have been built to take the surplus). The camp isn't as good as billets would be, but is quite comfortable all the same.

I have been transferred from the Ruahine to the Taranaki Company—same battalion, of course (2nd Wellington). Though I've been quite close to the Taranaki chaps before—both in the line and out—I haven't seen much of them till now, and was quite surprised to find such a number of New Plymouth chaps. I knew that Strathey Ewing was a Second-Lieutenant in the Company and had seen him several times, but Gideon Pott is here also (as a Sergeant); Bertie Kelly; Gerald Chong (a stretcher-bearer, N.Z.M.C., attached to the Company); "Bill" Howson; Allan Matthews (our orderly-room Corporal), and a Corporal called Stanley, who is also an old High School boy. Quite a crowd, eh? So I'm quite satisfied with the change.

The weather is a good deal warmer on the whole, though rather erratic still. We still get a lot of cold northerly wind with rain and occasional snow, but we also get (which we didn't get before) some days that are quite clear and on which the sun manages to give out quite a summer warmth.

While out "resting" in intervals of the usual fatigues, we get in quite a lot of "recreation" (specially organised as a feature of the work), football in particular. I've had quite a lot recently, both as player and as referee.

I got your parcel of socks all right, and have to thank you very much for them. Socks always come in very handy up here.

Athol M'Isaac, who has since won the Military Cross, writes from France:—

I am still wandering round this war zone, and I must say that it looks like daybreak on the Western front at the present time. We are at rest for a few days, and about all we look forward to is the arrival of fresh war news, and so far it's been very good. You will have read it all by this time. Well, I have done more than read about it. I have heard most of the preliminary bombardment, and as soon as things began to happen news of it was sent us by wire. We are not in it, but of course don't know when we might be sent there. If we are, there will be very little mercy shown the Germans by our fellows after reading about the destruction of the Bapaume district.

We are leaving winter behind us, but very, very slowly. Even though the trees are beginning to break out in bud we get occasional heavy falls of snow and biting winds. No one will be sorry when summer comes, even though it means "over we go, and the best of luck."

We have had so many shifts since coming to France that we have occupied some of the most interesting parts of the British line; and when we are able to tell you names of places they



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PRIVATE S. BORRIE.
PRIVATE V. KIRKBY.

PRIVATE C. H. PUTT.
PRIVATE G. BLANCHETT.

will be quite easily recognised by their frequent occurrence in communiques. Each one has its own peculiarity, either with regard to trenches or billets. Some trenches are remarkable for quietness and others for "unquietness," and so, too, billets may be anything from a millionaire's house to a barn or a thing a little bigger than a dog kennel. I received a "Budget" to-day of January and it was very good. I think we get most of our war news from New Zealand papers, even though we get most of the English papers a day old. I think it is because we read just about the whole of the paper in order to get all the New Zealand news.

Major Claude Weston is back in France after attending a senior officers' course in England for three months. He is looking very fit and well. Unfortunately he has gone to our Second Battalion, and it's a great pity, because he is the most popular officer in this battalion.

They have great fun with new officers in the battalion telling them I'm a Jew, and when they are talking to me are most polite about Jews. Well, the story has become so strong that a Jewish minister sent me an invitation to attend the Feast of the Pass-over.

A little later the same writer forwarded the following:—

I have to thank the school sincerely for the parcel of cigarettes and tobacco sent to me by them. The parcel arrived on the night before we moved to the trenches to take up our positions for the big attack, which you have read about ere this. I still have some of the tobacco left, which has been in and out of Messines several times. But the cigarettes I finished while toiling on the crest of the ridge. I shall try to tell you a little about the stunt, but there is no one on earth able to write an adequate description of the affair. I have never seen anything to approach it, and I have been in the battalion all the time.

We moved to our positions under a considerable gas-shell srafe, which necessitated wearing our respirators. Fearfully safe things, but most uncomfortable. The Huns threw these shells all night, and when kick-off time came we were still peering from our masks. Of course very few of us knew the exact minute of starting, but we were not left in doubt for very long. At 3.10 a.m. the earth trembled, and then we heard a terrific explosion. It was the great Wyttschaete mine, and was followed by numerous other smaller ones. Everybody looked towards it, and a number laughed hysterically. The sky over the whole length of the ridge was full of smoke, flame and earth shooting upwards for hundreds of feet. Immediately after, the guns opened. Hundreds of them, and it was like the rolling of a thousand or more drums,

and making such a din that it was useless even to talk to one's self. The whole countryside was covered with the smoke and gases of explosion, which cling to the earth in the still morning. The infantry were by this time "over the bags" and well on their way. You in New Zealand should be very proud of your representatives here. They are the best troops in the world. That's not conceit, it's fact. They are fully aware of the seriousness of the business, but the most cheerful boys in France.

The Hun had received such a surprise and had so many guns destroyed by our bombardment that he was not able to retaliate much, and our casualties were slight. When the last lines had reached their objective, they dug in and secured themselves against attack until early in the afternoon more troops went forward and fully established our hold of the entire ridge and village allotted to the Division. We remained for a few days, and then were relieved for a rest, wash, shave and all that.

Of course, even though I've said nothing about it so far, we have had several casualties, and one can remember several good fellows who are not with us now; but ours can be nothing to those of the Germans'. Our enormous weight of artillery and the sights on the captured area speak for themselves.

I must close now and wish the school the best of good luck.

I have mislaid the invitation at present, but will send it to you if I find it.

Here is another letter from an Old Boy, who was also a Master:—

I've another spasm (excuse the term; it was one of Burgo's) and have decided to give you what little news there is. The monotony of the last few months, together with the discomforts we have had to put up with, made letter-writing somewhat like a fatigue, and you know how much fatigues of any kind are liked here. We're glad enough to get letters, same as we appreciate good dug-outs. But to sit down while your feet and hands freeze and write about the weather is too much like trying to shift this Flanders mud into a sandbag, while rain and snow find their way down your neck. However, winter has just about become a thing of the past, though rain is still a bit of a bother, and the monotony has gone too.

