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EDITORIAL.

(R. Syme.)

THE citizens of New Plymouth and the surrounding district should rightly be proud of the splendid Assembly Hall which they have given to the school. For it was to them that recourse was had when the Education Department excised from the original plans of the school buildings the Assembly Hall as but a costly luxury. Yet, consideration will show that an Assembly Hall is an integral part of any High School or College worthy of that name. It is, in fact, nothing less than the focus of all school activities. The more we consider its present uses to us, the more we wonder what we could have done without it. But, if nothing more, the Assembly Hall stands as a monument to the farsightedness and liberality of our citizens. We, no less, must take pride in our hall and show ourselves worthy of it by renewed efforts.

As we are now back in our new school, we feel that we can congratulate ourselves on our good fortune. The new school, we are glad to say, has certainly not fallen short of the confident expectations entertained during its long months of building. Besides having this splendid building for our school-work, one of the most beneficial of the advantages at once evident is that of having all our school activities, with the exception of football, centred in the one spot. Football is at present played on the racecourse, but it is hoped that in the not too remote future there will be an additional ground in the gully: the continued expansion of the school will certainly, we are sure, soon necessitate this. It is also to

be noted that, during the state of affairs under which we laboured since the burning of the school, the day-boys were at a serious disadvantage in finding difficulty in participating in many spheres of school activities. We are glad to say that this is already a thing of the past.

But while we rejoice in our new school we must not forget those friends, especially the Jockey Club, who have most generously and uncomplainingly stood by us in the darkest hours of our days of trial. It is to their unremitting kindness during nearly three years that we owe our present school building. They deserve none but the highest praise.

The official opening of the new school took place on the afternoon of Thursday, April 3. Despite the inclemency of the weather, the ceremony was notably well attended. As to the decision to have a special ceremony, results justified it. We were very glad to see such a number of well-wishers and friends present. So pleased, in fact, were we also to come back to our old quarters, that it might almost have been said that it was worth two and a half years of waiting.

On the evening of the same day the Old Boys' Annual Re-union and Dinner took place. It was right that this function should occur at such a time for our Old Boys, as they are so interested in their old school, and also as a welcome for the large number of them who have recently returned from the front. On the next day the Annual Sports were held, and run off successfully. It was thought fitting that the citizens through whom the Assembly Hall was built should be the first to use it; a Citizens' Ball was therefore held on the Friday night. A fuller account of these functions is to be found elsewhere.

Finally, we cannot record our entrance into the new buildings without expressing our gratitude to and appreciation of parents, who have put up with all the drawbacks and inconveniences consequent on our occupation of temporary premises.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING.

Despite the fact that there was heavy rain for some time prior to the hour decided upon for the opening of the New Plymouth Boys' High School, there was a very large and enthusiastic attendance in the Assembly Hall in which the ceremony took place. The gathering was re-

presentative of all parts of the province. The platform had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion with hydrangeas and greenery, whilst festoons of asparagus fern hanging from the balcony added to the general effect. The Chairman of the Board of Governors presided and associated with him on the platform were Sir James Allen, Acting-Prime Minister, the Hon. W. F. Carncross, M.L.C., Mr. S. G. Smith, M.P., Mr. W. T. Jennings, M.P., Ven. Archdeacon Evans, the Mayor of New Plymouth (Mr. C. H. Burgess), Mr. Newton King (chairman of the New Plymouth Harbour Board), Mr. P. J. H. White (member of the Taranaki Education Board, and chairman of the Citizens' Committee), Mr. L. A. Nolan (chairman of the Taranaki Jockey Club), Major Cox (Hawera), Mr. J. McLeod (secretary of the Citizens' Committee), the following members of the Board of Governors: Messrs. Sladden, Dr. E. F. Fookes, J. S. Fox, E. P. Webster, D. Hutchen, H. Trimble, H. Atkinson; Mr. W. L. Cumming, architect, and Mr. W. H. Moyes, Principal of the School.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman said that it was his privilege as Chairman of the Board of Governors to extend to all present a very hearty welcome to the function. He took it as an indication of the esteem in which the School was held and a compliment to Sir James Allen, as first citizen of the Dominion, and a recognition by the people of the district of the services he had rendered to the Dominion and to the Empire during the trying period of the war, that there was such a large attendance. (Applause.) They looked upon Sir James as an old friend of the School. He had always shown a keen interest in their institution and its well-being and even in the midst of the most strenuous days of the war he had always remembered them, and found time to send along a word of congratulation to the Principal on any successes achieved by the School. He had some time ago, too, specially journeyed to New Plymouth to present the trophies won by the School's teams in the Imperial Shooting Competitions, and now at great inconvenience to himself came along to perform a ceremony which was of such importance in the life of the School and of its future. He regretted that the Minister of Education had not been able to attend. They would have been delighted to have had his presence and to extend to him a hearty welcome as an honoured guest of the School. Proceeding, Mr. Robertson said he had received

a large number of apologies from old pupils of the School in different parts of the Dominion, also from the Hon. T. Kelly, Mr. C. A. Wilkinson, M.P., Mr. G. V. Pearce, M.P., Mr. R. Masters (Chairman of the Taranaki Education Board), Dr. Walker, Mr. Shailer Weston (a former member of the Board of Governors), Mr. H. R. Kitchenman (a former master who was beloved by all the boys who passed through his hands), Mr. T. G. Hirst (a former member of the Board), and others.

Continuing, Mr. Robertson said he desired to extend a special welcome to the old boys of the School who were present. At any time the old boys were a tower of strength to a school, and the presence of so many of them on this occasion was an indication that they still retained for the School warm feelings of gratitude and high regard. They were proud to welcome so many old boys and old masters, too, some of whom were in khaki on their return from the front. To many of them they had to offer their congratulations on special distinctions won, and to all they offered their tribute of admiration and thanks for the splendid service they had rendered, not only for the Empire, but for the honour and glory of their old School. (Applause.) Some would not come back. They had paid the great price which we had had to pay to retain our national freedom. The Roll of Honour of the School was one of which any institution might well feel proud, and he was glad to be able to state that it was to be recorded in some suitable memorial to be provided by the old boys—a memorial which would stand as an everlasting example of what self-sacrifice really meant. (Applause.)

To the present masters and boys he offered a hearty welcome to the new building. The Board had been fully alive to the great disadvantages under which they had been working so valiantly during the past two and a-half years, and there was no one more pleased than were the members of the Board to see them again housed under comfortable conditions. He thanked Mr. Moyes and his staff for the patience they had shown and their devoted service during such a trying period. He might reasonably have expected that the School under such adverse conditions as they had had to face would go back in many ways, but such was not the case, for during the two and a-half years the School had been without a house of its own, there had been an increase in the number of pupils, and greater success had been achieved scholastically and on the athletic field. (Applause.) There had been a remarkable advance in every direction and the thanks for

this was entirely due to the efforts of the staff. Mr. Robertson mentioned in passing that just recently one pupil of the School, Master Syme, who was but 15 years of age, had won a Junior University Scholarship, being fourth on the list for New Zealand, whilst word had just been received that G. M. Salt, a former pupil, had won a Senior University Scholarship, being the on the list for physics for the whole of New Zealand. (Applause.)

The Chairman referred with satisfaction to the presence at the gathering of the Principal, staff, and pupils of the Girls' School, and said it was a distinct compliment to the boys that they were present. (Applause.) He was sure the boys appreciated it. (Applause.) He referred with satisfaction to the perfect harmony which had existed between the two Schools during the past few years and said the progress that had been made by both institutions went to prove the wisdom of allowing each School to work out its own salvation. He could assure the girls that the Board was just as proud of their School and of the success they had achieved as they were of the boys.

Mr. Robertson then went on to give a brief history of the School, which he said was established in 1881 as a mixed School, and continued as such up to 1912. At that time the number of pupils was 139—72 boys and 67 girls. Mr. Moyes came to New Plymouth, and it was decided to run the Schools separately and now the number of pupils attending the Boys' School was 330 and the Girls' School 162, or a total of just about 500. Of these, 200 were boarders—150 boys and 50 girls, and still they came. In fact they were in the unfortunate position of having to turn away pupils from the School. What, he asked, had caused this wonderful advancement during the past six years? The answer was very simple. In the previous 30 years centres such as Nelson and Wellington had adopted a progressive policy, whilst this town and district had been content to go along in the same old lines as ever, with the result that parents who wanted a broader educational outlook had to send their boys and girls to these other centres, country children also being compelled to go to other centres for boarding-school accommodation. Taranaki during the whole of that time had been helping to build up the fine secondary schools of the other centres, but to-day they were endeavouring to get back some of their own. (Applause.) Parents realised that their children could get all the advantages at this School, and were taking full advantage of it, so much so, that as he had already said the Board was embarrassed in trying to

find the necessary accommodation. The School had gained a reputation which was Dominion wide, for applications for admission had come to hand from outside districts. (Applause.) In this connection he said they had been accused of endeavouring to make this a Dominion School. This was not correct, for 90 per cent. out of the boys and girls came from within the Taranaki Province. In support of this contention he said that in the latest list of new boys enrolled only three were from outside Taranaki, and one or two of these were the children of old Taranaki people who wished their children to come back here for their schooling. (Applause.) The demand for such a school was thus a genuine one from Taranaki and that the action of the Board in doing all it could to meet that demand was borne out by the results. They had not tried to draw pupils from other parts of the Dominion.

Proceeding, Mr. Robertson said that when the old School was swept away by fire in 1916, it was a paralysing blow to the Board, which had experienced considerable difficulty in financing the erection of the girls' school. However, they faced the problem and decided to go in for a comprehensive scheme. (Applause.) He told how being desirous of obtaining the services of the leading architect of New Zealand in connection with such buildings, they wrote to the Institute of Architects for New Zealand, and how as a result, Mr. W. A. Cumming, president of the institute was selected. The estimated cost of the building designed was £12,350, but the Board had only £3500 insurances money. What were they to do? Being part of the education system of this Dominion, they naturally expected they would have the sympathy from the Government and would receive a grant. He was not going to weary them with the history of those negotiations with the Department, but all the way through the one outstanding feature had been the lack of sympathy and of encouragement shown by the Department, and the opinion had almost been forced upon them that its policy towards schools of this type was one of scantily veiled opposition, which it was hard to understand. The plans were modified by the Department in a remarkable degree, the west wing, east wing, and the assembly hall being eliminated. The successful tenderers were Messrs. Boon Bros. of this town, £7800. The erection of the school had not been proceeding very long before it was realised that unless the assembly hall was provided the school would be badly crippled. The Board was just about to the end of its tether with the

Government, so an appeal was made to the public in the hope that an amount would be raised with which a Government subsidy of £1 for £1 would be sufficient to meet the cost of the hall. The results had been most gratifying for after paying for the hall, the Citizens' Committee had a surplus, and in view of that and the possibility of raising more money, had advised the Board the push on with the west wing. The citizens raised close on £2000, and when the Government were asked for a £1 for £1 subsidy, Cabinet granted a further £1000. They acknowledged with a great deal of gratitude the assistance given by Cabinet, but one could have wished that a grant had been given sooner and in a larger amount all at the one time instead of the board having to make several contracts of what should have been only one. Had this been done he was satisfied that hundreds of pounds would have been saved because prices had been going up all the time, and then there was the inconvenience and discomfort under which the boys had been taught during that period of delay. Continuing, Mr. Robertson referred in eulogistic terms to the work of the architect, to the contractors and to the clerk of works, Mr. Curd. He also referred with satisfaction to the way which the Taranaki Jockey Club had come to the rescue of the school. For two and a-half years the school had carried on in the Jockey Club's buildings, and payment of any kind had been declined for the privilege. The only stipulation the club made was that any damage should be made good—that the buildings should be left as they found them, and it showed the appreciation of the boys when he said that not one penny had had to be paid to make good any damage. Further, the Jockey Club also came forward voluntarily with a donation of £100 towards the cost of the hall, and, said Mr. Robertson, so long as racing is controlled by such an executive as that of the Taranaki Jockey Club, he felt the public could guarantee they would have clean sport. Contrary to the usual experiences the canvassers for donations towards the cost of the building had a very pleasant undertaking, and donations were given with good cheer, and he looked upon it as a testimonial to the school that whilst they set out to raise £1000 in this way, they finished up with £3000. (Applause.) On every hand they met with a sympathetic hearing and had no refusal. The result of the canvass proved that the public was behind the Board in its efforts to establish the school on a basis worthy of the province, that they believed in this

class of school. Could they imagine the school without the hall? It was the very heart of the school, in it the character of the men of the future would be moulded. He was certain that all those who had subscribed would feel that they had subscribed to a worthy cause and that the money had been well spent. (Applause.) He then called upon Sir James Allen to open the school. (Applause.)

SIR JAMES ALLEN.

Sir James Allen was greeted with cheers on rising to speak. He thanked the chairman for the kindly references to himself and to the work of the Department he had controlled during the war. Great work had been accomplished in New Zealand. This young country had done its duty to the full. (Applause.) He did not wish to make comparisons, but he felt more strongly than ever as time went on that whatever sacrifices had been made, whatever effort had been made, had been prompted by a keen sense of duty. That duty had been well performed, and had earned a great deal of credit for New Zealand. This could not have been accomplished but for the spirit of the people. He claimed no special credit for himself or for the Defence Department, the public had made possible what had been done and he knew of no country in any part of the Empire whose heart was more truly loyal to the flag, to the best in British traditions, than New Zealand. The forces that had been sent to the front stood at the top among the fighting divisions of the Empire. He did not say this in any boasting spirit, it was the testimony which had come to him from outside sources, from high and competent officials. (Applause.) The speaker also took the opportunity of thanking the women of New Zealand for what they had done during the war. Their work for the Red Cross, their sacrifice in giving up those who had to go to the war, had been most noble. When the Military Service Boards were dissolved he had obtained reports from the chairman and all agreed that the most pathetic incidents they witnessed were when mothers appealed for their sons, wives for their husbands hoping to get them off, but when the Boards explained to them what their duty was in this matter, over and over again the appeals had been withdrawn. These noble women had said "It seems to be his duty; let him go." (Applause.) The women of New Zealand had shown a truly

fine spirit, they had been prepared to make sacrifices and had done so just as the young manhood of the country had done.

In this connection he was glad to know that a roll of honour was going to be inscribed on the walls of the school. There would be no tradition of which they would be more proud in the years to come. Such a roll of honour was not to represent anything in the military spirit, but rather the sacrifice at the call of duty. There was nothing more noble than that—(Applause)—to give up all one had to give in the service of one's country. (Applause).

Proceeding, the speaker said this was a red-letter day in the history of the Boys' High School, and he was delighted to be present, to be happy with them, in the success of the school. He touched upon the adverse circumstances under which the school had been carrying on during the past two years or so, and said that adverse circumstances were the test of the individual, were the test of the nation, and the fact that the school had come through that trying period so successfully, the fact that it was stronger to-day than it was two years ago, showed that both the masters and the pupils were imbued with that spirit of determination which was bound to win through. (Applause.) Reference had been made to the Minister of Education, and Sir James said he felt he must defend him. He had administered the Department during a very trying time when all departments had been hampered for the lack of money owing to the vast expenditure required on war necessities. The Minister of Education had not been able to do all he would like to do both for the primary and the secondary schools. He was truly sympathetic to the needs of both primary and secondary schools, and he was quite sure they would find that with greater scope the Minister would do his best for the New Plymouth School as he would do for every other school.

The speaker said that he personally had always had a kindly feeling towards this school. He had found a real good spirit in it, that the boys themselves were determined to get on and that the masters were determined that they should get on. That spirit had also been manifest in the people of the district towards the school, and he was sure they would never regret what they had done in providing such a fine assembly hall, and he was equally sure that the principal and masters would see that the hall served the great purpose for which

it had been erected, and that the boys as they assembled there day after day would be inspired to even greater efforts. He extended his hearty congratulations to the public for having subscribed so much money towards the building. He considered it a splendid thing to encourage the people to give on behalf of worthy objects, for he was convinced that they themselves also received great benefit thereby. The people who had subscribed to the cost of that hall, for instance, must feel proud of what they had done for the boys of to-day and the future. (Applause). The Government may or may not have done all that it ought to do, but whatever may have been the past he urged them to let it go by. It was not of much use to look back over the failures of the past, they should look to the future. The last four and a half years had taught them many lessons, and so far as he was concerned, had blotted out a great deal of the past, just as he believed they had done for most people. He tendered his sympathy to those whose loved ones would not return again. He knew what it was to realise that a dear one would not come back, but at the same time he was satisfied that whilst these sacrifices might burn into the heart they served a good purpose. They had to accept these things as some of the experiences of the war, but perhaps they would be all the better for them, and so he said about the past in regard to their new school. Whether they had had from the Government the amount of money they thought they ought to have had or not, it was no use troubling about it now. We had many very big problems to face, problems of reconstruction and repatriation, and one thing was certain, that the men coming back would have learned the lesson of the equality of men, and as far as possible they should be given equality of opportunity, as should also the boys and girls of to-day in the matter of education. He knew there were different qualifications in men, that some men had more ability than others, and more energy, and that as a result they would probably find their way to the top, but so far as actual associations man with man there should be no difference. He knew that there were differences at the present time, but looked forward to the time when there would be a levelling up and such schools as this would ultimately bring that about. The school represented an attempt to give that equality of opportunity to all children. He reminded the boys that the lessons they would learn were to equip them to take their proper place in the battle of

life. All their lessons, however, would not be learned in the class-rooms but also on the playing grounds, such as lessons of self-control and consideration for others even before themselves. There was something higher than living for just oneself alone. The boys of to-day had great opportunities and he urged them to learn all they could both in the class-rooms and on the playing fields; learn to develop character, to be strong and determined, and not give way to that which was wrong, but to learn self-control and to play the game.

In conclusion he referred with satisfaction to the parade of the school cadets to welcome him at the station the previous evening, and extended his hearty congratulations to the boys on their splendid appearance and steadiness whilst on parade. They were as steady as a rock. No Minister of Defence could see such a company of cadets without thinking of the training they must have had, of the excellent discipline, and of its beneficial results in the future. (Applause.) He also referred to the success of the school teams in the Imperial shooting.

Sir James then formally declared the school open, and also unveiled a tablet recording the fact that the assembly hall was presented by the citizens of Taranaki.

MR. MOYES' SPEECH.

The Chairman then called upon the Principal, Mr. Moyes, to address the gathering, remarking in doing so that whatever position the school held to-day it was what Mr. Moyes had made it. (Applause.)

Mr. Moyes was enthusiastically received, and at the outset said that after two and a half years in temporary premises it was a very great pleasure to be able to welcome such a large gathering in a school of their own. That pleasure was added to by the fact that the hall in which they were assembled had been erected through their own generosity. He was sorry that the Minister of Education was not present, because had he been he would have gone away convinced that it was not some useless adornment, but something vitally necessary to the welfare of the school and the district. (Applause.) The Chairman had thanked them for their financial assistance, and he desired to take the opportunity of thanking them for the loyal support given to the school during the trying time it had passed through. Not even the most optimistic among them had imagined that the school would continue to grow, but this had been the fact. The

people of the district had shown by their determination that they were going to place the school in its proper place among the schools of the Dominion. (Applause.) He wished also to thank his staff and the boys. They alone knew what conditions had to be contended with during the past two years. The growth of the school during the past six years had proved conclusively that the people of Taranaki were in sympathy with secondary education and schools of this kind. Nevertheless there were some in this community who were evidently under a misapprehension as to what it meant, and the objects of the school. He frequently heard people say it was a class institution run for the benefit of the wealthy farmer. Against such statements he wished to enter an emphatic protest. Their aim was, and always had been, to have a democratic school, and no boy would be refused admission provided he was of good character and had an incentive to work. (Applause.) He also desired to say a few words in justification of the preparatory department. There were many who said it was neither necessary nor desirable. The department existed for very good reasons: (1) Because there were many parents who wished their boys to have the advantage of a boarding school at an earlier age than 14; and (2) because they knew from experience that it was an excellent thing for the school to have boys for a greater number of years than would be possible without the preparatory department. The longer a boy stayed the more useful he became to the school, and especially in his final year. Lastly, though not least, it was unfortunately true that some of our State schools were not equipped with proper facilities for the proper training of our children. In saying that, he made no charge against that noble band of men and women in the primary schools, who were placing the interests of the State before their own personal interests. The best capital that the State could possess was efficient men and women, and they should see to it that nothing was allowed to undermine our system of education, and yet they found to-day in this very town schools sadly handicapped by adverse hygienic conditions. Every teacher would agree with him when he said that the standard of school buildings left much to be desired. The Department had introduced a system of compulsory training, and therefore it was but right and proper that the Department should provide proper schools and playgrounds. (Applause.) He was not attacking the State schools. The teachers were doing all that was humanly possible,

but he did say that it was the fault of the people that these schools did lack proper facilities. So long as the people were content to put up with this state of affairs so long would the Department allow them to remain. He again thanked the public for their generosity and support of the High School, and expressed the hope that in the future it would justify the faith they had shown in it, and that by turning out men of good character and high ideals it would make this community a better one in which to live.

PRESENTATIONS.

Sir James Allen then presented gold medals to two of the school cadets, Sergeant B. M. Johns and Cadet L. Abbott, won at the recent group rifle meeting at Patea.

Major Cox explained that the medals had been donated by the officers of the XI. Taranaki Regiment, and that in the competition about 200 cadets competed.

OTHER SPEECHES.

The Mayor, in a short speech, congratulated the people of New Plymouth and district upon the completion of such a fine building, and expressed the opinion that with the continued and increasing popularity of the school, that it would not be very long before additions would have to be made, thus completing the original plan as designed by Mr. Cumming.

Messrs. W. T. Jennings and S. G. Smith, M.'sP., also addressed the gathering, and Mr. P. J. White, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, said they had looked upon it as a privilege to be associated with the Board of Governors and Mr. Moyes and staff in bringing to such a happy issue the building in so far as it was completed that day. Taranaki was just beginning to take its proper place in educational matters, and urged that it should not be content with what had so far been accomplished. In addition to the institutions the province now had it should have a university college. Endowments had been provided for university colleges in the four centres, and very soon we in this district, situated so far from those centres, would have to have a college of our own. Until that day arrived he thought the Board of Governors would be well advised in placing before the University Senate the desirability of extending the university lectures,

Subsequently afternoon tea was served, and a tablet erected near the entrance to the school recording the fact that the school was opened by Sir James Allen, that it was established in 1881, and that the new school was erected on the site of the old school which was destroyed by fire in 1916, was unveiled.—Taranaki Herald.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(C. Noble.)

No one but those who have been in similar positions knows with what joy and relief we returned to our own school buildings. It is true that the Jockey Club had been most considerate and had done all that was possible to make our enforced stay on their property a pleasant one; but nevertheless there was always present that uncomfortable feeling that we were intruders.

Although it was arranged that we should commence on February 10, we were kept in suspense until the following Wednesday. Then nothing—not even the incessant clatter of the hammers and occasional showers of dust and mortar—could dislodge us.

Now, indeed, work commenced in earnest—for some. Others were waiting for examination results and in the meantime having a good rest. The Matriculation results were so long in coming that, though the days were spent in ease, many candidates of the more sensitive kind suffered severely from insomnia and false alarms.

On March 5 and 6 the annual cricket match with Wanganui College was played. Although we were again beaten by a considerable number of runs, the School showed particular interest in the game. On the second day the teams motored to the Mountain, where an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

As this was the first match played while we were at school, we were very excited when sounds of vigorous applause floated in to us of the more unfortunate class doing lessons. One form, on the side nearest the playing-field, had become so elated by seeing that two Wanganui men were out for only a few runs that the master saw fit to cool their ardour and ask them to “concentrate” a little more. Here the clapping became thunderous, and the master’s lecture terminated with “At any rate, there’s another wicket down!”

It was unfortunate that the match and the Show were on the same days. Consequently, though the Agriculture boys went to the Show, the rest of the school was prevented. Most of the Agriculture boys, however, entered for the cow-judging competition. As can be expected from the excellent work done by the Agriculture class, our fellows succeeded in carrying off all of the seven prizes except one.

Soon after the Wanganui match inter-form cricket was commenced, and several games were keenly contested. We hope that this is the commencement of a revival of cricketing interest in the school; for we must—and, it is hoped, will—turn the tables on Wanganui within the next few years.

One of the joys of our return home is the revival of that ancient institution, the pound. It will be remembered that, when one particularly hard-working youth was officer in command, he always succeeded in securing enough nameless booty to provide for a special auction each term. On this occasion the poor and needy could always strike good bargains (?) and the general public a hearty laugh. It is evident, by the appearance of the pound and the business done, that our new poundkeepers are as diligent as their predecessors.

One Thursday a cricket match between Tikorangi and Mr. King's staff was played on the school grounds. One of the players succeeded in putting the ball into one of the school windows. As this was the first time the feat was performed it naturally caused a great deal of excitement.

The chief vocal entertainment of the year—the New Boys' Concert—had to be postponed until later than usual on account of cricket. This year, too, some additions were made to the programme. "Each boy was expected to please, if not to enthral, his audience." Each singer (?) was also allowed an accompaniment—a whack with a stick wielded by our sturdy prefects. In one case, by the aid of a liberal "accompaniment," a Maori song was produced. As this was quite novel, the singer was vigorously applauded, but refused to return to gratify us further.

The arrival of the Chautauqua Company provided much delightful information and entertainment. Practically the whole school attended, and from the remarks let drop all evidently had a "rattling good" time. Chancellor Bradford also delivered a special address at school.

It gave us the utmost pleasure to hear such an eminent American speak in our Assembly Hall.

That the school shooting has not deteriorated is easily seen by the results of the group meeting at Hawera. In the senior cadet competitions, school teams succeeded in obtaining almost all the prizes, besides two specials. A detailed account appears in the Shooting Notes.

To facilitate the class firing, a range has been formed in the gully. Going there is a decided improvement on trudging out to the Rewa Rewa range.

The night before the opening ceremony Nos. 1 and 4 Platoons, with Lieutenant Diprose in charge, paraded and marched to the railway station to form a guard of honour to Sir James Allen.

The annual sports, postponed from November last on account of the influenza epidemic, took place on Friday, April 4. The weather early in the morning was very unfavourable, and it was doubtful whether the sports would be held, but later the rain ceased, and a commencement was made at 11.30. As the day advanced the conditions improved, and the afternoon was beautifully fine.

As usual at the sports, an invitation race was run. This year only Stratford competed with the school men, Willis and Whittle. The race was very exciting, Tristram succeeding in gaining first place, with Whittle and Willis close behind in that order. We take this opportunity of congratulating the winner on his splendid performance.

There were two very interesting pulls in the tug-of-war competitions on Sports Day. In the senior grade the Boarders beat the Day Boys; in the junior this was reversed. As one Old Boy put it, the junior boys are the rising force in the school, so the Day Boys may expect victory in the senior grade in the near future.

On April 11th and for the following week the School was visited and inspected by Messrs. Cresswell and Parr, the Education Department's Secondary School Inspectors. A thorough inspection was made of all classes, particular interest being shown by Mr. Cresswell in the drill.

This term exeat and Easter holidays were combined. The lengthened holidays thus enabled a party to visit the mountain. On Good Friday they attended the unveiling of the Ambury memorial. The succeeding days were spent in rambling about, several reaching the summit on Sunday.

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This year Anzac Day was celebrated on the 25th April. We paraded in the afternoon, were sized up and marched down to the People's Theatre under the charge of Captain Ryder. Here a service was held. We were dismissed afterwards when we had marched back through the town.

The novelty of Chautauqua has not yet died out. Several youths still retain the American accent; but one master has gone further. He has invested in a Saxophone—though not exactly of the same type as was used by the American artists. Fortunately we are spared from the added noise of a new instrument; for this Saxophone emits nothing but smoke.

This term we have been unfortunate in having so much broken time. But since we enter a new school only once in a life-time we must be allowed at least one term in which to settle down.

It is lucky that a building cannot be injured by speeches. Otherwise the Assembly Hall would indeed be now in the sick-room. First of all there was Chancellor Bradford, then Opening Day and all its attendant speakers. Also a debate on the "League of Nations" was held. Last of all, Mr. Ward, of Wanganui, gave a lecture on Astronomy. Mr. Ward was able to give us first hand information, since he has for years been observing the heavens. The lecture was illustrated by numerous lantern slides. His revelations were most interesting and made us realise more and more the insignificance of our little world in the universe.

It is well known that Latin is very hard for all to learn; but one expects the pundits of VI.A. to do better than the following:—"Aut amat aut odit mulier, nil est tertium"—"A mule-driver either loves or hates, there is no third course." There are some who think that mulier (i.e. a woman) is a mule-driver; but we beg to disagree; but there may be a grain of truth in the pundit's rendering (veiled satire).

This term we welcome back to the School Mr. Diprose, who has just returned from the front. He is well known to many of us, all of whom are right glad to see him back again and quite recovered from his severe wound.

We also wish to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. E. A. Rowe, M.Sc., who has just joined the staff. Mr. Rowe is an old boy of Christ's College, where he had a distinguished career, both as a scholar and as an athlete.

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He won a University Scholarship and subsequently graduated with honours. We trust his stay with us will be a long and pleasant one.

As we go to press we regret to learn of the resignation from the Board of our Chairman, Mr. R. W. D. Robertson. Mr. Robertson has been a most valuable member of the Board and has proved an ideal Chairman, and we feel that by his resignation we have suffered a distinct loss. As his business takes him to Wellington he felt that he would be unable to attend to his duties to his own satisfaction as a member of the Board. Therefore he has felt impelled to resign his seat.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We are indebted to the following gentlemen for gifts received, and tender them our heartiest thanks:— Mr. Kebell, a cup; Mr. Noakes, a cup; Messrs. L. and H. Bryce, a cup; Mr. Gilmour, two medals; Mr. Swanson, a guinea; Mr. Christensen, ten shillings; Mr. Ward, a gold medal; Mr. Willis, a bat; and a pair of batting-gloves by a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous.

CRICKET NOTES.

(J. M. Hine.)

As was natural, the main interest in the cricket season was centred on the match with Wanganui Collegiate School. This took place on March 5 and 6, on our own ground. We must congratulate the visitors on their win, and hope that, with the majority of our eleven back, next year's match will provide an equal contest. The papa wicket played very satisfactorily, although it was perhaps a trifle slow. We wish to thank the umpires, Messrs. Weston and Lash, for their services. Following are the detailed scores:—

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Stowe, c. Saxton, b. O'Halloran	3
Hocking, c. Clifford, b. O'Halloran	18
Gilmer mi., c. Clifford, b. O'Halloran	0
Gilmer ma., b. Sinclair	0
Porritt, b. O'Halloran	36
Hewitt, b. O'Halloran	10



FIRST ELEVEN.

R. O. SINCLAIR R. E. POPE L. INCH S. CLIFFORD G. P. WEBSTER R. BLUNDELL D. F. C. SAXTON
M. OSBORNE R. GREINER J. M. HINE (Captain) J. D. WILLIS L. O'HALLORAN

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Harding, c. Hine, b. O'Halloran	19
Davis, run out	1
Stone-Wigg, not out	4
Gilmer min., b. Sinclair	3
Scott, c. and b. O'Halloran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

Total 103

Bowling Analysis.—Sinclair, two wickets for 42 runs; O'Halloran, seven for 38; Greiner, none for 14.

Second Innings.

Stowe, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Hocking, b. Greiner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Gilmer mi., b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Porritt, run out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Hewitt, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Stone-Wigg, c. and b. O'Halloran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Harding, b. Pope	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Davis, c. Inch, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Gilmer ma., b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Gilmer min., b. O'Halloran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Scott, not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

Total 174

Bowling Analysis.—Greiner, one wicket for 11 runs; Pope, one for 21; Sinclair, five for 75; O'Halloran, two for 55.

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First Innings.

Osborne, st. Stowe	0
O'Halloran, b. Gilmer min.	2
Willis, l.b.w., b. Gilmer min.	2
Sinclair, hit wicket, b. Gilmer mi.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Hine, st. Stowe, b. Gilmer mi.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Greiner, b. Gilmer min.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Pope, c. Gilmer ma., b. Hocking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Saxton, b. Scott	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Inch, b. Hocking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Clifford, c. Davis, b. Hocking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Webster, not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Total 66

Bowling Analysis.—Gilmer mi., two wickets for 8 runs; Gilmer min., three for 23; Scott, one for 23; Hocking, three for 6; Hewitt, none for 2.

Second Innings.

Willis, c. and b. Gilmer min.	8
Hine, b. Gilmer min.	3
Osborne, b. Gilmer mi.	3
O'Halloran, b. Scott	16
Sinclair, b. Gilmer min.	0
Greiner, b. Scott	1
Pope, b. Gilmer min.	0
Inch, b. Gilmer min.	0
Saxton, b. Scott	4
Clifford, b. Scott	12
Webster, not out	15
Extras	4
Total	66

Bowling Analysis.—Gilmer mi., one wicket for 24 runs; Gilmer min., five for 23; Scott, four for 14.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Willis for his handsome donation of a cricket bat to be awarded to the boy playing the best game against Wanganui. This was awarded to L. O'Halloran.

J. Willis was also awarded a pair of batting gloves, given for the best fielding in the above match. We sincerely thank the donor, who wishes to remain anonymous.

During the term a series of matches was played on Saturday afternoons against town teams, and one or two against Old Boys. As the scores show, most of the games were full of interest.

Since the resuscitation of the Cricket Association in town, we have realised that cricket next season will be on an entirely different plane. There will be two school teams entered in the competition and, as a result, it is safe to say that the standard of our school cricket will be greatly raised in the near future.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS AND TOWN.

School.—First Innings, 57 (Pope 13). Analysis: Nicoll, 2 for 10; Quickfall, 5 for 16; Hughes, 4 for 10.

Second Innings, 53 (Mr. Bottrill 12, Pope 7, Saxton 6, Willis 6, extras 13). Analysis: W. Quickfall, 3 for 25; Quickfall, 6 for 12; Nicoll, 1 for 2.

Old Boys.—First Innings, 59 (W. Quickfall 6, Quickfall 15, D. F. Hughes 9, Nicoll 8). Analysis: Sinclair, 6 for 18; O'Halloran, 3 for 27; Greiner, 2 for 2.

FIRST XI. v. MASTERS AND SECOND XI.

First XI.—First Innings, 95 (Willis 13, Osborne 22, Greiner 18, Pope 9, O'Halloran 8). Analysis: Mr. Bottrill, 7 for 16; Mr. Glover, 1 for 35; Mr. Diprose, 2 for 10.

Masters and Boys.—First Innings, 14 (Mr. Bottrill 6). Analysis: Sinclair, 7 for 8; O'Halloran, 3 for 3. Second Innings, 34 for three wickets (Mr. Bottrill 7, Mr. M'Kinney 8, Mr. Glover 14). Analysis: O'Halloran, 1 for 10; Sinclair, 2 for 12; Greiner, 0 for 11.

FIRST TOWN MATCH.

School.—First Innings, 41 (Osborne 12, Sinclair 11, O'Halloran 5, Hine 5). Analysis: Nicoll, 3 for 17; Mackay, 5 for 13; Robertson, 1 for 10. Second Innings, 39 for six wickets (Willis 13, Sinclair 7).

Town.—First Innings, 34 (W. Weston 14, W. P. Nicoll 4, C. G. Bottrill 4). Analysis: O'Halloran, 3 for 16; Sinclair, 5 for 17.

SECOND TOWN MATCH.

School.—First Innings, 21 (O'Halloran 8, Sinclair 4, Willis 4). Analysis: Nicoll, 7 for 12, Mackay, 3 for 6. Second Innings, 36 for three wickets (Osborne 23, Greiner 5, Inch 5). Analysis: Sole, 2 for 11; Sutherland, 1 for 11.

