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FIRST TERM, 1921.

PREFECTS.

Head Boy.—V. J. Henderson.

House.—B. de B. Noakes, T. Foden, M. Barak, W. G. Hughson, H. W. Brown, C. Drader, H. Rickard, L. T. Rawson, C. Fookes, E. W. B. Griffiths.

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Magazine Committee.—Mr. Wilkie (chairman), V. J. Henderson, J. Brodie, M. Nicholson, L. Dinniss, R. Bellringer, W. G. Hughson, M. Barak, W. Aldis, F. Davis, H. P. Mitcalfe, T. Penn, L. Rawson, C. Drader, T. Foden, J. Moorhead.

Poundkeepers.—R. Christie, H. Mason.

SCHOOL CADET CONTINGENT.

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

Second in Command.—Captain A. J. Papps.

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

Contingent Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major T. N. Foden.

Contingent Q.M.S.—Q.M.S. G. Hughson.

Contingent Clerk.—Corporal G. Lomas.

"A" COMPANY.

Officer Commanding Company.—Lieutenant G. Bertrand.

Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major J. H. Nicholson.

Company Q.M.S.—Corporal R. Christie.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant A. W. Brown. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals B. Hooper, F. Junan, C. Cranby, J. Palmer.

No. 2 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant L. Rawson. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals H. Holden, J. Rogers, I. Palmer, C. Lash.

No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant C. Fookes. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals S. Woods, H. Rickard, T. Penn, J. Jackson.

No. 4 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant F. Corkill. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals D. Mackay, R. Brewster, L. Pease, C. Barnett.

"B" COMPANY.

Officer Commanding Company.—Lieutenant A. W. Diprose.

Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major J. Henderson.

Company Q.M.S.—Corporal W. Alexander.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant C. Drader. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals C. Collins, R. Rea, A. Wheeler, J. McMahon.

No. 2 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant L. Abbott. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals K. Taylor, P. Mitcalfe, J. Shaw, F. Davis.

No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant N. Airey. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals W. Aldis, A. Brodie, A. E. Smith, H. Mason.

No. 4 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant B. Noakes. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals A. Moyes, C. Burdett, L. Dinniss, J. Scanlan.

"C" COMPANY.

Officer Commanding Company.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.

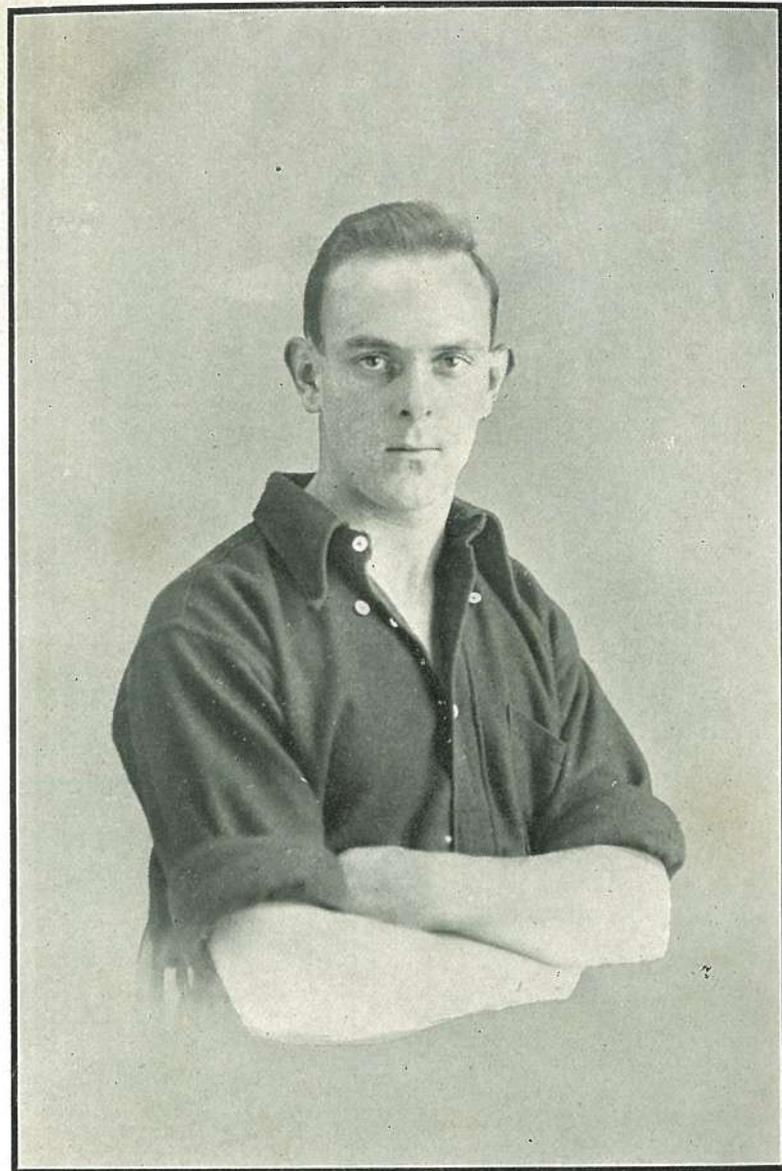
Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major M. Barak.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant C. Hawkes. Section Commander: Lance-Corporal Griffin.

No. 2 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant R. Bellringer. Section Commander: Lance-Corporal D. Ward.

No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant J. Brodie. Section Commander: Lance-Corporal J. Fraser.

No. 4 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant E. Griffiths.



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EDITORIAL.

(W. Aldis.)

FORTY years on! 1921 marks the fortieth year since the establishment of the School, and the appointment of Mr. Ernest Pridham, M.A., as Rector. Like the grain of mustard seed it has been steadily growing through the years, and has acquired fame in both sport and scholastic attainments. Looking back thus over the pages of the past we feel justified in optimism for the future. May this anniversary be but a stage in the road to further successes, a link in the chain binding the mature School of the future to its bygone infancy.

This last year Ronald Syme carried our standard to the very pinnacle of success in the Junior University Scholarship examination. Placed first on the list with a margin of practically 200 marks, and having gained 93 per cent. and 96 per cent. in Latin and Chemistry respectively, and first place in five of his seven subjects, he has established a record, not for this district alone, but for the whole Dominion. His highly meritorious performance reflects credit on both himself and the School. It shows the latter to be as virile now as ever it was, and augurs well for the future of the former. While we are touching this subject, we must remember the successes of our candidates in the Terms and Degree examinations last year. Here we may mention that a Terms class is held each year in which boys who wish to prepare for University degrees may do so as exempted students. Five boys last year kept terms, and in the November examinations were successful in passing the first section of the degree. Charles Noble did specially well, gaining first-class passes in Latin, Mathematics, and English.

Amongst the proposals for educational reform submitted before the passing of the new Education Act, we mention the following:—In the first place it was proposed to raise the school age to fifteen, and to limit the primary school standards to the Fifth Standard. Consequently junior secondary schools were to be established, apparently by taking the present Standard VI. pupils from the primary schools and the Third Forms from the existing secondary schools. Among the objections to this are the duplication of staffs at a time when economy is highly desirable, the weakening and disorganising of existing secondary schools, and a serious overlapping of work. However, this scheme would be advantageous in that it would give a kind of secondary or intermediate education to a great many pupils who usually stay but two years at a secondary school and are rather an encumbrance than otherwise. Against this there is the multiplication of schools a boy attends, and the consequent loss of school spirit. Another of these proposals was the departmentalisation of schools and the consequent localisation of control in Wellington. This would involve both lack of local interest—often the life of a school—and the standardisation of work along specified lines and its deterrent effect on initiative. Hitherto promising students who might have become successful teachers have been drawn away into more remunerative careers. By the education reforms instituted by the Act of December last, these financial disabilities have been considerably lessened. Again, apart from the proposals, the Act as passed has been productive of desirable results, for by taking further degrees a teacher can raise his status and by so doing increases his salary automatically. This is distinctly to the advantage of an enterprising teacher, but perhaps in one respect this grading fails to draw sufficient distinction between the house-master or enthusiast in outdoor institutions, and the master of a day school.

For some time past need has been felt for a permanent music Master whose duty should include, among other things, training of orchestras and management of concerts, as well as mere piano instruction. This will be the more evident when one fully realises the recent prominence of the orchestra and the latent talent thereby revealed. Beyond doubt there is ample proof of the existence of this talent and of an enthusiastic spirit among the musically-inclined in our midst. It will therefore be one step further when this fact is recognised and a permanent instructor appointed to guide the development of this branch of our

School affairs. It is therefore with satisfaction that we note the step taken by the Board in actively sympathizing and co-operating with us for this end.

Hitherto there has been experienced a serious lack of boarding accommodation, so much so as to prevent natural expansion and, to a certain extent, to imperil prospects for the future. For this reason the boarders this year have been restricted in number to 180. However, lately we have been successful in securing a lease of Mr. Penn's residence on the Avenue Road. By this means, for the first time for some years, we have sufficient accommodation. The leased house is ideal for our purpose, not only possessing every desirable convenience, but also being only a short distance from the other buildings. Another great acquisition to the boarding school is the new hospital which is nearing completion and will when completed be of inestimable benefit in the event of an outbreak of sickness. Ever since the inception of the present boarding system something like this has been required. It will thus supply a long-felt want.

We are united in our feeling of gratification at the appointment of Mr. J. E. Wilson to the Chief Justiceship of Samoa, and we hope for a happy result from his influence in those unsettled islands. New Zealand's Pacific mandate needs strong men at this hour to uphold the traditions of British justice and fair play. Mr. Wilson is an Old Boy, and before removing to Auckland practised as a lawyer here, being at one time Mayor of this community. In Auckland he held a magistracy of the civil court. His appointment to such a high office in Samoa demonstrates the high sphere of public duty to which a boy from this School can attain, and the noble ideal of citizenship that is silently but surely infused here.

A sadder note is now struck in referring to the death of an Old Boy, Alister Sutherland, who left us for Duntroun. Having passed through that military college, he served in India; but there, cut off in his youthful prime, he succumbed to enteric fever, thus prematurely closing what promised to be a noteworthy career.

The successes of last year's shooting teams under the able coaching of Mr. Searle are worthy of mention here. Once again the School shone at musketry, both in the Imperial Challenge and Christchurch Press Shield competitions.

The rapidity with which the ranks of our champion shots, though depleted through the departure of the more experienced members, are filled up, is a good omen for future shooting competitions.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY.

The prize-giving and "breaking-up" ceremony took place on Tuesday evening, December 14th. The chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. L. C. Sladden, presided over a large attendance of parents, friends of the School, and boys. There were also present: Mrs. Sladden, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson), Professor Hunter, of Victoria University College, Messrs. R. W. D. Robertson and J. B. Roy, the Principal (Mr. W. H. Moyes) and the members of his staff, together with the members of the Board of Governors.

The School Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. R. N. Renaud, played several selections in an excellent manner. During the evening the boys sang "Queen of the Earth" and the School song "Forty Years On."

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman welcomed the presence of so large a gathering as an indication of the popularity of the School. He mentioned that the School work during the year had been hampered by sickness, and also by the lack of a sick room or hospital in which cases might be isolated. He was glad to be able to say that the Board was now beginning to see daylight as far as its finances were concerned. The Minister of Education had granted them £200 for improving the gully and they themselves had acquired leases of sections adjoining the boarding-houses which would be sufficient to provide room for all necessary buildings in the near future. He extended a welcome to Professor Hunter, of Victoria University College.

HEADMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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

In presenting the fortieth annual report of the Boys' School, he wished, once again, to convey his thanks to all those who had assisted the School during the past year.

Especially did he desire to thank the parents of Preparatory boys for the patience they had displayed whilst their children were being taught in the racecourse buildings. Owing to the increase in the roll number and to the unavoidable delay in connection with the erection of extra class-rooms, it had been found impossible to accommodate all the classes in the School buildings and they therefore had again been compelled to make use of some of the rooms kindly placed at their disposal by the Taranaki Jockey Club. To this body the School was under a great debt of gratitude. Without its assistance the School would have been very severely handicapped during the last six years and would have been compelled to remain at a standstill.

School had opened on February 12. Unfortunately, influenza had broken out two days after opening, and work had not been commenced until a fortnight later. The number entered on the roll was 415—an increase of 59 on that of last year. Of the total number attending the School 203 had been boarders and 102 had been pupils in the Preparatory Department.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

In the Upper School no new appointments had been made during the year. In the Preparatory School Miss E. Campbell had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. D. Saxton, who had left to take a position on the staff of the Waitaki Boys' High School. Mr. E. A. Rowe had resigned at the end of 1919 in order to take up the 1851 Exhibition Scholarship and was then pursuing his studies in London. Mr. H. V. Searle, who had been for two years absent on active service, had returned in February. He would like to take that opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the manner in which he (Mr. Searle) had carried out the duties allotted to him. He had again taken charge of the School shooting teams and had been instrumental in bringing them to the high state of efficiency which had won a name for the School in the past.

Mr. J. Connell, who had previously been instructor in agriculture to the Taranaki Education Board and who had been a part-time Master at the School in 1919, had accepted a permanent position on the staff at the beginning of the year. This appointment had materially strengthened the staff, for apart from making possible a more comprehensive course in agriculture it had enabled him to synchronise, to some extent, the work in the different forms.

The commercial work done in the School had been in the hands of Mr. Eggleton.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The results of the annual examinations were most gratifying. A Senior National Scholarship had been won by K. C. Roberts; Taranaki Scholarships had been awarded to N. Waddle, L. Richardson and R. Greiner, and E. Smith had been awarded a Junior National Scholarship. The Matriculation Examination had been passed by N. Bellingr, R. Blundell, A. Candy, A. Christie, J. Clemow, A. Gilbert, J. Henderson, B. Horner, J. W. L. 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 passes for the same examination had been gained by B. Hutchen, H. Morton and C. Newell. He regretted to say that several of the most promising candidates had been unable to sit for the examination through illness.

During the year a class had again been held for post-matriculation boys desirous of sitting for the degree examinations. Eight boys had sat for the terms examination in connection with B.A. and LL.B. degrees. Of these J. Hine, L. Jillett, C. Noble, W. Rea, and J. Willis were successful. Noble's performance was worthy of special mention. This candidate gained first-class passes in Latin and English, coming top of the list of successful candidates in Latin and second in English. In this connection he wished to thank those members of his staff who had devoted so much of their spare time to assisting boys taking a degree course. The success achieved by candidates from the School had been due, in no small measure, to the fact that the teachers responsible for the work had, throughout the year, held classes out of School hours.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

The various School institutions had received the usual attention.

In shooting the School had again won distinction and had easily held its own with the other schools of the Dominion. Eight teams were entered for the Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions, and all had gained a place in the prize list. In both senior and junior competitions the School had been third for the Empire and first for the Dominion. In the competition for the Christchurch Weekly Press Shield the team representing the School had put up a remarkably good score and would no doubt be well up on the list when the results were published.

The annual cricket match against Wanganui College had taken place in Wanganui on March 5th and 6th. Although the School had been defeated by 122 runs he was glad to say that the form displayed by the team had been a distinct improvement on that of former years. The standard of cricket was still far below what it should be in a school of that size, but every effort was being made to improve it. He was in hopes that, when suitable grounds were provided in New Plymouth, the Taranaki Association would co-operate with the School in providing a professional coach for the younger players. Until this was done, cricket would never be likely to reach a very high standard in North Taranaki.

Four teams had been entered for the North Taranaki football competitions. Of these the senior team had tied with Clifton for the Northern championship, but owing to the holidays the final match had not been played. The only School match played had been against Wanganui College at Hawera. That had taken place in pouring rain and had resulted in a win for Wanganui by 11 points to 3.

Cadet work, swimming, life-saving and tennis had all been carried on as usual. The work of the cadets under Mr. Ryder, who had been ably assisted by other members of the staff, had been very highly commented upon by those who had had an opportunity of witnessing it.

The Preparatory Department had again been handicapped through lack of accommodation and through the unsympathetic attitude of the educational authorities in Wellington. He had no hesitation in saying that the boys from this department had, during the last six years, played an important part in the development of the School. They had done much towards establishing that school spirit which was noticeable that day and which had enabled the School to carry on during a very trying time. While preparatory schools of that kind were allowed by the Education Act, it was unfortunately a fact that they were not popular with the Education Department. He sincerely hoped that in the near future something would be done to establish the Preparatory School on a firmer basis and that it would be found possible to finance a scheme to provide buildings entirely separate from those at present in existence.

The Boarding Department had again been taxed for accommodation; 198 boys had been in residence during the first term and of these 20 had been housed in "Montosa."

Owing to the difficulty of access to the property that arrangement had proved unsuitable. It had therefore been decided to limit the number of boarders to 170 until such time as it was found possible to erect more buildings.

It was with profound regret that he had to report that in the first term two of his most promising boys, Keith Baker and Brian Dailey, had died as a result of operations. Both boys, by their kindly nature and manliness, had won their way to the heart of every boy and Master in the School. They would long be remembered by those who had been privileged to be numbered amongst their friends.

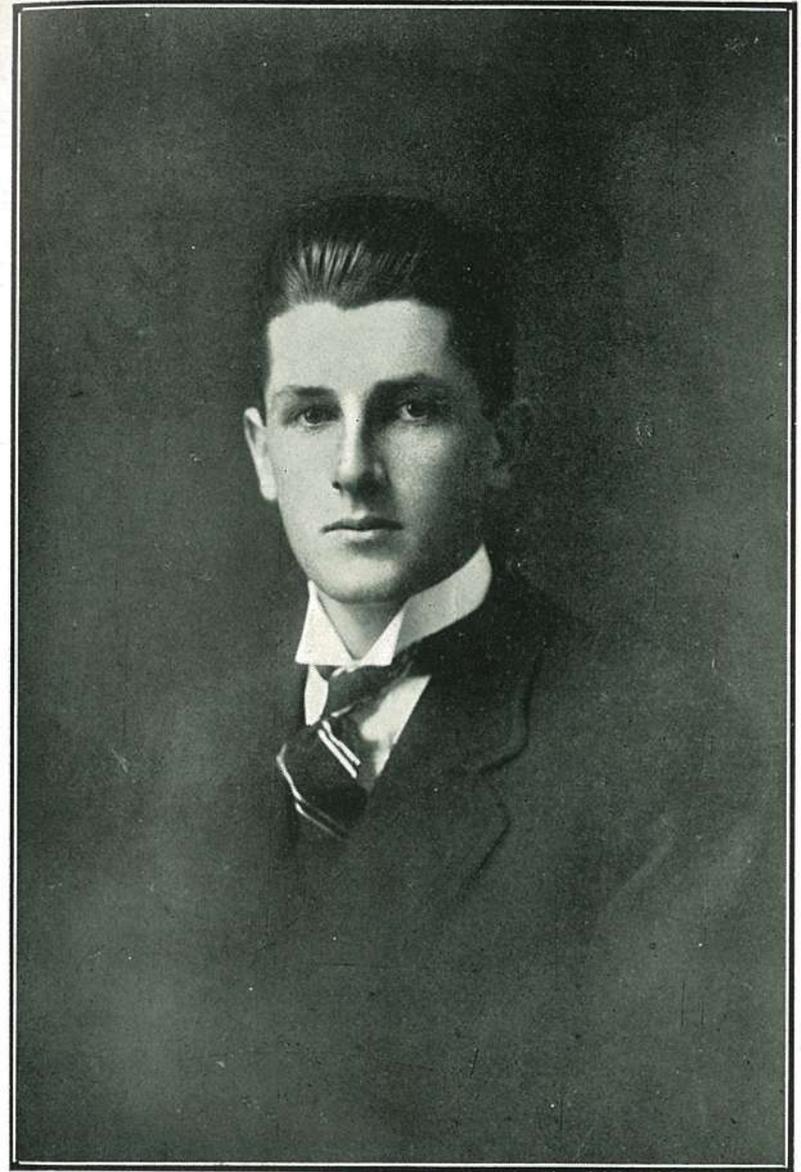
As in previous years he was under a deep sense of gratitude to the old boys of the School. Individually and collectively they had shown in many ways that their interest in the School was still alive. He wished to take that opportunity of offering the congratulations of the School to Mr. J. E. Wilson, a former president of the Old Boys' Association, on his appointment to the Chief Justiceship of Samoa, and to those younger old boys of the School who, by their scholastic successes at the University Colleges were helping to place the School in the front rank.

He felt that he could not allow the present occasion to pass without referring to the death of one of the most promising of their younger old boys. It was with deep regret that they had learned that Alister Sutherland, their second representative to proceed to Duntroon Military College, had succumbed to enteric fever whilst engaged on military duty in India. They extended their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents in their loss.

In conclusion he wished to tender his sincere thanks to the Board of Governors for the whole-hearted support they had given him during the year. He wished, also, to thank his staff, the prefects and the boys of the School for the support they had at all times given him during the last twelve months.

PROFESSOR HUNTER'S SPEECH.

Professor Hunter said he would like to express his sympathy for the School in the very severe time it had gone through owing to the loss of its buildings and also to place on record the high appreciation that was held of the work that was being done by Mr. Moyes and his colleagues in New Plymouth, by people far distant from the borders of Taranaki itself. He added, as one who had come into close contact with a good many boys from the School, that they had



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a very high reputation indeed and that their sportsmanship could be relied upon. He said he did not believe that the country was doing its duty by the education system until it was prepared to put down £10,000,000 on the estimates for education alone, because after all the real asset of the country was the next generation. The conditions in the secondary schools were not what they ought to be, and the conditions in the University Colleges, particularly in the North Island, were little short of disgraceful as far as educational facilities were concerned. Students were being taken in without any provision being made for their physical welfare. In connection with Victoria University College he looked forward to the time when each of the provincial districts from whom its students were drawn would have its residential college that would provide home-life and the corporate spirit that was so necessary. "If we want to have a solution of the problems now arising we must carry on that team spirit being instilled in the secondary schools through the Universities," Professor Hunter declared.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The scholastic prizes were presented by Mrs. Sladden and the sports trophies by the Mayoress.

PRIZE LIST.

The list is as follows:—

Standard I.—J. Dykes 1, J. Davies 2.

Standard II.—O. Grover 1, A. Hetherington 2.

Standard III.—D. Hetherington 1, A. Washer 2.

Standard IV.—P. Grover 1, H. Fookes 2.

Standard V.—T. Silson 1, E. Leech 2.

Standard VI.—H. Bellringer 1, G. Bayly 2, V. Carthew 3.

Form III_D.—First in Form: D. Avery. First in Mathematics and Science: C. Saxton. First in Languages and Literature: R. Cottier.

Form III_C.—First in Form: H. Hunt. First in Mathematics, Science and Languages: H. Hunt. Second in Mathematics, Science and Languages: D. McLean.

Form III_B.—First in Form: O. Evans. First in Mathematics, Science and Languages: O. Evans. Second in Mathematics, Science and Languages: Webb.

Form IIIA.—First in Form: M. Lysons. First in Mathematics, Science and Languages: M. Lysons. Second in Mathematics, Science and Languages: W. Nash.

Form IVc.—First in Form: Jennings. First in Languages and Literature: Jennings. First in Mathematics and Science: Rumball.

Form IVb.—First in Form: K. Neal. First in Mathematics and Science: W. Alexander. First in Languages and Literature: R. Burke.

Form IVA.—First in Form: R. Rea. First in Mathematics and Science: R. Rea. First in Languages and Literature: P. McIvor.

Form Vb.—First in Form: Crawshaw. First in Mathematics, Science and Languages: Crawshaw. Second in Mathematics, Science and Languages: C. Hawkes.

Form VA.—First in Form: R. Bellringer. First in Mathematics, Science and Languages: R. Bellringer. Second in Mathematics, Science and Languages: W. Berridge.

Form VIb.—First in Form: M. Barak.

Form VIA.—First in Form: R. Syme.

Agriculture Prizes.—Forms IIIc. and IIIb.: Jensen. Forms IIIb. and IIIa.: M. Kebell. Form IV.: D. Mackay. Form V.: S. Wood. Form VI.: D. Sutton.

Commercial Prizes.—Forms IIIc. and IIIb.: D. Avery. Forms IIIb. and IIIa.: Purdie. Form IV.: A. Gibson. Form VA.: M. Osborne.

Special Drawing Prize (Mr. Bradbury's).—J. V. McMahon.

Bendall Memorial (Essay).—E. Waters.

White Memorial (Literature).—R. Syme.

General Excellence Cup.—M. Osborne.

Dux of School (Order).—Ron. Syme.

Head Boy (Order).—J. M. Hine.

CONGRATULATIONS OF MAYOR.

The Mayor expressed appreciation of the services being rendered to the town and district by the teachers of the School, and what was more that once having attained that standard, they were maintaining it, notwithstanding the difficulties under which the School had laboured during the past few years. The Mayor proceeded to thank the boys for

the assistance they had given in public functions. He said the boys were the feature of any demonstration of a processional nature in this town.

Mr. Roy, in the course of a happily-worded little speech, congratulated the School on the remarkable progress it had made during the past ten or fifteen years.

National Anthem.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(J. H. Nicholson.)

School was supposed to re-open for the first term on Tuesday, 8th February, but owing to unforeseen occurrences School did not start until Thursday, 10th, although all boys turned up on Tuesday. The reason for the delay was that some of the alterations were not completed and would not be ready for a few days. The wheels of the School machinery proper were not set in full motion until the following Monday—this delay being occasioned by the distribution of stationery. As is usually the case the first few days of the term were wet, thus increasing the low spirits of homesick boarders.

When we were definitely settled there were a great many gaps in the classes caused by the departure of boys, some to the University and others to work in offices. There was indeed a great thinning out of the senior boys of the School, as is evinced from the fact that only three of last year's prefects are back this year.

Shortly after the commencement, Colonel Melvill, the officer commanding the Wellington Military District, paid us a hasty visit for the purpose of presenting the Weekly Press Challenge Shield and medals, together with the Imperial Challenge Shield medals, to the various winners. The shield has been won by the School in 1918, 1919, and 1920. Colonel Melvill remarked, inter alia, that he was very proud of having a school in his district which had done so well in the shooting world as this particular one had done. He greatly stressed the point of training all able-bodied citizens in the art of shooting and said this training should be commenced early in life. He said that it was only the good shooting of the "Contemptibles" that saved the situation at the beginning of the war. He concluded by wishing the School every success in the future. Before he departed the School gave him three hearty cheers. He asked Mr. Moyes to grant us a holiday in commemoration of his visit.

The annual cricket match with the Wanganui Collegiate School took place on the School grounds on February 22nd and 23rd. The Wanganui boys arrived by the train on Monday evening and stayed at the Terminus Hotel. Wanganui gained a lead of 76 runs on the first innings and increased this lead by 82 runs on the second innings. Wanganui opened and put on 207 runs before being dismissed, to which School replied with 131. In their second attempt Wanganui compiled 176 for the loss of nine wickets and then declared. School made 94 runs in their second innings and Wanganui gained the verdict by 158 runs. Although School were again beaten the standard of cricket has greatly improved in the last few years. It is a great pity that greater interest is not taken in the game, for undoubtedly, if well-wishers of the School were present at the matches it would invest the members of the eleven with a greater ardour for the game and play would greatly improve. Colonel Melvill's holiday was granted us on the Wednesday in order to witness the match.

During the term, matches were arranged for teams representing Day Boys and Boarders. This has greatly increased the interest taken in this sport. Towards the end of the season inter-form matches were played. It is indeed a very great pity that there are not more playing grounds and practice wickets in the town that junior clubs might be formed.

Again the swimming season has come and gone. Early in the term various carnivals were held in the Municipal Baths under the auspices of the local Swimming Club. At one of the carnivals one of our members succeeded in defeating Enwright, a champion swimmer of this Dominion, in a handicap event over a distance of 33½ yards. On Saturday, 26th March, a carnival took place at which the Grey Cup was competed for. It was presented for a relay race and was won by the School with New Plymouth No. 1 second and New Plymouth No. 2 third. In the "All Schools" Carnival School won practically everything for which they entered.

The swimming sports took place in the baths on 2nd March, and went off very successfully. There was a large number of interested spectators. The championships were swum off on the following Monday night. A full account of the swimming is to be found on another page of the Magazine.

Ronald Syme topped the University Scholarship list with an unprecedented total of 2222 marks. Seeing that his possible marks added up to 2700 instead of 2800, this makes

his success still greater. His percentage on an average worked out at 82. We were granted a holiday in honour of his brilliant success. We take this opportunity of congratulating him and also of wishing him every success in his 'Varsity career.

The work of filling in the hollows in the cricket ground near Eliot Street is now rapidly reaching finality and when this is finished we shall have a level ground of almost four acres. This job, which has taken a good time to do, has greatly improved the ground as a whole. There is still a great need for a wire-netting fence or a wall of some description along Eliot Street and also along the top of the gully. In every cricket match a ball goes over one of these edges and generally it takes quite a time to find it. Balls are now too expensive to be lost.

The additions to the School have given us more room for our library. In one of the two rooms we have been able at last to properly house our library, whilst the agricultural laboratory is in the other room. The agricultural boys will now be able to carry out their various experiments without any difficulty occasioned by the absence of apparatus, for just recently eight cases of apparatus and glassware arrived from England. Of course these "farmers" do not have a claim to all this. Now again we have a separate room for the library. In this room are to be seen pictures of old New Plymouth and Taranaki. These indeed are a valuable asset to the library.

Underneath the Preparatory room are now to be seen several rooms either in the process of construction or else completed. The shooting room, which occupies the end nearest the tennis courts, is finished. Its floor is tarred, and shelves and rifles are neatly arranged around its walls. Next to this is the cricket room, which is in the process of construction. Next to the cricket room is the agricultural shed and behind this again is the sports room—the smallest yet, nevertheless not the least important. These last three rooms are not open for inspection yet, but when the doors are thrown open it is hoped that everything will be found as neatly arranged as the shooting material.