Since last writing we've been in a bit of a hot corner, but managed to come through not much the worse for wear. When we took over the trenches they looked quite sorry for themselves, and in places had given up existence altogether. But we remedied the bigger defects as well as possible, and at least could get about in comfort, though a slight departure from the strait and narrow path was liable to land one well in the mud, which had a bad habit of rising over the tops of our thigh boots and often enough keeping

the boot as part payment for being walked on. I laughed one day when we were being relieved. Old Fritz had been, and still was, lobbing trench-mortar stuff along the sap, and of course we were losing no time in getting down. We'd just got to the most awkward corner when one poor unfortunate made a mis-step and settled down up to the knees. He pulls out one leg minus the boot and then the other, finally sitting down in the middle of the mess, both feet fairly planted in the mud and blocking the sap. Just then over comes a bomb with a peculiar whistle. We could see it wasn't going to land far from us, and the chaps behind pushed forward. There was a bang just to one side, and the next I saw of the chap in the mud was a couple more on top of him. They got out at last, and off we set making up for lost time. All bar the chap in the mud thought it a good joke. He is still of the opinion that the said mud is the finest glue known. This last time we have been doing 24-hour shifts, that is, 24 hours on duty in the front line, with no sleep, then a similar period in bed. Didn't we sleep some after a spell in the line.

The Hun had a bad habit of paying unasked-for calls to our trenches at definite periods. It appears he had formed the habit before we came, and had had some measure of success. But he was doomed to disappointment when he tried it on us. Both times were failures, and the second time he lost more than was good for him. However, the crowd I belong to have finished with Huns for a while, and we have a few stiff marches before us. We are going to have some sport mixed with our training, too, and should get in a few football matches. I played for our company the other day. It was rather hard work getting over the soft ground with mud boots and ordinary togs on; but we had a good game all the same.

I haven't heard any more of getting to "Blighty," but am still well to the fore as far as chances go. Well, I must close now. It's just on tea-time. Please remember me to the masters and boys.—Yours sincerely,

"WEED."

Another letter from France:—

N.Z.E. Tunnelling Co.,

France, June 9.

I must own I owe you an apology for not writing before this, and at the same time I want to thank you for the parcel of tobacco and cigarettes which arrived yesterday. It came very welcome, I assure you. As I haven't taken to a pipe just yet, I distributed the tobacco amongst my mates. They voted it a god-send, I can assure you, as good tobacco is unobtainable here. It is really the most sensible gift parcel I have received yet,

I am with the Tunnellers here. I volunteered from the Infantry after I was about ten days at the base, just on the spur of the moment from a desire to go up the line as soon as possible. Now I have an equal desire to get away from it, as most of us have.

I was wounded on 28th March after four weeks in the line. Fortunately it was only a slight wound in the head from shrapnel. I was in a base hospital for three weeks, and put in another two weeks at the New Zealand Base before returning to the Company. While at the base I met Monteath, who had just been discharged from hospital after an attack of influenza, and we had a regular confab over old times. I also saw Jenkinson there. I had met both in Sling Camp, Salisbury, as well.

I have been back on the line now about six weeks and am feeling as well as ever. I came down from the trenches two days ago for a spell behind the lines.

You will be pleased to hear that I received the September and Christmas numbers of the "Taranakian." I was greatly bucked up to hear of the school's splendid win in the Empire Challenge Shield Competition. It is indeed something to be proud of.

I am afraid I will have to draw this rather short letter to a close. I could give you some very interesting news if it were not for the censor. But there it is.

Please remember me to the masters and boys, and tell them I am feeling as fit as ever.

With best wishes for the future success of the school,—I am,
yours sincerely,

L. G. EYRE.

From the Front:—

France, 8/6/17.

The most pleasant surprise of my present life was the receipt of the tin of cigarettes and tobacco from the good old school. This reached me yesterday, a date which, if things continue as well as they've started, will be the most famous in New Zealand's part of the Western front fighting and one of the most famous of the war. I'm not permitted to relate anything more definite yet, but the papers will have told you all long before this reaches you, perhaps already more than I know myself, for each individual's horizon here is limited almost entirely to his own particular unit. For myself, I'm not in the front line, but pretty near it, and hope to be right there very soon now. From a military aspect life here is splendid and conditions perfect—a real picnic, in fact, but all the same old Taranaki would do me any time. Your enclosed Active Service List is most interesting. I've met just 20

Old Boys in France and have six in my Company (3rd Taranaki), E. Olson, K. Blundell and H. Fraser being in my own platoon. I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Grant at Brockenhurst just before I left England, and you may be sure the old days were well thrashed out. I can't think of any Old Boys whose names are omitted from your list, but will sure let you know if I come across any. I received the December Magazine recently. It's out on its own. Well, I must close now with most grateful thanks for your kind present and best wishes for the school generally, and hope it won't be long before I can look you up once again.—Yours sincerely,

JACK N. BULLARD.

P.S.—I'm parlezvousing in good style and reviving Miss Drew's one-time tuition very quickly.—J.N.B.

Forest Park Section,
Brockenhurst, 16/7/17.

A little while ago I received a tin of tobacco and cigarettes from a Boys' Committee from the "High," and, as I've forgotten who the secretary was, I'm writing you to thank your committee for them. The plug tobacco was specially acceptable, as there is considerable difficulty in getting anything strong enough out in France. The English tobacco we get issued, or buy at the B.E.F. canteens, is usually not worth smoking—burns too much. Certainly of late they have stocked Havelock and Golden Eagle in the N.Z. Divisional Canteens, but it is very often mighty difficult to get to one of those, and the trenches without tobacco are worse than awful.

Have been at the above hospital for about a week now; came over with lung trouble, pleurisy and suspected phthisis, but happily the exhaustive examinations I've been under have failed to show any trace of that and I'll be boarded shortly; may then be sent to a convalescent home and possibly back to France.

That School Roll of Honour you sent in the tin is interesting and shows the old "High" has done its "bit," but I'm afraid it needs a good deal of revising now. Only very seldom indeed have I come across any of the "High" boys, not many of them, I think, were my contemporaries. Have heard that the two Paul boys, Stan. and Syd., have been doing good work. S. Ewing is in this ward, suspected diphtheria, but nothing came of it. Hope Jenkinson I've heard mentioned very well, too.

Can't write any more; have no energy. Again many thanks to the boys and best wishes to yourself.—Yours sincerely,

A. M. MACDIARMID. Captain.

Ted Mason writes from France:—

It is about three weeks since I wrote my last letter home. A New Zealand mail arrived to-day, but so far only a small quantity of it has been issued. Thousands of letters come from New Zealand each mail, and these are sorted out as per schedules held by the Base Post Office authorities and forwarded to the many units in the field.

