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FIRST TERM, 1920.

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Poundkeepers.—L. Rawson, G. Waterson.

CADET COMPANY.

Officer Commanding Contingent.—Captain A. R. Ryder.

Physical Drill Instructor.—Lieut. F. J. Eggleton.

Contingent Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major J. Hine.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

No. 24 COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant G. Bertrand.

Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major M. Osborne.

Company Quartermaster-Sergt.—R. Hair.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Commander: Lieut. F. J. Eggleton.
Platoon Sergeant: H. J. Boon. Section Commanders:
Corporal M. Sutherland, Corporal E. Smart, Lance-
Corporal H. Brown, Corporal E. Waters.

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Sergeant: Sergeant A. J. Christie. Section Commanders:
Corporal L. Malt, Corporal S. Herbert, Corporal M. Barak,
Lance-Corporal Hunt.

No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Commander: Mr. H. E. Glover. Platoon
Sergeant: Sergeant T. Foden. Section Commanders:
Corporal K. O'Halloran, Corporal R. Candy, Lance-
Corporal L. Abbott, Lance-Corporal G. Smith.

No. 4 Platoon.—Platoon Commander: Mr. D. F. C. Saxton.
Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant C. A. Noble. Section Com-
manders: Lance-Sergeant H. J. Nicholson, Corporal J.
Henderson, Lance-Corporal Airey, Lance-Corporal R.
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Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major C. Newell.

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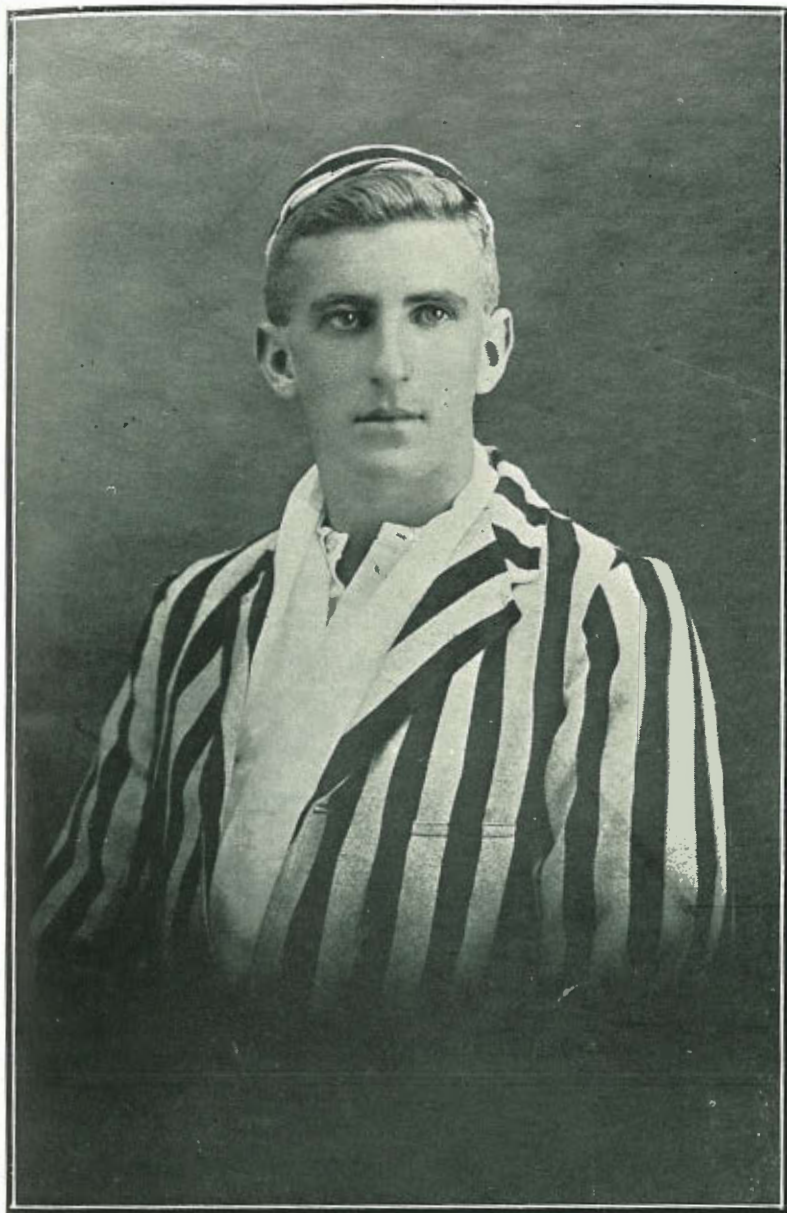
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M. Cachemaille, Lance-Corporal Hawkins, Corp. Noakes.

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tion Commanders: Corporal W. Rea, Lance-Corporal
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Corporal Berridge.

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tion Commanders: Corporal R. Syme, Lance-Corporal
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Waterson.

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J. M. HINE
Head Boy, 1920.

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EDITORIAL.

WE are glad to see that the Department of Education has issued a more comprehensive syllabus in elementary civics and that it has further made it a compulsory subject for the "Intermediate Examinations."

If it be true that education is a preparation for life, the wisdom of the step is apparent. It is quite certain that, in these days of unrest, some knowledge of the economic conditions under which we live should be part of any school course. Both the student of history and the observer of men and politics are forced to the conclusion that, "The old order changeth, giving place to new." Just as the fog of Feudalism vanished in the dawning sun of the Renaissance so Individualism is in process of displacement by some new social order. Progress is the order of the universe, its motive power, and we cannot hope or desire to retain a crusted and archaic system. What new form our reconstructed social order may take is in the hands mainly of the younger generation. Yet in the past we have been content to permit boys to leave school entirely ignorant of the principles governing men's social relations. We do not mean to suggest that it is necessary that school boys should learn the minutiae of the orthodox economists. That would be sheer waste of time. What they do require is some idea of the nature of the Empire, its Government, its history and how its individual members interact with one another in their everyday relations. It appears to us that the old orthodox economists are at fault in implying that the rules and laws which they have deduced are unchangeable.

Had they but realised that the science is a progressive one they would not have driven so many into bitter revolt against it. Man makes his economic laws, not laws the man, and in the final issue these laws are only an analysis of existing economic conditions, not immutable as those of the Medes and Persians.

What the average boy should understand is simply this. That the whole world is full of graveyards of economic systems; that we can talk of the economics of Feudalism, of Bolshevism, of Merchanilism and of a dozen other systems and that the economics of Individualism is now in its death throes.

Surely it should be patent to every intelligent man that if we want reform, and not revolution, there must be a clear understanding of the fundamental facts governing our present social relations, for it is by a modification of these facts, and by that way alone, that reform can come. The very last thing we want the younger generation to understand is that our analysis consists of facts that must not be subverted. There is, for example, none of the divine right element in protection of industries, nor is there any divine sanction for any particular system of land tenure.

What we should require our boys to know is that they are destined to play a great part in modifying our society and readjusting it to give the world more justice, more equality of opportunity and greater happiness. Defunct Latin, dead Greek, and dry-as-dust grammar are not going to help them to a realisation of that ideal. The sorrows of Dido, or the woes of Andromeda are not going to make better conditions of life in New Zealand, nor are they calculated to make our youth realise the vast potentialities ahead of them. But a study of Economics and Civics, properly treated, with vigour and high ideals, may awaken in them that real patriotism and altruism, that burning zeal for the fruition of man's possibilities that characterise a Gordon or a Howard. The country could accommodate many such.

Therefore we hope that the day may not be far distant when the elementary economics so recently introduced will bear fruit that will warrant, not only its retention, but also its extension.

During the term we were pleased to hear that steps were being taken by the governing body for the erection of a separate hospital block on one of the sections recently purchased from the Borough Council, in close proximity

to the Headmaster's house. We hope to see it constructed and ready for occupation by the beginning of next year.

In this connection we are pleased to be able to report that the school has in the past received very liberal support from the Department, having but lately received grants for the new wing on the boarding house and for the East Wing on the school building.

PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.

The prize-giving and "breaking-up" ceremony took place on Friday evening, December 13. The chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. L. C. Sladden, presided; there were present also Mrs. Sladden and the Mayor and Mayoress, Sir Robert Stout, Dr. E. F. Fookes, and Messrs. A. Morton, H. Trimble, J. S. Fox, L. A. Nolan, E. A. Washer, Mr W. H. Moyes (Principal), and the members of his staff.

A pianoforte duet by G. Smith and K. C. Roberts opened the proceedings. During the evening Mr. Day sang, the school orchestra rendered two selections, and the boys sang the school song, "Forty Years On."

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The chairman mentioned the disabilities under which the school had suffered during the war, and incidentally mentioned that they were then celebrating the first prize-giving ceremony in the new building, and the first since the outbreak of war. He further mentioned the generosity of the New Plymouth citizens in donating the fine assembly hall. He extended a hearty welcome to Sir Robert Stout, who spoke later

HEADMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Moyes, headmaster, read his annual report, which was as follows:—

In presenting the 39th annual report of the Boys' High School he wished first of all to express his appreciation of the fact that it was entirely due to the generosity of the public that they were able once again to hold the prize-giving ceremony in a hall of their own. The school year had commenced on February 10, but owing to the unfinished state of the building it had been some days before serious work could be commenced. The

work of the year had been carried on under serious disadvantages which, coming after the break caused by the epidemic had rendered it difficult to cover the full syllabus for the various examinations. He looked forward to a time when the difficulties which had faced the progress of the school since the fire in 1916 should have come to an end. The new and up-to-date building had attracted the large number of 144 new pupils, bringing the roll number up to 356, an increase of 76 on that of 1918.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

In the Junior University Scholarship, Ronald Syme, whom Mr. Moyes congratulated, had gained fourth place for New Zealand, but being under 16 years of age was unable that year to take advantage of the scholarship. D. Denny-Brown and D. G. D. Mackie had won Taranaki Scholarships, while K. C. Roberts and D. F. Saxton had passed Matriculation on Scholarship papers. Matriculation passes were secured by P. F. Atkinson, E. Boulton, R. I. Harrison, R. Howell, J. Knapman, R. E. Pope, R. M. Rockel, C. Noble, H. L. Richardson, R. O. Sinclair, A. B. Sturtevant, N. Waddle, G. Webster and J. Willis, while partial passes were secured by G. Boon and M. Nicholson. Senior National Scholarships were won by Ronald Syme and J. W. Jillett, and Junior National Scholarships by R. Bellringer, F. Corkill, and S. Fookes. A terms class had been held during the year for boys desirous of doing degree work. In October three pupils, J. Willis, R. Pope and C. Noble, entered for the University Term Examination, all being successful. It was not generally understood that a boy could work for his degree while at school.

THE STAFF.

During the war eight masters of the school had seen active service, three of whom, V. J. B. Hall, R. D. Kidd, and M. Macdonald had made the supreme sacrifice, and R. H. Espiner had returned seriously wounded. He was pleased to welcome back from France Mr. A. W. Diprose, B.A., and Mr. H. V. Searle, M.Sc., who, after service in France had accepted a Cambridge University Scholarship, and had since the armistice taken his B.A. degree. He would rejoin the staff at the beginning of 1920. Mr. E. A. Rowe, M.Sc., of the Christchurch Boys' High School staff, had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the departure

of Miss E. Billens, B.A., who had accepted an appointment on the Palmerston North High School staff. Mr. Rowe, unfortunately for the school, had been awarded the 1851 Exhibition Scholarship, and would shortly leave for England. The staff had been further strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Day, who had for some years been teaching under the Taranaki Education Board, and of Mr. H. L. Calder and W. G. Wilkie, all of whom were old boys of the school. Another appointment that had been made during the year was that of Mr. F. J. Eggleton as physical instructor, and they had reason to feel satisfied with the choice made.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

The enthusiasm displayed had been much greater since the return to permanent buildings. The feeling prevalent among day boys that the School had been run mainly for the boarders had, he was thankful to say, now almost entirely disappeared. It was pleasing to be able to report that the revival in cricket noticeable in the town had had its effect upon the school. There had been much improvement in the play of the senior boys, but there was still room for improvement in the standard of junior cricket, and this would never be satisfactory until more wickets were provided. In the annual match against Wanganui College the visitors proved the victors by 145 runs. The chief event of the football season had been the match against Auckland Grammar School. It was with mixed feelings that they had travelled to Auckland that year to try conclusions with the Auckland champions. However, on that occasion fortune had favoured the school and had given them the victory by the narrow margin of 4 points. In shooting, the school had maintained the high standard set in the past. In the senior competition for the Imperial Challenge Shield, the school had gained fifth place against 755 teams, and in the junior competitions they had gained fourth, fifth, and sixth places out of 554 teams; in both competitions being easily the highest for New Zealand. The Challenge Shield presented for competition by the Weekly Press was also won by the School, and was presented to the winning team on the occasion of the military barracks held during the third term. The school library had been augmented by purchases and by valuable gifts from Mrs. Eyre-Kenny, Mrs. C. Kyngdon, Mr. F. G. Robinson, Mr. T. Avery, and Mr. W. Ewing, so that it then comprised some 2000 volumes. Swimming and life-saving classes had been held

under the supervision of masters at the Municipal Swimming Baths, the swimming sports held during the first term having afforded ample proof of the high standard reached in this branch of school sport. In the beginning of the second term barracks were held for five days, during which time the school was handed over to Lieut.-Colonel Cox, the officer commanding the Taranaki Group. Thanks were due to Lieut.-Colonel Cox, Captain Dalling, Lieut. King, and the staff of instructors, who spared no efforts to make the barracks a success. The curriculum had remained unchanged in most cases. The English syllabus for Junior University Scholarship, however, had been somewhat extended. Preparation for that examination had come to involving the acquisition of more literary knowledge than that required for B.A. degree. The history syllabus for the Public Service Entrance, the Senior National Scholarship, and the intermediate examinations had also been considerably extended. The addition of a special period could hardly induce thoroughness in an already overburdened syllabus, while the formless collection of civic details would probably end in confusion. It seemed that a history syllabus was hardly the place in which to demand a knowledge of public health and old age pensions. The preparatory department had made remarkable progress in spite of difficulties, and the roll number then stood at 99. The inspectors' satisfactory report reflected credit on those responsible for that section of the school. Of the 27 boys from Standard VI. who were entered for proficiency, 24 gained proficiency, 2 gained competency, and one failed. In their report the inspectors had stated: "In all subjects this class passed a particularly good examination, the English subjects being particularly strong."

It was with sincere regret that they had heard that Mr. McKinney, who had been in charge of that department for the past four years, would be leaving to take up a position as Organising Teacher under the Taranaki Education Board. They had also been unfortunate in losing the services of Miss Banwell, who, at the end of the previous year had been appointed Principal of St. Mary's School, Hawera. Her work had been carried on by Miss K. Campbell and Mr. Saxton, both of whom had done excellent work.

Mr. Moyes then mentioned an important innovation of that year in the introduction of a church service in the School Hall, conducted by the Rev. F. G. Harvie, to whom the thanks of the School were due. The report, he

continued, would have been incomplete without making reference to the Old Boys of the School. The fine hall in which that ceremony was being conducted, they had been largely instrumental in providing. Two hundred and fifty of the Old Boys had answered the call to arms, of whom 50 were buried beneath alien skies. The admiration and the gratitude of the School went out to them. With all their hearts the present boys could say:

"And you, our brothers, who for all our praying,
 To this dear school of ours come back no more,
 Who lie, our country's debt of honour paying,
 And not in vain, upon the Aegean shore.
 Till that great day when, at the throne of Heaven,
 The books are open and the judgment set,
 Your lives, for honour and for England given,
 The school will not forget."

In conclusion, Mr. Moyes expressed his thanks to every member of his staff, to the host of friends who had assisted the school, to the prefects for their work during the year, and finally to the Board of Governors for the ready sympathy and help which they had consistently extended to the School.

SIR ROBERT STOUT'S SPEECH.

Sir Robert Stout expressed satisfaction at hearing so excellent a report, and wished to congratulate the School, the Taranaki district, and the Headmaster, on the success achieved, more especially as he had previously had no idea that the School had been so successful in what he termed the intellectual side of education. He then addressed to the boys some thoughtful remarks which might be of service to them in their future. They were enjoying, he said, remarkable advantages in living in beautiful surroundings and, above all, in living under the protection of the British flag. He would make some suggestions to them which he thought it his duty to mention; they should read good literature and store their minds with the good things of prose and poetry; they should indulge in healthy games that they might have a sound physical basis; they should see that their conduct was good. He urged on them the necessity for being strong to resist temptations that would come in their way, and mentioned the evil influence of liquor and of excessive cigarette smoking. In conclusion he gave them a motto: "Do your work as well as you can, and be kind"; they would thus become good men, good citizens and the Empire builders of the future.

PRIZE LIST.

Mrs. Sladden presented the Scholarship prizes, and Mrs. Clarke the sports trophies. The lists are as follow:—

- Standard 1.—A. Hetherington 1, P. Allen 2.
 Standard 2.—D. Hetherington 1, J. L. Gray 2.
 Standard 3.—H. F. Fookes 1, R. List 2.
 Standard 4.—V. Barak 1, E. Leech 2.
 Standard 5.—H. Bellringer 1, E. Jeffries 2.
 Standard 6.—M. Lysons 1, B. Blundell 2.
 Form III d.—J. D. Mackay 1, E. R. Brewster 2.
 Form III c.—J. McMahon 1, F. Newell 2.
 Form III b.—H. A. Grigg 1, R. Julian 2.
 Form III a.—R. Rea 1, A. Gibson 2.
 Form IV b.—G. Hughson 1, J. Messenger 2.
 Form IV a.—R. Bellringer 1, R. Hair 2.
 Form V b.—W. Berridge 1, K. Ducker 2.
 Form V a.—M. Barak 1, J. Henderson 2.
 Form VI b.—N. Waddle 1, L. Richardson 2.
 Form VI a.—R. Syme 1, K. C. Roberts 2.
 Bendall Memorial Prize (Literature).—R. Syme.
 White Memorial Prize (Essay Prize).—N. Waddle.
 Dux Medal.—R. Syme.
 Head Boy's Medal.—J. M. Hine.
 General Excellence Cup.—L. O'Halloran.
 Agricultural Prizes.—Form III., J. D. Mackay;
 Form IV., S. Wod; Form V., D. Sutton.
 Commercial Prizes.—Form III., F. Julian; Form
 IV., G. Hughson.
 Society of Accountants' Prizes.—N. Bellringer and
 D. J. Mackay.
 Sole Cup (for best N.C.O. for year).—Sergt.-Major
 B. M. Johns.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MAYOR.

His Worship the Mayor congratulated the Board of Governors and the Headmaster on the splendid successes the School had achieved, and reminded the boys that upon them depended the real position of the School, and urged them to strive to establish traditions for those who should follow them.

National Anthem.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Although it was intended that school should commence on February 10, Fate—disguised this time as an Influenza germ—had decreed otherwise, and the opening was postponed first to the 14th, then to the 17th. Even after this the arrangement of classes and the supplying of stationery occupied two days. However, every class started right off the mark on Monday, 23rd.

The difficulty of obtaining supplies of suitable text books has been keenly felt at the school. To assist in relieving the shortage, all books used in class were collected at the end of last year to be sold at the Stationery Room this year and the proceeds were handed on to the former owners. By means of this a sure market was obtained for books, the waste due to their loss was cut out and, to some extent, supplies were guaranteed for this year.

The Annual Meeting of those interested in the Library was held early in the first term, the sum total of those attending being: One master (in charge), (about) three day-boys and nine boarders. This is a school institution run by the boys and catering for boys' interests. It surely merits more attention than this. Fortunately, though the commencement of the library career for 1920 was so unpromising, we are glad to say that the number of readers is rapidly on the increase.

The wit who stated, at the Sports Dinner, that the cricket master had brought the play to a very creditable "pitch," did, indeed, hit the nail on the head: for school play in the local competitions was certainly up to pre-war standard. But again disaster was met at Wanganui. The scores of the first innings left school only 20 behind; but after play in the heat of the day, when Wanganui went in again school bowlers were unable to take any wickets before stumps were drawn, when the score stood at 100. On play recommencing next day, Wanganui closed their innings for 170. School, needless to say, were unable to make up the hefty total of 190 to win.

Since it was feared that influenza might be brought in serious form to the Boarding House, where proper accommodation was lacking for isolation, the School was closed from March 9th till 17th as a precautionary measure. During this time cricket, shooting and tennis were carried on in full swing, and, in addition, a little hard graft, as the well-formed rockery in front of the school shows.

Consequently this break caused the postponement of the swimming sports. They were eventually held on 23rd March. Record entries had been received and the meeting, we think, was as successful as any yet held by the School. The championships were fought out on the following Thursday night, and here again competition was exceedingly keen and some well-contested races were witnessed.

It was agreed that Mr. Eggleton should take charge of the life-saving this year. But, owing to the fact that morning preparation now usurps the former life-saving hour, this institution has unfortunately been allowed to lapse.

The New Boys' concerts were this year again carried through, with the the vigour which always marks such performances. The boarders' concert, held one Saturday night, was a "howling" success, while the day boys' suffered somewhat from the dearth of good singers.

School shots attended in full force at the group meeting held at Rewa Rewa, and indeed, as is apparent from a glimpse at the prize list, must have had a regular field day.

Under the name of "The Sports Committee" there has been constituted this year a committee to manage the financing of all out-door activities connected with the School. The chairman is the Head Prefect, and members have been chosen to represent the various school institutions.

This term has seen a revival of the one-time drum and fife band, but in greater state. Additional instruments have been purchased, Mr. Day has taken charge, and the weird sounds which were heard in the library have now begun to take the form of definite tunes. The band will assuredly be of great help to our marching on public parades.

Practically the whole school attended the picture, "The Land We Live In," dealing with a tour throughout New Zealand. In addition to being of material use in geography, the views shown were greatly appreciated by all who saw them.

The Municipal Swimming Carnival attracted entries from several school champions. The result was very gratifying, especially in the relay race, in which the school teams scored first and second places.

On Monday, 29th March, we were favoured with another visit from Mr. Blick, a missionary from Straits Settlements. He gave us an interesting lecture on the

languages and customs of the Southern Chinese, and also of the mission work on which he has been engaged amongst them for many years.

This year the Easter holidays and exeat were taken together from 1st to 6th of April, the extra day, Tuesday, being given us to celebrate N. C. Robert's success in the scholarship examination. Though fine weather prevailed throughout, the usual mountain trip was not taken this year.

Some changes have taken place on the staff. To commence with, Mr. Rowe, who had intended to return at the commencement of the year and remain until he sailed for Home, was compelled to alter his plans and left at the end of the year. On the night of the breaking-up ceremony he was presented with a cigarette case with the school's best wishes for his success. No doubt he will find London University more congenial than the New Plymouth B.H.S., but we hope that, after all, he will always retain some memory of us.

During the Christmas holidays Mr. Bottrill's engagement to Miss E. M. Gunson, of Auckland, was announced. We, individually, and as a school, beg to extend our very heartiest congratulations to Mr. Bottrill.

At the commencement of the year Mr. Bertrand, a returned soldier, joined the staff. It is our pleasant duty to welcome him to the school and express the hope that his stay with us will be long and pleasant. Prior to the war Mr. Bertrand was engaged in primary school work, but he enlisted in the Main Body and saw service in Gallipoli and France. The help of a former Taranaki representative will be greatly appreciated on our football fields.

Shortly after the commencement of the term, Mr. Searle returned to New Zealand and took up his duties in the school again. By all who remember him, his return was eagerly watched for, both because of his vigorous work in school and his keen and cheery interest in outdoor activities, especially shooting. We can only hope that Mr. Searle will remain with us to continue the good work he has begun.

Wit is not unknown in this School yet. The examinations have been productive of a few good specimens.

Example of Nominative Absolute: His eyes starting out he walked away and left them.

Extracts from History papers:—"Charlemagne was a franc." We were under the impression he was a sovereign. Perhaps that is what a boy meant when he spoke of "barbarious hoards." Or perhaps the hoards came

from the "cheques" which one boy considered the English received at "Baymont" (Mt. Badon).

The Saxtons drove the last vestige of Christianity into Whales. (Master's comment: Were the Britons Jonahs?)

Example of free translation: "A midi ils avaient du pain et des confitures." Translated: At midnight he was relieved of pains and discomfitures.

CRICKET NOTES.

The annual match against Wanganui Collegiate School was played at Wanganui on March 5 and 6. Wanganui won by 122 runs. Batting first, Wanganui compiled 85; Cameron, with 26, was the top scorer. School replied with 65, O'Halloran making 15 and Greiner 13. After the afternoon tea adjournment College opened their second innings, and at the close of play the board showed 106 for no wickets, both Cameron and Stonewigg, with 48 and 52, unbeaten. Next morning, when the score stood at 171 for seven wickets, the innings was declared closed. In School's second innings the only batsman to make a stand was Palmer, who made 33 out of a total of 69. Inch and Sinclair bowled well for School. We wish to record our appreciation of the hospitality extended to us by the masters and the XI.

Following are the detailed scores:—

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Cameron, c. and b. Brown	26
Porritt, b. Sinclair	0
Hewitt, b. Sinclair	1
Gilmer maj., b. Inch	7
Bonnor, b. Sinclair	2
Harding, c. and b. Brown	2
Stonewigg, not out	15
Gilmer min., b. Inch	8
Wells, b. Inch	14
Ludbrook, b. Inch	0
Simson, run out	0
Extras	10
Total	85

Bowling Analysis.—Sinclair took three wickets for 28 runs; Inch, four for 17; Brown, two for 10.

Second Innings.

Cameron, l.b.w., b. Inch	48
Stonewigg, c. Smart, b. Sinclair	52
Porritt, b. Sinclair	11
Gilmer maj., b. Sinclair	27
Hewitt, b. Inch	3
Bonnor, b. Inch	0
Harding, b. Inch	8
Gilmer min., not out	1
Extras	21

Total for seven wickets (declared closed) ... 171

Bowling Analysis.—Inch took four wickets for 36 runs; Sinclair, three for 61; Palmer, none for 23; Brown, none for 29; Greiner, none for 4.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Willis, run out	2
Palmer, b. Wells	1
Hine, c. Simson, b. Stonewigg	9
Pope, b. Wells	2
Sinclair, c. Hewitt, b. Gilmer min.	1
Greiner, c. Harding, b. Bonnor	13
O'Halloran, c. Harding, b. Wells	15
Osborne, c. Harding, b. Stonewigg	0
Brown, c. Simson, b. Gilmer min.	4
Smart, c. Gilmer maj., b. Wells	4
Inch, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	65

Second Innings.

Willis, b. Gilmer min.	2
Palmer, b. Gilmer min.	33
Hine, l.b.w., b. Bonnor	2
Greiner, c. Harding, b. Stonewigg	0
Pope, c. Cameron, b. Wells	1
Brown, b. Wells	6
Osborne, l.b.w., b. Gilmer min.	0
Sinclair, c. Simson, b. Wells	0
Lash, b. Gilmer maj.	6
Smart, c. Porritt, b. Bonnor	9
Inch, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	69

Bowling Analysis.—Gilmer min. took three wickets for 20 runs; Wells, three for 13; Bonnor, two for 19; Stonewigg, one for 5; Gilmer maj. one for 1.

School cricket this season has somewhat improved, chiefly owing to the papa wickets, which were in the nature of experiments, proving true and durable and well suited to the Taranaki weather. With such turf as can now be obtained the future of school cricket is assured. Although the Christmas vacation prevented continued play in the town competitions, School did well in both senior and junior cricket. In the senior grade two matches were won and three lost, one being narrowly lost to Tikorangi on the second day's play, when rain made matters very uncomfortable. Both the second and third elevens showed creditable form, and next season should provide good material for the senior eleven.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS (Nov. 8).

Lost by eight runs on the first innings.

Old Boys batted first, making 75; Eggleton (17), Bewley (13), Bottrill (12) and Monteath (11) were chief scorers. Sinclair and Brown returned the best averages for School. In their second innings the eleven were all out for 89, Eggleton being again top scorer with 17. Sinclair, O'Halloran and Palmer secured the bulk of the wickets.

School made 67, Palmer (23), Greiner (13) and Sutherland doing most of the scoring. Monteath held the best average for Old Boys.

SCHOOL v. FREEZING WORKS (Nov. 22).

Won by four runs on first innings.

School batted first, making 100, Palmer (29), Greiner (15), O'Halloran (24) and Brown (22 not out) making practically all the runs. Clarke secured the best bowling average.

Freezing Works made 96. The innings opened badly, but a stand was made by O. Kinsella (27) and Clarke (13), until 17 runs were required when the last man, Reed, came in. The score was brought to 96 before Palmer, who secured the best average, bowled him. Palmer took three for 15 and O'Halloran three for 23.

The score in School's second innings was 78 for six wickets when stumps were drawn. O'Halloran made 29, Willis 20, Brown 13 and Hine 8 not out.

SCHOOL v. TIKORANGI (Nov. 29).

Lost by two wickets on first innings.

School.—First innings, 185; Pope 45, Greiner 31, Sinclair 21, Nicholson 20, Willis 17. Analysis: Purdie, eight for 47; C. Foreman, two for 33.

Tikorangi.—First innings, 186 for eight wickets; Eggleston 71, P. Sarten 50, Lye 31. Analysis: Sinclair, five for 53; O'Halloran, three for 50.

SCHOOL v. NEW PLYMOUTH B (Feb. 21).

Won by 79 runs on first innings.

School.—First innings, 104; Palmer 40, Willis 16, Hine 9. Analysis: Sheppard, four for 26; Elliot, three for 10; Quickfall, three for 31.

New Plymouth B.—First Innings, 25; Sheppard 6, Baker 6. Analysis: Inch, three for 6; Brown, four for 9; O'Halloran, two for 3.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS (Feb. 28).

Lost by 22 runs on first innings.

School.—First innings, 47; O'Halloran 15. Bowling analysis: Mr. Bottrill, two for 17; Hughes, five for 12; Eggleton, two for 5.

School.—Second innings, 43; Osborne 16. Bowling analysis: Mr. Bottrill, two for 13; Mr. Wynyard, two for 5; Mr. Hughes, two for 12; Mr. Eggleton, three for 7.

Old Boys.—First innings, 69; Bewley 28, Morrison 24 not out. Bowling analysis: Sinclair, six for 14; Inch, one for 12; O'Halloran, one for 9.

SECOND ELEVEN.

SCHOOL v. WAIREKA (Nov. 8).

Won by 15 runs.

Waireka made 33 and 52 in each innings, Hoffmann and Feek (18 and 10) were chief scorers. Trehey and Winfield were School's best bowlers. School made 64 and 34, Blundell (24) and Christie (12) being the best scorers. Brokenshire and Hoffmann took most of the wickets.

SCHOOL v. SCHOOL 3rd ELEVEN (Nov. 13).

Contrary to general expectations, the 3rd Eleven beat the 2nd Eleven by 26 runs on the first innings. The 3rd's batted first, making 90, Crapper (36) and Foden (34) compiling nearly all the score. Sutherland, Winfield and Hayden took most wickets. The 2nd Eleven made 64, Nicholson making top score with 26, Sutherland 14. In the 3rd Eleven's second innings Crapper again made top score, with 36.

SCHOOL v. FREEZING WORKS (Nov. 22).

Lost by nine runs on first innings. School made 70 in the first innings, Nicholson (18), Trehey (14) and Henderson (15) making the score. Freezing Works replied with 79. Winfield and Trehey were bowling well. Following on, School made 95; Nicholson 24, Trehey 14 and Hayden 21. When stumps were drawn School, with 40 runs in hand, just failed to take the last wicket, and missed a three-point win on time.

THIRD ELEVEN.

The 3rd Eleven did much better in the competition than was expected, at one time beating the 2nd Eleven. Their matches were as follows:—

SCHOOL v. TIKORANGI (Nov. 8).

Lost by an innings and 44 runs. School made 28 and 40, against 112 by Tikorangi. Rawson (18) and Horner (7) were the best bats for School. Rawson and Crapper took the bulk of the wickets for School.

SCHOOL v. WHITELEY (Nov. 22).

Won by an innings and 103 runs. Noakes (42), J. H. Boon (29), Brooker (18), Burton (16) and Grant (15) were the chief scorers in a total of 159. Whiteley replied with but 56 runs in the two innings, School thus getting a three-point win. Grant and Burton both bowled well for School.

AVERAGES.

Batting.

Name.	No. of Innings.	Total runs.	Not outs.	Average.
Palmer	10	211*	1	23.5
Willis	9	99	0	11
O'Halloran, L.	8	101	0	12.6
Pope	7	77	0	11
Smart	10	73	3	10.4
Greiner	9	75	0	8.3
Brown	8	55	1	7.8
Hine	10	46	2	5.8
Sinclair	7	23	0	3.3
Osborne	9	25	1	3.2

Bowling.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Inch	25	61	13	4.7
Brown	45	129	18	7.2
O'Halloran ...	49	162	18	9
Palmer	26	133	15	8.9
Sinclair	70	249	22	11.3

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the following gifts to the Cricket Club and take this opportunity of thanking the donors for their kindly action:—Trophy presented by Mr. Bewley; trophy presented by Mr. A. H. Osborne; donation presented by Rev. Blundell.

CADET NOTES.

(E. B. Waters.)

Last term we were asked to provide a guard of honour for the Governor-General, who was to arrive on October 14 on a short visit to New Plymouth. About eighty cadets paraded. The Governor on his arrival inspected the guard, after which he thanked the cadets for meeting him and complimented them on their discipline and steadiness.

At the beginning of this term a fair amount of musketry practice was carried out. After school, squads of about twenty-five to thirty boys were taken down to the gully range in charge of a master, and practice continued until the light failed.

Since resuming school this year much attention has been given to drill—both military and physical. Wet day parades have been held in class-rooms, where lectures have been delivered on aiming, description of targets, parts of the rifle, care of the rifle, composition of a company, etc. Lately, physical drill has received more attention than military the latter being restricted to one day a week. This is due to the forthcoming display to be given on the day of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The cadets have been sized into two companies, Nos. 24 and 110, each of four platoons. The first and last platoons of each company are composed of the tallest boys so that, when the companies are marching in "column of route" they present a very even appearance.

During the term firing parties were supplied by the School Cadet Contingent for the funerals of Corporal D. Oliver and Bandsman Knight, both of whom were returned soldiers.

A drum and fife band, under the leadership of Mr. N. Day, has been formed, and promises to be a valuable asset to the school companies.

On Monday, May 3, the day of the Prince of Wales' visit to New Plymouth, the School provided a guard of honour, under Captain Ryder and Lieutenants Diprose and Bertrand. The remainder of the School also paraded, under Mr. Saxton. All the cadets, the guard with rifles and bayonets, marched to Pukekura Park, where an inspection was carried out by His Royal Highness.

TENNIS NOTES.

(K. O'Halloran.)

During the last month of the Third Term last year tennis enthusiasts were given a chance to prove their skill. It was in this month that the tennis championships were held. The number of entries received far exceeded that of former years and, for this reason, and also because of the lack of suitable courts, the championship matches took longer to play off than was expected. On several occasions the New Plymouth Tennis Club was kind enough to allow us the use of their courts on a

Saturday morning for playing off these matches. The final games were played off on the last day of the term on the School grounds. The results were as follows:—

Senior Singles Championship.—J. M. Hine.

Senior Doubles Championship.—J. M. Hine and L. O'Halloran.

Senior Singles Handicap.—J. M. Hine (owe 40).

Junior Singles Championship (under 16).—D. Balantyne.

Junior Doubles Championship.—H. P. Mitcalfe and L. Christie.

This term has also seen a good deal of tennis played, but now that the football season has again commenced tennis has, for the time being, lost its popularity in favour of the better game. Two matches have been played by the tennis team, one against the Masters and the other against the Girls' School. The results were:—

Boys v. Masters.

Boys 78 games, Masters 94 games.

Boys v. Girls.

Boys 242 points, Girls 126 points.

The latter match was played at the Girls' School courts, where a very enjoyable morning was spent by the members of the team. The chief characteristic of this term's tennis is the equality of the first dozen players, and in consequence of this it is expected that there will be close competition for this year's championships.

ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS.

(L. O'Halloran.)

The annual swimming sports were held on March 23. In spite of the cold wind blowing all day the events were keenly contested and some good races ensued. 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 this opportunity of thanking the judges, Messrs. R. W. D. Robertson and N. Christiansen, for their valuable assistance in officiating. The following are the results:

30 Yards (open).—First heat: B. Boon (scr.). Second heat: K. Taylor (4sec.). Third heat: Corkill (5sec.). Fourth heat: Moorhead (8sec.). Fifth heat: Thompson (4sec.). Sixth heat: S. Hutchen (6sec.). Seventh heat: L. Evans (7sec.) and Malt (scr.), dead-heat. Eighth heat: Cleland (7sec.). Ninth heat: Abbott (5sec.). Tenth heat: Farmer (7sec.). Eleventh heat: Guild (10sec.). Twelfth heat: O'Halloran (scr.). Thirteenth heat: P. Wills (6sec.). Final: Cleland 1, O'Halloran 2, Evans 3.