During the last few months there has been constructed a road which leads directly from the back of the boarding-house to Eliot Street, thus avoiding the two sharp turns of the old road. To beautify the rear of the boarding-house a rockery has been constructed. This, as well as beautifying the grounds, can be used as a circular road round which a vehicle can turn, and the younger boarders ride bicycles.

Since the publication of our last number our hospital has been commenced. This is situated at the rear of the new house. At present it is a long way from completion, but it is hoped that in a short while the builders will be able to see their way to finish it.

The turf tennis court in the gully was badly worn, in fact so badly that it was decided to lay it down in asphalt; all the turf has now been removed and the court is almost ready for asphaltting. When this is finished we shall have two asphalt courts, suitable for playing on all the year round, and one turf court.

The last cricket match of the year took place on 2nd April, when a team chosen from parents attempted to lower the colours of the eleven, but without success. School won this match by an innings and 20 runs. It looks a large score on paper, but nevertheless the game was enjoyed by both sides. It is to be hoped that this match will be made an annual fixture—something to look forward to, and for young hopefuls to look at.

Football, the Dominion's favourite sport, has commenced. On Monday, 4th April, boys were to be seen wending their way to the racecourse—not to see races—but either to watch or take part in, the matches arranged for the afternoon. At present no definite teams have been picked as it is indeed a very hard matter to pick a team on a week's practice.

We have to welcome to the School two new Masters, Mr. Papps and Mr. Pope. Mr. Papps, who came from Auckland, is teaching in the Upper School. He is head House Master at present and is in charge of the house which the Board has acquired from Mr. Penn. Mr. Pope, who used to be at Urenui, has taken charge of the Preparatory in place of Mr. Day, who resigned at the end of last year to take up a position in the Hamilton East School. These are the only additions to the staff in place of Messrs. Searle, Glover, Day and Calder. Mr. Searle has gone to the Hamilton High School and Mr. Calder to pursue his studies at the University at Dunedin. Owing to recent legislation which has been passed, Boards of Governors cannot appoint more than a certain number of Masters for a certain sized school and this accounts for what may seem understaffing. We wish that the stay of these two Masters may be long and pleasant.

Mr. Papps has taken over the shooting which last year was in the capable hands of Mr. Searle and we wish and firmly believe that Mr. Papps will have success as great as Mr. Searle had, in his all important duty. There is indeed

a very great interest taken in shooting and we hope that we may have the same success in our shooting as in previous years.

Not long ago one boy was reported to have dozed off during a lesson; our advice to him is that he should get to bed earlier and get up earlier if he still has some swat to do. At present he must be burning the candle at both ends.

The age of the humorist is not yet gone and every now and again some witty remark or perhaps foolish response is made.

The Master was informing his class that in England in some schools the roll was answered in Latin. Wishing to know how much a particular boy knew he questioned him. The boy replied that if he were present the answer would be "adsum" (I am present); if he were absent, absum (I am absent)—(a ventriloquist stunt).

Master: Who was the hero of the heights of Abraham?

Boy: Please, sir, Abraham.

Free translation always affords ample room for a boy to make himself a hero or otherwise. Here are some examples:

Sentence: Tu as tort, j'ai raison (you are wrong, I am right).

Translation: You have tart, I have raisons. (Perhaps he was feeling the pangs of hunger—Friday's tart.)

Sentence: Il y avait un chat devant le foyer (there was a cat in front of the fire).

Translation: They were having a chat in front of the fire.

Sentence: Que vous ont fait les Troglodytes? (what have the Troglodytes done to you?)

Translation: Who has made you the Troglodytes? (Is it not a nuisance to have so many correct translations.)

SWIMMING NOTES.

(T. N. Foden.)

The annual swimming sports were held at the Municipal Baths on Wednesday, 2nd March. The weather did not look too promising in the morning, but later in the day "Old Sol" came to light and shone brightly. We have to thank Mr. Blennerhassett for his assistance in judging the diving events.

We are indebted to L. and K. O'Halloran for presenting to the School a handsome challenge shield, to be competed for by the different forms in the inter-form relay race, and we take this opportunity of thanking them for their gift.

The officials for the day were:—Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; marksmen, Messrs. A. R. Ryder and G. Bertrand; judges, Messrs. C. G. Bottrill and R. H. Rockel; official recorder, Mr. A. J. Papps; timekeepers, Messrs. A. Diprose and G. H. Pope; stewards, Messrs. J. W. Connell and W. G. Wilkie; judge for diving events, Mr. Blennerhassett.

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

33½ Yards Open.—First heat: Herdman (8sec.) 1. Second heat: Kebbell (3sec.) 1. Third heat: J. Brodie (5sec.) 1. Fourth heat: R. Fletcher (5sec.) 1. Fifth heat: Rawson (1sec.) 1. Sixth heat: R. Christie (4sec.) 1. Seventh heat: Malcolm Robertson (8sec.) 1. Eighth heat: Dailey (6sec.) 1. Ninth heat: O'Halloran (5sec.) 1. Tenth heat: Grayling (1sec.) 1. Eleventh heat: Sladden (9sec.) 1. Twelfth heat: Hutchen (6sec.) 1. Thirteenth heat: Buchanan (7sec.) 1. Fourteenth heat: K. Neal (6sec.) 1. Final: Christie, R. (4sec.) 1, Sladden (9sec.) 2, Herdman (8sec.) 3; time, 27sec.

Preparatory Boys' Race, 33½ yards.—First heat: A. Bayly (9sec.) 1, Sladden (3sec.) 2, S. Cottier (6sec.) 3. Second heat: Murdoch (9sec.) 1, Linn (7sec.) 2, Buick (9sec.) 3. Final: A. Bayly (9sec.) 1, Murdoch (9sec.) 2, Sladden (3sec.) 3.

66¾ Yards Open.—First heat: Taylor (3sec.) 1, Henderson (scr.) 2. Second heat: Foden (scr.) 1, Corkill (5sec.) 2. Third heat: Rawson (1sec.) 1, Hooper (6sec.) 2. Fourth heat: Collins (2sec.) 1, G. Fookes (4sec.) 2. Fifth heat: Handley Brown (4sec.) 1, J. W. Palmer (6sec.) 2. Sixth heat: Rickard (scr.) 1, R. Christie (5sec.) 2. Seventh heat: Cranby (6sec.) 1, Honeyfield (6sec.) 2. Final: Rickard (scr.) 1, Taylor (3sec.) 2, R. Christie (5sec.) 3.

New Boys' Race, 33½ yards.—First heat: O'Halloran (4sec.) 1, Gibson (2sec.) 2. Second heat: Sutherland (6sec.) 1, Aubrey (2sec.) 2. Third heat: A. Bayly (8sec.) 1, Burgess (6sec.) 2. Fourth heat: C. Tate (9sec.) 1, H. Rumball (8sec.) 2. Final: A. Bayly (8sec.) 1, Tate (9sec.) 2, O'Halloran (4sec.) 3.

Learners' Race (across baths).—First heat: Meuli 1, Riley 2. Second heat: T. Bayly 1, Noble 2. Third heat: Cartwright 1, Jeffries 2. Fourth heat: Read 1, York 2. Fifth heat: Payne 1, Carman 2. Final: Meuli 1, T. Bayly 2, Riley 3.

Breast Stroke, 33½ yards.—First heat: C. Lash (6sec.) 1, Abbott (1sec.) 2. Second heat: Penn (5sec.) 1, Mitcalfe (5sec.) 2. Third heat: Malcolm Robertson (7sec.) 1, Taylor (1sec.) 2. Fourth heat: Hutchen (4sec.) 1, Blair (6sec.) 2. Fifth heat: L. Pease (5sec.) 1, Sladden (7sec.) 2. Sixth heat: Riley (8sec.) 1, J. Shaw (4sec.) 2. Final: Riley 1, Penn 2, L. Pease 3.

100 Yards Open.—First heat: Rickard (scr.) 1, R. Christie (7sec.) 2, Henderson (scr.) 3. Second heat: Foden (scr.) 1, Rawson (1sec.) 2, Corkill (6sec.) 3. Final: Foden 1, Rickard 2, R. Christie 3.

Back Stroke, 33½ yards.—First heat: Herdman (9sec.) 1, Brewster (8sec.) 2. Second heat: Wyborn (7sec.) 1, Lysaght (7sec.) 2. Third heat: Kebbell (7sec.) 1, Hutchen (7sec.) 2. Fourth heat: Shaw (9sec.) 1, Rickard (4sec.) 2. Final: Lysaght (7sec.) 1, Wyborn (7sec.) 2, Shaw (9sec.) 3.

Inter-form Relay Race, 66¾ yards (shield presented by O'Halloran Bros.).—Form Va. (Rickard, Rawson, Foden, Wood) 1, Form Vb. (Shaw, R. Christie, Abbott, Taylor) 2, Form Vc. (Collins, Palmer, J., Buchanan, Brown, H.) 3.

Diving for Plates.—Foden 1, Griffiths, E., 2.

Greasy Boom.—Wood 1, Manning 2.

200 Yards Open.—Foden (scr.) 1, Corkill (11sec.) 2, Rawson (2sec.) 3.

Duck and Drake Contest.—Hooper 1, J. Palmer 2.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The championships were held at the Municipal Baths on Monday evening, 7th March, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, parents and old boys. Even though the water was rather cool, all competitors toed the mark, and some good finishes were witnessed by the spectators.

We wish to thank Mr. Bennett for officiating as timekeeper, and Mr. Blennerhassett for judging the diving events.

The officials for the evening were:—Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; marksmen, Messrs. A. R. Ryder and G. F. Bertrand; judges, Messrs. R. H. Rockel, W. G. Wilkie, A. W. Diprose, and G. H. Pope; official recorder, Mr. A. J. Papps;

time-keeper, Mr. J. Bennett; judge of diving events, Mr. Blennerhassett.

Results:—

Under 14 Championship.

25 Yards.—First heat: O'Halloran 1, Gibson 2; time, 18sec. Second heat: G. Fookes 1, Ogle 2; time, 18 2-5sec. Final: O'Halloran 1, Gibson 2, Fookes 3; time, 16 2-5sec.

50 Yards.—First heat: Gibson 1, O'Halloran 2; time, 41sec. Second heat: Ogle 1, Cottier 2; time, 45sec. Final: Gibson 1, O'Halloran 2, Ogle 3; time, 41sec.

75 Yards.—Gibson 1, Aubrey 2, Ogle 3. Time, 67sec.

Junior Championship.

25 Yards.—First heat: Taylor 1, Hooper 2; time, 16sec. Second heat: Kebbell 1, Burkhart 2. Final: Taylor 1, Kebbell 2; time, 16 2-5sec.

50 Yards.—First heat: Taylor 1, Hooper 2; time, 36sec. Second heat: Burkhart 1, Kebbell 2; time, 41sec. Final: Taylor 1, Kebbell 2; time, 36sec.

100 Yards.—Taylor 1, Kebbell 2, Chivers 3.

Senior Championship.

25 Yards.—Foden and Rickard (dead heat) 1, Rawson 3. No time taken.

50 Yards.—Foden 1, Rickard 2, Collins 3. Time, 33sec.

100 Yards.—Foden 1, Rickard 2, Collins 3. Time, 1min. 16sec.

200 Yards.—Foden 1, Collins 2, Rawson 3.

Diving.

High Dive.—Taylor 1, Rawson 2.

Corfu Dive.—L. Christie 1, Rawson 2.

Ribbon Dive.—Rawson 1, Brown 2.

Relay Race.—Old Boys v. School: Old Boys (Kyngdon, McHardy, Boon, Moody) 1, School (Rickard, Foden, Collins, Rawson) 2.

Old Boys' Race, 33½ yards.—Kyngdon 1, Boon 2, Sykes 3. Time, 21sec.

Barrel Race.—Wood 1, Ballantyne 2.

Awkward Entry.—Hooper 1, Palmer 2.

Championship Points.

Under 14.—Gibson (13 points) 1, O'Halloran (8) 2.

Junior.—Taylor (15 points, 1, Kebbell (9) 2.

Senior.—Foden (19 points) 1, Rickard (10) 2, Collins (3) 3.

School swimmers have this season made a name for themselves at carnivals held at the local baths. In almost every event in which School swimmers competed, one or other of them secured a place.

On Thursday morning, March 24th, five swimmers from School went to the baths to receive instruction in swimming from Miss Shand and Miss Bristed. The fellows picked up the strokes quickly and found that the new stroke taught them was much speedier than their old one. They are greatly indebted to Miss Shand and Miss Bristed for the valuable hints given. It was through this lesson that they secured several victories that night.

On Saturday, March 26th, School again figured in the honours list. Owing to Easter intervening many of our promising swimmers were not able to compete in this carnival. School, competing against two New Plymouth Club teams, after a good race annexed the Grey Cup, New Plymouth A team swimming second. The School team was comprised of: Rickard, Collins, Rawson and Foden.

The following are the results secured by our swimmers at the different carnivals held at the baths:—

February 18th.

33½ Yards Open.—Rickard 1.

March 18th.

Boys Under 14, 25 yards.—O'Halloran 1, Gibson 2.

Boys' 33½ Yards Open.—Christie, R., 1.

Boys' 66¾ Yards Open.—Collins (3sec.) 1, Foden (scr.) 2, Rickard 3.

Boys' 100 Yards.—Foden 1, Collins 2.

Breast Stroke, 33½ Yards.—Riley 1, Penn 2.

Boys' Diving.—Rawson 1.

Obstacle Race.—N. Airey 1.

Thursday, March 24.

Boys (under 18), 33½ yards.—Rawson 1, Rickard and Foden (dead heat) 2.

Men's 66½ Yards.—Foden 1.

Men's 100 Yards.—Foden (10sec.) 1, Rawson (13sec.)

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Saturday, March 26th.

50 Yards Open.—Mr. Enwright 1, Foden (4sec.) 2, Rickard (4sec.) 3.

Boys' Diving.—K. Taylor 1.

Monday, March 28th.

Youths (under 18), 66½ yards.—Collins 1, Rickard 2.

Men's 33½ Yards.—Rickard 1.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

(L. Rawson.)

During the past few years the School has been getting on its feet again after the disastrous fire of 1916. In common with the other School institutions, the Camera Club has suffered severely. In fact, it has been a dead club for the whole of that time. However, brighter times seem to loom up ahead of us and there is every prospect of this club regaining its lost ground.

Competitions, once so popular among the members, will be revived, and the results published in the Magazine. Every opportunity is offered in and around New Plymouth for the best class of photography.—Nature has sculptured a photographer's Paradise here and Mount Egmont, alone in its splendid majesty, is the source of numerous good photographs.

The most popular cameras among the boarders seem to be the Vest Pocket Kodaks. These handy cameras have a special class to themselves in the competitions, as there are so many entries.

At every cricket match, or at any sports, cameras are always in evidence and many pictorial records are kept of these events. At our swimming sports many close finishes were snapped, and showed some well contested races. Then during the cricket match, Wanganui Collegiate School v. School, although dull weather predominated, a few members found opportunity to photograph the play.

Owing to the high cost of all photographic materials, a suggestion has been made that the club should manufacture its own developer. This would be comparatively cheap, and the club could sell it to the members at a small cost.

HOUSE NOTES.

(M. Barak.)

Once again we are re-united; but this year owing to insufficient accommodation our numbers have been limited to about 180. However, our prospects of an additional boarding establishment are bright.

Again we must chronicle various changes in the staff. At the end of last term Mr. Day, Mr. Glover and Mr. Calder left us. Mr. Searle, our invaluable shooting coach, has also assumed work in another school. It was with sincerest regret that we learned of his departure, but we wish him every success in his new sphere of life. To our new House Master, Mr. Papps, we extend a hearty welcome and hope his stay with us will be long and pleasant. Three of our Masters have taken to themselves additional burdens—Mr. Bottrill, Mr. Bertrand, and Mr. Connell. To these we offer our congratulations, though perhaps our sympathy would be more appropriate.

As usual on two or three occasions we visited the pictures. The "Wild North-West of Australia" provided a good entertainment one night and dainty M'lle Carron helped fill the bill.

The Waiwakaiho Show also attracted many from the School, the cow judging competitions being very popular. We take this opportunity of congratulating the winners.

Shooting is now in full swing and the alarming readiness of boarders to rise early in the morning attests to the keenness to secure places in the teams.

Some of our budding shots contested in a rifle meeting at Rewa Rewa on the 17th February. Of these Abbott and Jackson secured a little prize-money, but otherwise we were unsuccessful.

The initiation ceremony, always an auspicious event in the history of a new boy, was successfully carried out one Saturday evening. Songs and fisticuffs were well mixed and the profuse application of soft soap to miscreants added a zest to the proceeding.

Once more we have met Wanganui Collegiate School on the cricket field and although the honours went to them we notice some improvement in our own eleven.

The motor sports were well patronised by us all. The fence provided an excellent grandstand and certainly did not annul the interest and excitement of the watchers, the only drawback being inability to congratulate successful contestants.

Great enthusiasm was shown over the swimming sports and especially the championships, the senior in particular proving a great tussle. In the club carnivals, several events came to our swimmers and we must sincerely congratulate the winners of the Grey Cup on their meritorious performance.

On 11th March we were favoured by a visit of the Secondary School Inspectors, Mr. Parr and Mr. Drummond. The report of the work was good and the military drill received special mention.

We are now well armed against fire. In the School buildings two patent extinguishers have been hung on the wall, while the old boarding-house has three. A new fire escape has been built in the back of the new house and this admits easy egress from the building.

Our School Orchestra is now run by the boys, G. Lomas wielding the baton. At present the orchestra is handicapped in respect to a room for practise, but this will soon be remedied.

Our library has once more taken over new quarters, time time permanent ones. It is already being well patronised, the day boy membership in particular being on the increase.

A short time ago the Rev. Harvie very kindly gave us an evening's entertainment by a lantern lecture. This we appreciated very much and we take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Harvie.

Our faculties for humour are not yet dead. The recent trouble in Poland has instilled in us all a desire for knowledge of this country, but we little dreamt that "Swamping the poll" had anything to do with upsetting Polanders in the mire. Perhaps antiquities would furnish a solution.

We have heard that history repeats itself, but one budding student swears black and blue that he does all the repeating history in his class.

We understand nominative case and objective, etc., but cannot grasp "imperative case." Is it an occasion of exigent demand?

Owing to the lack of accommodation in the houses the boarder roll was this year curtailed to about 180. It was found, however, that the boarding establishments could not comfortably accommodate even this limited number, and so the Board of Governors leased a house a short distance up the Avenue Road, the property of Mr. Penn. There eleven of us have been installed under the able charge of Mr. Papps, our new House Master, and Mrs. Papps. The short walk from "Fairfield," as the house is known, provides an excellent constitutional before breakfast, while "lost" homework may frequently, not inconveniently, be left there.

Our old friend "the mumps" has again visited us. The few cases were, however, very mild and prompt isolation prevented any contagion. We are pleased to record that our hospital ward is now nearing completion and henceforth any sickness will have no opportunity of spreading.

Much interest was evinced, one Saturday night, when our music Master, Mr. Renaud, very kindly gave us a lantern lecture on insects. The lecture, quite extempore, was held in the Physics Lab. and most of the boarders were present. The microscopic views of cyclops and other aquatic life were particularly interesting. On a previous occasion Mr. Moyes had explained with the aid of the lantern the analysis of light and the spectra of metals. This also was intensely interesting, and we are looking forward to more little lectures next term.

Football is now in full swing and the annual Boarders v. Day Boys match will soon be coming off. Our first competition match, against Star, was won by 48 points to 0.

On the 12th of April we again visited the pictures, this time to see the representation of Tennyson's "Lady Clare." The picture was very good and was an almost exact rendering of the poem which, of course, we knew very well. On another occasion further amusements were provided in the shape of the Central "At Home." Naturally, being granted a half-holiday, we went to the fête. Our luck certainly seemed out at coconut shies, but in the matter of boudoir caps we were more successful. There was some rumour that one of us had won some other piece of lady's apparel, but to our great chagrin it was a case of mistaken identity.

Our "moving" picture lantern with its custodian also proved a great asset to the company on that day.

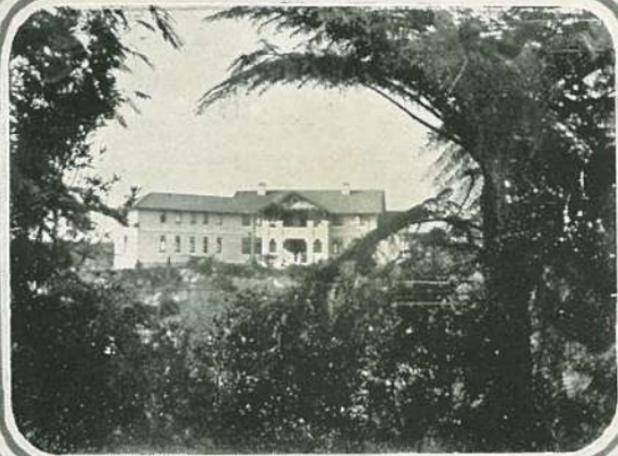
LIBRARY NOTES.

Perhaps of all the School institutions there is not one which has had a more chequered career than the library. In the days of the old School building, the library was in a large room and was more up-to-date and better managed than it has ever been since. Since the fire it has been moved into a "tin-shed" and from there, after the completion of the present building, to one of the class-rooms. It remained in this unsuitable position until the beginning of the present year when, to the satisfaction of all concerned, it was moved to its present quarters, viz., one of the two old class-rooms which belonged to the original building.

On 25th February a general meeting was held in order to elect a committee for the ensuing year. Of ten candidates, the following were elected:—J. Henderson (chairman), M. Barak, W. Hughson, C. Fookes (honorary secretary), P. Griffiths and J. Brodie (the day boy representative). At a subsequent meeting of the committee, the following librarians were chosen:—W. Aldis (boarder) and R. Bellringer (day boy), to be assisted by C. Fookes and P. Griffiths.

The first thing that was done was the moving of the books and tables to their new quarters. The School was then scoured for missing books and, as a result, well over a hundred were recovered. The various changes under which the library has gone during the last five years have greatly upset the classification of the books. This list has now been transferred to a new volume and, this being up-to-date, the library has re-opened with a total of 1440 books. As carpenters have been putting in new shelves, etc., the magazines and newspapers have not been issued yet. But, when a new scheme of rules has been completed and the room is more or less ship-shape, these will again be at the disposal of subscribers.

The number of subscribers this year shows a marked improvement on last year's. There are now 170 boarders and 50 day boys on the list. The fact that the library is being so well patronised is a great encouragement to the committee and it is hoped that boys, especially day boys, will take more advantage of this fine collection than has been taken in the last few years.



SNAPS OF THE BOARDING HOUSE.

The committee has great pleasure in acknowledging a very useful gift from Mr. Jackson, an old boy of the School. This is a "Natural History of the World," by E. Protheroe. Another very valuable presentation is that of Mr. Snowball. This gift consists of two dozen framed pictures, showing New Plymouth and Moturoa in their earliest stages of settlement. These pictures, as well as forming a valuable asset to the library, are of great interest historically.

TENNIS NOTES.

(P. Mitcalfe.)

The last season has seen a great deal of progress in tennis. As the number of the members is close on a hundred, our chief difficulty is in the limited amount of space at our disposal. We have one asphalt and two grass courts, but during the last term the asphalt court has been the only one available, as one of the grass courts had to be top-dressed, while the other one has been re-levelled in order to make another asphalt court. We may look forward to next season when we shall have three good courts.

A meeting of the committee was held on the 22nd February. It was decided to skim the turf off the bottom grass court and lay down an asphalt one. It was also decided to have the other grass court top-dressed, and to buy some wire-netting which was needed for the asphalt court.

The match between the Masters and Boys was arranged to be played on 19th March. This match was played on the town courts, and although we were outclassed by the Masters we had some very good games. We take this opportunity to thank the committee of the town courts for the use of their grounds. The Masters won by 99 games to 50. The results were as follows, the Master's name being mentioned first in each case:—

Singles.—(1) Mr. Ryder beat Mitcalfe, 9—5; (2) Mr. Rockel beat Rawson, 9—3; (3) Mr. Bottrill beat Drader, 9—3; (4) Mr. Papps beat Barak, 9—2; (5) Mr. Diprose beat Christie, L., 9—5; (6) Mr. Eggleton beat Ward, 9—7; (7) Mr. Bertrand beat Pease, L., 9—2; (8) Mr. Wilkie lost to Brown, 0—9.

Doubles.—Mr. Ryder and Mr. Wilkie beat Brown and Pease, 9—3; Mr. Rockel and Mr. Diprose beat Mitcalfe and Christie, L., 9—3; Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Papps beat Drader and Barak, 9—3; Mr. Eggleton and Mr. Bertrand beat Rawson and Ward, 9—5.

The 1920 championships were held towards the end of last year. It could be seen by the great number of entries that the boys were very keen. The following were the winners:—

Senior Championship.—J. Hine.

Junior Championship.—H. Mitcalfe.

Doubles Championship.—M. Osborne, K. O'Halloran.

Handicap Singles.—C. Drader.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

(Jefferies.)

“Boys may come, and boys may go,
But school goes on for ever.”

The old boys of the Upper Prep. have passed on to higher studies, have left School, or removed to other districts, and when School reassembled, quite a number of new scholars filled the desks in the old classroom.

The boys admitted to the School this term are:—Bayly, F., Bayly, W., Barlow, L., Barlow, T., Bellringer, T., Pope, C., Davies, B., Knuckey, S., Murdoch, R., Pease, B., Wells, L., Smith, H., Shaw, J., Abram, J., Fell, A., Harvie, E., Harvie, G., Hammond, D., Le May, H., Le May, I., Moyes, P., Nops, H., Whitcombe, D., Thomson, H., McLean, M., Barak, v., Buick, R., Blair, W., Sutton, J., Syme, T., Smith, W., Law, J., Law, H., and including former pupils, make a total roll of 102.

At the New Plymouth Annual Show, a cow-judging competition was held for primary schools. Schools from all parts of Taranaki were competing. Many Prep. boys entered, four boys gaining places, their names being: J. Pease first, T. Silson second, M. Goldstone third, and H. Stevenson fourth.

Cricket this year has caused great enthusiasm amongst the boys. Prep. had the honour of having a representative, Palmer, playing for the First Eleven in the annual match against Wanganui College. We have played two matches with Central School, both of which we were successful in winning. In our matches against Form III. we won in each class, and were victorious over a combined team from the whole form.

Mr. Day's vacant position on the staff has been filled by Mr. Pope, who has taken charge of the Preparatory. We hope that his stay will be a long and enjoyable one.

There are about eight boys in the Sixth Standard to be examined for their proficiency, the examination for which is to be held in May.

During the term, the Education Board's Inspector (Mr. Griffin) paid us a visit.

Football is already in full swing, and later on we hope to play in the primary school competition, if the association will admit us.

MY IDEAL HERO.

(J. Wilson.)

I first met my ideal hero at the Herne Bay tram terminus in Customs Street, Auckland. It was just after five o'clock and, as a consequence, there were from a hundred to a hundred and fifty people waiting for a tram. I caught a fleeting glimpse of his face as he turned my way for the purpose of expectorating. He was a little man—not more than five feet high — with a slightly bibulous nose and a squint in one eye and a cast in the other. His ears were larger than one would have thought possible in so small a man, his eyes protruding, his nose was broken. Altogether he was not the man most people would have chosen for a hero. His size, however, did not trouble me, since both Nelson and Napoleon were short. As for his plainness, the heroes in the latest novels are always plain, just as the villains are handsome.

As a matter of fact, I did not at once decide that he was a hero, but when, the tram arriving, he made a powerful rush and jostled his way on, it struck me that this was a truly noble act prompted by the desire not to let his wife have time to become anxious about him. During the journey, also, when he did not give up his seat to an old man, I knew that it was because he did not wish to make himself tired and cross, on his wife's account. He left the tram at Victoria Park and I took his seat next to the man with whom he had been talking and whom I rightly took to be his friend.

On my expressing an interest in my hero he very kindly volunteered several pieces of information about him. His name, it seemed, was Cormack, and he was a wharf labourer with Bolshevistic tendencies; which, thought I, is the result of a bad education and a laudable desire to get at the bottom of things.

A few days afterwards, I saw in the paper that my hero had been arrested for beating his wife. This showed his unselfish nature in that he preferred to improve his wife by correcting her faults rather than to improve himself by bearing the faults. The Magistrate who heard the case was, however, a man of no discernment of character and fined Cormack heavily. I hoped he would appeal, but, in his respect for his country's laws and the administrators thereof, he did not do so.

After that I lost track of him for nearly a month. One Saturday afternoon, however, at the end of that time, I was walking down Queen Street when I saw a crowd collect in front of the J.C.L. Elbowing my way through it, I found my hero engaged in a heated argument with another wharf labourer who had signed the pledge and who was intent on persuading Cormack to do likewise. Just after I arrived somebody threw a rotten orange at him. Cormack turned round, scarlet with anger, and expressed his opinion of the thrower. It was a masterly display, lasting, without a pause, for five minutes. It would have lasted longer had not an officious policeman arrested him for his pains.

I moved away, full of sympathy and admiration. What imagination! What eloquence! What a nice choice of words, conveying their exact shade of meaning. Had he been properly educated and given a commission in the army, he would have been promoted colonel or major. Had he made politics his profession, he would have been Premier. But, owing to an insufficient education, his great gifts have been misapplied and have become a hindrance to him.

That is all I know of him. So far as I know, he still lives in that remnant of the Auckland slums, still works on the wharves, still adheres to his belief that Bolshevik Russia is the working man's Utopia, still endeavours to improve his wife, still misapplies his gifts of eloquence and imagination. He does not know and he will, in all probability, never know, that he is my ideal hero. Certainly I shall never tell him. He will go on through life wronged and misunderstood, but, by the mercy of Providence, without knowledge of the fact.

AGRICULTURE.

This term opened with over 100 boys taking agriculture, which is a large increase over last year's numbers, thus showing that parents are beginning to realise that it is necessary that their boys should have a good secondary education, if they want them to be successful farmers.