Town.—First Innings, 164 (Nicoll, retired, 57, Quickfall 40, Lawrey 22, Sutherland 19). Analysis: Sinclair, 4 for 57; O'Halloran, 4 for 59; Greiner, 2 for 9; Pope, 0 for 28.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

School.—First Innings, 75 (Pope 28, Webster 18, Inch 13). Analysis: D. Hughes, 4 for 12; R. Monteath, 3 for 4; Prior, 1 for 25; MacDonald, 2 for 1. Second Innings, 84 for seven wickets (Greiner 29, Hine 13, Willis 13, Pope 16). Analysis: D. Hughes, 3 for 34; MacDonald, 1 for 23; Monteath, 3 for 24.

Old Boys.—First Innings, 59 (MacDonald 19, D. Hughes 11, Fox 7). Analysis: Sinclair, 3 for 28; Greiner, 4 for 19, O'Halloran, 2 for 3.

Almost at the end of the season a team from Tiko-rangi played the town team. Four members of our First XI. played with town, Sinclair being the most successful, making 12 and taking five wickets for 33 runs. Town won by 22 runs.

Great enthusiasm was shown in the Inter-Form matches, which took place towards the end of the season, and in one or two cases the play was of quite a high standard, some boys putting on some of the biggest scores seen on the ground this season. Following is a summary of the results:—

IIIa. v. IIIb.—IIIa. 41 (H. Grigg 30); IIIb. 32 (Lambie 16).

IIIc. v. IIId.—IIIc. 50 (Inch 14, Neal 7, Newell 6); IIId. 32 (Wells 13, Wills 6).

IVa. v. IVb.—IVa. 138 (Hawkins 38, Tansey 35, Espin 15, Holden 15); IVb. 97 (Foden 56, Noakes 18).

Va. v. Vb. (unfinished).—Vb. 52 (Osborne 13, Cole 11, C. Smart 11); Va., 23 for six wickets.

CADET NOTES.

(R. Greiner.)

This year our Cadet roll is larger than ever. As has been our custom in the past, boys have been divided into two companies, the bigger boys going into No. 1 and the smaller into No. 2.

We have been fortunate enough this year to secure an additional 180 rifles. Thus we have now 220 in all. consequently all boys in No. 1 Company are equipped with rifles. As only about 50 of these rifles are fit for shooting we were rather concerned when Group Headquarters informed us that 40 of these were to be called in for use at the Hawera meeting on March 26th. This would have been a hardship for many of our boys who had been practising hard for some time past. However, they allowed us to send only 20, thus permitting about 30 boys to represent us at Hawera. Here we were very successful, winning both aggregates and a large share of the prize-money.

During the term Area-Sergt.-Major Hunt was transferred from New Plymouth to Hawera. Sergt.-Major Hunt has been thoroughly interested in our cadet work and we take this opportunity of thanking him for all the assistance he has given us.

This term Mr. Rowe has taken charge of the physical drill. This drill is a complete departure from what we have been taught in the past years. The N.C.O.'s have therefore been paraded for extra instruction to enable them to take squads in this class of work. The object of the drill is to keep the boy fit and alert by simple exercises, and games into which competition enters, penalties, e.g., doubling, being introduced to make a boy keep his wits about him. This drill is very popular. At odd moments squads of boys, with one of their number as N.C.O., can be seen playing "O'Grady," or one of the other games taught at drill.

Near the end of the term, class firing was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Calder. This year we are utilising the gully as a range. This offers ideal conditions for a 25 yards' range, and also saves the long march to Rewa Rewa. Accordingly it is almost certain that our class firing in future years will be carried out here.

During parades we have been treated to music (in the shape of boys practising on kettledrums) arising from the gully. We noticed the benefit of this, however, when we marched to the railway station on the 2nd April to meet Sir James Allen. The Guard of Honour consisted of about 80 boys under the charge of Lieutenant Diprose.

TENNIS NOTES.

(P. F. Atkinson.)

This term has been an especially bright one to tennis enthusiasts. Even the weather has seemed for once to give us a chance of still further improving the grass courts. Our main stand-by, the asphalt court, is this term receiving a much-needed recoating, and we hope in the near future to possess an almost perfect asphalt court. The grass court behind the new house is also receiving attention, and wire netting has been placed around it, so that we have now three good playable courts in use.

Much interest and competition has been shown this year in the ladder competitions, many boys making several attempts to obtain a place in the team. Several of

the younger members have shown very great promise, and with a small amount of coaching and a lot of practice, should have no trouble in coming near the top of the ladder in a year or two.

On March 1st we spent an enjoyable morning on the courts at the Girls' High School. Here we managed to defeat the girls in our annual match, the total scores being: Boys 388 points, Girls 257 points. The main interest in this match was the struggle between the premier players of the two teams. This match proved an exceptionally fine and hard fought one, finally eventuating in a win for the girls—E. Ballantyne defeating J. Hine by two points. During the morning we were splendidly entertained by the girls, and wish to take this opportunity of thanking them for a most enjoyable outing.

The following Saturday we were invited to send a team to play a friendly match with a team at the residence of Mrs. Arden, Frankleigh Road. At this beautiful home we spent a very pleasant afternoon, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Arden for her kindness to us.

Next Saturday, March 15th, we played the masters on the Town Courts, open to us by the courtesy of the local committee. This annual match is always a source of interest and competition, and this year was even more successful than on former occasions. This year we again, as usual, suffered defeat at the hands or racquets of the pedagogues—the total scores standing, Masters 90 games, Boys 76 games.

We received a challenge from Stratford District High School to play on Thursday, April 10th. As our courts were very much out of repair, we decided to mark out two temporary courts in the middle of the cricket field. We obtained four movable posts from the Park Courts, and we here wish to thank heartily this club for its generosity. These courts were flanked with cricket nets, and proved very satisfactory, although a little slow. The final scores of this match were Stratford 63 games, School 47 games.

The same afternoon we concluded our Doubles Tournament. This was a championship competition and consequently there were no handicaps. The final resulted in Hine and Atkinson defeating Saxton and O'Halloran by 50 to 33.

ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS.

(M. Osborne.)

The Annual Swimming Sports were held this year at the Municipal Baths on February 27th. The weather was all that could be desired by swimmers. The water was comfortably warm, and we have to thank the custodian for his assistance in filling the baths. We also have to thank the Kawaroa Park Committee for their generosity in lending us seats, and we take the opportunity of thanking the judges, Messrs. R. W. D. Robertson and E. P. Webster, and the time-keeper, Mr. J. Bennett, for their valuable assistance in officiating.

We are indebted to the following gentlemen for their kindness in making donations to the swimming sports fund:—

Messrs. Swanson, Thomson, and N. A. Christiansen.

The following are the results of the different events on the programme:—

30 YARDS, OPEN.

First Heat: D. Denny Brown (scr.). Second Heat: S. Ellis (4sec.). Third Heat: B. Johns (scr.). Fourth Heat: M. Osborne (1sec.). Fifth Heat: H. Roberts (3sec.). Sixth Heat: D. Spence (2sec.). Seventh Heat: C. Kyngdon (scr.). Eighth Heat: M. Sutherland (2sec.). Ninth Heat: C. Winfield (2sec.). Tenth Heat: L. O'Halloran (scr.). Eleventh Heat: G. Wyborn (2sec.). Twelfth Heat: C. Fookes (3sec.). Final: L O'Halloran 1 (scr.), C. Fookes 2 (3sec.), M. Sutherland (2sec.) 3.

PREPARATORY BOYS' RACE, 30 YARDS.

First Heat: G. Fookes (1sec.) 1, P. Sladden (1sec.) 2. Second Heat: M. Kebbell (1sec.) 1, S. Ellis (scr.) 2. Third Heat: B. Hooper (scr.) 1, Guild (1sec.) 2. Final: S. Ellis (scr.) 1, G. Fookes (1sec.) 2, M. Kebble (1sec.) 3.

DIVING FOR PLATES.

First: I. Renaud (12 plates, possible). Second: Newell (10 plates). Third: Rawson and Richardson (9 plates).

60 YARDS OPEN.

First Heat: T. Foden (2sec.). Second Heat: D. Spence (3sec.). Third Heat: E. Coleman (6sec.). Fourth Heat: M. Sutherland (2sec.). Fifth Heat: C. Kyngdon (scr.).

Sixth Heat: B. Boon (1sec). Seventh Heat: M. Osborne (2sec.). Eighth Heat: L. O'Halloran (scr.). Final: L. O'Halloran (scr.) 1, C. Kyngdon (scr.) and Foden (2sec.) dead heat.

NEW BOYS' RACE.

First Heat: H. Pitt (5sec.) 1, C. Collins (3sec.) 2.
 Second Heat: C. Dunbar (5sec.) 1, A. Buchanan (3sec.) 2.
 Third Heat: B. Bayly (5sec.) 1, J. Shaw (5sec.) 2.
 Fourth Heat: T. Foden (scr.) 1, F. Grant (4sec.) 2.
 Final: F. Grant (4sec.) 1, T. Foden (scr.) 2.

BREAST STROKE, 30 YARDS.

First Heat: O. Sage (5sec.) 1. Second Heat: S. Jackson (3sec.) 1. Third Heat: D. Saxton (1sec.) 1. Fourth Heat: M. Osborne (scr.) 1. Fifth Heat: B. Hutchen (scr.) 1. Sixth Heat: J. Avery (3sec.) 1. Seventh Heat: B. Horner (3sec.) 1. Eighth Heat: R. Sinclair (3sec.) 1. Final: S. Jackson (3sec.) 1, D. Saxton (1sec.) 2, M. Osborne (scr.) 3.

LEARNERS' RACE.

(Across Baths).

First, B. Winfield (4sec.); second, B. Dailey (3sec.); third, H. Rumball (2sec.).

100 YARDS OPEN.

First Heat: T. Foden (4sec.) 1, B. Hutchen (7sec.) 2, H. Newell (5sec.) 3. Second Heat: S. Alleman (5sec.) 1, B. Sturtevant (4sec.) 2, S. Smith (10sec.) 3. Third Heat: B. Boon (5sec.) 1, L. O'Halloran (scr.) 2, L. Rawson (5sec.) 3. Final: T. Foden (4sec.) 1, L. O'Halloran (scr.) 2, B. Boon (5sec.) 3.

GREASY BOOM.

First, L. Allen; second, H. Pitt; third, J. Hogg.

BACK STROKE.

First Heat: J. Avery (2sec.) 1, S. Herbert (1sec.) 2.
 Second Heat: D. Saxton (1sec.) 1, R. Brewster (2sec.) 2.
 Third Heat: S. Jackson (1sec.) 1, L. Neill (scr.) 2.
 Fourth Heat: M. Osborne (1sec.) 1, A. Brackebush (scr.) 2.
 Final: M. Osborne (1sec.) 1, A. Brackebush (scr.) 2, J. Avery (2sec.) 3.

200 YARDS OPEN.

B. Boon (3sec.) 1, T. Foden (4sec.) 2, L. Rawson (3sec.) 3.

HIGH DIVE.

First, Henderson, J.; second, Rawson, L.; third, Foden, T.

PREPARATORY BOYS, 60 YARDS.

G. Fookes (2sec.) 1st, M. Kebbell (2sec.) 2nd, J. Avery (3sec.) 3rd.

CORFU DIVE.

First, Rawson, L.; second, Collins, C.; third, A. Brooker.

INTER FORM RELAY.

First: Form Va. (Boon, Kyngdon, Hayden, Malt). Second: Form Vb. (M. Osborne, A. Brackebush, Wyborn, C. Fookes).

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The championships were competed for on Monday the 10th of March at the baths, and the weather was all that swimmers could desire. Owing to the large number of competitors, both the Junior and under 14 Championships had to be swum off in heats.

The results were as follows: L. O'Halloran (Senior Champion), B. Boon (Junior Champion), B. Hooper (under 14 champion).

The Old Boys' Race was keenly contested, all competitors starting off scratch, the result being:—O. M'Hardy 1st, L. Hoffmann 2nd, D. A. Doile 3rd. The officials were: Messrs. W. H. Moyes (starter), A. R. Ryder (call steward), D'Arcy Robertson, R. H. Rockel, C. B. Bottrill, E. P. Webster, J. Swanson, and H. L. Calder (judges); C. A. M'Kinney, W. G. Wilkie and H. E. Glover (stewards); Mr. J. Bennett (timekeeper).

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS, SENIOR.

25 Yards: L. O'Halloran 1, C. Kyngdon 2, B. Johns 3. Time 14sec. 50 Yards: L. O'Halloran 1, C. Kyngdon 2, B. Johns 3. Time 32 3-5sec. 100 Yards: L. O'Halloran 1, C. Kyngdon 2, B. Johns 3. Time: 80 3-5sec. 200 Yards: B. Johns 1, C. Kyngdon 2, L. O'Halloran 3. Time 3min. 27sec.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards: B. Boon 1, M. Sutherland 2, T. Foden 3. Time, 16 2-5sec. 50 Yards: B. Boon 1, T. Foden 2, E. Coleman 3. Time, 36sec. 100 Yards: T. Foden 1, B. Boon 2, E. Coleman 3. Time 1min. 24sec.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP.

25 Yards: B. Hooper and G. Fookes 1, Williams 3. Time 17 2-5sec. 50 Yards: B. Hooper 1, N. Taylor 2, M. Kebbell 3. Time, 43sec. 75 Yards: N. Taylor 1, B. Hooper 2, G. Fookes 3. Time, 1min. 9sec.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

L. O'Halloran	16
C. Kyngdon	12
B. Johns	8

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

B. Boon	13
T. Foden	9
M. Sutherland	3

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

B. Hooper	12
N. Taylor	8
G. Fookes	5

OTHER EVENTS.

Awkward Entry.—M. Osborne 1st, H. Pitt 2nd, R. Syme 3rd.

LIFE-SAVING.

The preliminary tests in connection with the Schools' Life-Saving Competitions under the North Taranaki Head Centre of the Royal Life Saving Society, were competed for on March 8th at the Municipal Baths. The teams from the Girls' High School went through the drill in splendid style, and were awarded 212½ points, their 2nd team 212, New Plymouth Boys' High School 3rd team were first with 214½, No. 2 team getting 210. This left two teams from the Girls' School and one from ours in the final, which was held that evening, the results being:—

First: Girls' High School, 215 points. Second: Boys' High School, No. 3 team, 214 points. Third: Girls High School, 212½ points.

The Life-Saving Classes and Long-Distance Swimming will be held during the third term if the weather is suitable. The present term has been so very full that it has been found impossible to arrange for these.

DR. BRADFORD'S LECTURE

(R. Syme.)

On 17th March we were favoured with an address by Dr. Bradford, a prominent American educationalist, who was at that time in New Plymouth with the Chautauqua Company. His remarks dealt largely with education, his knowledge of which vital question nobody hearing him could doubt.

After being introduced by Mr. Moyes, Dr. Bradford began by expressing his pleasure at being able to address an audience of boys. He emphasised the fact that the key to success in life lay in the maxim "Know thyself": Boys needed some advice in this matter, as, for that matter did teachers also. Education could never produce its best results until teacher and pupil learned to work in harmony, until, in fact, the teacher was perfectly acquainted with the individuality of each pupil: This was the key to future success, the key which, if not forged in youth, could never be perfected. Now, when the world war had been finished and every nation was in the crucible, was the time above all when great men were needed: as for these great men, only their teachers could find them in embryo and mould the pliant mind of youth. Here was evident to all the inestimable importance of good and careful teaching in these days when the shattered world will have to be rebuilt, a task that will require great men. In our schools to-day were the potential great men of to-morrow, the correct training of whose abilities depended on the teachers. Scarcely less great than the duties of the rebuilders of the world were those of the teachers. Recognising their influence, let them not neglect their appointed task and mar the future greatness entrusted to their care. Only conscientious instructors, working, not for salary, but for results, could achieve the necessary end.

The importance of efficient men in the future could not be overestimated; none but these would have a

place, and their efficiency could be secured only by careful training in youth: careful attention should be paid to the little details, for everything, however small, went to make up the whole. The boy then should not be careless in his youth, for this would tell upon his future career, and in a world where only men of 100 per cent. ability were required, where would he be?

Apart from the essentially practical side of affairs hitherto treated of, new issues were needed by a world whose old beliefs had been abased in the dust. Hence the need of a man who can give such ideals was obvious. Every boy, then, when embarking on a career, should have ever before his eyes an ideal that he intended to preserve. Teachers could increase the latent power of youth, and mould it into a concrete force, to send forth great men for the benefit of mankind, giving to the war-weary world new ideals of peace and humanity.

Apart from the question of the great importance and responsibilities of teachers at the present day, we should no less notice the boy's part in the training. For if he desired not to learn, could any instructor make him? No less than accuracy and efficiency, truthfulness and courage should be inculcated into the young mind. These it was the boy's part to learn. Attention should also be paid to the cultivation of a proper civic spirit to fit the boy with full knowledge of his powers and responsibilities as a citizen in the future. Also the school was but a beginning to education, with university training to follow. Without a proper grounding at school success could hardly follow in subsequent spheres of action.

Above all, in conclusion, the prime importance and power of education should be realised. We should raise the standard of education in our country, for it is but a logical deduction that, like the uneducated man, the uneducated nation must fall behind and yield precedence to one better equipped. Nothing, in fact, he said, could give him more satisfaction than to see boys of one hundred per cent. ability being produced.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

(P. F. Atkinson.)

Officials: Judges, Messrs. E. P. Webster, L. B. Webster, W. C. Weston, E. F. Blundell, E. Whittle, R. W. D. Robertson; Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; Marksman, Mr. C. H. Wynyard; Ground Stewards, C. G.

Bottrill, H. E. Glover, H. Calder, E. A. Rowe; Stewards, R. H. Rockel, C. H. McKinney, N. Day, W. Wilkie; Time-keepers, Messrs. J. Bennett, R. H. Rockel; Committee, Messrs. A. W. Diprose, A. M. Bradbury, B. Johns, E. Winfield, J. Willis, D. F. C. Saxton, R. J. Harrison, E. Pope; Secretaries, M. Osborne and P. Atkinson; Handicappers, P. Atkinson, R. J. Harrison, J. D. Willis; Supervisor, Mr. A. W. Diprose.

The annual sports in connection with the New Plymouth Boys' High School, postponed from November last on account of the influenza epidemic, took place on the School grounds on Friday, April 4. The weather during the early hours of the morning was very unfavourable and it was very doubtful whether the sports would be held, but later the rain ceased and the prospects appeared much more promising. It was therefore decided to go on with the gathering and a commencement was made at 11.30 a.m. As the day advanced the climatic conditions continued to improve and the afternoon was beautifully fine. There was a large attendance of parents and friends and everything passed off successfully. The officials all did their work splendidly and there was not the slightest hitch throughout. There were large entries in all the events and all were well contested, the close finishes showing the care with which the handicaps had been framed. There were no dreary waits which are so common to many sports meetings. As the boys in one heat were dispatched those in the next heat immediately took their places on their respective marks, whilst in some of the longer races boys in two and even three heats were on the move at the same time. The Invitation Race was a fine contest. Tristram, the Stratford representative, got away with a splendid start. Whittle, who was slower off the mark, gradually gained on him, but was just beaten on the tape. Among the boys themselves the tug-of-war contests appeared to create most interest, there being a great deal of friendly rivalry between the Day Boys and the Boarders. The Senior Championship was won by Kyngdon, who put up a fine performance, Whittle being runner-up. H. J. Boon won the Junior Championship, with Sinclair runner-up. D. Mackay won the championship under 14, Gilmour the championship under 12, and H. Fookes the championship under 10.

During the afternoon the Citizens' Band played a number of selections. Afternoon tea was served in large

marquees erected at the rear of the Boarding establishment.—Taranaki Herald.

Following are the details:—

150 Yards Open.—First heat: Waterson (9yds.) 1. Second heat: Osborne (4yds.) 1. Third heat: R. Hair (5yds.) 1. Fourth heat: Renaud (2yds.) 1. Fifth heat: Horner (3yds.) 1. Sixth heat: Hutchen (7yds.) 1. Seventh heat: E. White (6yds.) 1. Eighth heat: Pope (6yds.) 1. Ninth heat: E. Smart (6yds.) 1. Tenth heat: C. Avery (11yds.) 1. Eleventh heat: Alleman (4yds.) 1. Final: Waterson 1, Pope 2, C. Avery 3; time, 16 4-5sec.

100 Yards Under 15.—First heat: Frethey (scr.) 1, Mills (4yds.) 2. Second heat: Moyes (1yd.) 1, Berridge (3yds.) 2. Third heat: R. Hair (scr.) 1, Barak (2yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Malt (1yd.) 1, Coplestone (3yds.) 2. Final: R. Hair 1, W. Rea 2, Malt 3; time, 12 1-5sec.

100 Yards Under 14 (new boys).—First heat: Davies (scr.) 1, C. Paterson (2yds.) 2, Dailey (1yd.) 3. Second heat: Alexander (4yds.) 1, Lambie (scr.) 2, A. Smith (5yds.) 3. Third heat: Brewster (2yds.) 1, Duncan (3yds.) 2, Guild (4yds.) 3. Final: R. Rea 1, Davies 2, Brewster 3; time, 12 2-5sec.

100 Yards Senior Cup.—First heat (championship): Whittle 1, Kyngdon 2, L. O'Halloran 3. Second heat: C. Smart (6yds.) 1, Brackebush (3yds.) 2. Third heat: Harrison (8yds.) 1, Willis (scr.) 2. Fourth heat: Osborne (8yds.) 1, Horner (6yds.) 2. Fifth heat: Pope (9yds.) 1, K. O'Halloran (7yds.) 2. Final: Pope 1, Whittle 2, C. Smart 3; time, 11sec.

100 Yards Junior Cup (championship).—First heat: R. Hair and Sinclair (dead heat) 1, Hawkins 3. Second heat: Waterson (3yds.) 1, K. O'Halloran (1yd.) 2. Third heat: Sutherland (1yd.) 1, Tait (2yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Nicholson (2yds.) 1, Hutchen (1yd.) 2. Fifth heat: White (2yds.) 1, L. Smart (6yds.) 2. Final: Waterson 1, Nicholson 2, Sinclair 3; time, 11 4-5sec.

100 Yards Under 15 (new boys).—First heat: Falwasser (scr.) 1, Parkinson (scr.) 2, Bailey (3yds.) 3. Second heat: H. Brown (scr.) 1, H. Grigg (scr.) 2, Rowlands (3yds.) 3. Third heat: Dailey (1yd.) 1, H. Mason (4yds.) 2, Collins (scr.) 3. Final: H. Brown 1, Grigg 2, Falwasser 3; time, 12sec.

Long Jump (senior cup).—Kyngdon, 17ft. 8in. (scr.), 1; Whittle, 17ft. 2in. (2in.) 2; Webster 3.

Long Jump (junior cup).—Nicholson, 15ft. 6in. (3in.), 1; B. Boon, 15ft. 5½in. (scr.), 2; Sinclair, 15ft. 5in. (scr.), 3.

880 Yards (senior cup).—Nicholson (30yds.) 1, E. Smart (20yds.) 2, B. Boon (10yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 20sec.

100 Yards Under 14 (cup).—First heat: Moyes (scr.) 1, D. Mackay (scr.) 2, Campbell (scr.) 3. Second heat: Hooper 1, Robertson (2yds.) 2, B. Blundell (3yds.) 3. Third heat: Corkill (2yds.) 1, S. Fookes (4yds.) 2, N. Jury (2yds.) 3. Final: D. Mackay 1, Moyes 2, Robertson 3; time, 12 4-5sec.

220 Yards Open Handicap.—First heat: Willis (scr.) 1, Waterson (7yds.) 2. Second heat: Osborne (4yds.) 1, Renaud (2yds.) 2. Third heat: G. Webster (6yds.) 1, White (12yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Mackay (19yds.) 1, Mills (15yds.) 2. Fifth heat: Brunette (14yds.) 1, S. Hutchen (11yds.) 2. Sixth heat: Noble (10yds.) 1, Moyes (15yds.) 2. Seventh heat: Dixon (14yds.) 1, R. Allan (16yds.) 2. Eighth heat: Pope (10yds.) 1, Avery (17yds.) 2. Final: Willis 1, Pope 2, Renaud 3; time, 27 2-5sec.

220 Yards Open (new boys).—First heat: H. Brown (scr.) 1, Parkinson (5yds.) 2, Dailey (5yds.) 3. Second heat: Grigg (scr.) 1, Clifford (scr.) 2, Foden (1yd.) 3. Third heat: Stevenson (7yds.) 1, Falwasser (scr.) 2, Brooker (scr.) 3. Final: H. Brown 1, Parkinson 2, Grigg 3; time, 29sec.

75 Yards Under 13.—C. Gilmour (scr.) 1, S. Fookes (3yds.) 2, T. Fookes (3yds.) 3. Time, 10 1-5sec.

High Jump (junior cup).—Case (4in.), 4ft. 5½in., 1; Boon, 4ft. 7in., 2; Hair, 4ft. 5½in., 3.

50 Yards Under 10 (cup).—A. Fussell (4yds.) 1, H. Fookes (scr.) 2, C. Griffiths (2yds.) 3. Time, 7 1-5sec.

440 Yards (senior cup).—Nicholson (25yds.) 1, Renaud (5yds.) 2, Cole (15yds.) 3. Time, 57 3-5sec.

440 Yards (junior cup).—Waterson (20yds.) 1, E. Smart (5yds.) 2, B. Boon (scr.) 3. Time, 62 1-5sec.

75 Yards Under 14 (cup).—First heat (championship): Mackay (scr.) 1, Moyes (scr.) 2, Campbell 3. Second heat: Jury (1yd.) 1, Corkill (1yd.) 2, Bird (1yd.) 3. Third heat: Bellringer (1yd.) 1, Robertson (2yds.) 2, Blundell (2yds.) 3. Final: R. Bellringer 1, D. Mackay 2, Campbell 3; time, 10sec.

50 Yards Under 11.—J. Pease (2yds.) 1, H. Fookes (2yds.) 2, Walker (3yds.) 3. Time, 7 2-5sec.

High Jump (senior cup).—Webster, 5ft. 0½in. (2½in.) 1; Kyngdon 2; Whittle 3.

Potato Race.—First heat: C. Smart 1, E. Cole 2. Second heat: B. Moore 1, Gibson 2. Third heat: Brunette 1, D. Fox 2. Fourth heat: Candy 1, K. Honeyfield 2. Fifth heat: Rea 1, Campbell 2. Sixth heat: L. Allen 1, Taylor 2. Seventh heat: Roberts 1, J. Rogers 2. Final: Cole 1, C. Smart 2, Candy 3.

100 Yards Under 12.—Gilmour 1, Thompson 2, McNeill 3. Time, 14sec.

Invitation Race, 100 yards.—H. B. Tristram (Stratford) 1, Whittle (New Plymouth Boys' High School) 2, Willis (New Plymouth Boys' High School) 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

75 Yards Under 10 (cup).—A. Fussell (5yds.) 1, H. Fookes (scr.) 2, List (scr.) 3. Time, 11sec.

50 Yards Under 12 (cup).—First heat (championship): Gilmour (scr.) 1, K. Fookes 2, Sladden 3. Second heat: Thompson (1yd.) 1, C. McNeill (1yd.) 2, J. Pease (1yd.) 3. Final: Gilmour 1, Thompson 2, C. McNeill 3; time, 7sec.

Sack Race.—First heat: Lysons (12yds.) 1, Saxton (11yds.) 2, Campbell (10yds.) 3. Second heat: G. Hair (1yd.) 1, G. Fookes (13yds.) 2, Moore (6yds.) 3. Third heat: Blundell (5yds.) 1, S. Hutchen (11yds.) 2, B. Hutchen (scr.) 3. Final: Lysons 1, Saxton 2, Campbell 3.

100 Yards Under 10 (cup).—A. Fussell (10yds.) 1, H. Fookes (scr.) 2, Cornish (scr.) 3. Time, 14sec.

150 Yards Under 12 (cup).—Gilmour (scr.) 1, A. McNeill (3yds.) 2, Walker (6yds.) 3. Time, 21sec.

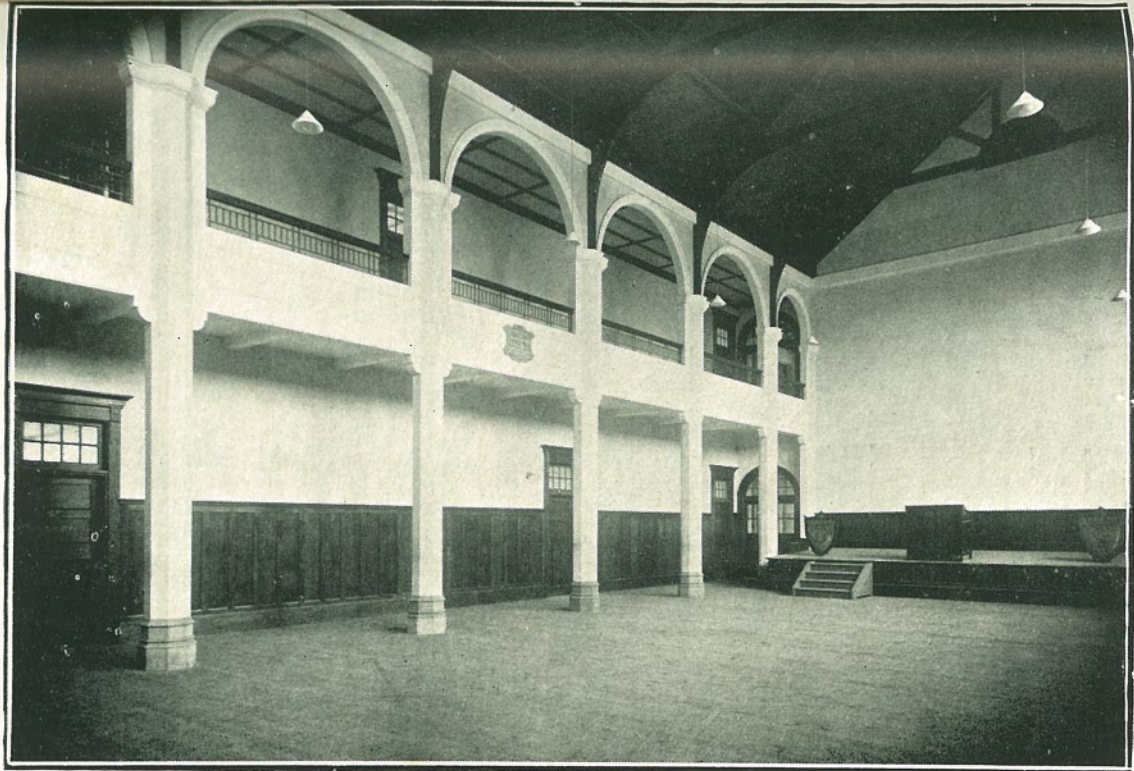
Old Boys' Race, 75 yards.—E. C. Stanley 1, R. Howell 2, E. P. Webster 3. Time, 8sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (senior cup).—First heat (championship): Kyngdon (owe 7yds.) 1, Hine (owe 7yds.) 2, O'Halloran (owe 7yds.) 3. Second heat: Webster (owe 3yds.) 1, Osborne (scr.) 2, Harrison (scr.) 3. Final: Kyngdon 1, Webster 2, Hine 3; time, 19sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (junior cup).—Smart (scr.) 1, Sinclair (owe 7yds.) 2, Case (scr.) 3. Time, 21sec.

220 Yards Under 14 (cup).—R. Bellringer (3yds.) 1, Mackay (scr.) 2, Campbell (scr.) 3. Time, 31sec.

One Mile Open.—Erlandson (300yds.) 1, Scanlan 2, Campbell (250yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 3sec.



THE ASSEMBLY HALL.

Tug-of-War (senior).—Boarders (Blundell, Osborne, Saxton, O'Halloran, Noakes, Harrison, Brackebush, Alleman) defeated Day Boys (Johns, B. Boon, E. Smart, Bellringer, Greiner, Willis, Newell, Kyngdon).

Tug-of-War (junior).—Day Boys (R. Bellringer, Johnson, Case, Taylor, Berridge, Mills, Malt, Coleman) defeated Boarders (Williams, C. Morton, Baker, Rawson, Rickard, S. Jackson, Candy, Drader).

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Senior Cup.—Kyngdon 24, Whittle 19, J. Hine 10, L. O'Halloran 7, R. Boon 3.

Junior Cup, under 16.—H. J. Boon 23, Sinclair 18.

Championship, under 14.—D. Mackay 18, Moyes 8, Campbell 5, J. Jeffries 4, Williams 1.

Championship, under 12.—Gilmour 15, Scanlan 6, MacDiarmid 5, K. Fookes 4, Sladden 2.

Championship, under 10.—H. Fookes 20, Cornish 4, List 4, K. Fox 3, W. Griffiths 3.

EVENTS BEFORE COMPETED FOR.

Senior Steeplechase.—R. Allen (3½min.) 1. K. Dixon (4min.) 2, G. Hair (3½min.) 3. Fastest time (Bryce Cup): H. J. Boon, 24min. 8sec.

Junior Steeplechase.—H. Fookes (3min.) 1, K. Fox (3min.) 2, Cornish (3min.) 3. Fastest time: D. Mackay, 13min. 53sec.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Senior: J. M. Hine, 84yds. 0ft. 4in. Junior: S. J. Hayden, 80yds. 0ft. 6in.

THE ROLL.

The roll now stands at 329, of whom 154 are boarders. In the upper school there are 246 boys, 123 of these being boarders; in the lower school the numbers are 83 and 31 respectively.

The following is the complete roll:—

VI. A.

Greiner, R.
*Hine, J. M.
*Roberts, K. C.
*Saxton, D. F. C.
*Syme, R.
*Winfield, C.

VI. B.

*Allemann, S. S.
*Atkinson, P. F.
*Beckbessinger, E.
Bellringer, N.
*Grant, F.
*Harrison, R. I.
Jillett, J. W.
Johns, B. M.
Nicholson, M.
Noble, C. A.
*Pope, R. E.
*Richardson, H. L.
Sinclair, R. O.
Waddle, N.
*Webster, G. P.
Willis, J. D.

V. A.

*Barak, M.
*Blundell, R.
*Boon, R.
Boon, H.
*Brooker, A.
*Cachemaille, M.
*Candy, R.
*Christie, A.
Clemow, J.
*Clifford, S.
Hayden, S.
*Henderson, V. J.
*Horne, B.
*Herbert, H. S.
Hutchen, B.
Johnson, C.
Kyngdon, C.
Malt, L.
*Morton, H.
Newell, H. C.
*O'Halloran, K.
*O'Halloran, L.
Rea, W.
Smart, E.
Smith, S.
*Sutherland, M.
Sutton, D.

Taylor, W.

*Train, S.
Waters, E.
White, C.
White, S.
Whittle, J.
*Wills, R. C.

V. B.

Allen, Leo
*Baker, A.
Berridge, W.
Bird, H.
*Brackebush, A. H.
*Brackebush, C.
*Brunette, G.
Case, L.
Cleland, A.
*Cole, E.
*Ducker, K.
*Fookes, C.
*Fox, D.
Gilbert A.
Hamblyn, N.
Honeyfield, H.
*Hunt, H.
Johnson, P.
McRae, R.
Moss, C.
*Osborne, M.
*Rawson, L.
Renaud, I.
*Rolston, V.
*Smart, C.
*Tait, A.
*White, E.
*Wyborn, G.