Preparatory Boys' Race, 30 yards.—First heat: G. Fookes (6sec.) 1, Guild (6sec.) 2, Morey (4sec.) 3. Second heat: Cranby (2sec.) 1, Cottier (7sec.) 2, W. Thomas (8sec.) 3. Final: G. Fookes 1, Cranby 2, Cottier 3.

Plate Dive.—Hutchen 1, Rawson 2, Coleman 3.

60 Yards (open).—First heat: Foden (scr.) 1, K. O'Halloran (3sec.) 2. Second heat: Malt (scr.) 1, Riley (6sec.) 2. Third heat: Cleland (6sec.) 1, Sutherland 2. Fourth heat: Thomson (8sec.) 1, Neill (10sec.) 2. Fifth heat: Rickard (1sec.) 1, J. Boon (scr.) 2. Sixth heat: Baker (3sec.) 1, Osborne (1sec.) 2. Seventh heat: Hoffmann (scr.) 1, James (9sec.) 2. Eighth heat: G. Smith (5sec.) 1, Henderson (scr.) 2. Ninth heat: O'Halloran (scr.) 1, Alleman (4sec.) 2. Tenth heat: B. Hutchen (1sec.) 1, Palmer (5sec.) 2. Final: L. O'Halloran 1, Rickard 2, Foden 3.

New Boys' Race, 30 yards.—First heat: G. Hawken (1sec.) 1, James (5sec.) 2. Second heat: Lysaght (6sec.) 1, Farmer (6sec.) 2. Third heat: A. Brodie (4sec.) 1, J. Brodie (6sec.) 2. Final: Farmer 1, Lysaght 2, Hawken 3.

Learners' Race.—Dailey (7sec.) 1, K. Fookes (7sec.) 2, Hetherington (9sec.) 3.

Breast Stroke, 30 yards.—First heat: Foden (3sec.). Second heat: Osborne (3sec.). Third heat: B. Lash (5sec.). Fourth heat: Abbott (6sec.) and Brunnette (5sec.) dead-heat. Fifth heat: Willis (3sec.). Sixth heat: Kebbel (6sec.). Seventh heat: B. Hutchen (3sec.). Eighth heat: S. Hutchen (6sec.). Ninth heat: H. Burwell (6sec.). Final: Osborne 1, Abbott 2, Hutchen 3.

100 Yards.—First heat: L. O'Halloran (scr.) 1, Coleman (scr.) 2, Alleman (4sec.) 3. Second heat: Hoffmann (scr.) 1, Henderson (scr.) 2, G. Smith (8sec.) 3. Third

heat: Boon (scr.) 1, Rawson (scr.) 2, B. Hutchen (2sec.) 3. Fourth heat: Foden (scr.) 1, Malt (5sec.) 2, Baker (2sec.) 3. Final: O'Halloran 1, Hoffmann 2, Henderson 3.

Back Stroke, 30 yards.—First heat: Barak (5sec.) 1, Pease (2sec.) 2. Second heat: Brunnette (3sec.) 1, Osborne (scr.) 2. Third heat: G. Smith (6sec.) 1, Howard (6sec.) 2. Fourth heat: Burwell (5sec.) 1, Blundell (7sec.) 2. Fifth heat: Baker (3sec.) 1, J. Shaw (4sec.) 2. Final: Barak 1, Brunnette 2, Osborne 3.

High Dive.—Rawson 1, Sutherland 2.

Corfu Dive.—Newell 1, Neill 2.

200 Yards (open).—Foden (scr.) 1, Boon (scr.) 2, Rawson (scr.) 3.

Greasy Boom.—Rickard 1, Airey 2, Howard 3.

Inter-Form Relay Race.—VIb. 1, Va. 2, IVb. 3.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The championships were competed for on Thursday evening, March 25, at the Baths. Owing to four boys getting cramp the 200 Yards Senior Championship was deleted from the programme. The results were as follows:—

L. O'Halloran (senior championship).

L. Malt (junior championship).

G. Fookes (under 14 championship).

The Old Boys' Race was keenly contested and a great finish resulted: First, C. L. Kyngdon; second, McHardy and G. Boon (dead-heat).

The officials were:—Mr. Moyes, starter; Messrs. Ryder, Diprose and Searle, marksmen; Messrs. Robertson, Botrill and Rockel, judges of swimming events; Mr. Christiansen, judge of diving events; Mr. N. Day, official recorder; Messrs. J. Bennett and N. Greiner were timekeepers.

Results were as follows:—

25 Yards Under 14 Championship.—Farmer 1, G. Fookes 2, Lysaght 3. Time, 18sec. Eleven started.

25 Yards Junior Championship.—Malt 1, Rickard 2, G. Hawkes 3. Time, 15sec. Eight started.

25 Yards Senior Championship.—Sutherland 1, O'Halloran 2, Foden 3. Time, 14sec. Eight started.

50 Yards Under 14 Championship.—Lambie 1, Fookes 2, Lysaght and Hutchen (dead-heat) 3. Time, 46sec. Twelve started.

50 Yards Junior Championship.—Malt 1, Rickard 2, Taylor 3. Time, 34sec. Eight started.

50 Yards Senior Championship.—O'Halloran 1, Foden 2, Boon 3. Time, 33sec. Eight started.

High Dive.—Rawson 1, Henderson 2, Sutherland 3.

75 Yards Under 14 Championship.—G. Fookes 1, Lambie 2, Hutchen 3. Time, 1min. 13sec. Twelve started.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—Malt 1, Rickard 2, Taylor 3. Time, 1min. 24sec. Eight started.

100 Yards Senior Championship.—O'Halloran 1, Foden 2, Boon 3. Time, 1min. 18sec. Eight started.

Awkward Entry from Chute.—R. Christie 1, Rawson 2, C. Smith 3. Fourteen started.

Corfu Dive.—Newell 1, Rawson 2, Neill 3.

Old Boys' Race.—Kyngdon 1, McHardy and Boon (dead-heat) 2.

We have to thank Messrs. Smith and Easton, Hawera, for their generous gift of £10 10s for a cup for life saving, which will be awarded during the Third Term.

HOUSE NOTES.

(R. A. Candy.)

At the beginning of the term two new House masters joined us, or to speak truly, one new House master and one returning one. To the former, Mr. Bertrand, we extend a hearty welcome and hope that his stay with us will be long and enjoyable. As for the latter, Mr. Searle, we are all pleased to see him back again with us. We must congratulate him on his success while at Cambridge.

As usual at the beginning of the term, many new boys have joined us. One boy, who was either too engrossed with boarding school life or else was very forgetful, left his box outside on the night of his arrival. It was teeming with rain, so that the box and its contents

were apt to get wet. At last the lad thought about it, and in the middle of the night knocked at a master's door and informed him that the box was outside. It seems curious that he never thought about going for it himself.

Another wing on the new House was completed during the Christmas holidays. It consists of two large dormitories, each holding eighteen boys. It was thought that this addition would solve the housing problem, but with the great influx of new boys it was soon seen that it would not contain all the new boarders. Consequently a large number of week-enders sleep down at Montosa.

This year a slight change was made as regards the new boys' concert, the boarders holding theirs one Saturday night, while the day boys held theirs after school as usual. We regret to say that the standard of music was not exceptionally high. One boy at the boarders' concert, rather than let us hear his voice, made a bid for freedom, but was soon brought back. We were then greeted with a boxing contest, which was much more enjoyable than listening to the doleful voices of many of the others.

Some of the prefects this term seem to have become very witty. A certain boy, wishing to have a bath, went up to one of these mighty men and said: "I wish to have a bath to-day. I take it that there is a califont there; would you mind lighting it for me." "Yes, my dear fellow," said the prefect, "there is a califont there, but you can't take it."

When School was closed at the beginning of the term on account of the "flu" we were all quarantined. Consequently many of the boarders found time hanging on their hands. However, some good work resulted, as many of the boys were employed building rockeries and in cleaning up the grounds in preparation for the Prince of Wales' visit. On the Sunday during quarantine we all went for a walk out towards the Meeting of the Waters. In fact, some of the more fit reached there, and as it was a scorching hot day it seems needless to add that they were very soon in the water.

Since these notes were begun the Prince of Wales has visited New Plymouth but, much to our disappointment, his stay was not sufficiently long to enable him to visit our School. However, we did not lose our promised holiday, but marched to Pukekura Park, where

every boy, excepting one who was ill in bed, was able to obtain a very good view of our future King. One of our masters, we feel sure, will not wash his hand for many days.

Although the School was not actually visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the preparations in anticipation for so distinguished a visitor have resulted in several material, in fact, concrete improvements around the School.

Many boys still seem to be under the impression (the impression is sometimes painful) that the dormitory is a room specially set aside for their delectation and amusement. Strangely enough this is not so. Several weeks ago a "passage" at arms was taking place, not in the "corridor," but in the dormitory. The arms were pillows. The bout was brought to a sudden termination by a master who had for some time been an interested spectator. Result: More impressions.

One boy received good marks during the examination week. The trouble was that he had lost his way, between Devon Street and the School, and in consequence arrived at School after lights out. He is a sergeant now—three stripes. However, most boys realise that it is better to play the game than risk the displeasure of a master, and the consequence is that the "cuts" is becoming rare amongst the older boys.

It is reported that one dormitory is very cold to sleep in: it is too "Airey." This is, of course, due to the big "Eaves" and to the fact that the wind blew the window pane in. We hope no one tried to "Basham" in.

Boys seem to be possessed of the happy knack of bestowing felicitous nick-names. How peculiarly apt are some of the following can be proved by any boarder: Adam, Buck, Sooky, G. String, The Major, Colonel, Seedy, Rip van Winkle, Flopp, Digger, Froggie, Chook, Hatch, Virgil, Soapy, Dopy, Dwugs, Bart.

A motor-car one day appeared in the drive alongside the boarding school. Detectives soon elicited the fact that it belonged to a boarder. An interested crowd soon gathered around, and remarks were common. The most sardonic was the following, just two words: "How peculiar." Another suggested: "Put it in your locker, Sugar; they may break it." However, some of us can testify to its speed and comfort.



BRIAN DAILEY.
Died 7th March, 1920.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRIAN DAILEY.

Sad news indeed was brought to us this term when we learnt that Brian Dailey had passed away. Always ready to take a part in any School institution and exhibiting always a keen interest in his School work, he was popular with Masters and boys alike.

Brian began his School career in February, 1919, in Standard VI. in the Preparatory School, and was placed this year in the Third Form. On March 5th he became suddenly ill and in accordance with medical advice was taken to the hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis. The operation revealed complications from a former operation and his case was considered serious from the beginning. On March 7th Brian passed away.

His name will be sadly missed from these pages, for which he edited the Preparatory School Notes.



KEITH DOUGLAS BAKER.

On Easter Monday we were shocked by the sad and unexpected tidings that Keith Baker had died in the hospital. Keith was one of the most popular boys in the School. He played football for the Third Fifteen, and was in the winning team in the Weekly Press Shooting Competition this year.

He entered the School in February, 1917, and was placed in Form IIIA., rising from there to Form VA. at the beginning of this year. He became ill about March 30th and was removed to the hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis. For four days after the operation he progressed quite satisfactorily but had a sudden relapse on Easter Saturday. His condition however was not considered serious as his friends were allowed to visit him on Sunday. On the morning of Easter Monday the terrible news arrived that Keith had said good-bye to all that was dear to him on earth. He met his end with wonderful courage and when he passed into the unknown beyond he left the School the poorer by one who was well loved for his high ideals and upright character.

PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT.

(L. Jillett.)

New Plymouth was en fete on Monday, May 3—the great and memorable day on which the heir to the British throne paid to our city a short visit in connection with his Dominion tour. It was originally intended that H.R.H. should arrive on April 30—three days earlier—but, owing to the dramatic railway strike, the Royal tour was slightly disorganised. Taranakians had almost despaired of seeing the Prince at all, but the sudden settlement of the strike enabled the original itinerary to be carried through. However, the New Plymouth visit was curtailed from two hours to one. Despite the short notification of the actual time of the Prince's arrival, New Plymouth presented a festive appearance on the morning of May 3. The streets and buildings along the route marked out for the procession were gaily bedecked with greenery and bunting. From the railway station to Pukekura Park flags of all descriptions fluttered a welcome to the King's son, and the expectant hearts of his loyal subjects were ready and eager to burst forth in a tumultuous cheer at the first glimpse of the slight and boyish figure of him who one day will sit upon the throne of the world's mightiest empire.

About eighty boys from the School contingent, armed with rifles and bayonets, formed the Guard of Honour to the Prince at the Park. The remainder of the School company, about 200 strong and unarmed, also paraded.

Punctually, as the town clock chimed ten, the Royal train steamed into the station. The Royal visitor, with his personal staff and attendants, was immediately directed to the waiting motors, and then began the progress to the Park grounds. The Prince did not appear in uniform, but wore a light grey check suit with a soft felt hat, set characteristically to one side of his head. The boyish face of H.R.H., made familiar by life-like photos of him which have been shown everywhere, was easily recognised and, in the car with Rear-Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, Chief-of-Staff, his appearance was everywhere greeted with tumultuous acclamation.

As the Royal car came to the entrance of the arena there arose a great shout of welcome, which the Prince acknowledged with characteristic simplicity. In a moment he had alighted and was presented to the Mayor (Mr. J. Clarke) and Councillors. When the Royal party ascended the dais, amid the plaudits of the assemblage, the National Anthem was played. The presentation of the civic address, to which the Prince briefly replied, followed. The massed choir on the western terrace then sang the anthem "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The Prince next presented medals for war services to about a dozen returned men, conversing with each soldier as he pinned the decoration on his coat.

Amid a fresh outburst of enthusiasm the Prince descended from the dais and turned his attention to the returned soldiers. The whole of the men filed past H.R.H., and he shook hands with each one, stopping, here and there, to question where a man bore signs of wounds or where ribbons denoted lengthy war service. The next in turn to be inspected were the Maori War veterans, the South African War veterans, and the Boy Scouts. He then proceeded to inspect the Guard of Honour of High School Cadets and the other Cadet units on parade. This being done, the Prince turned his attention to the large crowd of school children in the centre of the oval, who cheered themselves hoarse at the unexpected pleasure of having H.R.H. right in their midst.

The hour allotted to the Prince's visit to New Plymouth sped all too quickly, and shortly before 11 o'clock the return journey to the station was commenced. Amid scenes of unbounded enthusiasm H.R.H. took his departure from the Park, standing erect and bare-headed as he acknowledged the renewed acclamations of the people. A few minutes after 11 o'clock the Royal train drew out of the station, and the last the cheering crowds of loyal New Plymouth citizens saw of their future King was the Prince, with Sir Lionel Halsey, on the rear platform of his carriage, smiling and bowing his acknowledgments of the demonstration of loyalty toward him. Thus ended the ceremonies in connection with one of the most memorable days in the history of New Plymouth.

THE ROLL.

The roll now stands at 390, of whom 191 are boarders. In the upper school there are 296 boys, of whom 148 are boarders; in the lower school the numbers are 94 and 43 respectively. The following is the complete roll:—

FORM VIA.

*Hine, J. M.
Greiner, R.
Jillett, J. W. L.
*Merron, T. F.
Nicholson, M.
Noble, C. A.
*Syme, R. A.
Willis, J. D.

FORM VIb.

*Aldis, W.
*Barak, M.
*Candy, R. A.
*Christie, A. H.
*Henderson, V. J.
Hutchen, B.
Malt, L. C.
Newell, H. C.
*O'Halloran, K.
*O'Halloran, L.
Rea, W.
Smart, E. C.
*Sutherland, M.
Sutton, D. W.
Waters, E. D.
*Sinclair, R. O.
*Pope, E.

FORM VA.

*Alleman, S.
*Airey, G. M.
*Baker, K. D.
Bellringer, R.
Berridge, W.
Boon, J. H.
*Brunette, G. A.
Brodie, A.
Brodie, J.
*Burdett, C.
*Cachemaille, L.
Coleman, E.
Corkill, F.
*Fookes, A. C.
Gilbert, A.
*Griffiths, E. W. B.
*Hamerton, C.
*Hair, R. D.
*Hawken, G.

*Hunt, H.
*Herbert, S.
*Hughson, G.
Hayden, S.
*Hoffman, L.
Johnson, C.
Johnson, P.
McRae, R.
Maxwell, H.
*Osborne, M.
*Rawson L.
Renaud, I.
Smith, S.
*Smith, G. C.
*Silson, W.
*Tait, S.
*Thompson, C.
*Wheeler, A.

FORM Vb.

Abbott, L.
*Airey, N.
Ballantyne, D.
*Barton I.
Brokenshire, E.
Cavaney, W.
Crawshaw, R.
Dinniss, L.
*Duncan, F.
*Foden, E.
Hasell, T.
Hancock, R.
Hawkes C.
Hawkins, P.
Hoby, R.
Holden, G.
*Kerr, W.
*Messenger, W.
Moore, B.
Moorhead, J.
Moss, O.
Moyes, A.
*Neill, L.
*Noakes B.
*Pease, L.
*Rickard, H.
Smart, L.
Teed, L.
*Waterson, E.
Wood, S.

FORM IVA.

Ayling, R.
Brewster, C.
*Calder, G.
Dolby, R.
*Davis, F.
*Drader, C.
*Eaves, J.
Evans, L.
Fookes, S.
*Gibson, A.
*Grigg, H.
*Heycock, M.
Jillett, D.
*Julian R.
*Julian, F.
*Mackay, J.
*Mitalfe, H.
*McIvor, I.
McMahon, J.
Newell, F.
*Penn, T.
Rea, R.
*Robertson, McL.
*Syme, R. W.
*Standish, M.
Smith, E.
*Williams, F.
*Winfield, B.
*Manning, J.
Trehey, J.
Barnett, C. O.

FORM IVB.

Aish, E.
Allen, R.
*Alexander, W.
*Arthur, R.
*Brown, H.
*Burke, R.
*Christie, R.
*Christie, L.
Cleland, R.
Greiner, C.
Herdman, A.
Inch, L. B.
*Jackson, J.
*James, H.
Lealand, S.
*Mason, H.
Madsen, H.
Neal, K.
Northern, W.
*Olsen, E.
*Parkinson, A.
Palmer, I.
*Palmer, J.

Pearce, B.
*Prideaux, J.
*Pulley, C.
*Riley, R.
Shaw, A.
Shaw, T.
*Thompson, J.
Taylor, K.
*Wills, P.
*Paterson, C.
*Lysaght, J.
*Lambie, K.

FORM IVc.

Bayly, B.
Bendall, A.
Bennett, J.
*Binnie, A.
Bracegirdle, G.
*Buchanan, A.
Butler, F.
Collins, C.
Deare, N.
Gillespie, R.
*Gibbs, J.
Honor, C.
Jennings, R.
*Kilpatrick, R.
Lomas, G.
Lash, C.
Lash, B.
Lynch, C.
Linn, L.
Mace, H.
McGahey, C.
*Rumball, A.
*Rowlands, S.
*Smith, A. E.
Smart, A.
Stockman, O.
*Veale, C.
Ward, O.
Wilson, D.
*Wells, V.

FORM IIIA.

*Ballinger, G.
*Blair, J.
Blundell, B.
*Brown, R.
*Clarke, H.
*Caughley, R.
Dinniss, C.
Farmer, L.
*Gibbs, B.
Goldwater, E.
James, F.

Jeffries, R.
Kebbell, M.
Kenny, J.
Lysons, M.
Mitchinson, V.
*Nash, C.
*Ogle, J.
*Pope, P.
*Purdie, D.
*Read, H.
*Roberts, G.
Rampton, J.
*Snowdon, H.
*Simcock, J.
Steffenson, C.
Thompson, M.
*Templer, J.
*Wells, R.
*Roberts, S.

FORM IIIb.

Bellringer, S.
*Bell, C.
Dailey, K.
*Dailey, B.
*Erlandson, H.
*Foreman, A. H.
Gilbert, W.
*Grant, C.
Goldwater, H.
Gable, A.
Grover, G.
Hutchen, S.
*Handley, S.
Joll, W.
Murray, F.
McMahon, J. C.
O'Dowda, M.
*Rainger, O.
Robertson, M.
Scanlan, B.
*Sutton, A.
Webb, R.
*Wells, L.
Wooldridge, V.
Kidson, A.
Evans, O.

FORM IIIc.

Allen, F.
*Avery, C.
*Basham, F.
Benton, G.
*Betts, A.
*Brunette, J.
*Chivers, E.
Colson, G.
Ellis, O.

*Fookes, S.
*Foreman, E.
French, M.
Geddes, J.
*Grayling, C.
Hughes, B.
Hunt, H.
Kidd, P.
Lovegrove, N.
Luxton, E.
McKean, A.
McLean, D.
*Meuli, K.
Mills, C.
*Parker, C.
Philpott, H.
*Robinson, K.
Scanlan, J.
Smith, C.
*Smith, L.
*Tait, V.
*Burwell, H.
Jensen, T.

FORM IIIb.

Avery D'A.
*Atkinson, R.
*Bell, D.
Bates, O.
Cottier, R.
*Clegg, E.
*Foreman, A. J.
*Guy, A.
Hoby, B.
*Honeyfield, J.
*Howard, J.
*Jury, R.
*Knuckey, A.
*O'Sullivan, F.
*Putt, H.
*Roch, H.
*Scott, G.
Saxton, C.
Thomas, J.
*Wyborn, S.
*Hooper, B.

STANDARD VI.

Bayly, G.
Bellringer, H.
*Butler, R.
*Cranby, C.
Cottier, S.
*Coplestone, G.
Carthew, V.
*Clarke, H.
*Eaves, T.
*Espin, B.

*Evans, C.
Fookes, G.
Fookes, K.
*Fookes, V.
*Fussell, E.
*Guild, J.
*Goldstone, M.
*Hawken, P.
Honeyfield, M.
Hine, E.
Jeffries, E.
*Lee, F.
Morey, G.
McNeill, H.
McDiarmid, N.
Palmer, J.
*Pease, J.
Pease, P.
*Rogers, J.
Russell, S.
*Stevenson, H.
*Stevenson, A.
*Sutton, M.
*Sarten, C.
*Paget, T.
*Thomas, W.
*Meredith, M.
Linn, R.
*Fletcher, M.

STANDARD V

*Derrett, E.
Garner, H.
Gilmour, C.
*Gillman, I.
*Knuckey, F.
Leech, E.
McNeill, C.
Sladden, P.
*Smith, N.
*Silson, T.
*Meredith, S.

STANDARD IV.

Coombe, H.
Davies, O.
*Dawbin, H.

*Easton, G.
Fookes, H.
*Griffiths, W.
Grover, P.
*Lucena, G.
Linn, C.
List, R.
*Nicholson, J.
*Robb, C.
Stronge, J.
*Fletcher, R.

STANDARD III.

Ambury, C.
Clarke, O.
Elliot, E.
Grey, J.
*Griffiths, C.
Hetherington, D.
Hutchen, A.
Jackson, E.
Simons, G.
Washer, A.
*Fargie, A.

STANDARD II.

Allen, P.
Bennett, A.
Bennett, R.
*Fussell, A.
*Hardwick, W.
Hetherington, A.
Hetherington, J.
Jackson, D.
Waddle, I.

STANDARD I.

Brookman, R.
Brookman, N.
Davies, J.
*Dykes, G.
Fairbrother, E.
*Perry, J.
Stronge, C.
*Barrack, F.
Glover, O.

The following entered during the first term:—*Aldis, W.; *Airey, G.; *Airey, N.; Allen, F.; *Atkinson, R.; Brodie, A.; Brodie, J.; *Burdett, C.; Barnett, C.; *Ballingier, G.; *Blair, J.; *Brown, R.; Bellringer, S.; *Bell, C.; *Basham, F.; Benton, G.; *Betts, A.; *Brunette, J.; *Burwell, A.; Bates, O.; *Butler, R.; *Barrack, F.; *Caughley, R.; Colson, G.; *Clegg, E.; Cottier, S.;

Clarke, O.; Clarke, H.; *Davies, J.; *Dykes, G.; *Derrett, E.; Diniss, C.; Evans, O.; Ellis, O.; *Eaves, E.; *Espin, B.; *Evans, C.; Farmer, L.; *Foreman, A. H.; *Foreman, E.; *Foreman, A. J.; *Fargie, A.; Fairbrother, E.; *Fletcher, R.; *Fletcher, M.; French, M.; Goldwater, E.; Gilbert, W.; Grant, C.; Goldwater, H.; Gable, A.; Grover, G.; Geddes, J.; *Grayling, C.; *Guy, A.; Grover, P.; Glover, O.; *Hamerton, C.; *Handley, S.; Hughes, B.; *Honeyfield, J.; *Howard, J.; *James, H. N.; James, F.; Jeffries, R. S.; Joll, W.; Jensen, T.; *Jury, R.; Jackson, D'A.; *Kerr, W.; Kenny, J.; Kidson, A.; Kidd, P.; Linn, C.; *Linn, R.; *Lee, F.; Lovegrove, N.; Luxton, E.; *Lysaght, J.; *Merron, T.; Maxwell, H.; *Manning, J.; Madsen, H.; Mitchinson, V.; Murray, F.; McMahan, J. C.; McLean, D.; *Meuli, K.; Mills, C.; *Meredith, M.; *Meredith, S.; *Nash, C.; *Nicholson, J.; *Ogle, J.; O'Dowda, M.; O'Sullivan, F.; *Pope, P.; *Purdie, D.; *Parker, C.; Philpott, H.; *Putt, H.; Pease, P.; *Read, H.; *Roberts, G. N.; *Roberts, S.; Rampton, J.; *Rainger, O.; *Robertson, M.; *Roch, H.; Russell, S.; *Robb, C.; *Snowdon, H.; *Simcock, J.; Steffenson, C.; *Sutton, A.; Smith, C.; *Smith, L.; *Scott, G.; *Stevenson, H.; *Sarten, C.; *Silson, T.; *Thomson, C.; *Templar, J.; *Tait, V.; Thomas, J.; *Wheeler, A.; *Wells, R.; Webb, R.; Wooldridge, V.; *Wyborn, S.

*Indicates Boarder.

The following left at the end of last term:—Allen, L.; Avery, J.; Barak, V.; Bellringer, N.; Bird, H.; Blundell, R.; Boon, R.; Bothamley, R.; Brooker, A.; Bryden, I.; Brackebush, A.; Burton, J. V.; Campbell, J.; Cartwright, R.; Cane, J.; Corney, H. A.; Corney, F.; Case, L.; Cole, E.; Clemow, J.; Crapper, A.; Clarke, A.; Dawes, F.; Dixon, K.; Dempster, N.; Ducker, K.; Ellis, S.; Falwasser, H. I.; Fox, D.; Greiner, R.; Grant, F.; Gilbert, A.; Gibson, J.; Horner, B.; Honeyfield, H.; Honeyfield, K.; Handley, C.; Hamling, W.; Hair, G.; Hair, D.; Johns, B.; Jonas, M.; Jury, N.; Kyngdon, C.; Mannix, B.; Morton, H.; Moss, C.; Mills, M.; Morris, L.; Pitt, H.; Roberts, K. C.; Roberts, H.; Smart, C.; Spence, D.; Shrimpton, L. B.; Smith, A. C.; Sage, O.; Taylor, W.; Tobin, E.; Train, S.; Richardson, L.; Waddle, N.; Winfield, C.; White, C.; White, S.; Whittle, J.; White, E.; Way, B.; Webster, J. L.; Watkin, H.; Woods, F.; Walker, G.; Young, I.

The following have left during the term:—Butler, F.; Farmer, L.; Grigg, H.; Greiner, R.; Lynch, C.; Pope, E.; Renaud, I.; Sinclair, E.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The results of the December examinations were particularly satisfactory in view of the fact that they were preceded by an epidemic of measles, through which C. Smart and M. Barak were unfortunately unable to complete their examination which, judging by the high marks gained for subjects for which they sat, both would probably have passed. The following are the results of the various examinations:—

Senior National Scholarship.—K. C. Roberts.

Taranaki Scholarships.—N. Waddle, L. Richardson, and R. Greiner.

Junior National Scholarship.—E. Smith.

Matriculation and Allied Examinations.—N. Bellringer, R. Blundell, A. Candy, A. Christie, J. Clemow, A. Gilbert, J. Henderson, B. Horner, J. W. Jillett, B. Johns, C. Kyngdon, L. Malt, M. Nicholson, L. O'Halloran, K. O'Halloran, W. Rea, M. Sutherland, S. Train, E. Waters, C. White, and S. White.

Partial successes for the same examinations:—B. Hutchen, H. Morton, and H. C. Newell.

The following gained Proficiency Certificates.—C. Avery, F. Blundell, E. Chivers, R. Cottier, K. Dailey, B. Dailev, H. Erlandson, B. Gibbs, B. Hoby, H. Hunt, B. Hooper, S. Hutchen, M. Kebbell, A. Knuckey, H. Mace, A. McKean, M. Lysons, K. Robinson, A. Rumball, M. Standish, J. Scanlan, B. Scanlan, C. Saxton, M. Thompson, and L. Wells.

FORM AVERAGES.

FIRST TERM.

Form VIA.—Not placed as some are doing special work.
 Form VIB.—Not placed; doing special work for "Terms."
 Form VA. (average 61.5).—1, R. Bellringer, 86; 2, Cachemaille, 75.
 Form VB. (average 56).—1, I. Barton, 71.6; 2, Messenger, 71.5.
 Form IVA. (average 66).—1, R. Rea, 85; 2, Gibson, 79.
 Form IVB. (average 57).—1, J. Prideaux, 73; 2, Alexander and K. Neal, 72.
 Form IVc. (average 49.5).—1, Rumball, 63.6; 2, C. Ward, 63.
 Form IIIA. (average 64.6). 1, Lysons, 85; 2, Nash, 82.

- Form IIIb. (average 57.3).—1, O. Evans, 82.4; 2, G. Webb, 72.8.
- Form IIIc. (average 50.7).—1, McLean, 65.8; 2, H. Hunt, 65.1.
- Form IIIp. (average 54.1).—1, D. Avery, 68.4; 2, D. Guy and C. Saxton, 67.5.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

- Form III. (average 59.6).—1, Bellringer, 77.5; 2, Jeffries, 72.6.
- Form IIA. (average 66.6).—1, Silson, 82.8; 2, Smith, 78.8.
- Form IIB. (average 61.4).—1, Grover, 84.2; 2, H. Fookes, 75.2.
- Form II. (average 68.4).—1, D. Hetherington, 74.8; 2, A. Washer, 71.1.
- Form IA. (average 65.49).—1, A. Hetherington, 67.5; 2, W. Hardwick, 67.
- Form IB. (average 57.1).—1, O. Glover, 69.2; 2, C. Stronge, 61.6.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

(M. Sutton.)

The attendance this year is exactly the same as that of last year, the roll number being 95. Standard 6, however, has increased from 29 to 40, while Standard 5 has now 12 pupils, against 32 of last year.

Since last issue of the Magazine the following boys have left: S. Ellis, G. Hair, D. Hair, J. Campbell, G. Walker, J. Cane and V. Barak. The new boys are: R. Butler, P. Barrack, S. Cottier, F. Cahill, C. Coombe, O. Espin, E. Derrett, J. Davis, G. Dykes, T. Eaves, B. Espin, C. Evans, A. Fargie, R. Fletcher, M. Fletcher, K. Fairbrother, P. Grover, O. Glover, E. Hine, D. Jackson, F. Knuckey, R. Linn, C. Linn, F. Lee, M. Meredith, S. Meredith, J. Nicholson, P. Pease, C. Robb, S. Russell, C. Sarten, H. Stevenson, T. Silson.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Brian Dailey, who was actively associated with all Preparatory institutions and was the editor of the Preparatory Notes for the Magazine.

Mr. McKinney, who had been in charge of the Preparatory Department for a number of years, has accepted a position under the Taranaki Education Board as organising teacher for the Awakino district. He has now been replaced by Mr. Day, who is headmaster of the Preparatory Department and is teaching Standard 6. Miss Campbell is teaching Standards 1, 2 and 3, and Mr. Saxton 4 and 5.

The Preparatory boys, after a good deal of net practice and a few games amongst themselves, decided to challenge the Central School to a friendly game of cricket. This match was played off one Thursday afternoon, when the Preparatory boys had the honour of winning. The Central School played a return match, and were again defeated by the narrow margin of 11 runs.

This year Mr. Connell has taken the place of Mr. Syme, who was our agricultural instructor last year. Mr. Connell is taking Standards 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesday afternoons.

Football has just begun this term and we have four teams, two senior teams and two junior teams. Two of the boys have been put up into the Second XV. The only match played so far was that between the two senior teams, the game concluding in a draw.

Owing to the greatly increased roll in the Upper School it was found impossible to accommodate the Preparatory boys in the school building until the new wing was completed. Accordingly we are at present to be found in the racecourse buildings, for the use of which we are again indebted to the Taranaki Jockey Club.

CONCERT NOTES.

(C. Fookes.)

At a general meeting held on April 9 the following Committee was elected: Cachemaille, G. Smith, Rawson, Candy, Hayden, Bennett, C. Fookes.

Mr. N. D. Day has accepted the position of chairman.

One concert has been held this term, and the Committee has decided to hold another at the end of the term. Though nothing definite has been decided, it will probably take the form of a Nigger Minstrel Entertainment.

The programme for the first concert was as follows:

1. Selection Orchestra
2. Song, "Miami Shore" Cachemaille
3. Pianoforte Solo Guy
4. Song, "Ev'ry Little While" Barton
5. Recitation Candy
6. Instrumental Quartet G. Brunette, Barton,
C. Fookes, G. Smith.
7. Song, "I've lost my heart in Maoriland," Cachemaille
8. Selection Orchestra
9. Song, "Nancy Fawcett" Mr. Day

Mr. Bottrill favoured the audience with some very amusing anecdotes, which were greatly enjoyed.

Some new music has been obtained for the orchestra, and will help to brighten future concerts. We wish to acknowledge, with thanks, Miss Bennett's gift of the orchestral parts of "Miami Shore."

The masters have promised us a concert, which we hope to enjoy some time during this term.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

L. Rawson.

At the beginning of the term a most successful meeting of the above club was held to elect a committee. Mr. Moyes occupied the chair. The minutes were read, nominations called for, and a ballot taken. The result was that B. Noakes (secretary), S. Herbert, L. Rawson, G. Waterson and A. Moyes were elected. Over fifty boys attended and, as the club is entirely dependent on the members' subscriptions, it was, from a financial point of view, the best meeting yet held.

Although we could not secure a dark room in the new School, we have equipped our present one so that any member is at liberty to print, develop or enlarge.

As we have now entered upon a new era of School life, our Camera Club seems to have taken a new lease of life, and we may reasonably entertain rosy hopes for its future.

Great interest has been taken lately by the members in the lantern-slide branch of photography. This useful branch is very handy now, as our own lantern is again in use, and we have many geographical structures around

us, which admirably lend themselves for lantern slides. These are much encouraged now, for lectures are very interesting and will aid us greatly if at them we see slides of familiar places.

A meeting of the committee was held to select some suitable subject for a Club Competition. The subject selected was "The Best Group of Four Photographs of the Prince's Visit." The competition is to be divided into two classes, viz. (a), for cameras over $\frac{1}{4}$ -plate; (b) for cameras under $\frac{1}{4}$ -plate. The prizes for each class are: First, 10s; second, 7s 6d; third, 2s 6d.

We hope to see large entries for these competitions as the chance will be unique. Many of our members seem to forget that the club possesses a first-rate $\frac{1}{2}$ -plate camera.

SHOOTING NOTES, 1920.

(R. A. Candy.)

Shooting began in earnest this year right at the beginning of the term. All new boys had a grouping practice, and the best of these shot again until we had our numbers down almost to team level. A rather serious break was brought about when we were in quarantine on account of the influenza epidemic. Boarders were able to shoot, but the day boys had no chance of getting in any practice. We are sorry to say that we are still shooting on the range in the gully, as this range loses the light soon after school is out. However, we hope to have our closed-in range very soon, and for the present must put up with what we have.