Just before the Show, the Third and Fourth Form boys visited Mr. Hale's farm for the purpose of inspecting his pedigree Jersey herd. Besides gaining a great deal of knowledge from this inspection, they also benefitted by his showing them the various points of a dairy cow. We must take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to Mr. Hale for his generosity.

We must also thank Mr. Gardiner, who invited some of the junior boys to inspect his pedigree Friesian cow, Lakeside Beauty Canary. He pointed out to them the numerous points of a Friesian dairy cow.

Some of the senior boys spent a very enjoyable day at Mr. Harper Lepper's farm, Lepperton, on March 11th. On this occasion, the Taranaki Jersey Breeders' Association held their annual field day, at which Mr. Watson, of Canterbury, was demonstrator. The association arranged for cars to convey us to the farm. During the day Mr. Watson demonstrated the chief points of dairy cows and bulls. He said that, to have a good dairy cow it is necessary that she should have constitution, capacity, good digestion, good milk veins and milk wells and a well developed udder. Cow judging competitions were held in the afternoon, and the competition for boys was won by R. Brewster. Mrs. Lepper, with a committee of Lepperton ladies, provided luncheon and afternoon tea. We desire to express our thanks to the Taranaki Jersey Breeders' Association and also to Mr. and Mrs. Lepper.

RESULTS OF COW JUDGING COMPETITIONS AT THE ANNUAL SHOW.

Amateur.—D. Ballantyne 1, L. Pease 3. Ballantyne must be congratulated on his meritorious performance, as it will be remembered that he also won this competition last year. There were 12 entries, and they had to place three Friesian cows in their respective places. There were a few men competitors, so Ballantyne's performance must be regarded as a particularly fine one.

Primary Schools.—J. Pease 1, T. Silson 2, M. Goldstone 3, H. Stevenson 4.

Secondary Schools.—W. Joll 4.

All four prizes in the primary school division were won by preparatory boys, while fourth place in the secondary division was filled by Joll. These must be regarded as fine performances, as there were also representatives from Stratford, Inglewood, Egmont Village, Lepperton, and Motonui schools, making up a total of 108 entries. The above winners must be congratulated on their good performances.

Extracts from Mr. Ransford's remarks on above competitions.—“For the first time in the history of the competitions, girl competitors took part in the judging, and they marked their advent by annexing the first and second prizes in the secondary division. Most of the score cards show quite clearly that the powers of observation are being developed in the pupils in no slight degree, and I would say that, taken all round, the remarks and scoring show a distinct improvement on previous years. This reflects credit on the teachers, and I extend to them my congratulations on the thoroughness of their work. The dividing of the competition into primary and secondary classes is a distinct improvement, making the work of the judge much easier than formerly.”

All the agricultural boys received a whole holiday for the annual show, so that they might compete in the foregoing cow judging competitions.

This year, as we have an agricultural laboratory, we are not suffering from the inconveniences that we have been in past years. This room is one which was saved from destruction by the fire that destroyed the remainder of the School buildings in 1916. Since then, this room has been used as a chemical laboratory, then as a class-room for the Preparatory School, and now it has been fitted up with a good supply of agricultural apparatus for our use. The agriculture work has suffered a great deal in past years, for the want of a laboratory with up-to-date apparatus to carry out the numerous experiments which occur in agricultural instruction.

Results of Manurial Test with Potatoes:

Plot	Manure per Acre	Yield per Acre.			Remarks.
		Total	Large	Small	
1.	3 cwt. Super 2 cwt. Blood and Bone 1½ cwt. Nitrate of Soda	7.1	5.7	1.4	A fine sample of potatoes with many large ones.
2.	3 cwt. Super 2 cwt. Blood and Bone 1½ cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia	7.36	5.6	1.76	A good even crop. . . . The heaviest total yield.
3.	2 cwt. Super at planting 2 cwt. Super earthing up 1 cwt. Blood and Bone 1 cwt. Nitrate of Soda	6.56	5.12	1.44	This plot did not do so well as might have been expected.
4.	5 cwt. Super	7.2	5.04	2.16	This plot matured earliest, but the per centage of small potatoes was large.
5.	4 cwt. Basic Super 1 cwt. Blood and Bone	5.92	3.7	2.22	This plot was noticeable for the high per centage of small potatoes. There were very few large ones.
6.	4 cwt. Ephos 1 cwt. Blood and Bone	6.7	4.8	1.9	A fairly good crop.
7.	5 cwt. Newton King's Potato Mixture	6.24	4.2	2.04	A good even crop, but rather too many small potatoes. They were of good shape and quality
8.	Control—No manure	3.5	2.1	1.4	A very poor crop with no extra large potatoes, and with over 60 per cent. small ones.

Notes on above experiment.—(1) The seed potatoes were Early Vermont and Sir J. G. Wilson for the main crop, tained three varieties—Sir J. G. Wilson, planted on October 15th, 1920; New Era, planted on October 19th, 1920; Maori Chief, planted on September 24th, 1920; (3) they were planted with the plough; (4) they were all sprayed with Bordeaux Mixture (4-4-40) on December 9th, 1920. Sir J. G. Wilson matured earliest, but did not give so high a yield as the Maori Chief or New Era. As regards eating qualities, Maori Chief was first, Sir J. G. Wilson second, New Era third. A feature of the crop was the entire absence of blight. This was due to the selection of suitable varieties and the spraying with Bordeaux Mixture. In Taranaki the very early and late plantings usually escape the blight, but this crop was put in in mid-season, so no advantage could be expected as regards blight from the time of planting.

Last term some very rare species of seed potatoes were secured and planted, for the purpose of finding out suitable varieties for this climate, and also to procure more seed. These varieties included Queen of the Veldt, Bovee, Early Vermont, The Farmer, King Edward, Endurance, Sir J. G. Wilson, White Elephant, Needpath Gem, Gold Reef and Senor. The plants were dug up this term, and it was found

that of the above varieties the only ones worth another trial were early Vermont and Sir J. G. Wilson for the main crop, and Queen of the Veldt, King Edward and Gold Reef for an early crop. The others were more or less of a failure.

CONCERT NOTES.

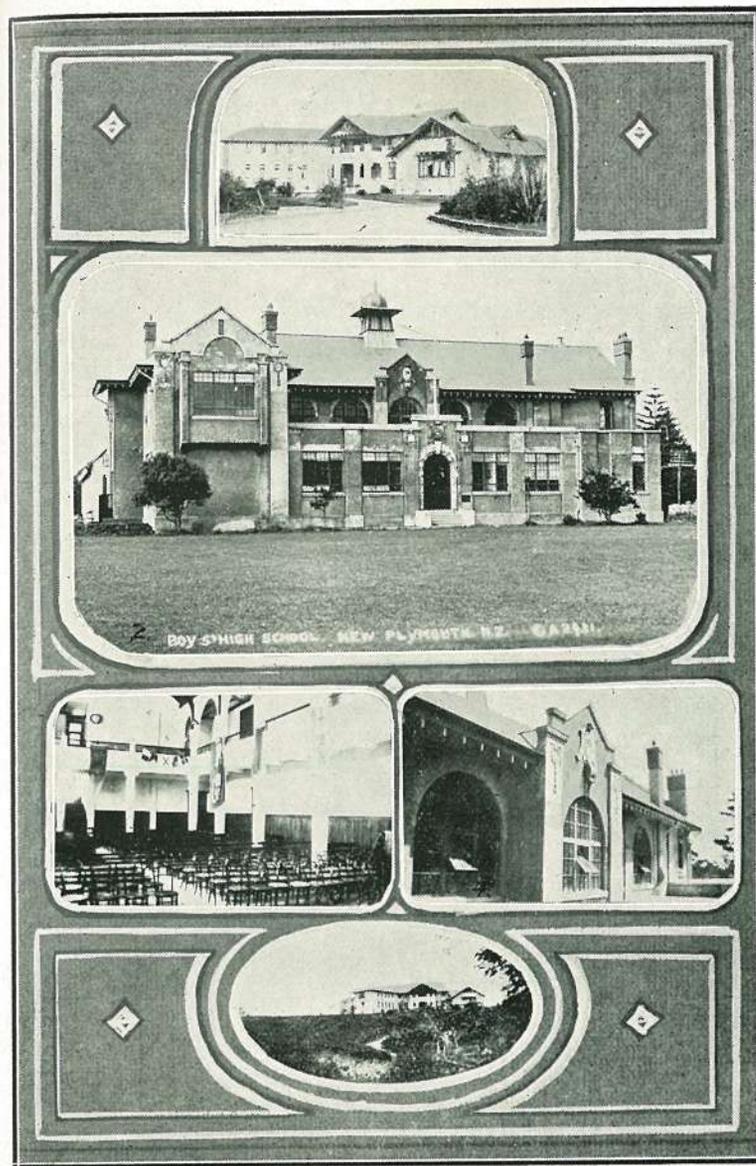
(C. Fookes.)

At a general meeting held in the Library on February 21st the following committee was elected for the ensuing year:—L. Rawson, F. Davis, J. Bennett, J. McMahon, L. Pease, E. Lomas (secretary). It was decided to hold an orchestral concert in the Assembly Hall on the second to last Saturday of the term. The committee decided to run the work on the same lines adopted by last year's committee. During the second term several concerts will be given by the Concert Club and the orchestra, and will no doubt help to make the long winter evenings pass very quickly.

THE ORCHESTRA.

This institution is now under the direct control of the Concert Committee. Since last issue of the Magazine considerable changes have taken place in the personnel. Mr. Day, who was conductor last year, has left to take up a position at Hamilton. His place has been ably filled by Lomas. Last year five members left us, viz.: Osborne (cornet), S. Hayden (clarinet), Brunette and Hunt (violins), G. Smith (pianist). This was a serious reduction of our ranks, but happily further players have come forward to fill the breach. The new members are: Bree (pianist), Livingstone (clarinet), Brodie (viola), Moverly and Mitchenson (violins). The whole orchestra is working well and will shortly give a concert in the Assembly Hall. A trip will also be made to Lepperton at the end of the term. A pair of cymbals and a triangle have been added to our equipment and are under the control of Cranby. The instrumentation is as follows:—First violins, McMahon, Cottier, McNeill; second violins, Moverly, Hughson, Mitchenson; viola, Brodie; piano, Bree; cello, Bennett; first cornet, Woods; second cornet, Kidson; flute, C. Fookes; piccolo, T. Fookes; drums, etc., Cranby; clarinet, Livingstone; conductor, E. Lomas.

A considerable amount of new music has been purchased and this will be played at future concerts during the year.



THE SCHOOL.

A pleasing feature is the keenness of all members of the orchestra, as they give up the best part of their Saturday morning in practising. Some of the day boys have to come a long way, and this regularity of their attendance is a great credit to them.

In the next issue of "The Taranakian" we hope to report that we are comfortably established in our new practice room, where we will have every convenience to carry on our work.

BOXING NOTES.

(F. Davis.)

Owing to Hooper's being ill the senior boxing championship between Hooper (12.12) and Willis (10.7) could not be decided until December 10th. A number of the public was present. Both contestants looked in the "pink of condition." At the sound of the gong both boys jumped out and began vigorously, alternately leading and defending well. Hooper made use of a good straight left, the first round ending in his favour. In the second round Willis evened things with good steady fighting. In the third round Hooper began to show signs of tiring, which gave Willis, the better trained man, his chance, the fight ending in his favour. Mr. Dunlop officiated as referee and Mr. Smith as judge.

This year boxing has been carried out with Mr. Eggleton as instructor.

The many new boys who have taken up the art with great interest should provide material for masterly bouts in the future. We hope to have a punching ball soon, which will provide splendid training for boys wishing to enter for championships.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

(V. J. Henderson.)

Winter has set in and with its advent another football season has come upon us. This year we were fortunate in obtaining an early start and soon after the Easter exeat the game was in full swing. The scheme of classification remains the same as last year; the First and Second Fifteens comprising the Senior Group, and the Third and Fourth Fifteens the Junior Group. The rest of the football enthusiasts have been classified in different grades.

This year the First Fifteen is playing in the Second Grade of the North Taranaki Competitions; the Second Fifteen is entered in the Third Grade, whilst the Third and Fourth Fifteens are both entered in the Fourth Grade Competitions.

The annual fixtures against the Old Boys were not played this year owing to difficulty in arranging the matches. The first match of the season was the First Fifteen v. Star—the first of the competition matches.

FIRST FIFTEEN v. STAR.

(Won 48—0.)

This match was played on the racecourse on Saturday, April 23rd, under somewhat bad conditions, a fine rain falling throughout almost the entire match. This game proved an easy victory for the School team, who began to pile up the points soon after the start of the match. Tries were scored for School as follows: Abbot (3), Barak (3), Foden (3), Brown (2), Brewster, and Taylor; one try was converted by Brown, who also dropped a goal from the field. Foden drop-kicked a goal from a penalty.

SECOND FIFTEEN v. TUKAPA.

This match was not played as Tukapa were unable to raise a team.

THIRD FIFTEEN v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(Won 28—3.)

The School team was much superior and won by an easy margin. For School tries were obtained as follows:—Wheeler (3), Mitcalfe (2), Shaw (1), Meui (1), Corkill (1). Shaw converted two tries. For Technical College Dickson scored after a fine run.

SPORTS DINNER NOTES.

(W. Aldis.)

This year the much-belated sports dinner came off on the 13th December. Despite postponements, boys were as keen as ever.

Opening with a loyal toast to the King, followed by a selection rendered by the orchestra, the evening toast list began with Henderson's toast to the First Fifteen. The proposer, in eulogising the good work of Osborne and the untiring efforts of Mr. Ryder, referred to the hopes for next

year. In reply, Osborne mentioned the unselfish work of the Masters, and pointed out to what an extent the success of the First Fifteen depended on enthusiasm from the less privileged section of the School.

After an amusing recitation by Ken. Neal, K. O'Halloran proposed the toast to the First Eleven. Both he and Willis, the responder, laid special stress on the promising future. Though we had been beaten in the last Wanganui match, and though our batting had left much to be desired, a distinct improvement could be perceived.

Then followed a selection rendered by the orchestra. While proposing the Sports Champions, C. Noble remarked on the great interest shown here in healthy sports of all kinds, and the records broken this year. In his response, B. Boon carried the whole School with him, we are sure, when he spoke of Mr. Diprose's valuable assistance.

After a piano solo by G. Smith, Nicholson toasted the Boys Leaving School. He referred to the change from the "hard" work of five hours a day to the much more strenuous employment to follow. In his able response, Ron. Syme expressed the regret all would feel on leaving such an institution, but remarked that "Boys may come and boys may go, but the School goes on for ever."

Cachemaille then sang a popular song. As was remarked by L. O'Halloran, the proposer of the toast to the Masters, the last toast was, perhaps, the most important of the evening. He said that we boys soon forget our petty quarrels with the Masters; but he urged us not to rely too much on their good nature. He referred to their outdoor activities and expressed the regret of all at the misfortune of losing any such zealous helpers. In his reply, Mr. Ryder, on behalf of the Masters, in thanking us for our responsiveness in school work as well as sport, reassured us by saying our need for reliance on the Masters was not so great then as it had been. We were learning the meaning of "initiative."

As the orchestra finished another selection, Monte Barak rose to toast The Prefects. They had shown, by their assistance to Masters and boys, that they were truly prefects. On behalf of the latter, J. Hine then replied. He spoke of their willingness to help on the School and all concerned, of the great trust imposed on them by Mr. Moyes, and concluded by saying that a position as prefect did more than anything else at School to broaden and strengthen one's character.

The Chairman, Mr. Ryder, then proposed a hearty toast to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes for their thoughtfulness and their interest in our individual progress. Rousing cheers were then offered for the School, Mr. Moyes and Mr. Ryder, followed by "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

SHOOTING NOTES.

(W. G. Hughson.)

The end of last year saw the departure of our highly esteemed shooting Master, Mr. Searle. A great deal of time was devoted by him to coaching and to shooting matters in general, and he has with his 1920 Weekly Press team established a record by their gaining an average percentage of 98.67. We would here take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Searle every success in his new sphere of work at Hamilton High School. Although we regretted losing Mr. Searle last year the commencement of this term found Mr. Papps, who comes to us from King's College, Auckland, enthusiastically taking up the position of shooting Master, and we extend to him a hearty welcome, trusting his stay with us will be long and pleasant.

In our last issue there appeared detailed scores of the Imperial Challenge Shield teams and also the positions gained in both senior and junior competitions. The success of these teams has now drawn a tribute from His Majesty the King, in the following letter received from Colonel Fennell, the donor of the shield:—

Referring to my previous letter of congratulation to you, I beg to inform you that I have received a message through Colonel Clive Gigram from His Majesty the King, of which I have officially sent the following extract to the High Commissioner for New Zealand:—

"His Majesty is much interested to see that Australian boys still continue to assert in so definite a manner their superiority of marksmanship over other competing teams; he notes that one New Zealand unit has succeeded in securing a high place in the list of (special) awards. It is gratifying to the King to see how many teams are entered from South Africa, which testifies to the popularity of the movement in that country."

I have informed the High Commissioner that the reference to the New Zealand unit is to your High School. I am sure that you and your cadets will be proud of the interest His Majesty has taken in your achievements.

Yours faithfully,

R. J. FENNELL,

(Hon. Col. 10th South African Infantry.)

The other letter from Colonel Fennell is as follows:—

I beg to congratulate you most heartily on the magnificent shooting of the boys of your School in the Imperial Challenge Shield competitions, senior and junior, for 1920. Their performance in shooting eight teams, of which all eight stand high in the prize list, is really very fine, and you will see that their scores as well as those of the 3—27th Infantry Regiment, Australia, and the R.A.N.B., Sydney, Australia, are being circulated in detail to all teams that have taken part in both these competitions. New Zealand with Australia continues to clear the board in the senior competitions of nearly all the principal prizes, thereby maintaining the high standard of excellence shown in previous years. There is only one suggestion that I would venture to make; it is that the number of entries for the Imperial Shield, from New Zealand, is too small. You will see that New Zealand entered only 98 teams and it has remained in the neighbourhood of 100 for several years. The same criticism applies to Canada and Australia. South Africa, on the other hand, has progressed steadily and rapidly during recent years, and in 1920 entered a total of 450 teams. If all New Zealand units entered in as large numbers as your cadets, and the cadets of the many other units elsewhere, the number of entries for the Imperial Shield would be much higher in New Zealand. New Zealand should enter nearly as many teams as South Africa, and more New Zealand teams should figure in the prize list. You can help towards this end, no doubt, by letting your brilliant successes become known. I am, with renewed and very hearty congratulations,

Yours very truly,

R. W. J. FENNELL.

Perhaps still more worthy of note is the brilliant success of the 1920 Weekly Press Challenge Shield team. In presenting two challenge shields, one for each Island, for competition between the cadet companies, the proprietors of the Weekly Press have taken a great step towards encouraging rifle shooting. Regulations for this match provide for

teams of ten, members of which must be under sixteen years; seven shots deliberate and ten rapid are allowed each member, to be fired on second-class figure targets with .22 rifles at 25 yards range. The North Island Shield we have succeeded in holding for three successive years, and we may estimate the value of the scores from Colonel Melvill's smiling remark, "The donors would have saved money if they had presented only one shield, as New Plymouth has always round the best team not only for the North but also for the South Island."

Our latest team, however, has gone beyond all former bounds, in establishing a record score of 671 points out of a possible of 680; this works out at an average of 98.67 per cent. Unsuitable weather conditions forced several postponements of the match, but it was finally fired on November 6th, under the supervision of Captain F. Hudson, Group Commander, who gave the scores as follows:—

Range at: High School, New Plymouth. No. 110 Company,
New Plymouth High School Senior Cadets. Date:
November 6th, 1920.

Name.	Age. (years)	Slow.	Poss. (28)	Rapid.	Poss. (40)	Tl. (68)
Penn, T.	15	4444444	28	4444444444	40	68
Smith, A. E.	15 9-12	4444444	28	4444444444	40	68
Chivers, E....	14 10-12	4444444	28	4444444444	40	68
Moyes, A. ...	15 11-12	4444444	28	4444444444	40	68
Davis, F. ...	12 6-12	4444444	28	4444444444	40	68
Rogers, J. ...	14 5-12	4444344	27	4444444444	40	67
Mason, H. ...	15 9-12	4434444	27	4444444444	40	67
Jackson, J....	14 7-12	4444444	28	4433444444	38	66
Bracegirdle, J.	15 5-12	4344444	27	4444444443	39	66
Lambie, K....	14 7-12	4434344	26	4344444444	39	65
			275		396	671

Average: 67.1 (Possible: 68).

Coach: H. V. Searle, Lieut.

Officer Superintending: F. Hudson, Capt., Group
Commander.

Directly this match had been fired, practice at long range shooting commenced, and as every Saturday morning was considered to give us insufficient practice, for we intended firing matches in about three weeks, we were often found as early as 5.30 peddling our way to Rewa Rewa.

Here we were able to shoot practices often on as many as three ranges before we collected our empties and returned for breakfast. Our thanks are greatly due to those boys who willingly stirred out with the shooting teams to act as markers. After practising for some time we had a match arranged with the Territorials, and on Thursday, 25th, it was fired under the same conditions as those of the Secondary Schools Match. The Territorials were indeed very obliging to give us this practice, for theirs was only a scratch team who did not know their rifles, picked from those who happened to be classifying on the day. The highest scorers were Abbott and Moyes.

Two days later, Saturday, November 27th, the Secondary Schools Match was fired at the Rewa Rewa range. Beautiful weather conditions prevailed when shooting commenced at 5.45, but within half an hour the typical tricky Rewa Rewa wind had sprung up. In an endeavour to lessen as much as possible the effect which this would have on our shooting we commenced at the 500 yards range and worked forward to the 300 yards and 200 yards ranges. We wish to thank Lieut. A. Andrews, V.C., and Lieut. A. Smith for their services in acting as umpires. The scores given are as follows:—

	Snap Shooting. 200yds. (15)	Rapid. 300yds. (24)	Application. 500yds. (20)	Tl (59)
Corporal L. Abbott	15	18	16	49
Cadet P. Wills	15	18	15	48
Cadet G. Bracegirdle ...	9	18	16	43
Drummer L. T. Rawson	12	20	10	42
Q.M.-Sgt. W. G. Hughson	9	19	13	41
Corporal M. Barak	12	15	13	40
Corporal E. Waters	9	11	13	33
Cadet A. Moyes	9	12	6	27
	90	131	102	323

Possible number of points, 472.

In this competition we gained second place for New Zealand, Waitaki School being first. This Secondary Schools competition, it might be stated, has only been taken up in the absence of the "Schools of Empire" Match, which we hope will soon be revived.

In the MacDiarmid Belt Competition the original conditions were as nearly as possible adhered to. Usually aperture sights and slings have been used, but owing to the fact that there was no "Schools of Empire" Match this

year, the expense of purchasing aperture sights was not indulged in. Service sights and slings were therefore used, the conditions of the match being that competitors have two shoots at both 200 yards and 500 yards, 10 shots and one optional sighter being allowed at each shoot. The end of the first day's shooting saw Hughson leading by one point from Barak and Abbott. The following day the first practice placed Barak three points in the lead, but on going back to the 500 yards range with Hughson three points behind and Abbott four points behind, Abbott put up a good shoot considering the day and won by the narrow margin of one point from Hughson, with Barak third. Scores:—

	200yds. (50)	500yds. (50)	200yds. (50)	500yds. (50)	Aggregate. gate. (200)
Abbott, L. ...	47	41	45	45	178
Hughson, G. ...	47	42	45	43	177
Barak, M. ...	46	42	49	38	175

The Lady Godley Cups have again been the cause of keen competition, all boys who qualified as marksmen in the classification practises being allowed to enter. In order that each boy should have the opportunity of shooting on one of the best rifles, and hence a better chance as a competitor, the class-firing scores were not taken into account. On December 3rd the competitors from the junior company (No. 110) fired the nine class-firing practises on the miniature range with .22 rifles, while the senior competition took place the following day, on the 200 yards range, Rewa Rewa, .303 ammunition and rifles being used. As the following scores will show, both cups were keenly and closely contested.

No. 24 COMPANY — LADY GODLEY CUP (SENIOR).

	Total.
	(115)
Hughson, W. G.	105
Wills, P.	104
Foden, T. N.	103

No. 110 COMPANY — LADY GODLEY CUP (JUNIOR).

	Total.
	(115)
Chivers, E.	112
Penn, T.	110
Jackson, J.	109



WEEKLY PRESS TEAM, 1920.

Top Row : J. JACKSON, H. MASON, A. MOYES, G. BRACEGIRDLE, E CHIVERS.

Bottom Row : F. DAVIS, K. LAMBIE, J. ROGERS, T PENN.

The Kelly Cup, originally presented for the highest scorer in the "Schools of Empire" Match, was, in 1920, donated to the highest scorer in the "Secondary Schools" competition. As may be seen from the above-mentioned scores Abbott was very closely pressed by Wills, who tied with him both on the 200 yards and 300 yards ranges. On the 500 yards, however, Abbott gained a point on Wills and was thus successful in gaining the trophy.

This marks the end of our School matches and cup competition for that term, but before the holidays a rifle meeting was to be held at Hawera. A large number of competitors entered from the School, and although the December examinations prevented several of our best shots from competing, Friday, December 10th, found Mr. Searle and about thirty enthusiasts on the mail train on their way to Hawera. In the list of successful competitors four of our boys are perhaps worthy of special mention, while many others were recipients of smaller amounts:

Chivers, E.—First Grouping, £1 1s; second Rapid, 10s and medal.

Palmer, J.—First Application, £1 1s.

Jackson, J.—Third Grouping, 3s 6d; third Rapid, 5s.

Robinson, K.—Second Snap Shooting, 5s; third Grouping, 3s 6d.

At this meeting K. Robinson showed great consistency in his shooting, and we were all pleased to hear his name announced as winner of the aggregate medal.

During the Christmas holidays a camp for Secondary Schools' N.C.O.'s was to be held at Trentham. Three courses were open—Physical Drill, Infantry and Musketry—and schools were asked to send representatives to each course. Eight of our boys were selected, but unfortunately on February 4th when we left for camp, two of our number through sickness were unable to accompany us. All too soon the fortnight came to an end, for although discipline was strict in all branches of work, the instructors seemed only too pleased after four o'clock to umpire at a cricket match, or to take charge of the swimming parade. The last few days saw the final cricket match between North and South Island teams, the boxing championships, which occupied two evenings, and the sports meeting, which was run on the day of our departure from camp. Finally there was the presentation by Lady Chaytor of medals and trophies won by boys in the different lines of sport—boxing, running, etc.

No sooner had we returned to School to take up another year's work than shooting matters were immediately taken in hand. On February 11th a meeting of all boys interested in shooting was held, for the purpose of electing a committee for the ensuing year. Boys were immediately detailed to procure ammunition and the following morning a party of last year's shots left for the long range, where practice continued till 12 o'clock. The Rifle Association Meeting, for which we intended to enter, was to be held on February 17th and 18th, so it was only a limited amount of time we had in which to become used to our rifles and sights; we, however, made the best use of our time and early Thursday morning left for Rewa Rewa, where at 7.30 a.m. shooting commenced. Owing to the large number of competitors from the leading clubs of New Zealand our successes were not great: Both Jackson and Abbott won small sums, while several others were unfortunate enough to be counted out of prize lists.

The next day, Friday, February 18th, Colonel C. W. Melvill, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., visited the School for the purpose of presenting the Weekly Press Shield. The members of the team received the medals which they had won in this competition, and medals gained in the Imperial Challenge Competitions were also presented. The School paraded at a strength of about 250, and were drawn up on the cricket ground in front of the School. Colonel Melvill arrived shortly after the fall-in at 2.30, and, having been received by Mr. Moyes and the Chairman of the Board (Mr. L. C. Sladden), carried out an inspection of the Cadets. In addressing the Cadet Corps, Colonel Melvill said that it was a real pleasure, as Officer Commanding what was known as the Central Military District, to be in New Plymouth for the purpose of presenting a considerable number of medals and the Weekly Press Challenge Shield. The proprietors of the Weekly Press had very kindly donated two shields, one for each Island, for competition between the Cadet companies, and this was the third time the New Plymouth Boys' High School had won the North Island Shield. Thanks were due to the donors for the step taken to encourage rifle shooting, which in addition to its military value, was a great sport. To be a good rifle shot it was necessary to be a clean liver and to learn self-control. As to the military value Colonel Melvill recalled that in 1914 the "Contemptible Little Army" held back hordes of Huns solely by magnificent rifle

shooting. Referring to the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, he said that if it had not been for this School, the New Zealand schools would not have made a very good showing. Colonel Melvill offered his congratulations to the School on its good performances, and in conclusion expressed a hope that later in the year he would have the pleasure of seeing the Cadets actually working. He also hoped that Mr. Moyes would see his way clear to grant an extra half-holiday in recognition of the success of the shooting teams. The teams which had won the medals are as follows:—

CHRISTCHURCH PRESS SHIELD.

1918.—Cadets L. Malt, E. Pearce, E. Waters, R. Hair, R. Wills, L. Abbott, M. Barak, R. Candy, S. Jackson, S. Herbert.

1919.—Cadets P. C. Wills, L. C. Malt, H. W. Brown, R. D. McRae, K. D. Baker, J. E. Jackson, C. J. Rogers, M. L. Jonas, Lance-Corporals M. Barak and R. Hair.

1920.—Cadets F. Davis, H. Mason, G. Bracegirdle, A. E. Smith, T. Penn, K. R. Lambie, J. Rogers, J. Jackson, E. Chivers, A. Moyes.

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Senior Competition.

No. 1 Platoon, No. 24 Company (third place for the Empire).—Cadets C. Bell, L. Abbott, P. Wills, Sergt. J. H. Boon, Corporals I. M. Sutherland, M. Barak, H. S. Herbert, R.A. Candy.