IV. A.

Barton, W. M.
Bellringer, R. W.
Brokenshire, E. L.
Cavaney, G. W.
Coleman, E. C.
Corkill, F. J.
Crawshaw, R. S.
*Corney, F. A.
Dinniss, L. B.
*Duncan, F.
*Foden, T. N.
Griffiths, E. W. B.
*Hair, R.
Hamling, H. E.
Handley, C. E.
Hasell, T. H.

Hoby, R. T.
Mannix, B. P.
Moorhead, J. W.
*Morris, L. B.
*Noakes, B. de B.
*Pitt, H. F.
Teed, L.

IV. B.

Abbott, L. H.
Allan, R. F.
Allen, Leon
Ballantyne, D. F.
*Burwell, D. R.
Crappier, A. J.
*Dixon, K.
*Espin, C. W.
Frethey, L.
*Gibson, J. H.
Hawkes, C. F. H.
Hawkins, P.
Hooker, R.
*Honeyfield, K. W.
Holden, G. H. W.
*Hughson, W. G.
*Jackson, S.
*Jonas, M. L.
Jury, M. G.
*Messenger, J. W.
Mills, H. M.
Moore, B.
Moss, O.
*Moyes, A.
*Neill, L.
*Pearce, E. C.
*Pease, L. R.
*Rickard, H. W.
Smart, L. A.
*Spence, D. W.
*Tansey, I. M.
*Waterson, G. E.
Way, B.
Wood, S.

III. A.

*Alexander, W. E.
Allen, Reginald
*Arthur, R.
*Binnie, A. R.
*Burke, R. W.
*Calder, G.
*Christie, L.
*Christie, R. H.
Collins, C.
*Davis, F.
Dolby, R. M.
*Eaves, J. E.

Fookes, S.
*Gibson, A.
Greiner, C.
*Heycock, M.
Jillett, D. M.
*Lambie, K. R.
Lash, B. G.
*Mitalfe, H. P.
*McIvor, I.
*Penn, T. L.
Rea, R.
Robertson, M.
*Sage, O.
Smith, E. G.
Trehey, J.
*Winfield, B. H.

III. B.

Bayly, B. W.
Bennett, J. A.
Carter, A.
Deare, N.
*Grigg, H. A.
Jennings, R.
*Julian, T. B. R.
*Mason, H. W.
McGahey, C. W.
*Olson, E. G.
*Parkinson, A.
*Rowlands, S.
Scully, F.
Shaw, J. T.
Shrimpton, L.
Smart, L.
Standish, A. M.
Taylor, K.
*Thompson, J. W.
Tobin, E.
Wilson, D. M.

III. C.

Bendall, A. C.
Bishop, N. H.
*Bracegirdle, G. W.
Butler, F.
*Drader, C. F.
*Dunbar, C. G.
Falwasser, H. I.
Gillespie, R. K.
Hamling, W.
Herdman, A. L.
Hughes, M. E.
Inch, L. D.
*Julian, F. W.
*Kilpatrick, R. W.
Lash, C.
Lealand, S.

Lynch, C. W.
McMahon, J. V.
Medway, S.
Neal, K. N.
Newell, F. R.
*Prideaux, G.
Roberts, H. R.
*Smith, A. E.
*Syme, R. W.
Tunbridge, C.
*Veale, C. C.
Ward, C. B.

III. D.

Aish, E.
Brewster, R.
*Brown, H.
*Buchanan, A.
Cartwright, R.
*Clarke, A.
*Corney, H.
*Dawes, F.
*Dempster, N.
*Gibbs, J.
Honor, C.
*Jackson, J.
*Linn, L.
Mackay, D.
Northern, W.
*Palmer, J.
*Paterson, C.
*Pulley, C.
*Rumball, A.
Shaw, A.
Stockman, O.
*Smith, A. C.
*Watkin, H.
*Wills, P.
*Wells, V.
Webster, L.
*Williams, F.
*Woods, F.
*Young, I.

FORM III.

*Avery, C.
Blundell, B.
*Bell, D.
*Chivers, E.
Cottier, R.
*Dailey, B.
Dailey, K.
*Erlandson, H.
*Fussell, E.
*Fookes, T.
*Gibbs, B.

Hoby, B.
Hutchen, S.
*Hooper, B.
Hunt, H.
Kebbell, M.
*Knuckey, A.
Lysons, M.
Miller, N.
*Robinson, K.
Saxton, C.
Scanlon, J.
Scanlon, B.
*Stevenson, A.
*Thomson, M.
McKean, A.

FORM II. A.

*Avery, J.
Bayly, G.
Bellringer, H.
*Campbell, J.
Carthew, V.
*Clarke, H.
*Coplestone, G.
*Cranby, C.
Ellis, S.
Fookes, K.
Fookes, G.
*Fookes, V.
*Guild, J.
*Goldstone, M.
*Hair, G.
*Hair, D.
*Hawken, P.
Hogg, J.
Honeyfield, M.
Jeffries, E.
MacDiarmid, N.
McNeill, H.
Morey, G.
*Pease, J.
*Paget, T.
*Rogers, J.
*Sutton, M.
Walker, G.

FORM II.

Browne, J.
Cane, J.
Davies, O.
Garner, H.
Gilmour, C.
Leech, E.
McNeill, C.
Sladden, P.

FORM I. A.

*Cornish, J.
Elliott, E.
Fookes, H.
Griffiths, W.
List, R.
Jackson, E.
Stronge, J.

FORM I. B.

Ambury, R.
Bennett, R.
*Fussell, A.

Griffiths, C.
Hetherington, D.
Simons, G.
Washer, A.

FORM I.

Allen, P.
Bennett, A.
Hetherington, A.
Hetherington, J.
*Perry, J.
Stronge, C.
Waddle, I.

The following entered during the first term:—
*Alexander, W., Allen, Reg., Aish, E., Allen, P., Ambury, C., *Brooker, A., *Binnie, A., *Burke, R. W., Bayly, B., Bennett, J., Bishop, N. H., *Bracegirdle, G. W., *Brown, H., *Buchanan, A., Brewster, R., Bennett, A., Bennett, A., *Clifford, S., *Calder, G., *Christie, L., Collins, C., Carter, A., Cartwright, R., *Clarke, A., *Corney, H., Cottier, R., *Chivers, E., *Clarke, H., *Cranby, C., Cane, J., *Davis, F., Deare, N., *Duncan, F., *Dunbar, C., *Dawes, F., *Dempster, N., *Dailey, B., Dailey, K., *Eaves, J., *Foden, T., Falwasser, H. I., *Gibson, A., Greiner, C., *Grigg, H. A., Gillespie, R. K., *Guild, J., *Grant, F., *Heycock, M., Hughes, M. E., Herdman, A. L., Honner, C., Hunt, H., *Hawken, P., Hotherington, A., Hetherington, J., Inch, L. D., *Julian, F. W., *Julian, T. B. R., Jennings, R., Jillett, D., *Kilpatrick, R. W., *Knuckey, A., *Lambie, K., Lash, C., Lealand, S., Lynch, C. W., Linn, L., *Mitalfe, H., Morey, G., Medway, S., *Mason, H. W., McKean, A., McMahon, J. V., McGahey, C. W., *McIvor, I., Northern, W. J., Newell, F., *Olson, E. G., *Parkinson, A., *Perry, J., *Pulley, C., *Pitt, H., *Paterson, C., *Rolston, V., Rea, R., *Rowlands, S., *Rumball, A., Stronge, C., *Standish, M., *Sage, O., Smith, E., Scully, F., Shaw, J. T., Shrimpton, L. V., Smart, A., *Smith, A. E., *Syme, Ray W., Shaw, A., Smith, A. E., Stockman, O., *Stevenson, A., *Tansey, I., Trehey, J., Taylor, K., *Thompson, J. W., Tunbridge, C., *Veale, C., Waddle, I., *Watkin, H., *Wells, L., *Wells, V. L., *Wills, P. C., *Woods, F. C., Ward, C., Wilson, D. M., *Winfield, B. H., *Young, I. N.

*Indicates boarder.

The following left at the end of last term: Anthony, M., Buchanan, A., Burhardt, I., Boon, G., Boon, R., Bell, G., Blanchard, H., Bell, C., Bothamley, R., Boulton, E., Darrell, C., Calder, H., Clemow, K., Chong, A. M., Coulter, A., Denny-Brown, D., Dean, O., Forbes, T., Fox, K., Grant, K., Grayling, B. H., Guild, I. M., Greiner, L., Guddop, K., Hamling, E., Healy, W., Howell, R., Hodder, R., Jones, L., Jones, C., Johns, O., Knapman, J., Kingston, J., Leech, A., Mackay, W., Mackie, D. G. D., Morey, C., Morey, H., Moore, G., McKay, C., Meuli, E., Old, W., Ogle, S., Penman, D., Pease, C., Phillips, F., Rockel, R. M., Rolfe, H., Smith, C., Sturtevant, A. B., Snowdon, A. S., Smellie, M., Short, W. F., Street, R., Scown, G., Waite, C., Walker, L., Watkins, I., Williamson, R., Webber, H. C., Walden, G., Walter, A., Walter, J., Wright, P., Ward, K., Wilkie, W. G.

The following have left during the term: Beckbesinger, E., Browne, J., Hamblyn, N.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The following successes were gained by the School in the various public examinations held at the beginning of 1919:—

University Junior Scholarship.—R. Syme (fourth for New Zealand, but, being under age, cannot accept the Scholarship this year.

University National Scholarships. — D. Denny-Brown, D. G. D. Mackie.

Matriculation on National Scholarship Papers.—K. C. Roberts, D. F. C. Saxton.

Matriculation and Allied Examinations.—P. F. Atkinson, E. Boulton, R. I. Harrison, R. Howell, J. Knapman, C. Noble, R. E. Pope, H. L. Richardson, R. M. Rockel, R. O. Sinclair, A. B. Sturtevant, N. Waddle, G. Webster, J. Willis.

Partial success for the same Examinations.—G. Boon, M. Nicholson.

Senior National Scholarship.—R. Syme, J. W. Jillett.

Junior National Scholarship.—R. Bellringer, F. Corkill, S. Fookes.

No candidates sat for the Public Service Examinations. Apparently positions in the Public Service are not sought for.

The following in the Preparatory Department gained Proficiency Certificates:—R. Arthur, F. Butler, A. Bendall, R. H. Christie, R. Dolby, S. Fookes, J. Jackson, D. Mackay, K. Neal, J. Gibbs, C. L. Pease, J. Prideaux, T. L. Penn, M. Robertson, J. Palmer, L. Webster, F. Williams.

THE TELESCOPE AND ITS REVELATIONS.

(H. L. Richardson.)

On the Monday evening before we broke up, we were given a lantern lecture on the above subject—the first illustrated lecture in the new school. The address, which the general public and the Girls' High School also attended, was given by Mr. J. T. Ward, the Director of the Wanganui Observatory.

After a few introductory remarks by the Rev. O. Blundell, who presided, Mr. Ward commenced his lecture by saying how great was the debt due to the discoverer of the telescope. Following this, he gave an account of the story of the telescope, illustrated, as was indeed the whole lecture, by very fine lantern slides. Then, after describing some modern telescopes, he proceeded to deal with solar phenomena—sun-spots, their origin, characteristics, and effects; the possible causes of the sun's activity; and the phenomena of eclipses.

Passing from the sun to the moon, Mr. Ward came to an intensely interesting part of his lecture, the slides being very clear and realistic. They were largely photographs from remarkably precise models of the lunar surface, made by Nasmyth, the inventor of the steam hammer, and an enthusiastic and life-long student of the moon. Following naturally after the moon came the planets; then those most mysterious occurrences—and mysterious they are, even to the most advanced astronomers—comets.

Then Mr. Ward left the solar system, and proceeded into the regions of the infinitely great—the universe itself became his subject. Dealing first with nebulae in their multitudinous forms, he passed on to stars and star-groups. In this, as in all the other parts of his lecture, the incomprehensible immensity of the whole stellar system was indelibly impressed on his listeners.

Notwithstanding the abstruse and technical nature of the subject, its natural fascination, the excellence of the slides, and the interesting manner in which the lecture was delivered were all conducive to close attention on the part of the audience; and at the close a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Ward.

After the lecture, a number of those interested stayed behind to discuss the formation of an astronomical society in the town; eventually it was decided to call a meeting for this purpose, and inquire into the possibility of establishing an observatory here—possibly in connection with the School. Such was the issue of a most successful lecture; if those to come, anywhere approach it, the lantern will have been the cause of no less advantage than amusement to the School.

FORM AVERAGES.

FIRST TERM.

Form VIa. (average, 59.3).—1, K. C. Roberts, 73; 2, J. Hine. R. Syme and C. Winfield not placed as they are doing some special work.

Form VIb. (average, 54.5).—1, N. Waddle, 71; 2, G. Webster, 67.

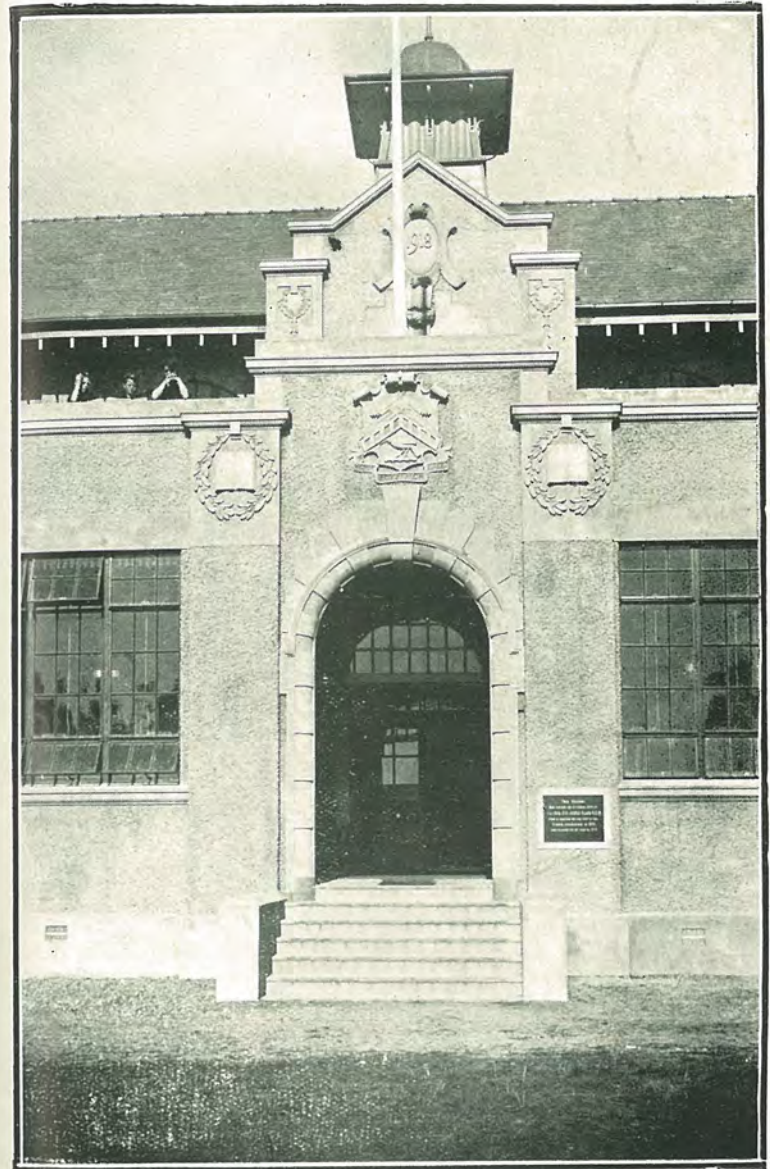
Form Va. (average, 60).—1, M. Barak, 81; 2, W. Rea, 77.

Form Vb. (average, 53.3).—1, K. Ducker, 75; 2, W. Berridge, 73.

Form IVa. (average, 59.9).—1, L. Morris, 78.7; 2, R. Bellringer, 78.6.

Form IVb. (average, 47).—1, G. Hughson, 65; 2, J. Messenger, 64.

Form IIIa. (average, 63).—1, R. Rea, 86; 2, A. Gibson, 78.



THE FRONT ENTRANCE.

Form IIIb. (average, 47).—I, H. Grigg, 65; 2, A. Parkinson, 62.

Form IIIc. (average, 51.7).—1, J. McMahon, 72; 2, F. Newell and C. Drader (equal), 67.

Form III d. (average, 53).—1, E. Brewster, 74; 2, D. Mackay, 73.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III. (average, 68.5).—1, M. Lysons, 85.4; 2, B. Blundell, 82.5; 3, C. Saxton, 81.4.

Form IIa. (average, 64.9).—1, H. Bellringer, 84.4; 2, E. Jeffries, 82.7; 3, V. Carthew, 77.4.

Form II. (average 74.1).—1, E. Leech, 83.6; 2, C. Gilmour, 79.2.

Form Ia. (average 61.9).—1, H. Fookes, 74.8; 2, J. Stronge, 71.6.

Form Ib. (average, 70).—1, D. Hetherington, 80.6; 2, C. Griffiths, 78.2.

Form I. (average, 70.5).—1, J. Hetherington 78.7; 2, A. Hetherington, 77.7.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

(B. Dailey.)

The roll number has now reached eighty-three. At the end of last year Miss Banwell left us, and Miss Billens taught Standard V. for a short period, but she has now left, and the Fifth is now under the charge of Mr. D. Saxton. On leaving Miss Billens was presented by the staff with a handsome copy of Mrs. Browning's "Sonnets from the Portuguese."

New boys this term are:—Boarders: C. Cranby, H. Clarke, B. Dailey, M. Guild, P. Hawken, A. Knuckey, J. Perry, A. Stephenson, L. Wells, E. Chivers. Day Boys: C. Ambury, A. Bennett, R. Bennett, R. Cottier, K. Dailey, J. Hetherington, A. Hetherington, H. Hunt, M. Honeyfield, G. Morey, A. McKean, C. Strong, and I. Waddle.

Swimming.—The annual swimming sports took place towards the end of March. The weather being fine, they were a great success. The preparatory boys who gained places are as follows:—J. Hoop, third, Greasy Boom; B.

Dailey, second, Learners' Race; G. Fookes, first, 60yds. Preparatory; M. Kebble, second, 60yds. Preparatory; T. Avery, third, 60yds. Preparatory; S. Ellis, first, 30yds. Preparatory; G. Fookes, second, 30yds. Preparatory; M. Kebble, third, 30yds. Preparatory; B. Hooper, first, Under 14 Years Championship; G. Fookes, third, Under 14 Years Championship.

Owing to the fact that the pitch had to be prepared for the match against Wanganui College, we have not had much cricket this year. Another reason for this is the poor weather we have had.

During this term the Chautauqua Organisation visited the town, and was much appreciated, both from a pleasurable and educational point of view.

We are looking forward to the football season, which is to open shortly.

The sports meeting was held on April 4, and in the Mile Handicap preparatory boys filled the first three places: First, H. Erlandson; second, J. Scanlan; third, J. Campbell. The Under 10 Years Championship was won by H. Fookes. The Under 12 Years Championship was won by C. Gilmour. A. Fussell won three races, and J. Pease won the 50 Yards under 11 years.

After asking in a geography lesson recently the question "What are the watersheds of Europe?" the teacher received the astonishing answer from a preparatory boy—"They are huge sheds built for storing water."

In a lesson on Civics recently the teacher asked what Opposition was, and received the following startling answer, "Two butchers' shops in one town!"

In another Civics lesson the question was asked, "What is a Local Body?" and one boy gave the answer "Sir James Allen, sir."

CONCERT NOTES.

(K. C. Roberts.)

Winter is the chief time for concert work, and, consequently, not much has been done in this direction during the past term. However, it has been decided to introduce more variety into our Saturday night concerts by holding debates in addition to the usual concerts, and by inaugurating various competitions. The following is the list of entertainments which we hope to hold on Saturday nights up until the end of the second term:—

FIRST TERM.

April 12.—Debate, "The League of Nations." For: Roberts, Candy. Against: Syme i., Brooker.

April 26.—Combined Day Boys' and Boarders' Concert.

SECOND TERM.

June 7.—Masters' Concert.

June 21.—Competition—Elocutionary and Vocal.

June 28.—Competition—Instrumental.

July 5.—Concert by Competition Winners.

July 19.—Grand Concert and Play.

August 2.—Debate.

August 16.—Combined Day Boys' and Boarders' Concert.

Considerable interest was shown in the debate held in the Assembly Hall on April 12. The subject, "Is the League of Nations a Feasible Project," was first discussed by the four principals, after which the debate was thrown open to the meeting. Several points were raised by members of the audience, after which a count was taken by a show of hands, the result being in favour of the motion by sixty-seven votes to forty-one. The several masters present, including the chairman (Mr. Bottrill), then each added a few remarks, and the debate closed by passing a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Now that interest has been aroused we hope to hold several more debates in the near future.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

(A. Christie.)

Unfortunately we were unable to obtain a darkroom in the new school, but we hope that, when additions are made, space will be found for a more efficient and up-to-date darkroom. It is gratifying to know that the membership of the club still continues to increase.

The enlarger has been moved into the physics laboratory, where it will remain permanently for the use of members. It is a pity that the members do not make use of the half-plate school camera, but perhaps the lack of knowledge and the cost of material accounts for this. We hope next term all boys will use the opportunity.

the Saturday night following the various functions, we were given a dance, which was, of course, greatly appreciated by all the dancers.

Evidently golf is gaining favour as a pastime among the masters, for we are now frequently entertained on Saturday afternoons by watching driving practices, etc., on the cricket field. On one occasion this practice took the form of driving competition between exponents respectively of the mashie and the driver. The "mashie" had it all his own way, and lost somewhere in the vicinity of ten balls, while the "driver" must have been rendered nervous by the crowd of applauding spectators, for most of his attempts consisted in driving numerous masses of turf to a greater distance than they did the ball itself.

As usual, we visited the pictures once or twice during the term, and also went to the autumn show at Waiwakaiho; but the chief attraction in the amusement direction was the Chautauqua season. The majority of us obtained season tickets, and visited every performance, which although it meant sacrificing a week's prep. and starting school at 8.30 a.m., amply repaid us for any loss sustained by our regular school work. We also attended a most interesting and instructive lantern lecture on "The Telescope and its Revelations," delivered in the assembly hall on April 28th by Mr. Ward, of Wanganui.

SHOOTING NOTES.

(R. I. Harrison.)

Although those boys interested in shooting had a later start this year than usual, they have had the opportunity of competing in some very interesting matches. At Rewa Rewa range several boys qualified for positions in the team which competed at the Hawera Group Meeting. Here the majority of our team were fortunate in that they met with some good results, while three or four of them secured first or second places in the various competitions. After having spent a most enjoyable day, the team returned to New Plymouth by the mail train.

The following is a summary of the results of the team:—

No. 1 PRACTICE, 200 YARDS.

Application.

Place.	Name.	25	Place.	Name.	25
1st—	Jackson, S.	22	4th—	Johns, B.	21
2nd—	Hine, J. M.	22	4th—	Wyborn, G.	21
3rd—	Atkinson, P.	22			

No. 2 PRACTICE, 200 YARDS.

Snap-shooting.

Place.	Name.	15	Place.	Name.	15
1st—	Hine, J.	15	2nd—	Holden	12
2nd—	Atkinson, P.	12	2nd—	O'Halloran	12
2nd—	Barak	12	2nd—	Greiner	12

No. 3 PRACTICE, 25 YARDS.

Rapid.

Place.	Name.	20	Place.	Name.	20
1st—	Waters, E.	18	3rd—	Abbott	16
2nd—	Saxton, D.	17	4th—	Jackson, S.	15
3rd—	Alleman, S.	16	4th—	Wyborn, G.	15

At the same match the two gold medals for the highest aggregate scores were won by Sergeant B. M. Johns and Cadet L. Abbott. Sergeant Johns, with 72 points, won the medal presented by Lieutenant L. W. Bishop for Cadets over 16. Cadet Abbott won the medal for Cadets under 16, with an aggregate score of 71 points.

The Weekly Press Challenge Shield, which is competed for throughout New Zealand, was fired for on March 28. The good conditions under which the teams fired enabled them to put up some good scores. Major E. P. Cox and Lieutenant L. G. Goss, of Hawera, acted as range officials, and gave the scores of the teams as follows:—

No. 24 Company Team.

No. 110 Company Team.

Name.	No. 24 Company Team.		Name.	No. 110 Company Team.	
	Slow	Rapid		Slow	Rapid
L. Abbott	27	38	H. Brown	28	39
A. Candy	27	38	A. Gibson	23	39
M. Barak	28	39	M. Jonas	25	34
E. Waters	28	37	H. Honeyfield	28	39
E. Pearce	28	37	M. Mills	25	35
L. Malt	27	38	K. Baker	23	37
S. Jackson	28	38	B. Boon	27	39
R. Hair	27	40	A. Crapper	27	33
S. Herbert	27	38	H. Holden	22	22
P. Willis	27	40	R. McRae	28	37

Average: 96.6 per cent.

Average: 89.9 per cent.

On April 24 seven of the School Cadets went to Wanganui, where they took part in the Wellington District Rifle Meeting, held on April 25 and 26. There was a large attendance of Cadets, Territorials and Riflemen from all over the Wellington Military Area. Despite the fact that there were numerous competitors, our team was successful in securing a fair share of prize-money.

AGRICULTURE.

(D. Sutton.)

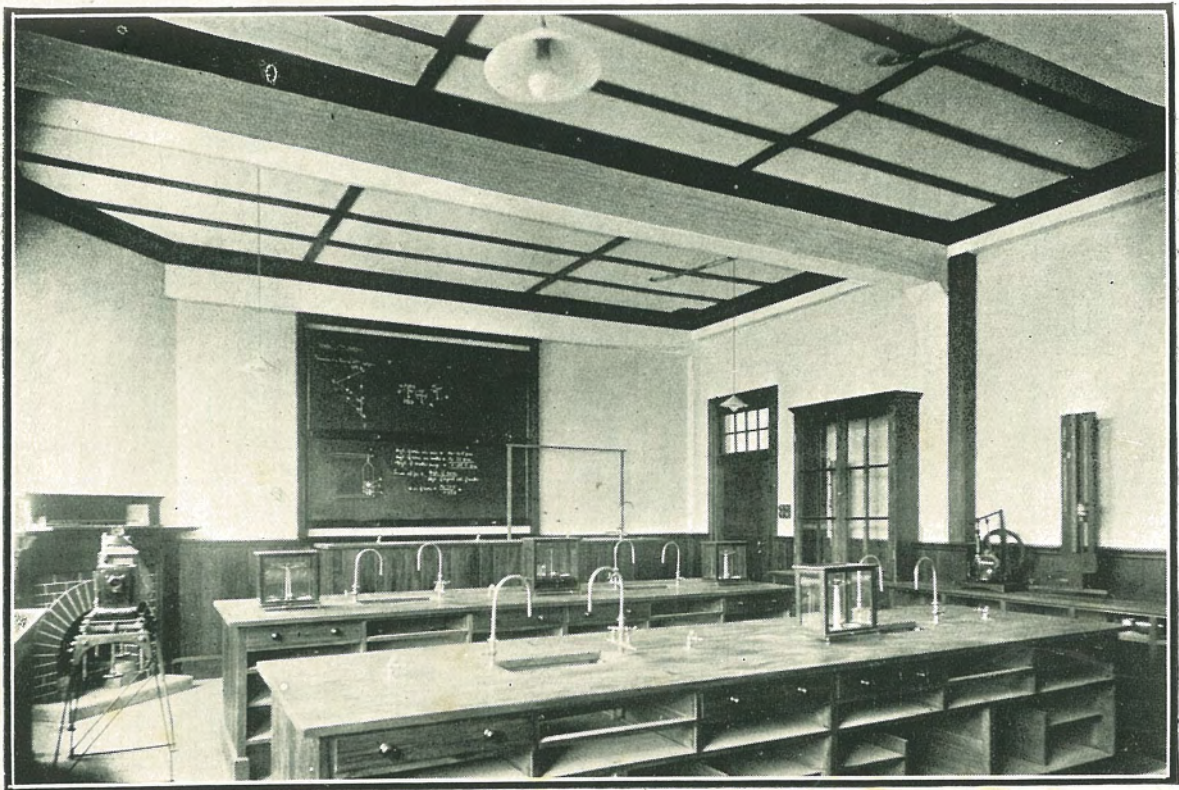
This term has been a fairly busy one as regards agricultural work. When we came back to school after three months' holiday there were, of course, better crops of weeds than of anything else, and we had to get these out. However, the various garden crops—carrots, parsnips, potatoes, etc.—have turned out very well. The greater part of the work on the plots is at Christmas time, which is holiday time also. Still, if we leave the ground well weeded, the weeds are not very bad during the hot weather.

The instruction in Agriculture this term has been given by Mr. J. W. Connell, Agricultural Instructor under the Taranaki Education Board, assisted by Mr. R. Syme. This is Mr. Syme's first term with us, and we take this opportunity of wishing him a long and happy stay with us.

The number of boys taking the Agriculture Course has materially increased this year. The following is the roll:—Form IIa. and III., 52; IIIId., 29; IVb., 14; Vb., 6; VIb., 3; total, 104.

On March 8 the potato crop was dug. There were two varieties sown:—

- (a) Maori Chief.—A good crop with a yield of about 15 tons per acre. The crop was little affected by blight. The manures used were Blood and Bone, with Superphosphate, 3cwt. of each per acre.
- (b) Gold Coin.—This crop was not a success, owing to the blight. It proves that this variety is not suitable for Taranaki soils. The manure used was the same as for the previous variety.



THE PHYSICS LABORATORY.

As we wished to obtain some good "seed," the potatoes from each haulm were kept separate; then the haulms with most good-shaped and large potatoes were taken for seed. These were placed on shelves, in preparation for planting in July. It is thus hoped to have an early crop next spring. The above method for obtaining seed is true selection, not grading according to size, as is often done.

Early in March the lucerne plot was cut, this being the second cut for the season. We have now some good hay for the winter months. After cutting the plot was well harrowed to stir up the soil and to destroy the weeds. This plot is now in its third year, and has shown conclusively that this forage plant is very suitable for this district, not only for hay and ensilage, but also for feeding off. Lime, however, is necessary in the soil.

Near the beginning of the term the 4th Form boys went along to Mr. D'Arcy Robertson's orchard and had an interesting lesson in summer pruning. We would like to thank Mr. Robertson for allowing us the use of his orchard. It may be remembered that last year Mr. Fussell was kind enough to invite us out to his farm, where, among other things, we pruned a few fruit trees. Mr. Fussell was very pleased to see that as a result a considerable improvement has taken place already, while on one tree in particular the yield was well-nigh doubled.

Last year a small plot was sown with maize. As it was sown rather late it did not do too well, being rather short and woody. However, this crop, if sown in November in a loose, porous soil, produces a large amount of green feed, and is an excellent food for keeping up the milk supply during dry weather. It is also a very good crop for making ensilage. This year we hope to have a much larger area, to feed out next summer.

We take the following from the Taranaki Daily News, re the cow-judging competition at the recent A. and P. Show:—"If the entries received and the interest shown by the boys is any index of the popularity of the boys' cow-judging competition, the society has every reason to congratulate itself on having included it in the catalogue. This competition is an important one, especially in a province where dairying and cow-selection play such an important part. No less than 74 boys faced the judge, this number comparing very favourably with those received in similar competitions in other parts of the Dominion. In point of fact it would be safe to say that it constituted a record. The presence in the competition

of a large number of High School pupils was the subject of much favourable comment. Several country schools were also represented, but next year there should be a large increase in entries from the country. The boys showed a good knowledge of their work, and after they had handed in their cards, Mr. F. Ranford, of Stratford, who adjudicated in the competition, gave a short and interesting address, outlining his methods of awarding points and also giving reasons for any deductions. His kindness and appreciation were much appreciated, and at the conclusion he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks. The results will not be known for a day or two, as the task of going through 74 score-cards is no light one."

When the results came out we found that the School had won six prizes. The results are:—K. Ducker 1, D. Mackay 2, R. Hooker 3, S. Wood 4, J. Rogers 5, A. Moyes 7.

The instruction in judging a dairy cow on points was given by our Agricultural instructors, Mr. J. W. Connell and Mr. R. Syme.

Next year, we understand, the competition will comprise several classes, such as: (a) Championship Open Class (under 18); (b) Secondary School Class; (c) Primary School Class.

For some months past we have kept a record of the amount of milk given by each cow. This record is valuable for showing the worth of each cow. The following is the amount of milk given for the period February 1 to April 19:—

Week ending.	Pansy.	Jessie.	Polly.	Nugget.	Daisy.	White.
lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Feb. 8 ...	206	—	43	231	208	189
" 15 ...	196	—	21	229	200	175
" 22 ...	180	—	21	207	191	168
Mar. 1 ...	177	—	—	196	188	171
" 8 ...	175	—	212	184	173	153
" 15 ...	155	—	203	167	162	138
" 22 ...	142	—	203	146	138	111
" 29 ...	127	—	198	125	135	91
Apr. 5 ...	119	263	189	101	127	80
" 12 ...	123	270	192	69	112	71
" 19 ...	111	266	189	31	101	63
	1711	799	1471	1686	1735	1410

Total amount supplied, 8812lb.

During February and March Jessie was dry; Polly was also dry for part of March.

LIBRARY NOTES.

(M. Barak.)

The erection of the new school has necessitated another removal of the School Library. Our former quarters—the tin shed—are now used as a locker room. Provision was made in the plans of the new building for one room to be set apart solely as a library. However, when the school was erected, it was found that the school roll had so increased that it became imperative that the library should be used as a class-room. Form III d. now occupy this room, which is used both as a class-room and also as a library.

Owing to the many removals to which the library books have been subjected, the arrangement and classification of these have been greatly upset. However all the books have been re-catalogued, and are now being circulated.

A new book-case has been ordered, and will be used to accommodate the many valuable books which have recently been presented to the library.

The annual meeting was held early in the term. Great interest was displayed in the election of the committee, the following being elected:—Boarders: R. Hair, K. Roberts, E. Cole, A. Christie and M. Barak (hon. sec.). Day Boys: I. Renaud and N. Waddle.

We have very great pleasure in acknowledging two very valuable gifts of books; one from Mrs. Eyre-Kenny, the other from G. F. Robinson, Esq.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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EXCHANGES.

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MILITARY.

Captain Sten Hurle, who some months ago was chosen to undergo a special course of study at Corpus Christi, Cambridge, in connection with the new educational scheme which has been introduced into the Imperial Army, secured a first-class (distinguished) certificate, and has now been appointed a Unit Education Officer and posted to the 53rd Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, having command of a company.

Trooper Gordon Salway, who was taken prisoner by the Turks in Egypt, recently arrived back in New Zealand. Trooper Salway, who is looking remarkably well, paid a visit to the School a short time back.

Lieut. H. V. Searle, M.Sc., formerly a master on our staff, is now attending Christ's College, Cambridge, and intends taking his B.A. degree there. He is also taking an active interest in rowing. Prior to joining Christ's College, Lieut. Searle was a Brigade Signalling Officer at Sling Camp. We have also to thank Lieut. Searle for a donation to the School library—Ian Hay's "Lighter Side of School Life."

Private Tom Corkill left New Zealand in June last, and went to England via Panama and Halifax. After doing several months at Sling Camp he went to France, where he remained till he was taken ill in November. He was sent to hospital in France and then to Codford. Tom returned on the Raranga.

Lieut. Chas. Bayly, of Toko, a very Old Boy of this School, returned to New Zealand during our last summer vacation. He saw considerable service during the war period, both in Egypt and France, in the Army Transport. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lieut. Bayly in the great loss he has sustained through the death of his wife, who died during the recent influenza epidemic.