Just a week ago to-day we came out of action in order to have a well-earned rest far from the fighting zone. From the place where I am now writing it took us three days to "trek" across country from our line. Of course a trek means a big undertaking even with a battery. All the horses (nearly 200), guns, wagons, ammunition, fodder, cooks' gear, farriers' outfit, and food for the men are included in the column, and all portable gear has to be carried in the limbers and wagons, so there is not such a great deal of space for the gunners to be accommodated. However, we often changed places with the drivers, so they had a rest out of the saddle.

The battery moved off early in the morning and usually travelled about sixteen miles a day; consequently we halted for the night some time after lunch on the outskirts of a village. The weather being fine for the march, some of us slept under trees for the first two nights. On the third night we reached our destination, after travelling something like fifty miles. We are billeted in farms about a kilometre from a fairly large village. Our horse lines are quite close to our quarters, and also near a good stream that winds its way through a pretty valley dotted with tiny villages. In order to break the monotony of grooming and cleaning harness every day, we have sports and a little training in gun-drill at regular intervals. I may say that our team's harness is kept well polished and is looking splendid at present. Every morning the horses are taken out for an hour's exercise and for grazing. The country through which we came was very pretty indeed, and harvesting of crops was in full swing. Each farm had its crop of oats, wheat, beans and potatoes, the last two mentioned being particularly in abundance.

When we were travelling along a ridge of a hill, far in the distance could be seen the spire of the church towering above the green trees, and we knew then that a village was near by. Every valley had its small village—sometimes two or three—in a nice cosy corner and surrounded by trees and orchards.

Those two tins of cigarettes (this refers to a parcel sent by his mother) came at the right moment when my supply had finished. I received them at a small village in which we halted while on the trek. The boys had run out also, but they could not buy anything in the form of a cigarette in that little township, so my luck was all right. They are far superior to the

"Three Castles" sold to us in the canteens. We can buy a tin of fifty for a shilling—of course "made for soldiers." However, they are not so bad, as they serve the purpose. Every week we are issued a couple of packets of cigarettes, but the boys smoke them only in a case of necessity—generally when their funds are lacking. The parcel came intact and in good order. I also received some "Budgets" a few days ago, and enjoyed reading the good old news from Taranaki.

Winter is coming on, and the days are drawing in; yet the weather has kept fine for a couple of weeks. I am keeping fit and am enjoying the fresh air; so I can't complain.

A letter from "Pompey":—

Somewhere in France,
1st July, 1917.

I must thank you for Xmas parcel of smokes which I received not long ago. It was while up at Messines I received it. At the time we were held in reserve ready should we break through. Of course, coming at a time like that, when cigarettes were scarce, they were doubly welcome. The good wishes, too, sent from the old School. Have also received one or two of the Magazines since I arrived in France.

We made the road for the Light Horse and Otagos to use when they went out in front on the day of the stunt, and our Lewis gun teams also took up outpost for a couple of nights. Since then we have been laying the gun cables for the purpose of consolidating and maintaining connection over the ground gained. We have since (that is the Lewis gun teams) taken on anti-aircraft work and I am on one of the guns protecting a dump. We had a very exciting time the other night. Fritz made a raid and dropped bombs all round us; fortunately the four that landed closest to us were "duds." I am sorry to say that we failed to bring any Fritzes down, but must shelter behind the darkness of the night. I secured one of the "duds" in perfect order, with its tail and propellor scarcely damaged at all. It would make a beautiful souvenir. Have taken out the cap, detonator, charge-exploder, charge and incendiary powder, so it is perfectly harmless now.

Just recently we were reviewed by the King, and General Godley has since decorated our Major with the D.S.O. and several N.C.O.'s and men with Military Medals.

Well, I must close now, as I have to go on shift

With best wishes to the old School,

Yours very sincerely,

IVAN W. WESTON.

Eric Grant writes:—

Sling Camp, Salisbury,
July 15th, 1917.

I am writing to thank you, and through you the boys of the School for their kind remembrances in the form of a parcel of cigarettes and tobacco which I received a short time ago when at Hornchurch. I was there convalescing from pneumonia which I contracted during the winter in France. Needless to say, the parcel was very acceptable indeed, and I should like you to convey to the staff and the boys my very great appreciation of their kindness in thinking of us while we are away from New Zealand.

T. E. Hamerton, in a letter from which the following extract is taken, tells us of his early experiences in a lawyer's office. We hope some day to see K.C. after his name.

Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I fully intended writing long before this, and three weeks ago started a letter which, however, I never finished and has now become slightly out of date. As you see by the address, I am now a budding lawyer and am liking the work very much now I have got a hang of things. At first everything was very strange and I began to wonder what had prompted me to select the law game. It took quite a month to get into the running of the every-day part of the business without having great long documents sprung on to me. But now everything is going along very decently, and from what I have seen of it I think I shall like it. I have a very decent boss, too, and that goes a long way in helping a fellow along. One night a week he coaches me, and he always explains any peculiar points that crop up during the work. Am very glad now that I started in a small office. There are only the two of us here, and practically all the work that passes through the office comes under my notice in some way or another. Whereas in a larger office I would only be concerned with the work of one particular department, and that licking stamps for a while, I expect. Am now doing all the work in connection with the debt and interest collecting, the simpler Court work, all the typing and engrossing, and a bit of the simpler drafting; and to-day have had my first lesson in book-keeping. So you see I get plenty of variety as well as gaining experience and a general idea of the work. The typing gets a bit monotonous sometimes after you have been at it solidly for three hours or so. Then is the time that mistakes begin to creep in and your patience begins to go. I have found it's much better to knock off for a while then and go on with some other work or mistakes will cost you more time than you will gain.

The following letter speaks for itself and for its well-known writer:—

Ohinepoutea, Ruatorea, East Coast,
June 22nd, 1917.

I received your most welcome letter and am now going to tell you where Ruatorea is. If you will just set before you a map of the North Island of New Zealand and look down the East Coast you will see just south of the East Cape a bay called Tuparoa; well, six miles in from there is situated the city of Ruatorea. It consists of a picture show, a post office, two blacksmiths' shops, and a couple of stores; so it will not be a hard city to see in your mind's eye. It is getting very cold here now, and we are having plenty of fires. Our music consists of a gramophone and any tunes we can whistle. Who takes the important place of drummer now? I got a letter from Chas. Yates at the same time as I got yours. I have been helping to put up a fence all day and am very tired, having overworked myself. I bet you put on a good smile when you read the above and say, "Catch old Tommy overworking himself." I am going down to the pictures to-morrow night, as I have not been since I've been here. Well I'll close now, with kind regards.—I remain, sincerely yours,

TOMMY JOHNS.