No. 2 Platoon, No. 24 Company.—Cadets S. J. Linn, A. M. Moyes, G. W. Bracegirdle, K. H. O'Halloran, Corporal E. B. Waters, Lance-Corp. H. W. Hunt, Cadet G. H. Holden, Q.M.S. W. G. Hughson.

No. 3 Platoon, No. 24 Company.—Cadets A. Gibson, A. Brodie, Lance-Corp. H. Brown, Corporals R. McRae, L. Rawson, Cadets M. Goldstone, H. W. Rickard, A. E. Smith.

Junior Competition.

No. 1 Platoon, No. 110 Company (third place for Empire).—Cadets R. H. Caughley, C. J. Rogers, E. Chivers, R. Kidd, K. R. Lambie, J. Jackson, T. L. Penn, F. T. Williams.

For miniature range shooting and for the Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions four new rifles were procured early this term and have so far given satisfaction. A considerable amount of trouble was experienced in getting them all fitted with aperture sights, but once this was over shooting progressed rapidly. The whole School fired off form by form and gradually the numbers were narrowed down. After about a month's practising the required level was practically reached, and special days for firing were designated to each term. Practice was beginning in earnest, and keen competition for places in the teams was displayed. The final choice, however, has yet to be decided on the average of three test matches, which will be fired under the same conditions as the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition. As was the case last year the two best scores in these test matches, together with the score obtained in the competition itself will count for the senior championship of the School (the Searle Cup). These results and the scores of the five senior and four teams which we have entered for the Imperial Shield Competition will appear in detail in our next issue.

Great interest has this term been manifested in the erection of our new shooting room. On Friday, February 18th, it was decided that a special room was necessary to do justice to the shooting material we had in hand. Accordingly the most attractive-looking corner of the basement of the preparatory room was examined and declared good. The next day being Saturday help was not difficult to get, and rapid progress was made in the erection of the walls. A set of shelves was soon procured, and after a favourable position had been selected, it was mounted and filled with material. The door from the old cricket shed was next confiscated and is now doing excellent service in its new position. In order to make the room less damp and more comfortable in general, we decided that the floor should be tarred and on March 5th after a considerable amount of fun the job was completed.

THE ROLL.

The roll now stands at 368, of whom 175 are boarders. In the upper school there are 268 boys, of whom, 130 are boarders; in the lower school the numbers are 100 and 45 respectively. The following is the complete roll:—

THE ROLL.

VI.

*Aldis, W.
*Airey, N. W.
†Barak, M.
†Belringer, R. W.
†Brodie, J.
†Corkill, F. J.
†Dinniss, L. B.
†Fookes, A. C.
Griffin, A.
†Griffiths, E. W. B.
†Hine, J.
†Hughson, W. G.
†Henderson, V. J.
Moorhead, J. W.
Maxwell, H. D.
†Nicholson, J. H.
Wheeler, A.

V. A.

Ballantyne, F. D.
Barnitt, C. O.
Brewster, R. E.
Brodie, A.
Brokenshire, E. L.
*Burdett, C. C.
Crawshaw, R. S.
Dolby, R. M.
†Drader, C. F.
*Eaves, J. E.
†Foden, T. N.
Fookes, S. F.
*Fraser, J.
Hawkes, C. F. H.
*Heycock, M. H.
*Mackay, J. D.
Martin, H. W.
McMahon, J. V.
*Messenger, W. J.
*Moyes, A. M.
*McIvor, H. I.
†Noakes, B.
*Pease, L. R.
†Rawson, L. T.
Rea, R. C.
†Rickard, H. W.
Smith, S.
Wilson, J. N.
Wood, S. C.
*Julian, F. W.
*Davis, F. R.

V. B.

*Alexander, W. E.
Abbott, L. H.
*Christie, R. H.

*Christie, L.
Calder, H. G.
Holden, G. H.
Herdman, A. L.
Hoby, R. P.
Jillett, D. M.
*Jackson, J. E.
*Julian, T. B. R.
*Lysaght, J. F.
Lealand, S.
*Mitalfe, H.
Neal, K. N.
*Penn, S. L.
*Prideaux, J. G.
*Riley, R. R.
*Rockel, A. A.
Shaw, J. T.
*Syme, R. W.
*Standish, A. M.
Smith, E. G.
*Threadwell, E. L.
Taylor, K. R.
*Thompson, J. W.
*Williams, F. T. C.
*Winfield, B. H.
*Ward, R. D.

V. C.

Bendall, A. C.
Bennett, J. O.
†Brown, H. W.
*Buchanan, A. G.
Collins, C. D.
Honnor, C. H.
*James, H. N.
Jennings, R. H.
*Kilpatrick, R. W.
Lash, C.
Lash, B. G.
Lomas, G. E.
Madsen, H. N.
*Manning, J. C.
*Mason, H. W.
Palmer, I. W.
*Palmer, J. W.
*Robertson, R. Mac.
Rumball, A.
*Smith, A. E.
*Veale, C.
Wilson, D. M.

IV. A.

Bellringer, S. G.
Blundell, F. B.
Bree, M. D.
Burgess, C. C.
*Caughley, R. H.

*Clarke, H.
Dinniss, C. E.
Evans, O. A.
Gable, A. C. G.
James, F.
Jeffries, C. R.
Kebbell, G. M.
Kenny, J. H.
Kidd, P. R.
Kidson, A. L.
Lysons, M. C.
Mitchinson, V.
*Nash, C. W.
Pope, P. O.
*Purdie, D. J.
*Rainger, O. W.
*Read, H. C.
*Roberts, S. R.
*Snowdon, H. A.
*Simcock, J. L.
Thomson, H. M.
Webb, G. W.
*Wells, R. H.

IV. B.

Ballinger, G.
*Betts, A.
*Blair, J. H.
Dailey, K. R.
Ellis, O.
*Erlandson, F. H.
Farmer, L.
Geddes, J. H.
*Gibbs, B. G.
Grayling, C. N.
Grover, G. E.
Hunt, H. D.
Lovegrove, N. S.
*Mauri, K. P.
McLean, D. P.
McMahon, Joe.
*Ogle, J. W.
*Revell, J. D.
Robertson, M. J.
*Robinson, K. E.
Saxton, C. L.
Scanlan, A. B.
*Sinclair, R. H.
Steffensen, C. T.
*Wells, L. B.
Avery, D. L.
Joll, W. A.

IV. C.

*Atkinson, R.
*Bell, D.
*Chivers, E. R.

Cottier, R.
Dowsett, C. F. D.
*Fookes, T. C.
*Guy, A. D.
Hughes, B.
*Hooper, B. F.
Hoby, B. G.
Hutchen, S. W.
*Honeyfield, J. F.
Jensen, S. A.
Mills, C. B.
*O'Sullivan, F. J.
*Roch, N. T. G.
Scanlan, J. P.
*Scott, G. J.
Sutton, A.
Philpott, H.
*Putt, H. J.
*Tait, V. A.
*Wyborn, S. I.
*Meuli, K. M.
*Waugh, L. F.

III. A.

Bellringer, H. C.
Baunton, C. E.
Bleakley, K. W.
Bates, R. W.
Brodie, W. A.
Benjamin, C. B.
Carthew, V.
Cartwright, J. A.
Ellis, G. O.
*Fookes, V. C.
Fookes, G. R.
*Ford, N. F.
*Foote, W. H.
*Grant, D. G.
Galbraith, J.
Jackson, C. L.
*Livingstone, H. R. H.
*McGuiness, S.
Mountjoy, W. J.
Morey, G. C.
Moverley, A. W.
*Mason, E. B.
McDongall, D.
*McNeice, C.
*Neal, W. D.
*O'Halloran, D.
*Phillips, S. W.
Shaw, C. G.
*Strombom, C. H.
Sutton, W. F.
Tait, C. D.
Woodhouse, G. C.
*Gordon, C. G.

III. B.

*Banks, D.
Brien, J. P.
Broome, D. I.
Brown, Herb.
Carr, R. J.
*Chapman, E.
*Cranby, C. A. G.
Crawshaw, H.
*Fletcher, M.
*Fussell, E.
*Gibson, E. D.
Gowen, G. W. G.
Groombridge, W.
*Guild, J.
*Hair, T.
Harris, J.
*Hawken, P.
Hill, C.
Jones, T. W.
*Julian, A. L.
*Knuckey, D. W.
Martin, W.
*Mahraj, B.
*McCallum, J. M.
Noble, W.
*Paterson, A. J.
Pepperell, I.
Rampton, K.
*Riddle, W. J.
Russell, S.
*Sefton, M. B.
Shaw, I. B.
*Sutherland, G.

III. C.

*Aubrey, R. W.
Bayly, G. S.
*Burkhardt, J. P.
*Carman, P. H.
Cook, C.
Deare, C. H.
Duffin, J. H.
Fookes, K. F.
*Hutchinson, J. M.
*Lee, D. P.
Leech, A. C.
Moorhead, G.
Ogier, W. S.
*O'Neill, J. H.
*Payne, R.
Richardson, L. P.
*Rogers, C. J.
Rumball, H.
*Stevenson, J. A.
*Scott, G. M.
*Stewart, A.
*Stewart, R. A.
*Wills, C. A.

STANDARD VI.

*Barak, V. S.
*Bayly, W. A.
*Buick, R. F.
Cottier, S. W.
*Davies, W. B.
*Eaves, T. W.
Garner, H. E.
Gilmour, F. C.
*Goldstone, M. C.
Honeyfield, M. B.
Jeffries, E. J.
*Knuckey, H. S.
*Knuckey, F. L.
Le May, I. E.
Leech, E. F.
McNeill, C. A.
McNeill, H. L.
MacDiarmid, N. S.
*Murdoch, R.
Palmer, J.
*Pease, B. H.
Pease, P. B.
*Pease, J. J.
*Sladden, P.
*Stevenson, H. Y.
*Syme, T.
*Smith, N. G.
*Smith, E. V.
*Smith, W. L.
Smith, H. N.
*Sarten, C. R.
*Silson, T.
*Sutton, J. H.
*Thomas, D. G.
*Wells, Leonard.
*Blair, W. B.

STANDARD V.

*Barlow, L. R.
Bellringer, T. C.
*Cooke, B. E.
*Dalziell, R. W.
Davies, T. O. S.
*Easton, G. M.
Fookes, H. F.
Griffiths, W. F. C.
Grover, P. G.
Law, J. D.
Linn, C. B.
List, T. R.
*Lucena, G. L.
McLean, M. D.
Morgan, T. D. J.
Pope, C. H.
*Riley, J. L.
*Robb, C. S.
*Stronge, J. S.

STANDARD IV.

Ambury, C. R.
 *Bayly, F. T.
 Clarke, O. W.
 Cresswell, R. M.
 *Fletcher, R.
 Griffiths, C.
 Hetherington, D. W.
 Hine, E.
 Hutchen, A. H.
 Jackson, E. R. C.
 Simons, A. G.
 Washer, C. A.

STANDARD III.

Bennett, R. R.
 Bennett, A. K.
 Brookman, N. W.
 *Fussell, F. A. E.
 Hetherington, A.
 *Hardwicke, J. W.
 Jackson, D. G.
 *McGinty, E. W.
 Palmer, F. L.
 *Shaw, J. V.
 Waddle, I. B.

STANDARD II.

Abram, J. G.
 *Dykes, J. G.
 Davies, J.
 *Fell, A. S.
 Fairbrother, E. H.
 Hammond, D. H.
 Harvie, E. F.
 Hetherington, J.
 Nolan, D.
 *Perry, J. W.
 Stronge, C. R.
 *York, T. Y.

STANDARD I.

*Barak, F.
 Brookman, R. W.
 *Barlow, T. J.
 *Field, A. G. F.
 Harvie, G. D. L.
 Le May, H.
 *Moyes, P. S.
 Nops, H. D.
 Thomson, H. L.
 Whitcombe, D. W.

*Indicates boarder.

†Indicates Prefect.

Entered this year.—Griffin, A., *Fraser, J., *Ward, D., Burgess, C., *Waugh, A., Baunton, C., Bates, R., Brodie, W., Benjamin, B., Ellis, G., *Ford, N., *Foote, W., *Grant, G., Galbraith, J., Jackson, C., *Livingstone, R., *McGuinness, Mountjoy, J., Moverley, A., *Mason, E., McDougall, D., *McNeice, C., *Neal, W., *O'Halloran, D., *Phillips, S., Shaw, C., *Strombom, C., Sutton, F., Tait, C., Woodhouse, G., *Gordon, C., *Banks, D., Brien, J., Broome, D., Brown, Herbert, Carr, R., *Chapman, E., Crawshaw, H., *Gibson, E., Gowen, W., Groombridge, W., *Hair, T., Harris, J., Hill, C., Jones, T., *Julian, A., *Knuckey, D., Martin, W., *McCallum, J., Noble, W., *Paterson, J., Pepperill, I., Rampton, K., *Riddle, J., *Sefton, F., Shaw, I., *Sutherland, G., Russell, S., *Mahraj, B. B., *Aubrey, R., Bayly, G., *Burkhart, J., Carman, P., Cook, C., Deare, C., Duffin, J., *Hutchinson, J., Lee, D., Le May, I., Moorhead, G., Ogier, W., *O'Neill, J., *Payne, R., Richardson, R., *Scott, G. M., *Wills, C., *Stewart, A., *Stewart, R., *Barak, V., *Bayly, W., *Buick, R., Cottier, S., *Davies, B., Eaves, T., *Knuckey, H., *Murdoch, R., *Pease, B., *Syme, T., *Smith, W., *Sutton, J., *Thomas, D., *Wells, Leo, *Blair, W.,



FIRST ELEVEN, 1920.

*Barlow, L., Bellringer, T., Pope, C., *Riley, L., *Bayly, T., Cresswell, D., *McGinty, T., Palmer, F., *Shaw, J., Abram, J., *Fell, A., Hammond, D., Harvie, T., *Field, A., Harvie, G., Le May, H., Moyes, P., Nops, H., Thomson, H., Whitcombe, D., *Smith, E., Smith, H.

*Indicates boarder.

Left at end of last term.—Jillett, L., Noble, C., Syme, R., Willis, J., Christie, A., Hutchen, B., Newell, C., O'Halloran, K., O'Halloran, L., Rea, W., Smart, C., Sutherland, M., Sutton, D., Waters, E., Allemann, S., Airey, G. M., Boon, J. H., Berridge, W., Brunette, G., Cachemaille, M., Coleman, E., Gilbert, A., Hair, R., Hawken, G., Hunt, H., Hayden, S., Hoffmann, L., Johnson, C., Osborne, M., Smith, G., Silson, W., Tait, S., Thomson, C., Whittle, J., Hasell, T., Holden, G., Neill, L., Smart, L., Waterson, E., Martin, H., Arthur, R., Burke, R., Cleland, R., Greiner, C., Herdman, A., James, H. N., Northern, W., Parkinson, A., Wills, P., Lambie, K., Bracegirdle, G., Gibbs, J., Linn, L., Mace, H., Rowlands, S., Smart, A., Wells, V., Templar, J., Bell, C., Foreman, A., Gilbert, W., Grant, C., O'Dowda, M., Woolridge, V., Colson, G., Smith, C., Bates, O., Clegg, E., Foreman, A. J., Howard, J., J., Cury, R., Knuckey, A., Thomas, J., Threadwell, T., Clarke, H., Espin, B., Evans, C., Paget, T., Meredith, M., Linn, R., Thomas, D., Gillman, I., Hemingway, A., Dawbin, H., Elliot, E., Fergie, A., Glover, O.

Left during term.—Hine, J. M., Smith, S., Farmer, Leo, McMahon, Joe, Carthew, V., Smith, S.S., Powell, H.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

DECEMBER, 1920.

Junior University Scholarship.—R. Syme, who passed this examination with 2222 marks, put up a record for the School. W. Aldis was placed on the credit list, while J. H. Nicholson and M. Barak also passed matriculation on the same examination.

Senior National Scholarship.—F. J. Corkill, R. Bellringer, J. Brodie, C. O. Barnett, J. D. Mackay, J. Wilson.

Junior National Scholarship.—R. Dolby.

Matriculation and Allied Examinations.—G. M. Airey, S. S. Allemann, R. W. Bellringer, W. Berridge, E. C. Coleman, L. B. Dinniss, E. W. B. Griffiths, R. Hair, B. Hutchen, H. C. Newell, K. H. O'Halloran, E. C. Smart, D. W. Sutton, S. R. Tait, E. B. Waters.

Partial Passes for the same examinations.—N. W. Airey, J. H. Boon, J. Brodie, L. M. Cachemaille, F. J. Cor-kill, A. C. Fookes, R. A. Gilbert, G. H. Hawken, S. J. Hayden, C. Johnson, H. D. Maxwell, J. W. Moorhead, W. L. Silson, G. C. Smith, C. Thomson, A. T. Wheeler.

DEGREE EXAMINATIONS.

NOVEMBER, 1920.

Passed first section B.A.—C. A. Noble, Latin, English, Mathematics; W. Rea, English, Latin; L. W. J. Jillett, English, Latin.

Passed first section LL.B.—J. M. Hine, English, Latin, Constitutional History, Jurisprudence; J. D. Willis, English, Latin, Constitutional History, Jurisprudence.

FORM AVERAGES.

FIRST TERM.

Form VI.—Not placed as some are doing special work.

Form VA. (average 63 per cent.).—1, A. Brodie, 84; 2, J. Fraser, 80.

Form VB. (average 61).—1, T. Penn, 79; 2, D. Jillett, 71.

Form Vc. (average 55.9).—1, I. Palmer, 71.8; 2, N. James, 63.5.

Form IVA. (average 59.1).—1, W. Nash, 77.5; 2, Purdie, 76.6.

Form IVB. (average 50.8).—1, H. Hunt, 73; 2, McLean, 62.

Form IVc. (average 53.1).—1, D. Guy, 64.3; 2, L. Waugh, 62.7.

Form IIIA. (average 64.4).—1, Strombom, 87.3; 2, Mountjoy, 83.3.

Form IIIB. (average 47.9).—1, Hair, 58.6; 2, Mahraj, 57.4.

Form IIIc. (average 56.9).—1, J. O'Neill, 73.9; 2, J. Hutchinson, 68.9.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Standard VI. (average 71).—1, R. Buick, 86; 2, E. Jeffries, 85.

Standard V. (average 73.6).—1, P. Grover, 88.5; 2, H. Fookes, 84.4.

Standard IV. (average 67.6).—1, T. Bayly, 79.5; 2, R. Fletcher, 76.1.

Standard III. (average 73.26).—1, R. Bennett, 82.6; 2, D'A. Jackson, 82.2.

Standard II. (average 78.2).—1, J. Hetherington, 87.2; 2, J. Dykes, 86.2.

Standard I. (average 76.4).—1, F. Barak, 86.8; 2, Thomson, 84.5.

CRICKET NOTES.

(J. Brodie.)

During the last season strenuous effort has been made to improve the standard of School cricket and to encourage the boys to take more interest in the game. This result has to some extent been accomplished, but the standard attained is not yet on a par with that of successful school cricket teams. More attention has this year been given to Prep. cricket, with the result that some promising material has come to light, one member of the Prep. having gained a place in the First Eleven while others have played several matches there. The season on the whole favoured cricket.

We have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Messrs. Hasell and Silson for the trophies they so kindly donated in connection with the Wanganui match, and Dr. Wade for a bat.

The following are the averages for club matches:—Palmer, 23.5 (352 runs); Hine, 19.8 (238 runs); Brown, 11.4 (114 runs); Lash, 8.7 (113 runs); Mahraj, 9.2 (37 runs); Hughes, 8 (120 runs); Taylor, 6.9 (76 runs); Brodie, 6.2 (81 runs); Holden, 4.3 (39 runs).

Bowling Averages.—Palmer, 9.9 (40 wickets); Hughes, 12.3 (36 wickets); Brown, 21.7 (13 wickets); Mahraj, 20.6 (5 wickets).

In School matches Hine has easily the best batting average, 103 (206 runs), while Palmer comes next with 30 (120 runs).

Bowling Averages.—Lash, 4.25 (4 wickets); Brown, 5.1 (6 wickets); Mahraj, 6.1 (7 wickets); Hughes, 7.4 (11 wickets); Palmer, 11 (5 wickets).

WANGANUI MATCH.

(February 22nd and 23rd.)

The annual match between Wanganui Collegiate School and New Plymouth Boys' High School was played on February 22nd and 23rd on the High School grounds. Wanganui, by keen cricket, secured a victory by a margin of 158 runs. The inclemency of the weather somewhat hampered the players, play having to be postponed during the showers.

The wicket would have been in good condition but for the rain; as it was, however, it stood the wear well.

Wanganui batted first and by forceful batting compiled 207 runs. School responded with 131 runs.

On the second day the pitch was greasy, but a good drying wind was blowing from the south-west. At 11 o'clock Wanganui opened their second innings and the score stood at 98—1—45 when play ceased for lunch.

When play was resumed, however, School got rid of eight more batsmen for 78 runs, when Wanganui declared at 2.30 with a total of 176.

School thus had to make 258 runs to win, but managed to secure only 94. Wanganui thus won by 158 runs.

Scores:—

WANGANUI.

First Innings.

Cameron, c Brown, b Mahraj	...	...	...	...	...	38
Stonewigg, b Hughes	...	...	...	...	...	18
Hewitt, b Brown	...	...	...	...	...	68
Gilmer, c Brown, b Mahraj	...	...	...	...	...	2
Taverner, run out	...	...	...	...	...	14
Giesen, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	9
Wells, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hall, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	11
Hare, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	22
Buchanan, c Hughes, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bailey, not out	...	...	...	...	...	13
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	...	207

Bowling analysis.—Palmer, five wickets for 67; Hughes, one wicket for 66; Brown, one wicket for 34; Mahraj, two wickets for 27.

Second Innings.

Cameron, b Mahraj	...	...	...	...	...	45
Stonewigg, c Brodie, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	32
Hewitt, b Hughes	...	...	...	...	...	20
Gilmer, c Lash, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	14
Taverner, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	16
Giesen, c and b Hughes	...	...	...	...	...	0
Wells, b Hughes	...	...	...	...	...	11
Hall, b Palmer	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hare, b Hughes	...	...	...	...	...	5
Buchanan, not out	...	...	...	...	...	20
Bailey, not out	...	...	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	7
Total for 9 wickets	...	...	...	...	...	176

Bowling Analysis.—Palmer, four wickets for 45; Hughes, four wickets for 80; Mahraj, one wicket for 32.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Brodie, l.b.w., b Gilmer	...	...	...	...	...	5
Hine, c and b Stonewigg	...	...	...	...	...	15
Palmer, b Wells	...	...	...	...	...	7
Lash, c Bailey, b Hewitt	...	...	...	...	...	20
Brown, b Gilmer	...	...	...	...	...	22
Hughes, b Gilmer	...	...	...	...	...	11
Taylor, b Wells	...	...	...	...	...	10
Holden, b Wells	...	...	...	...	...	15
Palmer ii., run out	...	...	...	...	...	0
Mahraj, not out	...	...	...	...	...	0
Betts, b Wells	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	...	131

Bowling Analysis.—Wells, four wickets for 38; Stonewigg, one wicket for 13; Gilmer, three wickets for 45; Hewitt, one wicket for 26.

Second Innings.

Brodie, b Stonewigg	...	...	...	...	...	15
Hine, b Hewitt	...	...	...	...	...	11
Palmer, b Wells	...	...	...	...	...	28
Lash, b Stonewigg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brown, b Wells	...	...	...	...	...	10
Hughes, c Cameron, b Bailey	...	...	...	...	...	9
Taylor, b Stonewigg	...	...	...	...	...	0
Holden, b Stonewigg	...	...	...	...	...	0

Palmer ii., b Stonewigg	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Mahraj, b Wells	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Betts, not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94

Bowling Analysis.—Stonewigg, five wickets for 13; Wells, three wickets for 10; Hewitt, one wicket for 23; Bailey, one wicket for 4; Gilmer, none for 29.

SCHOOL v. NEW PLYMOUTH NORTH.

(February 19th.)

This was School's final club match before the annual fixture with Wanganui. The eleven had been practising strenuously and consequently were in good form. The game resulted in a win for School by an innings and 97 runs. For School the following made most runs:—Palmer 43, Hughes 44, Brown 24, Hine 20, Brodie 10, Holden 9.

New Plymouth North's first innings closed with the score at 47 (Mason 32). Palmer took 6 wickets at a cost of 16 runs and Hughes took 4 for 10 runs. In their second attempt New Plymouth's last wicket fell at 30 (Quickfall 14). Hughes obtained the bowling honours (7 for 10), while Brown secured two wickets for 19.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

(February 12th.)

School batted first and were all out for 48, Brodie 11, Taylor 12, Palmer 10, Foden 9, being the highest scores. Old Boys replied with 148 (Bewley 37, Bottrill 30). In their second attempt School scored 85, Palmer with 16 runs being the highest scorer. The bowling honours were shared by Bottrill (5 for 28) and Eggleton (4 for 13). Other successful bowlers were: Palmer (4 for 44), Hughes (2 for 43), Hine (1 for 17).

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

(March 12th.)

School batted first and made 88 (Taylor 29, Palmer 27). Old Boys responded with 163 for 5 wickets and then declared (Bottrill 64, Colson 36 not out, Papps 22, Bewley 21, Osborne 18). Palmer took 3 wickets for 39, Lash 1 for 43, Mahraj 1 for 19). In the second innings School made 96

(Palmer 44). This left Old Boys 23 to make in a less number of minutes. Eggleton and Quilliam were sent in, but the first wicket fell when the score was 1, Eggleton being run out. Quilliam made 7 runs before his wicket fell. Papps and Bottrill raised the score to within three of the number required to win; the last over was being bowled. Bottrill pulled the second ball to the boundary, thus winning the match and 3 points for Old Boys (Quilliam 7, Bottrill 7 not out). Palmer took the only wicket at a cost of 13 runs.

SCHOOL v. BANKS.

School won this match on the first innings; batting first they scored 147 (Palmer i. 78). Banks, following on, scored 88 (Palmer, S. D., 31, and Blundell 24). School again batted and a rot set in, but it was effectually stayed by Lash and Taylor, who scored 21 and 13 not out respectively. With the score at 53 for 7 wickets stumps were drawn for the day. School won on the first innings by 59 runs. Bowling for Banks, Osborne took 4 for 49 and 4 for 16; Colson took 5 for 21. Bowling for School Brown took 3 for 16; Hughes took 3 for 36.

PARENTS v. BOYS.

As a wind-up match for the season a game Parents v. Boys was played. We hope this will become an annual match. School batted first and made 156 for 6 wickets (Lash 43, Mahraj 40). Parents batted next and were all out for 63 (Mr. Moyes 27 not out, Mr. Lash 14). The Parents again went in and this time produced more of their old form. With the score at 78 for 5 wickets, however, stumps were drawn on account of the failing light. Mr. Moyes 35, Mr. Fairbrother 17, and Mr. Griffin 11 were the most successful batsmen.

MATCH AT SCHOOL BETWEEN "A" AND "B" TEAMS.

This game resulted in an easy win for the "A" team by 51 runs. "A" batted first and scored 101 (Brown 28, Holden 28, Lash 25). "B" team made but 50 (Palmer 18, Hughes 10). Most successful bowlers for "A" team were Lash 4 for 17, Brown 3 for 15, Fletcher 2 for 4, and for "B" team Hughes 4 for 33, Palmer i. 3 for 36, Mahraj 3 for 19.

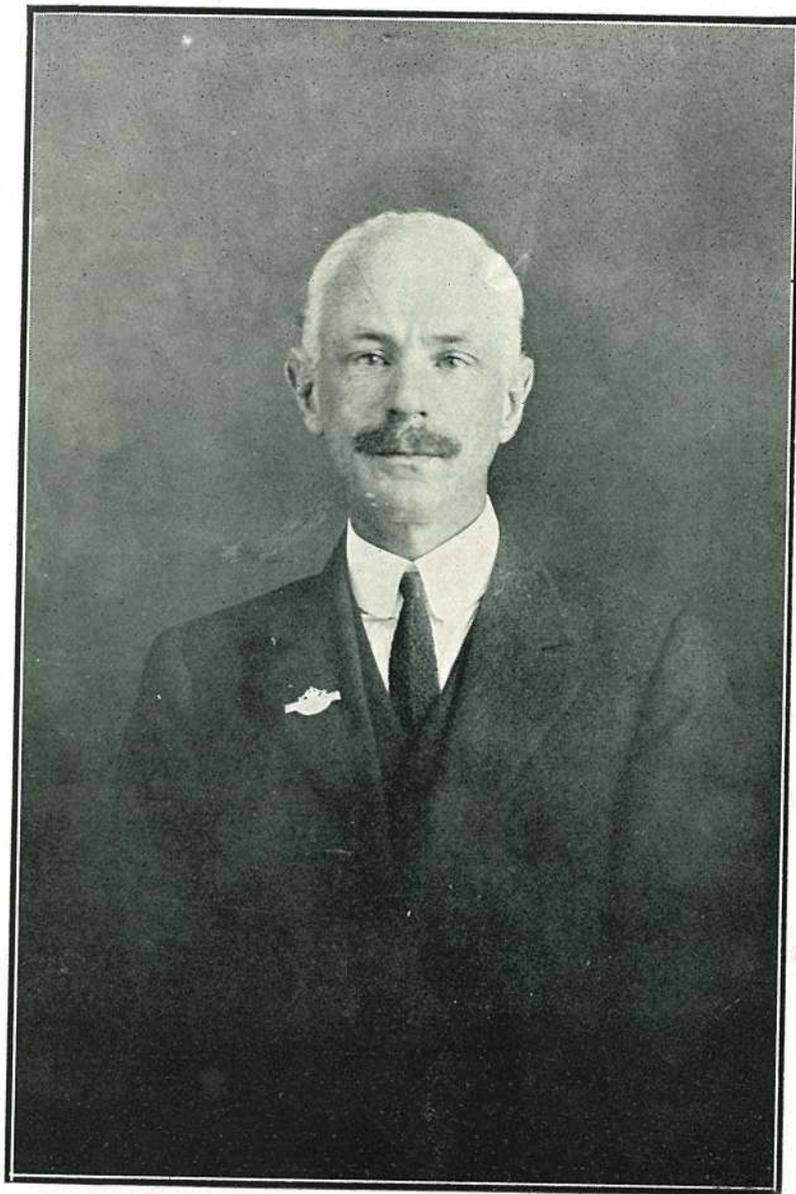
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Association held in December last the following officers were elected:—President: A. M. MacDiarmid, Vice-Presidents: P. Jackson and R. H. George. Hon. Auditor: A. H. Avery. Hon. Treasurer: R. H. George. Joint Hon. Secretaries: Bracken Wilson and R. G. Howell. Executive: A. Bewley, C. H. Wynyard, E. D. Colson, O. McHardy, R. A. Blundell, N. Bellringer, P. Atkinson, and the President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer and Secretaries ex officio. A representative at the School was not elected and the matter of electing such a representative was left in the hands of the incoming Executive.