Early in the term the Wellington District Rifle Meeting was held at Trentham. The School sent down eleven of its best shots; six in the class for those over sixteen, and five in the class for those under sixteen. They all did very well, Lance-Corp. Herbert, Lance-Corp. Barak, and Cadet Wills being worthy of special mention. Lance-Corp. Herbert secured second place in the Cadet Championship, and in the junior competition, out of four trophies, Lance-Corp. Barak won two and Cadet Wills one. The other prize-winners were: Corp. Foden, Lance-Corp. Hair, Lance-Corp. Waters, Cadet Hughson, Cadet Abbott, Cadet Brown, Cadet Jackson, Cadet McRae. The

weather on the day of shooting was by no means good. In the morning there was a slight drizzle, which delayed the opening, and throughout the day the wind which rushed down the gullies was most disconcerting.

The Taranaki Group Rifle Meeting was held just before Easter, on the Rewa Rewa range. The School sent in large entries, and was well rewarded by the success which the various competitors achieved. The meeting was held under practically ideal weather conditions. The visibility was good and there was hardly a breath of wind. The different competitors entered in three classes: (1) Territorials, those over 18; (2) Senior Cadets, over 16; (3) Senior Cadets, under 16. In Competition (1) Sgt. O'Halloran secured fifth place in the aggregate. Other winners were: Quartermaster Sergt.-Major Hine, Sergt. Newell, Corp. Alleman. In Competition (2) Lance-Corp. Waters won the aggregate medal. Lance-Corp. Candy and Cadet Hughson also won medals. Other winners were: Corp. Foden, Lance-Corp. Waters, Lance-Corp. Herbert, Lance-Corp. K. O'Halloran, Lance-Corp. Hair, Cadet Palmer, Cadet Hunt, Cadet Noakes, Cadet Merron, Cadet Moss, Cadet Abbott, Cadet A. Brodie. In Competition (3) Cadet McRae won the aggregate medal. Cadet Calder, Cadet Jackson and Lance-Corp. Barak also secured medals. Other winners were: Cadet H. Brown, Cadet Bracegirdle, Cadet R. Christie, Cadet Davis, Cadet Hawken, Cadet Honor, Cadet Mason, Cadet Neal, Cadet Penn, Cadet Rogers, Cadet V. Wells.

The shooting for the Kelly Cup was concluded on Saturday morning, November 22. The qualifying were fired on our 25 yards range, and the seven highest scores decided the final competitors on the big range. The Kelly Cup was intended for competition under "Schools of Empire" conditions but, as this match was not competed for this year, the following conditions were imposed: Service sights: (1) 200 yards, 5 shots, snap shooting; (2) 300 yards, 10 shots, rapid in 60 seconds; (3) 500 yards, 5 shots, slow. A varying rear wind made shooting with open sight difficult. The scores were as follows:—

Name.	200 yards (15)	300 yards (40)	500 yards (20)	Total (75)
H. S. Herbert	12	25	13	50
B. M. Johns	12	24	13	49
R. Greiner	6	29	10	45
J. M. Hine	9	24	10	43
E. B. Waters	12	12	14	38

At the beginning of the third term practice for the Weekly Press Challenge Shield commenced. Throughout the practices the scores of each competitor were kept and used to determine whether he should be placed in either of the teams entered by the School. The match was fired off on Thursday, November 13. During the greater part of the day the sky was overcast, rain threatening at times, while at others the sun, for short intervals, would shine out brightly. Thus the light was rendered rather variable, and accounted perhaps for the loss of a few points. The scores of both teams were as follows:—

No. 24 COMPANY.

Name.	Slow (Max. 28)	Rapid (Max. 40)	Total (68)
M. Barak	28	40	68
M. Jonas	28	40	68
P. Wills	28	40	68
J. Jackson	28	39	67
R. Hair	26	40	66
L. Malt	28	38	66
R. McRae	27	39	66
K. Baker	26	39	65
H. Brown	28	37	65
J. Rogers	25	36	61

Team Average: 66.

No. 110 COMPANY.

Name.	Slow (Max. 28)	Rapid (Max. 40)	Total (68)
T. Foden	28	39	67
E. Olsen	28	38	66
F. Duncan	27	38	65
H. Mason	27	38	65
M. Mills	26	39	65
A. Moyes	27	38	65
E. Chivers	27	37	64
T. Penn	28	36	64
A. Crapper	26	36	62
L. Linn	27	35	62

Team Average: 64.5.

Firing for the long-range championship and MacDiarmid Belt took place on the Rewa Rewa range on Saturday, November 29. Shooting was made difficult by a gusty left wind and a tricky light. The best scores were as follow:—

Name.	200 yards (50)	300 yards (50)	Total (100)
R. Greiner	39	43	82
J. M. Hine	36	34	70
B. M. Johns	41	28	69
C. L. Kyngdon ...	35	34	69
E. B. Waters	32	35	67

AGRICULTURE.

(D. Sutton.)

There is rather a shortage of news for this section of the Magazine this term, as almost all outside work is over when School opens at the beginning of the year. The work has been chiefly confined to work in the laboratory. Much of our time has been occupied with soil and manure experiments. Here again we are handicapped through having no agricultural laboratory to work in, but we hope that next term the new room will be completed.

This year there is an increase in the number of boys taking the agricultural course. It is noticeable that those taking it are remaining longer at School nowadays. At present the work extends from the Junior Free Place to the University Scholarship Syllabus.

At the end of last term a visit of inspection was paid to Duncan and Davies' Nursery at Westown, where a most instructive afternoon was spent. Mr. Davies, to whom our thanks are due, showed us all round the various parts and explained the principles of grafting, budding, pruning, etc.

Last year an area of ground was ploughed and cultivated for potatoes. Four varieties—Maori Chief, Gamekeeper, Mayfield Blossom and King Edward—were grown. All the potatoes were sprouted before planting.

Following are the results:—

Variety.	Date planted.	Manure per acre.	Harvested.	Yield per acre. Tons Cwt.
1. Maori Chief	13/10 19	{ 3 cwt. Bonedust 3 cwt. Superphosphates	End of Feb.	26 1
2. Mayfield Blossom	"	" "	"	21 12
3. Gamekeeper	"	" "	"	18 6
4. King Edward	"	" "	"	12 6



AGRICULTURE CLASS. (COW JUDGING AT A. & P. SHOW.)

At the beginning of this term our time was taken up with instruction in cow-judging in preparation for the Show competitions. We were fortunate in having a very quiet cow of something like show type to experiment on. The School was very successful in both competitions. In the junior the first seven prizes were won by the School, while in the open class D. Ballantyne gained first prize and S. Wood second. Ballantyne is to be congratulated on his success, winning the open competition and gaining second place in the junior.

JUDGE'S REPORT.

Mr. Frank Ranford, the judge of the Boys' Cow-Judging Competition, in forwarding his awards, has forwarded the following report:—My task in allotting the prizes has been no light one. The work on the whole was very good and reflects great credit on those responsible for the boys' tuition. The great difficulty as far as I was concerned was to come to a decision as to which boy had corresponded most nearly in his marks to my own, and had at the same time shown by his scoring that he had intelligently appreciated the value of his own comments by correspondingly adding or subtracting points. As no boy was outstanding throughout, I have placed first in order of merit those boys whose cards, in my opinion, showed the best judgment in the main essentials. For instance, I consider that the boy who notices that the cow being judged is thick through the shoulder blades thus falling away behind and giving an impression of lack of girth, is doing better work than the lad who overlooks this, but notices that the cow's horns are a trifle heavy, or that she has warts on her teats.

PRIZE AWARDS.

1. J. D. Mackay, N.P. Boys' High School, £1 1s and Certificate of Merit.
2. D. Ballantyne, N.P. Boys' High School, 15s 6d.
3. J. Bates, N.P. Boys' High School, 10s.
4. C. Bell, N.P. Boys' High School, 8s 6d.
5. T. Jensen, N.P. Boys' High School, 5s.
6. A. Foreman, N.P. Boys' High School, 3s.
7. Fred. O'Sullivan, N.P. Boys' High School, 2s 6d.

(80 entries.)

COW JUDGING COMPETITION FOR AMATEURS.

1. D. Ballantyne, N.P. Boys' High School, £3 and Certificate of Merit.
2. S. Wood, N.P. Boys' High School, £2.

The lucerne plot was ploughed up last month, as the lucerne had become smothered with weeds. It is intended to clean and cultivate this plot in preparation for the sowing of lucerne at the end of the year. By this means we hope to get a good crop from the inoculated soil.

A plot of ground that for several years has been almost useless was recently ploughed and sown in oats. After a poor crop the soil was well worked and very heavily limed. Last autumn, grass seed was sown, the mixture consisting largely of cocksfoot and cowgrass. At present this paddock has a very good sole of grass, due almost entirely to the heavy dressing of lime.

Next spring we hope to have a number of experiments with root and fodder crops. We intend planting several selected roots for the purpose of obtaining seed. A number of fodder crops will be sown to test the value of the various crops in Taranaki.

LIBRARY NOTES.

(W. Rea.)

“Reading maketh a full man.”—(Bacon.)

Unfortunately the Library room has still to be used as a class room for Form IIIb. As a result of this regrettable circumstance both the committee and the members are severely handicapped. However, when the alterations, which are now taking place in the School buildings, are completed we hope to secure a new and more suitable Library room.

The annual meeting was held early in the First Term. The election of the Committee for the ensuing year evoked great interest, the following members being elected:—Day Boys: C. Noble and W. Rea (hon. secretary). Boarders: R. Hair, R. Tait, and V. J. Henderson.

The new membership this year has been most satisfactory, but owing no doubt to the many activities of the term the number of books read by each member has not

been very large; however, we note with pleasure, the fact that now long evenings and wet week-ends are common, the Library has once more become a popular resort.

We wish to thank Mrs. Cowling for the gift of a number of books and also Mr. W. W. Smith for the gift of valuable books on New Zealand Mollusca. This is but another instance of Mr. Smith's generosity as we have on more than one occasion profited by Mr. Smith's kindness.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

(L. Jillett.)

With the advent of winter another football season has commenced. This year we were fortunate in obtaining an early start and by the second week in April the game was in full swing. The system of classification this year is similar to that of last year. The First and Second Fifteens constitute the Senior Group; the Third and Fourth Fifteens the Junior Group. Other players have been divided into two grades of six teams each.

Of course the First Term is not “the” football term, so that no very accurate idea of the season's prospects can as yet be obtained, but, judging from appearances in scratch matches and at the practices, this season promises to be a successful one.

This year both the First and the Second Fifteens are playing in the third grade of the North Taranaki Saturday Competitions; the Third and Fourth Fifteens in the third grade.

On Saturday, April 17, the annual fixtures against the Old Boys were decided in Pukekura Park. The Junior match was played first and after a keen tussle the Second Fifteen defeated Old Boys' Juniors by the narrow margin of 5 points to 3.

The Senior game proved even more exciting. Soon after the commencement of the game Eggleton (Old Boys) scored near the corner. His try was not converted. In the second spell Osborne worked “the blind side” from a scrum near the line and scored an unconverted try. Hughes soon afterwards placed Old Boys again in the lead by kicking a penalty goal, but shortly before the call of time Osborne scored in a similar manner for School and a closely contested game ended with the score six all.

On Thursday, April 2, the First Fifteen played a friendly game against Star Juniors, the final score being: School 27, Star 6. Tries for School were obtained by Nicholson (2), Willis (2), Osborne, Herbert, and O'Halloran. Of these Willis converted two and Osborne one.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(M. Osborne and A. Brooker.)

The boxing championships were held this year on November 27. This year much interest was shown by the boys, partly owing to the fact that no boxing championships were held last year, on account of the influenza epidemic, which occurred just prior to the championships.

The bouts were conducted in a portion of the Assembly Hall roped off especially for the occasion. Ample accommodation was therefore given for the outside public. We are pleased to note the interest taken in our boxing by members of the outside community. This, no doubt, is due to the fact that so far no Amateur Boxing Association has been formed in New Plymouth. Quite a large attendance of interested townspeople witnessed the bouts, and from all reports thoroughly enjoyed their evening's entertainment.

During the evening Mr. Kenny offered a special gold medal for the boy who displayed the most science in his boxing. This medal was won by F. Davis, after close competition. Other trophies were donated by Mr. Whitcombe, Mr. Chaney and Mr. Kebble. These were won by M. Osborne (senior championship), C. Smart (junior championship), and F. Davis (under 7st. championship).

Mr. Dunlop, boxing instructor, acted as referee, and Mr. Ryder as timekeeper.

A subscription of £10 was raised by interested spectators, with which to procure equipment for the ring. At the conclusion of the programme Mr. Moyes took the opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the School, his appreciation of the interest shown by the people of New Plymouth.

The result of the bouts are as follows:—

UNDER 5 STONE.

Fookes v. Grey.—Fookes had the advantage of greater height and reach, though Grey put up a very game fight. Second round: Decided advantage for

Fookes, though Grey showed one or two good punches. Third round: Grey still fought gamely, though he was completely outclassed by his opponent's height and reach.

UNDER 6 STONE.

Hutchen v. McNeill.—First round: Hutchen gained some advantage owing to effective leading, but McNeill gave some very good punches. Second round: Hutchen used his left with too great a speed and accuracy, the round ending slightly in his favour. Third round: Hutchen attacked vigorously, and although McNeill defended well he was considerably outclassed.

Corney v. Hardwick.—First round: Corney's reach and weight were obviously in his favour, though his opponent was both plucky and willing. Second round: Ditto. Third round: Hardwick showed too great a tendency to lower his head, and swing his arms, consequently taking such severe punishment that the referee declared Corney the winner before the end of the round.

Final.

Hutchen v. Corney.—First round: Neither secured any particular advantage, both leading and defending well. Second round: Hutchen showed himself superior in lead, Corney failing to seize good openings. Third round: Hutchen's left lead gave him a great advantage, and he was declared the winner.

UNDER 7 STONE.

J. Jackson v. B. Scanlan.—First round: A very mixed though even round, characterised by Scanlan's vigorous leading, which was met by a willing retaliation. Second round: Scanlan lacked effective defence, expending too much energy. Third round: Scanlan still attacked, but with less precision, receiving such severe punishment that his opponent was declared the winner.

Davis v. McMahon.—First round: Davis showed better footwork and leading, though McMahon picked up well before the end of the round. Second round: McMahon led, but Davis, seizing a good opening, forced McMahon to take the count.

Davis v. Newell.—First round: Round even, both alternately leading, and both defending well. Second

round: Ditto. Third round: Davis attacked vigorously, giving his opponent a quick succession of face and body blows, winning the fight by an easy margin.

Final.

Davis v. Jackson.—First round: Davis was superior both in attack and defence, showing to advantage with his left. Second round: Davis had the advantage of the round, though Jackson retaliated well. Third round: Although both fought well, Davis was superior on account of his footwork and strong attack, and was declared the winner.

UNDER 8 STONE.

Candy v. Fookes.—First round: Candy showed easy superiority in both attack and defence. Second round: Candy still showed to a decided advantage. Third round: Fookes took the count against heavier odds.

Candy v. Jonas.—First round: Candy gained a big advantage in following up his attacks. Second round: Still pursuing the same tactics, Candy was decidedly in the lead at the end of the round. Third round: Although Jonas gave some good punches, Candy was declared an easy winner.

UNDER 9 STONE.

Rawson v. Hughson.—First round: Rawson had the advantage in defence, and retaliation to Hughson's lead. Second round: Both fought cautiously, and although Rawson seemed the better boxer Hughson gained on his leading. Third round: Rawson was too cautious, and although he had the better of the round, Hughson won on account of an aggressive policy.

UNDER 10st. 7lb.

C. Smart v. Ellis.—First round: Smart leading all through the round repeatedly knocked his opponent against the ropes. Second round: Ellis picked up a bit in this round, but Smart's speed and weight subjected him to severe punishment. Third round: Smart attacking vigorously forced his opponent to take the count towards the end of the round.

UNDER 9st. 7lb.

Smart v. Foden.—First round: Smart drew his opponent, utilising good openings, though Foden fought really well. Second round: Smart had the advantage in

attack, breaking through Foden's defence all through the round. Third round: Foden led, though Smart retaliated to such effect that he was declared the winner.

McRae v. R. Hair.—First round: Hair led and defended well, the round ending slightly in his favour. Second round: McRae used a heavy left punch with marked effect, so severely punishing his opponent that he was declared an easy winner.

Final.

Smart v. McRae.—First round: McRae used his left with considerable effect, though Smart showed superior footwork. Second round: This round was very much the same though Smart attacked with more precision than in the previous round. Third round: Smart won after a strenuous bout, in which his quickness of footwork and lead stood him in good stead.

OVER 10st. 7lb.

Osborne v. Willis: First round: A round of alternate attack on both sides. A little too much clinching was exhibited. Second round: Osborne led with both right and left, Willis retaliating vigorously and with good effect. Third round: Both laboured considerably in this round, clinching repeatedly. Osborne won by a narrow margin.

Final.

Osborne v. Noakes.—First round: Osborne forced the fight from the start and outclassed his opponent, who exhibited rare pluck all through. Second round: Osborne again punished his opponent, the gong only saving Noakes from a count. Third round: Noakes still stood up to heavy odds, but was forced to take the count before the round was half completed.

Senior Championship.—Over 10st. 7lb.: M. Osborne.
 Junior Championship.—Under 10st. 7lb.: C. Smart.
 Under 9st. Championship.—G. Hughson.
 Under 8st. Championship.—R. A. Candy.
 Under 7st. Championship.—F. Davis.
 Under 6st. Championship.—S. Hutchen.
 Under 5st. Championship.—H. Fookes.

At the time of going to press we note that boxing has commenced again, and from the number who are learning it again appears to be a popular institution.

SPORTS DINNER.

The annual Sports Dinner was celebrated during last term. It was the first occasion on which winners only were admitted, but this measure was rendered imperative in view of the fact that last year witnessed an abnormal increase in sports competitors. During the course of the evening musical items were rendered by the School Orchestra, Mr. Day and A. Brooker. The following is the toast list:—"The King," proposed Mr. Moyes (chairman); "Masters," proposed Pope, responded Mr. Bottrill, Mr. Rockel, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Calder; "Old Boys," proposed L. O'Halloran, responded Mr. N. Day; "Boys Leaving," proposed J. Willis, responded K. C. Roberts; "First Fifteen," proposed Sinclair, responded Osborne; "First Eleven," proposed B. Johns, responded J. Hine; "Kindred Institutions," proposed C. Winfield, responded Mr. Wilkie (Magazine), R. Hair (Library); "Sports Champions," proposed C. Noble, responded Kyngdon.

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Norman D. Day, Boys' High School, N.P.

The attention of Old Boys is drawn to the fact that Mr. N. D. Day is now the editor for 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.

MEMORIAL FUND.

Towards the latter part of last year the Old Boys' Association decided to inaugurate a fund, with the object of erecting some fitting memorial to those who had fallen or participated in the war. The amount aimed at was £4000. Circulars were sent to all Old Boys who could possibly be communicated with, asking for donations, and the response so far has been very gratifying.

However, we are very desirous of seeing the full amount raised this year, so that the executive can definitely decide as to what form the memorial will take.

We would urge all Old Boys who have not yet responded to the circular to do so at once.

OLD BOYS' ANNUAL BALL.

The first Annual Old Boys' Ball was held in the School Assembly Hall on October 24th of last year. It was in every way a huge success, and everything went with a lively swing. The School Assembly Hall looked very pretty with twined ivy festoons all round the gallery and Japanese lanterns among the bamboo which climbed up the pillars, spreading its green leaves out on each side. The floor was good, though very crowded, and it was surprising how small the large hall seemed to grow when the crowds of Old Boys and their partners began to dance. The supper arrangements were sumptuous and deserved great credit, while the decorations were beautiful. The committee responsible for the supper arrangements, who are to be highly congratulated on the result, were as follows:—Mesdames Moves, Rockel, Ryder, MacDiarmid, J. Wilson, Denny-Brown, Sladden, H. Fookes, E. King and G. Fraser. The aim of the Old Boys' Committee had been to achieve the greatest success of the season, and it is not too much to say that this object was fulfilled.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET.

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL MATCH.

WIN FOR OLD BOYS.

The annual contest which opened the season on Saturday, 18th October, 1919, for the High School and Old Boys' elevens provided cricket of quite a pleasing character and both teams give promise of creditable quality with further practice. The weather was fine, though a cold south-west wind made the conditions somewhat uncomfortable.

High School went in first and their innings was not marked by any outstanding play, though the batting throughout was of a fair standard. The tenth wicket went down in a little over an hour.

The Old Boys' Innings did not have a promising opening, Bewley, the captain, going out to O'Halloran's fourth ball, a full-pitcher. Bottrill then went in and gave a finished exhibition of batting, which secured a win for Old Boys. Osborne kept him company for a quarter of an hour and was then bowled. Monteath had to retire before the first ball from Sinclair. Oliver made a stand before his wicket fell, but Colson did not open his score before going down to Sinclair's bowling. Bottrill had not been idle in the meantime and, having become used to the bowling of Sinclair and O'Halloran, now commenced to hit confidently. The best strike of the afternoon was one with which he placed the ball on the roof of the preparatory school. A promising combination with Quilliam was ended by the latter being caught out and being replaced by Saxton. Bottrill then hit another sixer off O'Halloran, and Greiner took the bowling. Bottrill skied his first and Smart was unfortunate in dropping the ball. Before the over finished Bottrill added two singles, a two and three fours to his score. A two by Saxton in the next over made the totals of the teams equal. O'Halloran resumed bowling and Bottrill hit two boundaries, which gave him a succession of five boundaries in his score. A new bowler, Palmer, brought down Bottrill's stumps with the fourth ball of his over, after two singles had been added to the score, making the total 96 and Bottrill's tally a creditable 53. Johnson then went in and carried his bat at the end of the innings. Saxton, who had made a good stand with Bottrill, was caught by Willis behind the stumps, and Fox and Sole did not stay in long. Saxton's score of 17 included two fours and three twos.

The School eleven commenced their second innings about 5 o'clock, but stumps had to be drawn before it was concluded. Palmer, who had been bowled for 11 in the first innings, made a very fine stand on the second occasion, and was eventually caught out by Bottrill. He knocked up a total of 43, which included six boundaries and three twos.

An eight-ball over was played, in accordance with the recent decision of delegates to the North Taranaki Cricket Association.

Afternoon tea for the players and visitors was provided under the supervision of Mrs. Moyes.

Details of the scores are as follow:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

Sinclair, c Oliver, b Bottrill	14
O'Halloran, b Bottrill	10
Palmer, b Monteath	11
Willis, c Saxton, b Bottrill	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
E. Smart, not out	6
Extras	4
Total	71

Bowling analysis.—Johnson two wickets for 6 runs, Bottrill three for 10, Osborne two for 10, Colson two for 10, Monteath one for 25, Fox none for 6.

OLD BOYS.

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

HIGH SCHOOL.

Second Innings.

Hayden, c Oliver, b Bewley	0
Sinclair, hit wicket, b Bewley	2
Palmer, c Bottrill, b Colson	43
O'Halloran, b Osborne	13
E. Smart, c Fox, b Monteath	8
Brown, b Colson	6
Pope, not out	1
Greiner, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	76

Bowling analysis.—Colson two for 7, Bewley two for 11, Osborne one for 5, Monteath one for 6, Fox none for 18, Oliver none for 26.

OLD BOYS v. WAIREKA. (Oct. 25th, 1919.)

This game was played in Pukekura Park, and resulted in a 3-point win for Old Boys. The following are the scores:—

WAIREKA.

First Innings.

Fitzpatrick, c. Osborne, b. Eggleton	2
E. Hoffmann, c. Eggleton, b. Bottrill	0
N. Brokenshire, c. Quilliam, b. Eggleton	1
N. Handley, b. Eggleton	1
C. Frewin, c. Saxton, b. Eggleton	0
B. Gardiner, c. Eggleton, b. Bottrill	1
J. Parker, run out	0
J. Wiley, b. Eggleton	0
R. Gaylard, not out	0
Total	4

Bowling Analysis.—Eggleton, five wickets for 3 runs; Bottrill, two for 1 run.

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Osborne, retired	39
Bottrill, c. Osborne, b. Gardner	24
Monteath, retired	35
Eggleton, b. Brokenshire	22
Bewley, b. Parker	35
Saxton, b. Hoffmann	20
Quilliam, c. Hoffmann, b. Parker	5
Oliver, retired	24
Johnson, retired	34
Fox, l.b.w. Gardner	2
Corkill, not out	7
Extras	26
Total	273

Bowling Analysis.—Brokenshire, one wicket for 56 runs; Fitzpatrick, none for 28; Gardner, two for 34; Hoffmann, one for 43; Wiley, none for 19; Frewin, none for 14; Parker, three for 28; Gaylard, none for 25.

WAIREKA.

Second Innings.

Fitzpatrick, run out	4
Hoffmann, b. Monteath	7
Brokenshire, c. Oliver, b. Monteath	6
Handley, c. and b. Osborne	0
Frewin, b. Monteath	0
Gardner, not out	0
Parker, b. Osborne	1
Wiley, c. Eggleton, b. Osborne	2
Gaylard, c. Saxton, b Osborne	0
Harris, b. Osborne	0
Total	20

Bowling Analysis.—Monteath, three wickets for 8 runs; Osborne five for 12.

OLD BOYS v. TIKORANGI (Nov. 1st, 1919.)

This match was played in Pukekura Park. Tikorangi batted first and were soon disposed of for 44 runs. Old Boys established a substantial lead with their first innings, and the Tikorangi second innings was only carried to the seventh wicket, for 67 runs. Their only batsman to reach double figures was E. Sarten, who notched 17 in the incomplected innings. All the bowling for Old Boys was done by Eggleton and Bottrill, each of whom got good results. Seven Tikorangi players tried their hand with the ball, and E. Sarten made the best impression on the opposing batting. Details of the scores are:—

TIKORANGI.

First Innings.

P. Sarten, b. Eggleton	9
G. Lye, hit wicket	8
C. Wilson, b. Bottrill	1
Eggleton, b. Bottrill	1
Scrimgeour, c. and b. Bottrill	7
Soffe, run out	2
H. Foreman, b. Bottrill	2
L. Purdie, b. Eggleton	0
L. Jupp, c. and b. Eggleton	0
C. Sarten, b. Eggleton	1
E. Sarten, not out	9
Extras	4
Total	44

Bowling Analysis.—Eggleton, five wickets for 22 runs; Bottrill, four for 19.

Second Innings.

P. Scrimgeour, b. Bottrill	6
E. Sarten, c. Osborne, b. Bottrill	17
P. Sarten, c. Osborne, b. Monteath	5
Eggleton, c. Johnson, b. Monteath	7
C. Wilson, b. Monteath	4
Lye, c. Monteath, b. Bottrill	5
H. Foreman, b. Monteath	5
Jupp, not out	7
C. Sarten, not out	1
Extras	10
Total for seven wickets	67

Bowling Analysis.—Eggleton, no wickets for 16 runs; Bottrill, three for 18; Monteath, four for 19; Osborne, none for 4.

OLD BOYS.

Osborne, c. and b. E. Sarten	20
Bottrill, l.b.w. b. E. Sarten	7
Monteath, c. Eggleston, b. E. Sarten	18
Bewley, not out	40
Stohr, c. Scrimgeour, b. Jupp	0
Oliver, b. Eggleston	15
Johnston, run out	0
Colson, l.b.w., b. P. Sarten	5
Saxton, run out	6
Quilliam, c. C. Sarten, b. Lye	1
Extras	10
Total	140

Bowling Analysis.—Purdie, no wickets for 14; E. Sarten, four for 46; Soffe, none for 12; Jupp, one for 27; P. Sarten, one for 24; Eggleston, one for 7; Lye, one for 0.

OLD BOYS v. HIGH SCHOOL. (Nov. 8th, 1919.)

A closely contested game was played between High School and Old Boys on the school ground. Though Old Boys secured a win, their total did not compare favourably with that in the match played with the school at the beginning of the season, the reason being that Bottrill was not up to his usual batting form. Old Boys, who batted first, opened in good style, but, when five wickets had fallen for 60, tailed off rather miserably, the next four wickets going down for the addition of only 15 runs. They batted one man short. Osborne and Monteath were not affected by the bowling of O'Halloran, but the former went out with the score at 13 when Greiner was given a turn with the ball. The best subsequent partnership was that of Bewley and Eggleton, which added 22 runs to the score. Eggleton hit hard while he lasted, and created a mild sensation by breaking a small window in the second story of the school.

Palmer and Willis opened the School innings cautiously, and when they did commence to open out the latter was caught. Palmer handled his bat with nice judgment and played a long innings for 24. Eggleton and Osborne bowled for some time without producing much effect, though the latter secured three wickets, two from catches. When the bowling was changed the remainder of the School team allowed themselves to be disposed of very easily. Monteath secured seven wickets in four overs. Four of them fell in one over. Sutherland, who was last man in, made a creditable stand with Hine, and they made 18 runs before Monteath prevailed.

With a margin of eight in their favour on the first innings, Old Boys commenced a second strike about five o'clock, and lost the ten wickets for 95 runs. Oliver, whose 18 was the largest score, batted very steadily.

The fielding of the teams was on the whole good, but High School allowed too many extras to be scored against them.

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Osborne, b. Greiner	7
Monteath, b. Sinclair	11
Bewley, b. Brown	18
Eggleton, b. O'Halloran	17
Oliver, b. Brown	3
Bottrill, b. Sinclair	12
Saxton, l.b.w., b. Sinclair	1
Johnston, b. Brown	1
Colson, b. Sinclair	0
Fox, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	75

Bowling Analysis.—Sinclair took four wickets for 17 runs in seven overs; Brown, three for 14 in five overs; Greiner, one for 2; O'Halloran, one for 18; Palmer, none for 15.

Second Innings.

Osborne, b. Palmer	2
Eggleton, b. Sinclair	17
Bewley, thrown out	11
Monteath, b. Sinclair	2
Oliver, c. Osborne, b. Palmer	18
Bottrill, l.b.w., b. Sinclair	0
Quilliam, b. O'Halloran	5
Colson, b. Palmer	9
Johnson, c. Hine, b. Palmer	9
Saxton, b. O'Halloran	5
Fox, not out	0
Extras	17
Total	95

HIGH SCHOOL.

Palmer, l.b.w., b. Monteath	24
Willis, c. Saxton, b. Osborne	2
Smart, b. Osborne	1
O'Halloran, c. Fox, b. Osborne	2
Greiner, c. Oliver, b. Monteath	13
Osborne, c. and b. Monteath	4
Hine, not out	5
Brown, b. Monteath	0
Inch, b. Monteath	0
Sinclair, b. Monteath	0
Sutherland, b. Monteath	11
Extras	5
Total	67

Bowling Analysis.—Monteath took seven wickets for 16 runs in four overs; Osborne, three for 25 in eleven overs; Eggleton, none for 17; Bottrill, none for 5.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH B (Nov. 22, 1919).

A three-point win was secured by Old Boys, playing against New Plymouth B in Pukekura Park. Old Boys went to the wicket first, and when six wickets had fallen for 176 runs, the innings was declared. Old Boys batted very steadily, the highest score being Eggleton's 44. All the likely bowlers in the New Plymouth team were given a chance with the ball. Purdie, with four wickets for 47 runs, obtained the best results. The B team commenced to bat at 4.30 and had all been dismissed for 45 runs at 5.35. Old Boys then had a hard tussle against time for the extra point, and the last wicket in the second innings fell simultaneously with the arrival of time for drawing stumps.

Details of the scores are:—

OLD BOYS.

Bottrill, st. Sheppard, b. Purdie	33
Osborne, b. Purdie	19
Monteath, c. Hughes, b. Elliott	8
Bewley, b. Purdie	14
Eggleton, b. Purdie	44
Oliver, not out	33
Colson, l.b.w., b. Hewitt	2
Hughes, not out	7
Extras	16
Total for six wickets	176

Bowling Analysis.—Purdue took four wickets for 47 runs; Hewitt, one for 20; Elliott, one for 37; Sheppard, none for 2; Doile, none for 5; Brabant, none for 11; Priar, none for 18; Dunstan, none for 20.

NEW PLYMOUTH B.

First Innings.

Sheppard, c. Eggleton, b. Bottrill	5
Lawrey, b. Monteath	9
Priar, c. Hughes, b. Eggleton	0
Dunstan, b. Bottrill	0
Purdue, run out	2
Elliott, b. Monteath	11
Doile, c. Monteath, b. Osborne	2
Hewitt, not out	2
Brabant, b. Osborne	0
Baker, b. Osborne	2
Extras	10
Total	45

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne took three wickets for 3 runs; Bottrill, three for 14; Monteath, two for 11; Eggleton, one for 7.

Second Innings.

Sheppard, b. Eggleton	1
Hewitt, c. Eggleton, b. Osborne	12
Purdue, c. Oliver, b. Hughes	12
Elliott, b. Osborne	1
Lawrey, c. Osborne, b. Hughes	0
Priar, c. Johnston, b. Osborne	3
Baker, c. Johnston, b. Hughes	3
Dunstan, c. Monteath, b. Hughes	0
Hughes, not out	13
Brabant, b. Osborne	0
Doile, b. Hughes	1
Extras	3
Total	49

Bowling Analysis.—Hughes took five wickets for 13 runs; Osborne, four for 16; Eggleton, one for 10; Bottrill, none for 7.

NEW PLYMOUTH A v. OLD BOYS.

This was the keenest match in the cup competition played this season. It was felt that the winning side would require to put up a big score to win. Old Boys won the toss and put New Plymouth in, Heskett and Lash opening to the bowling of Bottrill and Eggleton. Both batsmen played confidently, and gave a fine display of off strokes and late cuts. With 59 up Lash was run out when backing up. Weston followed and was well taken by Oliver at mid-off. Mackay and Heskett continued the partnership until 95 was up. The next four wickets fell for 12 runs, and with seven wickets for 107 runs the New Plymouth chances were not bright. Sutherland (17) and Johnson (14 not out) made a useful stand, the innings closing for 147. The Old Boys' fielding throughout was particularly clean and smart, and only one chance, a difficult catch in the deep field, was missed. Their bowling was not quite so good, Bottrill, who was in good form, getting the good average of five wickets for 30 runs. Bottrill and Osborne opened for Old Boys to Johnson and Sutherland. Sutherland was in great form and runs came slowly. With 16 up Osborne was beaten by Sutherland. Bottrill was batting well, but was unfortunate in getting l.b.w. to Sutherland when he had made 22. Monteath showed good form for 19, getting some powerful forward drives. With seven wickets down for 58 it was evident that Old Boys could not reach their opponent's score. Johnson batted freely for 18, the innings closing for 90. Sutherland came out with the good average of four wickets for 30. New Plymouth fielding was more patchy and not up to the standard of their opponents, though at times there was some good work, Lash's left-handed catch from Oliver being brilliant. New Plymouth following were all out for 113 when stumps were drawn, the team thus getting a two-point win. Lash again batted well. Heskett, after driving Bottrill over the iron fence for 6, was very smartly taken by Eggleton in the slips. Sutherland also batted well, whilst Quickfall made a useful 21. On the day the

best team won. If anything New Plymouth has a stronger bowling team, whilst there is no tail to their batting. Old Boys' team has not the variety of bowling, although it is a fast improving team, and with their smart fielding, the next match between these two sides should be full of interest. Messrs. Saunders and Stratford acted as umpires. Details of the scores are:—

NEW PLYMOUTH.

In the First Innings made 147.

Bowling Analysis.—Bottrill took five wickets for 30 runs; Eggleton, one for 22; Monteath, one for 29; Hughes, one for 31; Osborne, none for 24.

In the Second Innings they made 100 runs, which with extras brought the total up to 113.

Bowling Analysis.—Monteath took two wickets for 4 runs; Eggleton two for 22; Osborne one for 9; Hughes one for 10; Wynyard one for 22; Bottrill one for 33.

OLD BOYS.

Bottrill, l.b.w., b. Sutherland	22
Osborne, b. Sutherland	2
Hughes, l.b.w., b. Johnson	4
Eggleton, b. Johnson	9
Monteath, c. Heskett, b. Lash	19
Bewley, b. Sutherland	7
Oliver, c. Lash, b. Sutherland	2
Wynyard, run out	0
Johnson, b. Dinniss	18
Saxton, c. and b. Dinniss	3
Quilliam, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	90

Bowling Analysis.—Sutherland took four wickets for 29 runs; Dinniss, two for 4; Johnson, two for 43; Lash, one for 8.

OLD BOYS v. FREEZING WORKS (Commenced Dec. 6, 1919, finished Dec. 20, 1919).