T. B. Kelly, who has since made the supreme sacrifice, writes as follows:—

The Fourteenth has arrived Home, and we are now on Salisbury Plain, anxiously waiting to go over to France. The companies have all been split up. There isn't much chance of sticking to your mates here. I have come across several old School chaps. Colson and Gid. Pott are here on the training. Chong is in the Medical Corps. Jenkie is at Walton-on-Thames. Bendall is over in France. Most of the 12th and nearly all of the 13th are over there. L. S. Warren has been wounded and was in London on furlough. I received the May "Taranakian." It was well rushed by all the School chaps that are here.

We had a good trip over. From Wellington to Albany was quite rough enough for us. I was very glad that I had to report sick only once. We were very glad when we pulled into Albany. It is a cheerless sort of a place, a little town something after the style of Waitara. Our next port was Durban, which we reached after a very pleasant trip of sixteen days. Several ladies came down and supplied us with sacks of oranges, mandarins and pineapples. From Durban we went on to Cape Town, where we spent a few days. There we were quarantined nominally for a few days. But we were soon taken out to Rhodes's estate, and

the ladies of Cape Town turned out to feed us. There were two or three Australian boats in. The Australians are a wild lot, but they are good mates. A man that has an Australian with him can rely on being looked after. My mate and I were very lucky here. We met some nice people who entertained us well. We spent three days with them and had a good time. We sailed from Cape Town in a rough sea which lasted for a day, after which we had a very calm trip of twelve days to Dakar, a French port. We were there picked up by another escort, who accompanied us to within two days of Plymouth. We had two torpedo boats with us the last two days. They can travel. We were doing about seventeen knots, but these little boats were running rings round us with not a sign of smoke from their funnels. We were carrying life-belts, and having boat drill every day till we reached Plymouth after a long trip of fifty-seven days.

R. W. Laing writes from France:—

I have to-day received a parcel of tobacco and cigarettes forwarded from the old School, and I must thank all concerned very much for them. I may state that it is just about impossible to obtain a decent tobacco in these parts, and a good smoke is very much appreciated.

I regret very much that I am unable to furnish any names of Old Boys serving with the forces. I am in the 2nd Auckland Infantry and very seldom meet any of the boys of the Wellington Regiments, where most of our New Plymouth boys would be.

I must again thank you all very much indeed for the smokes, and trust that the School is in the same progressive state.

Reginald Brokenshire writes from the firing line:—

Since writing my previous letter to you just a week ago, the great battle of Messines has taken place with complete success. The New Zealand Division was engaged, and ours is the honour of taking the town of Messines itself (or rather its ruins) and over a mile beyond it.

When I wrote you last we knew that the battle was imminent, but did not know the exact date. We were soon to find out. On Wednesday evening last we were fitted out in battle order. Each man carried equipment, rifle and ammunition, bombs, pick and shovel. About 10 o'clock, the Battalion marched out of billets to the tune of the Regimental Band, and set out for the trench where the troops were to assemble before the attack.

We reached the assembly trench a little after 2 a.m. on Thursday morning, and crouched very low waiting for hostilities to begin.

On the way up, the Huns were lobbing gas shells all around. We had to pass through the gas. The gas they were using is known as "tear-shell" gas. It affects the eyes. Tears were streaming down our faces and we had to stumble along half-blinded. We could not wear our masks as we could not see through them in the darkness. However, once through the gas we soon recovered.

At exactly ten minutes past three, just as it was beginning to become light, a mighty roar shook the earth. We had exploded an enormous mine under the Hun trenches. Our trench rocked like a ship at sea. We wondered if it would go up also.

Immediately the guns on both sides opened up, the tanks started for the Hun trenches, the first wave of infantry leaped over the parapet, and the great battle had begun.

The front of the New Zealanders was right opposite Messines. The Irish were on our left and the Australians were on our right.

Of our boys, the "Dinks" were the first to leap over. Their objective was the Hun first and second line. The Hun trenches were blown to atoms. It was difficult to tell where the trenches had been. Every yard of ground was churned up by shells.

Following the "Dinks," the Canterbury and Otago boys reached their objective, Messines itself, and a trench behind it. As each wave reached its objective the boys immediately began to dig in.

At five minutes to four, our turn came. The bombardment was terrific. Shrapnel and high explosives were bursting everywhere. We got out of the trench and made our way across No Man's Land, winding in and out amongst the shell holes, up over the ridge past Messines.

Here we halted and took cover in shell-holes. Our own barrage was bursting about 60 yards ahead. Hun prisoners were coming in wholesale. We found them in shell-holes, dug-outs, etc. They made no resistance, but put up their hands and ran towards our lines.

Our objective was a farm and farmhouse about a mile beyond Messines. As the Artillery barrage slowly moved on, we followed preceded by a tank. After the Artillery had finished with the farm, the tank cruised around and cleared it, and then we rushed in, but all we found was dead Huns in dug-outs and trenches. We then began to dig in and prepare to hold the position, as we were then the most advanced line. Meanwhile, our artillery was bursting about 150 yards ahead. We reached our objective about 6 a.m.

A Hun sniper over on the left of our position gave us a lot of trouble. He shot our Sergeant and three men before we

could dig in. Later, when some Auckland boys advanced, he held up his hands, but, under the circumstances, he was not entitled to mercy.

The Hun artillery began to play on our new trench, and we began to lose gradually more and more men. We held the position for about seven hours of heavy bombardment, and then the Australians passed through us and advanced nearly a mile further. Their advance relieved us of a lot of anxiety, as they had then to bear the brunt of any counter-attacks.

We held our trench until 6 o'clock on Friday evening, and were then relieved and placed in a trench back near Messines. This trench was much firmer and deeper than the one we had left and, being further back, so strict a look-out was not required. We felt grateful for this, as we were very tired, and the lack of sleep, warm food and drink, was beginning to tell.

About 8 o'clock that night, Fritz started a new counter-attack all along the new line. Our artillery and machine-guns put over a terrible barrage, and by midnight his attack had failed. While the attack was raging, I and several others were temporarily attached to the Machine-gun Company, and were very busily engaged filling belts with ammunition and passing them on to the gunners.

Until the time when we were relieved, about midnight on Saturday, nothing except the usual bombardment occurred. We are now back again in billets enjoying a well-earned rest.