Since the annual meeting the Executive has lost one of its most energetic members by the death of Oswald McHardy. The vacancy caused by his death was filled by D. Doile. At the last meeting of the Executive, Mr. A. Papps was appointed representative of the Association at the School. Messrs. E. P. Webster and B. Wilson have been appointed Editors of the Old Boys' Column in the *Taranakian*.

The work of the Executive has been mostly confined to the War Memorial Fund and it has been decided to definitely close the fund at the end of August. Already the sum of £700 is in view, and it is hoped that this will be increased to £1000 before the fund is closed. There are still a number of Old Boys who have not yet subscribed to this fund and it is hoped that they will not lose the opportunity of doing so before the fund closes. Any donations to the fund should be addressed to the Hon. Treasurer, N.P. High School Old Boys' Association, P.O. Box 76, New Plymouth. It has been decided that the form of the memorial shall take the form of Entrance Gates and it is felt that this will meet with the approval of Old Boys.

An Old Boys' Badge has been decided upon and these are now being made in England and should reach New Zealand some time this year. As much difficulty is experienced in keeping touch with all Old Boys it would greatly facilitate the work of the Association if those Old Boys who change their addresses would notify the secretaries of the change. There are still a number of Old Boys who have not paid the membership fee (5s) to the Association, and as these fees form the only source of revenue of the Association the secretaries would be glad to receive any that have not been paid.



A. MACDIARMID, ESQ.
PRESIDENT OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, 1921.

ANNUAL RE-UNION.

The annual re-union in connection with the New Plymouth Boys' High School Old Boys' Association was held in the dining hall of the School boarding establishment on December 10th. Mr. A. MacDiarmid, President of the Association, occupied the chair, and despite the unfavourable weather there was an attendance of over 100 and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

A number of apologies were read, and, after justice had been done to the light fare dispensed, the Chairman proposed "The King," which was enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. R. H. Quilliam, in proposing "The School," remarked that it was a matter for congratulation that they could look back on such a successful year in every department. The School had maintained its record in sport and had increased in popularity, whilst there was no reason to doubt that the scholastic results would be quite up to former years. He paid a tribute to the Principal (Mr. W. H. Moyes), to whom the remarkable progress made during the past few years was largely due. One had only to see the Cadets to recognise the discipline, which could only make for good.

Mr. Moyes, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause, said that he appreciated the remarks as a proof of sincere regard for the School and a keen desire to promote its interests. Without their assistance he would be unable to achieve his aim, which was to build up in New Plymouth a school worthy of the town and district, and no greater encouragement could be given than to find that he had the goodwill, friendship, and loyal support of the Old Boys of the School. Looking back on his eight years at the School, he realised that they had played no little hand in the development of the School; indeed, without their assistance it could not have grown to the position it had among the schools of the Dominion. Its progress, he said, had been remarkable. In 1912 the roll number was between 60 and 70. In 1913 it was 130. Since then it had gone on increasing, until now the roll number was 414. This growth he attributed to the good fellowship that existed between the School and its old pupils. Of this every week he had proof, applications for admission coming to hand. It was often stated that New Plymouth was dead, in that it had no sports ground, etc., and in this connection he would like to see the younger men render assistance. He touched on the scholastic attainments achieved at the universities by pupils

of the School, and said that at last the School was turning out its full quota of professional men. Before concluding, he referred to the death of an Old Boy of the School, Lieut. Alister Sutherland, who died recently in India from enteric fever.

"Sports and Pastimes" was proposed by Mr. Kirkby, who referred to their importance in the school life of a boy. Sports and pastimes were really essential to a school, and in this connection he pointed to the wonderful record of the School in shooting, etc., which had made its name known throughout New Zealand.

Mr. A. Bewley, in response, said that to the Old Boys of the School it was not only a pleasure to watch the sports, but to see the results, the School having now reached a point when it could compete on level terms with the big schools of the Dominion, and this was a tribute to Mr. Moyes and his staff. As showing the calibre of the School in sport, he pointed out that a member of the cricket team had last year represented North Taranaki, and this year had just failed to reach the century. He urged Old Boys to take a keener interest in sport, and not allow the end of their school days to finish their interest in sports. There was great need for their assistance in getting a cricket ground worthy of the town, as without this it would be impossible to raise the standard of cricket locally.

"Sister Colleges" was proposed by Mr. C. H. Wynyard and responded to by Mr. A. R. Ryder, who referred to the influence such institutions had on the youth of the Dominion.

"The Board of Governors," was proposed by Mr. A. MacDiarmid.

Dr. Fookes, in responding, said he realised that the position the School now occupied was largely due to the Principal, who was one of the most popular "heads" in New Zealand. The Board had every possible desire to see the School reach the position it deserved among the institutions of the Dominion.

Other toasts were: "Absent Old Boys," feelingly proposed by Mr. W. P. Okey; "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. Bradbury and responded to by Dr. Fookes; "The Press," proposed by Mr. H. Fookes and responded to by the press representatives present.

During the evening an excellent programme was rendered, items being contributed as follows:—Pianoforte solo, Mr. Morey; songs, Messrs. Brooker, Okey, Cocker, Calder and Fox; recitation, Mr. MacDiarmid; whilst some story-ettes were contributed Dr. Fookes, Mr. MacDiarmid, and Mr. H. Fookes. Mr. Morey played the accompaniments.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET.

SEASON 1920-21.

ANNUAL MATCH WITH HIGH SCHOOL (Nov. 6, 1920).

Won by 22 runs on first innings.

School batted first and made 73. Best scores: Hine 22, Willis 18, Palmer 15. Second innings: Seven wickets for 40 (Palmer 12).

Old Boys made 95. Best scores: Waller 12, Bottrill 11, Colson 23, Quilliam 12.

For Old Boys, Monteath, Bottrill and Bertrand bowled best, and for School Brown and Palmer.

OLD BOYS v. HIGH SCHOOL (Nov. 11, 1920).

Old Boys made 114. Best scores were made by Bottrill 57 retired, Monteath 36. Second innings, three wickets for 83 (Colson 17, Eggleton 23, Monteath 31 not out).

School made 80 runs (Palmer 33, Osborne 15, Lash 15 not out). Second innings, three wickets for 39 (Palmer 27).

For Old Boys, Osborne and Monteath bowled best, and for School Palmer and Hughes.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH SOUTH (Dec. 4, 1920).

New Plymouth South in first innings declared with four wickets for 264 (Heskett 132, Morrison 30, Berg 13, Clarke 54 not out). In the second innings South made 135 (Heskett 39 not out).

Old Boys made 208 in the first innings (Bottrill 48, Monteath 53, Colson 29, Eggleton 25, Johnson 14 not out). In the second innings they made 62 for 8 wickets (Johnson 14, Bewley 17).

For South Bragg bowled best, and for Old Boys Bottrill and Osborne.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH NORTH (Dec. 11, 1920).

Old Boys, first innings, made 153 (Bottrill 52, Monteath 34, Osborne 26).

New Plymouth North, first innings, made 53 (Macdonald 15, Girling 27). In the second innings they made 71 (Priar 15, H. Quickfall 23, Girling 11).

For Old Boys, Osborne and Eggleton bowled best and for North H. Quickfall.

OLD BOYS v. HIGH SCHOOL (Dec. 18, 1920).

In the first innings High School made 62 (Hine 22). In the second innings School made 88 (Lash 15, Hine 39).

Old Boys made 160 (Osborne 17, Colson 44, Monteath 28, Bottrill 29, Bewley 19, Wynyard 12).

For Old Boys, Eggleton and Bottrill bowled best, and for School Hughes and Hine.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH SOUTH (Jan. 22, 1921).

Old Boys made 135 (Osborne 39, Saxton 16, Graham 28, Inch 10 not out).

New Plymouth South made 132 (Berg 11, Clarke 17, Elliott 14, Bragg 47, Sheppard 15, Revelley 11).

For Old Boys, Osborne bowled best, and for South Bragg.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH NORTH (Jan. 29, 1921).

North made 109 (Nicoll 18, H. Quickfall 17, Stainton 23, Priar 10).

Old Boys made 36.

For Old Boys Osborne bowled best, and for North Carey and Nicoll.

OLD BOYS v. HIGH SCHOOL (Feb. 12, 1921).

High School, first innings, made 48 (Palmer 10, Brodie 11, Taylor 12). In the second innings School made 85 (Palmer 16, Brown 10, Lash 11, Holden 10 not out).

Old Boys made 148 (Papps 25, Bottrill 30, Bewley 37, Billing 25).

For Old Boys Bottrill, Eggleton and Osborne bowled best, and for School Palmer and Foden.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH SOUTH (Feb. 19, 1921).

In the first innings South made 87 (E. Lash 11, Sheppard 23, Burns 12, Clarke 16). In the second innings South made 89 (E. Lash 34, Clarke 21, Sheppard 13).

Old Boys, first innings, made 48 (Bottrill 10).

For Old Boys Bottrill and Osborne bowled best, and for South Inch and Clarke.

OLD BOYS v. NEW PLYMOUTH NORTH (Feb. 26, 1921).

In the first innings North made 47. In the second innings they made 80 (Macdonald 33).

Old Boys, first innings, made 68 (Osborne 27, Papps 12, Eggleton 11). In the second innings Old Boys lost five wickets for 63 (Quilliam 14, Papps 20).

For Old Boys Osborne bowled best, and for North H. Quickfall.

OLD BOYS v. HIGH SCHOOL (March 12, 1921).

High School, first innings, made 88 (Palmer 27, Taylor 29). In the second innings School made 96 (Palmer 44).

Old Boys, first innings, five wickets for 163 (Bottrill 64, Papps 22, Osborne 18, Colson 36 not out, Bewley 21). Second innings, two wickets for 23.

For Old Boys Osborne and Billing bowled best, and for School Palmer.

AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1920-1921.

BATTING.

	No of Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Average.
Bottrill	11	1	318	31.80
Monteath ...	5	0	151	30.20
Papps	6	1	87	17.40
Colson	9	1	125	15.63
Osborne	12	1	149	13.55
Billing	5	1	41	10.25
Bewley	12	0	119	9.92
Eggleton ...	11	0	67	6.09
Quilliam	11	1	60	6.00
Inch	7	3	18	4.50

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Osborne	116	434	71	6.11
Colson	2	13	2	6.50
Billing	14	43	5	8.60
Eggleston ...	64	196	22	8.91
Bottrill	104	421	40	10.52
Papps	11	47	4	11.75
Inch	7	66	4	16.50

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

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

At the Second Annual Meeting of the Club held in the Soldiers' Club Rooms in March, 1920, the following officers were elected:—President: Dr. E. F. Fookes (re-elected). Vice-Presidents: Messrs. E. P. Webster, W. H. Moyes, A. R. Ryder, P. J. H. White, F. N. Whitecombe, A. Bewley, A. M. MacDiarmid, Lieut.-Col. Standish, and Lieut. Standish. Hon. Treasurer: R. G. Howell. Hon. Secretary: D. F. Saxton. Hon. Auditor: B. Wilson. Executive: Messrs. D. Sykes, C. H. Wynyard, R. J. Brokenshire, D. Doile, J. Whittle, F. Kelly, and Messrs. D. F. Saxton and R. Howell (ex officio).

As the membership of the Club had considerably increased since the previous season, two teams were ultimately affiliated under the Taranaki Rugby Union, one team entering the Senior Competition and the other the Third Grade Competition. It is hoped that with a still increasing membership the Club will be enabled to enter three teams in the competitions during the forthcoming season.

The senior team during the season played under the leadership of D. Sykes, with R. J. Brokenshire as vice-captain. The personnel of the team, however, varied so greatly in the different matches, owing to numerous unfortunate injuries to players, that it would be a difficult matter to mention any particular members as comprising the fifteen. Altogether three members of the team were chosen to play in representative teams. D. Sykes and C. T. Smith both showed consistent form and brilliancy throughout the

whole season, being picked to play in the "A" representatives, and L. Sole represented the Club in the "B" representative team. The team played in all twelve games, four of which were won, six were lost, one was gained by default, and one game was drawn.

R. G. Howell captained the junior team throughout the season, with I. Renaud as vice-captain. The team was weakened materially in all games owing to the withdrawal of players to fill vacancies in the senior team. Notwithstanding this handicap, however, the members of the team showed good promise and should prove a valuable asset to the senior teams in future years. The fifteen played altogether thirteen matches, winning one game, losing eleven and drawing one.

It is with much regret that we have to report the death of one of the most promising younger players, Oswald McHardy. As a member of the junior team, he showed great promise and a distinct loss to the Club is sustained by his death. To his parents and relatives we extend our heartfelt esympathy.

The sympathy of the Club is extended to the President of the Union, Mr. James McLeod, in his recent bereavement.

Football Badge.—The Executive of the Club, in conjunction with the Old Boys' Association, have for some time past considered the question of obtaining a badge for the Club. At the annual meeting of the Association it was decided to adopt a miniature of the School badge as the Association badge. It is most desirable that during the forthcoming season the Club should endeavour to have the School badge reproduced in a form suitable for a football badge, in order to have a distinctive uniformity in the players.

Finance.—The season has unfortunately been a poor one from a financial aspect. This is due, as the balance-sheet will show, largely to the poorness of gate receipts caused by inclement weather, and also to lack of outside support. It is hoped that the coming season will enable us to enjoy a good working balance.

In conclusion I should like to thank all those who have helped to further the interests of the Club during the season, to congratulate the Club on the continued progress shown, and to extend my best wishes for the coming season.

E. FABER FOOKES,
President.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the New Plymouth Old Boys Football Club was held on March 18th, 1921, Mr. C. H. Wynyard occupying the chair.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and balance-sheet the Chairman remarked on the progress the Club had made and congratulated the members on their play throughout the past season.

Mr. F. J. Eggleton, in seconding the motion, commented on the progress made during the year and urged that in the future the Club should nominate more teams in the local competitions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—
 President: Dr. E. F. Fookes. Vice-Presidents: Drs. Wade, Home and Brewster, Messrs. E. P. Webster, W. H. Moyes, A. R. Ryder, P. J. H. White, F. N. Whitcombe, A. Bewley, A. M. MacDiarmid, A. R. Standish, A. M. Bradbury, R. H. Quilliam, T. P. Anderson, G. Grey, D. Hutchen.
 Hon. Auditor: J. B. Wilson. Hon. Secretaries: R. J. Fuller and R. G. Howell. Delegates to Rugby Union: C. H. Wynyard and R. J. Fuller. Club Captain: F. J. Eggleton. Manager and Coach: R. J. Fuller. Executive: Messrs. D. Sykes, R. J. Brokenshire, C. H. Wynyard, J. Knapman, S. Dowland.

GENERAL.

The day for the opening practice was fixed as the first Saturday in April.

The meeting decided to support the proposal to be put before the annual meeting of the Rugby Union by Mr. James McLeod, affecting the grading of teams in the Senior Competition, subject to several minor questions being approved by the Club delegates.

It was decided to enter a protest to the Rugby Union against the practice of allowing individual Clubs to monopolise particular grounds to the detriment of other teams having no fixed ground.

The Chairman reported that Messrs. A. Boon and E. Whittle had offered gold medals to the best senior forward and back respectively. The meeting, in accepting the offers, passed a hearty vote of thanks to these gentlemen.



LIEUT. ALISTER SUTHERLAND.
 (Died in India, Aug. 28, 1920)

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

SEASON 1921-1922.

The opening practice was held on April 2nd, when about 50 members of the Club were present. On the play displayed on that day there seems to be every prospect of the Club turning out teams which will more than hold their own against other teams in the respective grades.

At the wish of the Club our senior team has this year been graded as "B" seniors. There is no doubt that by so grading the team the Club will benefit. Three teams have been entered in the local competitions, one team in the Senior Grade, one in the Second Grade, and one in the Fourth Grade Competition.

The Club colours will remain the same as in previous years, namely, all white with black stockings.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We should be glad if Old Boys who have recently passed examinations, and whose success has not been mentioned in these columns, would advise us of the fact.—Ed.

J. J. K. Terry, who is with Nicholson and Gibbon, solicitors, Auckland, recently completed his LL.B. degree

J. M. Hine (last year's Head Boy) is studying law at Canterbury College. He was successful in passing a section of his LL.B. degree in the November examinations.

J. D. Willis and J. Jillett passed the first section of LL.B. degree in the November examination.

Among those who passed in the Accountancy examinations in November are Eric Shaw, who completed his Professional Accountants' examination, Norman Bellringer and Bracken Wilson, who passed the Commercial Accountants' examination.

Owen Bayly has passed the third section of LL.B. in five subjects, Crimes, Contracts, Evidence, Property and Procedure, at Auckland University.

C. Noble, who passed with high marks the first section of his B.A. last year as an extra-mural student, has gone to Auckland Training College.

Athol Wilson, who is working with Buddle, Anderson, and Kirkaldie, solicitors, Wellington, was successful in completing his Law Professional and has been admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court.

H. L. Calder, who passed the first section of the B.A. degree in the recent examination, has entered the Secondary School Teachers' Training College in Dunedin.

The following Old Boys attending Victoria College were successful in passing the following subjects in the November examinations:—C. Winfield, English, Latin, and Constitutional History, for LL.B. degree; R. H. Greiner, Philosophy, Constitutional History, Jurisprudence, and Latin, for LL.B. degree; Lorimer Richardson, Botany, Chemistry, Mathematics (pure and applied), for B.Sc.; R. E. Pope, English, Latin, Constitutional History, and Jurisprudence, for LL.B. degree.

Of Old Boys attending Canterbury College, H. L. Lucena, who is taking the Associate Course in Science, has Chemistry and Physics passes to his credit; W. G. Mackie has passed his first Professional (Electrical) B.E.; R. A. Clemow has passed first Professional (Civil) B.E.; E. Smart is studying for B.E. in Civil Engineering; Don. Sutton is studying for B.Sc. in Agriculture; while J. M. Hine is studying for LL.B. degree.

"Weed" Hamblyn is at present a student at Canterbury Agricultural College.

The results of the examinations held in England last October, of the Institution of Civil Engineers, have been issued. The many friends of Mr. Gordon McLean Beck will be pleased to hear he is one of the five New Zealanders who have passed the preliminary. Gordon Beck is an old New Plymouth High School boy, and is now on the staff of the railway engineer, Christchurch.

T. E. Hamerton, R. J. Brokenshire and C. H. Wynyard all completed Law Professional in the November examinations. R. G. Howell passed in the following subjects for the same: Property, Torts, Criminal Law.

Algar Traill, who is working in Wellington, has recently passed his final engineering examination.

Jack Shaw, who has been attending lectures at the Melbourne University, has completed his final medicine examination and has been appointed to the Melbourne Hospital.

Alf. Honnor, who has been farming with his uncle in the Whangarei district, has been in town recently.

Maurice Osborne, who is working in the Bank of New South Wales at Hawera, is this year playing second five-eighths for the Hawera senior fifteen. He supplies the following notes of Old Boys in Hawera:—W. Silson is working on Hodder and Tolley's office staff. R. Tait is a clerk in the Farmers' Co-op. F. Grant is working in the National Bank; he is playing football for the Hawera juniors, and has been doing very well in swimming. F. Lee is working in his father's office. G. Hawken is farming on his father's farm at Eltham. P. Wills is farming on his father's farm at Manutahi. Espin Bros. are farming at Eltham. S. Herbert, who is farming at Otakeho, is playing for the Okaiawa juniors in football. H. Honeyfield is in charge of a farm outside of Hawera.

Of those Old Boys attending Otago University this year Ken. Brokenshire is in his fourth year of medical Course and sits for his second Professional examination next month. Roy Lealand is now in his final year of the Dental Course. G. B. Sinclair and Derek Denny-Brown are in their third year of Medical Course and sit for their first Professional examination next month. "Ted" Boulton is taking the Arts Course and obtained his section last year and is this year taking the Training College Course. Ken. Roberts is in his second year of the Science Course, passing his first section last year. Otto Huse is taking first year in medicine this year. Harry Calder is taking a course at the Training College.

J. Waddle, Newton Quilliam, R. Rockel, Brian Johns, and A. B. Sturtevant are all in the third year of the Medical Course at Knox College.

C. Smith and M. Smith ("Hoppy"), who were teaching under the Education Board last year, are now attending the Training College at Wellington.

Bruce Hutchen is studying Law at Victoria College.

Arthur Christie is working with Peacock and Hadfield, solicitors, Wellington, and is also attending lectures at Victoria College.

G. Waterson is working on the clerical staff of the Gear Meat Company at Wellington.

M. Cachemaile is attending Banks College in Wellington, where he intends completing Matriculation, in order that he may go to Otago University.

Ray Lepine is working with a firm of solicitors in Hastings.

Cedric Newell is on the literary staff of the Taranaki Herald and Budget.

Leslie Jillett is in the office of the Taranaki Daily News.

S. G. Rowlands is in the office of the Taranaki Herald.

T. L. King has recently been transferred from the New Plymouth to the Auckland branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

Our Stratford correspondent (Colin Smart) supplies the following notes:—" 'Sharkey' Clarke is accountant in the Stratford branch of the Farmers' Co-op. Noel Fookes is working in the Public Works Department. George Moore has been transferred from the New Plymouth to the Stratford branch of the Public Trust Office. Leslie Malt, who is in the Public Works Department, is playing football for the Stratford First Juniors. Percy Meuli is a clerk in the office of Spence, Rutherford, Coleman and McAllister, solicitors, Stratford."

Edgar Meuli is on his father's farm at Tariki and is playing for the Tariki fifteen.

Arthur Moody has been appointed Inspector of the Taranaki branch of the North British Mercantile Insurance Company and is residing in New Plymouth.

C. Fair is working with Thorne and Thorne, solicitors, Auckland.

Seymour Clifford is working in the Wellington branch of the Eastern Extension Cable Company.

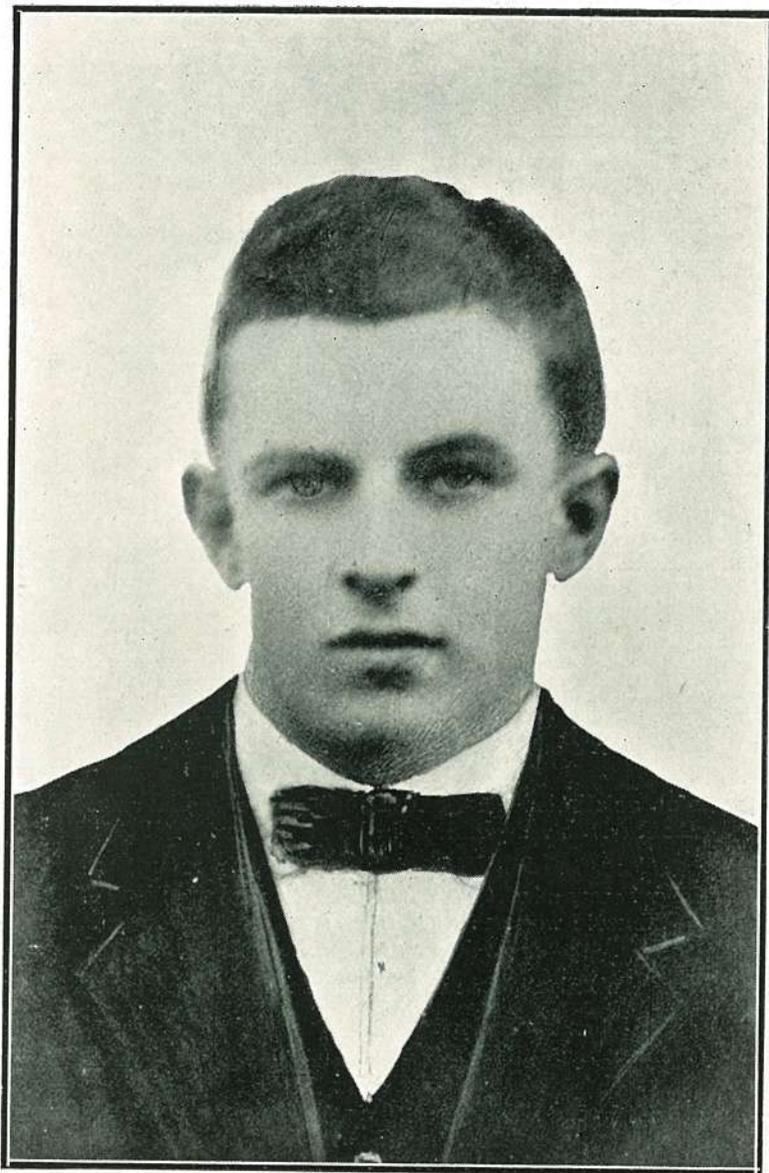
M. Harker, who is farming in the Canterbury district, was in town recently.

Mark Anthony is working on the staff division of the G.P.O., Wellington.

Alan Matthews is farming in the Hamilton district.

E. J. Carthew, who has been on a trip to England, returned to New Zealand in March.

Newton Matthews is practising as a doctor in Bournemouth, England. His brother Keith is still in London.



OSWALD McHARDY.
(Died Feb. 4, 1921)

Arthur Hempton, who was recently appointed manager of the Bank of New Zealand at Auckland, has been transferred to the London branch of the bank and expects to leave New Zealand some time in June.

Lansley Waller has been transferred to the Auckland office of the South British Insurance Company, Ltd.

Ivan Watkins is working on McMurray and Alexander's farm at Waverley.

Con Peach is farming at Lower Mangorei.

Henry Pitt is working on the Pio Station at Awakino. He was in town recently and seems to like his work.

Russell Mattnews is studying engineering at the London Guild Engineering School. He expects to return to New Zealand when he has completed his engineering course. During his last vacation he toured Wales.

OSWALD McHARDY.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Oswald McHardy. Oswald entered the School at the beginning of 1915 and left at the end of 1917. During the period he was at School he proved himself to be a good all-round boy. He won the under 14 Athletic Championship, and the under 14 Swimming Championship in 1915 and in 1917 he was runner-up in the Junior Swimming Championship. Since leaving School he had been working in the New Plymouth branch of the National Bank. He was a member of the Old Boys' junior football team and at the last annual meeting of the Association he was appointed a member of the Executive of the Association. By his death the Association has lost one of its most energetic members, and the School an Old Boy of the type who are a credit to their School.

LIEUTENANT ALISTER SUTHERLAND.

The following letter, one received by Norman Leech, shows the respect in which Alister Sutherland, whose death from enteric fever was reported in the last edition of the magazine, was held by brother officers:—

Meerut, 20/10/20.

Dear Leech,—Your letter of the 17th instant re poor Sutherland's death. I was on leave in England at the time, having been back about a month. I gather that he was taken ill with enteric about the middle of August and was admitted to hospital almost at once. He died on August 29th, I think. We have sustained a great loss, as during his stay with us he had made himself extremely popular with all ranks. A Committee of Adjustment has been formed with Captain S. G. Howes, D.S.O., M.C., as President. He is in touch with Sutherland's people in New Zealand and is expecting to hear from them soon. I should be glad of any information you could give me regarding Sutherland, i.e., where born, educated, length of service, etc.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. MARRIETTE,
Adjutant, 21st Lancers.

The following is a copy of the cablegram received by Alister's father:—

Staff Corps officers wish express sympathy death your son by erecting headstone. What are your wishes. Reply Coxia, Rawalpindi.

Clifton, Daroai, 17th.

One of Alister's brother officers in India writing, says that as Alister's name was Sutherland the 21st Lancers asked the band of the Seaforth Highlanders, who were stationed at Meerut, to play for his funeral. They played the Scottish Lament, "The Flowers of the Forest," on the way to the grave and the Scottish march, "Mackenzie's Farewell to Sutherland," on the way back.

Sacred to the Memory of

ALISTER MORPHETT SUTHERLAND,
Lieutenant,

New Zealand Staff Corps,
only son of Major and Mrs. T. C. Sutherland,
of Taranaki, New Zealand,
who died at Meerut on 28th August, 1920,
aged 24 years, whilst serving with the 21st
(E. of P.) Lancers.

This tablet is erected by his New Zealand comrades of Duntroon, in remembrance of one who was loved and respected by all who knew him and served with him.

The badge will be engraved above this.

Percy Guscott is farming in the Taumarunui district.

Burford Norman is farming at Mount Wharite, outside Woodville.

Dick Wilson is farming in the Pahiatua district.

Ken. Grant is working on a sheep station on the East Coast, north of Gisborne.

T. E. Hamerton, who was successful in completing his Law Professional examination at the November examinations, has recently been transferred to the New Plymouth office of Weston and Billing.

Len. Lovell is working in Mr. Hugh Baily's office in New Plymouth.

Roy and Ken. Murray are farming in the Waikato district.

Clem Rigg, who is farming at Awakino, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis; we are glad to see him about again.

Trevor Simpson, who is on the staff of the New Zealand Herald, Auckland, visited New Plymouth during February to compete in the Taranaki tennis tournament.

At the Easter golf tournament, Gerald Chong was successful in winning the Medal Handicap Competition.

"Dave" Sykes is working in the Friendly Societies Dispensary in New Plymouth.