Lieut. A. R. Standish returned to New Zealand on the transport Bhama in April last, and is now in New Plymouth. He has re-commenced his law practice.

Gunner Ian Pott, who went away in the artillery attached to the 8th Reinforcements, has had a remarkably lucky spin. He has been through all the principal engagements and has come through unscathed. At the present time he is on leave in England.

Amongst those who recently returned from the fighting area was Temp.-Sergt. H. J. Mackie. He came home on the Raranga.

Another Old Boy to return on the Raranga was Lance-Corporal J. N. Blyde.

Quartermaster-Sergt. E. C. Stanley is now farming on the Egmont Road. He was present at the reunion, also at the athletic sports, and was successful in gaining first place in the 100 Yards Old Boys' Race.

Private W. H. Jenkinson returned to New Zealand on the Oxfordshire. He is looking remarkably well after his recent serious wounds. At present he is away on a holiday tour.

Lieut.-Colonel I. T. Standish, D.S.O., returned to New Zealand just prior to the signing of the armistice. He is now on the Defence Headquarters Staff in Wellington.

Captain N. de la C. Cornwall, R.N., at the outbreak of hostilities was given command of the patrol yacht Amalthee. Later, he commanded a small squadron with the base at the Orkney Islands. Subsequent promotion gave him the rank of captain, and he was posted to the Mediterranean fleet. After the armistice Captain Cornwall was transferred to the command of the Westmoreland, a transport which recently brought back the Pioneer Maori Battalion to New Zealand.

Trooper J. Pott went right through the German South-West African campaign. He then left with the South African heavy artillery, which were badly cut up in the March offensive of 1918. He first met some of his old Taranaki pals at a football match at Mons. Joe is still going strong.

Corporal Alan Matthews has also come through unscathed. He is one of two New Zealanders who have been selected by the Imperial Government to visit all the chief industrial centres in the British Isles—thereby gaining first-hand knowledge of all the latest improved methods in the chief industries.

Major C. E. Cornwall was in South Africa at the outbreak of the war, joined the Imperial Light Horse as second in command, and went through the West African campaign. At its conclusion he went to England, was appointed to the Gordon Highlanders, and went with them to France. He was wounded, taken prisoner by the Germans in March, 1918, and sent to Langensalza

Prison Camp. Here he suffered greatly, and it was not expected that he would survive. However, after the armistice, his friends succeeded in effecting his release, and he was taken to hospital in England. Major Cornwall was severely wounded in the leg—a large part of the shin bone eventually having to be taken out. Fortunately he is making good progress towards recovery.

Lieut. Athol R. M'Isaac returned to New Zealand on the "Ayrshire," and is now on the clerical staff of the Union Steamship Co., in the Christchurch branch office.

Private Leslie M'Allum returned on the transport "Maunganui" in February last. He is now in the local Queensland Insurance Office.

Private Willard Ewing returned by the "Raranga" and in the very best of health. He will probably go farming with his brother.

Sergt.-Major Eric Cutfield was invalided to New Zealand on the "Oxfordshire." He is now quite recovered and at present is enjoying a well-earned rest.

Lieut. A. R. Bayly left New Zealand in June, 1917, with the rank of lance-corporal. Went to France in the following October, and soon had his three stripes. He was wounded in the left shoulder and was sent to a convalescent hospital in England. On recovering, he was sent up to France again; however, he was recalled to England and was sent to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he remained for five months and gained his commission. He is now stationed at Brockton Camp.

Lieut. Ron. C. Adlam came back on the transport "Ionic" a few weeks back. We are very pleased to see him looking so well—and also extend our heartiest congratulations to him on having brought out with him an English wife. "Ron." is immediately taking up primary teaching again in the Taranaki district.

Lieut. I. P. Grant is expected back in New Zealand at an early date. He has been with the New Zealand Division into Germany, and was located at Cologne for some time.

Private R. M. Monteath, who has seen considerable service on the Western Frontier, and has been wounded three times, recently returned to New Plymouth. Though not quite his old self—we wish him a speedy recovery.

Sergt. Eric Day, who has been on the Headquarters Staff in London for the past two years, has recently been appointed Business Manager of the All Blacks' Rowing Teams. In a recent letter he states that two crews of eight have been selected; they are to row at the Paris Regatta at the end of April, then, in the next three months, row at the principal regattas in England, including the famous Henley regatta, and finally the crews are to journey to America to row crews from the Harvard and Yale Universities, and, if possible, a representative team from America.

We are glad to welcome back to the school Lance-Sergeant A. W. Diprose, B.A., who returned from the Western Frontier in February last. Lance-Sergeant Diprose was away from New Zealand for a period of two years; he was seriously wounded while in the front trenches and was sent to the Walton-on-Thames Hospital. Afterwards, at Codford, he acted as lecturer in History and Economics under the education scheme. We are pleased to see Mr. Diprose has quite recovered from his serious wounds.

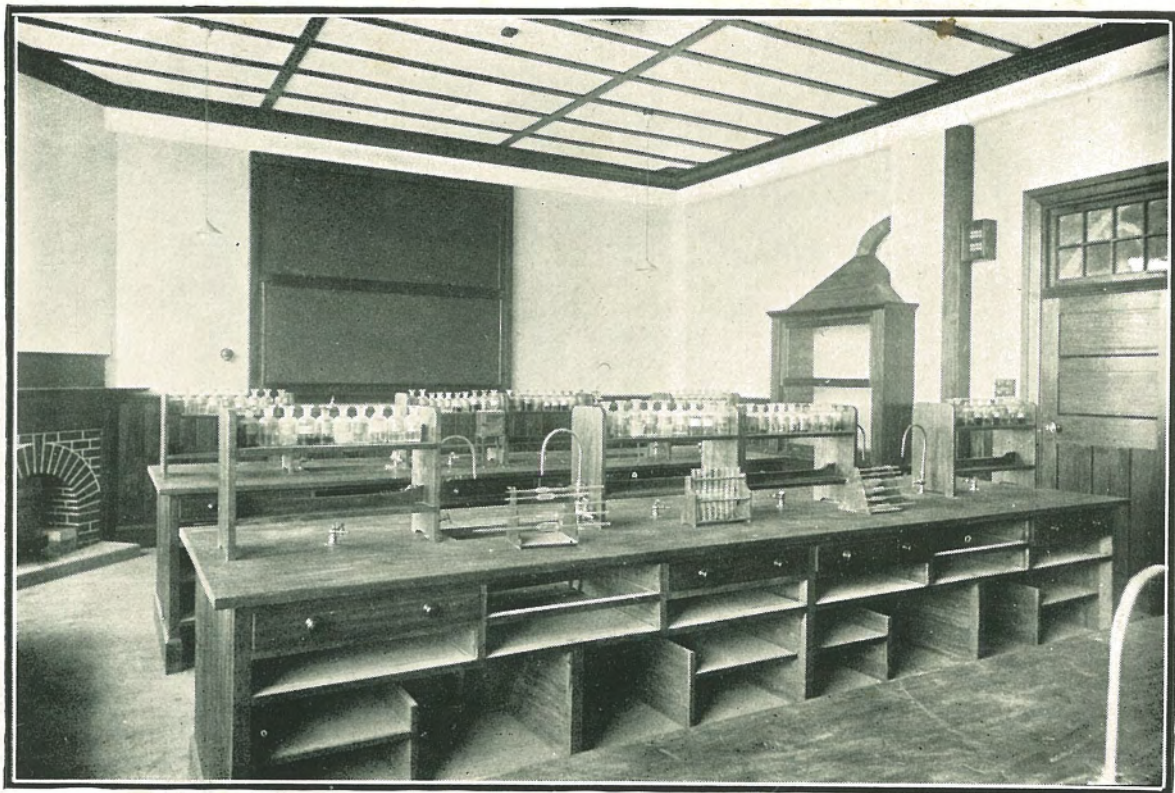
Flight-Lieutenant D. Winfield, who gained his certificate at the Sockburn School, arrived in England soon after the armistice was signed. He has just arrived back in New Zealand.

Lieut. Norman Little, M.C., arrived back in New Zealand in February last on board the "Zealandic." We were pleased to see him present at the Athletic Sports. Lieutenant Little has now joined the staff of Weston and Billing, and intends to finish his LL.B. degree this year.

Another Old Boy who was present at the Opening Ceremony was Lieutenant R. B. Sinclair. He is now taking his second year medical course at the Otago University.

During the summer vacation Lieutenants Alister Sutherland and Norman Leech paid a visit to the school. Both have finished their training at Duntroon College and, we understand, are both on their way to England.

R. H. Espiner, a former master who enlisted from this school, was severely wounded in the skull while fighting in France. He was recently discharged from the Wanganui Hospital, where he has been a patient for some months past. Mr. Espiner, though still suffering



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from partial paralysis down the left side, is making steady improvement. He intends going to Victoria University to continue his studies there.

Private H. Bradbury, who has been on active service for the past 2½ years, is expected back shortly. Private Bradbury was in France at the time the armistice was signed; he did not go on with the New Zealand Forces into Germany owing to a minor accident to his foot.

Lieutenant Len. G. Goss, who acted as a Brigade Intelligence Officer in France for some considerable time, recently returned to New Zealand. He is now posted to the position of Adjutant of Headquarters Staff in No. 8 Group.

A late cable reports that Lieutenant Sten. Hurle has been awarded a scholarship in Sociology and Economics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Corporal A. H. Grant, at latest advice, was still with the New Zealand Division in Germany.

Sergeant Roy M. Jackson, M.M., has returned to New Plymouth, and has taken up his former position on the staff in the National Bank.

Captain Jack Dockrill, R.A.M.C., was, from the latest advice, stationed at the American Hospital at Caubau, south-east of Paris. It is his intention, as soon as he is discharged, to come out to New Zealand for a trip.

Trooper Bernard Linn, at the time the armistice was signed, was stationed at Rafa. He has since moved down to Jaffa, and expects to be sent back to New Zealand at an early date.

Captain N. Matthews, R.A.M.C., has had a most varied experience during the war period, having served in no less than four campaigns, viz., Gallipoli, Italy, Egypt and France. At the time of writing he is at the base hospital in Bournemouth, England.

Lieut. K. S. Ewing, who was recently invalided back to New Zealand, severely wounded with shrapnel, has now received his discharge. Although not quite recovered, it is "Strathie's" intention to take up farming at an early date.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

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President: P. J. H. White.

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Editor of "Old Boys' Column": Norman D. Day
(Boys' High School, New Plymouth).

A meeting of Old Boys was held in the Soldiers' Club on Friday, February 21. Mr. P. J. H. White, who presided, explained that the meeting had been called to discuss matters relative to the opening of the new school. During the war the Old Boys' Association had been practically in recess—there had been nothing else for it—but when the difficulty about funds for the new building arose it was resuscitated to some extent. Now it was imperative that new life should be put into the association.—Mr. Moyes was present and said that it was his desire to have a reunion of the Old Boys of the School, as lately there did not appear to have been the bond of sympathy connecting the School and the Old Boys that there should have been.—Mr. A. Bewley suggested calling a special meeting of the association to elect a new executive before appointing representatives to deal with the opening of the School, and this course was adopted.—The second meeting was held in the same room on the following Tuesday evening, between 25 and 30 Old Boys being present. The following officers were appointed to carry on the work of the association until the annual meeting which, according to the rules, takes place in October:—President, P. J. H. White; Vice-Presidents, E. P. Webster and A. M. MacDiarmid; hon. treasurer, R. H. George; joint hon. secretaries, B. J. Wilson and F. C. Kelly; committee, A. Bewley, P. Jackson, C. H. Wynyard, R. Monteath, N. F. Little, H. G. Grayling and R. Fox.—In reply to a question the President made it clear that there

was now no annual subscription collected from members, but that five shillings was paid on joining the association and this made an Old Boy a life member.—At a meeting of the committee which was held subsequently to the general meeting it was decided that Messrs. Wynyard, Bewley, and MacDiarmid should be the Old Boys' representatives on the executive committee in charge of the arrangements for the official opening of the new School. It was also decided to circularise Old Boys asking them to be present at a reunion dinner at the School on April 3.

OLD BOYS' REUNION.

At the commencement of hostilities in 1914, the annual reunion of Old Boys had to be abandoned, owing to such a number going to join the forces. However, soon after the armistice was signed, it was felt imperative that the Old Boys' Association must once more be made a live body. Consequently, a meeting of those Old Boys in town was held and a strong, representative committee was elected as follows.—P. J. H. White (chairman), E. P. Webster, R. H. George, A. M. MacDiarmid, A. Bewley, P. Jackson, R. Fox, R. M. Monteath, C. H. Wynyard, N. D. Day; B. Wilson and F. T. Kelly (joint secretaries).

When the official opening of the new School was set down for April 3rd, the committee felt that such an occasion would also be suitable as a time in which to hold the first reunion since the war. Accordingly the night of April 3rd was decided upon. Invitations were sent to 500 Old Boys, asking them to be present at the dinner on that night. The result was most gratifying; 180 Old Boys from all parts of the Dominion signified their intention to be present, and on the night of the dinner over 200 Old Boys and guests were present, the dining-room in the new boarding-house being well filled.

The guest of honour for the evening was Sir James Allen. Mr. P. J. H. White (chairman of the Old Boys' Association) presided. Seated at the same table were: S. G. Smith, M.P., W. H. Moyes (Principal), D'Arcy Robertson (Chairman of the Board of Governors), R. Keesing (Vice-President Auckland Grammar School Old Boys' Association), Dr. E. F. Fookes, Austin Bewley, Major Cox, J. McLeod, C. H. Wynyard, Captain A. M. MacDiarmid, E. P. Webster, F. T. Bellringer, R. H.

George and N. D. Day. Numerous apologies were received from Old Boys in all parts of the Dominion and even as far as Australia.

After an excellent dinner had been served, a lengthy toast list was honoured.

The usual loyal toast was received with musical honours, and then Mr. R. H. Quilliam proposed the toast of "The School." He spoke in eulogistic terms of the faithful work of the Principal and masters, and contrasted the position of the School to-day with what it was but a few years ago. It had grown beyond all expectations, and he expressed the strong conviction that the influence of such a school on the after-life of those who were fortunate enough to have been its pupils was an abiding one, and one for which they should all be intensely grateful. He also referred to the excellent record of the School in the war, and to the success it had achieved both scholastically and on the playing fields.

Mr. Moyes, in responding, said it was one of the happiest nights of his life to see the room filled with Old Boys of the School. It showed that the interests of the School were the interests of the Old Boys. He referred to the record of the School in the world war, and mentioned that 43 of the Old Boys had given their lives for the cause. Dealing more particularly with the School itself and its accomplishments during the past four years, Mr. Moyes said the success which had been achieved could never have resulted had he not had the sympathy and hearty co-operation of his staff. He had always received most loyal support at their hands. They had now reached that stage in the life of the School when they needed the help of the Old Boys, and when he saw such a large gathering before him, and noted with pride the enthusiasm the Old Boys had for the School, he said he did not fear for the future. (Applause.) Referring to the proposal of the Old Boys' Association to erect a suitable memorial to the Old Boys who had fallen, he expressed the hope that they would favourably consider a suggestion he would like to make, viz., that the memorial take the form of a School chapel. Such was badly needed at the School. He knew that there would be opposition to such a proposal, that it would be argued that boys of all creeds attended the School, but he felt sure that those Old Boys who had been to the front and who had gone over the top of the trenches together would agree that a School chapel was

badly needed. He expressed the hope that these reunions would now be held annually, and concluded by thanking the Old Boys for their support in the past, and expressing the hope and belief that it would be continued in the future. (Applause.)

Mr. E. P. Webster proposed "The Boys at the Front," and said that great events had happened since the last Old Boys' dinner in 1913. The Empire had called for men and the Old Boys of the School had responded splendidly. Of the 700 Old Boys on the list at that time, only 500 were of military age, and of this number 272 had enlisted—(Applause)—and 171 were still on service when the armistice was signed. The record was a splendid one and one of which the School could feel justly proud. Forty-three of the Old Boys had paid the supreme sacrifice in the cause of liberty and freedom, and their memory would last as long as the School lived. Referring to the provision of a suitable memorial, he expressed the hope that the suggestion Mr. Moyes had made would be heartily taken up by the Old Boys' Association. (Applause.)

Captain A. M. MacDiarmid responded and said the returned soldiers felt that too much was made of the nobility of the men who went away. They had had compensating advantages; they had seen life, they had been in what was called the great adventure; they had seen things which those who had had to stay at home would never have a chance of seeing. He thought the real nobility had been on the part of those who had carried on at home while they had been away and especially on the part of the mothers, wives and sisters who had kept the homes going while sons, husbands and brothers had been away. The women had done splendidly. Those who had been to the front were agreed that they had a great task set before them to uphold the honour of the New Zealand Division; they realised that with only the one division they had no one to fall back on in case of failure. The spirit of the whole division was splendid and only those who had been with it knew what that spirit meant. It was a spirit which had been engendered in the public schools and while that spirit lived the nation could never fail. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by the Chairman, who referred to the pleasure of the association at having the masters of the School present, because he

felt that they and the Old Boys should always be the best of friends. He felt sure the suggestion as to a memorial given by Mr. Moyes would be taken up with avidity. They were also pleased to have the Chairman and members of the Board of Governors present. Similarly they were pleased to have with them Major Cox, representing the officers of the Taranaki Regiment, who had always shown themselves to be the friends of the School. And lastly, but by no means least, they appreciated the presence of the Hon. Sir James Allen. (Applause.) He did not refer to him as a politician or as a Cabinet Minister, but as a man who had a heart. The School knew he had a warm place in his heart for it and was to be congratulated on having him among its friends. (Applause.)

Sir James Allen responded and thanked the chairman and the assembly for so heartily toasting the visitors. He was particularly glad to renew his acquaintance with secondary school life, especially after the strenuous time he had had during the past four or five years. The best ideal he could suggest to be kept before men was that of the esprit de corps of their school. They should always ask themselves: "What would my school like me to do?" He called to mind that his old college—Clifton—had produced Generals Haig and Birdwood—(Applause)—and men like Henry Newbolt, and had showed how the spirit of a school could keep boys from going wrong in after life. Nothing was of greater help than the memory of school ideals, and the thought of what the school was expecting of its old boys. New Zealand, with the schools it had, could face without fear the difficulties before it, because it had something behind it in the traditions of those schools, and something to live up to in the future. (Applause.)

Other toasts honoured were: "The Board of Governors" (Mr. H. R. Billing—Mr. R. W. D. Robertson); "Sister Colleges" (Dr. E. F. Fookes—Mr. J. McLeod, Otago B.H.S., and Mr. Keesing, Auckland Grammar); "Absent Old Boys" (Mr. A. Bewley); "The Ladies" (Mr. Wynyard); "The Press" (Mr. F. T. Bellringer—Mr. T. C. List); "The Chairman" (Mr. S. G. Smith).

During the evening songs were given by Mr. N. Day and Sergt.-Major Gill, violin solos by Mr. Rupert George, cornet solo by Mr. F. W. G. McLeod, and a

recitation by Captain MacDiarmid. The accompaniments were played by Mr. K. N. Renaud.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

GENERAL NOTES.

Hugh and Lindsay Bryce, both farming at Feilding now, came up for the Opening Ceremony and Old Boys' Reunion.

Claude McKay, captain of last year's fifteen, gained his flying certificate at the Sockburn School, but is now farming at Manaia.

Basil Grayling is working on his father's farm at Waitara Road.

R. Lealand, who is now entering on his second year in the Otago Dental School, recently competed at the University sports, and was successful in gaining a place in the 100 yards.

R. M. Rockel is now attending Knox College, Dunedin, and is taking the medical course there.

T. E. Hamerton is at present on the staff of Weston and Weston, solicitors, Inglewood.

Vaughan Kirkby is farming at Oropi, Tauranga.

We tender our sincere sympathy to Mr. J. S. Connett in his recent sad bereavement.

Campbell Rigg, who played in the forwards in the 1917 junior football team, is now sheep-farming at Mohakatino, Awakino.

Noel Ellerm is sheep-farming at Rerekapa.

Harold Gibson is taking up law, and is on the staff of Wright and Lawrence, solicitors, Stratford.

Ken. Duckworth is working on his father's sheep farm at Ararata.

J. Knapman, who played in the forwards in the first fifteen last year, is now on the staff of Weston and Weston, solicitors.

Stanley Martin, who was in the school shooting team in 1915, is now working in the mail room at the Hawera G.P.O.

D. Denny-Brown is a student at the Medical School of the Otago University.

E. Boulton—in the first fifteen last year, and also a good rifle shot—is now attending the Otago University, and is taking the Arts course. He recently received an appointment under the Otago Education Board.

Fred Cornwall is still farming at Corbett Road, Bell Block.

R. Howell is on the staff of Roy and Nicholson, solicitors, New Plymouth.

Cyril Day is now stock auctioneer for Abraham and Williams in the district extending from Johnsonville to Levin.

Bob. Bothamley left New Zealand in February last, en route to England, where he is to meet his father, who has been acting as a lieutenant in the Motor Patrol during the war.

Percy Wright is on the staff of the local branch of the N.Z. Insurance Co.

John Kingston is pursuing his studies at Waitaki High School this year. We were sorry to lose such an enthusiastic boy in outside sports.

Roy and Gordon Scown are both engaged on their father's farm at Kakaramea.

Fred Phillips is working on his father's farm at Urenui.

A very Old Boy of the school whom we were pleased to see at the Old Boys' Dinner was George Giddy. He is now farming at Kaimata, Inglewood.

We extend our hearty congratulations to another Old Boy, David P. Evans, who recently was appointed to the position of headmaster of the West End School, New Plymouth.

Arthur Hawkins, a very Old Boy of the school, recently paid a visit to New Plymouth. He is now a fully-qualified chemist on the staff of Paterson and Co., Sydney. He was in camp with the Australian Forces when the armistice was signed.

Alf. Honnor met with a serious accident in February last. While riding a horse near Frankley Park he was thrown and rolled upon, with the result that he received a fractured leg. We are pleased to hear he is making good progress. Prior to the accident Alf. was farming at Taumatamairi.

Eric B. Messenger is now farming with Mr. A. Lancaster, Kairanga, Palmerston North.

F. M. Standish, one of the early pupils of the school, whom we were pleased to see at the Old Boys' Reunion, is farming at Tarata, Inglewood.

The following is an extract from the London Gazette, dated January 1, 1919:—"The King has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in recognition of the gallant action of Mr. Arthur Hamilton Ambury, late of New Plymouth, in endeavouring, at the cost of his own life, to save the life of another when mountaineering in New Zealand in June last."

E. Beckbessinger, who played wing three-quarter in last year's fifteen, is now in a warehouse in Wellington. "Beck." recently competed in the Amateur Athletic Sports in Wellington, getting second place in the 100 yards final.

Claude Morey is on a sheep farm in Hawke's Bay.

Pat. Fagan, who has been at the Ruakura State Farm for the past nine months, is now on his father's farm at Hamilton.

Eric ("Tommy") Johns paid a surprise visit to the school a few weeks back. He has been sheep-farming at Tufaroa Bay, but is now taking up milking with Pat. Fagan at Hamilton.

Jack Duffin, whom we were very pleased to see at the Old Boys' Reunion, is now wharfinger at the Breakwater.

D. G. D. Mackie, one of the prefects in the school last year, gained a Taranaki Scholarship. He is now at Canterbury College, and is taking up a course in Engineering.

W. Catanach is now an assistant teacher at the Vogeltown School.

Alex. Buchanan, who played in the forwards in last year's fifteen, is now farming on his father's farm near Palmerston North.

R. Nicholson was the winner of the 880 yards Mason Memorial Cup.

Frank Kelly is now acting as a reporter on the Taranaki Herald staff. He is one of the joint secretaries of the N.P.H.S.O.B.A., and takes an active interest in the welfare both of the school and of the association.

The following Old Boys of the school are now attending the Otago University: D. Denny-Brown, R. Lealand, A. Sturtevant, K. Brokenshire, G. M. Salt, E. Boulton and R. M. Rockel.

At Auckland University we are represented by J. Terry and Owen Bayly.

Keith Clémow is taking an Engineering Course at the Canterbury University College.

Mark Anthony is farming on Walter Hoskin's farm at Bell Block.

David Penman is employed in the Northern Steam Ship Co.'s office.

Ted. Prideaux is farming at Pohokura.

Leo Walker is employed on the staff of the Hawera Star.

Twys Forbes is attending the University Coaching College, Auckland, and is studying for the Matriculation examination.

Howard Webber is sheep-farming near Gisborne.

We are extremely pleased to see two more Old Boys—H. Calder and W. J. Wilkie—join the teaching staff of the school. We sincerely hope their stay may be a happy and pleasant one.

Cedric Zinsli is farming near Hamilton.

F. E. Clarke is at present an inmate in the Wanganui Hospital. We extend our sympathy to him and hope for his speedy recovery.

Newton Quilliam is at present attending the Otago University.

Jim Pott has been attending the Public School at Pietermaritzburg. After a severe attack of rheumatic fever he spent some time on his people's farm. He now intends to join the Agricultural College at Johannesburg.

Allan Hutchinson is on the staff in Newton King's garage, Inglewood.

Arthur Brennan is now attending the Wanganui Collegiate School.

M. Amor is working on a sheep farm in Hawke's Bay.

Ivon Watkins at present is driving a car for Dr. M'Clelland, but intends to go farming very shortly.

Fred Huggard is an apprentice in the tinsmithing trade, at Smart Bros., New Plymouth.



AT PHYSICAL DRILL.

Mr. R. H. George, who is an enthusiastic member of the Old Boys' Association, is now manager of the Ridd Milking Machine Co. in New Plymouth.

Mr. Henry R. Billing is now one of the partners in the firm of Weston and Billing, solicitors.

We were pleased to see Lewis Webster, from Stratford, present at the Old Boys' dinner. He is stock buyer for Borthwick's in the Stratford district.

Mr. Ken. Webster recently paid a visit to New Plymouth. He is now New Zealand traveller for Sutton's seeds.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. T. Furlong in the loss which he recently sustained through the death of his father.

BIRTH.

PAUL.—On April 19, 1919, at New Plymouth, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paul, a son.

MARRIAGES.

McGAHEY—SOLE.—On April 22, 1919, at the residence of the bride's parents, Marjorie McGahey to Harry Sole.

MACKAY—HUMPHRIES.—On April 29, 1919, at New Plymouth, Olive Mackay to E. L. Humphries.

We were pleased to receive the following letter from "Mike" Chong:—

"At last my longed-for leave has come to pass. Leaving the base on the 17th at 4 a.m., I eventually reached London at 4.45 p.m. the same day. Therein lies the advantage, a one day's trip and no pack to be burdened with.

"I am not going to narrate how I am spending my time; that would be too colossal a task when time is precious.

"Two or three days prior to coming on leave, Tom Corkill, Ken, Kirkby and young Marfell arrived from England. All are looking well, especially the latter, who is as fat as a barrel. A good enough advertisement for Army rations.

"Whilst visiting the London Pay Office I met Eric Day, a corporal clerk in the above department. I had only stepped out of the building when I ran into Hugh Fraser, whose arm is also decorated with two stripes. He is working at War Records.

"Tinney Colson, I believe, is bayonet instructor at one of the depots in England. He's about the luckiest chap I know. The clock says 4 p.m., and since I am due out to dinner at 6 p.m. I guess I had better be making tracks."

The following letter was received from Jimmie Sinclair:—

I have been going to write for some time and you must excuse me for only settling down to it now. I must also ask you to excuse the paper—c'est la guerre.

We left Beauvois—eleven kilos from Cambrai—on 29/11/18, en route for Germany, and marched right across Belgium to Herbesthal, where we entrained at 1 a.m. on the morning of the 21/12/18. We reached Cologne at about six o'clock and then started to march out to here—twenty-seven kilos. We arrived at about 4 p.m. In all we marched about a hundred and eighty or ninety miles, and I can tell you that we were not sorry to get here. All through Belgium, the people gave us a great hearing and were for ever demanding souvenirs. Taranaki badges were in great demand, and we were stripped of them and of N.Z.R.'s until we had not more than one set left.

Here in Langenfeld the company is billeted in a big picture palace, while the officers and sergeants are billeted out in private homes. Personally I have a large bed-room and a sitting-room. I am afraid I do not use the sitting-room much, as it is far more home-like in the mess. Just along the street there are big private swimming baths and so far as sports are concerned we are pretty well off. First Auckland played a game of Soccer with a team of Huns a few days ago and were beaten by 9—2. Our battalion played the 1st Midland Brigade of Heavy Artillery last Saturday and won 56 to nil—quite like School v. Star in 1914. One player surprised himself by scoring two tries and converting seven, at which he remarked—"Quite like being back at school."

Yesterday—New Year's Day—we had our Christmas dinner and did ourselves proud too. We could not get the stuff through for Christmas. We cleaned the picture show out and borrowed tables, chairs, table cloths and cutlery from Huns next door and the men sat down by platoons with officers and sergeants as waiters, and if I may say it, they proved themselves quite good too. Some had quite the professional touch in aprons and with napkins over their arms—one humorist was heard to remark that "This war game spoils one for civvy life. Why, I used to carry six plates and now I can only carry four." The menu was:—

Roast Beef.

Turkey.

Pommes-de-terre (mashed and baked).

Turnips, Carrots, and Gravy.

Plum Pudding with Rum Sauce.

Cake (from New Zealand).

Oranges, Apples, Nuts, Almonds, Raisins, Figs, Muscatels, Dates, etc.

Beer and Cigarettes.

The Chairman—one of the Diggers—was a pretty live man, and the whole show went with a swing. The hall was decorated with flags from the Y.M.C.A. Hung on the screen were the 2nd Taranaki Company's flag—the 2nd Wellington patch in silk with a Taranaki badge worked on it, and the names of the principal

engagements in which the company has been (presented by Major Urquhart, M.C., in Egypt, in 1915), and a New Zealand Flag. Everyone went to bed feeling full and happy, and so ended Taranaki's day out.

To-day I have been souvenir hunting and have 'secured' a couple of long German pipes—things one can lie in bed and smoke—and an ashtray made from a cross section of one of the propellor blades of the bus in which Tobscha—one of the Hun "Aces"—made his last flight. Incidentally I have also secured "Beaucoup" cigarettes and a pair of socks, so I am doing quite well.

The following letter was received from Vernon W. L. Stanton:—

Things seem very different here now for we can carry on from day to day and dwell on the happy thought that one does not have to 'stand to' at 6.30 a.m. or saddle up at all hours and move out—stunting or otherwise.

When Bulgaria surrendered we knew full well that the Turks would follow suit, which they did shortly after, and then of course our work on this front ceased.

Our brigade followed its old paths on the right flank and therefore only advanced as far as Es-Salt and Amman during the period the Indian and Australian Brigades were pushing forward on Damascus. For some time it was rumoured that we had to go up and relieve the Australian Division on garrison work, but that seems to have subsided and now preparations for the homeward journey occupy the thoughts and time of many. It is only a matter of time now when we will all be branding our kit-bags "New Zealand," but while things are being arranged all those who have had much sickness, especially malaria fever, are being sent home on hospital ships.

Some time ago the Canterbury Regiment handed in their horses to the Mobile Station and went down the line. Since then they embarked for "somewhere," where we are not told as they proceeded under sealed orders, but it is generally believed that they have gone to Gallipoli to repair the graves.

Sorry to hear that the School was beaten in both football matches, but the boys will now know just what they are against.

A good inter-squadron tournament is being held here. There are about twelve teams representing the various units and all teams meet. So far our 2nd Squadron team has not been beaten, having had seven wins and one draw, and as it matters not how the play goes now, the remaining matches are not being played.

The weather has much interfered with arrangements lately, but it has again cleared and we hope it will remain so as nothing is more miserable than to be attending to horses in mud and rain. The old saying, "It never rains but it pours," truly applies to these parts, and after what we have seen during the past week I do not doubt that at one time there was a deluge and Noah sailed his ark.

Sports occupied a considerable amount of time and necessitated much cleaning and polishing of equipment and harness, but we were successful in many competitions, which easily compensated. Races are now the chief item, and although our old troop horses are by no means fast it is fair for one and all, and every morning at daybreak the trainers can be seen exercising a sure winner.

The editor of these Old Boys' notes has been very gratified to see the revived interest amongst the Old Boys in their relationship towards the school. Information as to the whereabouts of Old Boys in distant towns and countries is particularly welcome, and any notes contributed which would be of use in these columns will be gladly received.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a complete list, inclusive of the names mentioned above, of Old Boys, who are, or have been, on active service:—

KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

Ambury, R., Pvt.	Kirton, C., Pvt.
Atkinson, S. A., Capt.	Lepper, H. M., Lieut.
Baily, R. H., Pvt.	Mason, T. E., Gunner.
Bendall, G., Pvt.	McDonald, M. A., Corp.
Bollinger, G. W., Lieut.	Moore, W. E., Lieut.
Brown, D. B., Pvt.	Mulloy, Wattie, Sergt.
Burkhardt, A. P., Pvt.	Newell, D. R., Lance-Corp.
Coates, F. H., Pvt.	Okey, R. L., Lieut.
Collis, D., Q.M.-Sergt.	Okey, S. M., Sergt.
Crone, C., Pvt.	Okey, A., Pvt.
Dustow, Sergt.	Paul, Sydney, Lieut.
Eyre, L. G., Corp.	Potts, C. H., Pvt.
Grey, J., Pvt.	Quilliam, Reg. P., Corp.
Grant, Eric, Corp.	Quilliam, C., Lieut.
Griffiths, S. J., Pvt.	Rider, F. H., Pvt.
Guild, W. A., Sergt.	Rowlands, F. W., Pvt.
Hall, V. J. B., Corp.	Serpell, S. L., Capt.
Harle, D. A., Lieut.	Sole, L. P., Corp.
Hoby, S., Sergt.	Stoddart, J. H., Pvt.
Kidd, R. D., Corp.	Thomson, Basil, Pvt.
Kelly, T., Pvt.	Warren, L. A., Pvt.
Kimbrell, E., Corp.	White, R. W., Corp.

WOUNDED.

Adlam, R. C., Lieut.
 Armstrong, E., Sergt.
 Baker, S. G., Pvt.
 Bayly, A. R., Lieut.
 Beck, G. M., Q.M.-Sergt.
 Beck, W. C., Sergt.
 Bellringer, L., Pvt.
 Billing, F. H., Corp.
 Blanchard, E. P., Pvt.
 Blythe, H., Gunner.
 Bradbury, N., Pvt.
 Brown, F. W., Rfm.
 Cliff, A., Pvt.
 Cliff, J., Pvt.
 Cutfield, E., Sergt.-Major.
 Day, E., Sergt.
 Davling, E. C., Sergt.
 Diprose, A. W., Corp.
 Ellerm, E. B., Corp.
 Ellis, W., Pvt.
 Ellis, T. J., Corp.
 Espiner, R. H., Lieut.
 Ewing, K. S., Lieut. (twice).
 Fair, C. W., Corp.
 Fraser, H., Sergt.
 Glasgow, B., Sergt.
 Grayling, S., Pvt.
 Hamblyn, C. J., Sergt.
 Hawke, F. C., Pvt.
 Haworth, L. G., Pvt.
 Hendrickson, C., Pvt.
 Hill, L. G., Lieut.