This war is a terrible business, and I fear that there will be many sad hearts in New Zealand when the news goes through. Our ranks are sadly thinned. One misses old friends once smiling and cheerful whom one will never see again. My Company came out with only one officer and about half its men. Other Companies suffered worse. Considering our artillery superiority the Hun losses must have been enormous.

Poor Davy James was killed. Hope Jenkinson and Vaughan Kirkby were wounded, also Eric Le Pine. George Bollinger was severely wounded and has since died. Major Weston lost a brother, George, of the Otago.

As for myself, I came through unharmed, although my escapes were wonderful. A piece of shell went through the sleeve of my coat without touching my arm. Further on two occasions when out in the open, shells burst within a few feet without giving me anything but tremendous shocks.

A few days later, also from France, the same writer says:—

I am writing partly to acknowledge receipt of the tobacco and cigarettes so kindly sent by the old School, and also, following the example of other Old Boys, partly to keep in touch with

the School, where many happy days were spent. First, let me express my grateful appreciation of the tobacco and cigarettes. It is strange, but somehow no brand of tobacco or cigarettes obtainable here or in England suits our palates like the good old New Zealand stuff. As to the Xmas greetings, headed by the old crest and motto, I am grateful to the School for its good wishes. Although they arrived only six months late, still they are none the less cheering.

As to my experiences, they have been somewhat thrilling of late. We are at present enjoying a rest after taking part in the Battle of Messines. We had a strenuous time, and our ranks are sadly thinned. The artillery support was wonderful in its intensity and accuracy. The Hun trenches were battered and unrecognisable. The tanks and aeroplanes also did wonderful work, and made an advance comparatively easy. Our hardest task was to hold the ground already won.

Of the more harrowing and horrible details of war most soldiers hesitate to speak or write. But there is a humorous side. One incident occurred during our latest advance. One of our boys came upon a Hun emerging from a dug-out. The Hun immediately threw up his hands, exclaiming, "I am not a bayonet man or a sniper. I am only a *meinenwerfer* man." Our boy replied, "You are just the — I am looking for." You will appreciate the above if you know that the *meinenwerfer* or "*minnie werfer*" is the most destructive of German shells and one over which we most speedily "get the wind up." Other Huns gave their captors purses, gold and silver watches and other trinkets and souvenirs to spare their lives. Needless to say our boys accepted the bargain. Here is another incident of a "Tommy," who was taken prisoner by the Huns some eighteen months ago, and made to work in their front line. When our boys advanced he was found together with many Huns in a deep dug-out. On his showing his identity-disc he was sent back to our lines as escort to his enemy companions of the dug-out. On his way back he picked up a rifle and a bayonet, and those who were once his persecutors are now posted as "missing."

Charles H. Potts writes from France:—

I have just received a parcel of tobacco and cigarettes "With Best Wishes and Xmas Greetings from the Old School." These I am greatly enjoying. More especially did I appreciate the fact that the "Old Boys" are still remembered by the "Old School."

Although our boys are taking part in another "push" just now, I am not with them, as a small percentage were kept back as a reserve, and I was one of those selected. As we are some way behind the firing-line and having perfect weather and not too much drill, we are quite enjoying ourselves; but, of course,

would be better pleased if it was all over and we were back in New Zealand. Still we are hoping it won't last much longer, and I really think that if Russia would make a good "push," a month or two would see the collapse of Germany. I am glad the old School has been going ahead so during the last year or two, and trust it will continue to do so.

E. C. Stanley writes as follows:—

Somewhere in France,

June 13, 1917.

Having received to-day a parcel from yourself and the boys of the New Plymouth Boys' High School, I have much pleasure in writing and thanking you all for the same, which arrived in splendid order and much appreciated. Parcels of the kind which you sent are hard to obtain in this country; so you can imagine the pleasure derived from a smoke of good material. I have often thought of writing to you, but with so many relatives wanting letters a poor soldier does not have much time to spare, and of late we have done a good deal of moving about; but, nevertheless, I never forget the old School, and am looking forward to the time when I can again enjoy a day there. The example and record put up by the present and past boys is one that any school might well be proud of, and any news concerning the School is always eagerly sought after by all Old Boys whom I have come in contact with. In the same Company as myself are Lieutenant Little and Private Kelly, both of whom are well. Alan Matthews has been wounded, but only slightly. I have not seen Charlie Hamblyn since the attack, so do not know how he has fared. At present we are out of the line, but not far away. New Zealand may well be proud of her boys after the way they conducted themselves during the attack. The Rifle Brigade, whom all used to pass remarks about, are out on their own. I see by the paper that another Old Boy has gained promotion. I refer to Captain Sten. Hurle, of the Middlesex Regiment. He has been wounded and is now in Blighty, which is not a bad place to be in. I enjoyed my six months there, and am just longing for another trip, although if I can go through without any more wounds I shall be greatly pleased, for they are not much to look forward to, even the slightest. Well I must soon bring this short note to a close, but before doing so I must voice my appreciation of the Y.M.C.A. for what they have done and are doing for the Boys. Only the other night as we came from the line after being relieved, hot coffee and biscuits were handed to us from an improvised stall built alongside the road and alongside what used to be our own front line. These little acts are thought much of by all, for at any time a shell may land on top of their frail shelter. Now I must

ROLL OF HONOUR.

CORRECTION :—The List here printed is, of course, a continuation of Lists previously published.

close, again thanking you all for your most welcome parcel, and please accept my best wishes for yourself, the boys, and the welfare of the School. Hoping soon to express the same in person at no great distant date, so au revoir.—From yours sincerely,

E. C. STANLEY.

It will be remembered that E. C. Stanley has been wounded on at least four occasions. Hence he speaks from personal experience.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

“FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE.”

PAUL, SYDNEY V., Lieutenant.—Sydney Paul was about 28 years of age. At the New Plymouth High School, which he attended for some time, he was one of the most popular boys. As an athlete he was equalled by few, and his performances as a member of the School's first fifteen, which in those days made annual visits to Wellington and other centres, gave promise of exceptional ability. This was fully justified by his subsequent career in the game of Rugby, for after an absence of some years he returned to his native town and earned the distinction of wearing the amber and black jersey of the Taranaki reps. Clever, dashing play characterised his work among the forwards, and caused him to be regarded as a tower of strength to any team. In other branches of sport he carried with him the same enthusiasm and energy. At bowls, which formed his father's favourite pastime, he proved himself an accomplished player, and in January, 1914, played in Mr. A. K. Smart's team which was runner-up for the Taranaki championship. In the hunting field he was equally well known as a valued member of the North Taranaki Hunt Club. A member of the New Plymouth Lawn Tennis Club, he displayed unusual skill as a tennis player, and could have gone far in that direction had he been inclined. Throwing himself heart and soul into the military work in the training camps, after he had joined the Fifth Reinforcements, he speedily began to work his way up on the ladder of promotion. According to Lieutenant-Colonel Fletcher, who retained command of the "Fighting Fifths," splendid work was done at Gallipoli by Lieutenant (then Sergeant) Paul. Soon after going

to France he was given a commission, and after periods of training in England he rejoined the Wellington Battalion, and the news which came through recently means the termination of a career which promised much.