The match between Old Boys and Freezing Works, which was commenced on December 6, was finished in Pukekura Park, and resulted in a win for Old Boys. On the first occasion Bottrill and Osborne had compiled 40 runs between them when rain stopped play. Bottrill was not present on the second occasion, but Osborne carried his score on to 39 before being bowled by O. Kinsella. The remainder of the innings was not very fruitful, the top score being 14, and the tenth wicket fell for 103. Bowling for Freezing Works, Clark took six wickets for 33 runs, in ten overs.

Freezing Works lost their ten wickets for 52 runs, and Old Boys commenced their second innings, but declared when 83 runs had been made with the loss of two wickets. The Freezing Works second innings opened in a promising manner, and the fourth wicket fell for 80 runs. With nine wickets down for 93 stumps were drawn. Clark had batted right through the innings, and his 39 was top score.

A fine bowling performance by Osborne was responsible for most of the destruction among the Freezing Works' wickets. In the first innings he took seven wickets for 9 runs, and of 11 overs which he bowled five were maidens. In the second innings he dismissed six opponents, five clean bowled and one caught and bowled. Twenty-three runs were scored against him in six overs, but in his last over the bowler took four wickets with four successive balls. Details of the scores are as follow:—

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Bottrill, not out	16
Osborne, b. O. Kinsella	39
Monteath, c. W. Kinsella, b. O. Kinsella	5
Hughes, b. Clark	4
Bewley, b. Clark	14
Wynyard, b. Clark	1
Johnson, c. and b. Clark	9
Colson, l.b.w., b. O. Kinsella	6
Quilliam, b. Clark	0
Inch, not out	1
Lash, b. Clark	0
Extras	8
Total	103

Bowling Analysis.—O. Kinsella took three wickets for 49; Girling, none for 14; Clark, six for 33.

Second Innings.

Osborne, l.b.w., b. Girling	26
Quilliam, b. Clark	6
Bewley, not out	34
Wynyard, not out	9
Extras	8
Total for two wickets	83

Bowling Analysis.—Clark took one wicket for 14 runs; Girling, one for 13; O. Kinsella, none for 11; E. Kinsella, none for 25; Morrison, none for 13.

FREEZING WORKS.

In the first innings Freezing Works compiled 52 runs.

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne took seven wickets for 9 runs; Hughes, one for 9; Monteath, one for 19; Wynyard, one for 1.

In the Second Innings they made 93 with nine wickets down.

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne took six wickets for 23 runs; Colson, three for 22; Wynyard, none for 17; Monteath, none for 15; Hughes, none for 12.

OLD BOYS v. FREEZING WORKS (Dec. 17, 1920).

Playing on a bumpy wicket on the showground at Waiwakaiho, Old Boys secured a three-point win over Freezing Works. The scoring was low and with the loss of one wicket in their second innings Old Boys secured the required number of runs. Freezing Works batted first and their strike ended for 22 runs, Osborne and Hughes, who did all the bowling for Old Boys, dividing the wickets equally between them. Freezing Works made a better showing at the wickets the next time and made 52 runs. Hughes this time proved the more formidable bowler, he taking seven wickets at a cost of 17 runs in nine overs (two maidens). For Old Boys, whose first innings produced 65 runs, Hughes (17), Monteath (14) and Wynyard (17) did the most effectual work with the bat. O. Kinsella (six wickets for 28) was the most successful Freezing Works bowler. Details of the scores are:—

FREEZING WORKS.

In the First Innings Freezing Works made 22.

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne five wickets for 11 runs; Hughes, five for 7.

In the Second Innings they made 52 runs.

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne one wicket for 27 runs; Hughes, seven for 17.

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Osborne, c. and b. O. Kinsella	3
Hughes, b. O. Kinsella	17
Monteath, c. Hellaby, b. O. Kinsella	14
Bewley, run out	0
Wynyard, b. O. Kinsella	17
Johnson, c. and b. Clark	2
Saxton, st. Sheppard, b. Clark	1
Quilliam, b. O. Kinsella	2
Sole, b. Burns	0
Fox, c. Clark, b. O. Kinsella	1

Bowling Analysis.—O. Kinsella six wickets for 28 runs; Clark, two for 28; Burns, one for 1.

Second Innings.

Quilliam, not out	7
Hughes, c. Sheppard, b. Girling	7
Osborne, not out	1
Corkill, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	65
Total for one wicket	14

Bowling Analysis.—Clark took no wickets for 6 runs; Girling, one for 8.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH B (Feb. 7, 1920).

Playing on the Waiwakaiho show grounds, Old Boys secured a three-point win over New Plymouth B. Neither side was fully represented, but Old Boys had more men than their opponents. The best scores were made by Wynyard (Old Boys) 33 not out, and Quickfall (New Plymouth) 31 not out. Old Boys declared their second innings before any wickets had fallen, as the required runs had been obtained. Details of the scores are:—

NEW PLYMOUTH B.

In the First Innings New Plymouth B compiled the total of 15.

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne took four wickets for 7 runs; Hughes, two for 8.

In the Second Innings they reached the total of 65.

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Osborne, b. Purdue	8
Monteath, b. Elliott	3
Bewley, c. Lawrey, b. Purdue	3
Wynyard, not out	33
Eggleton, c. substitute, b. Quickfall	0
Hughes, b. Quickfall	2
Johnson, b. Quickfall	11
Colson, l.b.w., b. Elliott	3
R. H. Quilliam, c. Elliott, b. Purdue	9
N. Quilliam, b. Purdue	0
Extras	7
Total	79

Bowling Analysis.—Elliott, two wickets for 19 runs; Purdue, four for 23; Quickfall, three for 27.

Second Innings.

Quilliam, not out	2
Eggleton, not out	1
Total for no wickets	3

Bowling Analysis.—Quickfall, no wickets for 3 runs.

NEW PLYMOUTH A v. OLD BOYS (Feb. 14, 1920).

By defeating Old Boys on Saturday New Plymouth resumed the leading position in the competition as, though the two teams have scored an equal number of points, New Plymouth have played a match less than Old Boys, and are not likely to lose points when it is played. The match was played on the High School ground. Old Boys batted first and their scoring was rather disappointing. When two wickets had fallen to Johnson and Sutherland for 9 runs, Bewley and Osborne established the only partnership of the innings. With the score at 36 Heskett, who had just commenced to bowl, took his first wicket, and then the remainder fell for the addition of only 14 runs. Heskett bowled five overs and took seven wickets, six clean bowled, at a cost of 9 runs. There were a number of maiden overs, Sutherland bowling three maidens out of six, Saunders two out of three, and Johnson one out of four.

New Plymouth fielding was not so good as that of Old Boys, the latter's work being smart and clean, and the throwing in brilliant. For New Plymouth Lash made a splendid catch on the boundary off Eggleton.

For New Plymouth, Lash and Johnson opened and were separated at 14 runs. When three wickets were down for 21, Heskett and Weston joined forces and brought the total to 51. The ninth wicket fell before 53 runs were passed and then the tail wagged vigorously in the form of Saunders (28 not out) and Palmer (24), who hit out freely until the latter was caught by Osborne off Wynyard. The innings thus closed for 108 runs. Four out of five wickets which fell to Hughes, who shared the Old Boys' bowling honours with Osborne, were taken in one over, which followed a maiden.

Old Boys' second strike proved more interesting. Eggleton (39) and Quilliam (12), who opened, hit Heskett for fours and sixes. Quilliam was run out, and when three wickets had fallen for 19 runs Eggleton was joined by Osborne, and the ensuing partnership provided an interesting display of batting and carried the total to 76. All the succeeding batsmen scored and when eight wickets had fallen for 134 runs the innings was declared, Monteath (18) and Colson (8) being not out.

New Plymouth commenced their second strike, and when stumps were drawn one wicket was down for 22 runs, Lash (15) and Palmer (5) being not out. Details of the scores are as follow:—



BOARDING BLOCK. (SHOWING NEW WING.)

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Eggleton, c. Lash, b. Johnson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hughes, c. Johnson, b. Sutherland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bewley, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Osborne, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Wynyard, l.b.w., b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Olliver, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Monteath, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Johnston, b. Sutherland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Quilliam, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Colson, not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Saxton, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50

Bowling Analysis.—Johnson took one wicket for 16 runs; Sutherland, two for 5; Saunders, none for 5; Dinniss, none for 5; Heskett, seven for 9.

Second Innings.

Eggleton, c. Sutherland, b. Dinniss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Quilliam, run out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Hughes, b. Sutherland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Bewley, b. Sutherland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Osborne, l.b.w., b. Lash	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Wynyard, b. Heskett	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Olliver, b. Dinniss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Monteath, not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Johnston, b. Mackay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Colson, not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Total for 8 wickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134

Bowling Analysis.—Heskett took one wicket for 42 runs; Sutherland, two for 18; Saunders, none for 14; Johnson, none for 12; Dinniss, two for 22; Lash, one for 5; Mackay, one for 18.

NEW PLYMOUTH A.

In the First Innings New Plymouth A made 108.

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne, three wickets for 48 runs, Hughes five for 33, Eggleton, none for 15; Monteath, none for 3; Wynyard one for 4.

In the Second Innings New Plymouth had made 22 for one wicket down.

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne took one wicket for 6 runs; Hughes none for 7; Eggleton, none for 7.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

OLD BOYS v. TIKORANGI. (Feb. 21st, 1920.)

Old Boys played Tikorangi at Tikorangi and were defeated by 23 runs. The match in some respects was a peculiar one. Tikorangi scored 102 runs, of which 82 were made by W. Foreman (16), Lye (12), Eggleston (30), and E. Sarten (24). Scrimgeour made 7 and C. Foreman 2, the remaining five players failing to add a single point. Monteath (28), and Bewley (18) were the most successful batsmen for Old Boys. Details:—

Tikorangi batted first, compiling 102 runs.

Bowling Analysis.—Bottrill took four wickets for 29 runs; Hughes, two for 14; Osborne, one for 28; Eggleston, one for 13; Monteath, two for 16.

OLD BOYS.

Osborne, b. E. Sarten	3
Eggleton, b. E. Sarten	0
Bottrill, b. E. Sarten	1
Wynyard, b. E. Sarten	7
Bewley, b. Purdie	18
Monteath, b. E. Sarten	28
Hughes, c. Purdie, b. Sarten	1
Johnson, b. E. Sarten	0
Quilliam, l.b.w., b. Purdie	2
Saxton, not out	6
Fox, b. Purdie	0
Extras	13
Total	79

Bowling Analysis.—E. Sarten took seven wickets for 28 runs; C. Foreman, none for 12; Jupp, none for 17; Purdie, three for 9.

OLD BOYS v. HIGH SCHOOL.

This game was played on the High School ground on February 28th, 1920, and resulted in a win for Old Boys on the first innings.

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Willis, b. Osborne	3
Palmer, c. Eggleton, b. Bottrill	3
Hine, b. Eggleton	5
Brown, b. Bottrill	5
O'Halloran, b. Hughes	15
Greiner, run out	0
Smart, c. Hughes, b. Eggleton	0
Sinclair, b. Hughes	0
Pote, c. Osborne, b. Hughes	0
Osborne, b. Hughes	7
Inch, not out	1
Extras	8
Total	47

Bowling Analysis.—Osborne took one wicket for 7 runs; Bottrill, two for 17; Hughes, four for 10; Eggleton, two for 5.

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Bottrill, l.b.w., b. Sinclair	1
Bewley, b. Sinclair	28
Hughes, run out	2
Osborne, c. Brown, b. Inch	0
Wynyard, b. Sinclair	0
Eggleton, b. Sinclair	0
Quilliam, c. O'Halloran, b. Sinclair	0
Saxton, b. O'Halloran	5
Fox, run out	1
Morrison, not out	24
Lash, b. Sinclair	0
Extras	8
Total	69

Bowling Analysis.—Inch took one wicket for 13 runs; Sinclair, six for 12; O'Halloran, one for 9; Brown, none for 11; Palmer, none for 16.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Second Innings.

Palmer, b. Hughes	3
Willis, b. Hughes	2
Hine, c. Morrison, b. Wynyard	6
Brown, b. Wynyard	3
O'Halloran, b. Wynyard	0
Greiner, b. Eggleton	4
Smart, b. Eggleton	4
Osborne, b. Bottrill	16
Sinclair, b. Eggleton	0
Pope, b. Bottrill	0
Inch, not out	1
Extras	6
Total	45

Bowling Analysis.—Bottrill took two wickets for 14 runs; Hughes, two for 12; Wynyard, three for 4; Eggleton, three for 7.

During the 1919-1920 season, the old Boys team played in the Senior Grade. Ten games were played in all, and seven of these were won. At the end of the season the team was second in the competition.

The following are the best bowling and batting averages made during the season:—

BATTING.

	Runs.	No. of innings.	Not out.	Average.
Bottrill ...	91	6	1	18.20
Bewley ...	156	11	2	17.33
Eggleton	131	9	1	16.37
Osborne ...	178	12	1	16.18
Monteath	124	10	1	13.77
Oliver	64	6	1	12.80
Wynyard	68	8	2	11.33
Hughes ...	48	9	1	6.00
Johnson ...	50	9	0	5.55
Quilliam ...	43	11	3	5.37
Colson	24	7	2	4.80

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Hughes ...	54	160	29	5.52
Osborne ...	88	244	41	5.95
Bottrill ...	47	126	19	6.63
Monteath ...	36	155	18	8.61
Eggleton ...	40	141	10	14.10

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1920.

Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in presenting to you the First Annual Report of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Football Club.

At the beginning of 1919 it was felt that as so many boys had passed through the School during the last few years the time was ripe for the formation of an Old Boys' Football Club, and accordingly a meeting was convened for that purpose. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that a club should be formed and the following officers were elected:—President: Dr. E. F. Fookes. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. E. P. Webster, W. H. Moyes, P. J. H. White, F. N. Whitcombe, A. Bewley, A. M. MacDiarmid, Lieut-Colonel Standish, and Lieut. Standish. Hon. Treasurer: R. G. Howell. Hon. Secretary: D. F. Saxton. Executive: Messrs. C. H. Wynyard (chairman), N. Little, S. Ewing, W. Ewing, H. Bayly, and Messrs. Howell and Saxton (ex officio).

Unfortunately the football season had already commenced before the formation of the club, and consequently several Old Boys who would have been a distinct asset to the team had already offered their services to other clubs. It is to be hoped, however, that the return of a number of Old Boys from the front and the increase in our ranks year by year from the School itself will be responsible for raising the standard of play as time goes on. The team during the season played under the leadership of C. H. Wynyard, with H. Bayly as vice-captain. The personnel of the team, however, varied so greatly in the different matches that it would be a difficult matter to mention any particular members as composing the fifteen.

After some consideration it was decided that the team should play in the Senior Grade, although it was a great handicap not having a junior team from which to draw players in case of emergency. It is to be hoped that this year there will be sufficient players offering to warrant two teams being entered in the competition.

The first match played was against Clifton and matters looked very promising when Old Boys succeeded in drawing with what was then regarded as a formidable team. The total number of matches played in the competition was seven, but the team succeeded in gaining only one victory, two matches being drawn and four lost. Old Boys also played in the seven-a-side tournament during the Peace Celebrations, but were defeated by the School in the first round.

The total number of points registered in the competition in favour of the team was twenty-two and against forty-one.

Representative honours were gained by one member, C. H. Wynyard, who played for Taranaki against Wanganui and also against Wairoa.

During the season Harold Bayly received an injury to his knee which necessitated his removal to the Hospital. Fortunately he has now quite recovered and, it is to be hoped, is prepared to play again in the ranks of the Old Boys.

As disclosed by the balance-sheet, the finances are in a very satisfactory condition, showing to the club's credit a balance of £3 5s 10d. Many of the expenses incurred by a newly-formed club such as affiliation fees to the Rugby Union will not be necessary in the future.

During the year the Old Boys' Association Executive was approached concerning an Old Boys' Badge to be worn by the players on their jerseys, and accordingly Messrs. Hutton and Bradbury have been asked to prepare designs for such a badge. Now that the club has been firmly established it is most desirable that during the forthcoming season players should come on the field in the regulation club colours, white jersey, white pants, and school stockings.

In conclusion we should like to thank all those who have helped to further the interests of the club during their first and hardest year, and to wish the team every success in the new season.

E. Faber Fookes, President.

Donald F. Saxton, Hon. Secretary.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the Annual Meeting held on March 19, 1920:— President: Dr. E. F. Fookes. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. E. P. Webster, W. H. Moyes, A. R. Ryder, P. J. H. White, F. N. Whitcombe, A. Bewley, A. M. MacDiarmid, Lieut.-Colonel Standish, and Lieut. A. R. Standish. Hon. Treasurer: R. G. Howell. Hon. Secretary: D. F. Saxton. Hon. Auditor: B. Wilson. Delegate to Union: C. H. Wynyard. Executive: Messrs. D. Sykes, Wynyard, Brokenshire, Doile, Whittle, Kelly, and Howell and Saxton (ex officio). The club has started the season with a roll of 60 active members. Three teams have been entered for the competitions, senior, first junior, and second junior.

HIGH SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

GOOD SCHOOL PERFORMANCE.

To open the season two matches were played in Pukekura Park on Saturday, April 17, between senior and junior teams representing New Plymouth Boys' High School and the Old Boys. The senior match was drawn, the score being 6 all. The School second fifteen defeated the opposing Old Boys' team by 5 points to 3. Both matches provided interesting football, each of the teams showing promising form.

The second grade match was played as the curtain raiser and the contest was a strenuous one. Old Boys had players who will be valuable if they strike form and combination and they pressed School while fresh. Fussell, who was doing excellent work in the Old Boys' pack, obtained a try which was not converted, and the score at half-time was 3—0. In the second spell the fitness of the younger team began to tell and backs and forwards attacked vigorously. A loose rush ended in R. Hair, a forward, crossing Old Boys' line. The try was converted by Merron with a nice kick and the remainder of the spell saw no change.

In the senior match Old Boys immediately attacked a plucky School defence and several strong, though loose, efforts by the backs were repulsed. After about ten minutes' play Eggleton, wing-forward for Old Boys, led a rush and scored in the left-hand corner. Hughes kicked well, but just wide, and the score was 3—0 in favour of Old Boys. Towards half-time School brought play to their opponents' twenty-five by a spirited passing bout in which the ball was handled right across the field. Refreshed by the spell, Old Boys commenced the second half vigorously, but were not able to penetrate the defence again. Osborne, the School captain, kicked well up from his home half and Throssel, being unable to take a difficult mark, B. Boon secured by fast following up and passed to O'Halloran on the wing. He was collared near the goal line and from a scrum which followed Osborne was given the ball at half and nipped over on the blind side. Willis did not goal and the score was 3 all. Up and down play followed until Sykes got away in the middle of the field and looked like scoring until collared by Willis, one of the School wings. Old Boys received a free kick in front of the posts just afterwards and Hughes succeeded.—Old Boys 6, High School 3. During the following play Old Boys were penalised and Osborne attempted to equalise the scores by kicking at goal from near half-way. The ball passed beneath the bar, but another penalty at a point a little closer followed and this time a beautiful kick found the goal. Time sounded just afterwards.

The High School put up a fight against a senior team which promises well for their future play in the third grade competition. The backs are already showing good combination, while the forwards are a solid pack. The Old Boys' team contained a deal of excellent material, which appears to be capable of developing into a good

combination, if only the training and practice essential are obtained. A lack of cohesion and condition naturally accompany the opening of a football season, and it follows that a team must get rid of these drawbacks as quickly as possible if it is to be useful.

MARRIAGES.

AVERY—WHITE.—At the Whiteley Church, New Plymouth, on October 30, 1919, Alfred Henry, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Avery, to Elsie Maud, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White, New Plymouth.

JEFFRIES—BACH.—At St. Mark's Church, Auckland, on September 9, 1919, F. D. Jeffries, to Connie Bach.

JACKSON—MACE.—At St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, on April 9, 1920, Roy M. Jackson to Vera, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mace, of New Plymouth.

FOOKES—KING.—At Te Henui Church, on Saturday, April 11, 1920, Noel, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fookes, New Plymouth, to Betty, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton King, New Plymouth.

BIRTH.

QUILLIAM.—On March 23, 1920, at New Plymouth, the wife of Ronald H. Quilliam, a son.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The following is a letter from Norman Leech, who we have since heard has been in the Ruhr campaign:—

I have now been in India four months, and the experience so far has been very interesting. I can honestly say that I have never had any cause to regret having gone to Duntroon. I had an excellent trip. On my way I spent nearly a fortnight in Sydney, which is just as gay as ever. I had quite a good time as I have some of my best friends there. At Colombo I had to change to another boat. I spent four days there. Ceylon is a very pretty little island, the mountain scenery inland is very charming. After landing in Bombay I had a 1458 mile train journey which lasted 51 hours across the plains of India. I am now with the Royal

Warwickshire Regiment, which is stationed at Nonshera, about 30 miles from Peshawar. Nonshera is a (north-west) frontier station, and human life is not altogether sacred. It is on the edge of the hill country, and the Pathan gentry, who are expert thieves, are always lurking round. Sentries are always armed with ball ammunition, and during a halt one or two sentries must always be posted. These loose wajas, as they are called, are very good at entering a room at night, and so one always sleeps with a revolver. Indian life is very fascinating, and I can quite appreciate what is meant by the call of the East. Yet in a way this part is very different from other parts of India. Here there are not the facilities for pleasure that there are further south. And, of course, the cost of living has gone up. In a way I shall not be sorry to return to New Zealand, but of course I wouldn't have missed this trip. There has been trouble over the frontier for some time, but I do not know if I shall be lucky enough to be able to see service, as, so far, Native troops only have been employed. But I am still living in hopes. Clifton, one of our fellows, has been lucky enough to get away, but he was attached to some Native sappers, and he had a decent C.O. Early next month I shall probably be going to a hill station. This will be rather earlier than usual, but none of the people have had experience of the hot weather for a few years, and I expect that that is the reason. Suthy is attached to the 21st Lancers at Meerut, and from his accounts I think they do things pretty well there. The mess in this regiment is very good, and there is some gorgeous silver here. We all turn out in the scarlet pea-jacket and blue overalls, etc. There are two of our fellows in Peshawar, so I am not on my own. Also two Aussies of my class at Duntroon have come here with the batteries they were attached to in England. And there are two more Aussies from Duntroon within eighty miles from here, but I have not yet seen them.

Bernard Glasgow has taken over the managership of the firm of Roy and Nicholson, solicitors, at their Waitara branch.

Eric White is attending Nelson College this year.

K. C. Roberts, who won a Junior National University Scholarship last year, is now attending Otago University, and is taking the Science course.

Norman Bellringer is at present on the clerical staff at the Smart Road Freezing Works.

Ron. Blundell is working in the New Plymouth branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

Alan ("Snowy") Brooker is working in his father's shop.

Lisle Jennins, from Palmerston North, recently paid a flying visit to New Plymouth.

Captain E. T. Faris, District Health Officer for the Wellington District, has been on a short visit to New Plymouth.

Ian Grant has gone into partnership with A. Pater-son, solicitor, Inglewood.

Percy Oliver is attached to the law staff at the local Magistrate's Court.

Eric Cole is working with his father in the motor business in Hawera.

Brian Horner is farming with his brother, near Patea.

"Mick" Wyborn—at School last year—and now Old Boys' rep. in the Thames district, paid us a short visit early in the year.

W. Luxton is now farming in the Waikato.

Jack Clemow is attending Auckland Grammar this year, in order to gain a bursary.

Dud. Spence called in to see us a short time back; he is now on a bush section, inland from Eltham.

Colin Smart, Old Boys' representative at Stratford, is working in his father's office.

Alf. Jennings, who was attached to the R.A.F. for several years at Home, is now on the staff of C. Croker, solicitor, New Plymouth.

Arthur Moody, who has been for some years on the clerical staff in Newton King's, has been appointed inspector for the Standard Fire Insurance Co. in Taranaki.

Bob. Bothamley is on the clerical staff in the Wel-lington branch of the Union Steam Ship Co.

Burford Norman has taken up farming in the Mana-watu district.

Lieut. D. A. Lusk is attached to the garrison in Samoa.

C. McKay, from Manaia, called in to see us recently.

Houghton Renaud, since his return from overseas, has re-joined the local Post and Telegraph staff.

C. Kyngdon, who won the senior athletic cham-pionship last year, is now on the staff of the New Ply-mouth branch of the Bank of Australasia.

C. Moss is farming at Tataraimaka.

J. Gibson is farming at Eltham.

Ron. Greiner, who won a Taranaki Scholarship last year, is now attending Victoria College.

Waddle and "Dummy" Johns are both at Otago University this year.

"Buster" Corney is on his father's farm at Egmont Village.

Roy Wills is on a bush section at Rotokere, Eltham.

Ron. Adlam, on the staff of the Stratford District High School, was successful in passing his Teachers' "B" Examination.

Owen Bayly, who is at present studying law at Auck-land University, has kept his third year's terms for the LL.B. degree, and passed his examination in five sub-jects: International law, Roman law, property, torts and conflicts.

Vernon Stanton, since his return from Egypt, has again taken up the teaching profession, and at present is on the staff at the Stratford District High School.

A. Brackebush, centre three-quarter in last year's first fifteen, is now assisting his brother, who has a large practice in Auckland as a masseur.

Huia Honeyfield is farming on his father's property at Glover Road, Hawera.

R. Claridge called in to see us just before the sum-mer vacation. He is working in a law office in Welling-ton, and is also attending lectures at Victoria College.

Phil. Atkinson was unfortunately run into by a motor-car in Devon Street recently; we are pleased to see he is about again.

C. A. McKinney, who was in charge of the Prepara-tory School for some considerable time, is now an organ-ising teacher under the Taranaki Education Board. His headquarters are at Awakino.

Gordon Salway has taken up a farm at Waitoitoi, Urenui.

We were extremely pleased to see one of our oldest Old Boys—Mr. Herbert Ford—present at our annual athletic sports last year. Mr. Ford left school in 1882, and had not re-visited the school since.

Strathie and Willard Ewing are farming at Brixton, Waitara.

A. C. Smith is farming on his father's property at Albert Road, Inglewood.

G. A. Mason is clerking in the railways at Wanganui.

E. Beckbessinger is now back again in Waitara, assisting in his father's business.

Tom Corkill is travelling representative for the A.M.P. Society in North Taranaki.

After several years, during which time he has seen service in England and France, Mr. H. V. Searle returned to the School in the beginning of March. Since the armistice Mr. Searle has been attending Cambridge University, where he was successful in gaining his B.A. degree. We extend a hearty welcome to him on his return.

W. F. Kelly, Awakino, called in to see us recently.

Dr. J. Dockrill, who saw considerable service with the R.A.M.C. in France, is at present in New Plymouth, visiting his parents. He intends to return to England at an early date, and will probably stay a further two years. We were pleased to see him at the School.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Jack Shaw on having gained his M.B. degree at the Melbourne University. He is at present visiting his people here.

Lucena represented Canterbury College at the recent University Tournament in Wellington. He was successful in winning his section in the boxing championships.

F. A. Bruce is returning to New Plymouth from Florida, U.S.A., at an early date.

Lieut. L. G. Goss, from Trentham, paid a short visit to New Plymouth recently.

"Weed" Hamblyn, who is at present attending Lincoln College, played full-back for Old Boys in their annual match with School.

Brian Horner is attached to the firm of Grant and Cooke, surveyors, in the Gisborne district.

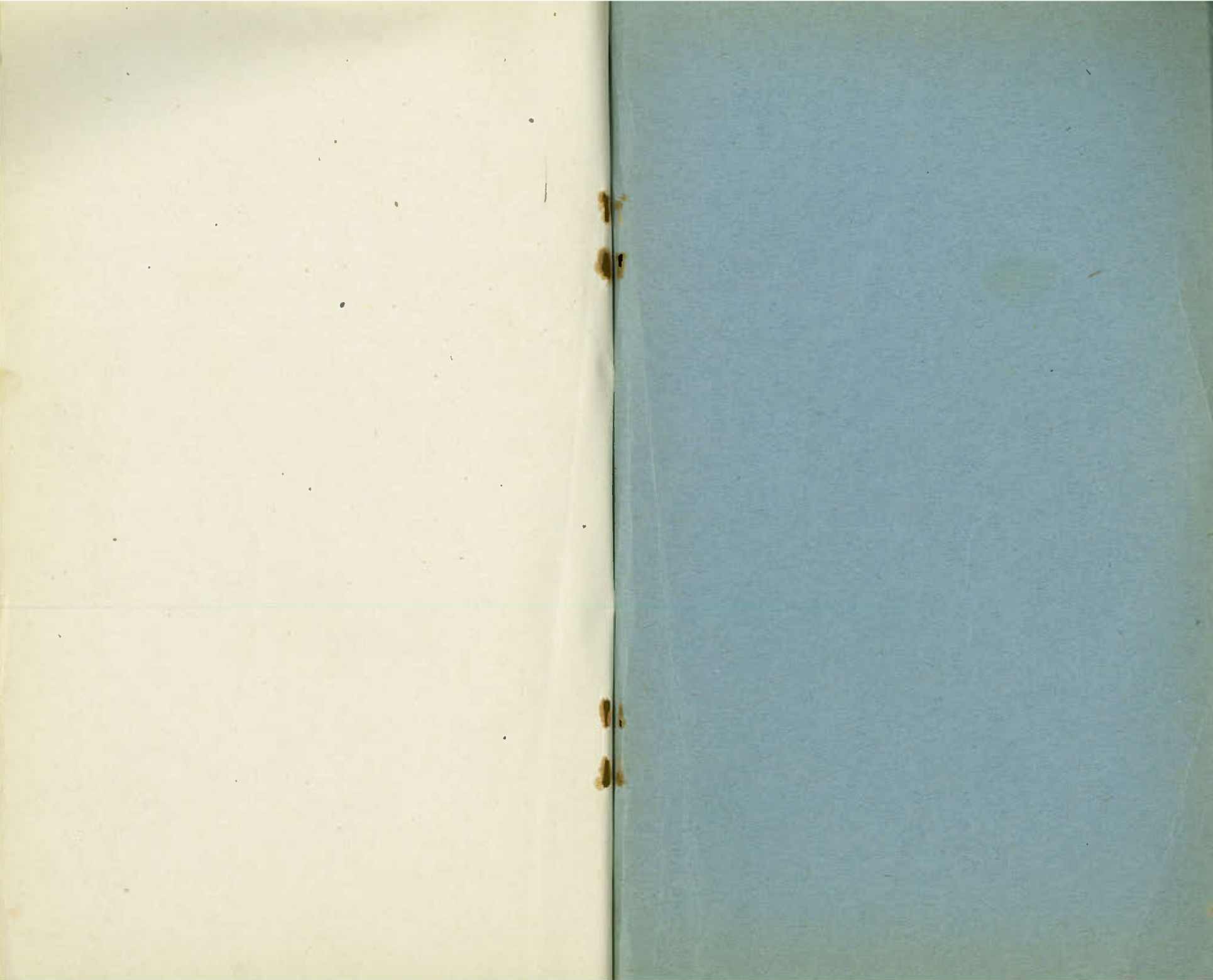
We deeply regret to hear the news of the death of another Old Boy of this School, Arthur Colin McIntyre. He was a pupil at this School in the early nineties and was a contemporary of Dr. Fookes, E. P. Webster, A.

M. MacDiarmid and many well-known Old Boys. At School, he played a great game in the three-quarter line. On leaving he played in the Star Club, L. Allen and A. Humphries being two of his fellow players. On going to Wellington he joined the Wellington Club, and was a member of the club's champion team in 1901, others with him being M. E. Wood, V. R. Meredith, W. Burr, and F. L. Row. He was a fast, dashing three-quarter, and played in 29 representative games for the Wellington Province, in which games he scored eight tries. Right to the end he kept up a keen interest in Rugby. At the time of his death he was an extremely popular member of the Government Treasury staff, in which position he had been for the last 18 years prior to his death. His early demise at the age of 44 years will be deeply regretted by many friends and Old Boys, and to his wife and two children we extend our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.



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SECOND TERM, 1920.

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Hine.

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W. L. Jillett, R. Syme, and J. Willis.

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Second in Command.—Lieutenant H. V. Searle.

Physical Drill Instructor.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.

Contingent Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major J. M. Hine.

No. 24 COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant G. F. Bertrand.

Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major M. Osborne.

Company Q.M.S.—Q.M.-Sergt. R. Hair.

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EDITORIAL.

(R. Syme.)

One of the most gratifying features of the last few years with regard to the School has been the increasing number of Old Boys attending the various Universities. In addition many boys, while still at School, are successfully availing themselves of opportunities to sit for University examinations. This is propitious for the future, the more so because the professions followed are not the same as formerly. Not the professions of law and medicine only, but also to an increasing degree that of teaching is being followed. Many young men in sitting for B.A. terms contemplate this course, in which they deserve nothing but encouragement and praise, for it cannot be denied that, up till the present, the teaching profession has been neglected because of the restrictions and disadvantages that have seemed its inevitable concomitants.

It has even been stated that as a consequence of this very few young men of any promise embark upon the teaching profession. Such a state of affairs is obviously detrimental to a high standard of education—and in a country that prides itself on being one of the most progressive in the world! Nevertheless this state exists. A remedy is necessary.

This remedy has been to some extent supplied by the recent Education Act, which has increased the salaries of teachers. But this Act, like most of its kind, can hardly be termed satisfactory. Nobody, not even the

most factious, can find any reason why a profession which demands the most ability should receive the least remuneration, why manual labour should be preferred to that of the brain. So little advance has our boasted modern civilisation made that such is still the case. The Education Act, if followed by others of the same tendency should, as optimists hope, have the requisite effect of reclaiming for this profession many abilities that would otherwise, for obvious reasons, have tended to drift to more lucrative employments. Were this to eventuate there would result a great raising of the level of our standard of education: which any Government should make its object to effect.

A question of great importance relative to education in Taranaki has recently been raised by the attempt of the Victoria University Council to acquire the revenues from what are known as the Taranaki Scholarship Endowments. To treat of the question with accuracy it is necessary to know the history and purposes of these endowments. Over fifty years ago land was set aside by Parliament for the endowment of higher education in Taranaki. Later, as Taranaki had no university, Parliament rightly decided that provision should be made for its future citizens, and further blocks of land were allotted for higher education for all time. More recently, under the Taranaki University Scholarships Act, grants of money were made to students who attained the credit list in the Junior University Scholarship examination. The original endowment, as was but natural, has increased greatly in value, and yields a revenue greater than that required annually for Taranaki scholarships. It is this endowment which the Victoria University authorities seek to divert to their own use. It is feared also that the possession of the actual lands, for obvious reasons, is their ulterior motive. This being the case, if the money is to be diverted at all (which is not provided by the law), the endowment should remain intact and the surplus revenues each year be directed to the furtherance of higher education in the province, which the spirit of the provision would seem to indicate. But, in view of the inevitable necessity of a University for Taranaki, as was provided for by the Act, and as is confirmed by the great increase of population in the province, authorities and all who have the good of the province and its education at heart should make strenuous efforts to retain what will be of urgent importance for the future of this coast.

Apart from the educational side of school life its complement sport must find a place. For the furtherance of sport in New Zealand it would be a good thing if competitive athletic meetings were held annually at some centre for the secondary schools of the Dominion. A similar arrangement has long been in force in Australia. Its benefits are obvious. At the very least no objection could be raised to the trial of a system elsewhere vindicated. Rather should it be welcomed by all interested in the progress of athletics. Its merits are so outstanding that it seems strange that we have for so long been without some form of inter-school meeting.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(C. Noble.)

The Second Term opened quietly with a full day's work, a happening which characterises perfectly the tone of the whole term, although, indeed, the first Thursday (the occasion of the King's Birthday) was loyally honoured.

That popular institution, the Dancing Class, this year attracted so many members that a division had to be effected; those who had danced previously attended on Friday night whilst learners were exercised on Saturday evening.

To pass over without mention the Chess Club (unofficial) would surely be a grave offence. A small room, used by terms' boys for study in preparation periods has been commandeered before and after school hours; at times as many as three games progress at once. Indeed some of the players were on the point of declaring themselves professionals when a severe blow—the defeat of the champion—was administered to their pride by a Master, who disposed of his opponent in double-quick time.

One day early in the term the Masters were all obliged to be away. Instead of a "day off" as some of the gayer types expected, the School was handed over entirely to the Prefects from 9 a.m. until dark. With not a Master on the premises, school, drill, the crime sheet and football were conducted as usual—afternoon tea was even partaken of, after the manner of our instructors. (The crime sheet, needless to say, was blank; other methods of disposing of offenders doubtless proved more efficacious.)