Howell, I. J., Sapper.
 Howell, N., Pvt.
 Hooker, L. W., Sergt.
 Hurle, S., Capt.
 Jenkinson, W. H., Pvt.
 Kirkby, V., Pvt.
 Knight, G., Trumpeter.
 Little, N. F., Lieut.
 Linn, B., Corp.
 Lusk, D. A., Lieut.
 Mace, L., Sergt.
 Mackie, H. J., Pvt.
 Mander, G., Trooper.
 Matthews, A. B., Sergt.
 Malone, T., Trooper.
 Matthews, N., Capt.
 Millington, G. E., Gunner.
 Monteath, R. M., Pvt.
 (three times).
 Morshead, H. B., Pvt.
 Mulloy, W., Corp.
 McConnell, T., Corp.
 McIsaac, A. R., Lieut.
 Okey, W. P., Sergt.
 Patterson, W. B., Pvt.
 Richards, L. C., Sergt.
 Simmons, W., Trooper.
 Smith, L., Lance-Corp.
 Stanley, E. C., Q.M.S.
 Tuohy, T. V., Pvt.
 West, V. W., Pvt.
 Whitham, E., Sergt.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Alexander, W., Pvt.
 Arthur, W., Pvt.
 Avann, L., Pvt.
 Avery, H., Lance-Corp.
 Avery, F. S., Pvt.
 Armstrong, W., Corp.
 Baker, F. R., Lieut.
 Bayley, C., Lieut.
 Bates, T. H., Pvt.
 Bacon, C. L., Sergt.-Major.
 Bacon, A. T., Lieut.
 Barker, H., Pvt.
 Baillie, R., Corp.
 Berry, —, Pvt.
 Blanchett, R., Lance-Corp.
 Blanchett, W., Pvt.
 Blanchett, P., Gunner.
 Blyde, W. H., Pvt.

Blundell, K., Pvt.
 Blundell, R., Pvt.
 Bradbury, G., Corp.
 Bruce, F. A., Lieut.
 Brokenshire, R., Sergt.
 Borrie, S., Pvt.
 Buxton, T., Capt.
 Bollinger, H., Pvt.
 Callaghan, F. F., Gunner.
 Candy, C. S. S., Pvt.
 Catanach, W., Pvt.
 Carter, S. G., Pvt.
 Cartwright, A., Pvt.
 Chappell, N. M., Pvt.
 Clarke, F. E., Lieut.
 Clarke, H., Pvt.
 Chong, G., Pvt.
 Coker, A. C., Pvt.

Cook, H. L., Lieut.
 Corkill, T., Pvt.
 Claridge, A. R., Lieut.
 Clemow, F., Pvt.
 Colson, E. D., Corp.
 Cornwall, C., Major.
 Court, S., Pvt.
 Drake, S. F., Pvt.
 Dumbleton, A. G., Pvt.
 Ewing, W. H. G., Pvt.
 Faris, E. I., Capt.
 Foote, S. G., Sergt.
 Foote, G., Pvt.
 Fordyce, W. B., Pvt.
 Gray, R. B., Pvt.
 Gray, A., Pvt.
 Grayling, F. S., Pvt.
 Gibson, C. T. E., Pvt.
 Grant, A. H., Corp.
 Grant, I. P., Lieut.
 Gaukrodger, R., Driver.
 Goss, L., Lieut.
 Gibbons, J., Gunner.
 Gibson, H. B., Flying Corps.
 Hancock, R. T., Pvt.
 Hawkins, G. J., Lieut.
 Hedley, E., Pvt.
 Heppell, W., Pvt.
 Heslop, H. A., Q.M.S.
 Hobson, P. A., Pvt.
 Healy, N. R., Pvt.
 Healy, A., Pvt.
 Heldt, J. A., Pvt.
 Hempton, M., Pvt.
 Hill, S. A., Sergt.
 Hill, W., Corp.
 Hine, H., Flying Corps.
 Hirst, J. B., Corp.
 Heldt, F., Pvt.
 Hobson, F., Pvt.
 Hooker, H. S., Driver.
 Hooker, G. B., Sergt.
 Hawkes, T., Corp.
 Jackson, R. M., Sergt.
 Jackson, R. H., Pvt.
 Jeffries, D., Pvt.
 Jennins, L. C., Sergt.-Major.
 Johnson, H. N., Pvt.
 Kelly, W. F., Lance-Corp.
 Kibby, R., Sapper.
 King, T. L., Pvt.
 Laing, R., Pvt.
 Langmuir, E., Sergt.
 Lovell, L., Pvt.
 Lucena, H. L., Flying Corps.
 Luxton, W. T., Flying Corps.
 Linn, D., Sergt.
 Marfell, A., Pvt.

Marfell, L., Pvt.
 Mander, J. H., Lieut.
 Martin, V. H. S., Pvt.
 Mackenzie, R. W., Lieut.
 Meuli, P., Flying Corps.
 Medway, J., Trooper.
 Martin, G. H., Pvt.
 Monk, A. G., Sergt.
 Morey, Alf., Pvt.
 Morey, A. W., Pvt.
 MacDiarmid, A. M., Capt.
 MacDiarmid, G. N., Capt.
 McKay, C., Flying Corps.
 McArthur, A., Sgt. (missing).
 McMurray, V. S., Corp.
 McAllum, L., Pvt.
 Murray, Ken., Flying Corps.
 Mace, L., Pvt.
 Matthews, R., Corp.
 Norman, P., Pvt.
 Norris, H. C. N., Gunner.
 Olson, E. M., Pvt.
 O'Driscoll, A. J., Pvt.
 Oliver, P. S., Pvt.
 O'Brien, O. A. E.
 Osborne, A. H., Pvt.
 Paterson, D., Pvt.
 Paterson, H., Corp.
 Paul, G., Sergt.
 Paul, Stan., Sergt.
 Pearce, H., Pvt.
 Pepperill, C. E., Pvt.
 Perry, N., Corp.
 Perry, W. L., Corp.
 Pott, I. W., Gunner.
 Pott, Joe, Pvt.
 Pott, G. H., Lieut.
 Pridham, C., Capt.
 Putt, C. H., Pvt.
 Quilliam, N., Pvt.
 Quilliam, R. H., Lieut.
 Renaud, H., Pvt.
 Roope, L., Pvt.
 Roope, J., Pvt.
 Rudd, L. W., Pvt.
 Russell, G., Q.M.-Sergt.
 Ryan, L., Pvt.
 Salway, G. F., Trooper.
 Searle, V. H., Lieut.
 Sinclair, R. J. B., Lieut.
 Skelton, N., Pvt.
 Standish, I. T., Lieut.-Col.
 Standish, A. R., Lieut.
 Stanton, V. W., Pvt.
 Stoddard, B., Pvt.
 Stohr, L. B., Sergt.
 Sykes, D. S., Pvt.
 Sykes, G. M., Pvt.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Stapp, A. D., Driver.	Wells, Decimus, Pvt.
Taylor, G. D. R., Pvt.	Whitaker, G. L., Pvt.
Teed, T. L., Corp.	White, C. J., Pvt.
Thompson, A. R.	White, K. S., Pvt.
Throssell, F., Gunner.	Winfield, D., Flying Corps.
Tunbridge, P. A., Gunner.	White, A., Pvt.
Tuohy, T., Pvt.	Whitcombe, Fred., Sergt.
West, B. F., Pvt.	Woodhouse, R., Sergt.
West, H., Pvt.	Woods, A., Pvt.
West, V. O., Corp.	Wright, P., Pvt.
Weston, I. W., Pvt.	

IN CAMP WHEN ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED.

Asher, L. T., Corp.	Horsup, R., Pvt.
Bridger, W. C., Corp.	Herbert, C., Pvt.
Bocock, J. H., Corp.	Jury, K. C., Corp.
Evans, C. A., Pvt.	Pepperell, R. J., Sergt.
Grant, D., Pvt.	Sole, F. B., Pvt.
Hoffmann, L., Pvt.	Peach, C., Gunner.
Fussell, L., Pvt.	

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EDITORIAL.

(R. Syme.)

THE Great War, which for nearly five years disturbed the whole world and, in certain aspects retarded the advance of civilisation, has now been definitely concluded by the Peace Treaty, and attention can at last be given not only to the numerous problems which were of necessity postponed, when we were fighting for existence, but also to the other problems which have arisen directly and indirectly from the war. Yet, in our joy that the war is over we must not shut our eyes to the fact that we have not yet arrived at a perfect peace or an exact return to pre-war conditions: but rather that we have hard times to face, times of reconstruction, retrenchment, reform, in which many old ideas and institutions must be ruthlessly scrapped. During times of peace we shall have to struggle to preserve our existence as much as when fighting against the Central Powers. It has long been noted in history that after wars often follow periods of intestine disturbance. So it was after the Napoleonic wars. So it is to-day. At present Great Britain is undergoing a great industrial crisis which threatens to shake the very foundations of her well-being. In such times we must take every precaution to ensure the safety of our Empire and not allow it to be brought to the dust by the extremist action of a few and the apathy of the rest. Increased efforts must be made by all. When all the work of reconstruction necessitated by the war has been completed, other problems will remain, new

problems created by the exigencies of the time. Even in education innovations of importance to us will be introduced, for the great value of training the boy at an early age to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship has been fully recognised: So also the great potential force inherent in youth, which can be made concrete and active only after judicious care and guidance. Great reforms and a wider conception of the meaning of the word education will, it is generally conceded, solve many of the pressing questions of the future. On the whole the peculiar age in which we live demands incessant industry, renewed and redoubled efficiency, together with greater unselfishness and esprit de corps.

Some apprehensions have recently been aroused by a rumour that the Education Department proposes to abolish preparatory departments in connection with secondary schools such as this. It is to be hoped, by all who recognise the true value of an adjoined preparatory school, that a measure, at once so sweeping and so seemingly unnecessary will not be seriously contemplated. No argument of any worth can be found for the advisability of such a step: on the other hand the merits of the preparatory school are many and not unimportant. The chief is that it develops in boys at an earlier age than would otherwise be the case, and at a time when they are more susceptible to influences, the true public school spirit, which is our heritage from the famous schools of England. In them boys learn the urgent necessity for and paramount importance of esprit de corps and co-operation which the primary schools, largely because of the adverse, but remedial conditions under which they work, cannot instil. They also receive instruction in games like cricket and football. The chief advantage of these points is that the boys are, so to speak, caught young, as is the case in the navy, so that a greater impression may be made upon their minds while yet plastic. Thus, when they enter the secondary part of the school they are more responsive to the conditions and tone prevailing in it, and clearly so much the more efficient.

A barracks, a fuller account of which is to be found elsewhere, was held at the School in September. The value, of such a camp in training boys to pay respect and obedience to authority and discipline, and in providing them with a foretaste, however mild, of the nature of a military camp, must be clearly recognised. That

the camp was not a part of training which was disagreeable or merely of mediocre interest was sufficiently shown by the zest with which all participated in their duties. It was only regretted that the time was all too short. There are, however, not wanting persons who declaim against the principle of a camp as tending towards militarism. These assertions are based on no sound facts and are best refuted by an examination of results. No militaristic tendencies consequent on barracks can be discovered in this or in any other school. Rather has there been an increased alacrity in work and games: which should be the object of school activities.

The news that the Old Boys' Association, with their usual keenness in affairs connected with the good of the school had definitely decided upon building a suitable memorial to the Old Boys who had been killed in action was naturally received by all with feelings of thankfulness. While we regret those who made the supreme sacrifice for King and Country, we should not forget to show our pride in their achievements and our gratitude to them in some permanent form. It is to be hoped that the efforts of the Old Boys will meet with the success that the nature of their task deserves. It is probable that the memorial to be erected will be a chapel, rather than a library, as was first proposed. The school feels that a chapel would be the most appropriate and reverent memorial that could be devised for this special purpose.

Moreover, the school has long been in need of a church service, which should be an integral part of the life of every school. For this year we have been fortunate in having the Rev. Mr. F. G. Harvie, the Vicar of St. Mary's, to officiate at a simple church service every Sunday morning in the Assembly Hall of the School. This service, which could give offence to none on the grounds of sectarianism, has been attended with conspicuous success, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Harvie, whose unselfishness in offering to conduct the service we do not forget, will be able to hold the service next year also, possibly we may venture to hope, in the chapel, the value and usefulness of which should from this be clearly enough perceived.

It seems only a brief time since we last agitated for a new boarding house, but that is built and filled these two years. Now we want another. The accommo-

dation for 158 boys has strained the resources of the two houses. The new wing of the Headmaster's House will at best serve only to relieve the necessity for the temporary housing in use at present. Plans have been designed for a house capable of providing for some sixty boys, together with a more suitable residence for the Headmaster, but it is feared that the financial strain of erecting this will be rather too heavy unless some adequate assistance be given by the Government. If that be not forthcoming it is apparent that a good many boys in Taranaki will be denied facilities for secondary education. It is argued that the school is always demanding new buildings. We admit that, but such admission is the best possible proof, not only of the virility of the school, but of the insistent demand by the people of this province for education of the type that is given. It would be a pity if undue delay in providing facilities for boarders from the remoter parts serves to stifle that demand. The value of higher education is apparently easily recognised, but the money for it is rather less obvious at present. However, we hope that this proposed house, together with the many very necessary appointments it will contain, may soon materialise and not only relieve the present tension on the accommodation for staff and boys, but also provide for that expansion which is so clearly inevitable.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(C. Noble.)

Since the last appearance of the magazine several changes have occurred in the personnel of the Board of Governors. Mr. R. W. D. Robertson, who so successfully carried out the duties of chairman during the trying period prior to the opening of the new school, is now in Wellington, where he is engaged in work in connection with the new political party. Mr. F. W. Atkinson, who represented the parents on the Board, declined to accept nomination at the end of his term, and Mr. Washer was elected in his stead. The other new members are Mr. A. H. Johnstone and Mr. L. A. Nolan. The latter has taken the place of Mr. D. Hutchen, who resigned early in the year. Mr. Hutchen has been for many years a member of the governing

body, and it was with sincere regret that we heard that pressure of business compelled him to sever his connection with the school.

We wish to offer our congratulations to Mr. L. C. Sladden, who has been elected to the position of chairman.

The roll number remains practically the same as for the first term.

The following boys have entered school since the publication of the last magazine:—Bothamley, A. R.; Brookman, R.; Brookman, N.; Burton, J. V.; Cleland, R.; Coombe, H.; Easton, G.; Evans, L.; Gilbert, A. V.; Gilman, L.; Gray, J.; Hardwick, W.; Hawken, G.; Hine, E. G.; Hoffmann, L.; Hutchen, A.; Lucena, G.; Mace, H.; Pearce, B.; Palmer, J. L.; Palmer, J.; Riley, R.; Smith, G.; Silson, W.; Thomas, W.; Dawbin, H.

The following have left:—Allan, R. F.; Atkinson, P. F.; Bishop, N. H.; Carter, A.; Cleland, A.; Clifford, S.; Cornish, J.; Dunbar, C. G.; Espin, C. W.; Frethey, L.; Harrison, R. I.; Hamling, H. E.; Hogg, J.; Hooker, R.; Hughes, M. E.; Jackson, S.; Medway, S.; Miller, N.; Pearce, E. C.; Rolston, V.; Saxton, D. F. C.; Scully, F.; Tunbridge, C.; Webster, G. P.; Wills, R. C.; Wyborn, G.

Whereas formerly we could look forward to the first day of the new term as a holiday, now, alas, the custom has changed. We were due back on May 26th, and work started at once. But, nevertheless, there was one consolation; for football was commenced as punctually as school work. For a wonder the weather kept good and play was keen, since three teams were entered in the competitions and the places in them were in no way definitely fixed.

This term has seen a revival in the work at the Gully. Fixtures were so arranged that football teams could spend one night a week filling in the swamp. Also detentions were worked off there every Friday at dinner-time; but since there was physical drill for the rest of the school, a large band of willing workers was always found in the gully. When, however, the dodge became too evident, drill had to be taken and some other punishment fixed.

Another innovation which has met with universal approval (?) is the N.C.O. class two mornings a week, one for infantry, the other for musketry; for with a camp threatening in the near future, the regulation three days a week was felt to be insufficient.

In connection with the drill uniforms were also issued. Immediately "trench coats" (ordinary rain-proof and khaki belt) and military hats were "all the go." But the threat of half-a-crown fine (and costs) eventually settled this.

The concert committee this term were seized with the idea that there was a great deal of latent talent in the school. Consequently voice testing was carried out. The result, we believe, justified the effort, and, no doubt, a strong concert party will be organised in the near future.

Hawera Winter Show week was indeed an eventful one. The first XV. travelled to Hawera and beat the Hawera Junior team; school essayists secured a large part of the prizes offered; and, last of all, Exeat fell on the Saturday.

The chief event of the term, however, was the celebration of Peace. We were allowed holidays on Friday and Monday; on Saturday, of course, was a parade. The whole company assembled on the school grounds and marched thence to Kawau Street. The procession then followed a tortuous route to the Recreation Grounds. Here short addresses were delivered by the leading citizens of the town, and the parade concluded. Afterwards a seven-a-side tournament was held. School entered one team which, unfortunately, was beaten by Tukapa in the final game. On Friday, August 1st, we had the good fortune to hear Mr. Rawei, a native teacher, speak about the Island of Morea, a beautiful little mission station in the South Seas. The speaker's delightful humour enlivened his discourse throughout, and with him we spent a thoroughly enjoyable hour.

To assist in raising funds for a Peace-Memorial Sunday School in connection with St. Mary's Church, a mart-day was held on August 23rd in the Good Templar Hall. We were asked to help with a produce-stall. Accordingly a committee was formed and all arrangements made on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Rockel took charge of the stall on Saturday; business was brisk

and quite a considerable sum was raised to benefit the fund. We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Rockel for the splendid work she did for us.

The third term commenced right up to time on Wednesday, September 10th. From 12 o'clock to half-past, instead of drill, we had a lecture. Staff-Captain Bladen, of the Salvation Army and Chaplain to the New Zealand forces, spoke on the subject: "With the boys from the camp to the firing line." The Captain showed us clearly how well our soldiers did their bit, and how cheerfully they bore their hardships. His lecture was very much appreciated by all, our only regret being that it was not longer.

On the following Tuesday the Rev. Spencer, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, paid us his annual visit. It is pleasing to note that the work of his society has continued unchecked throughout the war, and that the demand for Testaments has steadily increased. Special mention may be made of the Society's very creditable work in Turkey and China.

On Friday, October 3rd, Mr. Cresswell, the Education Department's Inspector, paid the school his second visit this year to give those competing for free places a special test.

The School property is being steadily added to year by year. The latest acquisition is an area of ten acres adjoining the farm which, with this addition, now extends right down to the Henui River. The furze has been cleared away and a track made to the edge of the stream. Through this purchase we are provided with some splendid bathing pools on our own grounds.

Shortly after this property was opened up we were marched down to the river to get stones to be used in the construction of a wall on the edge of a cricket ground. This wall, when completed, will be a decided improvement on the old fence which formerly adorned the place. It will, too, assist in giving the much needed protection to the grass on the edge of the field. "The old order changeth, yielding place to new—"; and indeed the Detention system of punishment is a thing of the past. With the increased numbers and activities in the school it was found difficult to fix a definite detention period. Accordingly a new system was introduced:

every day a "Crime Sheet" is sent round, on which are placed the names of all offenders and the nature of their offences. At 4 p.m. the culprits are paraded by the prefect on duty and marched to the Headmaster's room to be dealt with. This system, it will be seen, corresponds somewhat to that of the military orderly room—though nothing so pleasant as "C.B." is meted out.

Nor is this the only change: the short afternoon on Thursday has been abolished, the time-table being now of equal length for each day.

Shortly after the conclusion of the Barracks, school work was somewhat hampered by sickness amongst the members of the staff. At one period there were no less than four of the masters away; but nevertheless, after some rearrangement of the classes had been made, work was carried on successfully, though with some inconvenience.

We beg to tender a hearty welcome to Mr. Eggleton, who joined the staff at the beginning of the term, as physical drill instructor. Of the good work done by Mr. Eggleton and Mr. Rowe the following paragraph (taken from the "Taranaki Herald") speaks for itself:

"An exhibition of the working of the improved method of physical training which has been evolved during the war period was given by the pupils of the New Plymouth Boys' High School on Friday afternoon at the ceremony which marked the closing of the cadet barracks. No one but the most confirmed pessimist could fail to be impressed by the value of the drill after seeing this display. It may be described as Swedish drill brought up to date. It is designed to stimulate activity of mind as well as of muscle. Under its operation there is no chance of a member of a drill squad going to sleep while waving the arms or bending the body mechanically in time to the old-time chant of one, two, three, four."

But, on the other hand, we regret to record the loss of Mr. M'Kinney. The Education Department have inaugurated a system whereby Organising Teachers travel round assisting the work of country schools; it is one of these appointments that Mr. M'Kinney has secured. His loss will be deeply felt by the whole school, particularly by the Concert and Swimming Committees.



MR. C. A. McKINNEY.

HOUSE NOTES.

(K. V. Roberts.)

The boarding roll now stands at 158. This further increase in our numbers has made necessary the provision of more accommodation, and this is now being supplied in the form of additional dormitories and a new bathroom block. The former, which are well under way, are being added as a wing to the new house, and will provide accommodation for about thirty boys, while the latter is being erected at the rear of, and adjoining the old house, and is now nearing completion.

At the beginning of the football season a party of half-a-dozen prefects made a day's tramp to the foot of the ranges and back. The distance to the radius line from school by the route they followed—the Carrington Road—is twelve miles; so they naturally returned in the evening somewhat foot-sore and weary. The tramp, however, was excellent training, and doubtless helped to put them in good fettle for the football season.

Instead of going to bed immediately after prayers as was formerly the rule, we now do three-quarters of an hour's physical drill in the hall each evening. The class is taken by Mr. Eggleton, the permanent physical drill instructor, who makes the work very interesting by teaching us in accordance with the modern methods employed by the British Army during the war, and introduced here during the first term.

Another and far more drastic innovation, at least in its effect upon certain characters, has been the institution of "eating hours." It was found necessary to place definite restrictions on the frequency of visits to "Teapot's," especially just before meals, with the result that boys are now forbidden to eat, except at certain prescribed hours each day, under penalty of being placed on the "Crime Sheet." (q.v.)

During the winter months we appreciated more than ever being in our own school building again. Thus whereas last year evening prep. had of necessity to be held in the dining-room, it is this year done under supervision in the various class-rooms, where much more satisfactory work can be performed. In addition, each form again possesses that very necessary luxury—its own fireplace.

Dancing was taken up on a more elaborate scale this year than formerly. Instead of being held from seven o'clock until nine on Friday evenings, as was the case in former years, this year the younger enthusiasts occupied the floor from seven o'clock until eight-thirty, when the old hands took possession, and under the guidance of the dancing mistresses, Mrs. and Miss Humphries, learnt the various and complicated steps of the fox-trot and the maxina, much to the exasperation of the few who were endeavouring to translate Cicero at a Latin class in an adjoining room. Since such a large number were taking dancing it was necessary to make other arrangements with regard to Friday evening's prep., which was consequently held from five o'clock until six on the same evening. The long-night dance which marked the close of the dancing season took place at the end of the second term and was attended with every success. The Girls' High School boarders' annual dance, to which a number of us were invited was postponed from second to third term on account of the mumps epidemic up at school. All who attended this function thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we take this opportunity of thanking Miss Barr and the girls for their hospitality.

Further improvements have been carried out in Hendrie Street, including the construction of a concrete curb and the planting of a number of tree-ferns. In a few years these trees and shrubs will have grown sufficiently large to form an avenue which will greatly increase the beauty of the entrance to the new house.

Considerable numbers now rise with the dawn in order either to train for the sports and steeplechase or to enjoy a game of tennis before morning prep.; and with the commencement of life-saving classes in a week or two the numbers will be still greater.

We were unfortunate enough to contract an epidemic of mumps during the second term, but owing to the prompt isolation of each case as the symptoms appeared, the total number of cases did not exceed forty. A number of the first fifteen were affected, and consequently fears were entertained that the match with Auckland Grammar School might have to be abandoned; but as events showed, things turned out all right in the end. There were also four mild cases of measles, but again owing to prompt isolation the complaint was prevented from running through the school.

In common with other boarding schools throughout the Dominion we suffered considerable inconvenience at the end of the second term from the dislocation of railway traffic due to the coal shortage. Finally, however, everybody, with the exception of one or two boys who had the temporary misfortune to live on the main trunk line, managed to get home for the holidays. Every conceivable kind of vehicle was used in the process—taxis, private cars, lorries, buses and bicycles; and some of those who lived comparatively close at hand walked the distance home.

The barracks caused considerable dislocation in the usual boarding-house routine, the chief effect being that we had to leave our comfortable, though much-abused, beds in order to sleep on straw palisades, which, though not quite equal to feather beds, we found very comfortable after a strenuous day's work on the racecourse.

Besides the pictures, the "Dandies" was the only theatre attraction which claimed the boarders during the term.

CRICKET NOTES.

Though no cricket has been played since the last appearance of the Magazine, things have not been quite dormant. We are glad to see that the enthusiasts in the town have been at work and revived the interest taken in the game in pre-war times. The North Taranaki Association appears to have entered on a new lease of life, for no less than eight senior and five junior teams are already entered for the Saturday competitions. Of these the School has entered one senior and two junior. We are particularly pleased with the institution of the latter grade because it will give us opportunity to develop the cricketing spirit latent in the School and will serve as a most useful training ground for the 1st XI.

May we congratulate the Old Boys' Association on their decision to enter a team in the competitions.

We hope that another year we shall be able to set aside a sufficient area of wickets for practice for them, and thus renew many old friendships.

In common with the other cricketers of the town we hope to see the local authorities give recognition to the fair demands of our sport. Our grounds provide for our own requirements, but satisfactory wickets and outfields in the other grounds are highly necessary for the development of play of a high standard.

The School is at last developing better cricket talent and the prospects of a good season for the three elevens seem bright. There are now two annual matches, one with the Wanganui Collegiate School and one with the Old Boys, and these, together with the local competitions, have given a great impetus to the development of the game in the School.

The season opened on October 18 with the annual match against the Old Boys. Although the weather was somewhat bleak there was a fair attendance of Old Boys and their friends. Considering the amount of rain that had fallen during the preceeding week, the wicket gave satisfaction.

Appended are the scores:

SCHOOL.—First Innings.

Sinclair, b Bottrill	14
O'Halloran, L., b Bottrill	10
Palmer, b Monteath	11
Willis, c Monteath	1
Greiner, c Johnson, b Colson	4
Osborne, c Saxton, b Osborne	6
Inch, b Colson	4
Pope, c Bewley, b Johnson	3
Brown, c and b Osborne	0
Hayden, b Johnson	8
Smart E., not out	6
Extras	4
Total	71

Bowling analysis.—Monteath, one wicket for 25 runs; Bottrill, three for 10; Colson, two for 10; Osborne, two for 10; Johnson, two for six.

Second Innings.

Sinclair, hit wicket, b Bewley	2
O'Halloran, L., b Osborne	13
Palmer, c Bottrill, b Colson	43
Greiner, not out	0
Pope, not out	0
Brown, b Colson	6
Hayden, c Oliver, b Bewley	0
Smart, E., c Fox, b Monteath	8
Extras	3
Total for six wickets	76

Bowling analysis.—Bewley, two wickets for 11 runs; Oliver, none for 23; Osborne, one for 5; Fox, none for 18; Monteath, one for 6; Colson, two for 7.

OLD BOYS.—First Innings.

Bewley, b O'Halloran	0
Osborne, b Sinclair	8
Bottrill, b Palmer	58
Monteath, b Sinclair	0
Oliver, b O'Halloran	5
Colson, b Sinclair	0
Quilliam, c Greiner, b Sinclair	4
Saxton, c Willis, b Brown	17
Johnson, not out	9
Fox, b Brown	2
Sole, b Palmer	2
Extras	4
Total	109

Bowling analysis.—O'Halloran two wickets for 51 runs; Sinclair, four for 23; Greiner, none for 16; Palmer, two for 9; Brown, two for 6.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

This term has been a fairly busy one, both in the classroom and in the outside work. Several of the senior boys have been working for examinations, while the junior boys have carried out the practical work.

The preparatory boys who take agriculture have been busy with their propagation plot. In this plot experiments are being carried out with grasses with the idea of obtaining seed from selected plants, each pair of boys being given a small plot to look after. A number of cuttings of hedge plants and selected roses are also being grown, for the purpose of sheltering and beautifying the grounds.

Early in the term a day was spent at Mr. Dempsey's orchard. Here we received lessons in pruning and the manuring of fruit trees. Mr. Dempsey has a large orchard and a variety of fruit trees, hence we were able to do a considerable amount of pruning. We have to thank Mr. Dempsey for placing his orchard at our disposal.

Since the last issue of the magazine the Agricultural Society have held their Winter Show, an event in which we took considerable interest. A number of boys entered for the different competitions in rural work, and were successful in gaining several prizes. The different

principles of farming were shown by practical experiments, while there were a number of identified grasses and seed cards. Next year we hope to be able to increase our exhibitions at the show.

A visit to which we had been looking forward was to the Stratford Model Dairy Farm. This took place last term, and although the day was rather wet, an interesting day was spent. We first visited the Stratford Dairy Factory. Here the manager explained the working of the factory and the machinery. We then went to the farm, and between showers of rain were shown the various crops and also the dairy herd. The up-to-date milking shed was the subject of much favourable comment. After the inspection we had a lecture given to us by Mr. Deem on "Root Crops." We hope that our next visit will be favoured with finer weather.

Last autumn two areas of about one acre each were sown down with permanent pasture. This has been fed to the cows during the winter and has greatly assisted in keeping up the milk supply. The lucerne plot has also been fed off as a supplementary food during the winter months. Although this plot does not seem to have suffered, lucerne does not stand grazing well. There are, however, a large number of weeds present, which will, if not attended to, at once smother the lucerne.

Throughout the term records have been kept of the daily yield of milk from each cow. Samples have also been taken and tested for butterfat content. From this work we have gained practical experience and at the same time a knowledge of the value of our cows. We might add that some very good results have been obtained.

Another pruning demonstration was given to the junior boys through the kindness of Mr. Fitzgibbon, who invited us along one afternoon. This orchard consisted mostly of young trees, hence severe pruning was unnecessary. During the afternoon, tea was provided by Mrs. Fitzgibbon and very keenly appreciated by us.

The inside work this term has been mainly confined to Dairy Science and Agricultural Chemistry. Milk has been tested by both the Babcock and the Gerber methods. Special attention has also been given to the testing of artificial manures for solubility in water and acid.

The remaining months of this term will be busy ones. It is intended to carry out manurial and variety tests with the various root crops—mangolds, carrots, turnips, and these will be sown in November. Many grasses and clovers for identification purposes will be sown as well.

LIBRARY NOTES.

(M. Barak.)

After the football season the period for "swot" begins. Owing to the proximity of the various public examinations and the sports and other competitions, only a limited amount of time is left for reading, and consequently the average is expected to be lower. However the circulation of books has in no way decreased. The library has been patronised rather more than usual. The day-boy enrolment especially has been augmented, but there still remain several vacancies to be filled by day-boy members.

The generous presentations by Mrs. Eyre-Kenny, Mrs. Courtenay Kyngdon, F. G. Robinson, Esq., and T. Avery, Esq., have proved an exceptionally valuable acquisition to the library and provide additional fields for readers.

We are still severely handicapped by the employment of the library room as a classroom

At the beginning of the year, owing to insufficient accommodation, Form III D. was forced to occupy the library in lieu of a classroom. This naturally presented great difficulties. Certain of these have been obviated by the erection of lockers for the purpose of storing the books used by the form during school hours, but obstacles still present themselves.

There have been several additions to the books lately, and chief among them are: "In the Cheering-up Business" (Lee), "Love and the Spy" (Williamson), "Les Miserables" (Hugo), "An Imperial Marriage" (Marchmont), "At the Foot of the Rainbow" (Porter), "Stranleigh's Millions" (Barr), "The Lighthouse" (Ballantyne), "Going Some" (Beach), "Lost Face" (London), "The Beautiful White Devil" (Boothby), "Paris" (Zola), "Adventures of Captain Kettle" (Hyne), "Ben Hur" (Wallace), "Fighting Under the Southern Cross" (Fennmore), "Heart that Knows" (Roberts), "It Happened in

Egypt" (Williamson), "Tom Sawyer" (Mark Twain), "Strictly Business" (Henry), "Power of the Keys" (Crier), "Scottish Cavaliers" (Grant), "Shifting Winds" (Ballantyne), "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (Stowe), "Last Shot" (Palmer), "The Weavers" (Parker), "Dr. Whitty" (Birmingham), "The Fairy Bedmaker" (Rowe), "The Angel of the Settlement" (Oyen), "Cease Firing" (Johnston), "The Younger Set" (Chambers), "The Shuttle" (Burnett), "Netherleigh" (Riley), "The War of the Worlds" (Wells), "The Three Musketeers" (Dumas), "Captain Desmond, V.C." (Diver), "Barnaby Rudge" (Dickens), "The Iron Pirate" (Pemberton), "Coniston" (Churchill), "Westward Ho" (Kingsley), "Training Simplified" (Watson), "Explosives" (Berthelot), "Dampier's Life and Adventures," "Goldsmith" (Irving), "Kings of the Quarter-deck" (Temple), "The Great Boer War" (Doyle), "Deeds that Will Never Die" (Fraser).

CAMERA CLUB.

During the term the weather has been so unsuitable that little photography has been done. The enlarger has been refitted, but has been made little use of by the members. The results of the club competitions are:

Senior, Seascape—B. Horner

Junior, Seascape.—L. Richardson.

Best Illustration of Cloud Forms—L. Richardson.

The entries for these competitions were somewhat disappointing, but at the approach of the summer months, no doubt, in future competitions there will be more forthcoming. The winning photographs in the senior competition were distinctly good. These have been framed, and will be hung in the school. We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Lennon, of New Plymouth, for much photographic literature.

TENNIS NOTES.

(K. O'Halloran.)

The tennis season has opened with excellent prospects. As an indication of this the roll of membership now includes over a hundred boys. It has been found necessary, for greater facility in coaching, to divide the club into three groups, A, B., and C. To each group has been assigned one of the three courts, and each group is responsible for keeping its own court in order. We



CAMERA CLUB COMPETITIONS.

FIRST PRIZE: B. HORNER.

have to thank several masters for the interest they are showing in the club, and because they have kindly offered to coach the boys in the various groups. The tennis club is greatly indebted to Mr. Candy for his gift of a championship cup, and we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

FIRST FIFTEEN.

(H. L. Richardson.)

One more football season has come to an end, but it remains in memory as one of the mile-posts in the School's history. For at the conclusion of the season, School, by its defeat of Auckland Grammar, showed itself entitled to a firm place in the top ranks of New Zealand Secondary School football. Apart from the match with Grammar the First Fifteen has had a rather varied record—in some matches, as that played at Hawera and in the seven-a-side tournament on Peace Day, the play was really fine; but against some other teams the performance was hardly as good. But this is only to be expected, in the case of a school team playing against opponents of considerably superior weight.

In the First Junior (North Taranaki) Competition the First Fifteen played eight games. Three were won, one drawn, and four lost; several matches outside the competition series were also played. In merit the forwards and backs were fairly even; in some games, while the forwards were held up by a heavy opposing pack, the backs got their chance, but in the Grammar match the forwards had the advantage. Witness the following extract from an account by the Auckland correspondent of the "Taranaki Herald":—

"The forwards were the heroes of the team. They excelled in hook work, and in the last quarter simply ran Grammar to a standstill. The backs did good work too, but there is no doubt the palm must be given to the hefty well-trained boys who battled so gamely in the vanguard.

June 5th.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(Won 20 to 3.)