HARLE, D. A., Lieutenant.—Douglas Allan Harle was the second son of Mr. G. H. Harle, formerly of the New Plymouth Post Office and now Postmaster at Ashburton. A clever and industrious boy, Douglas Harle showed exceptional promise at the New Plymouth Boys' High School, and at Wellington College (which he then attended) and subsequently at Victoria College his early promise was borne out. He attained considerable success with his studies which he continued while employed in the office of Mr. A. H. Johnstone, solicitor, and early last year (when his age was 21 or 22) completed the LL.B. examination. He went into camp with the 18th N.C.O.'s, but was successful in passing the examination for a commission and was posted to a later reinforcement. While in camp he was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court. Lieut. Harle, especially while at Wellington, was well known in various branches of athletics, and at New Plymouth he was a member of the New Plymouth Tennis Club. A brilliant career has now been cut short, and deep sympathy is felt for his parents and relatives.

KIRTON, C. I., Private.—In the cabled list of victims of the Beerferrers railway accident the name of "C. I. Kirton" was included. Anxiety was felt locally lest the soldier's name should be Chudleigh Inwood Kirton, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirton, of Fitzroy. Official advices proved the fears to be only too true. The deepest sympathy will be felt for his parents and family in the loss that has befallen them. Chudleigh Kirton was only 21 years old, and was managing farms at Uruti and Matau for his two brothers who had already gone to the front. However, on being drawn in the ballot, he asked only for sufficient time in which to make arrangements regarding the properties and gladly went into camp at the end of May (30th Reinforcements) and succeeded in leaving New Zealand with the 28ths. He was an excellent stamp of a man, bright, popular and enthusiastic as a soldier as in everything else he took up.



LIEUT. D. A. HARLE.

"FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."
FRANCE, 1917.

CORP. T. B. KELLY.

BROWN, D. B., Private.—A very noble but extremely sad record in the war attaches to the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, of Mangorei. Three of their sons have met their death in action and another has been wounded. David, who is the third boy to lay down his life for the Empire, and whose name was included in Friday's casualty list, was previously reported wounded, and the correction that he was killed in action on October 4 came as a terrible blow to his people. He was only a mere boy, scarcely more than 21 years of age, full of the joy of life, ambitious and with unlimited energy. It was his aim to be a lawyer, and after passing the preliminary examinations at the New Plymouth High School he entered the office of Messrs. Weston and Weston. He served three or four years in their employ, both at Inglewood and in town, and immediately the war started he offered his services, but as he was under age he could not be taken. However, not to be denied, he persisted in his efforts and early in 1915 was successful. He went into camp with the 6th Reinforcements, and was orderly to Lieutenant-Colonel Weston, but managed to get away earlier with the 5th Reinforcements as "batman" to Lieutenant-Colonel Fletcher. In the fighting at Gallipoli, and subsequently in France, he was wounded three times and some months ago qualified for a commission in England, but went back to France to await a vacancy.

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KELLY, T. B., Private.—T. B. Kelly was the son of Mrs. C. T. Kelly, Courtenay Street. He left School, where he was always a good worker and a helper, at the end of 1914. He then went out into the country and engaged in farming. As soon as he became of age he enlisted in the 14th Reinforcements. He had been in France almost a year before he gave his life for his country.

MASON, E. F., Gunner.—"Ted" Mason was for some time a newsboy on the staff of the Taranaki Herald. On leaving the High School he entered the service of Webster Bros., auctioneers. He then obtained a position in the Public Trust Office, and finally rose to be cashier in the Hawera branch. He enlisted in the 21st Reinforcements, and was in all the fighting through Messines and La Bassee. At the time of his

death he was 21 years of age. His was therefore a busy life crowned by the act of self-sacrifice for right and justice.

GUILD, W. A., Sergeant.—W. A. Guild was the eldest son of Mr. Guild, manager of the Cape Egmont Dairy Factory, at Pungarehu. He left School in December, 1913. While at School he was a boarder, and in addition to his good work as a scholar, was recognised as the handy man when any mechanical devices or repairs were necessary. In this work he was distinctly ingenious. After leaving School he entered the service of the National Bank of New Zealand, and, on becoming of military age, he immediately enlisted and was soon on the French front. His name was posted as "missing," and later tidings confirm our worst fears. We can ill afford to lose such as he.

WARREN, LEWIS F.—Lewis Warren entered the School in 1908, and did well there. At that time his parents were living at Korito, and he used to bicycle in to School every day. After passing the Junior Civil Service Examination he entered the service of the Bank of New South Wales in New Plymouth. After some time he was moved to Auckland, where, on the outbreak of war, he enlisted in the 4th Brigade, N.Z. Rifles. He went to France, and in a little over a year after leaving New Zealand he gave up his life on the battlefield in France.

KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

Atkinson, S. A., Capt.	Kelly, T. B., Pvt.
Baily, R. H., Pvt.	Kirton, C., Pvt.
Bendall, G., Pvt.	Lepper, H. M., Lieut.
Bollinger, G. W., Lieut.	Mason, T. E., Gunner.
Brown, D. B., Pvt.	Mulloy, Wattie, Sergt.
Burkhardt, A. P., Pvt.	Okey, S. M., Sergt.
Coates, F. H., Pvt.	Paul, Sydney, Lieut.
Ccllis, D., Q.M.-Sergt.	Quilliam, Reg. P., Corp.
Crone, C., Pvt.	Rider, F. H., Pvt.
Griffiths, S. J., Pvt.	Sole, L. P., Corp.
Guild, W. A., Sergt.	Stoddart, J. H., Pvt.
Hall, V. J. B., Corp.	Warren, L. A., Pvt.
Harle, D. A., Lieut.	White, R. W., Corp.

WOUNDED.