On the night of July 5, Mr. S. G. Smith, M.P., delivered a lecture at the School on the Parliamentary Visit to the Pacific Islands. The lecture, which was in itself of great interest, was admirably illustrated by a fine set of views of the Islands. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to Mr. Smith for the pleasant evening he afforded us.

The annual visit of the Education Department Inspectors took place on July 13 and 14, somewhat earlier than usual. They were chiefly occupied with examining the free-place candidates, though the other forms were also favoured by their attention.

On the occasion of the School match with Wanganui College, practically everyone in the School attended. When we arrived at Hawera we were conducted direct to Mr. Easton's house where, through the generosity of several Hawera gentlemen, we were provided with lunch. We wish to convey our sincerest thanks to these gentlemen for their kindness and attention.

When General Birdwood was on his visit to Taranaki he, with characteristic feeling and thought for us, pleaded that we should be given a holiday. Consequently the Friday following the Inspectors' examination was declared free.

It is with keen regret that we have to chronicle the departure of Mr. D. Saxton, who accepted a position on the staff of Waitaki Boys' High School close towards the end of the Second Term. Mr. Saxton was very popular with everyone at the School and his absence is felt in all departments. Nevertheless, remembering that our loss is their gain, we join in wishing him success in his new sphere of duty.

The "Long Night" Dance was this year celebrated with all its usual brilliancy, and may be looked on as a very successful conclusion to that very popular class.

The following Friday night was occupied by a Football Dance, in which members of the three fifteens participated. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and our heartiest thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes for their kindness in arranging the entertainment.

A decided improvement has been made to the appearance of the School cricket grounds by the removal of most of the pine trees along the Avenue Road. Not only

did the pine-needles cause a troublesome litter round about, but also the shadows cast across the pitch were bad for play.

In addition to these improvements, the site of the old Gymnasium has been cleaned up, a hedge planted along the street and the plot laid down in grass.

In connection with the physical drill a new syllabus has been issued. It provides for frequent sports meetings where general efficiency is the aim rather than specialisation. These "tabloid sports" provide for running, jumping, and football kicking; teams are selected and not only is each credited for attaining a standard, but also failure to satisfy conditions entails loss of points.

At the commencement of the third term the two new rooms added to the main building were ready for occupation. By use of these and one of the remaining rooms of the original building, the entire school is now housed on our own property—for the first time in four years.

The elements must surely have been in league against us, as far as the sports functions were concerned. First the annual steeplechase had to be postponed for a week, and then the sports had to be delayed. In the case of the latter the difficulty was increased owing to the danger of clashing with other functions and the annual examinations. Nevertheless the second day chosen was fine, if, indeed, slightly windy: everything was despatched to programme until the aeroplane fatality caused a sudden cessation of all such festivities.

Naturally the cadets paraded for the funeral of the victims of the fatality. After assembling at school we were marched to the cemetery to line the paths leading to the graves. We consider it an especial honour to perform this last service to the memory of Mr. Clarke, whose interest in our institutions has always been a keen one. We shall miss his help greatly. The loss, too, of a man of such a fine stamp as Captain Russell we feel in common with every other New Zealander.

In common with all other sports cricket has suffered through the bad weather. The new scheme adopted, however, is working well, and, with the coming of better weather, will soon show to advantage. The whole school is graded—Upper, Middle, Junior, and Preparatory—and matches and practices arranged accordingly.

A pitch has been made on the racecourse for junior cricket, while the preparatory team uses the concrete wicket for practice. Keen competition will doubtless take place for positions in the 2nd and 3rd Elevens, the extension of the play giving everyone additional chances to gain a place.

HOUSE NOTES.

(M. Barak.)

This term our boarder roll has been increased by E. L. Threadwell, Treadwell, York and Dalziell.

Amongst those who left us last term are H. S. Herbert and R. A. Candy. Herbert, the winner of the Kelly Cup, was also a prominent member of the fifteen, and Candy was our invaluable secretary of the Shooting Club. Both are going on the land, and we wish them every success in their new enterprise.

Once more Egmont has favoured us with storms as keen as "Biting Boreas." Early one morning a continued clattering on the roof awoke several boys in the dormitories. One rather startled boy, who perhaps had been dreaming of Zeppelins, fearfully inquired, "Is it an air raid?" When we went out later we found that there had been a hailstorm of exceptional severity.

There have lately been many improvements around the school. Several of the tall pines which lined the edge of the cricket field have been felled and split into firewood. We now get an excellent view of the harbour and the town.

About a month after we had resumed school Mr. S. G. Smith, M.P., very kindly gave us a lecture on his Samoan trip. This lecture was exceedingly interesting, especially as it was illustrated by a number of very fine lantern slides. Several pupils from the Girls' High School came up to hear it. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Smith.

Two more class rooms have been completed since our last issue of this Magazine. This will probably be used to accommodate the Preparatory boys who have now removed from the racecourse buildings. Our total number of class rooms is sixteen.

The boys are evidently very fond of flute music. Many times this term after tea the beautiful strains of a flute have been heard in one of the master's rooms. On several occasions a group of boys immediately collected

around the window of the room and when the flautist was joined by a singer of no mean ability loud applause signified the pleasure of the listeners. Perhaps in this instance it would be appropriate to quote or rather to misquote "The flute that oftimes has charmed magic casements"; the casement being the window of the master's room.

There has been very little sickness amongst the boarders this term. Our old "friend" the mumps has again visited us, but what few cases there were, were very mild, due perhaps to the immediate isolation of the patients and the prompt attention which they received. Many of us, however, contracted a most opportune ailment, "eyebright" as it is called; opportune because it attacked us during exam. week and much to our disappointment rendered us incapable of doing the exams. Perhaps this accounts for the number of boarders not placed in the class lists.

Two or three of the fifteen have suffered from footballer's knee and such maladies and consequently the team has been severely handicapped in many of its matches.

During exeat the Old Boys held their annual ball in the School Assembly Hall. From what we can gather this was a very successful function and those who remained at school had a most enjoyable time.

A few weeks ago Mr. D. F. C. Saxton left us to take up duties at Waitaki High School. Mr. Saxton, who in charge of the fourth and fifth standards of the Preparatory School, joined the staff in the beginning of the second term of last year. He was head boy in 1918. We take this opportunity of farewelling him and wishing him every success in his now sphere of work.

Shortly before half term the Concert Club gave us an entertainment. Besides ourselves a number from the Girls' High School and several outsiders attended. The concert was very good, the dialogue being especially well arranged and the musical items were most pleasant.

On the 10th July the football team journeyed to Hawera to try conclusions with Wanganui College. Needless to say the whole School accompanied the team. A special train, leaving at 7.15 a.m., was arranged for and the boarders were awakened at an early hour in preparation for the great day. All through the day it rained steadily and consequently a good exhibition of football

was impossible. However, we spent a most pleasant day at Hawera, the Show particularly attracting most of us. We are greatly indebted to Messrs. Smith and Easton, who very kindly treated some 250 of us to dinner.

During the winter evenings before Preparation, a number of boys began to play chess. The numbers of players increased and tournaments were held in the week-ends. The "chess craze" soon spread to the day boys, and now it is quite a common sight to see two day boys poring over a chess board, with a group of enthusiasts around them.

The dancing class was concluded on the Saturday before we broke up with the "long-night" dance. This extended well into the early hours of the morning and judging from the tired boys next day the dancers must have had a very pleasant time.

The age of chivalry is not yet gone. After the dance several found it their duty to accompany their fair "sisters" home or shall we say someone else's fair sisters. Two in particular were seen at a very inopportune moment which perhaps will live long in their memory; at any rate many others will remember this rather humorous episode.

The match against Grammar School was put off this year because the Grammar School boys could not visit us owing to some arrangements about the Moascar Cup. Naturally we were all disappointed. The dance formerly arranged for the two teams, the Grammar School's and our own, was turned into a footballers' dance, the first four fifteens being invited. A most enjoyable evening was spent; in the case of many not wisely but too well (supper).

On the Saturday night before the close of the term a concert was held. This was for the most part organised by the Concert Club, but two or three outsiders performed. The concert was altogether a success and, for such an impromptu entertainment, was very good.

What is that fearful sound I hear

That emanates from bathroom near;

The new boys all are taken in,

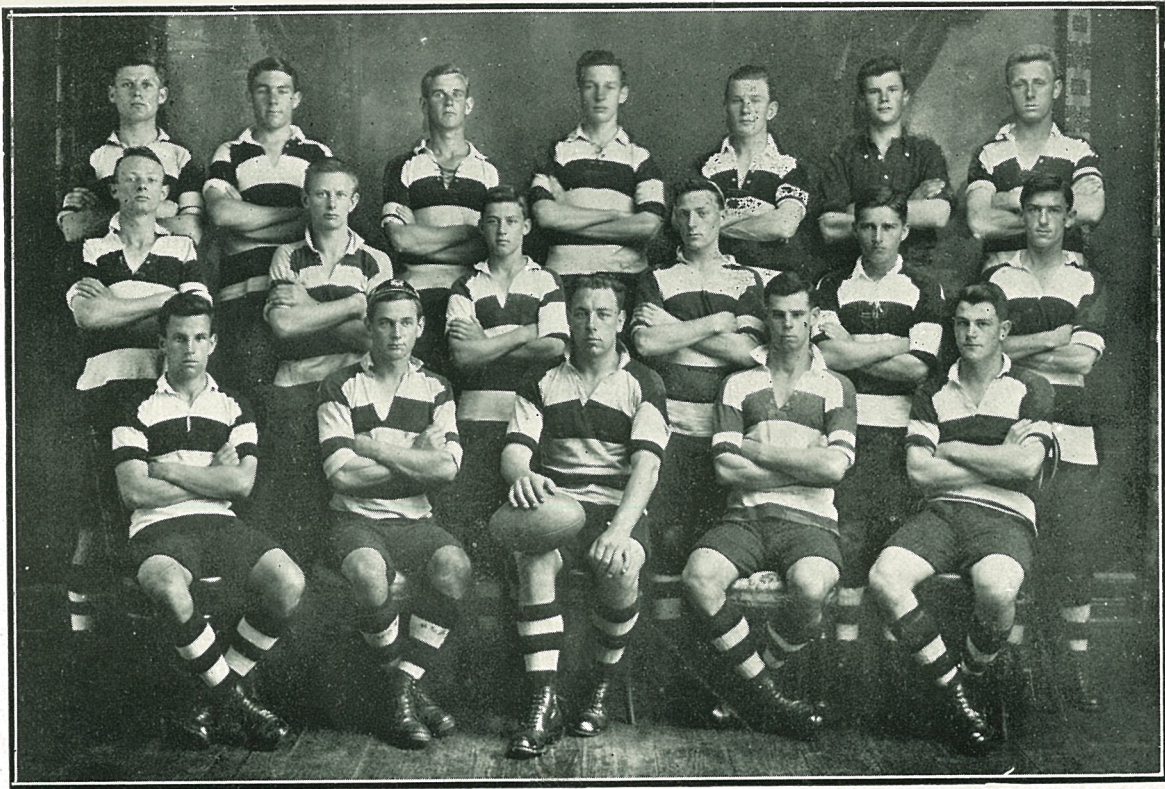
The califont has made that din.

The gas was thin and mixed with air,

In space confined 'twas lurking there;

The two combined the pilot lit,

The air was rent with thunder fit.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1920.

AGRICULTURE.

(D. Sutton.)

On account of the continued wet weather, and the approaching examinations, we have found it necessary to forego some of the practical work that we had intended to do. There is therefore, rather little news for this section of the Magazine.

During the winter months Mr. Rockel very kindly allowed us the use of his orchard for pruning work. The work there consisted mainly of cleaning and pruning old trees that had been neglected.

Throughout the term several visits have been made to Messrs. Moyes and Kebbell's farm at Frankley Road. Here practical instruction has been given in the sprouting, planting and cultivation of potatoes in connection with manurial trials. Particulars of the results will be given in next Magazine. Much interest was also taken in the very up-to-date milking machines, yards, and sheds. There is a large calf-shed with stalls for each calf.

Towards the end of last term an area of one acre was sown in potatoes for the school boarding-house. The varieties planted were Maori Chief and Sir J. G. Wilson, with 3cwt. per acre of potato manure. These have been sprayed with Bordeaux mixture (4-4-40) and at present look very promising.

A smaller area has also been sown in new varieties of potatoes. The manure used was Basic super at the rate of 3cwt. per acre. The following is a list of varieties:—Senor, Boree, Queen of the Veldt, Gold Reef, Needpath Gem, Farmer, White Elephant, Endurance and Toms. The seed was kindly given by Mr. W. Healy and other friends of the school. At present the best looking varieties are Queen of the Veldt, Farmer, and Endurance.

This term extensive planting has been done in the propagation plot. No less than 1000 cuttings of Golden Ake Ake were planted, while 200 rose cuttings were also put in. Practically all of these have grown.

Early in the third term we visited Mr. J. Hale's farm at Mangorei. Here a most interesting and instructive time was spent with Mr. Hale's sheep and cattle. We were shown round the various up-to-date buildings connected with the housing of his cattle, and then Mr. Hale

pointed out to us the various points of one of his prize heifers. Later on the fine flock of pedigree sheep was visited, and we were much impressed with the splendid appearance of these animals. Subsequently Mrs. Hale very kindly landed round morning tea. We desire to take this opportunity of heartily thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hale for their hospitality.

During the search for the grass grub, we found evidences of its ravages on the cricket ground. Especially is it noticeable on the ground that was laid down last season. The idea that rolling would squash the grub was found to be wrong. It is rather that the rolling helps capillarity and thus stimulates the roots of the grass, enabling them to overcome the attacks of the grub.

Considerable interest was evinced in the Winter Show. The display of forage crops was especially good, a bundle of ensilage being excellent. We were also interested in an apparatus for weighing and sampling each cow's milk. It is attached to the Ridd milking machine, and its use saves the work of milking the cows by hand to obtain samples. The display of root crops this year was not up to the standard of previous years.

LIBRARY NOTES.

(R. Hair.)

As is ever the case, the end of a year leaves us with a feeling of gratitude to those whose generous contributions have enriched the library.

Mention has already been made of "New Zealand Mollusca," presented by Mr. W. W. Smith, but we again desire to express our appreciation of the annual copy of the "Transactions of the New Zealand Institute," which he has sent for some years. Thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Bradbury, and Mr. Avery, for their contributions, which form a valuable addition to our literature.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of suitable accommodation, students are unable to take full advantage of the fine collection, which has been accumulating since the establishment of the library. We entertain hopes that some time in the near future will see the removal of this bar to further extension.

Placed as we are, without a special room for a library, many books of reference, which would otherwise be at the disposal of readers, are kept under enforced lock and key.

It is satisfactory to note, that in spite of these disadvantages, the library has been well patronised, and has doubtless proved of interest and assistance to many.

We notice many old friends amongst the very generous collection we received from Mr. Bradbury. Such books as David Copperfield, Pickwick Papers, Ivanhoe, Guy Mannering are little known by most school boys and yet afford most entertaining reading.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

(L. Rawson.)

Last term the Committee arranged a competition, the subject being the "Four Best Photos of the Prince's Visit." However, New Plymouth weather decided against us, and a dull day prevented the snaps being taken. Moreover we were "on parade" all the time during the short time H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was here, so the competition was abandoned.

Members seem to have forgotten that the club possesses a quantity of valuable literature dealing with the causes of and remedies for defects. By a study of this literature the standard of photographs being taken will be raised considerably.

The high cost of all photographic materials has had a marked effect on the number of members who go in for enlarging. This branch has been almost neglected for several months now, and it seems as though our valuable enlarger will be out of commission still longer if the price of materials continues to rise still higher. Then again, the club's half-plate camera has been in its case, untouched for practically all the year owing to the same reason.

A unique opportunity was offered to the members during the week the Avro aeroplane was in New Plymouth. There were several excellent photos taken of the machine. One or two boys who were in a handy position, were able to snap the machine in flight preparatory to landing. Also on Sports Day cameras were well in evidence, and there were good snaps of the grounds and events. We hope to publish numerous photos in this issue, but we have so many that quite a number will not be published until next year.

TENNIS NOTES.

(K. O'Halloran.)

The opening of the tennis season has so far been prevented by the prevailing unfavourable weather conditions. However, there promises to be a keen interest taken in this year's championships, which will be held this term. The purchase of two new nets has been greatly appreciated by players, as the former nets were beyond repair. Members of the club are to be thanked for the work done in stripping the turf off the faulty grass court in order to prepare for its conversion into a good asphalt court. We sincerely trust that before long this will again be in requisition and thus relieve the congestion of players on the other two courts.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

(L. Jillett.)

No more is the dull thud of the football heard upon the playing-field; no longer do cheering crowds of "bar-rackers" yell themselves hoarse upon the touch-line. The football season of 1920 is at an end, but it will long remain in memory as one of the most successful seasons in the history of the school.

We were unfortunate insomuch as only one inter-school match—that against Wanganui Collegiate School—was played, and were still more unfortunate in losing that match. Yet, on the day's play Wanganui certainly had the better of the game, and to them we extend our congratulations. Great enthusiasm was aroused over the proposed match against Auckland Grammar School, especially since each team had one win to its credit in the two former matches. Equally keen disappointment was felt when, at the last moment, owing to a Moaccar Cup fixture, the Grammar team found themselves unable to meet us.

In the Rugby Union fixtures, both 1st and 2nd XV.'s played in the 3rd grade Saturday competitions. The 1st XV. was successful in dead-heating with Clifton for the North Taranaki championship, but, on account of the term holidays intervening, no play-off could be arranged. In the competition matches the record of the 1st XV. reads:—

Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points for.	Points against.	Champ. points.
11	9	2	0	193	59	18

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Naturally the 2nd XV. was not so successful; yet, out of seven competition matches, two were won and one drawn, whilst, in the matches lost, the scores, with one exception, were fairly even. The 3rd and 4th XV.'s played in the fourth grade competitions. Here again, owing to the holidays, the 3rd XV. was unable to play off against Star to decide which team was to annex the championship. During the whole progress of this series the 4th XV. was always well in the running, and was in many respects the equal of the 3rd XV.

As in former years the 1st XV. forwards were a hard-working pack, though perhaps a little on the light side. Nevertheless, they showed more "head-work" than usual. Many of them could handle the ball like backs, and forward passing rushes were often a prominent feature of the game. In the latter part of the season especially they played together well and indulged in many concerted movements which very often resulted in a score. The backs, too, were a "nippy" and resourceful lot, and invariably handled the ball well.

Results of matches are:—

FIRST FIFTEEN.

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

(July 10—Lost 11 to 3.)

The School journeyed down to Hawera in full force to see this match, which was played as a curtain-raiser to the Taranaki-Wanganui representative match. The wet weather and slippery ground made anything in the nature of an exhibition of good football out of the question. Even under these very adverse conditions both teams were able to demonstrate that, given favourable weather, a very interesting game would have resulted. The teams lined out as follows:—

Wanganui.—Full back, Hewitt, three-quarters, MacDonnell, Boyd, Bayly; five-eighths, Gilmer (Captain), Collier; half, Babbage; wing forward, Lethbridge; forwards, Gilmer ii, Young, Parsons, Lethbridge ii, Porritt, Toole, Hobson.

New Plymouth.—Full back, Sutherland; three-quarters, L. O'Halloran, Brown, Willis; five-eighths, Smart, Boon; half, Foden; wing-forward, Osborne (Captain); forwards, K. O'Halloran, Newell, Noakes, McRae, Drader, Hair, Christie.

School kicked off, but it was some time before either side appeared to gain any advantage. Wanganui then instituted several good passing rushes, from which scores were prevented only by sound defence. School retaliated by rushing play down-field, and Wanganui were compelled to force twice in quick succession. Gilmer made a good opening, but the School forwards, led by Osborne, set up a counter-attack. Boyd lined just in time. School, however, were not to be denied, and from a mark, Osborne landed a goal from a wide angle. This aroused Wanganui, who rushed down and penned School in their own twenty-five till a free kick relieved the pressure. Then Gilmer and Collier set up a passing movement, the latter nearly scoring. Wanganui came again and Sutherland at full-back was kept busy. The spell ended with a fine run down the line by Boon to near half-way, where he was forced out.

In the second half Wanganui livened up considerably and made determined efforts to equalise the position. Up and down play followed. Then Gilmer, securing from the loose, set sail for the line and was only stopped under the school goal. Soon afterwards, however, Boyd secured and raced across. Collier converted with a good kick. This aroused School to fresh efforts and, although on several occasions they were within an ace of scoring, Wanganui's defence was too sound. Wanganui then set up a series of passing rushes, from one of which Collier secured and finished a dashing run by scoring. The try was not converted. Wanganui maintained the pressure, their five-eighths line doing good work. From a mark near half-way Collier, with a magnificent kick for such a day, put the ball over the bar. School then made one final rally to increase the score, and right up to the call of time kept Wanganui busily on the defence, but no further score had resulted when time was sounded shortly afterwards. Mr. J. S. McKay refereed.

v. OLD BOYS.

(May 1—Won 11 to 3.)

This was the first match of the competition series, and was played on the racecourse. After a fairly even game School won by 11 points (tries by Hoffmann (2), and Osborne, one converted, to 3 (try by Saxton).

v. OKATO.

(May 8—Won 27 to 3.)

Okato journeyed into town to play this match. The game took place in a drizzly rain. School had the best of the game throughout, but Okato rallied at the last and scored an unconverted try. Tries for School were obtained by Hoffmann (3), Noakes, Boon, Smart and Brown; of these Willis converted 2 and Osborne 1.

v. CLIFTON.

(June 5—Lost 11 to 3.)

This was School's first defeat this season. Rain fell heavily just prior to the match, and the nature of the ground, therefore, militated against good play. School's only score was an unconverted try by Hoffmann.

v. TUKAPA.

(June 12—Won 52 to 5.)

This game, which was played at Western Park, proved rather a 'field-day' for School. The score consisted of 13 tries (5 converted) and one penalty goal. Just on time Tukapa scored a converted try.

v. OLD BOYS.

(June 19—Won 17 to 3.)

Rain fell just prior to this game. The Old Boys were below strength, but this deficiency was made up during the course of the play. After a rather loose exhibition of football School won by 17 points to 3. For School tries were obtained by Brown (4), and Osborne; of these Osborne converted one. McHardy scored for Old Boys.

v. OKATO.

(June 26—Won 5 to nil.)

School journeyed out to Okato. In the opening stages of the game Brown scored a try which Osborne converted. Rain fell during the remainder of the game and no further scores resulted.

v. STAR.

(July 3—Won 15 to 5.)

In this match, played on the racecourse, School had considerably the better of the game throughout. The following obtained unconverted tries:—L. O'Halloran (2), K. O'Halloran, Boon, and Inch. In the closing stages of the game Star scored a converted try.

v. RAHOTU.

(July 24—Won 23 to 6.)

School made the trip out to Rahotu and gained a comfortable win. Osborne scored two tries, converted two, and potted a goal from the field; Hoffmann scored two tries, and Boon one.

v. LEPPERTON.

(Aug. 9—Won 18 to 3.)

Owing to a misunderstanding this match, which was set down for the Saturday, was played at the Recreation Grounds on the succeeding Monday. As School and Lepperton were both in a commanding position for the championship, considerable interest attached to the match, but School had a fairly easy win by 18 to 3. For School, Brown scored a try and drop-kicked a goal from the field, Boon scored a try converted by Osborne, Hoffmann an unconverted try, and Osborne kicked a penalty. Grayling kicked a penalty goal for Lepperton.

v. CLIFTON.

(Aug. 14—Won 17 to 5.)

This match, played at Waitara, also had a considerable effect upon the competition, as Clifton were leading School by one point. School reversed the former decision of an earlier date, and won comfortably by 17 points to 5. Scores were obtained by Hoffmann, Smart and Boon (two of which Osborne converted), and Brown drop-kicked a goal from the field.

v. LEPPERTON.

(Aug. 21—Lost 15 to 5.)

This was the second defeat School sustained in the competition games. School led by 5 points to 3 at half time, but Lepperton came to light in the latter part of the second spell with four additional tries. For School Brown scored a try which Osborne converted.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

v. OLD BOYS.

May 1—Won 8 to 6.)

The 2nd XV. commenced the season well by beating Old Boys by 8 points to 6. For School Collins scored a try which Foden converted. Foden also kicked a penalty goal.

v. LEPPERTON.

(May 8—Drawn, no score.)

This match was played out at Waitara. After a very even game the match ended in a draw, no score resulting on either side.

v. CLIFTON.

(June 12—Lost 36 to nil.)

The 2nd XV. went down rather badly to their heavier opponents, who played to their weaknesses.

v. TUKAPA.

(June 19—Lost 9 to 3.)

At Western Park Tukapa avenged their former defeat, winning by 9 points to 3. Waterson scored for School.

v. OLD BOYS.

(July 3—Won 8 to 3.)

After a fairly even game the 2nds won by 8 points (tries by Nicholson and Hutchen, one of which Henderson converted) to 3 (try by Renaud).

v. STAR.

(July 24—Lost 14 to nil.)

Played at Recreation Grounds. School staved off Star's attacks in the first spell, in which no score resulted. In the second half, however, Star had the better of the game and "rattled on" 14 points.

v. OKATO.

(Aug. 14—Lost 18 to 15.)

A high mountain wind which swept across the racecourse interfered considerably with the play. After a rather straggling exhibition, Okato won by 18 points to 5. Brunette scored a try which L. O'Halloran converted.

v. STRATFORD D.H.S. 1st XV.

(Sept. 25—Won 11 to 6.)

Early in the third term the above teams met on the racecourse in a friendly match. Heavy rain fell throughout, and the game developed into a mud-scramble, although at times the play was fairly fast and open. In the first half Noble and Christie scored tries, the latter of which Foden converted. Stratford had the better

of the second half and crossed our line twice. Just before the call of time Sutherland made a great run half the length of the field and scored near the corner, thus putting the issue beyond doubt.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

v. STAR.

(May 1—Lost 9 to 3.)

The 3rd XV. opened the season inauspiciously by losing to Star. Sutton scored for School.

v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

(May 8—Won 6 to 3.)

After a keenly contested match School won by 6 points (tries by Rawson and Jillett) to 3 (a penalty goal).

v. STAR.

(June 12—Won 12 to nil.)

The 3rds retrieved themselves by defeating Star by a fair margin. Tries were obtained by Jillett (3) and Evans.

v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

(June 19—Won 6 to nil.)

The 3rd XV. again succeeded in defeating Technical School. For School Jillett and Hawkins scored.

v. FOURTH FIFTEEN.

(June 24—Lost 19 to 5.)

The 4th XV. created a mild sensation by substantially defeating the 3rd XV. by 19 points to 5. For 4ths Rickard, Hunt, Guy, Bayly and Sutton ii scored tries, two of which Abbott converted. For 3rds, Jillett scored a try which Hawkins converted.

v. FOURTH FIFTEEN.

July 1—Won 8 to 5.)

This second round fixture resulted in a win for the 3rd XV. by a narrow margin. The 4th XV. led by two points till just on the call of time. For 3rds Jillett scored two tries, one of which Newell converted. Christie ii scored for the 4ths and Abbott converted.

v. STAR.

(July 3—Lost 9 to nil.)

After a hard forward game Star emerged the winners by 9 points to nil.

v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

July 24—Won 6 to 5.)

This was an evenly contested game. In the opening stages Patterson and Fookes scored for School. Tec. scored a converted try just on the call of time.

v. STAR.

(Aug. 7—Lost 3 to nil.)

This match proved one of the most strenuous and keenly contested of the 4th grade games. Star eventually won by 3 points (a try secured near the end of the game) to nil.

v. FOURTH FIFTEEN.

(Aug. 10—Won 9 to 5.)

The 3rd XV. won a hard-fought game by 9 points to 5. For the 3rds, Hunt, Patterson and Evans scored unconverted tries, while for the 4ths, Abbott scored, converting his own try.

FOURTH FIFTEEN.

In addition to the matches played against the 3rd XV., other games were played as follows:—

v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

(May 1—Won 9 to 3.)

A good game resulted in which the advantage rested with School.

v. STAR.

(May 8—Lost 12 to nil.)

The 4ths were unable to stave off their opponents' constant attacks.

v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

(June 12—Won 8 to 5.)

Played at Western Park. Tries were obtained by Abbott (who converted his own try) and Bayly.

v. STAR.

(July 3—Lost 6 to nil.)

This was a very even game. Star scored a try and kicked a penalty goal in the last few minutes.

v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

(July 3—Won 14 to 5.)

The 4ths secured a rather easy win. Abbott scored two tries (one of which he converted), and also kicked a penalty goal. Collins scored the other try.

v. STAR.

(July 24—Won 5 to nil.)

After a keen contest School won by 5 points (try by Mauri, converted by Abbott) to nil.

v. STAR.

Aug. 14—Lost 5 to 3.)

Played at Western Park as curtain-raiser to Dan O'Brien Shield match. Star won by 5 points to 3 (a try by Wheeler).

INTRA-SCHOOL NOTES.

For the purpose of improving play two new rules were adopted for practice matches.

(1) Failure to attempt to take ball on full, and (2) Failure to tackle low (except in certain exceptional cases) to be penalised by awarding the opposing side a free kick.

No school matches were played on July 31st on account of the death of the wife of Mr. J. McLeod, president of the Taranaki Rugby Union. We tender our sincere sympathy to Mr. McLeod in his bereavement.

On Thursday, July 29th, the 6th Forms played the 5th Forms. After a very even game Forms V. won by 11 points to 6.

On Thursday, June 17th, an under 8 stone team played a similar team from the Technical School and secured a good win—54 to nil.

On the same day a Day Boy—Boarder match was played. The latter had a rather easy victory by 33 to nil.

Results of the 1st Grade Junior football competition (2 rounds) are:—

Tukapa (19 points), Waimate (16), Rovers (11), Clifton (9), Prep. A (2).

The 2nd Grade Junior results are:—

Diggers (19 points), Kiwis (16), Pouakai (15), Prep. B (12), Excelsior (8), Pirates (6).

SEVEN-A-SIDE.

SENIOR.

First Round.

Boon (8) beat Osborne (5).
Hoffmann (3) beat Brown (3). Decided on force-down.

O'Halloran (11) beat Smart (3).

Semi-Final.

Hoffmann (3) beat Boon (nil).
O'Halloran a bye.

Owing to the late hour the final between Hoffmann and O'Halloran could not be decided.

Junior.

In the final of the junior competition at the expiration of time Tukapa and Waimate each had 8 points. Extra time was played, and after a great game Tukapa were compelled to force, Waimate thus winning.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL NOTES.

Two junior competitions were held during the year. In the first grade five teams were entered—"Tukapa," "Rovers," "Waimate," "Clifton" and Prep. A. In the second grade there were six teams playing—"Diggers," "Kiwis," "Pouakai," "Pirates," "Excelsior," and Prep. B. Throughout the competition the games proved very interesting. The following are the points:—

First Grade.—"Tukapa" (Day Boys) team, 17; "Waimate" (Boarders), 16; "Rovers" (Day Boys), 11; "Clifton" (Boarders), 9; Prep. A., 2.

Second Grade.—"Diggers" (Day Boys) team, 19; "Kiwis" (Day Boys), 16; "Pouakai" (Day Boys), 15; Prep. B., 14; "Excelsior" (Boarders), 8; "Pirates" (Boarders), 8.

Two seven-a-side competitions were held. In the first grade, "Waimate" were successful in defeating "Tukapa" by a narrow margin, after a strenuous game. In the second grade, "Pouakai" had a rather easy win over their smaller opponents in the final.

CONCERT CLUB.

During the second and third terms three very successful concerts were held. An orchestral concert was held in the Assembly Hall on the last evening of the first term. The orchestra was in good form, and rendered the following programme:—

1. Entr'acte, "Elvera," Orchestra.
2. Slow Waltz, "Missouri," Orchestra.
3. Lame Duck Waltz, "Please," Orchestra.
4. Song, "Harvester's Night Song" (orchestral accompaniment), Mr. Day.
5. Waltz Song, "A Little Birch Canoe and You," Orchestra.
6. Pianoforte Solo, "Husarenritt," G. Smith.
7. Song, "Pack Up Your Troubles," F. Williams.
8. Reverie, "Autumn Memories," Orchestra.
9. Waltz, "Moonlight," Orchestra.

"God Save the King."

This concert was very well attended by a very enthusiastic audience.

The second concert was the greatest effort made by the committee, and its success was very gratifying. The chorus and the orchestra came out in flannels and straw hats, with red bands, and these, together with large red sashes, no doubt caught the eye of the public.

The programme was as follows:—

1. Opening Selection, "Showgirl" March, Orchestra.
2. Chorus, "Hush-a-bye Ma Baby," Company.
3. Selection, "Please," Orchestra.
4. Song, "Maoriland," Company.
5. Selection, "Valse Belge," Orchestra.
6. Song, "Miami Shore," Company.
7. Selection, "Elvera," Orchestra.
8. Song, "Abe, My Boy," Osborne.
9. Song (duet), "Our Farm," Cachemaille and Pease.

Interval, ten minutes.

10. Sketch, "A Dentist's Den." Characters: Mr. Grabbit, "A Dentist," L. Rawson; Mr. Jorkins, "His Assistant," A. Candy; Sam, "A Page," N. Airey; Mr. Smith, "A Member of the British Public," C. Fookes.

"God Save the King."

The sketch caused roars of laughter in the audience, the antics of the "Assistant" and "his Page" being very laughable. The concert concluded with cheers for Mr. Day and the performers. There was a large number of outside visitors among the audience.

An impromptu concert was held in the Hall on Saturday, August 20. The performers were mainly masters and gentlemen from town. We wish to thank them sincerely for their assistance. The programme was as follows, every item being encored:—

Overture	Orchestra
Song	Cachemaille
Pianoforte Duet	G. Smith and Rowlands
Elocutionary Item	Mr. Hartman
Violin Solo	Mr. Rockel
Elocutionary Item	Mr. Hartman
'Cello Solo	J. Bennett
Song	Mr. Smith
Flute Solo	Mr. Searle
Song	Mr. Fredric
Duet	Mr. Fredric and Mr. Day
Selection	Orchestra

"God Save the King."

Mr. Fredric, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Smith were very well received, and Mr. Hartman was recalled three times. The assisting masters also received ovations.

The School Orchestra has had a very strenuous time this term, as it has played at three school concerts and two outside engagements. It is shortly to render a programme of music at the Public Hospital, and also to play at the Sports Dinner and the Prize-giving Ceremony. It played the extras at the Dancing Class Break-up.

The outside engagements were at the performance of "Snow White" at the Workers' Social Hall, and at the Bazaar in aid of the Pukekura Park funds.

The instrumentation is as follows:—

Violins—	Fifes—
G. Brunette.	T. Fookes.
S. Cottier.	J. Rogers.
H. McNeill.	Coplestone.
H. Hunt.	Crawshaw.
G. Hughson.	Basham.
Viola—	Horn—
J. McMahon.	S. Woods.
'Cello—	Drums, etc.—
J. Bennett.	C. Cranby.
Cornets—	Bass Drum—
M. Osborne.	L. Rawson.
A. Kidson.	Piano—
Clarinet—	G. Smith.
S. Hayden.	Conductor—
Flutes—	Mr. N. D. Day.
M. Cachemaille.	
C. Fookes.	

In common with most school orchestras, our main want is a double bass. This instrument, however, is too cumbrous for the ordinary person who takes up music, and is not learned like the violin, or other popular instruments. We are fortunate, however, in possessing a good 'cello and viola, as these instruments are essential in building up a good body of tone in any orchestra. We have been better off as regards music than the orchestras of the past, as we received a grant of money from the Board, and were fortunate enough to secure a good supply of pieces from an outside orchestra. There are, in fact, several excellent marches and selections that we have not played. These will no doubt help to brighten future concerts.

THANKS.

We wish to thank those gentlemen who assisted us at our concerts. Also Mrs. Healy and Mrs. Courtenay for the loan of screens, etc.; also Mrs. Cachemaille for the following pieces: "By Heck" (Foxtrot), "Dardanella" (Foxtrot), "Old Faithful" (Two Step).



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

We also regret to state that we are losing the services of Mr. Day, who has been appointed to Hamilton East School. As chairman of the Concert Committee and Conductor of the Orchestra he has been untiring in his efforts to make these institutions a success. When the orchestra was in want of a practice room he allowed us to hold our practices in his own room, and for this alone our best thanks are due. We can only conclude by wishing him every success in his new position, and hope that he will remember his association with the orchestra with the same pleasure that we do.

We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Renaud for coming up on several occasions to assist us with our practices. He has done this at no small inconvenience to himself, and his lectures were extremely interesting and instructive.

CADET NOTES.