This match was played on the Racecourse. In the first spell School gained two tries and converted one, also

being successful in a penalty shot. Technical College gained a try. In the second half School obtained three more tries.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. INGLEWOOD.

(June 12th—Won 9 to 3.)

School travelled to Inglewood, there playing the home team. The School score consisted of two penalty goals, both kicked by Willis, and a try of Whittle's.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. STRATFORD.

(June 19th—Lost 11 to 0.)

Although School played very pluckily, and crossed their opponent's line several times, they were unsuccessful in scoring. The Stratford team, which met School on the Racecourse ground, was too heavy for the home players.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. ELTHAM.

(June 26th—Drawn 3 to 3.)

This match was played on the Pukekura Park ground; the play, which was more open than in many of the games, ranged well up and down the field. School's score was a try, gained by Whittle after an excellent passing rush. Although they played hard and well, the team was not heavy enough for their opponents.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. HAWERA.

(July 3rd—Won 8 to 0.)

In this match, played at Hawera as a curtain-raiser to the representative game, the School backs were particularly fine in their play. In the first spell, owing to a strong adverse wind, no scores were made, although the weight of the Hawera forwards made them dangerous more than once. But in the second half the School backs almost had the game to themselves; as a result two tries, one converted, were gained.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

(July 12th—First round, won 19 to 0; second, lost 6 to 10.)

On the Saturday afternoon of the Peace Celebrations, School participated in a seven-a-side tournament at Pukekura Park. In the first round, against Old Boys, School were too fast for their opponents, and gained nineteen points as against Old Boys' nil. The final, between Tukapa and School, was marked by really brilliant passing on the latter's part, but their opponents possessed two very good kickers—H. Oliver and Pryor. As the scores were even (6—6) when the whistle blew, play was continued until terminated by a fine drop-kick for Tukapa. The School team consisted of Osborne (Captain), Atkinson, Brackebush, Brown, Harrison, Smart, C., and Whittle.

SENIOR GROUP (SCHOOL) SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

(July 17th.)

On this date the whole School were occupied in a seven-a-side contest on the Racecourse grounds. In the Senior competition, first round

Boarders A (0) played Day Boys B (11),
Boarders B (3) played Day Boys A (0).
Boarders D (6) played Boarders C (3).

In the second round:

Day Boys B (3) played Boarders B (0).
In the final round Boarders D defeated Day Boys B by 3 to nil.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. CLIFTON.

(July 24—Lost 7 to 19.)

School, which played Clifton at Waitara, was out-classed in age and weight by the opposing team; this, and a strong mountain wind, rather undermined School's attack. The School score comprised a drop-kick by Brown and a penalty by Osborne, both in the second spell.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. STAR.

(July 31st—Lost 11 to 6.)

School's play in the first half showed the effect of the absence of Atkinson and Brown; but in the second half the School backs were more confident. On School's side, Smart gained a try and Osborne a penalty goal from a good mark.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. STAR.

Second Round.

(August 8th—Lost 5 to 0.)

In this match, played at Pukekura Park on a Saturday, Star were again victorious.

MATCH WITH AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Great excitement and interest prevailed in the latter half of the second term, when it was definitely known that a match had been arranged with Auckland Grammar School. After the rather heavy defeat of the previous year, everyone was naturally anxious to see School gain its revenge; and although, owing to the match being played in Auckland, it was impossible for most of the School to watch the match, this in no way abated their anxiety.

The School team, together with quite a large number of boys who were able to travel to Auckland, left by the S.S. Rarawa on Thursday night, arriving at Onehunga the following morning after a very fair passage. Those boys who were billeted were introduced to their hosts—and here it would not be out of place to express our sincere thanks to those who were kind enough to entertain the members of our team during their stay in Auckland. Then, after a practice on Friday afternoon, the team was ready for the match.

SCHOOL FIRST FIFTEEN v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR.

(August 23rd—School, 10; Grammar, 6.)

The following account of the match is taken from the "Taranaki Herald" of August 25th:—

A large crowd, estimated at 10,000 or 12,000, witnessed the two Taranaki football matches on Saturday. Taranaki representatives were defeated by Auckland by 42 to 9, while New Plymouth High School beat Auckland Grammar School by 10 to 6. The schools' match roused the spectators to a high pitch of excitement, the closeness of the contest making it more interesting to watch than the representative game.

The New Plymouth boys received a splendid reception, and the victory was deservedly popular. Their forwards carried all before them, and consistently beat the Grammar pack and backs, and they also were responsible for good concerted work. No High School boy can be singled out specially, as all battled strenuously to avenge the defeat of last year, and when, with only fifteen minutes to go, Grammar had a lead of two points they put unexampled dash into their play and completely broke up the Auckland lads' defence. First a penalty goal was kicked and then within five minutes of time a try was scored; this made New Plymouth four points ahead, with a reasonable prospect of success, but they did not slacken their efforts and Grammar had no chance. Cheers were given by the crowd as the teams filed off the field, Osborne (the captain) being carried shoulder high.

The teams were:—

New Plymouth High School.—Full-back, L. O'Halloran; three-quarters, J. Whittle, Brown, Willis; five-eighths, Brackebush and B. Boon; half, P. Atkinson; forwards, C. Newell, K. O'Halloran, R. Blundell, Johns, R. Boon, C. Smart, E. Pope, Osborne (captain).

Grammar School.—Full-back, Badeley; three-quarters, Stretton, Cox, McCrystal; five-eighths, Williams and McInnes; half, Wright; forwards, Cashmore, Arthur, Burns, Geddes, Grant, McLean, Millar, Lintott.

High School emergencies.—Greiner, E. Smart, Grigg, Bellringer.

DETAILS OF THE MATCH.

Good following-up and tackling by the High School forwards resulted in New Plymouth making things merry from the kick-off. Smart passing by the backs followed and Grammar had some strenuous moments in their twenty-five before a kick relieved them. Brackebush fielded the ball well and was the means of putting New Plymouth again on the attack. Williams marked, and

the home team swept down to the High School's twenty-five. In a scrummage near the line Grammar were awarded a free-kick and Cox goaled. The first quarter then ended with the score: Grammar 3, High School 0.

Willis had a shot at goal from near the half-way line, but the ball fell short by a few yards. Atkinson then initiated a pretty passing movement in the Grammar twenty-five and the ball went to Brown, who coolly drop-kicked a beautiful goal amid cheers, thus putting New Plymouth one point ahead.

A fast run by Stretton was the next incident, but Whittle collared him nicely, and half-time went with New Plymouth again attacking.—New Plymouth 4, Grammar 3.

Immediately after the resumption of play Stretton kicked over High School's line, but an exciting race for the ball saw School force. Matters looked dangerous for New Plymouth during the next few minutes. Grammar twice found touch near High School's line. The black and white forwards were, however, more than equal to the occasion, and soon pushed up to half-way. Then came a sad surprise for New Plymouth. Cox got the ball after loose play at half-way and dashed through the High School backs, who were unprepared. When he had only the full-back to beat he passed to Cashmore, who galloped over. Cox failed to convert and the third quarter went with the score: Grammar 6, High School 4.

It was a case of do or die for High School, and matters looked unpromising when Brackebush had to retire owing to a sprained ankle. E. Smart replaced him and then a change came over the scene. Within one minute Willis had another unsuccessful penalty shot from half-way and the next incident was Grammar being compelled to force. Then from quarter-way Osborne kicked a fine penalty goal, putting New Plymouth one point ahead. Within five minutes of the end of the game Smart dashed over from a scrummage in front of the line. The kick failed. High School held the upper hand until the call of time, Whittle making two strong runs, and Grammar being forced twice.

Final score.—High School 10, Grammar 6.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

The Second Fifteen is to be congratulated on its fine performance throughout the season. In nearly every game they played good football, and they rank as one of the best Second Fifteens the School has seen.

SECOND FIFTEEN MATCHES.

v. CLIFTON SECOND JUNIORS.

(Won 22 to nil.)

This match was played on the Racecourse grounds on Saturday, June 7th. A strong mountain wind was blowing at the time, but in the first half School had the advantage of this, Clifton being kept constantly on the defensive. At half-time the score was 22 to nil in favour of School. Tries were obtained by Smart, Hair, Christie and Brown. Of these Foden converted two and also kicked two fine penalty goals. There was no further scoring in the second half.

v. STAR SECOND JUNIORS.

(Won 8 to nil.)

The Second Fifteen met the above team on the Racecourse on June 14th. In the first half School had the better of the game, but were unable to score. After the spell School attacked strongly, and Bellringer and O'Halloran scored, Foden converting the latter's try.

v. TUKAPA SECOND JUNIORS.

(Won 12 to 3.)

At Western Park on June 21st the Second Fifteen met Tukapa and defeated them by 12 points to 3. Early in the first half McHardy scored for Tukapa, but before half-time tries for School were obtained by Harrison (2), Christie and R. Hair. There were no further scores in the second spell.

v. STRATFORD D.H.S. FIRST FIFTEEN.

(Won 9 to nil.)

At the Racecourse on Saturday, July 12th, the Second Fifteen was successful in defeating Stratford District High School First Fifteen by 9 points to nil. For School, Kyngdon, Pope and Hine secured tries, none of which were converted.

SECOND ROUND.

v. CLIFTON SECOND JUNIORS.

(Lost 6 to nil.)

On Saturday, August 2nd, the Second Fifteen journeyed out to Waitara and suffered their first defeat at the hands of the local team by 6 points to nil. The match

was played in heavy rain and consequently the heavier Clifton forwards proved superior. School, however, played a very fine game.

v. STAR SECOND JUNIORS.

(Drawn—6 all.)

The Second Fifteen played a drawn game against Star at the Racecourse on August 9th, the score being 6 all. For School Winfield touched down after E. Smart had crossed the line, but lost the ball, and Horner kicked a penalty goal, just on the call of time.

v. TUKAPA SECOND JUNIORS.

(Lost 8 to 5.)

At the Racecourse on Saturday, August 16th, the Second Fifteen was defeated by Tukapa. Tukapa scored two tries, one of which was converted, whilst for School L. O'Halloran scored, converting his own try.

SEVEN-A-SIDE.

FIRST JUNIOR COMPETITION.

Following are the results in the First Junior seven-a-side competition matches, played on No. 2 ground at the Racecourse on Thursday, July 17th:—

First Round.

Boarders C (11) beat Prep. (nil).

Boarders B (3) beat Boarders A (nil).

Day Boys A (3) beat Boarders D (nil).

Day Boys B, a bye.

Semi-finals.

Boarders B (6) beat Boarders C (3).

Day Boys A (6) beat Day Boys B (3).

Final.

Boarders B (6) beat Day Boys A (nil).

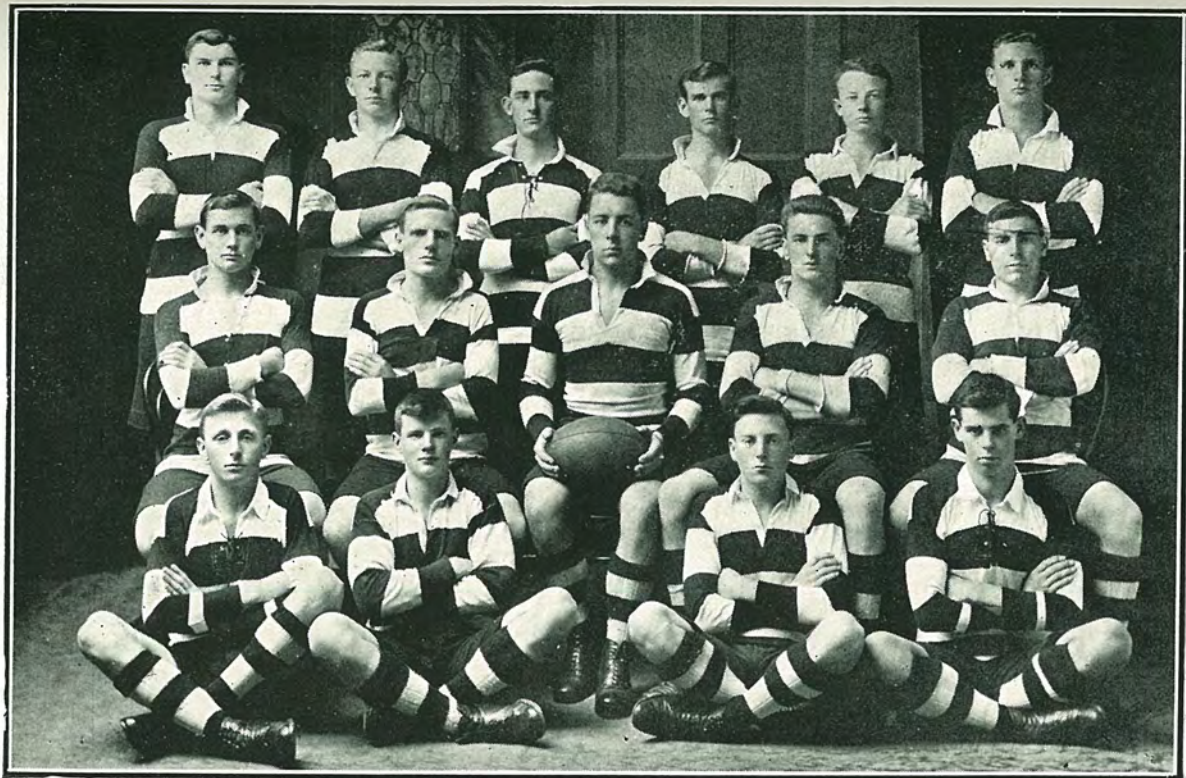
THIRD FIFTEEN.

(M. Barak.)

THIRD FIFTEEN v. STRATFORD D.H.S.

(Lost 22 to 6.)

On June 7th the Third Fifteen travelled to Stratford and after a very good game were defeated by 22 points to 6. Horner scored both of the tries for School, but was forced to retire during the latter part of the match owing to cramp.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1919.

Back Row : R. BLUNDELL E. POPE A. BRACKEBUSH L. O'HALLORAN J. WILLIS B. JOHNS
Second Row : K. O'HALLORAN P. ATKINSON M. OSBORNE (*Captain*) R. BOON C. SMART
Front Row : H. J. BOON H. BROWN J. WHITTLE C. NEWELL.

THIRD FIFTEEN v. CLIFTON SECOND JUNIORS.
(Lost 36 to nil.)

On June 30th Clifton Second Juniors visited the Third Fifteen. The visitors were considerably heavier than our boys and consequently the match was rather one-sided. Though completely outclassed, however, our boys put up a most creditable defence.

THIRD FIFTEEN v. PATEA THIRD FIFTEEN.
(Won 14 to nil.)

On July 12th the Patea Third Fifteen travelled up in cars to play our team. The Patea boys had had no regular coach and consequently their play lacked cohesion, but for all that they fought gamely and our Third Fifteen only managed to defeat them by 14 points. Scores were made for School by Candy, Wyborn and Hoffmann, Horner converting one.

THIRD FIFTEEN v. STAR SECOND JUNIORS.
(Lost 11 to nil.)

On July 26th the Third Fifteen played the Star Second Juniors. The Star team was considerably the heavier and their back play enabled them to defeat our boys by 11 points to nil.

THIRD FIFTEEN v. STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL
FIRST FIFTEEN.

(Won 14 to 11.)

On August 2nd the Stratford High School First Fifteen played our Third Fifteen a return match and a most exciting game resulted. The School team played a very clever game, completely outclassing Stratford both in forward and back play. Scores were made for School by Henderson, O'Halloran and Hoffmann, Horner kicking a penalty goal and converting one try.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

THE SECOND JUNIOR COMPETITION.

On July 17th the various teams competed in a seven-a-side tournament. In the Second Junior competition some very interesting games resulted and considerable spirit was shown over the final, which was to be played on the following day. Of the twelve entries, Prep. and

1. Pianoforte Duet Mr. Rowe and Mr. Ryder.
2. Dance Mr. Eggleton.
3. Song Mr. Calder.
4. Sermonette Mr. Diprose.
5. Duet (Vocal) Mr. Day and Mr. McKinney.
6. Violin Solo Mr. Rockel.
7. Song Mr. Glover.
8. Song Mr. McKinney.
9. Reading Mr. Bottrill.
10. Song Mr. Day.
11. Pianoforte Duet Mr. Rowe and Mr. Ryder.

One evening during the barracks we were entertained by a concert, but as we had to obey the sounding of "The Last Post" and "Lights Out" to the letter, the programme was a short one. Sergeant-Major Williamson and Sergeant-Major Chapman gave much appreciated items.

An impromptu entertainment was held on October 11, the programme of which was as follows:—

1. Pianoforte Solo Bellringer i.
2. Song Brooker.
3. Recitation Candy.
4. Song Cachemaille.
5. Violin Solo Bothamley.
6. Monologue Johns.
7. Flute Solo Horner.
8. Reading Mr. Bottrill.
9. Pianoforte Solo G. C. Smith.
10. Song Brooker.
11. Pianoforte Duet Bellringer i. and Hayden.

In addition to these entertainments by members of our own community, we attended two or three lectures held in the Assembly Hall, but accounts of these will be given elsewhere.

Shortly after The Taranakian goes to press the Concert Club will be unfortunate enough to lose its chairman, Mr. McKinney, whose keenness in connection with this institution has been greatly appreciated by all during his stay with us.

ASTRONOMICAL LECTURE.

(R. Syme.)

On August 14 we were favoured with hearing in our Assembly Hall a popular lecture on Astronomy, by the Rev. O. Blundell. The speaker was introduced to his

numerous auditors in a few fitting words by Mr. Percy SMITH, who expressed his hope that this would be but the first among the lectures to be delivered consequent on the formation of an Astronomical Society.

The Rev. Blundell then proceeded. It was to be regretted, he said, that mainly owing to the specialising tendency of modern education educated people, unfortunately, did not know as much about the Heavens as did those of former generations. It should be realised that in the wide sense of education no study was more profitable, to youth and age alike, than that of astronomy. On this account the society recently formed was aiming at the acquisition and equipment of a telescope in keeping with the needs of the town.

After commencing the more technical part of his discourse with a few remarks on the kinds and construction of telescopes, and a simple yet masterly explanation of the principle of the spectroscope, Mr. Blundell proceeded to survey the more striking features of the Heavens. After a brief examination of the Southern Cross, the Milky Way, and then the nebulae, vast misty masses of luminous matter were dealt with. Then followed a more detailed account of the solar system, the grandeur of which, in comparison with our own earth, and the insignificance of which as opposed to the illimitable distances of the universe were illustrated by figures and diagrams.

The sun and the moon naturally occupied some time—the former conspicuous and interesting by its spots and its prominences, or mighty jets of burning hydrogen, the latter by its vast desolate plains and seas and craters and peaks of rugged rock. Photographs assisted materially in portraying this dead world.

The planets and their satellites—and especially Mars and Saturn—were described with great skill by the lecturer.

In conclusion Mr. Blundell expressed his earnest desire that, with the assistance of books, which he named, the subject would be further pursued by those who had heard his lecture, and thanked the audience for their attendance. The audience testified their appreciation by prolonged applause.

RAWEI'S LECTURE.

(R. Syme.)

In the course of the second term a lecture on the Pacific Islands, with special reference to Morea, in the Society Group, was delivered in the Assembly Hall by Mr. Rawei, a native schoolmaster from that island.

Rawei appeared on the scene picturesquely attired in native costume, which at once excited the admiration and curiosity of the audience. He began by describing the island of Morea, one of the most charming of the Pacific. It had been occupied by English teachers before the annexation of the group by the French, and consequently English was spoken by the natives. The latter were an intelligent race, readily adaptable to more civilised conditions.

Rawei then dramatically described the discovery and utilisation of "tappa" cloth, the fibre from which his garments were made, and next proceeded to describe the various improvements as the natives advanced in skill. The garments were first worn plain, but then decorated. As the artistic tastes of the natives developed the primitive designs were improved on, and some strikingly beautiful mats were made. This stage of the lecture was illustrated by a display of native cloths which he had with him. There was, needless to add, no superfluity of clothes in the island.

After graphically describing the interesting marriage and social customs of his people, he spoke of the easy conditions of life on the island, where kind Nature poured forth with lavish hand all products and necessaries of life. All fruits and trees were growing wild. The coconut, which he described in more detail, was especially valuable. The natives were consequently of a cheerful disposition, and delighted in music and songs.

Rawei then embarked on an account of the people themselves, and especially the children, of whom he was one of the teachers. Seventy years before bloodthirsty savages, the people were now docile and civilised. This said much for the fine work of the English instructors, for whom no praise could be too great.

In conclusion he thanked his audience for their attention, which he greatly appreciated, but not more than the audience appreciated his interesting and unusual lecture.

LECTURE BY STAFF-CAPTAIN BLADEN.

(R. Hair.)

On September 10 we were favoured with an extremely interesting lecture by Captain Bladen. This officer, who had considerable experience at the front, delivered a lecture on the splendid heroism, optimism, and comradeship of the British soldier.

His initial words expressed a hope that his lecture would make us appreciate and endeavour to emulate the lofty standard of those who gave their all for their country.

The lecturer stated that we were too apt to consider the advent of America as the deciding factor in the early termination of the war. It was Britain's swiftness of decision, steadfastness of purpose and efficiency which saved Europe from the tyranny of the Hun. Her stubborn resistance was the backbone of the Allies' defence, British munitions, armament and equipment were largely used by Allied troops—in a word, Britain was the Allies' mainstay.

The theme throughout the remainder of the lecture was that of the soldiers' optimism and humour in the face of hardship, danger and suffering. Several stories were told of the humorous way in which maimed soldiers regarded their disabilities. One young convalescent was doubled up with laughter on account of a nurse bringing him a knife and fork to eat his meal with. The poor chap had lost both his hands. Two veterans maimed in a like fashion, but each possessing the use of one hand, combined and performed a single-handed clap at a concert. Grim humour this, but high tribute to the soldiers' irresistible optimism.

Captain Bladen related further instances of the self-sacrifice and pluck of diggers and stretcher-bearers, finally speaking of the hospital nurse. These women, single-minded in their unselfishness and devotion to duty, have set a standard scarcely ever before approached in times of war. By their ceaseless efforts in the alleviation of suffering they gained the admiration of all.

Lastly the lecturer briefly touched upon the temperamental differences between Briton and German. As an instance he related the bayonetting of a wounded Tommy in a trench captured by the enemy. Opposed to this was the readiness of Tommies to administer comforts to a dying foe. Therein lay the difference between British chivalry and German kultur.

NAVY LEAGUE LECTURE.

(R. Syme.)

On October 16 an address on the subject of the Navy League was delivered by Captain Andrews, of the Shaw-Savill liner "Karamea." Captain Andrews was introduced by Mr. Moyes with a few words on the necessity for reviving the Navy League movement in this school.

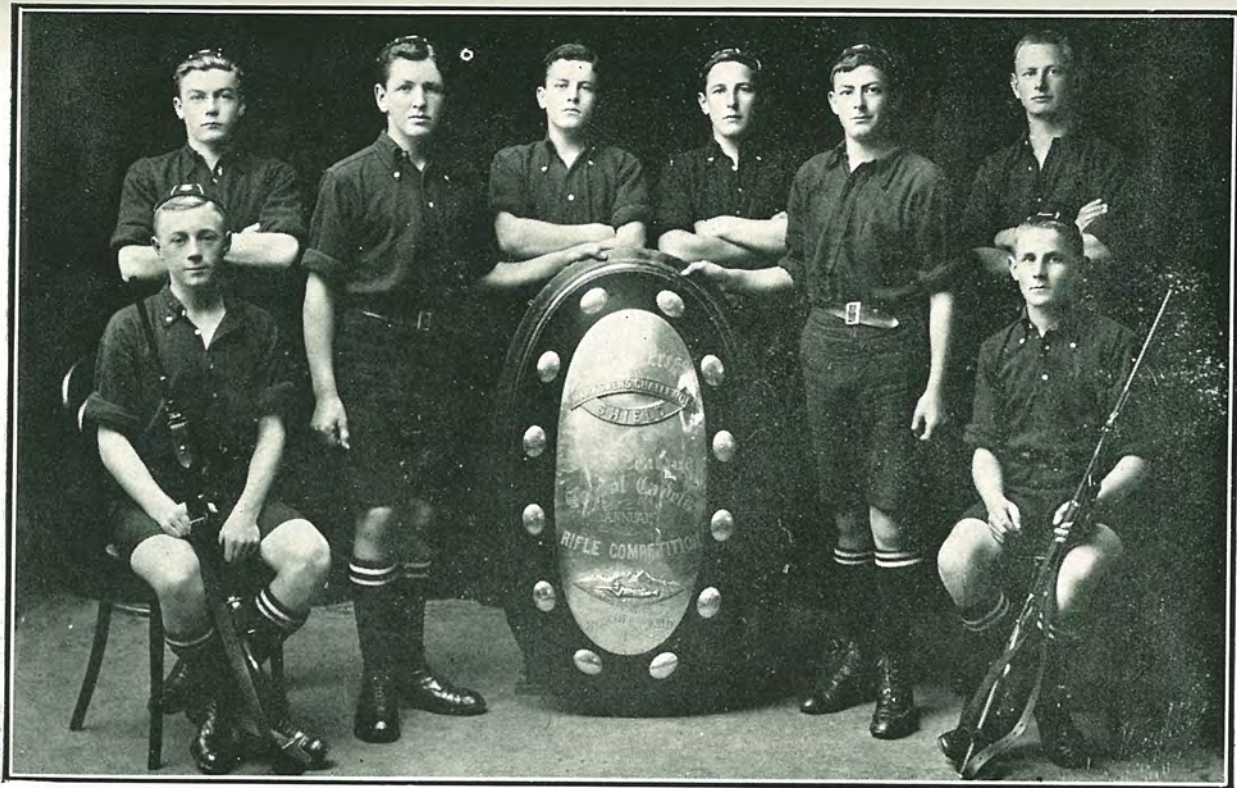
Captain Andrews commenced by stating that in his opinion it was "hard luck" that there was in the school no branch of such an essential association as the Navy League, the importance of which was evident enough, because the Navy was the bond that held together our far-flung Empire. Without it the Empire would most certainly fall. He then detailed some of the points of the Navy's work in the war, apart from the actual fighting, namely the convoying of soldiers and the keeping open of trade routes. Though the war was now over, nevertheless the strength of the Navy must be maintained. Many politicians, acting no doubt with the best of intentions, wished for a reduction in the strength of the Navy—our sole support. This, Captain Andrews forcibly explained, was a ruinous policy. Strength was the only real safeguard against war. Had our Army been as prepared as our Navy was, Germany would probably not have ventured on war. Fortunately for the Empire, however, the same old naval spirit still existed unimpaired. In recognition of this he took the opportunity of presenting to the school a naval ensign, which he hoped would serve to keep the Navy in mind.

This generous gift was thanked with the applause it deserved. Mr. McLean, who accompanied Captain Andrews, then spoke of his impressions of New Zealand and its connection with the Empire. Finally, when this was concluded, a display of physical drill was given.

CADET NOTES.

During the second term we have been hard at work preparing for the barracks, which, unfortunately, were postponed to the first week of the third term. We now have an extra drill day on Fridays, physical drill having been substituted for detention; this enables us to devote more time to musketry.

During the term N.C.O.'s have been attending classes as follows:—Tuesdays: Section Drill, conducted by Mr. Ryder. Thursdays: Musketry, by Mr. Diprose. Fridays: Physical Drill, by Mr. Rowe.



WINNERS OF CHRISTCHURCH PRESS CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Standing: E. WATERS

S. HERBERT

L. ABBOTT

P. WILLS

M. BARAK

R. HAIR

Sitting: L. MALT

A. CANDY.

This term we have reverted to the old method of falling-in. Each platoon has now its own parade ground, where all duties attendant on falling-in are undertaken by the platoon sergeant. These finished, the platoon moves off to the company parade ground, where the platoon commander takes charge.

Uniforms have been distributed, but owing to wrong sizes being sent all the boys could not be fitted. We were unable to obtain slouch hats, though there is a chance of our doing so in the near future. Some found the forage caps we have at present rather difficult to put on—as far back on the head as they could be put was the favourite position until scathing remarks produced the necessary change.

This term has also seen us equipped with a properly fitted up armoury. What a boon it is only those who have been without it can tell.

On July 19th we paraded to take part in the peace celebrations. We fell in on the school grounds, and after standing at attention for five minutes as a mark of respect to those who had given their lives in defence of their country, we marched down to join the procession at Kawau Street. Thence we followed a tortuous route to Pukekura Park, where, after the Mayor had read the proclamation and the National Anthem had been sung, we were dismissed. Next day we were complimented on our steadiness and marching.

THE BARRACKS.

After two postponements, the date of the Barracks was definitely fixed for Tuesday, September 23rd, until the following Friday. This meant that we would have to sleep at school on Monday night; so after school was over for the day, palliasses were filled and quarters assigned to the various platoons. That night no one slept well, owing to the novelty and the general excitement.

Each day was divided off as follows:—Reveille at 6.45 a.m. (this was later changed to 6.30 a.m., to allow more time for tidying up, etc.); Breakfast at 7.30 a.m.; Parade at 8.25 a.m. After inspection we were marched to the racecourse, where work began in earnest, to return, a hungry lot, at 12.30 p.m. for dinner. An hour later we were paraded again and marched off to work till 4 p.m. From 4 to 5 p.m. Sergt.-Major Styles took us for games

or bayonet exercises. Tea, at 6 p.m., was eagerly welcomed. After "lights out" at 9.15 p.m. there was no coaxing needed to induce sleep.

The work carried out was divided into three classes, musketry, physical training and infantry training. The instructors were very popular, and by the time they had finished had us quite efficient. The musketry course could not be carried out as fully as was intended, owing to the extraordinarily long time the railways took to fetch some apparatus consigned from Palmerston North.

Each evening, more for practice than from necessity, a guard consisting of seven cadets and two N.C.O.'s was set, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Two noticeable features during the Barracks were the small number on sick parade and the still smaller number of defaulters.

At each morning inspection the best turned out cadet from each platoon was selected, his name being published in routine orders. Kits were also inspected, and there was keen rivalry among the platoons as to which would have the honour of seeing its name in routine orders for best laid out kits.

A lecture was given each evening at 7 o'clock. On Tuesday Major Cox was the speaker, his subject being "Barracks; Duties, Discipline and Routine." On Wednesday Captain Dallinger lectured on "Map Reading." After this a concert was given by the Concert Club, who were assisted by two excellent performers, Sergt.-Major Williamson and Sergt.-Major Chapman. On Thursday a lecture was given by Lieutenant King on "Musketry."

On Friday afternoon a considerable number of people assembled at the school to see a display of drill and the presentation of shooting prizes won by the various teams.

Under Captain Dallinger, the camp adjutant, we went through a series of rifle exercises and then formed up for a march past the saluting base, where Lieut.-Colonel Robinson took the salute. We were then drawn up in front of the main entrance in readiness for the presentation of the shooting prizes by Lieut.-Colonel Robinson.

Major Cox, the camp commandant, expressed his appreciation of the excellent way in which all had carried out their duties during the short course. He commented upon the marked progress made in the four days and the fact that advanced subjects could not be dealt with owing to the short time at his disposal.

Lieut.-Colonel Robinson, representing District Headquarters, presented Lance-Corp. Barak, the captain of the Weekly Press Challenge Shield team, with a cheque for £10. The shield and medals had not arrived as expected, owing to the railway disorganisation. He also presented the medals to the Senior and Junior Imperial Challenge Shield teams, who gained fourth and third place respectively for the Empire.

Mr. Moyes, in thanking those who had helped to make the Barracks a success, said that he thought the benefits of the course would more than make up for the temporary dislocation of ordinary school work. He also said that he hoped to see the Barracks an annual fixture, for the boys had enjoyed themselves, although they had had to work hard.

The afternoon's function was brought to a close by an exhibition of physical jerks and games under the new system by a squad of 250 boys, under Mr. Rowe and Mr. Eggleton.

SHOOTING NOTES.

(E. Waters.)

In the second term, during practice for the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, arrangements were made for some of the scores to count for the School Shooting Championships. A total of the best three performances was taken. The following are the highest scores obtained for the Searle Cup:—

COMPETITION FOR THE "SEARLE" CUP.

Name.	Max. — 300	Percentage.
R. I. Harrison	282	94.00
B. M. Johns	281	93.66
L. Abbott	281	93.66
L. O'Halloran	280	93.33
P. Atkinson	278	92.66
R. Greiner	276	92.00

The scores for the Under 16 Cup presented by Mr. Hamblyn are as follows:—

COMPETITION FOR THE "HAMBLYN" CUP.

Name.	Max. — 300	Percentage.
L. Abbott	281	93.66
M. Jonas	280	93.33
M. Barak	274	91.33
R. Crawshaw	270	90.00
A. Gibson	270	90.00

The following are the scores for the Under 15 Cup presented by Mr. Loveday:—

COMPETITION FOR THE "LOVEDAY" CUP.

Name.	Max. — 300	Percentage.
M. Barak	274	91.33
T. Penn	273	91.00
R. Crawshaw	270	90.00
A. Gibson	270	90.00
P. Wills	268	89.33
C. J. Rogers	266	88.66

The scores for the Under 14 Cup presented by Messrs. McLeod and Slade are as follows:—

COMPETITION FOR THE McLEOD & SLADE CUP.

Name.	Max. — 300	Percentage.
T. Penn	273	91.00
C. J. Rogers	266	88.66
F. Williams	260	86.66
E. Chivers	260	86.66
J. Jackson	254	84.66
E. Olson	245	81.66

The Imperial Challenge Shield scores are as follows:

NO. 1 PLATOON SENIOR TEAM.

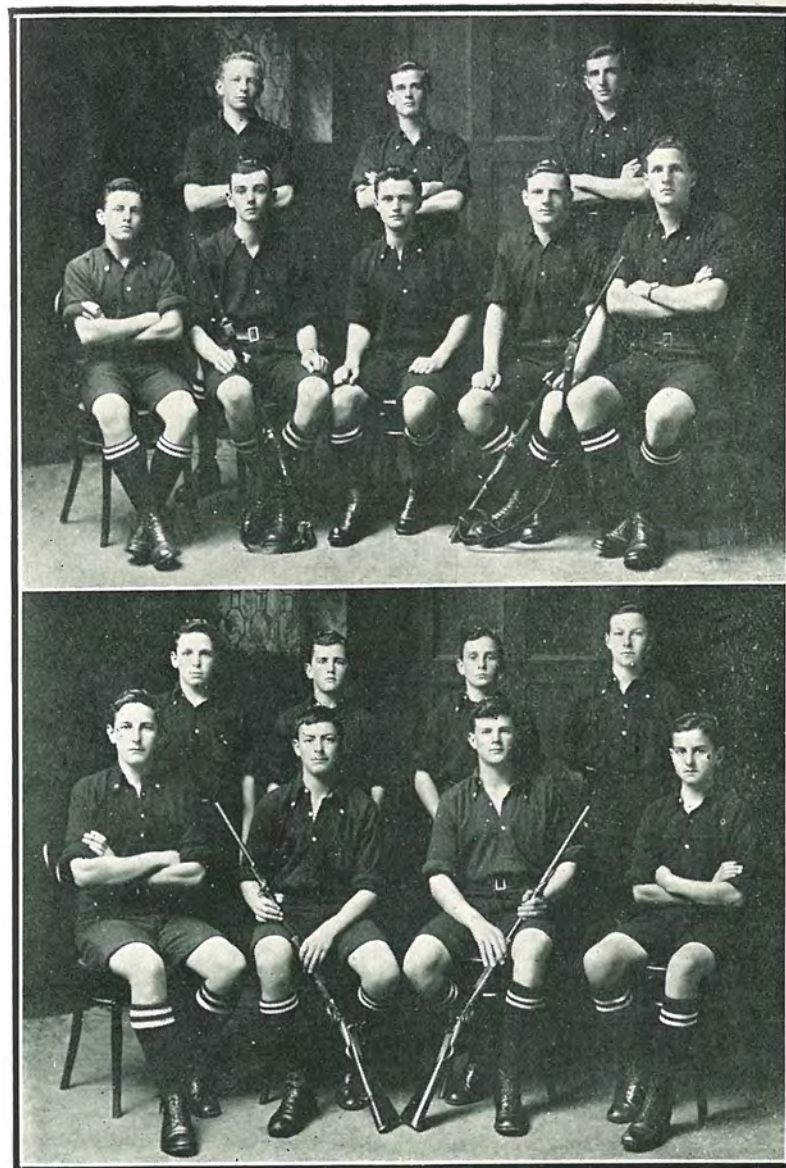
Name.	Slow.	Rapid.	Total.	Average.
L. Abbott	46	49	95	47.5
P. Atkinson	46	49	95	47.5
L. O'Halloran	47	48	95	47.5
R. Greiner	47	47	94	47.0
J. Hine	46	47	93	46.5
R. I. Harrison	46	46	92	46.0
B. M. Johns	45	46	91	45.5
E. Pope	42	44	86	43.0

Average percentage, 92.62.