Armstrong, E., Sergt.	Knight, G., Trumpeter.
Baker, S. G., Pvt.	Little, N. F., Lieut.
Beck, W. C., Sergt.	Linn, B., Corp.
Billing, F. H., Corp.	Lusk, D. A., Lieut.
Blythe, H., Gunner.	Mackie, H. J., Pvt.
Bradbury, H., Sapper.	Matthews, A. B., Sergt.
Cliff, A., Pvt.	Malone, T., Trooper.
Dowling, R. E. C., Sergt.	Matthews, N., Capt.
Ellerm, E. B., Corp.	Monteath, R. M., Pvt.
Ellis, W., Pvt.	Morshead, H. B., Pvt.
Ellis, T. J., Corp.	Mulloy, Wm., Pvt.
Espiner, R. H., Lieut.	M'Connell, T., Corp.
Ewing, K. S., Lieut.	M'Isaac, A. R., Lieut.
Eyre, L. G., Pvt.	Okey, R. L., Lieut.
Fraser, H., Sergt.	Okey, W. P., Sergt.
Grey, J., Pvt.	Patterson, W. B., Pvt.
Hamblyn, C. J., Corp.	Richards, L. C., Sergt.
Haworth, L. G., Pvt.	Simmons, W., Trooper.
Hendrickson, C., Pvt.	Smith, L., Lance-Corp.
Hill, L. G., Sergt.	Stanley, E. C., Corp.
Howell, I. J., Sapper.	Tuohy, T. V., Pvt.
Hurle, S., Capt.	West, V. W., Pvt.
Jenkinson, W. H., Pvt.	Whitham, A., Sergt.
Kirkby, V., Pvt.	

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Adam, R., Sergt.	Beck, G. M., Q.M.-Sergt.
Arthur, W., Pvt.	Bruce, F. A., Lieut.
Avann, L., Pvt.	Brokenshire, R., Sergt.
Avery, H., Lance-Corp.	Borrie, S., Pvt.
Avery, F. S., Pvt.	Bullard, J. N., Lieut.
Baker, F. R., Lieut.	Buxton, T., Capt.
Bayly, C., Lieut.	Bollinger, H., Pvt.
Bayly, A. R., Lance-Corp.	Callaghan, F. F., Gunner.
Bates, T. H., Pvt.	Carter, S. G., Pvt.
Bacon, C. L., Corp.	Cartwright, A., Pvt.
Bacon, A. T., Lieut.	Chappell, N. M., Pvt.
Fellringer, L., Pvt.	Clarke, E. F., Lieut.
Blanchett, R., Lance-Corp.	Clark, H., Pvt.
Blanchett, P., Gunner.	Chong, G., Pvt.
Blanchett, W., Pvt.	Coker, A. C., Pvt.
Blyde, W. H., Pvt.	Cook, H. L., Lieut.
Blundell, K., Pvt.	Cliff, J., Pvt.
Blundell, R., Pvt.	Claridge, A. R., Lieut.

- Clemow, F., Pvt.
 Colson, E. D., Corp.
 Cornwall, C., Major.
 Cornwall, N., Capt. R.N.
 Cutfield, E., Sgt.-Major
 Day, E., Sergt.
 Diprose, A. W., Corp.
 Dumbleton, A. G., Pvt.
 Ewing, W. H. G., Pvt.
 Fair, C. W., Pvt.
 Faris, E. I., Capt.
 Foote, S. C., Sergt.
 Fordyce, W. B., Pvt.
 Gray, R. B., Pvt.
 Gray, A., Pvt.
 Grayling, F. S., Pvt.
 Gibson, C. T. E., Pvt.
 Grant, I. P., Lieut.
 Grant, A. H., Corp.
 Grant, Eric, Corp.
 Glasgow, B. Sergt,
 Gaukrodger, R., Driver.
 Goss, L., Lieut.
 Gibbons, J., Gunner
 Hancock, R. T., Pvt.
 Hawkins, G. J., Lieut.
 Hedley, E., Pvt.
 Hepell, W., Pvt.
 Healy, N. R., Pvt.
 Healy, A., Pvt.
 Hempton, M., Pvt.
 Hill, S. A., Sergt.
 Hill, W., Corp.
 Hirst, J. B., Corp.
 Heldt, F., Pvt.
 Hoby, S., Sergt.
 Hobson, P., Pvt.
 Hooker, H. S., Driver.
 Hooker, G. B., Pvt.
 Hooker, L. W., Pvt.
 Jackson, R. M., Sergt.
 Johnson, H. N., Pvt.
 Kelly, W. F., Lance-Corp.
 Kibby, R., Sapper.
 Kimbell, Corp.
 King, T. L., Pvt.
 Laing, R., Pvt.
 Langmuir, E., Pvt.
 Marfell, A., Pvt.
 Mander, J. H., Lieut.
 Martin, W. H. S., Pvt.
 Mackenzie, R. W., Lieut.
 Mander, G., Trooper.
 Medway, J., Trooper.
 Martin, G. H., Pvt.
 Monk, A. G., Sgt.
 Morey, Alf., Pvt.
 Morey, A. W., Pvt.
 Moore, W. E., Lieut.
 MacDiarmid, A. M., Capt.
 M'Arthur, A., Sergt.
 M'Murray, V. S., Corp.
 M'Allum, L., Pvt.
 MacDonald, A. M., Pvt.
 Mace, L., Pvt.
 Newell, D. R., Lance-Corp.
 Olson, E. E., Pvt.
 O'Driscoll, A. J., Pvt.
 Oliver, P. S., Pvt.
 O'Brien, O. A. E.
 Paterson, D., Pvt.
 Paul, G., Sergt.
 Paul, Stan., Sergt.
 Pearce, H., Pvt.
 Pepperill, C. E., Pvt.
 Perry, W. L., Corp.
 Pott, I. W., Trooper.
 Pott, Joe, Pvt.
 Pott, G. H., Pvt.
 Potts, C. H., Pvt.
 Pridham, C., Capt.
 Putt, C. H., Pvt.
 Quilliam, C., Lieut.
 Quilliam, N., Pvt.
 Quilliam, R. H., Lieut.
 Renaud, H., Pvt.
 Rowlands, F., Pvt.
 Russell, G., Q.M.-Sergt.
 Salway, G. F., Trooper.
 Searle, H. V., Lieut.
 Serpell, S. L., Capt.
 Sinclair, R. G. B., Lieut.
 Skelton, N., Pvt.
 Standish, I. T., Lieut.-Col.



"FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."
FRANCE, 1917.

PRIVATE E. MASON.

PRIVATE F. P. WARREN.