(W. G. Hughson and R. Hair.)

This term opened with a departure from the normal routine, in the shape of a new system of fall-in. Instead of assembling directly on the battalion parade-ground as previously, the companies now fall-in on separate parade grounds, and thence march on to battalion markers.

Another branch of the work this term was the extended order drill, carried out by signal, on the race-course.

During last term holidays the Group Armourer made an inspection of rifles.

On October 12 the Cadets commenced class-firing, and of the considerable number qualifying, many obtained marksmen's badges.

Physical drill has likewise progressed, owing to this year's boys having become proficient in the more elementary exercises. Special training was undergone in order to give a display at the Labour Day functions, but owing to the inclemency of the weather and the intervention of holidays, this was rendered impossible.

On two occasions this term we have been visited by Captain Hudson, O.C. Taranaki Group. On September 29 he expressed satisfaction with the physical drill, and later, on November 9, complimented officers and n.c.o.'s on the efficiency of their companies in military movements. During his latter visit he inspected the gully ranges, and passed both as safe for shooting.

THE GREAT BARRIER.

Lying to the north-east of Auckland and distant from it about 60 miles, lies the Great Barrier Island; "Great" because it is great in comparison with the smaller but perhaps better known Little Barrier, the splendid bird sanctuary of the Hauraki Gulf.

It was my pleasure to be a member of a party of ten to embark at midnight on S.S. *Daphne* in preparation for the trip across the Hauraki Gulf, and to awake from sleep at six next morning to the realisation of the fact that we had arrived at Tryphena, the southernmost haven of the island. With what haste we prepared to go on deck, with what eager anticipation we met the morning air, with what raptures we greeted the beauty of the place in the early light of dawn, I cannot stop to relate: but the quiet beauty of the shimmering water as it later caught the slanting rays of the early sun and lighted up the darkened cliff face and menacing rock masses was a sight that long remained impressed upon the memory.

We were soon steaming out of Tryphena, passed Cape Rihau—a place which through subsequent events we shall long remember—and soon found ourselves in the beautiful Whangaparapara Harbour. We pulled up alongside the old mill wharf, a relic of the days when great foreign timber carrying vessels came there to load kauri cut by the Kauri Timber Company's mill, which was one of the largest in New Zealand. Around the bay are scattered many huts in different stages of decay, and where once the mill hand and his family made their habitation the wild cat now finds shelter. Although it is in many respects more a deserted settlement than a deserted village, there is much to bring to mind Goldsmith's poem.

We did not stop many minutes at Whanga, but soon were out of the harbour and on our way up the coast, for it must be borne in mind that this is not a tiny island, but is about 20 miles in length. Away across the port bows the isolated pinnacles of the Pigeons were coming into view, and gradually the white beaten surf appeared around the base of the group. After leaving Flat Island, our next call, the vista of islands before us presented in morning sunlight a picture difficult to describe. Imagine a blue sky and bluer water relieved

by a succession of "white horses" driving before a freshening westerly; in the foreground numerous islands of storm battered rock crowned with green, "nor lacked they many a banner fair," a rugged shore line on the right where the sea is dashed in dazzling whiteness, and you have some idea of the scene before us.

When we were right amongst these islands, and before the reason was revealed, we found our course set apparently towards the shore, but ever as we neared the forbidding headland a new waterway lay open before us till at last passing through a narrow passage—a stone's throw across, yet in which we were assured there was sufficient depth to leave many fathoms under the greatest dreadnought afloat—we entered upon the grandest harbour it has been my lot to see. We had entered Port Fitzroy harbour by the southern passage; there is a northern passage as well. At the entrance to this splendid harbour of hundreds of acres in extent, as if to protect it from sea run rollers, nature has planted Kaikoura or Selwyn Island in such a way as to leave these two narrow passages, and no matter how great the rollers outside, there is always inside the harbour comparatively still water.

Although our visit did not coincide with the pohutukawa season, we were well able to imagine as we sailed up this beautiful harbour, what a gorgeous effect would be produced when this sheet of cerulean blue were fringed on every side by the bright colour of the bloom of this beautiful Christmas tree, which extending to the farthest reaches of the harbour, cast grateful shade even upon the verandah of the house of our hosts, where we were warmly received at the end of our voyage.

During our stay there was not one day when we did not go somewhere. Our first excursion—a tramp of about seven miles—which took place the day after we arrived, consisted of a climb to the top of the ridge which forms the backbone of the island and from which the sea may be seen both to the east and to the west, there presenting a glorious spectacle of white fringed islands on an azure sea. The Little Barrier was visible, but the mainland was barely discernible. Mount Hobson, the highest peak of the island, and many other landmarks of interest were seen, but most of the islands as yet were unknown to us. One pretty picture I cannot forbear to mention, partly because we photographed it,

and also because it remains clearly impressed upon my memory. We were descending the winding track from the ridge, obtaining but occasional glimpses of the sea, when suddenly on rounding the rugged escarpment of a time-worn headland, the sheer side of which towered above, the harbour lay before us, silver and blue in the light of the sinking sun, framed in a vignette of rock and light green manuka; the picture terminated in the hills at the far side of the harbour on which Castle Rock stood silhouetted in dark contrast to the glory of the resplendent western sky,

“Huge as the tower which builders vain,
Presumptuous piled on Shinar’s plain.”

Our excursions were generally taken in the launch, a splendid three-skin 28ft. boat driven by a Twigg heavy duty engine. However, there is not space to tell of all the trips we made so that a brief account of one which was more eventful than the others must suffice. We were on this particular occasion on the way to Flat Island, at which you will remember we called on our way up the coast. All went well the while we sailed up the harbour, came through the narrow passage and sailed out of the harbour on the lee side of Australia, False Head and Nelson Island, but once past these we had some distance of open sea to cross before we should come into the shelter of Flat Island. Now there is nothing unusual in sailing an open sea in a good launch, but it must be remembered that a pretty stiff westerly had been blowing ever since we had arrived some days before and there was some considerable sea running. Still there was no cause for apprehension nor anything to occasion uneasiness, but about half way across, the strain exerted upon the painter by the seas which struck us and the dinghy upon the starboard quarter proved too great for “hempen span” to bear and we found ourselves suddenly minus the dinghy. Now to put about and secure the dinghy again you may think would be but the work of a few minutes, but to this opinion practical experience adds much. It is not the easiest thing to put about in a heavy sea, for unless much case is exercised there is a possibility of swamping the boat; she must at a favourable opportunity “pay off” and come round to port or “head up” into it and come around to starboard, and this after some minutes’ driving before the heavy swell was accomplished and the boat beat up into the face of the wind to return

to the lost dinghy, which appeared to be about a mile away. It did not take long to get alongside, and now the most difficult part of the business commenced. The difficulty would be to get and maintain a hold with the boathook as the dinghy was one minute high above us threatening to dash down upon our deck and next minute was low in a trough below us. With the boathook a grip was secured for a second, but the strength of two pairs of brawny arms was not great enough to maintain this hold, while a third pair endeavoured to secure the derelict, and it broke away again. The manoeuvre had to be carried out again and by the time we had “come round” again the dinghy was drifting well in towards the treacherous rock-bound shore. However, the tactics of the first attempt were abandoned, and as we once more came abreast of the drifting boat the “mud hook,” to which was attached a sufficient length of rope made fast at the stern bollock, was well and truly cast so that it landed fairly in the bottom of the boat, now almost swamped. Fortunately with the first pull on the painter the hook became firmly engaged under a thwart and the towing of the now waterlogged punt commenced. It seemed to have lost all the characteristics of a boat, for it dived and rolled over and behaved in the most extraordinary fashion for a respectable launch’s dinghy.

Just before we leave this little island paradise I should like to mention the names of a few of the places of interest we visited, as some of you some day may visit these self-same places and may perhaps remember that you have heard the names before. There was Kiwiriki Bay, whence a track leads overland to Whangaparapara; The Wairaki, where many oysters grow which in one respect resemble the fruit of the tree of knowledge; Kaiarara, where feeds the beautiful Arara; Wellington Head, at the northern entrance of the harbour; False Head, which mistaken mariners have taken for Wellington Head; Mokohino Lighthouse, some distance north of the island, where one member of our party assisted in the catching of 64 hapuka—some of which weighed as much as 70lb.—besides a big haul of other fish. Oh, yes! the Barrier is a wonderful fishing ground.

The last impressions of the Barrier were by no means the least. The wind, which had been coming from the west for over a week, did not lose anything in velocity as the day of our departure drew near, so that this fact, together with the added responsibility of steaming with

a blown steam packing, kept the captain of the Waipu two days after the usual sailing date. However, finally at about 8 o'clock on Saturday morning we left. All went well with the Waipu till we emerged from behind the shelter of the islands and then things went further; at least the crockery in the galley and the milk cans in the stern did. We were getting beam seas and in no small doses, so that the old boat rolled till her gunwales lapped the foam and as she righted rushed the water across the deck as if it were a sluice gate. But the worst was not over till after Rihau had been passed, so now you will understand why we remember Rihau. However, we were finally safe in Tryphena, but an attempt to get out proving hopeless against the still rising sea we returned to our haven, where we remained till evening, when the wind having died down the sea quickly moderated and we were able to leave in comfort, which fortunately we enjoyed for the rest of the voyage back to Auckland, which we reached at 1 a.m. Sunday morning.

SHOOTING.

(R. Hair and W. G. Hughson.)

We are sorry to have to chronicle the departure of R. A. Candy and H. S. Herbert. Candy made a very energetic secretary, and both were keen shots. We wish them every success in their new spheres.

In reviewing the past year's shooting one is struck by the keenness displayed by all concerned. Masters have devoted both time and attention to furthering the welfare of the teams, and the boys in their turn have responded enthusiastically.

The first term saw the commencement of regular and assiduous practice, which soon enabled probable teams and emergencies to be picked for the various platoons. The relative merits of the competitors, however, required careful consideration, and it was not till the second term that the Imperial Challenge Shield teams were finally selected. The matches commenced on June 15 and lasted about a fortnight.

We take this opportunity of thanking Lieut. L. W. Andrews, V.C., Area Officer for New Plymouth, who kindly acted as umpire.

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION.

No. 1 PLATOON, No. 24 COMPANY.

Cadet C. Bell	44	49	93
Cadet L. Abbott ...	46	49	95
Cadet P. Wills	46	48	94
Sergt. J. H. Boon ...	42	44	86
Cpl. I. M. Sutherland	46	50	96
Cpl. H. S. Herbert...	46	48	94
Cpl. R. A. Candy ...	46	45	91
Cpl. M. Barak	45	49	94
Totals	361	382	743

Average 92.875.

Average age of team: 16 years 6 months.

No. 2 PLATOON, No. 24 COMPANY.

Cadet L. J. Linn ...	43	48	91
Cadet A. M. Moyes...	41	47	88
Cdt. G. W. Bracegirdle	44	46	90
Cpl. K. H. O'Halloran	47	49	96
Q.M.S. W. Hughson	46	47	93
Cpl. E. B. Waters ...	46	43	89
L.-Cpl. H. W. Hunt	46	47	93
Cadet G. H. Holden	47	43	90
Totals	360	370	730

Average 91.25.

Average age of team: 16 years 6 months.

No. 3 PLATOON, No. 24 COMPANY.

Cadet A. Gibson ...	46	43	89
Cadet A. Brodie	43	47	90
L.-Cpl. H. Brown ...	44	44	88
Cpl. R. McRae	48	48	96
Cpl. L. T. Rawson ...	47	46	93
Cadet M. Goldstone	44	45	89
Cadet H. W. Rickard	47	46	93
Cadet A. E. Smith ...	44	44	88
Totals	363	363	726

Average 90.75.

Average age of team: 16 years 2 months.

SHOOTING.

No. 4 PLATOON, No. 24 COMPANY.

Cadet H. Calder	44	48	92
Cadet R. Cleland	45	43	88
Cadet M. J. Sutton	42	46	88
Cadet A. B. Shaw ...	43	48	91
Sergt. T. N. Foden...	42	47	89
Cadet N. W. Airey ...	45	49	94
Cadet H. W. Mason	44	44	88
Cadet J. W. Palmer	44	46	90
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Totals	349	371	720

Average 90.

Average age of team: 16 years.

Junior Competition.

No. 1 PLATOON, No. 110 COMPANY.

Cadet R. H. Caughley	43	48	91
Cadet C. J. Rogers ...	45	47	92
Cadet E. Chivers ...	42	48	90
Cadet R. Kidd	43	48	91
Cadet K. R. Lambie	46	48	94
Cadet J. Jackson ...	42	49	91
Cadet T. L. Penn ...	44	46	90
Cadet F. T. Williams	47	45	92
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Totals	352	379	731

Average 91.38.

Average age of team: 14 years 6 months.

No. 2 PLATOON, No. 110 COMPANY.

Cadet M. Lysons ...	41	45	86
Cadet H. Madsen ...	42	43	85
Cadet G. Ballinger...	42	40	82
Cadet S. Bellringer...	41	43	84
Cadet J. Brodie	40	44	84
Cadet V. Carthew ...	43	45	88
Cadet A. Foreman ...	43	47	90
Cadet H. Stevenson	44	41	85
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Totals	336	348	684

Average 85.5.

Average age of team: 14 years.



WEEKLY PRESS TEAM, 1919.

Top Row : J. Jackson, J. Brown, R. McRae, P. Wills, J. Rogers.
 Bottom Row : M. Barak, R. Hair.



SENIOR TEAM, No. 1 PLATOON.

Top Row : C. Bell, P. Wills, M. Barak, I. Sutherland.
 Bottom Row : L. Abbott, R. Candy, H. Herbert, J. Boon.

No. 3 PLATOON, No. 110 COMPANY.

Cadet O. W. Rainger	39	47	86
Cadet B. J. Foreman	39	38	77
Cadet H. Clarke ...	40	47	87
Cadet C. H. Honnor	43	48	91
Cadet E. J. Olson ...	38	43	81
Cadet C. R. Parker...	39	43	82
Cadet V. A. Tait	44	42	86
Cadet V. C. Fookes...	35	45	80
Totals	317	353	670

Average 83.75.

Average age of team : 14 years 3 months.

No. 4 PLATOON, No. 110 COMPANY.

Cadet A. Rumball ...	39	45	84
Cadet J. D. Mackay	40	45	85
Cadet A. L. Kidson	39	43	82
Cadet H. I. McIvor	43	44	87
Cadet J. M. Guild ...	41	43	84
Cadet J. T. Shaw ...	40	42	82
Cadet C. Thomson ...	42	46	88
Cadet P. Pope	43	42	85
Totals	327	350	677

Average 84.625.

Average age of team : 14 years 2 months.

A cable just received from England gives the results of the above competition as follows:—

SENIOR COMPETITION.

1. Royal Australian Naval Brigade, Cairns	(100.)
2. A Company, Naval Cadets, Birkenhead, South Australia	93.2
3. New Plymouth Boys' High School	92.1

JUNIOR COMPETITION.

1. Naval Boys' Brigade, Devonport, England ...	91.8
2. Twelfth Company, Naval Cadets, Birkenhead, South Australia	91.2
3. New Plymouth Boys' High School	91.1

820 teams from various parts of the Empire entered for the Senior Competition and 569 for the Junior.

This year there has been keen competition for the various school cups awarded for miniature range shooting. The following are the scores of the winner and runner-up in each case:—

SEARLE CUP.

(Senior Championship.)

	Qualifying Rounds.			Average.
R. Hair	95	97	98	96.6
L. Abbott	96	93	97	95.1

HAMBLYN CUP.

(Junior Championship.)

	Qualifying Rounds.			Average.
M. Barak	95	94	96	95
P. Wills	93	94	94	93.66

LOVEDAY CUP.

(Championship under 15.)

	Qualifying Rounds.			Average.
J. Rogers	93	93	92	92.66
R. H. Caughley ...	94	92	91	92.33

McLEOD AND SLADE CUP.

(Championship under 14.)

	Qualifying Rounds.			Average.
R. H. Caughley ...	94	92	91	92.33
A. Foreman	88	90	89	89

Since Mr. H. V. Searle's return there has been a revival in .303 shooting. Practice is held daily on the 25 yards range, and, whenever Taranaki weather permits, the Rewa Rewa long range is visited. The remainder of this term will be very busy as far as shooting is concerned. The Secondary Schools' Match has been revived this year and we are endeavouring to get together a team. In addition to this the Lady Godley Cups, the MacDiarmid Belt, and the Kelly Cup have still to be competed for.

The Group Rifle Meeting at Hawera on December 10 should also attract a large number of competitors from the School.

Since these notes were written No. 110 Company "Weekly Press" team fired for the North Island Shield (.22 miniature range). Captain Hudson, O.C. Taranaki Group, acted as umpire. The targets have just been forwarded to Headquarters and detailed scores will appear in our next issue. Mr. Searle and team are to be congratulated on the record score for the School of 671 out of a possible of 680 points.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The following appeared in the Daily News:—

The annual sports in connection with the New Plymouth Boys' High School, postponed from a fortnight ago owing to wet weather, eventuated yesterday, and until the regrettable aeroplane disaster in the afternoon caused them to be brought to an abrupt conclusion proved highly successful from every point of view. The weather proved fine and though a cold wind was blowing this did not deter a large number of parents and friends from gathering, and the scene, particularly in the afternoon, was a very animated one, unusual interest being added by the flights of the aeroplane overhead, which was a novelty to the majority of those present, all of whom were delighted by the stunts and apalled by the subsequent disaster. The grounds were in splendid condition, and complete arrangements had been made for the conduct of the sports, with the result that the numerous events were got off with the expedition and precision that has always characterised these gatherings, and the programme was kept well up to time. The lads entered keenly into the various events, and some splendid contests were witnessed, finishes in practically every case being close. Several records were broken, viz., the senior and junior long jump, the 100 yards under 12 cup, and the 100 yards senior cup, whilst other records were equalled. The officials all did their work well. Mr. W. H. Moyes, Principal of the School, as starter, despatched his fields away well, being ably assisted by Messrs. C. H. Wynyard and A. R. Ryder as marksmen. Messrs. T. C. List, E. Jackson, A. L. Humphries, E. Whittle, R. W. D. Robertson, Dr. Fookes and E. P. Webster, as judges, had a very busy time, but though events followed quickly and finishes were remarkably close they gave their decisions promptly. Messrs. R. H. Rockel, J. Bennett, N. Greiner and L. B. Webster

proved capable time-keepers; whilst the stewards, Messrs. C. G. Bottrill, H. E. Glover, F. J. Eggleton, H. L. Calder, H. V. Searle, N. D. Day, W. G. Wilkie, J. W. Connell and G. F. Bertrand, all did their work well. The officials and the committee alike, comprising Messrs. A. W. Diprose, chairman, and A. M. Bradbury (masters), M. Sutherland, M. Osborne, K. O'Halloran, E. Smart and J. Whittle, together with the joint secretaries (T. N. Foden and H. W. Brown), are to be congratulated on the success achieved. During the afternoon tea was dispensed in the Assembly Hall, where further enjoyment was added by a musical programme submitted by Mrs. Woods' Orchestra.

The sports were at once abandoned as soon as it was realised that the aeroplane had crashed, the accident occurring in view of many of those present.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

There was keen competition for the championships, as may be seen from the detailed results:—

Senior Cup.—J. H. Boon, 15 points; H. W. Brown, 13; J. Whittle, 13; M. Sutherland, 11; M. Nicholson, 8; L. B. Inch, 3.

Junior Cup (under 16 years).—C. D. Collins, 17 points; A. M. Moyes, 16; R. Rea, 13; R. Brewster, 5; R. Bellringer, A. T. Wheeler and R. T. Jury, each 3; R. Atkinson and K. Meuli, 1.

Under 14.—C. Gilmour, 15; S. Cottier, 9; J. Simcock, 5; E. Clegg, 3; R. Fletcher, 2; V. Mitchinson, 2.

Under 12.—H. Fookes, 20 (the possible); B. Cooke, 9; R. List, 3; T. York, 1; C. Ambury, 1.

Under 10.—J. Perry, 13; A. Washer, 11; O. A. Clark, 5; J. Davies, 4.

The following are the detailed results:—

150 Yards Open.—First heat: Waterson (2yds.) 1; time, 16sec. Second heat: Hoffmann (scr.) 1; time, 17sec. Third heat: Foden (4yds) 1; time, 17sec. Fourth heat: L. Abbott (3yds.) 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Hawkes (2yds.) 1; time, 17sec. Sixth heat: Osborne (3yds.) 1; time, 17sec. Seventh heat: E. Smart (2yds.) 1; time, 17 2-5sec. Eighth heat: Hutchen (4yds) 1; time, 17sec. Ninth heat: Hine (2yds.) 1; time, 18sec. Tenth heat: Cleland (5yds.) 1; time, 17 2-5sec. Eleventh heat: Calder (8yds.) 1; time, 17 2-5sec. Final: Hoffman 1, Waterson 2, Foden 3; time, 16 1-5sec.

100 Yards (under 15).—First heat: Brewster (scr.) 1, Alexander (scr.) 2, B. Lash (5yds.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Second heat: T. Penn (2yds.) 1, C. Thomson (scr.) 2, C. Dinniss (1yd.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Third heat: N. Smith (2yds.) 1, Pope (scr.) 2, MacDiarmid (2yds.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Fourth heat: C. Morey (3yds.) 1, Scanlan (2yds.) 2; time, 12 2-5sec. Final: Morey 1, Brewster 2, N. Smith 3; time, 12 1-5sec.

100 Yards (Senior Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Whittle (scr.) 1, Nicholson (scr.) 2, Brown (scr.) 3; time, 11sec. Second heat: Hoffmann (scr.) 1, Gibson (5yds.) 2, Abbott (2yds.) 3; time, 11sec. Third heat: Willis (scr.) 1, K. O'Halloran (3yds.) 2, Cachemaille (6yds.) 3; time, 11 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Waterson (2yds.) 1, Foden (2yds.) 2, Hawkes (2yds.) 3; time, 11 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Osborne (3yds.) 1, L. Pease (6yds.) 2, Parkinson (6yds.) 3; time, 11 2-5sec. Final: Whittle (scr.) 1, Hoffmann (scr.) 2, Waterson (2yds.) 3; time, 10 3-5sec.—a record.

100 Yards (Junior Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Moyes (scr.) 1, R. Rea (scr.) 2, Atkinson (scr.) 3; time, 11 3-5sec. Second heat: Lealand (2yds.) 1, Mackay (1yd.) 2, Northern (3yds.) 3; time, 11 2-5sec. Third heat: Ballinger (3yds.) 1, Sarten (3yds.) 2, Bleakley (1yd.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Erlandson (3yds.) 1, R. Wells (2yds.) 2, Grover (2yds.) 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Joll (3yds.) 1, Davis (1yd.) 2, C. Lash (3yds.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Final: Lealand 1, Rea 2, Ballinger 3; time, 11 3-5sec.

Long Jump (Senior Cup).—Whittle, 19ft. 4½in. (scr.), 1; Sutherland, 19ft. 2½in. (scr.), 2; Brown, 18ft. 9½in. (scr.), 3. All beat the previous record of 18ft. 9in. established by F. A. Bruce in 1913.

Long Jump (Junior Cup).—C. D. Collins, 18ft. 2in. (scr.), 1; Wheeler, 17ft. 6in. (scr.), 2; Moyes, 17ft. 1in. (scr.), 3. All beat the previous record of 16ft. 9in., established by R. J. Harrison in 1917.

880 Yards (Senior Cup).—Hoffmann (scr.) 1, Nicholson (scr.) 2, Boon (scr.) 3. About thirty started. A great race. Won by two yards, with the third boy about a foot away. Time, 2min. 16sec.

880 Yards (Junior Cup).—Ballinger (30yds.) 1, R. Rea (scr.) 2, Northern (20yds.) 3. About thirty started. Another good race. Time, 2min. 29sec.

100 Yards (under 14 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Gilmour (scr.) 1, S. Cottier (scr.) 2, R. Fletcher (scr.) 3; time, 13sec. Second heat: B. Scanlan (scr.) 1, T. Fookes (scr.) 2, E. Jackson (2yds.) 3; time, 13 2-5sec. Third heat: Philpott (2yds.) 1, H. Bellringer (4yds.) 2, M. Robertson (1yd.) 3; time, 13sec. Final: Gilmour (scr.) 1, B. Scanlan (scr.) 2, Cottier (scr.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec.

220 Yards Open Handicap.—First heat: F. Davis (9yds.) 1, Hawkes (3yds.) 2; time, 26 2-5sec. Second heat: G. Waterson (4yds.) 1, D. Mackay (9yds.) 2; time, 25 1-5sec. Third heat: Parkinson (12yds.) 1, Ron. Syme (5yds.) 2; time, 26 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Lealand (11yds.) 1, J. Hine (5yds.) 2; time, 26 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Osborne (6yds.) 1, L. Smart (12yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Sixth heat: Willis (scr.) 1, C. Bell (13yds.) 2; time, 26 2-5sec. Seventh heat: Abbot (4yds.) 1, L. Dinniss (7yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Eighth heat: B. Hutchen (7yds.) 1, N. Smith (17yds.) 2; time, 26 2-5sec. Final: Lealand (11yds.) 1, Waterson (4yds.) 2, Hawkes (3yds.) 3; time, 25 3-5sec.

High Jump (Junior Cup).—Collins (scr.), 4ft. 9½in. (equal to record established in 1917 by R. Ward) 1; Jury (scr.) and Lambie (2in), 4ft. 5in., 2.

High Jump (Senior Cup).—Sutherland (scr.), 5ft. 1½in., 1; Boon (scr.) and Whittle (scr.), 4ft. 11½in., equal, 2.

75 Yards (under 13).—First heat: S. Cottier (1yd), 1, A. Fussell (5yds) 2, H. Fookes (scr.) 3; time, 10sec. Second heat: Riley (4yds) 1, C. McNeill (3yds.) 2, J. Pease (1yd.) 3; time, 10 1-5sec. Final: S. Cottier (1yd.) 1, Riley (4yds.) 2, A. Fussell (5yds.) 3; Won by inches; time, 9 2-5sec.

50 Yards (under 10 Cup).—Washer (scr.) 1, P. Allen (3yds.) 2, Perry (scr.) 3; time, 7 4-5sec.

440 Yards (Senior Cup).—Willis (scr.) 1, Berridge (20yds.) 2, Boon (scr.) and Brown (scr.) equal 3. About 50 started, and a good race ensued; time, 59 2-5sec.

440 Yards (Junior Cup).—R. Rea (scr.) 1, Northern (20yds.) 2, Ballinger (15yds.) 3. Another very big field and a good race; time, 61 2-5sec.

75 Yards (under 14 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Gilmour (scr.) 1, S. Cottier (scr.) 2, Mitchinson (scr.) and R. Fletcher (scr.) dead heat, 3; time, 9 3-5sec. Second heat: E. Jackson (5yds) 1, Nash (1yd.) 2, M. Fletcher (scr.) 3; time, 10sec. Third heat: T. Fookes (2yds.) 1, J. Riley (6yds.) 2, Scanlan (scr.) 3; time, 10sec. Final: Gilmour (scr.) 1, T. Fookes (2yds.) 2, J. Riley (6yds.) 3; time, 10sec.

50 Yards (under 11).—B. Cooke (scr.) 1, A. Hutchen (scr.) 2, A. Washer (1yd.) 3; time, 7 2-5sec.

Three-legged Race, 75 Yards.—First heat: Pope and R. Wells (4yds.) 1, Foden and Henderson (1yd.) 2. Second heat: J. Pease and N. Smith (5yds.) 1, Wills and Parkinson (2yds.) 2. Third heat: McMahon Bros. (6yds.) 1, Farmer and McLean (6yds.) 2. Final: Farmer and McLean 1, Pope and Wells 2, Pease and Smith 3.

100 Yards (under 12 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): H. Fookes (scr.) 1, B. Cooke (scr.) 2, C. Ambury (scr.) 3; time, 13 3-5sec. Second heat: J. Riley (3yds.) 1, J. Dykes (3yds) 2, C. Stronge (2yds) 3; time, 13 2-5sec. Final: J. Riley (3yds.) 1, H. Fookes (scr.) 2, B. Cooke (scr.) 3.

Potato Race.—First Heat: Kilpatrick 1. Second heat: Gibson, 1. Third heat: L. Dinniss, 1. Fourth heat: Coleman 1. Fifth heat: Barnett 1. Sixth heat: N. Smith, 1. Seventh heat: Philpott, 1. Eighth heat: Blair 1. Ninth heat: P. Allen 1. Tenth heat: Grover 1. Final: Kilpatrick 1, Gibson 2, L. Dinniss 3.

Invitation Race, 100 Yards.—L. Wilson (Stratford D.H.S.) 1, C. W. Davies (Stratford D.H.S.) 2, H. W. Brown (N.P.B.H.S.) 3. Also started: Willis (N.P.B.H.S.) and O'Byrne (N.P. Technical College). A fine race, inches separating the placed men; time, 11sec.

75 Yards (under 10 Cup).—Allen (3yds) 1, Perry (scr.) 2, Davies (scr.) 3. Time: 11 2-5sec.

50 Yards (under 12 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): H. Fookes (scr.) 1, Cooke (scr.) 2; time, 7 1-5sec. Second heat: J. Riley (4yds.) 1, Washer (3yds.) 2, Dykes (3yds.) 3; time, 6 4-5sec. Final: J. Riley (4yds) 1, H. Fookes (scr.) 2, Cooke (scr.) 3; time, 7 1-5sec.

Sack Race, 75 Yards.—First heat: H. Arthur (8yds.) 1, Joll (10yds.) 2. Second heat: MacDiarmid (8yds.) 1, McNeill (6yds.) 2. Third heat: S. Hutchen 1, B. Blundell 2. Final: MacDiarmid 1, Joll 2, H. McNeill 3.

150 Yards (under 12 Cup).—H. Fookes (scr.) 1, A. Fussell (5yds) 2, Cooke (scr.) 3; time, 20sec.

100 Yards (under 10 Cup).—Perry (scr.) 1, P. Allen (5yds.) 2, Washer (scr.) 3; time, 15 1-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (Senior Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Brown (owe 7yds.) 1, Sutherland (owe 7yds.) 2, Boon (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 18 2-5sec. Second heat: Hine (owe 7yds.) 1, Osborne (owe 7yds.) 2, Foden (owe 5yds) 3; time, 19 4-5sec. Final: Hine (owe 7yds.) 1, Brown (owe 7yds.) 2, Sutherland (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 20 2-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (Junior Cup).—R. Mauri (owe 3yds) 1, Collins (owe 7yds.) 2, J. Brodie (scr.) 3; time, 21 3-5sec.

220 Yards (under 14 Cup).—Fookes, T. (10yds.) 1, Gilmour (scr.) 2, B. Scanlan (scr.) 3; time, 29 4-5sec.

One Mile (senior).—L. Smart (100yds.) 1, Boon (scr.) 2, Berridge (100yds.) 3; time, 5min. 6 3-5sec.

One Mile (junior).—E. G. Smith 1, Mackay 2, Mace 3; time, 5min 18 3-5sec.

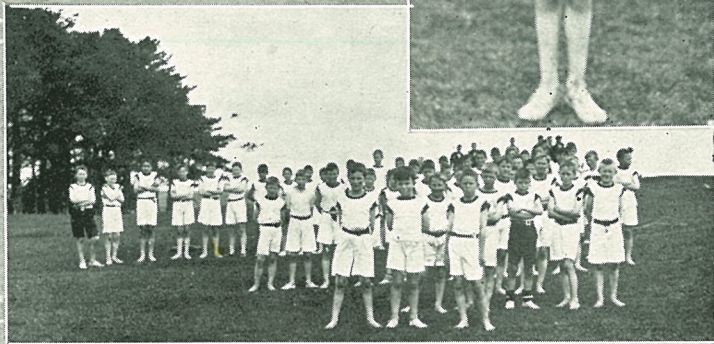
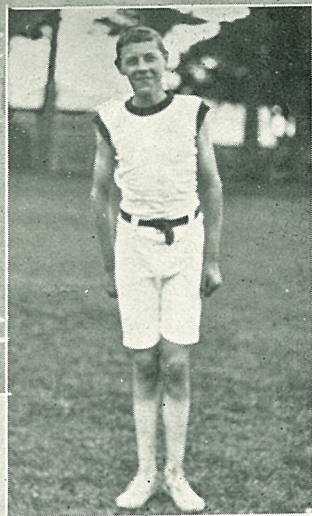
Throwing Cricket Ball.—Senior: J. M. Hine, 82yds. 0ft. 8in. Junior: C. Thomson, 72yds. 0ft. 2in.

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

This year's steeplechase was to have taken place on the 14th of October, but owing to bad weather was postponed till the following Wednesday. The steeplechase took place at the Waiwakaiho Golf Links, and was keenly contested in both senior and junior classes. We take this opportunity of sincerely thanking the Golf Club for so kindly letting us run on their links.

Over 200 boys competed. The fields were not as large as last year owing to prevailing colds preventing a number from participating.

The Junior Steeplechase for boys under 14 attracted 50 competitors, who had to run a distance of two miles. A. Fussell soon took the lead, and by running well, finished 400 yards ahead of Dykes, with O. Hetherington and H. Fookes third and fourth.



ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE. 1920.

Senior Competitors.

A. Fu sell, Winner of Junior Steeplechase.

E. G. Smith, Winner of Senior Steeplechase.
Junior Competitors.

The Senior Steeplechase was over a distance of nearly four miles, and proved a good race. In the early stages E. Fussel took the lead, and then gave place to E. Smith. Gradually the scratch men gained on the leader, but Smith was able to stay the journey, and ran in 20 seconds before Hoffmann, who was eight seconds ahead of Boon, last year's winner.

The fastest time in the junior event was put up by A. Fussell. In the senior Hoffmann established a new record, his time being 25min. 57sec.

Detailed results are as follow:—

SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

Smith, E. G. (2min.)	1
Hoffmann (scratch)	2
Boon (scratch)	3
Mace (1½min.)	4
Abott (1min.)	5
Ballinger (2½min.)	6
Cavaney (2min.)	7
Hutchen, B. (20sec.)	8
Smart, L. (1min)	9
Maxwell (1½min.)	10

Next in order were:—Shaw, J. (2min.), Brokenshire (2½min.), Alleman (scr.), Taylor (1min.), Berridge (1 min), Gibson (2min), Brunette (40sec.), Bleakley (2½ min.), Smart, E. (scr.), Lash, C. (2min), Corkill (40sec.), Mackay (1½min.), Gibbs (3min.), Fussell (3½min.), Morey, G. (1½min.), Syme, Ray (1½min.), Stevenson, A. (1min.), Brodie, J. (40sec.), Howard (3min.), Thompson, J. (2½min.).

JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.

Fussell, A. (3min.)	1
Dykes (4min.)	2
Hetherington, D. (3min.)	3
Fookes, H. (2min.)	4
List (2min.)	5
York (2min.)	6
Cooke (2 min.)	7
Palmer, F. (4min.)	8
Simons (2min.)	9
Robb (2min.)	10

Next in order were: Silson (2½min.), Geddes (1½ min.), Hardwick (2min.), Eaves (2¼min.), Clark (3min.), Nolan (4min.), Washer (3min.), Paget (2min.), Fargie (3min.), Simcock (scr.), Clegg (scr.), Lysons (1½min.), Easton (scr.), Mitchinson (scr.), Leech, E. (2min.), Bellringer, H. (½min.), Fletcher, R. (scr.), Bayly (scr.), Thomson, M. (scr.), M'Lean (1 min.)

CRICKET.

(J. M. Hine.)

This season has shown a decided improvement in the cricketing atmosphere, for the good turf practice and match wickets, and a closely cropped playing field have made cricket infinitely more enjoyable. The new horse-mower works splendidly, although 50 boys are oftener seen in harness than one horse. A long felt want has thus been supplied at last—a road-grader was first delivered for the mower—and we only hope that this new machine will fulfil many useful years of service. The weather, as of old, has hindered cricket very much, so, as yet, there is certainly no manifest improvement.

The season opened with the annual match against Old Boys. School were defeated by a narrow margin of runs, but there are still the grade matches to avenge our loss. Detailed scores:—

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Palmer, b Osborne	15
Willis, b Osborne	18
Brown, b Waller	4
Hine, c Bertrand, b Monteath	22
Osborne, c Bewley, b Eggleton	6
Lash, run out	1
Hughes, b Monteath	0
Smart, stumped	2
Brodie, b Monteath	0
Inch, b Bertrand	0
Hemingway, not out	5
Extras	5
Total	73

Analysis.—Osborne, 2 for 18; Monteath, 3 for 4; Bertrand, 1 for 3; Eggleton, 1 for 12; Waller, 1 for 11.