At the November Law examinations C. H. Wynyard, who is practising in town as a public accountant, was successful in completing his Law Professional.

Ken. West is working in the Borough Engineer's Office at New Plymouth.

Dr. I. J. Faris is now District Health Inspector, resident at Wellington.

I. J. Howell (Wynne), who is a civil engineer, is working at the Head Office of the Railway Department, Auckland.

H. L. Lucena is a member of the Christchurch Defence Rifle Club which had considerable success at the Wairarapa and Dominion Rifle Meeting recently. A photo of the team appeared in one of the Southern papers recently.

Jack Willis is working in the office of Mr. George Grey, solicitor, New Plymouth.

V. D. Rolston is in the office of the warehouse of John Avery, Ltd., New Plymouth.

A. Moss, who is with the Phoenix Assurance Company, Ltd., New Plymouth, met with a serious motor-cycle accident early in March. We are glad to hear that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

C. Greiner is working with Hayercroft, Rankin and Josling, manufacturing jewellers, Wellington.

Loftus Russell has been transferred from the Sydney branch of the Eastern Extension Cable Company to the Port Darwin branch.

Eric Johns (Tommy), who has been farming in the Hawke's Bay district, is now managing Mr. C. H. Weston's sheep station at Mangorei.

Pat. Hawkins is in the employ of the New Plymouth branch of the South British Insurance Company.

Percy Jackson, manager of the Union Bank, New Plymouth, has been transferred to Ashburton.

S. Hayden is on Mr. Warren's sheep station, Port Fitzroy, Great Barrier.

J. Catanach is teaching in the Central School, New Plymouth.

R. Adlam has been transferred from Stratford to a similar position on the staff of the Central School, New Plymouth.

R. M. Monteath, who has recovered from his recent illness, is now working in the Lands and Deeds Office, New Plymouth.

F. A. Bruce (Burgo), who is working with a surveying party in Hawke's Bay, was in town recently.

Arthur Gilbert is studying at the Training College, Wellington.

Kiven O'Halloran is attending the Auckland Training College.

Lionel O'Halloran is with Jackson, Russel, Tunks and Ostler, solicitors, Auckland.

Rob. Hair writes from Auroa, Taihape:—"As you will observe from my address, I am far removed from the city, and have been for the last month working on a farm. Life is no longer regulated by bells, though, at 5.30 a.m. on a frosty morning, at our altitude of 2000 feet, I sometimes wish it was. However, an outdoor life certainly has its compensations, although in this out-of-the-way place there is no chance of any football or other game."

Lieutenant L. G. Goss is on the Defence Staff at Palmerston North.

Harry Goss, who is at Duntroon, will have completed his training next year, when he will probably return to New Zealand.

Chas. Yates is working in Longburn. He is studying Accountancy and in the recent examinations was successful in passing a section of the Professional Accountants' examination.

A. R. Callander, who was lately on the Staff Division of the G.P.O., Wellington, has been transferred to Palmerston North.

Don. Saxton is in charge of the Preparatory Department of the Waitaki Boys' High School.

S. Allemann is with Mr. Cummings, architect, Auckland.

O. Huse is taking a medical course at Otago University.

V. S. McMurray and Bill Alexander are farming at Waverley.

Ernie Beckbessinger, who is in business in Waitara, has lately won several running events in local sports meetings.

Claude Morey is farming at Waipukurau.

R. I. Harrison is teaching at Havelock North.

H. B. Moverley is at Morgan's Central Pharmacy, New Plymouth.

Marey Tait is farming at Kaipikiri, Urenui.

receiving a commission in the New Zealand Forces. While on service in Waziristan he contracted malarial fever and subsequently he was shot in the heel while riding away from the column on the first stage of the journey back to New Zealand.

ENGAGEMENT.

Owen Bayly is engaged to Miss Frances Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matthews, of Thames, formerly of Inglewood.

MARRIAGES.

CONNELL—HURLEY.

On December 16th, 1920, at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth, by the Rev. Dean McKenna, John Walter, second son of Mr. P. Connell, North Otago, to Gertrude, daughter of Mr. T. Hurley, New Plymouth.

ALEXANDER—MACDONALD.

At St. Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, by the Rev. Oscar Blundell, William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Alexander, to Miss Urenui Macdonald, niece of Mrs. Honeyfield, Moturoa.

BOTTRILL—GUNSON.

On January 4th, at all Saints' Church, Auckland, by the Rev. F. W. Young, Christopher George, son of Mrs. and the late C. H. Bottrill, to Elizabeth May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gunson, Ponsonby.

BERTRAND—SIMPSON.

At St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral Church, Wellington, on January 5th, 1921, George Frederick, son of Mr. G. Bertrand, Urenui, to Kathleen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Wellington.

BIRTHS.

FOOKES.—To Mr. and Mrs. Noel Fookes, Stratford—a son.

QUILLIAM.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Quilliam, New Plymouth—a son.

DEATH.

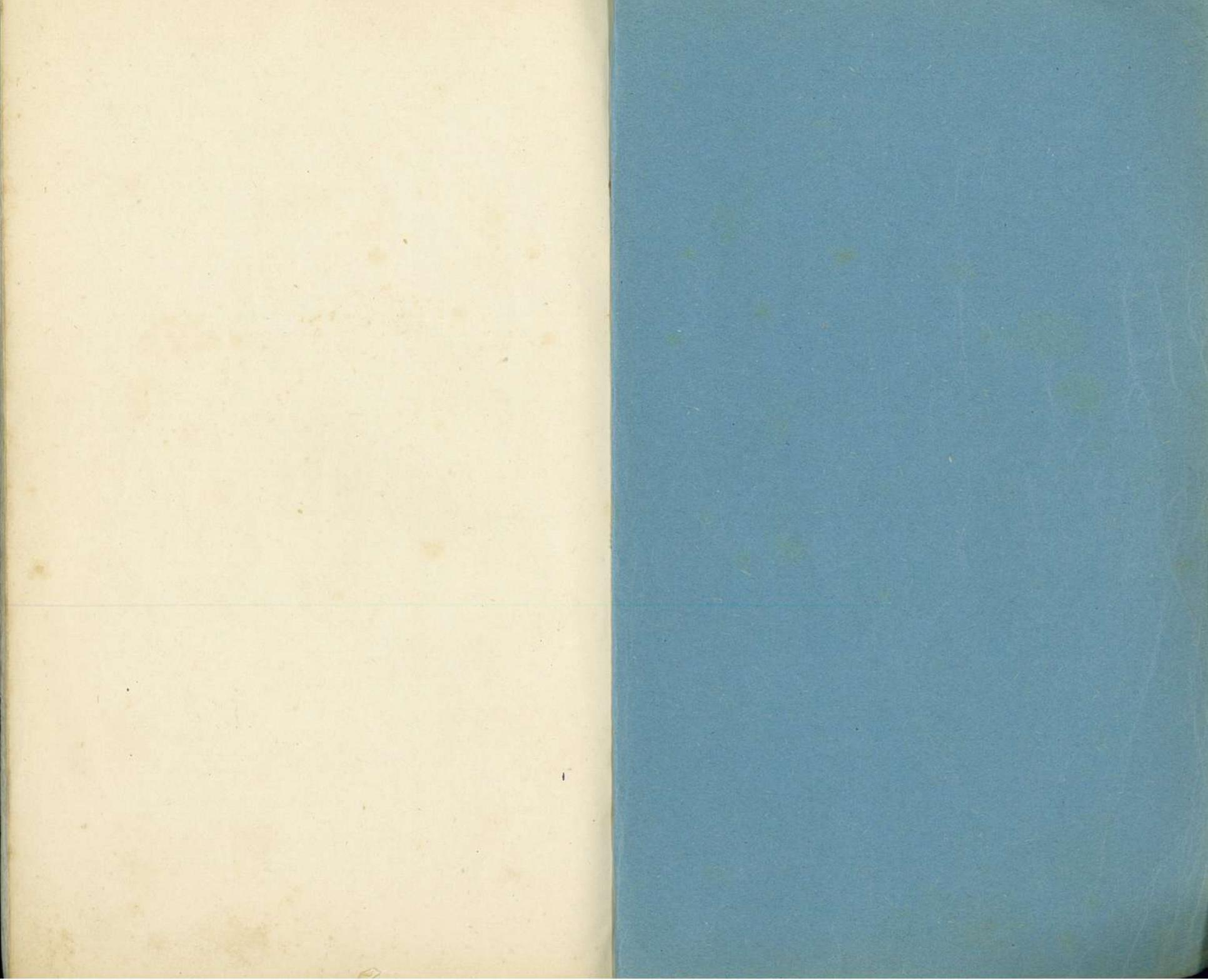
McHARDY.—At New Plymouth, on February 4, 1921, Oswald, the beloved son of Alexander and Gertrude McHardy; aged 18 years 9 months. R.I.P.

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Officer Commanding Company.—Lieutenant G. Bertrand.

Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major J. H. Nicholson.

Company Q.M.S.—Corporal R. Christie.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant H. W. Brown. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals B. Hooper, F. Julian, C. Cranby, J. Palmer.

No. 2 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant L. T. Rawson. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals H. Holden, I. Palmer, C. Lash.

No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant C. Fookes. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals S. Woods, H. Rickard, T. Penn, J. Jackson.

No. 4 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant F. Corkill. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals D. Mackay, R. Brewster, L. Pease, C. Barnett.

"B" COMPANY.

Officer Commanding Company.—Lieutenant A. W. Diprose.

Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major V. J. Henderson.

Company Q.M.S.—Corporal W. M. Alexander.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant C. F. Drader. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals C. Collins, R. Rea, A. Wheeler, J. McMahon.

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No. 4 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant B. de B. Noakes. Section Commanders: Lance-Corporals A. Moyes, C. Burdett, L. Dinniss, J. Scanlan.

"C" COMPANY.

Officer Commanding Company.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.

Company Sergt.-Major.—Sergt.-Major M. Barak.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant C. Hawkes. Section Commander: Lance-Corporal D. Ward.

No. 2 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant R. Bellringer. Section Commander: Lance-Corporal Griffin.

No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant J. Brodie. Section Commander: Lance-Corporal J. Fraser.

No. 4 Platoon. Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant P. Griffiths.



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EDITORIAL.

(P. Aldis.)

EVERY school regards with interest the careers of its Old Boys, for these as well as the present pupils play a prominent part in ensuring the success of the school and in maintaining its traditions. It is therefore with gratification that we receive evidence of the fact that the Old Boys of this School are holding their own not only in scholarship but also in athletics. There are now many of our Old Boys, some of whom commenced their degree courses while still at this School, attending the various Universities in New Zealand. Some who have already completed their degrees are now engaged in their professions but there are still many who are still at study maintaining the traditions of former scholars and bringing honour to the School. In looking through the results of the recent University examinations we note with satisfaction the large number of first-class passes secured by pupils of this School. When we remember that many of these students passed through the School during a trying period, we feel that there is further reason for optimism for the future.

In the football field also the School has been represented by its Old Boys. Thus three have played for the Taranaki reps., three others for representative teams of their district, and two for their 'Varsity teams.

It is with particular pride and pleasure that we hear of the appointment of Captain N. R. C. Cornwall as Royal Naval Reserve Aide-de-camp to the King. Captain Cornwall, who has seen service in the employ of the New Zealand Shipping Company, has been in command of many of their liners. During the war he served aboard various British battleships.

The form which the Old Boys' Memorial is to take has after much discussion been decided on and is about to materialise in entrance gates to the School. Such a memorial will not only adequately commemorate the great part played in the war by past pupils of the School but also will greatly enhance the School's appearance. In making a selection from the various suggestions offered it was necessary to decide on something which, while conforming with the requirements of a suitable memorial, could be erected in the School grounds. Thus the memorial, being at the entrance to the School grounds, will be the first impression the new boy will receive on entering and the last that he will carry in his mind when he leaves. In this way he will take with him an impression continually recalling memories of his old School and reminding him of the glorious traditions surrounding the gallant self-sacrifice of former Old Boys.

Another valuable acquisition to the School is the hospital, which is now on the point of completion. It consists of two wards, a suite of rooms for the matron, and a kitchenette with necessary cooking facilities, which thus make it a complete unit in itself and render it practically independent of the rest of the School. Besides very considerably lessening the danger of a large outbreak of sickness, and thus relieving all concerned of much anxiety, the hospital with its sunny verandah, will accelerate the return to health of those who are unfortunate enough to be attacked by sickness. For this purpose it has been equipped with conveniences and comforts that will make for speedy cure and pleasant convalescence.

We notice with interest that the question of building a gymnasium for the School has again been broached. Since the fire the School has been without such an institution, but there is no doubt that the lack of a building which can be

used for gymnastic exercise and as a recreation room for boys in wet weather, is severely felt by a school of this size. With all due regard to the splendid results that can be and have been obtained by physical drill we cannot but remark that whereas in that form of exercise exertion is voluntary and the degree of success attained depends on the inclination of the individual, in gymnastics muscular effort becomes compulsory and not incidental. Besides being an important factor in arm and chest development, gymnastic exercise provides a form of recreation which inspires a boy with confidence and "nerve."

HOUSE NOTES.

(M. Barak.)

Since our last issue of the Magazine a further change in the staff has been chronicled: Mr. Dobson has taken over duties as a resident music Master in place of Mr. Renaud, who lately resigned. To Mr. Dobson we extend a hearty welcome and trust his stay with us will be long and pleasant. Despite the short time he has been in charge of the music we have noticed the increased enthusiasm in piano playing, and even scales now have a tuneful air.

The long-needed want for an orchestra room has been at length supplied. A large music room in the front of the house is now set aside solely for that purpose. We have not yet had an opportunity of observing the effect of the padded divan on the orchestra, but to all intents and purposes, in the absence of a fully padded cell, it is for the best.

Our hospital ward is now completely furnished and ready for occupation. Sickness can now be promptly isolated, thus minimising the likelihood of an epidemic of mumps or measles during the exams. On the other hand the strict hospital discipline will do much to eliminate those most opportune maladies—"the rest cures."

Amusements as usual were numerous last term. The Winter Show was well patronised by us all. "Hoop-la" seemed a popular game, at which many of our juveniles were successful, while the Floss Candy and Crack-a-jack stalls received a fair share of patronage.

The dancing class was concluded in the long night dance just before the end of the term. Dancing extended well into the early hours of the morning and memories of a well-loaded supper table are still retold in certain circles.

The boarders' dance at the Girls' High School was of course well attended by us, its brevity being the most distressing feature. However the excellent quality of the refreshments wholly eradicated any grief which the dancers experienced.

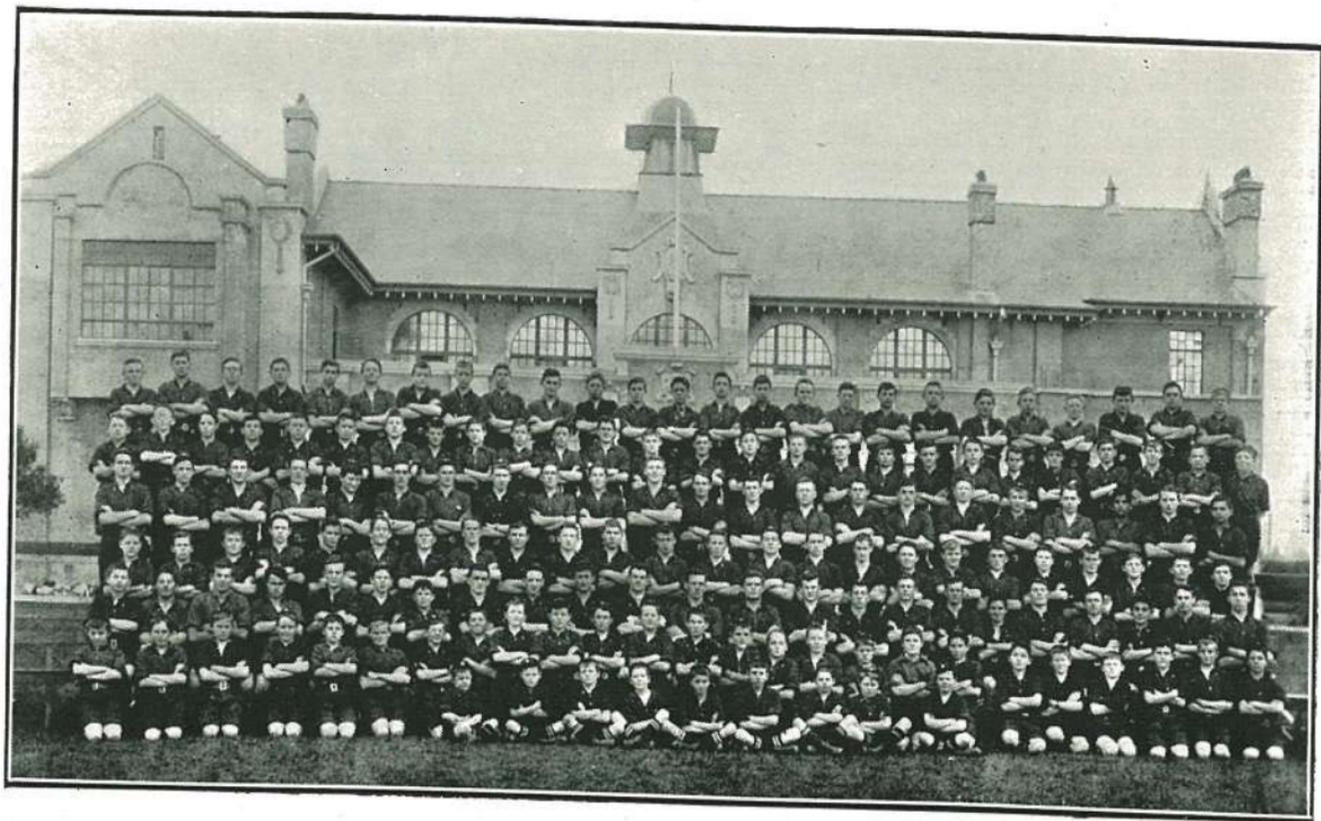
Pictures also have been popular. One Thursday afternoon we all went down to a school matinee of Mr. Eustace's pictures of his life in the wilds of Africa. Despite the lack of seating accommodation for the great number present, we thoroughly enjoyed the picture, which was both instructive and interesting.

A pleasant euchre party and "dance" was given for the prefects one Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. Moyes. The evening was most enjoyable and the winners of the euchre tournament were congratulated, and particularly the winner of the bib. After the supper the energetic players resolved to have a dance and in spite of the varnished floor, held to their purpose. Excellent music was provided.

On October 8 Mr. Rockel provided a most interesting entertainment in the shape of a lecture on Te Rauparaha, a Maori chieftain. The orchestra assisted in making the evening enjoyable and the solos rendered by various members of the company were well applauded.

This football season has been a singularly successful one. Of the four School matches the first fifteen won two, the other two being the only two defeats sustained by the team. The third fifteen also won the fourth grade competition, while the Prep. fifteen were successful in winning the Primary Schools Competition.

The annual match against Wanganui College was played at Hawera during exeat. Naturally most of the boarders went in the "special" train secured for the occasion. For about 300 of us some of the citizens of Hawera provided a sumptuous dinner and despite the defeat of the team we returned in good spirits. To Messrs. Smith and Easton, who promoted the "feed" we express our grateful thanks.



BOARDERS, 1921.

Of classic football this year we have had a great deal. The red-letter day for New Plymouth, when Taranaki acquitted themselves so nobly against the Springboks, will long be remembered by us, particularly those of us who acted as ushers and ticket collectors.

To finish off our football season a fourth test match was arranged between the VIth Form and VB. versus VA. and the IVth Forms, the former being "All Blacks" and the latter "Springboks." Of course the "All Blacks" won, but the struggle was not one-sided and no love was lost between the two teams, particularly between the centre backs.

Cricket and tennis have again come into vogue. The first eleven has begun to practise for the match against Wanganui College, which takes place early next term. The asphalt tennis court has been cleaned and marked and tennis is again firmly established. The members of Mr. Papps' house have top-dressed an excellent grass court and only a select few are allowed to use it. However the New House court is also being prepared and this will neutralise the desire to become a member of the select club.

The sports this year are being held much earlier than usual on account of the amateur athletic meeting being held on our grounds. It is noticeable that boarders have banned the tuckshop, at least until after the sports, actuated by a desire to get into training in the short time to elapse. So far the weather has not looked too bright, but we hope for the best.

In preparation for the various examinations many of our candidates are burning an excessive amount of midnight oil, presumably to make up for lost time. One particular youth, tall and slim, was heard to remark that at 12.30 he "seen burglars." This most inconsiderate remark has caused quite a lot of consternation in his dormitory.

One of our very small youths had the misfortune to put his foot through the window and cut himself rather badly. He was asked if he were trying to emulate a monkey in shutting the window with his foot, but apparently he had been standing on the sloping framework when he slipped on to the glass. However he is quite well again and seems little the worse for his mishap.

In Memoriam.

JOHN HAROLD O'NEILL.

It is with deep regret that we refer to the loss we sustained last term by the death of our school-fellow Jack O'Neill. He was taken ill suddenly and in spite of the fact that in accordance with medical advice he was taken to the hospital, his condition became critical. From this condition he rallied and progressed to the extent of reading a book, but the improvement was apparently only temporary, for on July 28 we received the sad news that he had passed away.

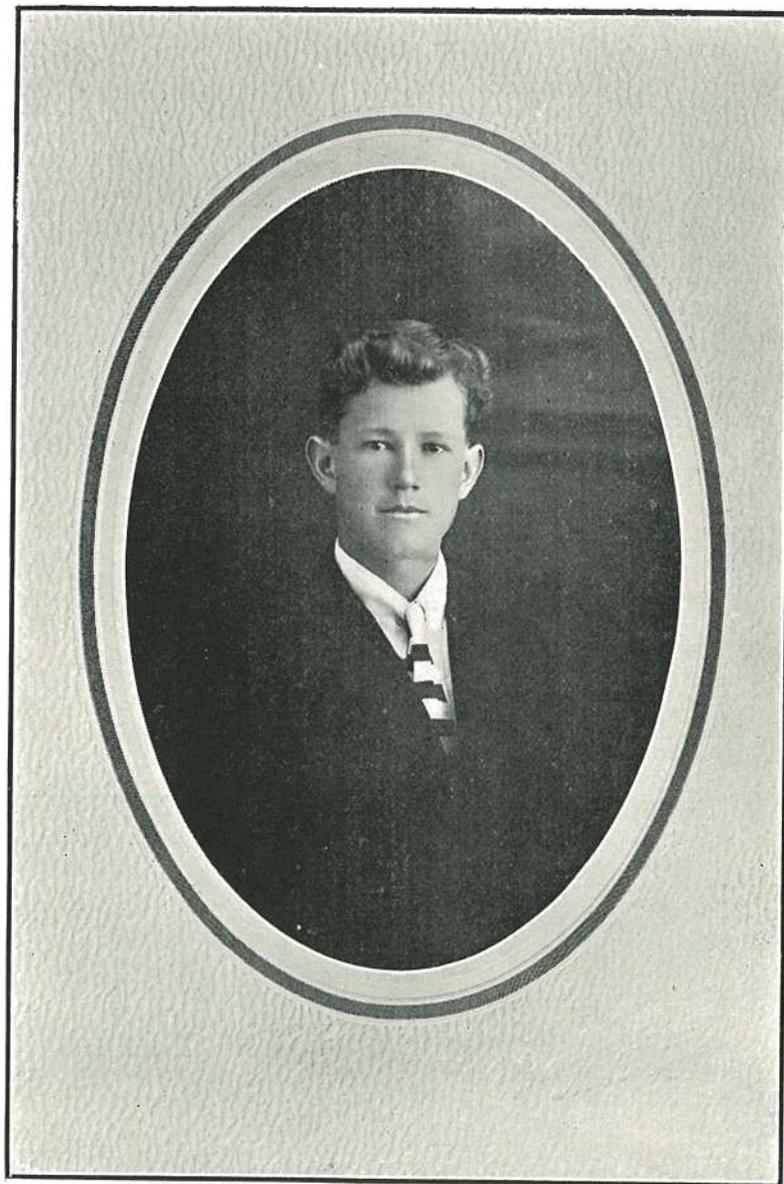
Jack entered Form IIIA. at the beginning of this year and had endeared himself to his schoolmates and Masters by his cheery disposition and keen interest in work and sports. We convey our deep sympathy to his parents in their sad loss.

CONCERT NOTES.

(C. Fookes.)

At the end of the second term Mr. Renaud was obliged to relinquish his position of music Master, owing to pressure of outside work. We take the opportunity of bidding him farewell, and thanking him for the valuable assistance that he has rendered in the past to the orchestra and the concert committee.

Mr. Dobson, the new music Master, took up his position at the beginning of the third term, and we hope his stay here will be a long and pleasant one.



JACK O'NEILL
(DIED JULY 28th, 1921.)

The concert work itself has been carried on as usual, although the usual concert at the end of the second term did not take place, owing to the visit of the fifteen to Nelson. However the first concert was held in the Assembly Hall on May 3, and the programme was as follows:—(1) March, "The Home Coming," Orchestra; (2) Opening Chorus, "Take Me Back to Bingville," Lomas and Chorus; (3) Song, "I'm Forever Dodging Masters," F. Davis; (4) Selection, "Vision of Electra," Orchestra; (5) Song, "Shirts," L. Pease; (6) Waltz, "Weeping Willow Lane," Orchestra; (7) Song, "If I Might Come to You," G. Lomas; (8) Selection, "My Land of Dreams," Orchestra; (9) Song, "Are You from Dixie?" K. Robinson; (10) Waltz, "Valse June," Orchestra; (11) 'Cello Solo, "Entrancement," J. Bennett; (12) March, "The Show Girl," Orchestra; (13) Violin Solo, Mr. Rockel; (14) Song, "The Company Sergt.-Major," Mr. Renaud; (15) Intermezzo, "Silver Chimes," Orchestra; (16) Song, "Let the Rest of the World Go By," Rawson; (17) Song, "The Conscientious Objector," F. Davis; (18) Song, "When I Get You Alone To-night," L. Pease; (19) March, "The Suburbanite," Orchestra; National Anthem. The lengthy programme was very well received by a large and enthusiastic audience, which included several visitors.

The second entertainment took place in the Hall on October 9. The first half was taken up by a lecture delivered by Mr. Rockel on "The Maori History of the West Coast." The second half was as follows:—Pianoforte Solo, Mr. Dobson; Song, G. Lomas; Song, L. Pease; Song, G. Lomas; Song, L. Rawson; "God Save the King." Every item was encored and the concert closed with cheers for Mr. Rockel, Mr. Dobson, and the other performers.

The third concert was held in the Hall on Saturday, October 22. The orchestra and company were in good form and rendered the following programme:—(1) Orchestra, Selection; (2) Song, Mr. Pope; (3) Song, G. E. Lomas; (4) 'Cello Solo, J. Bennett; (5) Duet, L. Rawson and L. Pease; (6) Recitation, Prep. Boys; (7) Selection, Orchestra; (8) Song, L. Rawson; (9) Violin Solo, A. Brodie; (10) Recitation, A. Hetherington; (11) Pianoforte Solo, Mr. J. Dobson; (12) Song, L. Pease; (13) Song, E. Lomas; (14) Chorus, The Boys; (15) National Anthem. The Hall was packed, and the concert was very well received. The orchestral items were very creditable.

It is hoped that next year the committee will be able to hold a concert every fortnight, and this will help to brighten the week-ends for the boarders.

THE ORCHESTRA.

This institution continues in a flourishing condition. Practice is held regularly every Friday evening in the big music room in the Old House. The keenness of its members and their attendance at practices is very good. The Orchestra has already played at three school concerts, and also the annual long-night dance. The other engagements still in view are the sports dinner and the annual prize-giving. At the annual Old Boys' Re-union, on the evening of Sports Day, the Orchestra rendered two well-received selections.

The main difficulty that we have had to contend with this year was the impossibility of procuring suitable music, as music of the better class is absolutely essential.

As a number of the members are leaving School next year, we take this opportunity of appealing to the younger players to come forward and fill the vacancies that will thus be caused.

LIBRARY NOTES.

(P. Griffiths.)

For the last seven months the Library has been carrying on under the management of the committee which was elected early in the first term. Several improvements have been effected and the number of books has increased considerably.

When, at the beginning of the year, the Library was moved to its present quarters, several matters had to be fixed up. These were the cleaning of the frosted windows, the arranging of tables and seats and the hanging of the pictures. When that was done the books had to be allotted to cupboards and re-classified. Re-classification was a long business, but, now it is done, it will not be necessary to do it again for several years.

At the beginning of the second term several good covers were bought. These have proved invaluable in keeping the magazines in good condition. Holders were provided for the "Taranaki Herald" and "Daily News."



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1921.

As has been the case for some years, the Library is used as a class-room during school hours. At present it is used for extra classes for "free-period" boys.

This year a large number of books has been procured for the Library. These include the following:—"The Moon Endureth" (J. Buchan), "Adventures of Bindle" (H. Jenkins), "The Golden Snare" (J. O. Curwood), "Back to Life" (P. Gibbs), "The Soul of a Bishop" (H. G. Wells), "The Voice of the City" (O. Henry), "The Supreme Desire" (Gertrude Page), "Eleanor" (Mrs. H. Ward), "Roads of Destiny" (O. Henry), "Mr. Britling Sees it Through" (H. G. Wells), "At the Foot of the Rainbow" (G. S. Porter), "John Charity" (H. A. Vachell), "Arizona Heights" (S. E. White), "The Tragedy of the Korosko" (A. Conan Doyle), "Studies in New Zealand Scenery" (B. E. Baughan), "Antarctic Penguins" (Dr. G. M. Levick), "History of Samoa" (B. M. Watson), and "Captain Anthony Wilding."