PRIVATE D. B. BROWN.

Standish, A. R., Lieut.	West, H., Pvt.
Stanton, V. W., Pvt.	West, V. O., Pvt.
Stoddart, B., Pvt.	Weston, I. W., Pvt.
Sykes, D. S., Pvt.	Wells, Decimus, Pvt.
Stapp, A. D., Driver.	Whitaker, G. L., Pvt.
Teed, D. L., Corp.	White, C. J., Pvt.
Thomson, A. R.	White, K. S., Pvt.
Throssell, F., Gunner.	Woodhouse, R., Sergt.
Tunbridge, P. A., Sapper.	Wright, C. G. R., Pvt.
West, B. F., Pvt.	White, A., Pvt.

The above lists are not complete, and very possibly there are serious omissions and errors of detail. For any information or corrections the business manager of the "Taranakian" will be very grateful.

MASTERS, PAST & PRESENT.

Miss Winfield, who left us, greatly to the regret of the Lower Prep., was married in July to Eric Shaw, who is an old boy of the School. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have taken up their residence in Inglewood. Thither they are followed by our best wishes.

Towards the middle of the second term, Mr. Bannatyne left us to return to Auckland. This left us with two Masters short. The vacancies were filled by the appointment to the Upper School of two ladies.

Miss M'Leod, M.A., graduated at Otago University after a specially distinguished course, and has had considerable experience in secondary teaching. For the last five years she was in charge of the Secondary Department of the Hawera District High School.

Miss Billens, B.A., is a graduate of Victoria College, and has also had considerable secondary school experience. Prior to coming to us she was in charge of the Secondary Department in the Patea District High School.

To both these ladies we give a hearty welcome, and trust that their stay with us will be a happy one. A number of secondary boys' schools have appointed ladies to the staff, and there seems a probability of an ever-increasing difficulty in getting men. Even after the war

the difficulty will not vanish immediately. Meanwhile we are confident that lady teachers will do good work, and that they will receive from us all the help we can give.

Mr. Hutton is now resident in Christchurch. He was in town a few weeks ago on private business, but stayed as short a time as possible, as his work hurried him back home.

“Weed” Hamblyn, upon whom we look as an Old Boy rather than as a Master, is still in the thick of the fighting after his wound. More will be said of him in the Old Boys’ column.

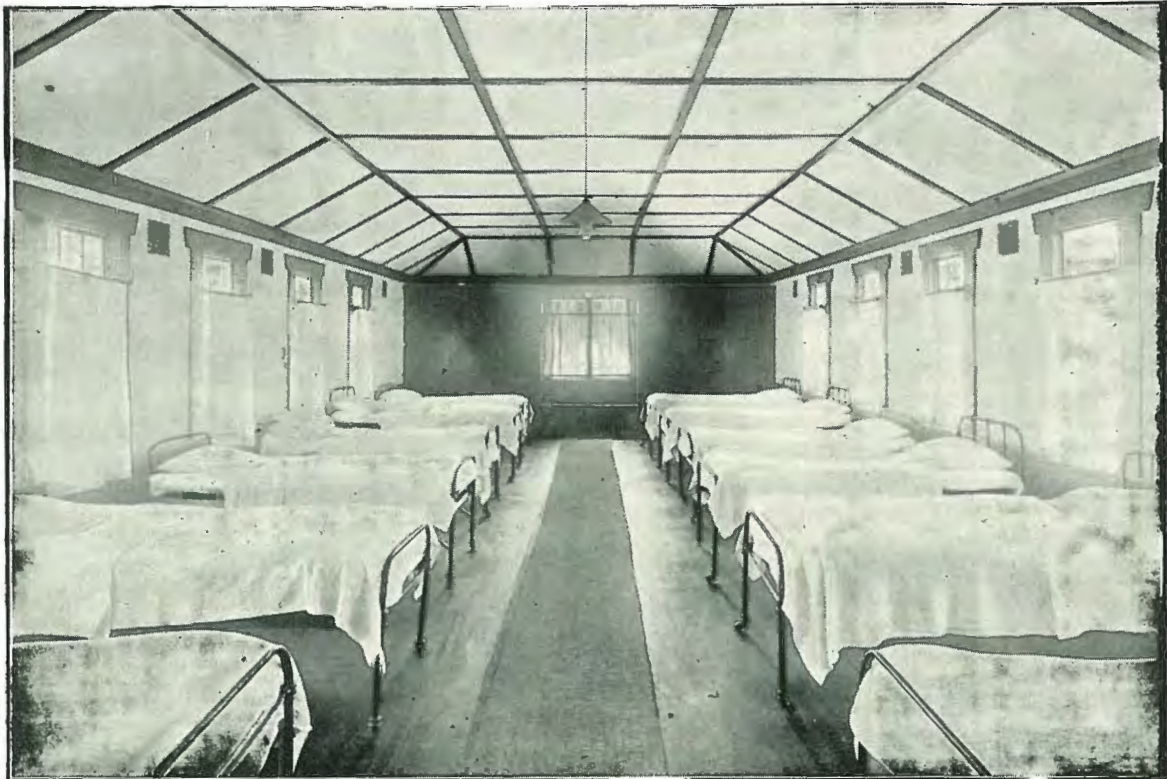
Mr. Searle is, at the time of writing, at Sling Camp. But by this time, of course, it is more than likely that the 26th Reinforcements are in France.

EXCHANGES.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Exchanges:—Dannevirke High School Magazine, The Spike, Palmerstonian, Otago Boys’ High School Magazine, Scindian, King’s Collegian, Southlandian, Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine, Auckland Grammar School Chronicle, Waitakian, Christ’s College Register, Nelsonian, Lux (Church of England Girls’ Grammar School, Darlinghurst, Sydney), Ashburtonian, Adastrian, Wellingtonian, Torchbearer (Church of England Grammar School, Sydney).

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ONE OF THE DORMITORIES.

PROSPECTUS.

NEW PLYMOUTH 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. 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 DINING ROOM.

The school is divided into:—

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

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

*This examination is held in December of each year. The subjects are (compulsory) English, History, Elementary Mathematics, Geography, General Knowledge; (optional—two of the following) Mathematics (Div. II.), Physics, Chemistry, French or German.

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

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

- Senior 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 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.



ONE OF THE SICK ROOMS.

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.

FEES (Per Term).

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

Board—£16, reducible to £14 if paid within 31 days.

Weekly Boarders—£13 10s, reducible to £12 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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