Second Innings.

Willis, b Bottrill	0
Palmer, b Bottrill	12
Brown, b Bottrill	8
Hine, b Bertrand	2
Osborne, b Bertrand	0
Lash, l.b.w., b Bertrand	4
Hughes, c Johnson, b Osborne	4
Smart, not out	8
Extras	2
Total for 7 wickets	40

Analysis.—Bottrill, 3 for 8; Bertrand, 3 for 11; Osborne, 1 for 5.

OLD BOYS.

Osborne, c Willis, b Brown	4
Monteath, b Inch	4
Waller, b Palmer	12
Bottrill, b Brown	11
Bewley, b Brown	2
Eggleton, l.b.w., b Palmer	6
Johnson, b Brown	1
Colson, b Inch	23
Quilliam, c Smart, b Brown	12
Graham, b Brown	0
Bertrand, not out	15
Extras	5
Total	95

Analysis.—Brown, 6 for 34; Inch, 2 for 35; Palmer, 2 for 15.

Cricket had made such great headway throughout the School, that it was found necessary to divide the players into three grades with four or five teams in each. Matches are played with great keenness, a sure indication of merit in future elevens. It is as yet too early for any complete rounds, but it is hoped that by the end of the term three rounds will be completed in each grade. The skill shown by the Preparatory XI. is arousing enthusiasm, in fact they are the most successful batsmen the "Prep." has had for many years. Account of their matches will be found in the Preparatory Notes.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

(H. Bellringer.)

“Friendship is no plant of hasty growth.
Tho’ planted in esteem’s deep-fixed soil,
The gradual culture of kind intercourse
Must bring it to perfection.”

The object of nearly every school is to create life-long friendship among its students as well as to foster learning. Even though we be scattered to the uttermost ends of the earth, there is the friendship of school-boy days which binds us to one another. It is hoped that the senior boys who will be dispersing at the end of the year, some to carry on in the Upper School, others to leave and commence work, will carry pleasant memories of their school days here and will prove worthy of the school to which they once belonged.

The roll has risen considerably since the last issue of the Magazine, the number being now 102.

The following boys have left since the Preparatory Notes were last issued:—R. Butler, H. Clarke, G. Coplestone, F. Lee, S. Meredith, M. Sutton, W. Thomas. New boys are: P. Allen, K. Bleakley, A. Field, A. Fargie, A. Leech, L. Martin, W. Martin, B. Nolan, S. Riley, D. Thomas, H. Powell.

While we were at the Racecourse we learnt with deep regret that Mr. Saxton had decided to leave the Preparatory Teaching Staff for a position at Waitaki. He was an ideal Master and was sadly missed. He was presented with a small travelling portmanteau by the boys, who gave him three hearty cheers and wished him goodbye.

Miss Campbell arrived on the 4th October to take up the position that had been rendered vacant by Mr. Saxton, she having charge of the Fourth and Fifth Standards.

Since the new wing in the new building has been completed, we have been able to remove from the Racecourse buildings to others on the School grounds. The First, Second and Third Standards are using one of the rooms in the new wing, while the Fourth and Fifth Standards are accommodated in the Library. The Sixth Standard, which has grown into the largest class there has ever been in the Preparatory Department, is now billeted in the old Prep. buildings, and takes up the whole of it for its own use.

Mr. Bradbury, who is the drawing master at School, used only to take the Sixth Standard for a class, but now Standards 4 and 5 have joined in taking drawing lessons.

Earlier in the year we had some very exciting games of football. Although we were excluded from the Primary Schools' Competition we managed to have some friendly games with some of the Public Schools. In all the matches we were successful. The first game was with the West End Public School, the scores being West End 0, Preparatory 12. Our next game was played in Pukekura Park against Central School, the scores being Central School 0, Preparatory 22. A return match was played on the Racecourse, the home team winning by ten points to nil. A strenuous game was played against Inglewood Public School at Inglewood. As a strong wind was blowing against us during the first half it looked very much as if we were going to lose, but when we did play with the wind the score mounted from Inglewood 6, Preparatory 0, to Preparatory 19, Inglewood 6. This was the last game that was played during the season.

In the Primary Schools' Cricket Competition we have entered two teams. Our senior team has been so far successful in every game, while the junior team has been successful in only one. The scores are as follows:—

October 16th.—Central v. High School B: Central, first innings 18, second innings 18, total 36; Preparatory B, first innings 62, second innings (not played), total 62. Three point win for Preparatory B.

Fitzroy v. High School A: Fitzroy, first innings 14, total 14; Preparatory A, first innings 93 for 4 wickets, total 93. Two point win for Preparatory A.

October 23.—Fitzroy v. High School B: Fitzroy, first innings 38, second innings 35, total 73; Preparatory B, first innings 41, second innings 27, total 68. Three point win for Fitzroy.

October 30.—West End v. High School A: West End, first innings 40, total 40; Preparatory A, first innings 114 for 6 wickets, total 114. Two point win for Preparatory A.

November 6.—West End v. High School B: West End, first innings 48, total 48; Preparatory B, first innings 28, second innings 15, total 43. Three point win for West End.

The match between Preparatory A and Preparatory B is to be played to finish the first round, while the second round is to be played after the Christmas holidays.

LITERARY EFFORTS.

The following which recently came into our hands should serve to indicate the pernicious influences of Wordsworth.

Sonnet composed in amazement at seeing the cricket pitch unoccupied (after Wordsworth):—

“Earth has not anything to show more fair;
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by,
A sight so touching in its majesty.”

The cricket pitch doth like a green suit wear
Its carefully tended sward of close mown grass;
No shout of boys nor master's voice is there
Its unaccustomed silence to impair.
But only does some idle wanderer pass,
With deep amazement smit, and wonder where
Is gone the busy mower's buzzing sound,
The heavy roller rolling round and round,
And where the boarder's language far from fair
Who, gated, finds no pastime to be found
Within the school-gates' scanty plot of ground.

I have often heard regrets expressed that Wordsworth did not give a complete family history in his great humorous poem “We are Seven.” The following scattered stanzas may show something of what he might have added or improved in his poem. For example, he has omitted the parents, whose characters would have a great effect on their offspring.

Brothers and sisters are we seven,
And some you think may go to heaven;
But if you wish the truth to know,
I fear that all will be below.

My father was a naughty man,
He always smoked a briar,
And every now and then he'd go
And spit into the fire.

My mother she ne'er let him be,
She swiped him with the rolling pin;
And where she swiped him, you could see
His poor old hair was growing thin.

He slipt “on the bridge at midnight,”
To bed from his beer returning;
By the gasless gaslamp's fitful light,
And his red nose dimly burning.

ENQUIRY COLUMN.

Were “stern measures” taken on the boy who strode down the corridor loudly proclaiming his intention to take “drastic steps”?

Are we blessed with nobility in our midst—though in an attenuated form?

Was it a debatable point for a master to bait a boy on his abating interest in a certain direction?

Is a boy whose name coincides with that of a common leguminous vegetable addicted to buster-cuts?

What incident provoked the quotation—*Après nous le deluge*?

Was the boy who translated “she stays” by “elle corset” connected with the millinery business?

Is the following statement justified?

“My heart sinks down when I descry
Our master out at cricket;
For then 'tis known he soon will cry,
‘Come boys, let's roll the wicket!’”

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Boxing Championships were decided this year on November 18th. As was done last year the ring was roped off in the Assembly Hall. The contests throughout were keen and some of the competitors showed considerable skill in the manipulation of “the nasty left,” while others absorbed punishment in a manner which proved their grit. The exhibition on the whole was an improvement on that of previous years and reflects great credit on the coaching. The light weight contests in particular were better exhibitions than usual, some of the rallies being very lively, rousing the onlookers to great excitement.

Hughson won the trophy for the most scientific boxer, closely followed by Fookes.

Mr. T. Smith gave every satisfaction as referee and Mr. Ryder acted as timekeeper.

The bout between Hooper (12.12) and Willis (10.7) for the open championship had to be postponed, as the former was ill. It will take place before the end of the term.

During the evening the contestants were seconded by Osborne and L. O'Halloran.

Under 6st. Championship.—Fookes.

Under 7st. Championship.—Fletcher.

Under 8st. Championship.—Davis.

Under 9st. Championship.—Hughson.

Under 10st. Championship.—Smart.

Under 11st. Championship.—M. Airey.

Senior Championship.—To be decided.

Each bout consisted of three two-minute rounds and the results were as follows:—

UNDER 6 STONE.

Winfield v. Fookes.—Fookes won the first round chiefly by good defence. The second round was a draw, but by taking the offensive Winfield evened up points in the third round. A deciding round had to be fought at the end of which Fookes was declared a winner.

Easton v. Hawken.—Easton won the first round by being the aggressor, but Hawken took the following two rounds and the bout.

Final.

Fookes v. Hawken.—Fookes led off well in the first round, but Hawken, per medium of aggressive leading, evened up in the second round. In the third round, however, Fookes proved too good and won a very well earned decision in his favour. The winner has a very clean snappy left and uses it well; he is also possessed of a very effective sidestep and to get full advantage of this should wear shoes.

UNDER 7 STONE.

Fletcher v. Mason.—This was a very exciting bout, both boys being "all out" at the finish and striving desperately for the decision. It was not possible to separate them at the end of the third round, so a fourth round of one minute was ordered, at the end of which Fletcher



No. 2 PLATOON SENIOR TEAM.

Top Row : H. Hunt, A. Moyes, H. Holden, G. Bracegirdle.

Bottom Row : E. Waters, G. Hughson, K. O'Halloran, L. Linn.



No. 3 PLATOON SENIOR TEAM.

Top Row : A. Brodie, A. Gibson, M. Goldstone, A. E. Smith.

Bottom Row : L. Rawson, R. McRae, H. Brown, H. Rickard.

gained the verdict. The rallies in this contest were very fierce and Fletcher only won because more of his blows connected. Mason has a nice upper-cut, which he should develop.

UNDER 8 STONE.

J. Jackson v. F. Davis.—Both these boys shaped very well. Davis, however, carried too many guns for Jackson and won fairly easily, though he had to keep going.

Penn v. Robinson.—Robinson won the first round by a narrow margin, but Penn more than equalised things in the last two and gained the verdict.

Final.

Davis v. Penn.—Davis won all three rounds. He showed good footwork and was too fast for his opponent. He should make the fight more, however, and not wait for his opponent to lead. Being possessed of speed he should use it to some purpose other than circling round an opponent indefinitely. Davis also lost points for hitting with the open glove. His display, however, was very good and interesting.

UNDER 9 STONE.

N. Airey v. L. Rawson.—The hits in this contest were even, but Airey gained the decision for landing more cleanly than Rawson. The latter gained points for leading, and had these leads been cleaner he would probably have reversed the decision.

Hughson v. Burdett.—This was a sluggish bout, Hughson being the winner.

Semi-final.

J. Scanlan v. N. Airey.—This was a fine bout, Scanlan putting in some good work in the first round. Airey evened things up in the second round, but Scanlan won in the final.

Final.

Scanlan v. Hughson.—Another fine bout. Scanlan won the first round by neat work with the left. Hughson took the second, making Scanlan miss very often. In the last round Scanlan tired, leaving himself open to Hughson, who did not fail to accept, and so won the bout. The winner showed great cleverness in countering Scanlan's leads, and was awarded the medal for most scientific boxer.

UNDER 10 STONE.

R. Hair v. E. Smart.—This was a close fight, which was won by Smart through following up leads in the exchanges and rallies. Hair has a bad habit of lifting his right and dropping it again, so allowing his opponent to get in.

Pease v. Rickard.—This contest was won easily by Rickard, who made most of the fighting. Pease gained points for good work in the breakaway, but must learn to be more aggressive.

Final.

Smart v. Rickard.—Smart won this bout, taking the first and third rounds, honours being divided in the second. Rickard made the fight—that is to say made the leads, but these were so wild that they did not connect, and consequently points were lost. Smart was too cool and steady for his opponent.

UNDER 11 STONE.

K. O'Halloran v. M. Airey.—Airey had the advantage in the first and third rounds, O'Halloran taking the second. In the exchanges O'Halloran more than held his own, but Airey with his great advantage in reach and height scored heavily in the leading and so won the contest.

Foden v. Drader.—Drader was too good for Foden, winning all three rounds.

Final.

Drader v. M. Airey.—In this bout there was more fighting than boxing, though now and then Drader would demonstrate that he knew something of an upper-cut. The third round found both boys even, so an extra minute was ordered. In this Airey put his best into one final rally, which lasted just long enough to enable him to win. Both boys showed great gameness in this contest.

The final heavy weight, Willis v. Hooper, has not been decided.

The prospects for next year seem to be very good, as now there are a certain number of the boys who are getting a knowledge of the game, and the tournament itself is an encouragement to others to take up the noble art. It is hoped also to get a punch ball and this will make the training much more interesting, for there is not the slightest doubt that the arm muscles and the eye need more training than they get in bouts only.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS (1919-1920).

President: E. P. Webster, Esq.

Vice-Presidents: A. M. MacDiarmid, Esq.; P. Jackson, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer: R. H. George, Esq.

Hon. Joint Secretaries: J. B. Wilson and R. Howell.

Executive: P. J. H. White, A. Bewley, C. H. Wynyard, P. Atkinson, R. Blundell, H. Calder, 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.

Thames: J. Wyborn, Te Aroha.

Stratford: Colin Smart.

Wellington: A. Callender, Government Buildings.

Editor of "Old Boys' Column":

Norman D. Day, Boys' High School, N.P.

OLD BOYS' BALL.

The annual ball was held in the Assembly Hall on July 20, and was voted by all to be the most successful yet held. The hall had been tastefully decorated with artificial pink flowers and ivy. The night, fortunately, was most suitable for dancing: a large crowd—estimated at 500 people—was present; and the hall presented an animated throng when the first dance commenced.

The supper arrangements were under the capable supervision of Mrs. Moyes and a very willing committee of ladies: to these ladies, and to those who kindly decorated the hall, the Old Boys' Committee are deeply indebted.

Old Boys from all parts of Taranaki, even from Palmerston North and Auckland, were present; we were extremely pleased to see them again, and hope that next year even a greater number of the more distant Old Boys will come to this function.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

To be submitted to the Members of the Association at the Annual Meeting to be held in the School Assembly Hall on Thursday, 28th October, 1920, at 7 p.m.

Your Executive have much pleasure in presenting the Fourth Annual Report of the Association for the year ended 30th September, 1920.

Since the Annual Meeting in October last the subject which has received most attention by the Association has been the question of a memorial to those 44 Old Boys who fell in the war. At that meeting the matter was left in the hands of the Executive with a recommendation that the Memorial should take the form of a School Chapel. Your Executive immediately took this matter in hand, and early in November circulars were sent to all Old Boys soliciting donations to the fund. The response to this circular was not as good as might have been expected, and the sum of £277 5s 9d was received, and a further £75 5s 6d promised. The Headmaster (Mr. Moyes) very kindly undertook to write to all those Old Boys who had passed through the school in his time, and this no doubt accounts for the fact that the amounts received have largely come from the younger generation of Old Boys. The members of the Executive have, since the end of the financial year, made a canvass of those Old Boys resident in New Plymouth, and the result has been that a further £150 has either been received or promised. The present boys at the school have contributed a sum of £50 5s to the fund, and the thanks of the Association are due to them for this contribution. An amount of £20 10s 6d, the surplus of the proceeds of the citizens' ball held at the opening of the new school in 1919 has also come to this fund. With the amount transferred from the Baths Fund the total amount received and promised to date is in the vicinity of £700. Owing to the prohibitive cost of building at the present time it has been decided not to close the Fund till the end of 1921, when the Association will decide on which of the two forms proposed at the last annual meeting the memorial is to take. Parents of Old Boys are to be circularised, and from the opinions expressed

by some of them a good sum should come from this source. The question of obtaining a Government subsidy on the amounts collected has been discussed by the Executive, but it is felt that, if this is to be a fitting memorial to those Old Boys of the school who gave their lives for the Empire, it should come entirely from those interested in the school and not partly from the Government. This matter will, however, be dealt with at the meeting of the Association which will be called to decide upon the form of the memorial. It is hoped that those Old Boys present at this meeting who have not already done so, will lose no time in contributing to this Fund. The money received for the Fund has been invested in the New Plymouth Savings Bank and the Taranaki Building Society.

Old Boys' Association Badge.—The Executive have considered the question of obtaining a badge for the Association, and Mr. Bradbury, drawing master at the school, very kindly submitted designs for a badge. It has been proposed that the badge should be a miniature of the present school badge, and members will be asked to decide on this matter at the annual meeting.

Annual Reunion.—No reunion of Old Boys has been held since the opening of the new school in April, 1919. Your Executive considered that the Old Boys had had rather many calls during 1919, and it was decided not to hold another reunion till the present time. It has been decided that the reunions shall be an annual function to be held on the evening of Sports Day. It is hoped that Old Boys will make this day at least one occasion for renewing the acquaintances of their old schoolmates.

Annual Ball.—Since our last annual meeting the Association has held two balls in the school assembly hall. The first of these functions was held on October 24th, 1919, and the second on July 16th of this year. Both of these functions proved very successful gatherings, Old Boys from all parts of the North Island being present. The ball this year was run at a profit of £4, and this will be placed to a reserve fund to meet any future losses which may arise out of the running of these functions. It has been decided that these balls shall be an annual function to be held in July of each year. The success of these functions is largely due to the energetic manner in which the ladies' committees assisted, and the thanks of the association are due to them.

On 4th August, 1920, a smoke concert was held in the school assembly hall to farewell Mr. Donald F. C. Saxton on his departure for Waitaki. Mr. Saxton had been a very energetic member of the Executive besides being a member of the Old Boys Eleven and First Fifteen and secretary of the Old Boys Football Club. Some forty Old Boys and the masters were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The thanks of the Executive are due to Mr. Saxton for his energetic work, and we wish him every success in his future sphere of life.

Sports.—The Old Boys Football Club has this season played two teams in the town competition, and although neither team was successful in winning, yet with the material at their resources the teams should become the senior ones of the town. The season was opened with the annual match against the School team.

The Old Boys Cricket Club played in the town competition last season, and after a very successful season they were defeated by the New Plymouth team in the final game. It is hoped that this season the team will be even more successful.

These two Sports Clubs tend to keep up the interest in the Association, and it is hoped that as the boys leave school they will join both of these clubs. The rules of the Association are to be altered to include the representation of these clubs on the Executive, and this will help to keep them attached to the Association. The School Sports' Committee has this year placed two events on their programme for Old Boys, and it is hoped that large entries will be forthcoming for both these events.

Finance.—It is satisfactory to be able to report that the accounts show a credit balance of £18 17s. 11d., together with a sum of £3 0s. 9d. held in trust for the Ball Committee. The Memorial Fund shows a credit balance of £37s 6s. 2d.

General.—The Executive have met on eight occasions during the year, and all these meetings have been well attended. During the year Messrs. D. F. C. Saxton and W. H. Jenkinson resigned from the Executive, and their places were filled by the appointment of Messrs. H. L. Calder and R. A. Blundell. It is hoped that the Old Boys will continue to show an interest in the Association, and that they will continually keep in touch with the Association.

Thanks.—The thanks of the Association are due to Mrs. Moyes and the ladies' committees who so kindly assisted with the annual ball, to Mr. Bradbury for designs of the Old Boys' badge, and to the Principal (Mr. Moyes) and his staff for the ready assistance they have given the Executive at all times. It is indeed gratifying to find that the relations between the School and the Association are so intimate, as this condition is essential to the effective working of the Association. Thanks are also due to the President of the Association (Mr. E. P. Webster) for the use of his office for meetings of the Executive.

OLD BOYS' RE-UNION AND ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual meeting, reunion and dinner was to have been held on the night of the school's athletic sports, October 28th. Unfortunately the day was wet—and the reunion was postponed to the evening of the 11th November. Once again the hand of Fate intervened, for on that day occurred the shocking tragedy—the aeroplane disaster. One of the victims, the late Mr. Jas. Clarke, was to have been one of the speakers at the dinner. Accordingly the reunion was again postponed, and at the time these notes go to press the date has not been definitely decided upon.

To Mr. J. E. Wilson, an Old Boy of this school and a former President of the Old Boys' Association, we extend our heartiest congratulations on his promotion to the important position of Chief Magistrate of Samoa. 'Tis but a short time back that Mr. Wilson resigned the Mayoralty of New Plymouth in order to take up a position on the Magistrate's Bench in Auckland. His stay there on the Bench was short, but was sufficiently long to enable him to win the confidence of all there who, professionally, came into contact with him. And now we hear of his transfer to an eminent position in Samoa. Mr. Wilson, in company with his wife and family, left New Zealand in September last. We—as a school—extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Wilson on his well-deserved promotion.

Profound regret was felt throughout the school and also amongst Old Boys, when the sad news came through that Lieut. Alister Sutherland, son of Major and Mrs. T. Sutherland, Manaia, had died in the Meerut Station

Hospital from a severe attack of enteric fever. Alister joined the school in 1913, and left in 1914, being that year in Form VIB. Athletically, he was one of the best boys turned out by this school for many years. In 1914, in addition to being a House Prefect, he was a member of the 1st football fifteen; played in the 1st cricket eleven; won the senior boxing championship; was one of the best three rifle shots in the school for that year; was a sergeant in the Cadet Corps; and was second to D. Sykes in the high jump, clearing 5ft 0½in. Scholastically, Lieut. Sutherland attained a high standard, being top boy in VIB. for 1914. He also passed the examination enabling him to join the Military College at Duntroon. In February, 1915, he joined the college at Duntroon, graduating as 1st Lieutenant in 1918, when he returned to New Zealand and was posted to the New Zealand Staff. For a short time he was employed in Trentham as an instructor. He then was transferred to Hamilton as area officer and adjutant, until he was sent to India in October, 1919, being attached to the 21st (Empress of India's) Lancers. Lieut. Sutherland received a very good report from the O.C. Lancers, for the work he had done on mountain warfare. To his sorrowing mother and father we extend our sincere sympathy in the great loss which has befallen them.

Major and Mrs. Sutherland received many telegrams and letters of condolence.

Brigadier-General G. Gregory, officer commanding 4th Cavalry Brigade, at Meerut, wrote inter alia:

"... During the period Lieut. Sutherland was attached to this brigade, he had earned the respect of all by his keenness and soldierly qualities. By his death, not only the N.Z. Staff Corps, but also the Imperial Forces, lose a most promising officer."

Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Sleeman, I.G.S., Director of Military Training, N.Z. Forces, wrote, inter alia:—

"Although he was with us for a short time only before going to India, I had ample opportunities of judging his merits and consider that he showed great promise. He was a typical soldier, and gained the confidence and respect of all he came in contact with."

Letters were also received from Major G. Whelen, Officer Commanding 21st Lancers, Meerut; Staff Corps Officers at Daroi; Duntroon College Cadets; and many friends in all parts of Australia, India and the Dominion.

OLD BOYS' ANNUAL MEETING.

MEMORIAL QUESTION POSTPONED.

The annual meeting of the New Plymouth Old Boys' Association was held November 27, 1920, the President (Mr. E. P. Webster) occupying the chair.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman remarked that the Association's activities were growing with the School. He expressed the opinion that every boy on leaving School ought to join the Association in order to help in the work. It was a matter for satisfaction that the School class-rooms had been extended in accordance with the original design. It would not be long, however, before the School and Boarding-house became too small to meet the requirements of the growing district. It was felt by Old Boys that a great measure of the School's success was due to Mr. Moyes' untiring efforts. The Association could congratulate the School on their success in the shooting competitions.

A very important matter concerning education in Taranaki, said Mr. Webster, was the question of the Opaku Reserve, containing approximately 10,000 acres of land, near Waverley. This was set aside some years ago for University endowment purposes, and it was now reserved for the promotion of higher education in Taranaki. The accumulated funds stood at over £15,000, and as some of the leases would be falling due within a few years, and the rents would no doubt be increased, there would be a good sum available. There had been an agitation to have the funds diverted to Wellington, and it behoved everyone interested in secondary education in Taranaki to watch carefully that this valuable endowment was not lost to the province. It would not be long before Taranaki would need the funds.

Mr. C. H. Wynyard, in seconding the motion, said he thought the younger Old Boys must realise the benefit the Association was to them. He made an appeal for greater support to the sports teams by Old Boys. If they were not members of the team they should attend to watch the games. It was discouraging to see some spending their time in Devon Street on Saturday afternoons when they could be better employed in some sports.

Mr. A. Bewley, in supporting the remarks of the previous speaker, referred to the trouble which had been experienced in getting teams. If boys, on leaving the School, would only continue to take an interest in sports such a state of affairs would not exist. In regard to cricket they had nearly enough Old Boys to run a second team. The drawback in this branch was the lack of suitable grounds.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. A. MacDiarmid; Vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Jackson and R. H. George; Treasurer, Mr. R. H. George; Auditor, Mr. A. Avery; Joint Secretaries, Messrs. R. G. Howell and J. B. Wilson (re-elected); Committee, Messrs. A. Bewley, E. Colson, C. H. Wynyard, P. Atkinson, R. Blundell, N. B. Bellringer, and O McHardy.

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

The Chairman stated that the Executive had decided to defer the question of a war memorial for a further twelve months, with a view to obtaining further funds, and also in view of the fact that building was so difficult at present. Even if they were anxious to push on with the memorial in whatever form was decided upon it would be impossible to get a permit at present. The funds in hand totalled £387, and a further £150 was in hand or had been promised since the statement of accounts had been prepared. With an effort next year it was hoped to reach four figures. The memorial would be one of the main planks of the Executive's work during the coming year.

A resolution was passed adopting the recommendation of the Executive in favour of keeping the fund open till next annual meeting, when the question will be settled.

GENERAL.

The question of whether the annual re-union, which has been deferred on two occasions, should be held was before the meeting. It was decided to hold the re-union, the Executive to fix the date and decide whether the function should take the form of a dinner or a smoke concert.

For an Association badge it was decided to adopt a miniature of the School badge, in silver with black and white enamel facings.

An enlargement of a photo of an Old Boys' group taken on sports day is to be forwarded to the headmaster of the School (Mr. W. H. Moyes), and also one for the School.

Reference was made by the President to the good work accomplished by the secretaries (Messrs. Howell and Wilson), and he emphasised the importance of young members taking an interest in the Association.

It was decided to enter a protest against the proposal of the Defence Department to abolish the distinctive puggarees worn by secondary school cadets. The value of the school puggarees as a distinctive mark and in maintaining the esprit de corps among the various schools was regarded as important.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes for their efforts on behalf of the Association.

The retiring President was accorded a vote of thanks for his work during the year. In reply, Mr. Webster said that although he was not taking an active part in the Association in the future they would still have his hearty support. An Old Boys' Association, he said, was an important factor in the life of any secondary school.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET.

The annual meeting of the Old Boys' Cricket Club was held in Mr. Wynyard's office on September 21, 1920.

The following officers were elected:—President: Dr. E. F. Fookes (re-elected). Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. H. Moyes, E. P. Webster, R. George, and Rev. S. S. Osborne. Treasurer: Mr. Johnson (re-elected). Secretary: Mr. R. M. Monteath (re-elected). Committee: Messrs. Bewley, Osborne, Quilliam, Colson, Bottrill.

It was decided to play two teams, one in the senior competition and one in the junior.

Considerable interest was taken in the first match of the season—a game between Old Boys and High School, which was played on the High School ground on Saturday, November 6, 1920. After a close and interesting game Old Boys won by 22 runs on the first innings.

School batted first, and thanks to fine scores by Palmer (15), Willis (18), and Hine (22), put up 66 runs for the first four wickets. But the tail failed badly,

the last six wickets only adding seven runs, with the result that the innings closed for 73. Old Boys opened badly, losing Osborne and Monteath for nine. Waller and Bottrill carried the score to 38 for four wickets, but the next three wickets fell cheaply, seven being down for 43. Colson (23) and Quilliam (12) carried the score to 73 before the eighth wicket fell, and then Bertrand (15 not out) was responsible for the last wicket, the innings closing for 95. School lost seven wickets for 40 runs in their second venture. Detailed scores:—

OLD BOYS.

First Innings.

Osborne, c. Willis, b. Brown	...	...	4
Monteath, b. Inch	...	...	4
Waller, b. Palmer	...	...	12
Bottrill, b. Brown	...	...	11
Bewley, b. Brown	...	...	2
Eggleton, l.b.w., b. Palmer	...	...	6
Johnson, b. Brown	...	...	1
Colson, b. Inch	...	...	23
Quilliam, c. Smart, b. Brown	...	...	12
Graham, b. Brown	...	...	0
Bertrand, not out	...	...	15
Extras	...	...	5

Total 95

Bowling analysis: Palmer took two wickets for 14 runs; Brown, six for 35; Inch, two for 37; Hemingway, none for 5.

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Palmer, b. Osborne	...	...	15
Willis, b. Osborne	...	...	18
Brown, b. Waller	...	...	4
Hine, c. Bertrand, b. Monteath	...	...	22
Osborne, c. Bewley, b. Eggleton	...	...	6
Lash, run out	...	...	1
Hughes, b. Monteath	...	...	0
Smart, st. b. Bertrand	...	...	2
Brodie, b. Monteath	...	...	0
Inch, b. Monteath	...	...	0
Hemingway, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	5

Total 73

Bowling analysis: Bertrand, took two wickets for 3 runs; Monteath, three for 24; Osborne, two for 18; Waller, one for 11; Eggleton, one for 12; Bottrill, none for 7; Graham, none for 13.

Second Innings.

Palmer, b. Bottrill	...	...	...	...	12
Willis, b. Bottrill	...	...	...	...	0
Brown, b. Bottrill	...	...	...	...	8
Hine, b. Bertrand	...	...	...	...	2
Osborne, b. Bertrand	...	...	...	...	0
Osborne, b. Bertrand	...	...	...	...	0
Lash, l.b.w., b. Bertrand	...	...	...	...	4
Hughes, c. Johnson, b. Osborne	...	...	...	...	4
Smart, not out	...	...	...	...	8
Extras	...	...	...	...	2

Seven wickets for 40

Bowling analysis: Bottrill, took three wickets for 8 runs; Bertrand, three for 11; Osborne, one for 5; Graham, none for 14.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

Old Boys entered two teams in the football competitions this year, one team in the Seniors and one in the Third Grade competition.

The senior team played in all 12 games, four of which were won, six were lost, one won by default, and one drawn.

The junior team played 13 games, won one game, lost 11 games, and one game was drawn.

Two of the Old Boys' senior team were chosen to play in the Taranaki representative team—D. Sykes and Smith, the former player showing consistent form and brilliancy throughout the whole season.

The following are the matches played by both teams during the season:—

April 17—

Old Boys v. High School: a friendly match—the first of the season. A good game, ending with the score 6 all. For Old Boys Eggleton scored a try and Hughes kicked a penalty goal; for School, Osborne scored a try and also kicked a penalty goal.

In the junior game on the same date High School beat Old Boys by 6 points to 5.

The competition games commenced on May 1, 1920.

Seniors.—Old Boys v. United: Old Boys won by 9 points to nil. Sykes and Eggleton scored tries, and D. Hughes kicked a penalty goal. This match was afterwards lost by protest, owing to Old Boys playing Burkhardt, who was then resident in the Inglewood district.

Third Grade.—High School 1st XV. v. Old Boys: A real good game, which ended in the scores 6 all.

May 8—

Seniors.—Star (6) v. Old Boys (3). An exhilarating game; a good display of fast and bright football, for which Old Boys were mainly responsible. For Star, Jenkins kicked two beautiful goals, and Sykes scored for Old Boys.

Third Grade.—Old Boys defeated Tukapa by 20 points to 3.

May 15, 1920—

Senior.—Clifton (27) v. Old Boys (3): This game was played at Waitara. Clifton were greatly superior in all departments of the game and had a somewhat easy win. Sykes scored for Old Boys.

Third Grade.—Old Boys a bye.

May 22, 1920—

Seniors.—Old Boys a bye.

Third Grade.—Clifton (18) v. Old Boys (3): Clifton had much the better of the game. Whittle scored for Old Boys. This game was played at Waitara, in a torrential downpour; a very even game.

May 29, 1920—

Seniors.—Rahotu (11) v. Old Boys (8): Played at Rahotu. Though Old Boys had much the better of this game, they were narrowly defeated by Rahotu. Doile and Sykes scored for Old Boys and Hughes converted the former player's try.

Third Grade.—Star (9) v. Old Boys (0).

June 7, 1920—

Seniors.—Old Boys (6) v. Tukapa (18): This game was played on Western Park and was conspicuous for the brightness, dash and enterprise shown by both teams; it was not till well in the second spell that the result looked anything like a certainty. For Tukapa, tries were scored by Taylor, Hart, Davis and R. Oliver, three of which were converted by G. Hooker. For Old Boys, D. Hughes kicked two splendid goals.

Third Grade.—Lepperton (14) v. Old Boys (0): This game was played at Lepperton. After the match both teams were entertained by the Lepperton ladies to afternoon tea. This was much appreciated by both teams.

June 12, 1920.

Old Boys (16) v. Okato (6): This game was played at Okato—a good fast open game. For Old Boys tries were obtained by Smith, Hartman and Whittle (2). Hughes kicked two goals. McCarthy scored a try and kicked a penalty goal for Okato.

Third Grade.—Okato (22) defeated Old Boys (0).

June 19, 1920—

Seniors.—Old Boys had a bye.

Third Grade.—Old Boys, owing to sickness amongst members of the team, forfeited to High School A, and a practice game was played.

June 26, 1920—

Old Boys (6) v. Okato (3): These two teams met on the racecourse. The game was fast and strenuous; the Old Boys' backs showed up particularly well. In the first half Hartman and Doile scored for Old Boys. Okato, just on the call of time, scored, Jones crossing the line after a fine passing bout.

Third Grade.—Tukapa (11) v. Old Boys (0): This game was played on Western Park as a curtain-raiser to the senior game, Tukapa v. Clifton. Tries were scored by Malcolmson and Ronaldson, one of which was converted by the latter, who also kicked a penalty goal.

July 3, 1920.

Senior.—Old Boys (23) v. Star (9): For Old Boys tries were scored by Sykes, MacDonald (2) and Fuller, all of which were converted by Hughes, who also kicked a penalty goal. Bertrand and Spence (2) scored for Star.

Third Grade.—High School B defeated Old Boys by 8 points to 3.

July 17, 1920.

Senior.—Clifton (22) v. Old Boys (0): Clifton and Old Boys played this game at Western Park, where the visitors won with an ample margin, though the match was not so easy for them as the score might suggest. Hartman's kicking was particularly good. Tries for Clifton were made by Coutts, Cain, Jones, Soffe, K. George and Goodwin. Colman and George converted two of the above tries.

Third Grade.—Clifton (8 v. Old Boys (6): This match was played as a curtain-raiser to the senior game, the country team just notching a win in the last few minutes of the game. Knuckey and Rachley scored tries for Clifton, the latter converting his own try. Knapman and Blundell scored for Old Boys.

July 24, 1920—

Senior.—Tukapa (12) v. Old Boys (9): Tukapa backs were superior to their opponents, but there was little to choose between the teams so far as the forwards were concerned. Tries for Old Boys were scored by Smith (2) and McGie. For Tukapa Gush scored and B. Hooker kicked three penalty goals.

August 2, 1920—

Senior.—Owing to not being able to muster a full team, Rahotu defaulted to Old Boys.

Third Grade.—Lepperton (12) defeated Old Boys (0).

August 9, 1920.

Third Grade.—Rahotu (9) v. Old Boys (8): The two teams met at Western Park, the country team winning by the narrow margin of one point. For Rahotu tries were scored by Gilhooley and Glover, while Barrie kicked a penalty goal. For Old Boys, Fox and Dowland scored tries, the former being converted by Knapman.



No. 4 PLATOON SENIOR TEAM.

Top Row : J. Palmer, M. Sutton, R. Cleland, A. Shaw.
Bottom Row : H. Mason, T. Foden, N. Airey, G. Calder.



No. 1 PLATOON JUNIOR TEAM.

Top Row : J. Jackson, T. Penn, P. Kidd, E. Chivers.
Bottom Row : J. Rogers, F. Williams, K. Lambie, R. Caughley.

THE PRINCE'S VISIT TO SYDNEY.

(By G.E.H.—An Old Boy.)

Sydney, June 15, 1920.

It is the eve of the arrival of the Prince of Wales.

Already the streets of Sydney are thronged with a wildly expectant crowd, and the weather gives every promise of doing justice to the title this State has earned of "Sunny New South Wales."