Besides the books which were bought we have received gifts and are much indebted to the following persons for presentations, and we take this opportunity of again thanking them:—Mrs. Russell ("Life of Napoleon," "Canada," "India" and "Daring Deeds"), Mr. Avery ("Uganda for a Holiday" and "The Cradle or the Deep"), and Mr. Paton ("A.B.C. of Motoring," "Practical Motor-cycle Repairing," "New Zealand—Her Commerce and Resources," and "Britain at Work").

The total number of books now in the Library is sixteen hundred, an increase of nearly two hundred since the beginning of the year. The number of members has also increased, there now being over two hundred.

The Library, which is in the chemistry laboratory of the old school building, is in a better condition than it has been for several years. There are four large tables for reading and the books are kept in cupboards around the room. It is available for reading in for several hours daily and books are distributed five times a week. It is to be hoped that the Library will remain where it is and not suffer removals similar to those to which it has been subjected during the last year or two.

AGRICULTURE NOTES.

Our work this term has been mostly confined to experiments in the laboratory. The chief experiments carried out have been in connection with seed testing and milk testing. Owing to the inclement weather we have had very little opportunity for outside work.

Now that we are quite settled down in our new laboratory, we are able to keep an efficient supply of apparatus. During the term a large quantity of dairy science apparatus, including mostly Gerber testing apparatus along with a few smaller necessities, was procured. With these new additions to our stock, we have a most up-to-date equipment of Babcock and Gerber testing apparatus.

One morning we were given a sample of milk to test, which was supposed to be a true sample from one of the School cows. It was tested and much to our surprise the fat column was so great that it could not be read on the neck of the ordinary test-bottle. However, on measuring up the fat column a result of 10.62 of butter-fat was obtained. If this was a true sample of the milk, then one is inclined to think that the milk at the boarding-house is well watered down, but before we can believe that this is a true test, we shall make sure that a representative sample of the cow's milk is taken and tested again.

While experiments are being made in connection with the various milk tests, any boy who wishes may bring along a sample of milk to be tested. As many of the boys' parents have purebred Jersey cows, there is always keen competition to see who can obtain the highest test. By some of the tests obtained, one is rather inclined to think that some of the boys do not take a representative sample of milk, with the result that they get a higher test than the others.

Besides milk-testing this term, butter, cheese, condensed milk, and skimmed milk have also been tested for butter-fat. Other work has consisted of the identification of the various farm crops and grasses by their seeds. The examination of some of the seeds under the microscope has been very interesting work.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Blewman for a donation of young plants consisting of pansies, violas, asters, and nemesias. These are to be planted around the school buildings and will no doubt add greatly to the general appearance of the surroundings. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Blewman for his generous gift.

It is very pleasing to note that a Mangold and Carrot Competition in connection with the school agricultural clubs in North Taranaki has been started. About 15 of the Prep. boys have entered for this competition and we wish them the best of success in their efforts. In the above competition about one-fortieth of an acre in area is to be the size of the plots, which may be situated at the boy's home or elsewhere as arranged by the committee. The plots may be ploughed first, and when the ground is ready for sowing the work done on the plot must be entirely the competitor's own. No other seeds and manures than those supplied by the committee may be used. Records of all work and all details in connection with the plot are to be kept on a form supplied to each competitor. Any competitor who fails to keep these records is liable to be disqualified. It is to be hoped that this competition is only the beginning of a series of competitions, because it encourages boys to take an interest in agricultural work and learn things for themselves.

On Friday morning, June 10, we paid a short visit to the annual Winter Show at the Coronation Hall. Much interest was taken in the excellent exhibits of root crops, butter and cheese, but on the whole the Show was not up to the standard of previous ones.

When we went to Hawera to see the School play their annual football match with Wanganui College, many of us availed ourselves of the opportunity of seeing the Winter Show. This show has the reputation of always being an exceedingly good one, and this year it was much above the New Plymouth Show in regard to quantity and quality of exhibits.

Prizes were offered for essays in connection with the manurial trial with potatoes, which was conducted last year, by the Chilean Nitrate Propaganda Company. A number of these essays have been forwarded to Sydney for correction, the results of which will probably appear in the next issue of this magazine.

A VISIT TO MR. E. SHORT'S STUD FARM,
PARORANGI.

A few months ago I had the pleasure of visiting the Parorangi Stud Farm. It is situated a few miles from Feilding in the heart of some of the best grazing land in New Zealand. The farm until a few months ago comprised some thousands of acres, but Mr. Short disposed of most of it and now retains the homestead block of over 600 acres.

Parorangi is famous chiefly on account of its Herefords and Romneys. About eighteen months ago nearly four hundred pedigree Herefords were sold. The remainder, numbering about fifty stud cows and stud bulls, are of a very high class. Champion 50th is perhaps the best of the bulls. Imperialist, the bull which Mr. Short imported from Herefordshire last year, is considered to be the best importation Mr. Short has yet made, but personally I prefer Champion 50th, the home-bred bull. Imperialist is a grandson of Starlight, the greatest sire of modern times.

The Stud Farm is very well arranged; the paddocks, fences and bull sheds are examples of what a stud farm should be. Roomy, well ventilated, clean stalls, with the latest devices for water, feed, etc., are provided for the mature bulls.

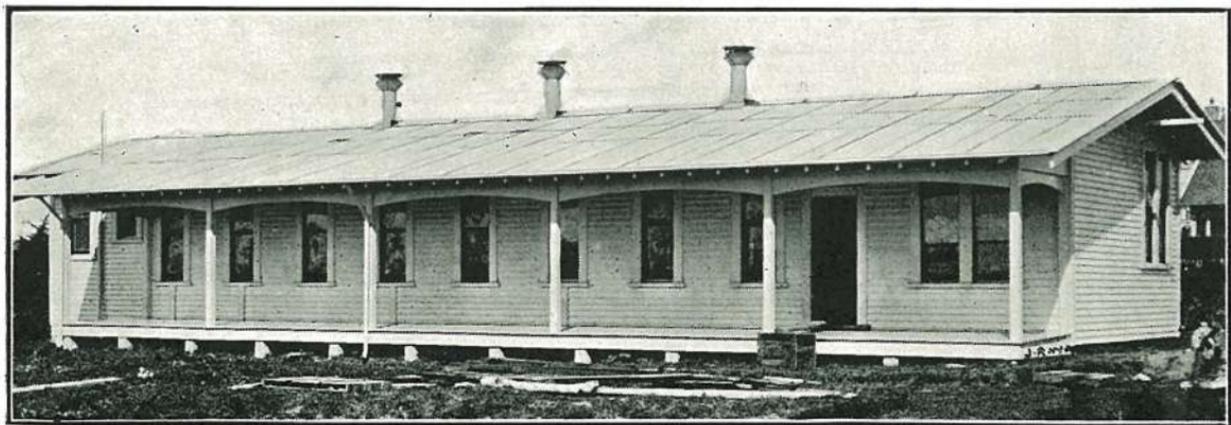
The Romneys are worth going a long way to see. From careful selection, treatment, breeding and feeding, a remarkably even lot of sheep have resulted. The uniformity of heads is notable, and this, combined with large but fine bone and length and quality of fleece, has made the Parorangi Romneys famous. The ewes had not been shorn when I visited the flock, so I had a good opportunity of examining the fleeces. The rams had just been shorn and the build and outline could be seen to advantage.

The sheep pastures consist chiefly of rye grass (English), cocksfoot and clovers. The soil is much heavier than most Taranaki soil and it is found that rye grass "holds" much better than is the case in Taranaki.

Mr. Short is justly proud of the success of his stock in the New Zealand show rings, but values greatly the Certificates of Merit and medals he received from the French and Argentine Governments for the stock he exhibited in these two countries.



VIEW FROM SCHOOL BALCONY.



SCHOOL HOSPITAL (NEARING COMPLETION).

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

The Annual Steeplechase was held at the Waiwakaiho Golf Links on Wednesday, October 19. The weather was fine, but the stiff southerly breeze encountered on the home run, was rather a disadvantage. About 270 boys competed, 90 in the Junior and 180 in the Senior event.

JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.

In the Junior Steeplechase, over a distance of nearly two miles, the limit men were dispatched at 2.30 and the rest of the field within two minutes. When the leaders came into view, it was seen that Field had established a good lead and finished about 200 yards ahead of Hetherington. The next two were close up and finished together, while several others were near at hand. T. Bellringer gained the fastest time, covering the course in 13min. 41sec.

The following were the first ten:—

A. Field (1min. 40sec.), 14min.	1
D. Hetherington (1min. 10sec.), 13min. 57sec.	2
T. Bellringer (40sec.), 13min. 41sec.	3
K. List (40sec.), 13min. 55sec.	4
R. Bennett (1min. 40sec.), 14min. 56sec.	5
H. Law (1min. 50sec.), 15min. 12sec.	6
A. Hetherington (1min. 20sec.), 14min. 6sec.	7
R. Buick (40sec.), 14min. 10sec.	8
P. Grover (40sec.), 14min. 11sec.	9
A. Simons (40sec.), 14min. 15sec.	10

Next in order were: L. Barlow (20sec.), 13min. 58sec.; T. York (1min.), 14min. 41sec.; Sutherland (scr.), 15min. 41sec.; Barrack (1min. 20sec.), 15min. 10sec.; Grant (scr.), 15min. 51sec.; Thomson (1min. 50sec.), 15min. 41sec.; Ford (scr.), 15min. 55sec.

SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

In the senior event about 180 faced the mark. The limit men had 2½mins. on the scratch competitors. When the leaders were nearing home there were numerous conjectures as to whom they might be. Shortly after it was seen that E. Smith, last year's winner, was running in the lead, with Jackson Palmer and Morey close up. At the tape Smith was about five yards ahead of Palmer.

Smith established a record for the course. He covered the distance in 25min. 18 3-5sec., while in the previous year Boon took 26min. 50sec. The first ten were:—

E. Smith (20sec.), 25min. 18 3-5sec.	1
Jackson Palmer (2min.), 27min. 5sec.	2
G. Morey (1min.), 26min. 19sec.	3
Hawkins (1min. 40sec.), 27min. 15sec.	4
Burdett (40sec.), 26min. 18sec.	5
Ward (1min.), 26min. 40sec.	6
J. Brodie (20sec.), 26min. 23sec.	7
Hunt (2min.), 28min. 6sec.	8
Aldis (40sec.), 26min. 47sec.	9
Brewster (40sec.), 26min. 57sec.	10

Next in were: H. Knuckey (1min. 20sec.), 27min. 43sec.; F. Ballinger (20sec.), 26min. 50sec.; Taylor (40sec.), 27min. 11sec.; C. Lash (1min.), 27min. 32sec.; L. Christie (40sec.), 27min. 13sec.; F. Julian (1min.), 27min. 38sec.; N. Smith (1min. 40sec.), 28min. 22sec.; Snowdon (1min. 20sec.), 28min. 3sec.; I. Palmer (20sec.), 29min. 27sec.; Mackay (scr.), 26min. 57sec.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

(V. J. Henderson.)

The football season of 1921 has drawn to a close, but it marks an epoch in the annals of the School's football. Undoubtedly the past season has been a successful one and the members of the fifteen have just reason to be proud of their record. This year the School was very fortunate in that the fifteen were able to play two inter-school matches in addition to the Moascar Cup fixtures. Of the two inter-school matches, the annual match with Wanganui Collegiate School was lost, while in the match against Nelson College the School team proved the victors. Great enthusiasm was aroused when the First Fifteen was entered for the Moascar Cup, and though School secured the victory against Wanganui Technical College in the first round, they were beaten by a better team when they met the Auckland Grammar School.

In the Rugby Union fixtures, both First and Second Fifteens played in the Third Grade Competition. The First Fifteen, with an unbeaten record, won the championship of Taranaki. The record of the First Fifteen competition matches reads as follows:—

Matches	Points	Points	Champ.
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
6	6	0	0
	For.	Against.	Points.
	178	12	12

Naturally the Second Fifteen was not so successful; yet, of the seven competition matches played, four were won and three lost. The Third and Fourth Fifteens played in the Fourth Grade Competition and this year the Third Fifteen was successful in annexing the shield for the championship of Taranaki. The Fourth Fifteen, whilst not quite the equal of the Third, had quite a successful season.

The progress made by the team this year is remarkable, as the prospects for a good fifteen were anything but favourable at the commencement of the season. The forwards this year are a hard-working weighty pack, many of them able to handle the ball like backs, and the combination and passing of the forwards formed an essential feature of this season's games. The backs are perhaps the best combination the School has seen for years, and though a trifle on the light side, they made up for it with their dash and resourcefulness and by the pleasing manner in which they handled the ball.

The results of matches are:—

FIRST FIFTEEN.

v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

(July 9—Lost 13 to 8.)

Just as last year the School journeyed to Hawera in full force to see the match. The conditions were all in favour of good football, the day being fine with a slight breeze. The School had all the first half of the game, but in the second spell Wanganui came to the fore, and their attack on two occasions found the School defence lacking.

The teams lined out as follows:—

Wanganui (white).—Full-back, Jex-Blake; three-quarters, Brownlee, Bayley (captain), Bailey; five-eighths, Stone-Wigg and Hewitt; half-back, Babbage; forwards, Patterson (wing), Powdrell, Blyth, Hare, Gilmer, Janson, Sedcole, Hocking.

New Plymouth (black and white).—Full-back, Shaw; three-quarters, Meuli, Brown (captain), Abbott; five-eighths, Foden and Alexander; half-back, Brodie; forwards, Drader (wing), Cranby, Brewster, Hooper, Palmer, Noakes, Barak, Rickard.

Wanganui kicked off against the sun and wind, and School immediately commenced to attack. Within a few minutes Foden picked up between the 25 flags and transferred to Brown, who outstripped the opposition. Foden's kick was a little wide. School were soon on the attack again and following a scrum at five yards, Foden attempted to drop-kick a goal, the ball passing under the bar. A good run by Stone-Wigg led to a scramble on School's line and Patterson notched a try for Wanganui. Bayley's kick was unsuccessful. Brown was unsuccessful with a drop-kick from the field and with a kick from a penalty. The School forwards attacked strongly and Cranby dived over. Brown converted and the spell ended in favour of School.

On resuming the Wanganui attack improved and a good passing rush saw Brownlee score. Bayley goaled. Shortly after from another passing rush Bayley scored in a good position and converted. The remainder of the game was well mixed with offensive and defensive play by both sides and the game ended: Wanganui 13, High School 8.

Mr. F. Hooker refereed.

v. INGLEWOOD.

(May 28—Won 32 to 3.)

School journeyed out to Inglewood to play this match. The day was fine but the fifteen did not play a very good game, though they secured an easy victory. Tries were obtained by Brown (3), Abbott (2), Foden (2). Brown also kicked three penalties and Drader converted one try.

v. OKATO.

(June 4—Won 27 to 0.)

This match was played at Pukekura Park. The day was fine and though the ground was heavy, the game proved to be much the best match played by the fifteen up to this time. The School made good use of their backs and scored some fine tries. Tries were obtained for School by Abbott (2), Meuli (2), Brown and Brodie. Brown converted two tries and Foden converted one and kicked a penalty.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1921.

Back Row—M. BARAK, J. BRODIE, J. PATERSON, R. CHRISTIE, J. PALMER.

Middle Row—B. HOOPER, C. CRANBY, T. FODEN, K. TAYLOR, H. RICKARD, B. NOAKES.

Front Row—J. SHAW, R. BREWSTER, C. DRADER, H. BROWN (Capt.), L. ABBOTT, K. MEULI, W. ALEXANDER.

v. STAR.

(June 11—Won 37 to 0.)

This match was played on the Racecourse in dull weather. The School team easily proved their superiority both in backs and forwards despite the absence of three of the pack. Tries were obtained by Palmer (2), Brown (3), Brewster (2), Abbott, Burdett. Foden converted three tries and Brown two tries.

v. CLIFTON FIRST JUNIORS.

(June 25—Won 18 to 9.)

This was not a competition match but merely a friendly match to see how the School team would shape against a strong team. Despite the fact that the Clifton team were leading in a grade higher, the School secured the victory. Tries were secured by Foden (2), Alexander, and Abbott. Brown converted one try and dropped a goal from the field.

v. OKATO.

(July 2—Won 14 to 3.)

The fifteen journeyed to Okato to play this match. The day was dull and the ball greasy. Tries were scored by Foden (2), Brown and Abbott. Brown converted one try.

v. SCRATCH TEAM OF OLD BOYS.

(July 20—Won 22 to 3.)

This match was played in Pukekura Park under poor weather conditions. Tries were obtained by Drader, Abbott, Brodie and Foden. Drader converted one try and Foden converted one and kicked two penalties. For Old Boys, Boon scored a try.

v. OLD BOYS SENIORS.

(July 30—Won 17 to 14.)

This was the annual match with the Old Boys. It was played at Pukekura Park, and provided a fast and spectacular exhibition, in which both teams, the backs especially, were seen to advantage. In the last stages of the game the fact that first one team and then the other held the lead, lent an additional spice of excitement to the game. School's first score was a penalty goal kicked by Brown, and shortly afterwards a fine passing rush saw Foden score in the corner. On resuming in the second spell Sykes made an opening for Old Boys, which ended in Smith scoring. Doile converted. School attacked and a passing rush by Brown, Barak, Drader and Christie saw the latter score.

Brown added the extra points. Stewart and Sykes then scored in quick succession and a penalty enabled Sykes to drop-kick a goal, thus putting Old Boys in the lead. From a fine passing rush Brown soon equalised the scores and soon after Foden crossed the line in the corner and after spectacular play the game ended: High School 17, Old Boys 14.

v. STRATFORD.

(September 17—Won 20 to 6.)

This match was played at Pukekura Park as a curtain-raiser to the Taranaki-Otago match. The match was the play-off for the Third Grade championship of Taranaki, and School secured an easy victory. Tries were obtained by Foden (3), Brown (2), and Alexander, Foden converting one.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

v. INGLEWOOD.

(April 30—Won 28 to 10.)

The Second Fifteen journeyed to Inglewood and commenced the season well with a win. Tries were scored by Revell (3), Hooper, Collins, Henderson, Fraser and Guy. Ward and Henderson each converted one.

v. OKATO.

(May 28—Lost 3 to 14.)

School journeyed to Okato and suffered a defeat. Rawson scored for School.

v. STAR.

(June 3—Lost 6 to 11.)

This match was played in the Recreation Grounds and resulted in a defeat for the Second Fifteen. Taylor and Henderson kicked penalties for School.

v. TUKAPA.

(June 11—Won 14 to 6.)

After a hard game at Western Park the Second Fifteen gained a win. Tries were scored by Taylor (2) and Fraser. Henderson converted one and kicked a penalty.

v. OKATO.

(June 25—Lost 0 to 6.)

This match was played on the Racecourse in pouring rain and the Second Fifteen suffered defeat.

v. STAR.

(July 2—Won 12 to 9.)

Played on the Racecourse. School's score consisted of four penalty goals—Henderson (3), Ward (1).

v. STAR.

(July 23—Won 6 to 5.)

For School, Mason dropped two goals from marks. Star's score was a converted try.

v. STRATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

(July 30—Lost 19 to 0.)

The Second Fifteen journeyed to Stratford and were easily defeated.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

(P. Mitcalfe.)

v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(April 28—Won 25 to 3.)

This match was an auspicious opening for the Third Fifteen. Tries were obtained by Wheeler (3), Mitcalfe (2), Meuli and Corkill, Shaw converting two.

v. CLIFTON.

(April 30—Won 17 to 0.)

The Third Fifteen secured the victory by an easy margin. For the thirds Wheeler (3), Betts and Corkill were the scorers, Shaw converting one.

v. LEPPERTON.

(May 28—Won 15 to 6.)

The Third Fifteen journeyed to Lepperton and secured a comfortable win. Tries were scored by Mauri (2), Mitcalfe and James. Wheeler kicked a penalty goal.

v. OLD BOYS.

(June 3—Won 14 to 13.)

After a closely contested game the thirds won by the margin of one point. For the thirds Bellringer (2), Brodie and Dinniss scored tries, Patterson converting one.

v. TUKAPA.

(June 11—Won 56 to 0.)

A day out for the Third Fifteen. Tries were obtained by Dinniss (6), Bellringer (3), Guy (2), Wheeler (2), Morey, Mauri, Mitcalfe and Corkill. Corkill also kicked a penalty goal and Mitcalfe converted one try.

v. STAR.

(June 18—Won 16 to 9.)

After a hard-fought game the Third Fifteen were victorious. For the thirds Dinniss, Mauri and Morey scored, and Patterson converted two and kicked a penalty.

v. CLIFTON.

(June 25—Won 5 to 3.)

The Third Fifteen travelled to Waitara and won a closely contested game. For School, Bellringer scored and Patterson converted.

v. STAR.

(July 2—Lost 3 to 9.)

Star had the best of a hard-fought game. A penalty by Patterson was the thirds' only score.

v. TUKAPA.

(July 23—Won 28 to 0.)

Another easy victory for the Third Fifteen. Tries were obtained by Mauri (2), Bellringer (2), Morey, Mitcalfe, Wheeler and Corkill, Patterson converting two.

v. OLD BOYS.

(August 6—Draw; no score.)

A hard-fought battle with Old Boys resulted in a drawn game, with no score. This match left the Third Fifteen the winners of the Fourth Grade for the Northern Division.

v. HAWERA.

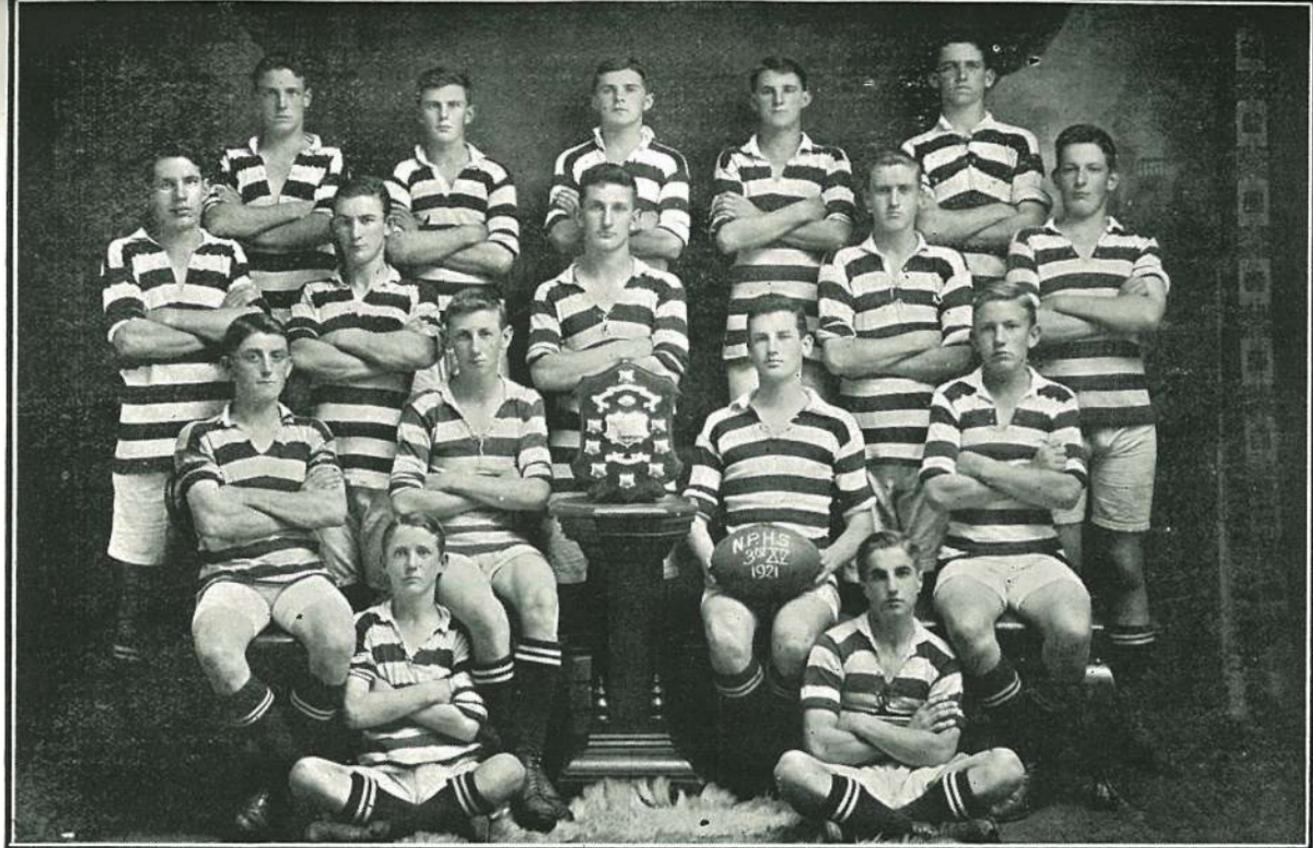
(August 13—Won 6 to 0.)

This match was the semi-final, and School played off with Hawera, the winners of the Southern Division. For the Third Fifteen, Mauri scored and Ward kicked a penalty goal.

v. STRATFORD.

(September 14—Won 12 to 6.)

This was the final match for the championship of Taranaki. The Third Fifteen gained the shield after a hard-fought match. Tries were scored by Wheeler (2) and Morey. Ward kicked a penalty goal.



THIRD FIFTEEN, 1921.

Back Row : T. PENN, P. MITCALFE, L. CHRISTIE, D. GUY, J. D. MACKAY.
Middle Row : R. W. BELLRINGER, A. WHEELER, K. MAURI, A. BRODIE, A. BETTS.
Front Row : D. WARD, L. DINNISS, F. CORKILL (*Captain*), J. EAVES,
G. MOORHEAD, G. MORRY.

FOURTH FIFTEEN.

(T. Penn.)

v. OLD BOYS.

(April 23—Won 9 to 6.)

The fourths won a hard-fought battle. Hughes, Wheeler and Mauri scored for School.

v. TUKAPA.

(April 30—Won 43 to 0.)

A "field day" for the Fourth Fifteen at Western Park. Tries were obtained by Stevenson (4), Rea (2), Kilpatrick (2), V. Fookes, Atkinson and Griffin. Stevenson converted five.

v. CLIFTON.

(May 28—Lost 13 to 0.)

The Fourth Fifteen were unable to withstand the attacks of their heavier opponents.

v. LEPPERTON.

(June 3—Lost 9 to 0.)

Lepperton emerged the victors of a hard-fought game.

v. STAR.

(June 11—Lost 19 to 0.)

Star proved much too good and gained an easy victory.

v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(June 16—Won 8 to 0.)

For School, Fraser and Rea scored, Stevenson converting one.

v. OLD BOYS.

(June 18—Lost 19 to 3.)

School's only score was a penalty kicked by Stevenson.

v. TUKAPA.

(June 25—Lost 6 to 3.)

For the fourths Fookes scored a try.

v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(June 30—Lost 8 to 6.)

This was merely a friendly match arranged, and the Fourth Fifteen lost by a narrow margin.

v. STAR.

(July 23—Lost 22 to 6.)

School's score consisted of two penalty goals kicked by Stevenson and Fletcher.

v. CLIFTON.

(July 30—Lost 28 to 0.)

The Fourth Fifteen journeyed to Waitara to play this match and were badly defeated.

FIRST GRADE JUNIOR.

	Points.
Waimate	9
Star	6
Clifton	5
Tukapa	4

SECOND GRADE JUNIOR.

	Points.
Preparatory A	16
Okaiawa	10
Hawera	8
Kaponga	4
Okato	2

THE VISIT TO NELSON.

The announcement about mid-term that an invitation had been received from Nelson College for our First Fifteen to visit that School and to try conclusions with their football representatives, was received with unbounded satisfaction throughout the School. Most of us had not previously had the opportunity of visiting another school, and the fact that the invitation was from Nelson gave us additional pleasure, for our Headmaster was both a boy and a master at that School, and New Plymouth had had the pleasure of entertaining the Nelson Fifteen in New Plymouth in 1918. Competition for places in our fifteen, and for the emergencies, remained keen right up to the time of departure. At last, after much preparation and bustle, the party, eighteen strong, in charge of Mr. Ryder and Mr. Papps, left by the mail train on Thursday, August 18. About ten other boys accompanied the team, but made their own arrangements for their accommodation. Time passed pleasantly on the run down to Wellington; the weather was glorious, examinations just over, anticipations of a splendid holiday were before us—is it any wonder we were a happy party? Wellington was reached at 7.15 p.m., and there we were glad to see so many Old Boys on the station to greet us. All made their way to the Hotel Cecil, which was to be our headquarters in the Empire City. Rooms were soon allotted, and after a hearty meal, we made off up the city. Most of the

team visited various picture shows. Several anxious members were up early on Friday morning, scanning the sky for signs of wind or rain, but the weather still held good, and so we were assured of a good trip across Cook Strait. We left at 12.30 p.m. by the Mapourika, a rather ancient and not too comfortable vessel. As the ship was crowded, we were forced to accept berths in the saloon, but this arrangement turned out quite satisfactorily in the end, but the imagination shrinks from picturing what the scene would have been had the trip been rough. The Straits were on their best behaviour, and by 5 p.m. we had passed up the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound, and drawn alongside the Picton wharf. The evening was spent in strolling round the quaintly situated village and in attending a conjuring performance. The ship left at 10.30 p.m., and most of us remained on deck for a while admiring the beauty of the Sound by moonlight. Dawn found us passing along outside the geologically famous Nelson boulder-bank, and our good ship was soon tied up to the Nelson wharf.

The Nelson boys, together with Mr. McKay, arrived at 7 a.m., when we were introduced to our hosts and taken to their respective homes. There we were one and all received with that open-hearted hospitality for which Nelson is famous. Throughout our visit the people of Nelson could not do enough for us. Ten o'clock found the team assembled on the Nelson College ground, where a practice was indulged in, after which we were shown over the magnificent school buildings. The fine gymnasium and swimming bath in particular made us feel envious. On Saturday afternoon we were taken for a motor drive round the coast-line across to Motueka, on the other side of Tasman Bay, a district noted for its fruit-growing. Unfortunately a light rain came on, but this did not damp our spirits or affect our enjoyment of the drive. It was indeed an education to all to see how industry had converted almost barren hilly country into what is now one vast orchard just coming into bearing. Afternoon tea was much enjoyed, and a fast run back on our thirty miles journey brought us into Nelson at dusk. Saturday night was spent with our hosts. On Sunday morning we were pleased to find that Mr. Moyes and several prominent New Plymouth citizens had arrived. The weather was gloriously fine, and a splendid day was spent in visiting the many beauty spots of the town.