NO. 2 PLATOON SENIOR TEAM.

Name.	Slow.	Rapid.	Total.	Average.
B. Boon	45	48	93	46.5
S. Herbert	44	45	89	44.5
B. Horner	45	44	89	44.5
S. Alleman	40	46	86	43.0
R. Candy	37	40	77	38.5
J. Gibson	35	42	77	38.5
L. Hair	37	40	77	38.5
E. Pearce	42	35	77	38.5

Average percentage, 79.37.



IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAMS.

Top Photo—Senior Team : No. 1 Platoon ; 5th place for the Empire and 1st for New Zealand. *Top Row :* E. Pope, L. O'Halloran, J. Hine.

Bottom Row : L. Abbott, R. Greiner, I. Harrison, P. Atkinson, B. Johns.

Bottom Photo—Junior Team : No. 1 Platoon ; 4th place for the Empire and 1st for New Zealand. *Top Row :* T. Penn, L. Linn, F. Williams, A. Gibson.

Bottom Row : P. Wills, M. Barak, H. Brown, R. Crawshaw.

NO. 3 PLATOON SENIOR TEAM.

Name.	Slow.	Rapid.	Total.	Average.
E. Cole	47	45	92	46.0
A. Brackebush	45	44	89	44.5
R. McRae	47	40	87	43.5
S. Train	43	43	86	43.0
E. Waters	42	44	86	43.0
A. Brooker	39	46	85	42.5
L. Malt	42	43	85	42.5
K. O'Halloran	37	40	77	38.5

Average percentage, 85.87.

NO. 4 PLATOON SENIOR TEAM.

Name.	Slow.	Rapid.	Total.	Average.
H. Morton	46	46	92	46.0
H. Hunt	44	47	91	45.5
M. Jonas	45	45	90	45.0
F. A. Corney	44	45	89	44.5
A. Crapper	42	46	88	44.0
T. N. Foden	41	45	86	43.0
R. Hooker	40	44	84	42.0
E. Ducker	38	42	80	40.0

Average percentage, 87.50.

NO. 1 PLATOON JUNIOR TEAM.

Name.	Bull.	Fig.	Total.	Average.
R. Crawshaw	45	49	94	47.0
A. Gibson	42	49	91	45.5
T. Penn			91	45.5
P. Wills	41	48	89	44.5
F. Williams	41	48	89	44.5
M. Barak	39	49	88	44.0
H. Brown	40	43	83	41.5
L. Linn	36	41	77	38.5

Average percentage, 86.62.

NO. 2 PLATOON JUNIOR TEAM.

Name.	Bull.	Fig.	Total.	Average.
E. Chivers	46	49	95	47.5
I. Young	44	48	92	46.0
J. Trehey	44	46	90	45.0
D. Wilson	40	48	88	44.0
G. Bracegirdle	40	47	87	43.5
J. Jackson	43	43	86	43.0
A. Parkinson	38	43	81	40.5
A. Moyes	41	38	79	39.5

Average percentage, 87.25.

NO. 3 PLATOON JUNIOR TEAM.

Name.	Bull.	Fig.	Total.	Average.
H. Mason	46	50	96	48.0
S. Rowlands	45	48	93	46.5
E. Olson	40	47	87	43.5
H. Rickard	42	44	86	43.0
A. Rumball	39	44	83	41.5
M. Sutton	41	42	83	41.5
K. Lambie	39	43	82	41.0
H. Erlandson	41	40	81	40.5

Average percentage, 86.37.

NO. 4 PLATOON JUNIOR TEAM.

Name.	Bull.	Fig.	Total.	Average.
C. J. Rogers	45	50	95	47.5
G. Calder	40	47	87	43.5
M. Goldstone	40	45	85	42.5
J. Guild	42	42	84	42.0
J. Eaves	41	42	83	41.5
V. Wells	40	43	83	41.5
C. Greiner	40	40	80	40.0
V. Fookes	38	40	78	39.0

Average percentage, 84.37.

In the last number of the "Taranakian" there appeared a list of the two teams which competed for the Weekly Press Challenge Shield. This term we are pleased to state that the No. 24 Company Team was successful in winning the Shield by a good margin, their average percentage being 96.6.

This term it is proposed to fire off for the Lady Godley Cups, the MacDiarmid Belt, and the Kelly Cup. Rifles have been selected to be fitted with aperture sights and, weather permitting, the shooting should soon be started.

We take this opportunity of thanking Sergt.-Major Bell and Lieutenant Ward for their valuable services in supervising the Imperial Challenge Shield matches last term.

Since the above notes were written the results of the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition have come to hand. The school teams again appear amongst the prize-winners and in both the Senior and Junior Competitions New Plymouth High School has again taken first place for New Zealand.

The results as cabled are as follows:—

SENIOR COMPETITION.

(755 teams competed.)

1st—Australian Infantry Cadets	98
2nd—Geelong	95.8
3rd—Launceston Naval Cadets	95.6
4th—Launceston Naval Cadets	93.6
5th—New Plymouth High School	91.8

JUNIOR COMPETITION.

(554 teams competed.)

1st—City of London Cadets	93.4
2nd—Launceston Cadets	93.1
3rd—Nova Scotia Cadets.	
4th—New Plymouth High School	89.6
5th—New Plymouth High School.	
6th—New Plymouth High School.	

We take this opportunity of tendering our congratulations to the winning teams.

In connection with the shooting the following telegram was received by the Headmaster from Sir James Allen, Minister for Defence:—

"The great rush of business consequent on the close of the session has prevented me from sending you an earlier message of congratulation on the very great distinction again won by teams from your School in the Imperial Shield Competition. It must be very gratifying to you to know that, in spite of the greatly increased number of entries, your teams still maintain their position amongst the leading teams for the championship. Please convey my congratulations to the boys and tell them that I am sure that the traditions which they are creating for their School will prove an incentive to the future generations of boys, and that I, as Minister of Defence, am very proud of their success."

THE STEEPLECHASE.

The annual Steeplechase was held on the New Plymouth Golf Links on Thursday, October 16th.

For the following account of the Steeplechase we are indebted to the Taranaki Daily News:—

The annual steeplechase in connection with the New Plymouth Boys' High School, which was held on the New Plymouth Golf Links yesterday in perfect weather conditions, attracted a large gathering who anticipated an enjoyable afternoon's sport and were not disappointed.

As usual, the splendid organisation which is such a feature of any gatherings in connection with the New Plymouth High School was again in evidence, and the big fields—91 in the Junior and 204 in the Senior Steeplechase—were dispatched without any difficulty. The races were followed with interest by the spectators, the keenness with which even the smallest boy entered into the race and fought it out gamely to the finish, even though hopelessly beaten, being greatly admired by the spectators.

The Junior Steeplechase, which was over a course of about two miles, took place first, the little fellows being dispatched at intervals, five minutes elapsing between the times the limit and scratch men set out. The field was soon strung out and the middle markers forged their way to the front, a good finish resulting in Easton (3min.) defeating Palmer (3min.) by about 20 yards. The Senior Championship course was about 5 miles, and the limit men were given 4½ minutes' start. The field was again strung out, but the limit men were quickly overhauled, and Campbell (3min.) went to the front some distance from home and maintained the lead until about a quarter of a mile from the post, when Boon, who had run a fine race from scratch, passed him and ran in a winner by about 50 yards. Campbell had hard luck in losing a couple of chains by taking a wrong turning. Then came Dinnis and Bayly, about 200 yards further back, Candy being close up. The other boys came back at close intervals until practically every boy had completed the course.

Following are the detailed results:—

JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.

Easton (3min.) 1, Palmer (3min.) 2, Dawbin (2½min.) 3, Perry (3min.) 4, Walker (1½min.) 5, A. Hutchen (½min.) 6, Fussell (1½min.) 7, B. Lash (1½min.) 8, J. Gray (3min.) 9, H. Fookes (1½min.) 10.

Jillet (1½min.), J. Stronge (1½min.), Thompson (1½min.), Hoby (½min.), Sladden (1½min.), C. McNeill (1½min.) Brewster (scr.), K. Fookes (1½min.), Burke



ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

1. EASTON WINNING THE JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.
2. H. J. BOON WINNING THE SENIOR.
3. THE SCRATCH MEN START.

(scr.), Hardwick (3min.), E. Smith (scr.), Alexander (scr.), Olson (scr.), C. Griffiths (4min.), List (1½min.), Morey (scr.), Hawken (3min.).

FASTEST TIME.

The actual time of the race was not taken, but A. Hutchen beat Brewster by 13 seconds for fastest time in the race. Then came in order Bourke, Smith, Alexander, Olson, Hoby, Morey, and Walker.

SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

B. Boon (scr.) 1, Campbell (3min.) 2, Dinnis (2½min.) 3, Bayly (3min.) 4, Candy (1½min.) 5, Lash (3½min.) 6, Palmer (1½min.) 7, Cavaney (3½min.) 8, Renaud (scr.) 9, Young (1min.) 10.

Jury (3min.), Pulley (3½min.), Richardson (2min.), Wilson (3min.), Grant (2min.), G. Smith (2min.), G. Hair (½min.), Gillet (½min.), Mackay (2½min.), Veale (2min.), L. Abbott (2½min.), P. Johnson (2min.), Smart (scr.), Baker (1min.), Duncan (2½min.), D. Hair (½min.).

FASTEST TIMES.

Boon 26min. 33sec., Renaud 27min. 45sec., Candy 28min. 42sec., Young 28min. 47sec., Palmer 28min. 54sec., G. Hair 28min. 59sec., Jillet 28min. 59sec., Campbell 29min. 39sec., Dinnis 29min. 41sec., Smart 30min. 4sec., Richardson 30min. 15sec., Grant 30min. 16sec., Smith 30min. 17sec., D. Hair 30min. 41sec., Lash 30min. 51sec., Cavaney 30min. 56sec.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Senior Championship.—J. H. Boon 5, B. Johns 3, C. Kyngdon 1.

Junior Championship.—K. Baker 5, B. Bayly 3, W. Rea 1.

Under 14.—R. Brewster 5, E. Smith 3, W. Alexander 1.

Under 12.—G. Walker 5, H. Fookes 3, C. McNeill 1.

Under 10.—A. Hutchen 5, W. Hardwick 3, A. Hetherington 1.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The annual sports were held on November 6th. The weather, which was cold and threatening in the morning, proved delightful in the afternoon, when a very large number of spectators assembled on the School grounds.

The following account of the sports is taken from the Taranaki Daily News:—

The field was in perfect order and for visitors and competitors the day was a most enjoyable one. The arrangements were excellent, the officials worked splendidly, and the sports were carried off in the very fine spirit which is characteristic of the best traditions of the institution. There were record entries, and all the events were keenly contested and in many cases the verdict was gained by only the smallest advantage.

While there were many splendid performances that of Kyngdon, who annexed the senior championship, was the most conspicuous. In his winnings he placed to his credit and also to that of the School a new record, in carrying off the 120 Yards Hurdles in 17sec. (his time for the heat and the final) being 1 2-5sec. better than F. A. Bruce's performance in 1914.

In the 100 Yards Senior Cup and 100 Yards Invitation Race respectively Whittle and Bothamley managed to reach the previous School record of 11sec.

The junior championship went to H. Brown, who led the runner-up by three points. In the under 14 championship (four events) R. Brewster secured the possible number of points, his display of athletics being particularly attractive. H. Fookes won the under 12 championship, and that for boys under 10 went to W. Hardwick, each coming within two points of the possible.

Another good piece of work was the long jumping of Hair in the Junior Cup competition, his distance being 16 feet. The high jumping was a keen contest in the senior event between Kyngdon and Whittle, the former clearing 5ft. 3½in. He made an attempt to put on an extra ½in., but was not successful. Sutherland, who was conceded 2in., equalled Whittle's 5ft. 1in. Rickard won the junior event, clearing 4ft. 6in.

The Potato Race, Sack Race, and Three-legged Race were all more or less amusing. The Invitation Race was a contest between the School, Technical College, and

Stratford D.H.S., and was won by Bothamley (New Plymouth), who ran a splendid race, and was carried shoulder high round the grounds amidst the cheers of his many admiring fellow-students.

The Old Boys' races did not draw so many entries as were expected, but the contest was none the less strenuous. Dr. Fookes was a hot proposition in both events (75 yards and 220 yards), winning the first in great style. In the second race he had to give place to O. McHardy, a much younger man, who won the under 14 championship in 1915.

The hurdles in both sections were fine exhibitions of that class of athletics. In the one mile open event there was a tremendously large field, which gradually became well strung out round the course. The limit boys (250 yards) were too good for those on scratch to overtake, and the back markers gave up the contest, which was fought out between D. Hair (100yds.), B. Gibbs and B. Hoby (limit), who finished in that order. The tugs-of-war between Boarders and Day Boys in senior and junior sections of the School were stern events, the pull between the juniors being if anything the more strenuous. In both cases the Boarders were able to secure the verdict.

During the afternoon, tea was served in the Assembly Hall by a committee of ladies, who were very ably assisted by a large number of pupils from the Girls' High School. Mrs. Woods' orchestra also added to the enjoyment by playing a programme of music.

Following are the results:—

120 Yards Open.—First heat: W. Rea (5yds.) 1, Sinclair (scr.) 2, C. White (8yds.) 3. Second heat: R. Rea (6yds.) 1, Willis (scr.) 2, Carr (5yds.) 3. Third heat: Hoffmann (scr.) 1, E. Smart (4yds.) 2, Cleland (6yds.) 3. Fourth heat: Hawkes (5yds.) 1, Bothamley (scr.) 2, K. O'Halloran (3yds.) 3. Fifth heat: Brackebush (3yds.) 1, B. Dailey (9yds.) 2, I. W. Palmer (5yds.) 3. Sixth heat: C. Avery (6yds.) 1, Nicholson (1yd.) 2, Erlandson (9yds.) 3. Seventh heat: Osborne (3yds.) 1, Sutherland (4yds.) 2, Renaud (1yd.) 3. Eighth heat: C. Smart (1yd.) 1, Rowlands (7yds.) 2, L. Neill (3yds.) 3. Ninth heat: Waterson (1yd.) 1, Inch (4yds.) 2, Grigg (3yds.) 3. Tenth heat: Barton (4yds.) 1, Jeffries (10yds.) 2, W. Taylor (7yds.) 3. Eleventh heat: Stevenson (9yds.) 1, Horner (2yds.) 2, Morey (12yds.) 3. Twelfth heat: L. O'Halloran (3yds.) 1, Hawkins (5yds.) 2, G. Smith (5yds.) 3. Thirteenth heat: Allemann (4yds.) 1, Moyes

(6yds.) 2, C. Newell (5yds.) 3. Fourteenth heat: E. White (6yds.) 1, Malt (3yds.) 2, Knuckey (9yds.) 3. Final: Hoffmann 1, B. Dailey 2, C. Hawkes 3; time, 12 3-5sec.

100 Yards, under 15.—First heat: C. Lash (5yds.) 1, R. Riley (5yds.) 2, Veale (2yds.) 3. Second heat: Calder (2yds.) 1, Northern (4yds.) 2, R. Bellringer (scr.) 3. Third heat: R. Rea (1yd.) 1, Brewster (scr.) 2, Moyes (scr.) 3. Fourth heat: J. Scanlan (3yds.) 1, Mackay (scr.) 2, Davis (scr.) 3. Final: Rea 1, Scanlan 2, R. Brewster 3; time, 12sec.

100 Yards Senior Cup (championship).—First heat: Whittle 1, Kyngdon 2, R. Boon 3; time, 11sec. Second heat: Hawkes (8yds.) 1, K. O'Halloran (5yds.) 2, Brooker (5yds.) 3. Third heat: Hoffmann (scr.) and Nicholson (3yds.) dead-heat 1, C. Smart (2yds.) 3. Fourth heat: Hawkins (7yds.) 1, Bothamley (scr.) 2, Waterson (2yds.) 3. Fifth heat: Sinclair (2yds.) 1, C. White (8yds.) 2. Final: Hawkes 1, Hoffmann 2, Whittle 3; time, 10 2-5sec.

100 Yards Junior Cup (championship).—First heat: Brown 1, W. Rea 2, Foden 3; time, 11 2-5sec. Second heat: Barton (1yd.) 1, Dinniss (4yds.) 2, Rowlands (4yds.) 3. Third heat: Calder (6yds.) 1, Hughson (1yd.) 2, C. Lash (7yds.) 3. Fourth heat: C. Avery (6yds.) 1, Stevenson (7yds.) 2, Mills (4yds.) 3. Fifth heat: Lealand (7yds.) 1, P. Griffiths (6yds.) 2, Olson (5yds.) 3. Final: Avery 1, Brown 2, Barton 3; time, 11 1-5sec.

Long Jump, Senior Cup.—Kyngdon (18ft. 5in.) 1, Whittle (18ft. 4in.) 2, Nicholson 6in. (17ft. 11in.) 3.

Long Jump, Junior Cup.—R. Hair (16ft.) 1; McRae, 4in. (15ft. 7in.), 2; Sutton, 4in. (15ft. 3in.), 3.

880 Yards, Senior and Junior (Mason Memorial Cup).—Hoffmann (30yds.) 1, Nicholson (scr.) 2, Kyngdon (scr.) 3. Time, 2min. 10 2-5sec.

100 Yards, under 14 Cup.—First heat (championship): Brewster 1, Olson 2, Lambie 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Second heat: Thomson (5yds.) 1, Bayly (5yds.) 2. Third heat: B. Scanlan (5yds.) 1, B. Lash (5yds.) 2, Rumball (4yds.) 3. Final: Brewster 1, V. Fookes 2, Lambie 3; time, 12 1-5sec.

220 Yards Open Handicap.—First heat: R. Rea (12yds.) 1, Sutherland (10yds.) 2. Second heat: Hoffmann (scr.) 1, Rowlands (15yds.) 2. Third heat: Abbott (12yds.) 1, E. White (10yds.) 2. Fourth heat: G. Smith (12yds.) 1, Sinclair (3yds.) and Dailey (13yds.) dead-heat 2. Fifth heat: Grigg (7yds.) 1, R. Bellringer

(12yds.) 2. Sixth heat: Malt (7yds.) 1, C. Smart (4yds.) 2. Seventh heat: P. Hawkins (10yds.) 1, Brackebush (4yds.) 2. Eighth heat: C. Avery (12yds.) 1, Osborne (7yds.) 2. Ninth heat: Stevenson 1, Case (12yds.) 2. Tenth heat: Hawkes (11yds.) 1, Waterson (5yds.) 2. Final: Hoffmann 1, Stevenson 2, R. Rea 3; time, 25 4-5sec.

High Jump, Junior Cup.—Rickard, scr. (4ft. 6in.), 1; Hair, scr. (4ft. 5in.), and Tobin, 2in. (4ft. 5in.), equal, 2.

75 Yards, under 13.—Gilmour (scr.) 1, M. Thomson (scr.) 2, E. Jackson (2yds.) 3. Time, 10 1-5sec.

50 Yards, under 10 Cup.—Hardwick (scr.) 1, A. Hutchen (scr.) 2, A. Washer (scr.) 3. Time, 7 2-5sec.

440 Yards, Senior Cup.—Hoffmann (10yds.) 1, C. Smart (10yds.) 2, Whittle (scr.) 3. Time, 56 2-5sec.

440 Yards, Junior Cup.—Stevenson (15yds.) 1, H. Brown (scr.) 2, R. Rea (5yds.) 3. Time, 59 2-5sec.

75 Yards, under 14 Cup.—First heat (championship): Brewster 1, Lambie 2, Morey 3; time, 9 2-5sec. Second heat: M. Thomson (5yds.) 1, B. Scanlan (2yds.) 2, Rumball (4yds.) 3. Third heat: B. Lash (4yds.) 1, Mitcalf (3yds.) 2, Hoby (4yds.) 3. Final: Brewster 1, Lambie 2; time, 9 4-5sec.

50 Yards, under 11.—H. Fookes (scr.) 1, Hardwick (2yds.) 2, A. Fussell (scr.) 3. Time, 7sec.

Three-legged Race, 75 yards.—First heat: Grigg and Foden (scr.) 1, Gray and Hardwick (7yds.) 2, Sutton and Ellis (3yds.) 3. Second and third heats: Scanlan and Dailey (6yds.) 1, Pease and Smith (5yds.) 2, Christie and Mitcalf (3yds.) 3. Final: J. Scanlan and B. Dailey and Foden and Grigg (dead-heat) 1, N. Smith and Pease 3.

High Jump, Senior Cup.—Kyngdon, scr. (5ft. 3½in.), 1; Whittle, scr. (5ft. 1in.), and Sutherland, 2in. (5ft. 1in.), equal, 2.

100 Yards, under 12 Cup.—First heat (championship): H. Fookes 1, Pease 2, Paget 3; time, 13 2-5sec. Second heat: Dawbin (1yd.) 1, Sladden (scr.) 2, Elliot (4yds.) 3. Final: Fookes 1, Pease 2, McNeill 3; time, 14sec.

Potato Race (10 heats).—D. Hair 1, Jillett 2, Rawson 3. Time, 55 1-5sec.

100 Yards, under 10 Cup.—Hardwick (scr.) 1, A. Hutchen (scr.) 2, A. Washer (scr.) 3. Time, 14 2-5sec.

Invitation Race, 100 yards.—Bothamley (New Plymouth) 1, Thorpe (Stratford D.H.S.) 2, Whittle (New Plymouth) 3. Time, 11sec.

75 Yards, under 10 Cup.—Hardwick (scr.) 1, A. Hutchen (scr.) 2, J. Hetherington (scr.) 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

50 Yards, under 12 Cup.—First heat (championship): H. Fookes 1, Pease 2, Fussell 3; time, 7 1-5sec. Second heat: Dawbin (1yd.) 1, Elliot (4yds.) 2, Sladden (scr.) 3. Final: Pease 1, Fookes 2, Dawbin 3; time, 7sec.

Sack Race, 75 yards.—First and second heats: A. Hutchen (10yds.) 1, Burke (4yds.) 2, MacDiarmid (10yds.) 3. Third and fourth heats: Arthur (6yds.) 1, Dawbin (6yds.) 2. Fifth and sixth heats: Blundell (4yds.) 1, L. Neill (scr.) 2. Final: Blundell 1, Dawbin 2, Hutchen 3; time, 13 3-5sec.

120 Yards, under 12 Cup.—H. Fookes (scr.) 1, Dawbin (2yds.) 2, C. McNeill (scr.) 3. Time, 16 4-5sec.

Old Boys' Race, 75 yards (12 entries).—Dr. Fookes 1, P. Atkinson 2, H. Calder 3. Time, 8sec.

120 Yards Hurdles, Senior Cup (Mr. Noakes's Cup).—First heat (championship): Kyngdon (owe 7yds.) 1, Hine (owe 7yds.) 2, J. H. Boon (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 17sec., a record. Second heat: Osborne (owe 7yds.) 1, Case (scr.) 2, Hughson (scr.) 3. Final: Kyngdon 1, Osborne 2, Hine 3; time, 17sec.

120 Yards Hurdles, Junior Cup.—R. Hair (owe 7yds.) 1, Brown (owe 7yds.) 2, Bayly (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 21sec. Second heat: Rickard (owe 7yds.) 1, McMabon (owe 7yds.) 2, W. Rea (owe 7yds.) 3. Final: Brown 1, Hair 2, Rickard 3; time, 20 2-5sec.

220 Yards, under 14 Cup.—Binnie (10yds.) 1, Brewster (scr.) 2, Jeffries (scr.) 3. Time, 29 3-5sec.

Old Boys' Race, 220 yards (10 entries).—O. McHardy 1, Dr. Fookes 2, P. Atkinson 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

One Mile Open Handicap (Dr. Fookes's Cup).—D. Hair (100yds.) 1, B. Gibbs (250yds.) 2, B. Hoby (250yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 7sec.

Tug-of-War, Senior.—Boarders (R. Boon, B. Johns, C. Smart, K. O'Halloran, R. Blundell, B. Noakes, E. Pope, and M. Osborne) beat the Day Boys.

Tug-of-War, Junior.—Boarders (Cranby, Rowlands, Candy, A. Clarke, Bayly, Chivers, Erlandson, and L. Christie) beat the Day Boys.

The following events had been decided previously:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Senior: Sinclair (79yds. 1ft. 1in.) 1, Hawkins (74yds. 1ft.) 2. Junior: J. Palmer (75yds. 0ft. 3½in.) 1, R. McRae (74yds. 0ft. 1½in.) 2.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Senior Cup.—Kyngdon (24) 1, J. Whittle (17) 2, J. H. Boon (12) 3.

Junior Cup.—H. Brown (19) 1, R. Hair (16) 2, W. Rea (8) 3.

Under 14.—R. Brewster (20) 1, K. Lambie (5) 2.

Under 12.—H. Fookes (18) 1, J. Pease (7) 2, G. Walker (5) 3.

Under 10.—W. Hardwick (18) 1, A. Hutchen (14) 2.

LATE CRICKET.

NEW PLYMOUTH A v. SCHOOL.

(October 25th.)

This match was played on our own ground and the grass wicket was in perfect condition. New Plymouth A won by 63 runs on the first innings.

School batted first and made 61, Pope (17), Smart (16 not out) and Osborne (9) being the highest scores. Palmer, who gave the best all-round performance, was caught for four in the first innings, but carried his bat for 35 in the second.

The second innings realised 52 runs for four wickets, Palmer (35 not out) and Pope (8) making the runs.

The best batting performances in the New Plymouth team were Heskett (42) and Weston (23 not out).

Analysis.—Palmer four for 27, and Brown two for 13 bowled best for School, while Johnson took five for 26 for New Plymouth A.

SCHOOL v. NEW PLYMOUTH B.
(November 1st.)

School won by 69 runs on the first innings. New Plymouth batted first and made 52, Purdue (16) and Quickfall (11) reaching double figures.

Analysis.—O'Halloran four for 16, Palmer three for 12, Brown three for 15.

School made 121, Willis (29) and Palmer (36) being responsible for 65 runs before the first wicket fell. O'Halloran (17), Osborne (11) and Smart (11) also batted well.

Purdue and Hewitt took most wickets for New Plymouth.

SECOND XI. v. WHITELEY.
(October 25th.)

School won by an innings and 36 runs. For School Trehey (18) and Hayden (14) were chief scorers in a total of 66.

Whiteley made 10 and 20 respectively.

SECOND XI. v. TIKORANGI.
(November 1st.)

The eleven travelled to Tikorangi and lost by 49 runs. For School, Johns (13) and Sutherland (15) were the only two to reach double figures in a total of 40 runs. In their second innings Sutherland (30), Trehey (15) and Nicholson (13) brought the score to 68.

C. and J. Foreman and H. Whitehead shared the bowling honours for Tikorangi.

Tikorangi made 68 in their first innings and 89 in the second. W. Foreman (20 and 32), Graham (18 and 17) were their chief scorers.

Trehey and Sutherland were the most successful bowlers for School.

THIRD XI. v. FREEZING WORKS.
(November 1st.)

Freezing Works won by 119 runs on the first innings, nearly all the team making double figures, Elms (42) and Hartnell (34) making the best scores.

Crapper was the most successful bowler.

School made 72, Holden (15) and Grigg (10) reaching double figures, although all but one of the team made some runs.

Hellaby and Way bowled best for Freezing Works.

OLD BOYS' CLUB.

A meeting of the High School Old Boys' Club was held on Tuesday, 7th October, for the purpose of adopting rules and electing officers. There was a good attendance. Officers were elected as follows:—

President: Dr. E. F. Fookes.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. E. P. Webster and R. H. George.

Hon. Secretary: R. M. Monteath.

Hon. Treasurer: H. Johnson.

Executive Committee: Messrs. A. Bewley, E. D. Colson, A. Osborne, R. H. Quilliam, C. G. Bottrill.

Delegates to North Taranaki Association: Messrs. Quilliam and Monteath.

Under the rules adopted those eligible for membership are Old Boys and past and present masters of the School.

A considerable amount of interest is being shown amongst the Old Boys in regard to cricket, and it is expected that they will have a very solid team in the senior competition.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

(B. Dailey.)

Since our last Magazine was published Avery, J., Hogg, and Millar have left us. The new boys are V. Barak, I. Gillman, W. Hardwick, N. Smith, J. Gray, G. Easton, H. Dawbin, A. Hutchen, G. Lucena, J. Hine.

Two boys sat for their Proficiency Certificate at a special examination during the Second Term, one being successful and the other securing Competency.

Miss Campbell was away from School for a fairly long period this term through sickness, and during her absence the Lower Preparatory School was in charge of Mr. Day.

Football has been the chief recreation of the Preparatory boys during the Winter Term. The Preparatory team played in the Upper Schools' Junior Competition, and had the honour of winning. There was also a Junior Preparatory Competition in which there were three teams named A, B, C chosen from boys who did not play in the First Fifteen. The competition was won by the B team.

Some very amusing answers were given by boys last term. Perhaps the most amusing of these are the following:—In the Geography Examination a question was asked, "What do you know about Pola?" and one "brainy" boy answered it in this style: "Pola is something referring to the Poles, such as the Pola Star." Another "brainy" youth answered the same question in the following manner: He said, "You have heard of the regions round the Poles, well these regions are called the Pola Regions." Most of us are aware that Lee was a great American General, but we feel inclined to disbelieve the extraordinary powers attributed to him by one boy who, while energetically delivering to the class "Barbara Frietchie," said:

"On that pleasant morn of the early fall,
When Lee marched over the garden wall."

One of our masters felt he was not making much impression when, in the midst of an eloquent address, he saw a boy sleeping peacefully in his seat; but when another youth on being asked to state the number of boys in a certain class, mentioned that there were 23 tons 9 hundredweights, he received the well-earned appellation of "Weary Willie."

Mr. McKinney, who has been in charge of the Preparatory School for so many years, has been appointed Organising Teacher for the Awakino district, and will be leaving us shortly. We all wish him a very prosperous and happy future.

It is rumoured that some of the Sixth Form do not take kindly to the new form of punishment that has taken the place of detention. The following lines were discovered in the Upper Sixth room:—

THE CRIME SHEET.

Each afternoon at four
Hard by the master's door
A doleful troop we see
Of thirty boys or more
And even twice a score
Whom stern and harsh decree

To ruthless punishment consigned.
Alas! so cruel a fate to find.

As bees thick swarming in some flowery mead
When Summer smiles and all is decked with green,
As carrion crows when human flesh is seen
Fast flock from far away to glut their greed,
As boys allured by prospects of a feed
What time their hungry stomachs do them lead,
So numberless are those bad fellows seen.
(—Ah fools! Discretion's voice who did not heed—)
In hope and fear uncertain standing there,

With gaped lips and vacant stare,
Then follows near th' accursed band
A hefty prefect's horny hand.
Through the dreaded gloomy portal
Abhorred of every mortal,

With silent steps and slow
In single file they go;

With looks downcast and damp,
As in the rain without a gamp,

As one who just a needed meal hath missed
Or only nearly hath a maiden kissed.
Just as whom unrelenting fate designed
In Pluto's fiery realm their doom to find,
With blanched cheeks more white than Alpine snows
Or maid's when first the powder puff she knows;
With horror pale and fearful eyes aghast
As one in Ford that goes too fast
Who fears each breath may be his last.

Thence soon are heard indignant groans,
The cringing suppliants' muttered moans,
The stern uplifted lash's hissing sound,
As it twists itself some wretch's back around.

Cruel flagellation!
 Woeful lamentation!
 O seek not then to learn
 What penalty they earn!
 But o'er the horrid sight
 A kindly veil we draw.
 We shut the master's door.

Too much to know it is not right
 Of what we too some day may feel.
 So with a tear this tale we seal.

—R.S.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

The attention of Old Boys is drawn to the fact that Mr. N. D. Day is now responsible for the compilation of the notes that appear in this portion of the Magazine. He would be extremely grateful for any news of interest to Old Boys. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. N. D. Day, Boys' High School, New Plymouth.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS (1919-1920).

President: E. P. Webster.

Vice-Presidents: A. M. MacDiarmid and P. Jackson.

Hon. Treasurer: R. H. George.

Hon. Joint Secretaries: J. B. Wilson and R. Howell.

Executive: P. J. H. White, A. Bewley, C. H. Wynyard,
 P. Atkinson, D. Saxton, W. H. Jenkinson, E. D.
 Colson and N. D. Day (School Representative).

Old Boys' Representatives:

Auckland: Phil Grey, c/o Grey and Delamore,
 solicitors.

Palmerston North: Cyril Day, c/o Abraham and
 Williams.

Dunedin: Bernard Sinclair, Otago University.

Wellington: A. Callender, Government Buildings.

Thames: J. C. Wyborn, Te Aroha.

Editor of "Old Boys' Column": Norman D. Day, Boys'
 High School, New Plymouth.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association was held in the School Assembly Hall on Friday evening. An attendance of over 30 members was presided over by Mr. P. J. H. White. Several apologies for absence were received.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT.

In moving the adoption of the annual report of the executive committee, which has already been published, the president expressed gratification at seeing so satisfactory an attendance. He was convinced that the association would continue to grow, and that in future years they would see the hall filled. It was a step in the right direction to have the meeting held in the school buildings, and they had to thank Mr. Moyes and the officials of the school for permitting this to be done. Continuing, Mr. White said there was something he would like to speak of somewhat apart from the matters mentioned in the report. He would like to see the boys of the New Plymouth High School, as they came on in life, taking a very keen interest in all the affairs of the community. He felt that the day had passed, especially with the experiences of the recent war, when they could deem education to be a mere academic affair that would put a little polish on a man. They had heard a great deal about town advertising and the progress of the district in which they happened to live, and to his mind it was one of the duties of those who received a secondary education to very actively take part in everything that might conduce to the welfare of the community in which they lived. He was not advocating that all should go in for politics, but there were a number of avenues of activity that would benefit from the assistance and enthusiasm that the younger men present could bring to help them. The speaker proceeded to say that he believed New Plymouth in the very near future was going to become one of the greatest educational centres of the Dominion, apart, perhaps, from university courses. He was not sure that the time would not come when a centre would be sought outside the busy cities, and if New Plymouth had not attained to the position of a city it might be here that the Government would decide to have a centre where there could be proper university life. This did not exist yet in any of the centres in New Zealand, except to a certain degree in Dunedin. The

universities and colleges were distributed throughout the Dominion, and the speaker thought the time would come when those in power in the land would look for a site somewhere apart, and it might be that they would come to Taranaki. Referring to the immediate business that would engage the attention of the incoming committee, Mr. White mentioned the proposed Old Boys' memorial to those Old Boys who had fallen and others who had taken part in the war just concluded. It was a matter of some urgency, and he thought that the retiring executive, having taken such a large part in the work of the Citizens' Committee in raising funds for building the Assembly Hall, could well leave the completion of the war memorial scheme to the new executive. The president next referred to offshoots of the association, such as the Old Boys' football and cricket clubs, that had been formed in connection with the association. As president he wished to express pleasure at their formation, and he thought that in this connection there were other matters, apart from sports, that might well engage the attention of Old Boys. If New Plymouth was to be an educational centre the time would soon be ripe for commencing a philosophical society, and it would be best started by those who had some training in scientific matters. The speaker referred to the fact that in Wanganui there was an active philosophical society connected with the museum. One of the institutions in New Plymouth with which he was connected was the museum, and in order that it should best fulfil its purpose it was necessary that there be associated with it societies somewhat upon these lines. In Taranaki there was a rich field for exploration in botany and in geology. He thought, as he had remarked before, that it was fitting that such a body as the Old Boys' Association should be looked to to give help along these lines.