The decorations are practically finished, and it is hard to describe the wonderfully gay appearance of the city. The main route along which the Royal procession is to proceed is nothing short of brilliant. The principal streets, Pitt and George, have flag-poles erected every five yards, on which are flying pennons, banners, and flags, representing every corner of the British Empire. From each flag-pole is suspended a huge double garland of laurel leaves, giving a wealth of colour with their vivid green; and at night will be a gorgeous spectacle, studded as they are, their whole length, with electric light bulbs nestling in the foliage.

Macquarrie Street, the show street of the city, is going to be a dazzling spectacle. Huge white pillars of various design have been erected, each Court of the Empire being represented. Between the various Courts, flag-poles are again in evidence, and the banners, bunting and flags are waving in a bewildering blaze of colour. Here again both sides of the entire street are draped with coloured electric bulbs, and not only the length of each side, but also, at intervals of 20 yards, garlands of gaily-coloured globes are draped across the street, giving the appearance of a huge jewel-studded cave of gigantic proportions.

Such objects as the Queen Victoria statue, Cleopatra's Needle, tablets erected on old historic landmarks, etc., have all come in for their share of the decorations. It would be hard, I think, to find a spot on any one of them where one could place another light or flag. It appears as if every big commercial house, bank, or Government building had tried to out-do its neighbour in making a more brilliant display. Some of the efforts in this direction are magnificent.

Farmer's, the largest drapery establishment in the city, has a display well worthy of special mention.

At the top of the imposing front, facing the corners of Pitt and Market Streets, is hoisted a huge sun-burst, composed of electric lights, the centre ones plain white, but gradually shading toward the outer edges from cream to a rich golden yellow. Beneath this is a gigantic globe painted with a map of the world, the whole of the British Empire being studded with clusters of red electric lights, while the whole circle containing the map is outlined by bulbs.

Then from the roof to the ground floor, every nook and corner is outlined with electricity, draped and hung in such a manner as to be almost dazzling.

Along the whole lengths of the verandahs facing George Street around the corner into Market Street, a most attractive display has been arranged in the form of a well-painted scene representing the workings on a large Australian farm. Not just a flat canvas, but each piece has been placed so as to give effects quite like a stereoscopic picture, while big flood lights are so arranged to give, at night, all the brilliancy this exhibit so fully deserves.

Then there are the triumphant arches erected at intervals all along the route.

The shipping companies are represented by a huge white plaster lighthouse, fitted with a powerful searchlight, which is to be turned on to the city during the nights of the carnival.

Opposite to the lighthouse is the arch of the same organisation. On either side of the arch, plaster casts of old-time galleys are seen, while from the top the mast of a fully-rigged schooner gives topical colour to the structure. The finishing touch is a thick boat's cable that outlines the whole arch.

A few yards above the shipping companies' arch is another which is perhaps the most solid-looking one that the city boasts. This has been supplied by the wool-brokers, and it makes an imposing sight with its massive blocks of white stone, with a suitable welcome inscribed in golden letters, and the whole surmounted by a life-sized figure in stone of a fine horned pedigree ram.

David Jones also has an uncommon display in the form of a white, life-sized cast of the Prince mounted on a splendid charger. This cast, standing upon a high

pedestal erected on the verandah before a very artistically draped black background, the out edges being outlined with laurel, makes a very handsome addition to the city's decorations.

The Town Hall and Post Office are something to remember, especially the former. Surmounted at the top of the great tower an enormous crown of electricity is placed, while electric Prince of Wales Feathers are suspended on each of the four sides. Every window, pillar and door is outlined with bulbs, and from the top of the tower to the corners of the building long ropes of lights are suspended. With it all, flags and bunting, crests and foliage everywhere.

A few weeks ago the general cry was "It will not be up to the American Fleet decorations," but now it is "This even beats Fleet Week."

July 15, 1920.

Brilliant as we expected the city to appear, the realisation was far in excess of even our wildest imaginings.

As for the crowds on the streets at nights, some slight idea may be formed by comparing Sydney with a piece of honeycomb on which the bees are busily at work.

The Saturday night had been reserved for a fireworks display and searchlight drill from the warships in the harbour. A fine black night was just right to show up everything to its best advantage. It was indeed a great sight to see the Renown, H.M.A.S. Australia, Sydney, Brisbane, Challenger, Adelaide, destroyers and submarines all outlined in brilliant lights, while at a given signal all the ships turned on their searchlights and gave a great exhibition with these powerful lights.

As suddenly as they appeared, so they went out, to be replaced by the most magnificent display of fireworks ever witnessed in this city.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the thousands of people collected to watch the show were of the one opinion, that it had indeed been a great night, and would long live in the memories of those fortunate enough to have been present.

And now we are settled down again to the ordinary routine of things, waiting for the next demonstration when we bid farewell to our Prince in August.

A JOURNEY ACROSS NORTHERN CHILE.

(By H. Sten. Hurle.)

Except Egypt, there is not in the world a country so strangely formed as Chile. Egypt is 700 miles long and nowhere, save in the Delta, more than 12 miles wide. Chile is nearly 3000 miles in length, nowhere more than 130 miles wide, and for most of her length much narrower. Even Norway, whose shape and sea-front best resemble those of Chile, has but 1500 miles of coast, and has, in her south part, 250 miles of width. Nor is Chile any more singular in the shape of her territory than in her physical conditions. On the east she is bounded all the way down to the Magellan Straits by the Andes Mountains, the height of whose summits averages in the northern regions from fourteen to twenty thousand feet and in the southern from five to nine thousand. Parallel to the Andes there runs along the coast a range averaging from two to three thousand feet, between the foot of which and the ocean there is practically no level ground. The space between this coast range and the Andes is a long depression from twenty to fifty miles wide, sometimes hilly, sometimes spreading out into plains, but everywhere very narrow.

The part of this long and narrow central depression that lies behind the coastal towns of Antofagasta and Mejillones is the great desert of Atacama, so long a name of terror to the Spanish "conquistadores." It was in the dreary and waterless wastes of this desert that Almagro, first the friend and partner, then the rival and enemy, and at last the victim of Pizarre, the conqueror of Peru, lost half his men and nearly perished himself in his march into Chile from Peru. And it is across this famous desert that the great international railway between Antofagasta in Chile and La Paz in Bolivia, wends its tortuous way and affords access to some of the finest mountain scenery in all South America.

The railway itself is one of the most interesting in the world on account of its narrow gauge of 2 feet 6 inches, or a little more than half that of English railways, 4 feet 8½ inches, but a metre gauge line is being rapidly substituted. Even as it is, trains run at considerable speeds and the standard goods wagons carry a load of 20 tons. The main line starts at Antofagasta, a port on the Chilean coast some few miles south of the Tropic of Capricorn and 684 miles north of the city of Valparaiso. Twice a week express trains, with excellent sleeping accommodation and a dining coach which supplies much better meals than have been served me on some of the leading roads in England, leave Antofagasta for La Paz.

The railway runs south along the coast from Antofagasta for about two miles before turning east through a pass in the coast range of mountains, for the town is crushed in between the dreary

dusty hills and the rocky coast. Rain is almost unknown in these regions, so that one concludes from the gullies in the hills and from the pass through which the railway runs and down which torrents seem to have swept, that the climate has altered considerably since hills and valleys took their present form.

Having to reach an altitude of 13,000 feet in 223 miles, the train loses no time in beginning its climb, and at Portezuelo, 17 miles from Antofagasta, is already 1800 feet above sea-level.

At O'Higgins (24 miles) is the junction of the branch line to the Boquete nitrate fields. This branch is 75 miles long and rises to a height of 2622 feet above sea-level.

Prat, 40 miles from the coast, is reached in two hours. It is the junction of a branch line to Mejillones, a port opened by the Antofagasta Railway Company, situated some 37 miles to the north of Antofagasta. Mejillones has the finest harbour on the Pacific coast of South America, for it is capable of holding all the fleets in the world, and unlike all other ports in these parts, it is so protected from the south-west gales that shipping lying in it can never suffer the smallest inconvenience from bad weather.

At Baquedano the line crosses the Longitudinal Railway, a road built by the Government for purely strategical purposes, stretching from Puerto Montt in the south to Pisagua in the north, a total distance of 2000 miles. The maintenance of this line costs the State a very large sum of money annually, but should the country at any time go to war, and as I write the war-clouds hang very heavy over the land, then I feel convinced that the foresight of the Ministry responsible for the construction of the road will be amply demonstrated.

Before the nitrate district is reached the line traverses a strip of wholly unprofitable desert, its scenery bold and in places striking, but the utter bareness and brownness deprive it of all charm except that which the morning and evening sunlight gives, bringing out delicate tints on distant slopes. To the north, the south, and the east the waste of sand stretches out to the horizon, broken here and there by small ranges of arid hills, every detail on their faces plainly visible in that clear atmosphere, though twenty miles away.

At about eighty miles from Antofagasta puffs of smoke and dust can be observed rising from spots well out in the "pampa" as the desert is called. Then isolated groups of buildings appear with tall iron chimneys belching forth columns of thick black smoke. This is the chief nitrate district of this part of Chile and contains over a score of "oficinas" (nitrate factories). The nitrate fields cover a very large area in the northern provinces

and as the export duty or royalty which the Chilean Government levies produces a very large annual revenue, they form the mainstay of the finance of the Republic, enabling taxation to be fixed at a very low figure. And I am told that at the present rate of production and so far as can be conjectured the fields will last another century.

Nitrate of soda is found in a stratum which lies about a foot beneath the surface of the earth and averages about three feet in thickness. It is brownish grey in colour, almost as hard as rock and looks exactly like caked mud. In its crude form it is called "caliche." Groups of men with pickaxes break up the ground or blast it with dynamite. Everywhere there are narrow gauge lines of rails with long rows of trucks passing down them on to which the workmen load the "caliche." It is conveyed to the "oficina," there to be ground to powder, washed and boiled. The liquid mass is then run off, drained and dried, and the resultant whitish powder, known as "salitre," is packed into sacks and sent down to the coast for shipment.

Each "oficina" is the centre of a larger or smaller nitrate estate and the more modern ones are equipped with houses for the manager and the workpeople. An "oficina" is in fact a small village where the nitrate company supplies the workpeople with all their necessaries. In South America one sees plenty of isolated mining villages in deserts but here a whole wide region unable of itself to support human life is alive with an industrious population. It has an enormous economic value and is indeed one of the chief sources of natural wealth in the two American continents. It is the region which supplies the agriculturists of the whole world with their nitrates and the nitrates are here because the country is absolutely rainless. Rain would have washed the precious mineral out of the soil long ago and swept it down into the Pacific.

The air being dry and pure at this considerable elevation, for the nitrate region is approximately 1000 feet above the level of the sea, the climate is distinctly healthy. But it is impossible to imagine a more dismal place to inhabit and those parts of the surface from which the mineral has been removed are immediately forsaken. It is an unmitigated desert, a region of low stony hills, dry and barren, not a shrub, not a blade of grass. A source of fertility to other countries it remains itself forever sterile.

After leaving the nitrate zone the line passes through a district where the hills on either side, although still absolutely barren, are not without a peculiar beauty of their own, due to the presence of rich copper ores. And here it is that you catch your first glimpse of the Andes.

Then suddenly the eye is refreshed with the sight of green pasture lands ahead, the first sign of anything green since leaving the coast. Rivulets drawn from the River Loa make an oasis of bright green corn and alfalfa, and support a few shrubs that gladden the wilderness. A strong steel bridge carries the line across the river—sometimes a mere trickle, sometimes a roaring torrent—and a mile further on the town of Calama is reached, 148 miles from Antofagasta and 7400 feet above the sea.

Evening is always the best time of the day in the tropics, and it is most so in a desert, where instead of the hard afternoon glare, gentle lights begin to fall upon rocks and earth and make their dryness luminous. And here at this pleasantest hour a charming distant view can be obtained of the Andes running in a long serrated line to the south. Nearest and grandest are the massive cones of San Pedro and San Pablo and from them the line of snows can, in that clear and lucent air, be traced without a break, peak rising beyond peak, till 90 miles away it sinks beneath the horizon.

Calama, now with a population of about 4000, was, even in the times of the Incas a centre of copper mining, and there is still one smelting establishment in the neighbourhood which obtains its power from the waters of the Loa.

From the station past Calama, San Salvador, a short branch line runs up to the copper mines at Chuquicamata. The plant there, under American ownership, is one of the largest in the world, and although most of the ore dealt with contains but two per cent. copper, they can on account of the size of their plant make this pay handsomely.

Near to Conchi station is the Loa Viaduct, one of the most interesting engineering structures in the world. The level of the rails on the viaduct is nearly 10,000 feet above the sea, whilst their height above the surface of the waters of the river rushing below is 336 feet, or more than twice the height at which trains cross the waters of the Firth of Forth. The viaduct is a most graceful steel structure consisting of six lattice girder spans of 80 feet each in the clear, supported on steel trestle towers.

At San Pedro station, 193 miles from Antofagasta and 10,700 feet above the sea, are situated the collecting reservoirs—blasted out of solid rock—of the waterworks which Railway Company has constructed at a cost of £1,000,000. These works supply the towns of Antofagasta and Mejillones, the nitrate fields and the company's own services with water, for no other fresh water can be obtained except by condensing sea-water. From the reservoirs, pipes are laid the whole distance to the coast, delivering the pure snow water of the Andes at sea level, certainly no inconsiderable undertaking. The water to fill the reservoirs is taken principally

from the Solili Spring, some 40 miles to the north-east of the railway at an altitude of 14,500 feet. This source is capable of supplying as much as 6000 tons of water per day through pipes of eleven inches diameter.

Shortly after leaving San Pedro station the line skirts the base of the volcanoes of San Pedro and San Pablo. From the crater of the former ascends a constant column of smoke and though it has not shown greater signs of activity than this in recent years, it is evident that in comparatively recent times it has been in eruption, for the railway cuts through a lava bed nearly a third of a mile wide which looks as fresh as though it had been deposited but a year ago.

From this point onwards the scenery is of incomparable grandeur. The railway after passing the two volcanoes mentioned, which appear as sentries guarding the entrance to these mountain fastnesses, and twisting and turning along a narrow passage that leads through the purple depths of the Cordillera, reaches at Ascotan the highest point on the Main Line, 13,000 feet above the sea and 223 miles from Antofagasta. Then the valley turning to the south-east among snow-capped mountains whose slopes are bright with metallic hues, the line begins to descend to Cebollar, where it skirts a great borax lake. Looking down on the lake's nearly dry bed, one can see where patches of whitish green open water reflect the crags and snows of the peaks that tower above. Scores of peaks there are, sixteen to twenty thousand feet high, hemming you in on every side, their rough crests mantled in snow, their faces, from which here and there black crags project, are slopes of ash and cinders showing strange and gruesome contrasts of colour so often seen in the mineral world when vegetation and the atmosphere have not had time to tell upon them. One great mountain displays almost every colour of the spectrum, bright yellow and orange, pink and purple, and a brick red passing into deep brown. A ridge that stands out on its face shows one side a yellowish white and another a brilliant crimson. The colours are here so bright because there is so little rain to wash away their brightness, but the intensity of the colours heightens rather than reduces the sombre gloom of the landscape. One seems admitted to view an abandoned laboratory of Nature. Where once flames lit up the sky above and explosions shook the earth beneath, all is now silence and death.

The borax lake, which is 24 miles long and $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles wide, is said to be the largest single deposit of borax in the world and is the main source of the world's supply. This singular formation appears to be due to the evaporation of the waters of the lake. for beyond a few isolated pools of no very great size, there is now no water there. The saline deposit is found on the surface of the



JUNIOR TEAM, No. 2 PLATOON.

Top Row : H. Stevenson, J. Brodie.

Bottom Row : H. Madsen, S. Bellringer, M. Lysons.

Absent : A. Foreman, V. Carthew, G. Ballinger.



No. 4 PLATOON JUNIOR TEAM.

Top Row : D. Mackie, P. Pope, I. McIvor.

Bottom Row : J. Guild, C. Thomson, A. Kidson. Absent : A. Rumball, J. Shaw.

lake bed, varying in thickness from two to four feet or more. It contains from 24 per cent. to 36 per cent. boracic acid, and in order to give it the 40 per cent. required by commerce it is necessary to concentrate it. This operation is not difficult and consists in drying out some of the water it contains, which is done by exposing the stratum to the sun's rays and the action of the wind for several days and then treating the salt in reverberatory furnaces. For the latter operation there is a large plant at Cebollar at the eastern end of the lake and but a few yards from the railway. The borax, which then looks like a white mass of crystals, is packed in sacks and sent to the coast for shipment.

Most of the mines situated in the region between Calama and the Bolivian frontier use for fuel what is known as "yareta." This grows abundantly in the crevices of the rocks between 8000 and 14,000 feet and in appearance is like green cushions of moss. The thick hard plants have to be dug out with a pickaxe and being very resinous burn with a fierce flame but so quickly that large masses must be constantly thrown in to keep the fires going.

After leaving Cebollar the line rapidly approaches the huge volcanic mass of Ollague, with its smoking crater 20,000 feet high. Herds of llamas, the peculiar animal used as a beast of burden as far back as the period of the Inca civilisation, are constantly met with, bearing their loads of "yareta" to the railroad, and it is astonishing how these animals can find something to eat on what appears barren ground.

At Ollague, 275 miles from Antofagasta, a small town nestling in the shadow of the volcano of that name, you come to the last station in Chile on the Main Line, for just beyond the station is the Bolivian frontier.

From Ollague a branch line runs up to the copper mines at Collahuasi, said to be amongst the richest known. This branch is the highest line of railway in the world, reaching the great height of 15,809 feet above the level of the sea, 140 feet higher than the Cerro de Pasco railway in Peru (which railway I previously stated in error was the highest). A truly magnificent panorama of snow-clad mountains is to be seen on the way up. The line passes along the side of the extinct volcano Olca, from where looking across another but smaller salt lake, a view is obtained of what I consider must be the most perfectly conical mountain in the world, Olco Pinchincha. Although 18,000 or 19,000 feet high, standing as it does in the midst of a huge collection of peaks as high and even higher than itself, and in a locality well away from the beaten tracks of visitors to Chile and explorers of the Andes, it has not received the fame that is its due. I have not seen Fuji Yama, but Olco Pinchincha is much nearer perfection than Egmont.

Shortly after passing Olca and before reaching Ujina station, another smoking peak comes into view, that of Santa Barbara, surely the most evil-looking volcanic giant that there is. If there is a Hell one can imagine it consisting of a continent of Santa Barbaras, and that the railway does not approach the wicked mass of black rock streaked with red nearer than by some ten miles, is a matter for fervent thanksgiving.

The Collahuasi branch is the one part of the Antofagasta Railway where snowstorms are troublesome, the line having been completely blocked for four days in July, 1908. Only the smallest stunted shrubs are seen growing among the stones, but they spread themselves so regularly over the hillsides that they present an appearance similar to the little tufts on a negro's woolly pate, if ever nigger's hair was green. "Yareta" is found in abundance all along the line and the surrounding mountains are inhabited by the little chinchilla, whose light grey fur, exquisitely soft, fetches so high a price in Europe.

Collahuasi, 40 miles from Ollague, is reached after a six hours' climb. There is a suggestion of a village inhabited by the workers at the mines, and on certain days of the week excellent fruit, flowers and vegetables, grown across the mountains in the valley of Chusouina, are obtainable from hawkers who trade their goods on the station platform. The run back to Ollague takes just half the time, three hours, that being slow for forty miles but impossible of speeding up owing to the number of dangerous curves.

I hope at a future date to enjoy a tour over the Bolivian section of the railway, Ollague to La Paz, the beautiful capital of Bolivia, for that section takes one through the country that first knew the rule of the Incas.

Antofagasta, Chile, July 22, 1920.

A LETTER FROM INDIA.

We have recently received the following interesting letter from Lieutenant Leech:—

Ladha, Waziristan, June 30, 1920.

Ever since Christmas, 1919, we have been at war with the Mahsuds, a tribe of Pathans who live in Central Waziristan. On March 30 I received a telegram informing me that I was to proceed on active service. With the smallest possible amount of kit I left Nowshera about nine o'clock in the evening, and travelled all night in the train. This line has a 5ft. 6in. gauge and goes roughly south, following the general line of the River Indus and on its eastern bank. Although it was at night, there was a moon and I could see what the country was like. It was undu-

lating and thickly intersected with nalas and wadis, like it is in most of India. Nalas and wadis are watercourses, which are of varying width, with steep precipitous sides, like canyons. The country was very barren; very sandy, with little vegetation, and here and there high precipitous cliffs. Several times we stopped at little wayside stations. All one could see there was the Indian stationmaster. I suppose people must have been living there, for what other reason would there be a station, but if there were, there was nothing except sand and desert waste for them.

Well, at 8 o'clock next morning I got out of the train at Dand Khel, where I had a cup of tea, "chota hazri" as one calls it in India. Here I changed trains and soon arrived at Mari Indus, one of our bases on the River Indus, where I was met by a railway transport officer, and then I got into a little tiny train with a 2ft. 6in. gauge, in which I went for about a mile and a half, and then had to get out, because we had reached the place where we had to cross the Indus. But there was no bridge there. The carriages and trucks are sent across in twos and threes on a big punt, which is towed by a small steamer. All the passengers (about half a dozen officers) went across in an oil launch. Just there the river emerges from a gorge, with high, steep, rocky sides, and flows into fairly open country. The two landing places were about 300 yards apart, and this broad placid river looked very pretty with the morning sun shining through the gorge, especially when the waves from the swell caused by our pretty little launch sparkled in the sunlight. On the other side of the river there is a village called Kalabagh, and there I had breakfast in the rest camp.

I was held up there for a day, so I spent the time in wandering about having a look round and taking photographs. They are going to build a huge railway bridge here, and it is going to take four years. Why it will take such a long time is because the riverbed is very sandy, and as you know, the Indus is one of those rivers which floods every summer because of the snows melting at its source in the Himalayas. But the river does not rise more than about ten feet; instead it scours out its bottom to a depth of thirty or even forty feet.

Next morning I resumed my journey and left in the 2ft. 6in. train, now known as the Trans-Indus Railway, at ten o'clock. I was travelling first-class, of course, but as there were four of us in a dingy little compartment, each of us with a certain amount of baggage, there was not much room, and it was beginning to get warm. About 1 p.m. we arrived at Lakki, where we had lunch. But it was so warm inside the tiny little dining-room that eating was an effort, and I enjoyed chiefly a large glass of ration limejuice.

All this time we had been passing through flat country, mostly barren, except here and there where there was a little water and where there was a little cultivation. About 4 p.m. we passed through Pezu Gorge, in a range of bare clay hills. It reminded me of a huge garden in which the earth had been heaped up and then left to be scoured out by thunderstorms. When it was getting dark we arrived at Tank City, which is a collection of hovels round the only water there is for miles; truly an oasis, with a few trees growing. It is a terrible place in summer, very hot and swarming with mosquitoes and flies.

After waiting for a while we moved on to the cantonments, and I stayed in the Rest Camp. Here I put in one of the worst nights I have ever spent. Inside my tent, it was dug down so as one should be safe from snipers' bullets. You must realise that in this place one is getting near Mahsud country, and the inhabitants are Pathans. The camp is wired in to keep out raiders, but that does not stop bullets, and several bullets came in during the night. But that was nothing compared with some of my worries. Inside the tent a lot of evil-smelling stuff had been put to stink away any flies. It was very hot and I was attacked by mosquitoes and other insects varying in size up to bugs as big as elephants.

However, daylight eventually came. I got up, had breakfast, and continued my journey. But now there were no carriages, and I had to ride in a truck perched up on a lot of fodder. This part of the line has only just been built, and there were gangs of navvies all along—all natives, and instead of taking the earth away in barrows in the approved British way, they carried it in baskets on their heads. At 10 a.m. I arrived at Kawr Bridge, and the end of the railway. From there on there were convoys of Ford motor lorries, little ones carrying only about 800lb., and into one of these I got with my baggage, bearer and his nephew. I had not noticed this boy before, as he had stowed away in the train and was coming along looking for a job as bearer. So, with my small party, I travelled to Manzai, advanced headquarters. After calling on the necessary staff officers I proceeded to Khirgi, just in time to get there for lunch. From now on there would be no motors—all camels and mules. From Kawr Bridge to Khirgi the route is patrolled by armoured motor-cars. Khirgi is just on the edge of the hilly country, and from there onwards the route is picketed with troops and one can travel during certain times only.

Next morning, at about nine, I set out on a pony which I had borrowed from the medical people, with three mules for my baggage. The route lay along the riverbed of the Tanki Zam. It varied in width from about 50 to 100 yards, and was gravelly and shingly. The so-called river flowed through narrow channels up to about six yards in width, and the track crossed and recrossed it hundreds of times. On each side there were high cliffs, and labour battalions were engaged in blasting and making a motor road for strategic purposes. The next place was Jandola, seven miles on. Jandola is on the edge of British territory. There is a fort there which was besieged before this campaign started. Behind is the North-West Frontier Province. In front the blue, with hairy Mahsuds, where very few white men had ever been—almost only those who were in the small expedition of 1904.

At Jandola I stayed for about half an hour, changed my horse, and was accompanied by a Sikh orderly. After proceeding for about a mile I was held up by a sentry on the road and told that no one could go on after noon on foot and no one after two on horseback. It was then 10 past 12. I was alright myself, because I was on horseback. I put the bearer, who had been walking, on one of the mules. But what was I to do with the boy? I did not want to turn back, but fortunately just then along came a native on a riding camel, and a camel can carry two men. Here was luck. I stopped the camel sawar and made him take up the boy. Now I could proceed, as everyone in the party

was mounted. I soon met the down convoy, about 800 camels. From now on I was passing over where there had been heavy fighting.

This campaign is one of the biggest frontier shows we have ever had to take on and in some single battles we have had more casualties than in the whole of some shows. About 2 p.m. I arrived at Kotkai, where there had been heavy fighting and where there was a camp, a post on the line of communication. All these camps were posts well protected by barbed wire and permanent picquets on all the hill tops. Each camp is built on a raghza, which is a small plateau up on the hillside. It was now getting cooler as we were getting well into the hills and climbing roughly a thousand feet in every ten miles. About 6 p.m. there was a heavy thunderstorm which flooded the place out and made everything very mucky. And it got quite cold.

Next morning, when all the picketing troops had got out and made the route secure from organised attack, I set out. It was then about nine. I had to send my mules back to Khirgi, and I got a camel for my baggage. I decided to walk to Sararogha, the next stage, as it was a cold morning. Soon after starting, one or two bullets came over, but nothing was hit and the sniper or snipers were driven away by fire from the picketing troops.

I soon regretted not having taken a horse because the river was in spate (that is, flood). There had been heavy rain further up, all the stepping stones had been washed out, and the river was about six inches deeper than usual. So I soon got wet feet and realised it was of no use trying to keep dry. When I had gone a little beyond half-way an Indian officer came along and said, "Oh, why is the Sahib walking? he should be riding." I said, "Oh, it doesn't matter; it is a cold day." But he said, "No, the Sahib must ride." And he got me a spare riding camel which was in the convoy. Such is the respect in which the Indian soldier holds the British officer.

I must confess that until recently I had had a loathing for the camel. It is a huge animal with long legs and a long neck, and can make a ghastly wound if it bites. It is generally sluggish and quiet and tame with anyone who uses it. But only a few minutes before I had seen a camel man stoop down by one's hind leg. It quietly put out its leg and sent him sprawling into the river. But now I have a profound respect for it. It has done us very well in our campaigns, and here we are quite dependent on it for our supplies. This force would be paralysed in a day were it not for the daily convoy of camels. There are no roads, no cart can get along, and pack horses would soon go lame on the stones.

Soon after we passed through Aknai Tangi, a defile, where we had such a hard fight with the Mahsuds that for a while it was thought we might be beaten. Then I came to Sararogha and had to climb about 300 or 350 feet out of the nullah by a winding path to reach the camp. All along one side of the raghza there was a steep precipice dropping straight into the nullah.

The next place was Piazza Raghza, which was the last stage before Kaniguram, where the Derajat column was. Between these two places the convoy went only once in four days, so I decided to stay a day or two in Sararogha. When I did leave I took a riding camel. Piazza camp is very high out of the nullah and I had to climb up 500 feet. There I got a lovely view of Pir Gal, a mountain 11,500 feet high, and covered in snow. It looked very fine. The country I passed through from Khirgi to here was a tangled mass of mountains and ravines. In some places the river bed, which was the road, was three hundred yards wide; in others, when it passed through a defile, it was only thirty. Every here and there were Mahsud villages and towers which we had destroyed. At first the country was quite barren, without a tree or a blade of grass anywhere, only Mahsud crops growing on flats in the river bed. But from now on, there was a thick stunted scrub growing. There are several high peaks about here and on them ilex and deodar grow.

I had to wait another three days in Piazza, because there was a fight going on on the upper Badda Toi, beyond Kaniguram, and so there was no convoy. At last, on the third day, there was a convoy, and I set out on a country-bred pony which I had borrowed. After going about a mile we came to Dwa Toi, where two rivers, the Badda Toi and the Dara Toi, join to form the Tanki-zam. Makin was a fairly large Mahsud town on the Dara Toi, and was the religious capital. As it had already been destroyed, the column had returned from there and gone up the Badda Toi to Kangaram, the political capital and trading centre, and the heart of the Mahsud country.

All along the route now there were permanent pickets on the tops of the hills, but other troops were necessary as well to watch the convoy itself. Several times we had to stop because Mahsuds had been reported, while a few troops got into position. About 11 a.m. we arrived at Ladha where I am now, but which was then only a strong point occupied by the Guides Regiment.

Along this part of the route only a few Mahsud villages and towers had been destroyed, because this section was less obstinate than the remainder and agreed to our terms. Some of these towers look rather picturesque, too. They are square in shape and made of mud and stone, and each one costs about 2000 rupees to build. Kanigaram was to be destroyed on March 20 if our terms were not accepted, but as this section was steadily handing in rifles and paying fines the time had been extended and it was not destroyed and we retired to Ladha towards the end of April. From Khirgi to Kanigaram is about 45 miles, one of the most interesting trips I have ever made.

And now I must end my story. Next time I will tell you something about the animals and birds of India.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We are extremely pleased to see our President, Mr. E. P. Webster, about once more, after his recent severe illness, and trust that he will soon be restored to his former good health.

Hugh O'Loughlin is a clerk in the Railway Department, Auckland.

John Terry is now with the firm of Nicholson and Gribbin, solicitors, Auckland.

Stewart Spence has recently purchased a farm at Whakatane.

Ernie Armstrong is practising with the firm of Urquhart and —, solicitors, Whakatane.

Frank Clarke came in from Stratford to the Old Boys' ball.

Bob English is one of the partners in the firm of English and Luxford, accountants, Hamilton.

A. Binnie, who left in the first term this year, is farming at Puniho.

Brian Johns was successful in keeping First Terms this year, in his medical course.

Sturtevant also completed his terms this year.

Les. McAllum, who was ordered to the Pukeora Sanatorium some months ago, is, we are pleased to hear, making good progress towards recovery.

Gordon Salway has bought a farm at Waitoitoi-Urenui. He has another Old Boy, "Doc" Morey, working on the place with him.

C. Morey is now farming at Tariki.

Athol McIsaac, who has been in the Christchurch branch of the Union Steam Ship Co. since his return to New Zealand, has recently been transferred to the New Plymouth office.

Loftus Russell recently paid a visit to New Plymouth. He is now in the Sydney office of the Eastern Extension Cable Co.

Frank Grant has joined the staff of the National Bank, Hawera.

Eric Cole has taken up chemistry, and is with Wallace, chemist, Hawera.

Harold Clarke is on his father's farm, Hunter Road, Eltham.

Ed. Ducker and Frank Duncan looked in to see us a short time back.

"Bill" Thomas is farming on the Newall Road.

A. Brackebush is now in Rotorua.

"Seedy" Sutton is working on his father's farm, just out of Opunake.

Len. Sole has been transferred to the Manaia branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

R. Harrison has joined the staff of the Havelock North School, Hawke's Bay.

We extend our congratulations to Frank Kelly, who has recently been appointed sub-editor of the Taranaki Herald.

Hugh, George and Douglas Bradbury have bought a large dairy farm near the sea coast at Oakura.

Harold Morey has returned from Auckland, and is now in his father's drapery establishment in town.

Ron. Ward paid a visit to New Plymouth recently.

Cecil Quilliam spent his last vacation in New Plymouth.

Several Old Boys from the Stratford and Hawera districts came in on the day on which the sports were postponed. Amongst those who called in at the School were "Spud" Walters, "Soot" McKay, Jack Gibson, Scown, Vickary.

Norman Perry, who has been farming in the Hawera district, has returned to New Plymouth.

Owen Bayly has been successful in keeping Fourth Year's Terms at the Auckland University, obtaining a second class pass in Evidence and Procedure and a third class pass in Contracts and Crimes.

Twys Forbes is now in the office of the Guardian Trust, Auckland.

G. N. Morev has been transferred to Wellington, and is now in the Central Pharmacy.



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Arthur Moody has received promotion to the Auckland branch of the Standard Fire Insurance.

Bob Gillespie is now working in the New Plymouth branch of Sargood, Son and Ewen.

R. Webber is in Geo. Fowlds' Auckland branch.

Lisle Jennins is now farming a few miles from Cambridge.

O. Moss is with the Phoenix Insurance Company in New Plymouth.

F. D. Jeffries, who has been on the staff of the Auckland branch of the Bank of New Zealand, has been promoted to the position of manager of the Stratford branch.

We extend our sincere sympathy to C. L. MacDiarmid in the great loss he has suffered through the death of his wife.

A. C. MacDiarmid has left Reotahi, where he was second engineer in one of Vestey Bros.' freezing works. He is now chief engineer of the new freezing works recently erected some three miles from Taihape.

Sefton Herbert, with one of his brothers, has leased a farm on the Duthie Road, Manaia.

D. N. MacDiarmid was married recently to an Invercargill lady. While still connected with the Soudan United Mission, Don is undertaking the inauguration of an important educational scheme on behalf of the Government, who are working in conjunction with the S.U.M., the object being to throw an outpost line of Christian stations from East to West across the Soudan to check the spread of Mohammedanism southwards.

Cyril Moss has joined the Borough Council staff, New Plymouth.

Noel Harding was in town recently.

Colin Smart was present at the annual sports.

A. M. MacDiarmid is this year President of the New Plymouth Branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

Dr. G. N. MacDiarmid has still a practice in Taihape and also has a private hospital there.

Murray Guild is public school teaching at Pungarehu.

Ian ("Puke") Renaud is in the Lands and Deeds Department, New Plymouth.

In the recent engineering examinations held in Christchurch, Harry Lucena passed in physics and chemistry, and R. K. Clemow in advanced descriptive geometry.

In a letter recently received from "Mick" Wyborn—our Te Aroha representative—he gives the following information: Alan ("Sugar") Candy is a cadet on a farm at Springdale.

Hubert Ferguson has bought a farm at Waitoa, ten miles from Te Aroha.

Alister McHardy has been playing in both the Morrinsville and South Auckland representative football teams.

Keith Fox is on his father's farm at Turua.

Copestake—formerly in Waitara—is an engineer in the freezing department of the Te Aroha West Glaxo factory.

BIRTHS.

BEWLEY.—On October 22nd, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bewley, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

McKINNEY—CLARKSON.

On September 11th, 1920, at 17 Goring Street, Wellington, by the Rev. Colin Harrison, Charles Andrew, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McKinney, 25 Benson's Road, Remuera, Auckland, to Lilian, third daughter of the late Captain J. H. and Mrs. Rose Clarkson, of Lyttelton.

EWING—EVANS.

On June 9th, 1920, at Morrinsville, by the Rev. Morgan Richards, Elizabeth Campbell ("Lysta"), daughter of Mrs. and the late John Evans, Devonport, Auckland, to Kenneth Strathie, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ewing, New Plymouth.

DEATHS.

BLANE.—At New Plymouth, on 30th August, 1920, Percy George Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. H. Blane, South Road, New Plymouth, aged 19 years 7 months.

SUTHERLAND.—At Meerut (India) Station Hospital, on the 28th August, 1920, Alister, son of Major and Mrs. T. Sutherland, Manaia.

EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:—The Scandian, The Otago Boys' High School Magazine, The Palmerstonian, The Queensland University Review, The Waitakian, The Ipswich Grammar School Magazine, The Nga Tawa Girls' High School Magazine, The Nelson Girls' High School Magazine, The Hamiltonian, The Canterbury College Review, the Reporter, The Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine, The Scot, The Nelsonian, The Southlandian, The Wellingtonian.

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