The motion to adopt the report was seconded by Mr. A. Bewley, and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. E. P. Webster; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. M. MacDiarmid and P. Jackson; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. H. George; hon. secretaries, Messrs. J. B. Wilson and R. Howell; executive committee, Messrs. P. J. H. White, A. Bewley, C. H. Wynyard, P. Atkinson, D. Saxton, W. H. Jenkinson and E. D. Colson; executive representative at the school, Mr. N. Day; auditor, Mr. A. H. Avery.

WAR MEMORIAL PROPOSALS.

With reference to the war memorial, the chairman said the executive required a lead from the meeting as to what scheme should be adopted. The retiring executive had been assisted in preparing two schemes by Messrs. W. A. Cumming (Auckland) and T. H. Bates, who had supplied sketch plans without cost. The two proposals brought forward by the executive were: School chapel, estimated cost £5000; entrance gates and overhead library, estimated cost £2000. If the former were adopted it would be necessary to take into consideration the provision of a site. Referring to the second proposal, the speaker said that the entrance to the school would have to receive attention at some time by the Board of Governors, if nothing else were done. The memorial was purely a matter for the association, and subscriptions would be confined to Old Boys and present pupils and the parents of both.

Mr. R. H. Quilliam said that the Board of Governors would have to attend to the entrance, and it was a work that might well be left to them. He thought it desirable that the school should have a chapel.

Mr. C. H. Wynyard also favoured the chapel proposal, considering that a chapel was essential to the tone of a school of the size and nature of the New Plymouth High School.

Mr. E. P. Webster said he was as yet of an open mind regarding the form of memorial to be adopted. If it was to be a chapel it should be a chapel worthy of the subject to which it was dedicated.

Mr. Quilliam moved that the matter of deciding on the form of the memorial should be left to the incoming executive committee with power to act, and that it be a recommendation from the meeting that the memorial be a school chapel.

This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Wynyard.

Mr. N. D. Day, one of the masters, mentioned that the raising of funds was being enthusiastically taken up by the boys attending the school, and it was their intention to raise £1 per head of the present pupils (representing about £320).

The chairman remarked that the chapel would be purely non-sectarian, and he did not fear that any difficulty would arise in that direction.

Mr. Don. Saxton, as one of the younger Old Boys and a member of the school staff, said he believed the feeling among the boys was that the memorial should be a chapel.

Mr. Bewley, referring to the purpose of the memorial, said the retiring executive, after discussing the matter, thought it desirable that the memorial should be not only for those who had given their lives, but should also refer in a wider sense to all Old Boys who had served in the war.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

It was decided that a sum of £37 4s 9d, now lying in the New Plymouth Savings Bank, which had been collected before the war as the nucleus of a fund for providing school swimming baths, should be transferred to the memorial fund.

GENERAL.

Arising out of a proposal from the Old Boys' Football Club, it was decided to hold a ball, and a committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs. E. D. Colson, W. H. Jenkinson, P. Atkinson, R. H. George, A. M. MacDiarmid, N. D. Day, R. M. Monteath, H. G. Grayling and R. Howell.

On the motion of Mr. Bewley it was decided that the incoming committee should revise the rules of the association.

On the motion of Mr. Webster, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Moyes (the headmaster) and Mrs. Moyes for their valuable assistance to the association at all times when it had been required.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring president (Mr. White), the mover (Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid) eulogising the sound work that he had done during his term of office.

In presenting its annual report, the executive is pleased to be able to state that the association has again been placed on a working basis, though much yet remains to be done before it can be said that all its functions are being fulfilled. The first annual meeting was held on October 31, 1913, and before another year had elapsed the outbreak of war intervened. The activities of the association were suspended from August, 1914, until near the end of 1917. On December 3 of that year a general

meeting of Old Boys was held, Mr. J. E. Wilson presiding, to consider means of assisting the Board of Governors in securing adequate funds for rebuilding the classrooms destroyed by fire in 1916, the amount offered by the Government being totally inadequate to erect a building that would be suited to the needs of the school and a credit to those concerned. As a result representatives of the Old Boys' Association invited the co-operation of the Board of Governors, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. C. H. Burgess), and leading citizens of the town and district, and a citizens' committee was formed, which succeeded in collecting the sum of £2930 13s 6d, and thus enabled an Assembly Hall to be built. Although officers were elected at the meeting in December, 1917, the association remained inactive except for the valuable assistance given in helping to raise this fund. No further general meeting was held until February of this year. At that time the Assembly Hall was nearing completion, and it was felt that the opening ceremony would be a fitting occasion upon which to re-assemble the Old Boys of the school. Consequently they were again called together. It was reported that most of the officers appointed in 1917 had since become scattered, so fresh officers were elected to carry on until this meeting, they being:—President, Mr. P. J. H. White; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. P. Webster and A. K. MacDiarmid; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. H. George; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. F. C. Kelly and J. B. Wilson; executive committee, Messrs. A. Bewley, P. Jackson, C. H. Wynyard, R. Fox, R. M. Monteath, H. G. Grayling and N. F. Little. At a subsequent meeting of the committee Mr. N. D. Day was added to the committee, in order that it should have a representative at the school.

Annual Reunion.—The executive, in accordance with a resolution passed at the general meeting, commenced its work of again banding the Old Boys together by making arrangements for a reunion dinner—the first to be held since 1913. The work of getting in touch with all Old Boys was rendered difficult by the fact that there was no record of the names of Old Boys who had joined the association in the past. However, the headmaster very promptly supplied the executive with a complete list of Old Boys from the school records. To each of these a circular was sent conveying an invitation to be present at the reunion and to become a member of the association by paying the subscription if that had not been already done. The reunion was held on April 3,

the day of the official opening of the new school by Sir James Allen. Ever since Sir James had been Minister of Education he had manifested a keen interest in the school, and the Old Boys in particular wish to record their thanks for his kindness in coming to open the new hall and classrooms. The function in the afternoon was attended by a large company, including many Old Boys who had not been near the school for years. The reunion dinner was held the same evening in the large dining hall of the school and provided a happy augury for the future of the association. Over 180 Old boys were present, in addition to guests to the number of about 20, included among whom were Sir James Allen, Minister of Defence, Mr. S. G. Smith, M.P., the chairman of the Board of Governors (Mr. R. W. D. Robertson), the headmaster (Mr. W. H. Moyes), and the staff of the school. The president occupied the chair and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The school athletic sports were held on the following day (April 4), and in the evening the Citizens' Committee, upon which the Old Boys were represented, gave a ball in the assembly hall in recognition of the generosity of the residents of the town and district who had subscribed the money to build the assembly hall. It also was a pronounced success.

War Memorial.—An important matter which has engaged the attention of the executive since it came into office is that of providing a fitting memorial to keep green the remembrance of the sacrifices of the many Old Boys who answered the call of Empire during the war, and especially of those who gave their lives. The school has a war record of which it can be justly proud. Of a total of about 800 pupils who passed through its portals between the time of its foundation in 1881 and the close of the war, over 280 went on active service. Of this gallant band about 50 (the complete roll is not yet available) will never return. The executive has two proposals to place before you in connection with the memorial, viz:—(1) School chapel at an estimated cost of (building alone) £5000. (2) Entrance gates and overhead library, at an estimated cost of £2000. It is felt that when the matter is properly brought under the notice of the Old Boys and parents of past and present pupils there should be no difficulty in securing the amount required to provide the memorial in whatever form is decided upon. The executive recommends that the sum of £37 4s 9d which was collected prior to 1914

towards a fund for providing school baths should be transferred to a memorial fund. The executive understands that the boys at the school have already started a scheme which has resulted in upwards of £60 in small sums being collected amongst themselves.

Financial position.—It is satisfactory to be able to report that the balance sheet shows a credit balance of £11 0s 10d. Membership fees were received from 120 Old Boys and totalled £22, and the receipts in connection with the dinner were £46 11s 6d. A loss of £5 10s (less than it was estimated) in connection with the dinner had to be met out of the membership fees. It is desired that all Old Boys who have not yet become members will lose no time in doing so.

Sports.—There has already been started in affiliation with the association an Old Boys' Football Club. The Club took an active part in the past season's football, and, with the material for players which is in sight, should soon take a front place in the Dominion. While on the subject the executive would like to congratulate the school first fifteen upon their recent splendid performance against Auckland Grammar School. A few weeks ago an Old Boys' Cricket Club was formed. The club will take up practice at once in time for the coming season's matches. Many of the members are already well known in cricket circles, so the club is not likely to see all the honours go to players of the winter game. It is to be hoped members as a whole will take a keen interest in, and heartily support these offshoots of the parent association. The executive are of the opinion that these clubs and kindred organisations which may develop as time goes on will be important factors in welding Old Boys together as one body and firmly establishing the association for all time.

General.—The executive has met on ten occasions during the six months of office, and this together with the period during which most of the executive were working in conjunction with the Citizens' Committee, may be said to constitute the first year of the renewed association. Good work has been done, but the re-organisation is by no means complete as yet, and it is hoped that this meeting will assist the incoming officers and committee by making practical suggestions for furthering the interests of the association and enabling it to carry out its functions in a comprehensive manner. The providing of a badge

and compilation of a register of Old Boys are at least two of the matters which it is felt should receive attention now that the association is entering upon a new lease of life.

Thanks.—The executive cannot complete their report without making reference to the consistent courtesy and ready assistance which they have received at all times from the headmaster (Mr. Moyes). It is gratifying to find that the relations between the association and the school are so intimate, as this condition is essential to effective working. The sincere thanks of the association are due to Messrs. W. A. Cumming and T. H. Bates, who prepared sketch plans for the proposed memorial free of cost, and to Mr. R. N. Renaud, Sergt.-Major Gill, Messrs. F. W. G. McLeod and R. George, who gave valuable assistance with the musical programme at the reunion dinner. Thanks are also due to Mr. E. P. Webster, a vice-president, for the use of his office for meetings of the executive. The president also wishes to place on record his personal indebtedness to the secretaries, officers and members of the executive for their regular attendance and enthusiastic assistance throughout his term of office.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We regret to hear that Maurice Standish, of Tarata, is at present seriously ill in the New Plymouth Hospital. We wish him a speedy return to good health.

Ian Pott, who, since his return from active service, has been staying in New Plymouth, recently left for Africa—where he rejoins his parents, to take up farming.

A. R. Standish, who recently returned from France, is once more practising his profession in New Plymouth.

H. Gibson, who recently was admitted to the Supreme Court, has commenced practice on his own account, as a solicitor, at Kaponga.

Douglas Meikle is now at Pascoe's, jewellers, Auckland.

H. L. Cook, recently returned from active service, has resumed his practice in the firm of Cook and Hosking, solicitors, Dunedin.

Athol Wilson has been successful in keeping second year terms in law at the Victoria University.

C. P. Bates recently moved from Aramoho to Ohakune, where he is now on the staff of the public school. Phil Chapman, who soon after leaving school joined the staff of the public school at Waitara, is now sole teacher at Kakatahi, near Wanganui.

Hector Rolfe is working on his father's farm at Matau.

We received a letter from Alf. Honnor congratulating the first fifteen on their victory in Auckland. He is now quite recovered from his accident, and is farming in the Ohura district.

A long letter, descriptive of the country in which he now resides, was recently received from Gerald Webster. He is a cadet on a farm at Matarana, Cape Runaway.

Ian Grant, recently returned from active service, is now one of the principals in the firm of Paterson and Grant, solicitors, Inglewood.

Eric Pearce, who left during last term, is now farming on his father's property at Kakaramea.

Private V. S. McMurray, recently returned from overseas, paid a visit to the school a few weeks back. At present he is on furlough. It is his intention to finish his degree at Auckland University.

Gil. Hawkins is now traveller for Sargood, Son, and Ewen. He is stationed at Gisborne.

Alf. Grant is once again back in the New Plymouth branch of the bank of New South Wales.

Eric Day arrived back in New Zealand on the "Giessen." He paid a short visit to New Plymouth soon after his arrival. He is shortly to join the staff of the Christchurch branch of the Union Bank.

Lieut. Alister Sutherland, who went through the course at Duntroon Military College, is now stationed in Hamilton. He and N. Leech, who was also at Duntroon, leave shortly for India.

Phil. Grey is now one of the partners in the firm of Grey and Delamore, solicitors, Auckland.

Mr. J. E. Wilson, S.M., Auckland, was one of the interested spectators at the School-Grammar match.

"Mick" Wyborn, who left at the end of last term, is farming with one of his brothers on his father's farm at Te Aroha.

Les. Hill has recently been appointed secretary of the Auckland branch of the New Zealand Welfare League.

W. Monk is now on the staff of the National Bank in Auckland. He recently paid a visit to New Plymouth and also to the school.

H. Bradbury is sheep-farming at Pio Pio.

Dave Sykes recently returned to New Zealand after some years of active service. At present he is on holiday leave.

Phil. Atkinson, who played rover in the 1919 football team, is now on the clerical staff of L. A. Nolan and Co., New Plymouth.

Lionel Jones and Keith Ward are at present attending the Grammar School in Auckland.

Ted Boulton writes from St. Kilda, Dunedin, stating he was extremely sorry at not being able to be present with us at the Old Boys' Reunion.

Gordon Salt, B.Sc., is now demonstrator in physics at the Otago University. He is also assisting Professor Thomson in marking exam. papers.

Owen Johns and W. Old are now at Nelson College.

George Hooker is now in the Designing Engineer's staff of the Public Works Department in Wellington.

H. C. M. Norris, since returning from the front, has commenced practice on his own account, as a solicitor, in Hamilton.

Ronald C. Adlam, since returning from the front, has taken up the position as first assistant at the State School, Inglewood.

Eric Colson has joined the staff of the Union Bank of Australasia, New Plymouth.

Willard and Strathie Ewing have taken a farm near the Waiongona River, Waitara.

Lisle Jennins, who returned from Egypt on the "Ellenga," recently paid a visit to the school. He is taking up farming again in Taranaki.

The brothers Gordon and William Beck visited the school recently.

I. Harrison, also in the 1919 fifteen, is employed in the office of the Criterion Motor Garage.

We were pleased to see Vernon Stanton back after several years spent with the New Zealand Brigade in Egypt and Palestine.

Bernard Linn arrived back in New Plymouth from Palestine, in August.

In a letter from Bernard Sinclair—our "Old Boys" representative in Dunedin, he says, inter alia:—

"Newton Quilliam and D. Denny Brown both succeeded in getting terms in all four subjects for intermediate. Sturtevant passed in three.

Ken. Brokenshire is now in his second year and took terms in Physiology for his first professional exam.

C. G. R. Wright is now in his fourth year, and was successful in passing his second "pro." last May.

"Peter" Salt, B.Sc., and senior scholar in physics, was capped in August. He sits for his M.Sc. in November.

Ted Boulton is at the Training College and is doing well.

Chas. Yates is still in the National Mortgage Coy., and is also a member of the 4th Otago Regimental Band."

Eric Cutfield is still with Arch. Clark and Co. in Wanganui.

R. Clemow has sold his New Plymouth property and has taken up land in the Waikato.

L. J. Blanchett is employed in the Taranaki Education Board's workshop.

J. Rickerby is in the Traffic Manager's office in Taihape.

Alan Matthews has joined the firm of Matthews Bros., land agents, Hamilton.

We are very sorry to hear that a very Old Boy of this School, H. C. McIntyre, is lying seriously ill in Wellington. He was in his young days a Taranaki representative footballer.

After the armistice, Captain N. R. Cornwall, R.N.R., was demobilised and given command of the s.s. Westmoreland. He is at present in Port Chalmers while his ship is undergoing extensive repairs.

Major C. E. Cornwall is still in England in a Convalescent Home and has to go into hospital again to have another operation to his leg, which was frightfully neglected while a prisoner of war in Germany.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Austin Bewley on his win in the New Plymouth Golf Championship. This is the fifth occasion on which he has annexed the golf championship.

R. H. Jackson has left the National Bank, and has taken up farming.

In a recent letter received from Joe Pott, he states he was back in South Africa again and had taken up farming with his people. Jim Pott is also farming there.

"Pat" Fagan is still on his father's farm, near Hamilton.

Eric ("Tommy") Johns has gone to live in Auckland. He was previously farming with Pat. Fagan.

Pat. Tunbridge has rejoined the clerical division of the N.Z.R. and at present is in the booking office at the New Plymouth Station.

Chas. Fair is once again on the staff of Weston and Billing, solicitors, New Plymouth.

H. Temple White is now assistant city organist at Wellington.

Max Lepper is farming at Puniwhakau.

Gore Foote has just returned. He belonged to the Motor Boat Patrol and for some considerable time was posted as "missing." He leaves for England again, shortly, on business.

F. H. Barnitt, who until recently was farming at Tututawa, is now a land and estate agent in Stratford.

Mr. T. L. Buxton, a former Commercial Master at the School and more recently Transport Officer on H.M.N.Z.T. "Willochra," paid a visit to the School in June. He intends to take up a coconut plantation in the Islands.

Harold Blundell is now farming with his brother Ken. at Okoke.

E. Darnell is farming near Inglewood.

R. ("Dick") Laing came up to see us recently. He is on the staff of the Bank of Australasia, in the Wai-pukurau branch.

Dr. G. N. MacDiarmid is practising his profession at Taihape.

We were very pleased to see another Old Boy—Don Saxton—join the School staff. Don is teaching in the Preparatory Department. We trust his stay with us will be a happy one.

Lieut. Len. Goss, until recently stationed at Gisborne, is now Camp Adjutant at Trentham.

Roy Lealand, at Otago University, has been successful in passing his First Professional Examination in Anatomy and Physiology.

Frank Throssel has recently returned from overseas and is now in the Lands and Survey Department.

Arthur Osborne has rejoined the New Plymouth branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company. He is also taking a very active interest in the Old Boys' Cricket Club.

H. L. Lucena is now on the staff at the local Court. He intends later to take a course in engineering at Canterbury College.

Haughton Renaud returned to New Zealand on the "Adolph Woerman," and at present is on a month's furlough.

Hugh Fraser, who since the armistice was engaged doing press work for the London Daily Mail, returned to New Zealand on the "Adolph Woerman," and is now on the literary staff of the Taranaki Daily News.

Harry Blanchard has taken up chemistry, and is on the staff of Perrett's Pharmacy, Wellington.

C. W. S. Saxton is now in Australia and is engineer in charge of the electrical portion of the Yarra Falls Spinning Company's mills at Abbotsford, near Melbourne.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

We regret to say that in the lists previously published the name of Captain J. H. Strauchon was omitted. Captain Strauchon has had five years' service in the Dental Corps, joining the Service when the Camp was first formed at Trentham. He was on the troopship "Tahiti" with the 40th Reinforcements when the influenza epidemic broke out on board. For his work during that terrible time he received the following letter, dated 25th September, 1918:—

Captain Strauchon,—

On behalf of the N.Z. Government, Colonel the Hon. Sir J. Allen, K.C.B., Minister of Defence, and the people of New Zealand, I desire to thank you for your devotion to duty and the distinguished services rendered by you on board the troopship "Tahiti" during the voyage from Sierra Leone to England, 26th August to 10th September, 1918.

During this period a serious epidemic of purulent bronchitis broke out among the 1100 New Zealand troops on board and unfortunately 6 per cent. of this number died, while practically the whole of the troops and crew became infected. On this plague-stricken ship, you by your sympathy, constant attention and care for those afflicted with disease, by your cheerfulness and untiring devotion to duty and without regard to your own state of health, helped to alleviate their sufferings under most trying and exceptional circumstances. Furthermore it is realised that by your efforts valuable lives were saved.

For the above-mentioned services rendered by you, your name has been brought to the notice of the New Zealand Government.

(Signed) G. S. RICHARDSON,
Brigadier-General,

Commanding N.Z.E.F. in United Kingdom.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

SHAW.—At New Plymouth, on July 23rd, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Shaw, a son.

SIMPSON.—At Auckland, on July 23rd, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Simpson, a son.

MOREY.—At New Plymouth, on September 28th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Morey, a son.

MARRIAGES.

KELLY—ROY.—On September 16th, 1919, by the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, at St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, William Flight Kelly, of "Ballacraggan," Awakino, to Muriel, eldest daughter of J. B. Roy, Esq., of New Plymouth.

ELLIS—DODD.—On July 28th, 1919, at St. Peter's, Wellington, by the Rev. Watson, William Charles, eldest son of Colonel Ellis, of New Plymouth, to Lily, daughter of Henry Dodd, Esq., of Moreton, Cheshire, England.

DEATHS.

KITCHINGMAN.—At New Plymouth, on October 5th, 1919, Henry Kitchingman; aged 62 years.

AN APPRECIATION.

(By an Old Boy.)

The late Mr. Henry Kitchingman, of Rahotu, was born and educated in Christchurch. His family are very well known in the Canterbury district, a sister, Miss Kitchingman, being headmistress of the Normal School at Christchurch until her retirement three or four years ago. Mr. Kitchingman was appointed from a long list of applicants by the Taranaki Education Board (then the controlling authority) to the position of assistant master of this School some time about December, 1889, taking up his duties here in the following year. The writer left the term before Mr. Kitchingman came to the School, but took lessons in English, Latin, and Mathematics from him for two years subsequently, and had thus an opportunity of knowing him intimately. All the boys liked Mr. Kitchingman. His tastes were catholic, and he took an interest in the boys wherever he met them—whether in the class-room, the playing field, or private life. He was intensely patriotic, and it was but natural so ardent an Englishman should favour cricket. He would spend hours with the boys coaching them in their play. He also did a good deal to promote athletics among the boys, a portion of their training very neglected at the School in the years immediately preceding his arrival. His happy, genial nature is remembered by all the Old Boys of his day. He was a capital teacher of Mathematics, History and Latin, and during the many years he afterwards spent on his farm at Rahotu, where it has been my frequent pleasure to meet him, he maintained a continued interest in the subjects.

A failure in health caused him to resign his position in the School, and for a time he conducted a book-seller's business in that portion of Mr. Newton King's premises in Devon Street which is now the insurance department. Recovering somewhat he secured the position of master of the Rahotu Public School, which he held until he took up farming on the Kahui Road.

Our old master's outstanding qualities were his keen patriotism and his wide interest in human affairs. With Mr. Kitchingman love of country was a driving force in his life, and no one during the past five years followed the maze of world affairs, linking cause and effect, with more unerring instinct. In the recent war his son Arthur was the first man equipped and dispatched from

the Rahotu district with the Mounted Brigade, and that including a fine mount and accoutrements entirely at the father's expense.

For many years Mr. Kitchingman was representative on the Egmont National Park Board from his district. He was also a Freemason of many years' standing. Joining the craft in Christchurch, on coming to New Plymouth he at once associated himself here with Lodge Ngamotu and was for a long time the Lodge organist. On his removal to Rahotu he was one of those most keenly interested in the founding of Lodge Ikaroa, of which he was a Charter member.

So passes our old domine. His delight and pleasure was to see real useful citizens in the making, and to help them. For him no craven peace—but a peace strengthened by preparedness. A typical Englishman of the Kitchener and Kipling school. A man who would build on brawn and brain the governing of our wide-flung Empire from the public schools. A man of simple tastes and simple faith—one who took his calling as the noblest, and in his soul studied to make it so. Peace to his ashes.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS.

For the following letter and article we are indebted to Captain Sten Hurle:—

Volberg, Germany,
March 28, 1919.

I feel somewhat embarrassed in breaking a silence of years—entirely due to my own guilty conscience I assure you. But having recently completed a short article on the capital of the Empire I thought it an excellent opportunity to bribe you into bestowing your forgiveness for past neglect of "The Taranakian."

Although so silent, I have followed very closely the progress of the old school, and have watched with pride its leap into the forefront of the public schools of the Dominion. Few of my contemporaries ever dreamed that New Plymouth High School would one day (and so soon) be meeting Auckland Grammar and Nelson on the Rucker field. Wanganui at cricket, and one might almost say leading the world of schools in shooting.

I have been retained for the Army of Occupation, and am at present in the area recently evacuated by the New Zealanders. They seem to have left a fairly good impression with the civil population. We don't have to work very hard, most of our time being spent in sport and sight-seeing. To-morrow I am going for a trip up the Rhine, although exactly how far up I know not.

At present we are eagerly awaiting publication of the preliminary peace terms, for we expect that they will give us some idea as to how long we are likely to have to remain in this country. Under present conditions none of us will mind in the least having to stay until the end of the summer. But I am afraid we would hardly appreciate four or five years. I, at any rate, hope to have the pleasure of calling upon you at the old school some time next year.

With best wishes for the future prosperity of the New Plymouth High School, and with kindest regards to yourself and the members of the staff.—Believe me, yours very sincerely,

H. STEN HURLE.

LONDON.

(By H. Sten Hurle.)

Go where we may—rest where we will,
Eternal London haunts us still.

—Thos. Moore.

London is a wonderful place—it is a nation, not a city—with a population greater than some kingdoms (or perhaps one should now say republics) and districts as different as if they were under different government and spoke different languages. A great imperial city, the centre of an Empire the most extensive the world has ever seen.

All paths go thither. There is a fascination in the place, it is magnetic. You are like a bird let out with a string tied to the foot, to flutter a little way and return again. It may be business, it may be pleasure that draws you back, but also there is something in the heart that cannot be satisfied away from it.

What is most striking in London is its vastness. It is now so large that only the smoke-wreathed sun which rises upon it and sets, can at one view, and hardly the sun, see the limit of it anywhere. London is not grand. It possesses only one of the qualifications of a grand city, size; it lacks the equally important one, beauty. Beauty in its ordinary sense that is, for London's beauty is not in its fine thoroughfares and magnificent buildings standing in gorgeous gardens, but in the colossal character of its quays and bridges.

If you wish to have a just notion of the magnitude of this city you must not be satisfied with seeing its great streets and squares, but must survey the innumerable little lanes and courts. It is not in the showy evolutions of buildings, but in the multiplicity of human habitations which are crowded together, that the wonderful immensity of London consists.

Though London is vast, it is in many parts very monotonous. All those new districts that have sprung up within the last century, the creatures of our colonial and commercial wealth, it is impossible to conceive anything more tame, more insipid, more uniform. This amount of building capital ought to have produced a city finer far than the new metropoli of the Southern Hemisphere; gorgeous Rio, magnificent B.A., beautiful Sydney.

The public buildings are few and for the most part mean; the monuments of antiquity not comparable to those which many of the Continental cities can boast of; the houses of our peers and princes are shabby and shapeless heaps of bricks. But what of all this? The spirit of London is in her thoroughfares—her population. What wealth, what order, what animation!

The centre of life is not in the city. The life which now is and the life which is fashioning the metropolis of to-day is the life which throbs along the great thoroughfares of Oxford Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly and the Strand.

Those roaring streets that glare in sunny noons,
And gloom in lamp-lit eves of plashy rain.

—A. St. John Adcock.

Oxford Street is the shopping street of the middle classes. There you will find the most central of those great and wonderful departmental stores that have arisen in England's capital in a matter of a few years by almost incomprehensible organising magic.

Regent Street presents a row of shop fronts exposing to view samples of the most gorgeous and costly goods in the markets of the world. The rarest jewels, the finest cloths, the choicest sweetmeats can all be purchased there from merchants whose names are famous in every civilised country in the world.

Piccadilly presents a scene of house and park agreeably intermixed; there is movement without confusion in the spot; and when the town is full a constant stream of elegant life may be said to be drifting through it. At night life like a tidal wave rises and pours towards the theatres and halls which cluster in scores around the eastern end of this notorious street. For it is on this pavement, when the twilight has deepened and has died, a pavement trodden by many feet at every time of the year and in almost every hour of the wheeling twenty-four, that the legend of London's disgrace is written in bold characters of defiance. Colonists seeking for the first time the comfortable embrace of that Mother Country which has been the fable of their childhood and the dream of their laborious years of maturity, gaze with withering hearts at the cancer in her bosom. Foreign cities notorious for their immorality contain no thoroughfare which flaunts so brazenly and openly its degradation.

The Strand is one of the finest streets in Europe, blending the architecture of many periods; and its riverways are a peculiar feature and rich with associations. Here also one will find the representatives of most of our great overseas dominions.

Strolling through the street from whence issue the thoughts of our time, like the radiating spokes of a wheel, to all places on the earth, Fleet Street, one comes to a huge cathedral standing so proudly on the most commanding ground in the big city. This is St. Paul's, from the dome of which you can see nearly all of London, with its river and its bridges and its churches. You can see antique Westminster and the green Temple Gardens with the sun upon them, and many, many fields of ridgy roofs. "O, it is a goodly sight to see from St. Paul's England's vast capital of far expanse."

Cheapside is truly a wonderful place for hurry, noise and riches. Men talk of the bazaars of the East, but compared with these they are but poor places. Cheapside—the pride of London's "East"—mighty mart of old renown—a place of throng and bustle—a place of gold and silver, perfume and fine linens. And from Cheapside into the street of the Lombards, called so from the name of its founders. Mighty things are transacted behind its walls, but it wants the throng, the bustle and the outward magnificence of the Cheape.

On the morning of the Sabbath, gigantic London is charmed into repose. The intolerable din and struggle of the week are at an end. The shops are shut. The fires of the factories are extinguished; and the sun, no longer obscured by murky clouds of smoke, pours down a sober yellow radiance into the quiet streets. In the afternoon the city pours forth its legions to breathe the fresh air and enjoy the sunshine of the parks and rural environs.

The parks constitute an ornament hard to match elsewhere, and give the place a superiority that none of its uglinesses overcome. They spread themselves with such a luxury of space in the centre of the town that they form a part of the impression of any walk, of almost any view, and with an audacity altogether their own make a pastoral landscape under the smoky sky. Nothing is more imposing than their exuberant beauty. Hyde Park, Regent's Park, Green Park, and St. James's Park, the latter being quite near to Buckingham Palace, are exceedingly fine. Also, outside the city, there are the Kew Gardens, Richmond Park, and the chestnut trees of Hampton Court. At Greenwich there is a charming old park, on the summit of one of whose grassy undulations the famous observatory is perched.

There is not a more gay and graceful spectacle in the world than Hyde Park at the end of a sunny morning in the month of May or June. Nowhere can be seen such beautiful women, such

gallant cavaliers, such fine horses and such brilliant equipages. You may be a man long upon the town and pass 500 equipages without knowing the owner of one of them. The scene, too, is worthy of such agreeable accessories; the groves, the gleaming waters, the triumphal arches, and in the distance the misty heights of Surrey and the bowery glades of Kensington.

The view from the bridge over the Serpentine has an extraordinary nobleness. In all the town scenery of Europe there can be few things so fine. The towers of Notre Dame as they rise in Paris from the island that divides the Seine present themselves no more impressively than those of Westminster as you see them looking doubly far beyond the stretch of Hyde Park water.

Few European cities have a finer river than the Thames, by means of which London circulates her greatness through countless lands and isles. Up the river it flows among green parks and meadows, in summer time its surface covered by myriads of boating parties glorying in the change from the hot dusty streets of the town; but down the river it rolls defiled among the tiers of shipping and the waterside pollutions of a great city. The Thames from London Bridge to Greenwich I can only compare to an immense moving street of ships, large and small. Here the river front is very sordid. For miles and miles you see nothing but the sooty backs of warehouses. They stand massed together on the banks of the wide turbid stream which is fortunately of too opaque a quality to reflect the dismal image. A damp-looking, dirty blackness is the universal tone. The river is almost black and is covered with black barges; above the black house-tops, from among the far-stretching docks and basins, rises a dusty wilderness of masts. The little puffing steamers are dirty and gritty and belch forth sable clouds; and the whole picture, glazed over with the glutinous London mist is woefully depressing. But in spite of its want of lightness and brightness, and though it is ugly it is anything but trivial. Like so many of the aspects of English civilisation that are untouched by elegance or grace it has the merit of expressing something very serious. It sounds rather absurd, but all this smudgy detail may remind you of nothing less than the wealth and power of the British Empire at large.

Volberg, Germany,
March 28, 1919.

H. STEN HURLE.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL.

The 1919 season was noteworthy in so far as Old Boys were concerned owing to the fact that for the first time since the foundation of the School, a team was entered for the Rugby Union competitions. Owing to so

many eligible players being away on active service, the team was not a strong one; still the members played consistently throughout the season and at times put up some good performances. More recently, some prominent Old Boys have returned, and it is safe to predict that the team next year will be a good solid combination.

CLIFTON (0) v. OLD BOYS (0). (9/6/19)

The meeting of Clifton-Old Boys, played at Waitara, provided a hard-fought, but not spectacular contest. The game ended with no score on either side.

RAHOTU (6) v. OLD BOYS (6). (16/6/19)

Old Boys journeyed to Rahotu and played a drawn game there. In the first spell Waiwiri scored for Rahotu and N. Little for Old Boys, neither try being converted. Wynyard (five-eighth) scored in the second spell, giving Old Boys the lead; but just on time Taruakaha scored a try for Rahotu, thus equalising the scores.

OLD BOYS (16) v. OKATO (nil). (7/7/19)

Old Boys played Okato on the Sports Ground in Pukekura Park and secured victory by 16 points to nil. Tries were made by Macdonald (2), Fox, and Throssel, two of which were converted by Hughes.

STAR (11) v. OLD BOYS (0). (14/7/19)

Though Old Boys were beaten by eleven points the game was, nevertheless, keenly contested. Tries were secured for Star by Smith, Hughes and Spence, Sutherland converting the latter try.

RAHOTU (13) v. OLD BOYS (0). (11/8/19)

This game was played in Pukekura Park, and though willing, was not a brilliant exhibition of football. Tries for Rahotu were made by Baker, A. Kasper, and Fisher Hoai. Rahui Mare converted two.

OKATO (3) v. OLD BOYS (0). (18/8/19)

Okato, playing on their home ground, defeated Old Boys by three points to nil, after a very closely contested game. For the winners Smith was successful with an easy kick.

CLIFTON (8) v. OLD BOYS (0). (25/8/19)

This match was played on the Racecourse. Old Boys had a very weak and incomplete team as a number of the players were unavailable. Tries for Clifton were made by Copestake and Taylor. George converted one.

Old Boys also entered a team in the seven-a-side tournament, held in the Sports Ground, Pukekura Park, on 21/7/19. They were drawn to play the School team in the first round and were well beaten by 18 points to nil.

C. H. Wynyard, who played five-eighth for the Old Boys' team throughout the season, also played in a similar position for the Taranaki reps. in their first match against Wanganui. He played a good solid game.

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