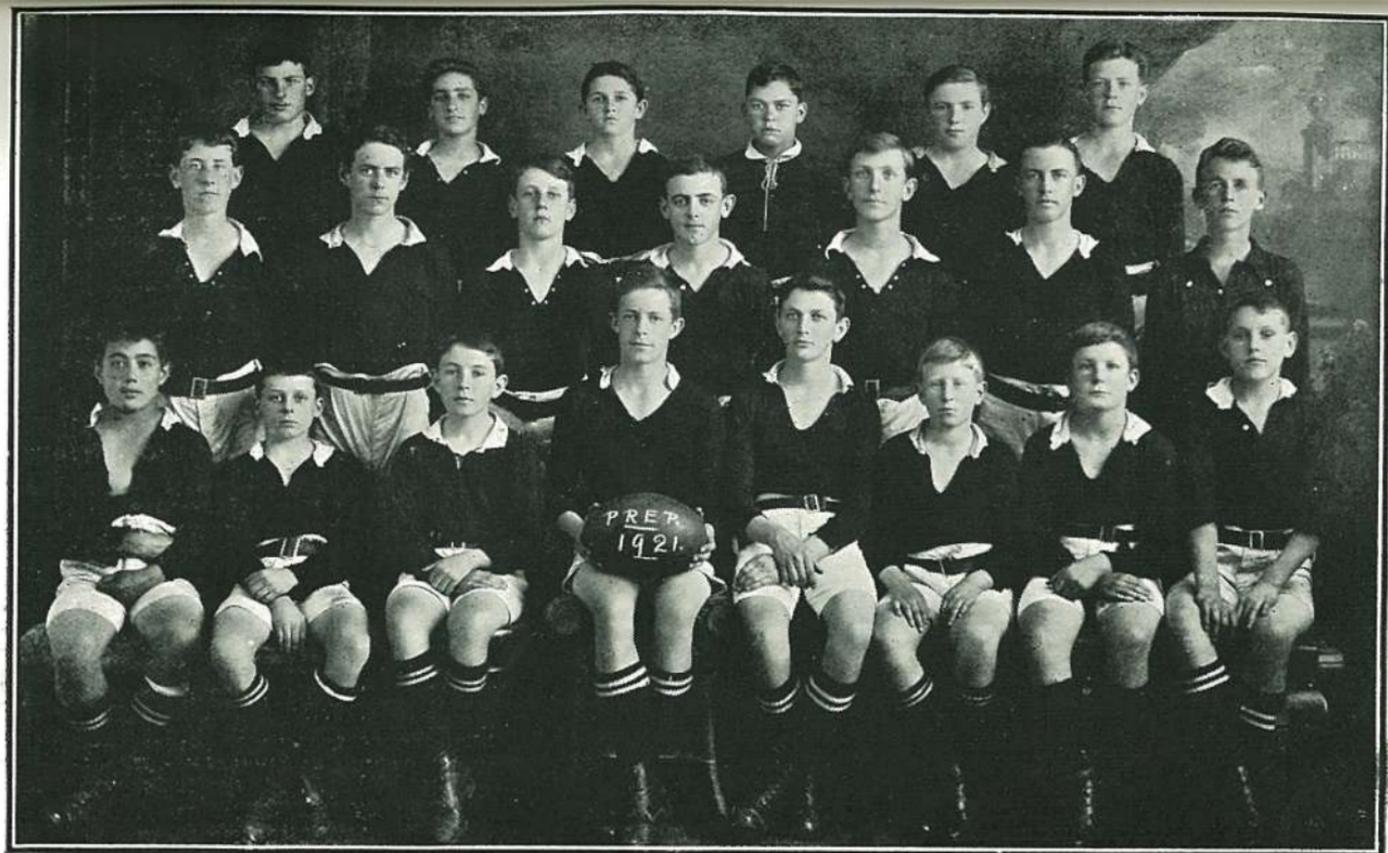
Monday morning was spent quietly, and the game was played on the School grounds in the afternoon in the presence of a fair number of spectators. It was an enjoyable game in every way, although perhaps not a great exhibition

of Rugby. A full account of the match will be found elsewhere in this issue.

In the evening both teams were entertained by the Headmaster of Nelson College, Mr. Fowler. The tables were tastefully decorated with the colours of the two schools, and were laden with good things. After a hearty meal had been partaken, Mr. Fowler rose and congratulated the New Plymouth team on their victory. It gave Nelson College great pleasure, he said, to welcome boys from New Plymouth, firstly because Nelson and Taranaki were closely associated historically, and secondly because the Headmaster of New Plymouth was once a highly respected Master of Nelson College. Adams, captain of the Nelson Fifteen, then proposed the health of the New Plymouth team, whom he warmly congratulated on their victory. Noakes, in a neat reply, thanked the Nelson boys for the many kindnesses the visiting team had received, and expressed a wish that we should have the pleasure of welcoming a Nelson team to New Plymouth next year. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

On Tuesday morning hurried good-byes were said, and we arrived at the boat to depart at 9.30 a.m. There was a big crowd to see us off, and we left the wharf with very real feelings of regret that the visit had come to an end. Cheers were exchanged as we drew out into the stream and headed up the bay. An alarmist spread the news, derived it was said from a wireless source, that a howling gale was raging in the Straits, and consternation was to be seen on many a face, but once again we were fortunate, and after a pleasant trip via Picton we reached Wellington about 11.30 p.m. Here a large number of Old Boys met the boat to congratulate the team on its performance. It was not long before we were snugly tucked up in our beds at the Hotel Cecil. Wednesday was spent in viewing the sights of Wellington, and on Thursday morning the team entrained for home. We had just learnt that we were to play Auckland Grammar School in New Plymouth, so the whole team returned there and did not disband until after that match. A large crowd gave us a hearty welcome home, and this was an enjoyable ending to a memorable trip.

The members of the team wish to thank the people of Nelson once again for the many kindnesses extended to them, and to express a wish that next year we shall have the pleasure of welcoming to New Plymouth the Nelson College team.



PREP. FIFTEEN, 1921.

Back Row : V. BARAK, H. HAWKINS, S. COTTIER, M. HONEYFIELD, D. THOMAS, J. PEASE.

Middle Row : R. MURDOCH, H. KNUCKEY, C. GILMOUR, F. KNUCKEY, H. SMITH, R. SARTEN, J. PALMER.

Front Row : R. FLETCHER, H. FOOKES, R. BUICK, N. SMITH (*Captain*), E. JEFFRIES, T. YORK, J. LAW, T. EAVES.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL v. NELSON
COLLEGE.

The following account appeared in the Daily News:—

The match between the New Plymouth High School and Nelson College was won by New Plymouth by 22 points to 6.

It proved fast and open, an interesting feature being the passing of the New Plymouth backs, which was brilliant on many occasions, the ball going through the hands of four or five players repeatedly. The Nelson forwards were superior and kept the New Plymouth backs in check to a considerable extent. Nelson was unfortunate in losing the services of its centre three-quarter early in the first spell, thereby affecting its combination, but this could not have affected the win.

The first points were scored by Nelson with a goal from a penalty kick. After strenuous play the Taranaki backs got going, the ball passing between Brodie, Alexander, Shaw and Brown, who dived over the line. Towards the end of the first spell Brodie scored a neat try, but Brown's kick missed. The spell ended:

New Plymouth High School	8
Nelson College	3

Soon after the second spell opened Brodie secured the ball and passed to Alexander, who made a fine opening, passing to Foden, who scored. The kick failed. The Nelson forwards made a fine loose rush, a score resulting, but no goal. The Taranaki backs got going again, Brodie, Alexander, Shaw and Brown participating. Brown made a fine cut in and scored. Brown failed to convert. Another successful rush was made between Brodie, Alexander, Shaw and Foden, who scored. The best piece of play on the ground was a piece of cut-in play by Brown at the conclusion of the game, he scoring a brilliant try. The match ended:

New Plymouth High School	22
Nelson College	6

It was a splendid game throughout and was fought in the best spirit. Nelson heartily congratulated New Plymouth on a well-deserved win.

SHOOTING NOTES.

(W. G. Hughson.)

The selecting and coaching of nine teams to represent the School in the Imperial Challenge Competition has been no easy task. Time for practising for about eighty boys had to be found and that fairly frequently. In order to give the individual teams as much chance as possible, certain days were allotted for each team's final shoot off. In this way everyone obtained an occasional practice, one or perhaps two a week, while the team next to shoot off received special attention. All teams were obliged to shoot off before June 30. Time was therefore allowed so that the last team would be firing a few days before this date. Unfortunately wet weather interfered and Junior "D" team was unable to fire. This leaves the total number of competing teams at eight—five seniors and three juniors—the scores of which are recorded as follows:—

SENIOR "A"—No. 24 COMPANY, No. 1 PLATOON.

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
C.S.M. Barak (captain) ...	45	46	91
Sergt. Abbott	44	41	85
Corp. Rickard	46	47	93
Lance-Corp. Jackson	44	45	89
Lance-Corp. Mason	42	48	90
Lance-Corp. Penn	44	43	87
Cadet Smith	44	43	87
Cadet Stevenson, H.	44	42	86
Totals	353	355	708

Average score for team: 88.5.

Average age of team: 16 years 2 months.

SENIOR "B"—No. 24 COMPANY, No. 1 PLATOON.

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
R.S.M. Foden	43	45	88
Sergt. Brown	44	47	91
Lance-Corp. Rogers	39	47	86

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Lance-Corp. Palmer	43	46	89
Lance-Corp. Holden	41	46	87
Lance-Corp. Brodie, A.	39	39	78
Cadet Chivers	44	47	91
Cadet Williams	41	48	89
Totals	331	335	666

Average score for team: 87.375.

Average age of team: 16 years 9 months.

SENIOR "C"—No. 24 COMPANY, No. 2 PLATOON.

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
Sergt. Drader	45	44	89
Cadet Honnor	40	42	82
Lance-Corp. Hooper	40	42	82
Cadet Fookes	37	45	82
Cadet Stevenson, J. A.	40	29	69
Corp. Taylor	41	44	85
Corp. Airey	42	47	89
Corp. Brodie, J.	46	42	88
Totals	331	335	666

Average score for team: 83.25.

Average age of team: 16 years 4 months.

SENIOR "D"—No. 24 COMPANY, No. 3 PLATOON.

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
Corp. Alexander	45	46	91
Lance-Corp. Mackay	47	45	92
Cadet Madsen	41	43	84
Cadet Goldstone	38	46	84
Cadet McIvor	39	45	84
Cadet Snowdon	40	39	79
Lance-Corp. Mitcalfe	40	42	82
Lance-Corp. Davis	42	40	82
Totals	332	346	678

Average score for team: 84.75.

Average age of team: 15 years 9 months.

SENIOR "E"—No. 24 COMPANY, No. 4 PLATOON.

	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
Lance-Corp. Cranby	39	40	79
Cadet Guy	40	39	79
Cadet Syme	42	44	86
Cadet Riley	40	39	79
Lance-Corp. Griffin	39	44	83
Lance-Corp. Moyes	42	42	84
Cadet Calder	39	37	76
Corp. Christie, R.	41	36	77
Totals	332	321	643

Average score for team: 80.375.

Average age of team: 16 years 7 months.

JUNIOR "A"—No. 110 COMPANY, No. 1 PLATOON.

	Bull's Eye.	Figure.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
Cadet Clarke	43	47	90
Cadet Lysons	43	47	90
Cadet Bellringer, S.	42	47	89
Cadet Guild	41	42	83
Cadet Brodie, W.	42	48	90
Cadet Tait	42	46	88
Cadet Caughley	42	41	83
Cadet Knuckey, D.	42	46	88
Totals	337	364	701

Average score for team: 87.625.

Average age of team: 14 years 2 months.

JUNIOR "B"—No. 110 COMPANY, No. 2 PLATOON.

	Bull's Eye.	Figure.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
Cadet Eaves	38	43	81
Cadet Smith, V.	41	46	87
Cadet Chapman	44	47	91
Cadet Kidson	38	50	88
Cadet Rampton	44	47	91
Cadet Bellringer, H.	42	48	90
Cadet Barak, V.	44	45	89
Cadet Foote	47	49	96
Totals	338	375	713

Average score for team: 89.125.

Average age of team: 14 years 2 months.

JUNIOR "C"—No. 110 COMPANY, No. 3 PLATOON.

	Bull's Eye.	Figure.	Total.
	(50)	(50)	(100)
Cadet Ogle	44	49	93
Cadet Jeffries	43	44	87
Cadet Fletcher, R.	43	40	83
Cadet Fletcher, M.	42	49	91
Cadet Putt	43	45	88
Cadet Standish	38	41	79
Cadet O'Halloran	39	40	79
Cadet Aubrey	39	45	84
Totals	331	353	684

Average score for team: 85.5.

Average age of team: 14 years 3 months.

The School cups for miniature range championships have been awarded according to the regulation laid down last year. In order to decide the final teams for the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition three test matches were fired under challenge shield conditions. The two best averages in these tests, together with the score obtained in the competition itself, have counted for the three championships—under 15 years, under 16 years, and senior.

In the under 14 years championship, however, while there were a few boys who had fired in the test matches, and hence in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, there were also some who, not having been placed in a team, were anxious to shoot for the championship. Special arrangements were therefore made and they were supervised in test matches which were fired under the conditions of the Junior Challenge Shield Competition. It is a coincidence that the winners of the senior and junior championships should have scored the same number of points.

Below are given the names and scores of the first ten competitors in each championship:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP—MINIATURE RANGE.
(Searle Cup.)

	Two highest tests.		Imp. Chall.	Total.
	(100)	(100)	(100)	
Rickard, H. W.	93	93	93	279
Smith, A. E.	92	93	87	277
Stevenson, H. Y. ...	93	93	86	272
Mason, W. H.	88	94	90	272
Barak, M.	89	90	91	270
Jackson, J.	88	93	89	270
Rogers, J.	92	92	86	270
Penn, T.	87	94	87	268
Alexander, W.	83	93	91	267
Brown, H.	85	89	91	265

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP—MINIATURE RANGE.
(Hamblyn Cup.)

	Two highest tests.		Imp. Chall.	Total.
	(100)	(100)	(100)	
Lysons	94	95	90	279
Brodie, W.	92	89	90	271
Clarke, H.	90	90	90	270
Foote, W. H.	84	90	96	270
Bellringer, S.	89	92	89	270
Jackson, J.	88	93	89	270
Caughley, R.	97	88	83	268
Smith, E. V.	89	92	87	268
Penn, T. L.	87	94	87	268
Guild, J.	92	90	83	265

UNDER 15 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIP—MINIATURE RANGE.
(Loveday Cup.)

	Two highest tests.		Imp. Chall.	Total.
	(100)	(100)	(100)	
Lysons	94	95	90	279
Brodie, W.	92	89	90	271
Foote	84	90	96	270
Clarke, H.	90	90	90	270
Bellringer, S.	89	92	89	270
Smith, E. V.	89	92	87	268
Caughley, R.	97	88	83	268
Guild, J.	92	90	83	265
Kidson	83	88	88	259
Bellringer, H.	83	81	90	254

UNDER 14 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIP—MINIATURE RANGE.
(McLeod and Slade Cup.)

	Two highest tests.		Total.
	(100)	(100)	
Wills, C.	89	85	174
Sladden, P.	85	86	171
Fletcher, R.	93	78	171
Knuckey, D.	84	85	169
Griffiths, W.	86	83	169
Grant, G.	81	87	168
Blair, W.	84	83	167

Early in the third term about twenty-four members of the senior shooting teams who were anxious to engage in long-range shooting, selected rifles and tried them out on the 25 yards range. At the earliest opportunity Rewa Rewa range was visited and the sighting of the rifles determined. Wet weather prevented several practices being held, but by November it was possible to pick twelve members from which the final team of eight has yet to be selected. Two practices are obtained weekly, on Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning. Detailed results of the Dominion Schools' Competition will appear in next issue together with the results of the long-range school championships.

The Kelly Cup will again be awarded to the highest scorer in the secondary schools' match, and the Lady Godley Cup will be awarded, as last year, on the result of the classification practices fired on the 200 yards range. The MacDiarmid Belt goes to the competitor obtaining the highest aggregate in four shoots, two of which are fired on the 200 yards range, and two on the 500 yards.

These competitions occasioned keen shooting last year, and judging by the enthusiasm which is at present being displayed, they should be no less exciting this year.

A team of ten has been entered to represent No. 110 Company in the North Island Weekly Press Challenge Shield Competition. Although last year's average—67.1 from a possible of 68—will take some beating we wish the team every success and a high average.

No official information has yet been received as to the success of the Imperial Challenge Shield teams. Although the averages were not quite as high as last year's, the results should obtain a position fairly well up in the prize list.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(J. H. Nicholson.)

School reopened for the second term on Tuesday, May 24, 1921, after a vacation of three weeks. Mr. Rockel was absent owing to illness, which it was feared would keep him away for the whole term. Mr. Eggleton was still in Christchurch having an operation performed. We are pleased to state that both have now returned and have resumed their respective duties in the School.

Owing to this shortage of the staff some alterations were necessary in the different forms. Instead of having three Fifth forms and three Fourth forms these had to be reduced to two in each case and a re-shuffling of the periods took place.

Since the publication of the last magazine several concerts by the School Orchestra have been given. It is very gratifying to the orchestra to see that the number of parents and friends of the School who attend these concerts is increasing. Everyone interested in the School is invited to be present. The orchestra wish to thank Messrs. Rockel,



DAY BOYS, 1921.

Renaud, and Pope for their assistance at the concerts and also wish to extend their thanks to the music Master, Mr. Dobson, for giving so much time and energy to making these concerts the success they have been.

Towards the end of the first term a football match, A Company v. B Company, was played. The former eventually won by 28 to 0. The scores do not indicate the respective merits of the teams.

During the second term a squad of boys went down to Pukekura Park and filled a number of sacks of Longburn soil kindly placed at our disposal by the New Plymouth Club. This was carted up to School and should prove a great asset to the cricket pitch and practice wickets. We wish to thank the New Plymouth Club for their generosity in giving us this soil.

In order to fill the vacancies caused by the absence of the commercial Master, Mr. C. H. Wynyard and Mr. J. Bracken Wilson kindly consented to take the classes during the second term. We have indeed to thank them for helping us out of a difficulty.

Seeing that the townspeople decided to adopt a universal Saturday half-holiday, it became necessary to alter the Thursday's time-table somewhat. Instead of having, as before, two periods of forty-five minutes' duration, we have now three of forty minutes' duration. This still allows us to have a long afternoon at either cricket or football. The adoption of the universal half-holiday is indeed a great advantage, for it makes necessary only one set of football or cricket fixtures per week.

There was a little doubt as to whether the New Plymouth Boys' High School would be represented in the fixtures for the Moascar Cup, so it was decided to consider the team's chances in the Okato match, which was won by 27 to 0. Much to everyone's delight it was decided to enter the School team. The first match was against the Wanganui Technical College played here and won by the School by 14 to 8. On the day's play School's was undoubtedly the better team and deserved their win. Having won this match we were expecting to play St. Patrick's College, Wellington, but this match was abandoned. Finally it was decided to play Auckland Grammar School in the semi-finals of the North Island. This match, which was played half way through the second term holidays on August 31, was lost by 13 to 5. This match was a fast and open game and on the day's play there was not such a

difference as is indicated by the eight point lead which Auckland gained.

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate those members of the Preparatory Fifteen who succeeded in winning their caps for the North Taranaki primary school representatives. It gives the coaches great satisfaction to see these boys playing in the reps., and augurs well for the success of the School First Fifteen several years hence.

During the first term holidays seven N.C.O.'s underwent a course of instruction for secondary school non-coms. The course lasted a fortnight and was divided into three groups. One group was instructed in infantry, another in musketry, and the third in physical drill. That these courses are of great benefit to N.C.O.'s need not be emphasised. Besides teaching an N.C.O. the correct way of giving a command and instructing a squad it also gives him a great deal of confidence when he is called upon to drill a squad "off his own bat." A number of N.C.O.'s were to have gone in the second term holidays but they did not get away.

On June 20 we were favoured with a lecture by Mr. Durrad. He is a missionary in Melanesia (New Hebrides and Solomon Islands) and the surrounding islands. His lecture was indeed very interesting. In his concluding remarks he mentioned the fact that he hoped some of those present would become missionaries sooner or later as more were urgently needed. Even if they did not become missionaries he hoped they would materially help the missionary activities.

Considerable amusement was caused recently by the fact that a straying calf decorated in large letters with the name of one of the boarders was seen on the cricket ground. The mystery was cleared up by two boys, who had been painting sports hurdles, making a confession. So expert had they become in the use of the brush that they had decided to label the calf for Jim as a contribution to his future purebred Jersey farm.

On July 9 the School First Fifteen journeyed to Hawera to play their annual match with Wanganui Collegiate School. The weather was fine and the game fast. The School led at half-time by 8 to 3 and lost finally by 8 to 13. All through the first half School had Wanganui held inside their own half. In the second spell Wanganui added two converted tries to their score in about ten minutes, and after that though School tried hard they were unable to penetrate the defence of the Whites.

The School went en masse to see this match. In order to facilitate this a special train was run to Hawera, leaving New Plymouth at 7.30 a.m. and returning to New Plymouth about twelve hours later. On behalf of the boys we must thank those Hawera parents who attended to the catering arrangements for so large a number and also for the warmth of the welcome they extended to us on that day.

On July 16 the international fixture Springboks v. Taranaki was played on the Sports Ground in Pukekura Park. In order to facilitate the handling of such a concourse of people fifty of the senior boys from the School were asked to act as ushers and so help to pack in the crowd of 15,000 spectators who were able to get to see the match. Seeing that the Springboks had never been beaten since they set foot in Australasia and also that no international side had ever beaten Taranaki, everyone looked forward to a good match and so it turned out to be. Both sides were fully extended and at the sound of time neither side had any points registered against them. This match will live long in the memories of those of us who saw it as a fine and clean exposition of Rugby.

Mr. Pienaar, captain of the Springboks, and principal of one of the secondary schools in Capetown, paid us a visit on the Friday before the match. This is perhaps the only occasion this year when there has been anything approaching a full muster of the Sixth Form. Even on this day there were two absentees. Owing to the variety of the studies pursued by the members of the Sixth it never so happens that all are present for the same class.

During the term it was decided to obtain stockings for the Second Fifteen. They consisted of alternate hoops of black and white, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide. The First Fifteen has broad hoops on jerseys and stockings and the Second Fifteen narrow hoops.

During the second term the committee in charge of the Old Museum offered the School the geological specimens which formed part of the Museum. The School accepted the generous offer and now the specimens are in the chemistry laboratory, where they may be seen to advantage. We wish to thank the committee very much for their generous gift.

The second term ended sooner than usual owing to the fact that the First Fifteen had to play a match against Nelson College at the end of the term. This match was

played on Monday, August 22, and resulted in a win for the School by 22 to 6. School held the upper hand throughout. A number of boys other than those comprising the team made the trip and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. We would like to thank the people of Nelson for their kindness and hospitality to the members of the fifteen during their short stay in that town.

Early in the third term the new permanent music Master, Mr. Dobson, arrived and we extend to him a warm welcome and trust that his stay with us may be a long and happy one and that we may reap some benefit from his talent.

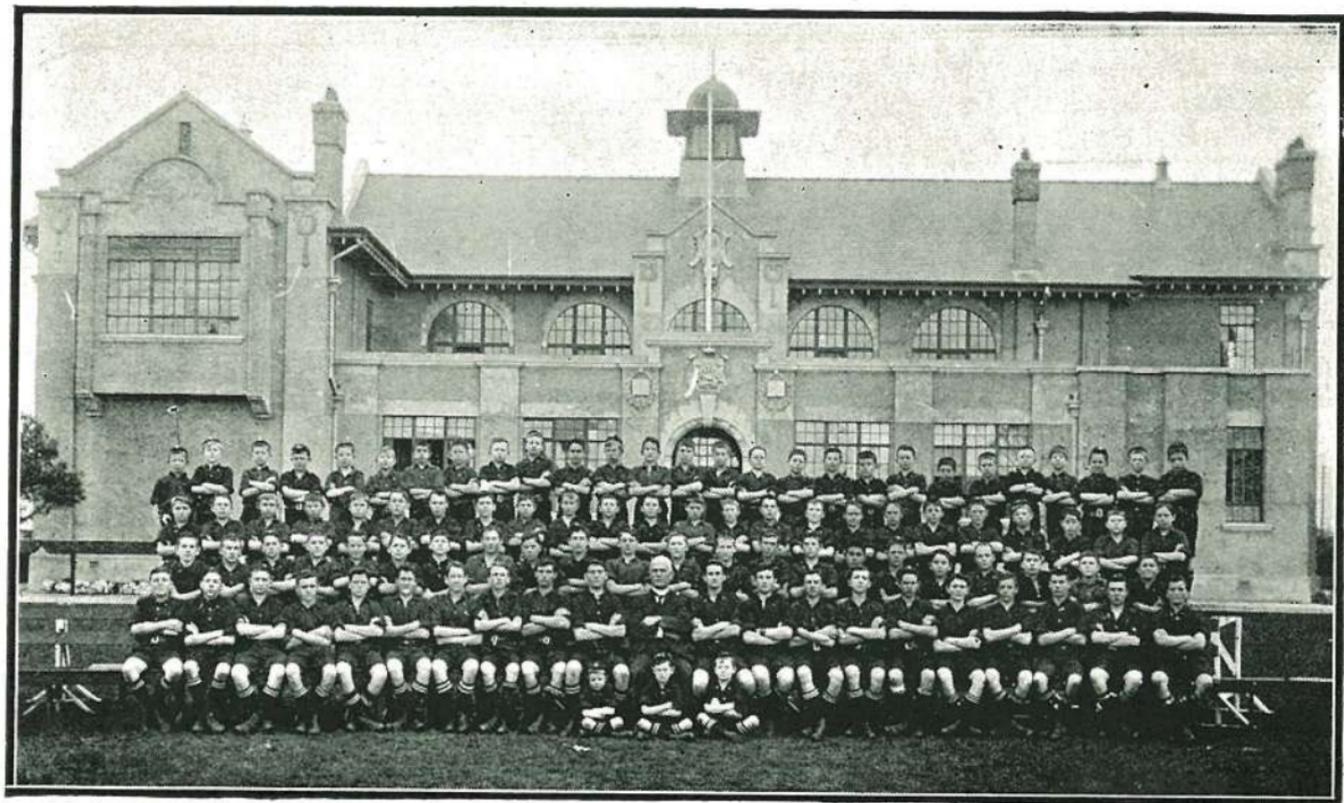
In the football finals the First Fifteen won the third grade championship of Taranaki, the Third Fifteen won the fourth grade championship of Taranaki, and the Prep. team won the primary schools' championship of North Taranaki. We extend to members of the above teams our heartiest congratulations on their successes.

It is with very deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of Jack O'Neill. Although comparatively a new boy he soon gained the confidence of Masters and prefects. He was a good sport and a good worker and the type of boy the School can ill afford to lose. We extend to his parents our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The annual school sports were held on October 15. This is earlier than usual, but it was felt that owing to the examinations in November and December it was in the best interests of the examination candidates to hold the sports earlier. As usual it rained for a few days before the sports and in fact on the morning of the sports, and then the weather cleared and a fine day resulted. The sun was rather hot and the track heavy. This accounted for the fact that no records were broken this year.

The annual steeplechases were held several days later at the Waiwakaiho golf links. There were about 80 entries for the junior event and about 170 in the senior. The junior was won by Field and the senior by E. G. Smith. Smith started from 20sec., and not only did he win the event and also get fastest time, but he broke the record for the course which was held previously by J. H. Boon. We would like to thank the Golf Club for the use of their grounds.

On October 22 the first meeting of the newly-formed Amateur Athletic Association was held on the School



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grounds. These sports were very successful and we understand that other meetings are to be held during the course of the season.

On Thursday, October 27, the Governor-General, Viscount Jellicoe, and Viscountess Jellicoe paid their first visit to New Plymouth. On Friday the civic reception to the Governor took place on the School grounds. In the afternoon a guard of honour was provided by the School for the opening of the Clarke Memorial Hostel, which is to be run under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. On the parade the Governor congratulated the guard on their steadiness.

Cricket has now been taken up in earnest. There are three elevens playing in the competitions; the First Eleven plays in the A grade competition and the Second and Third in the B grade. In the School cricket the boys have been divided into nine groups each named after a county in England. These teams play matches each afternoon on two wickets on the racecourse. The main wicket is used for Saturday inter-club fixtures.

On Labour Day a squad of about one hundred boys under the physical drill instructor, Mr. Eggleton, gave an exhibition of physical drill at Western Park.

The boxing championships were held on Friday, November 18. These championships drew good entries and some fine bouts were witnessed.

Profound regret was felt when news came to us last term that Mr. E. A. Rowe, who had gone to England to carry out research work in chemistry, had succumbed to an illness which he had contracted while in London. We who knew Mr. Rowe as a Master have been interested in his success and therefore feel the more deeply his sudden removal from a profession where he must have become famous.

SCHOOL DIARY.

(J. H. Nicholson.)

- April 23—Opening of football season. School starts well. First Fifteen v. Star, won 48—0; Fourth Fifteen v. Old Boys, won 9—6.
- April 28—Anzac Day Parade in the morning.
- April 30—Second Fifteen v. Inglewood, won 28—10; Third Fifteen v. Clifton, won 17—0; Fourth Fifteen v. Tukapa, won 44—0.

- May 3—Line up. Football match A. Company v. B Company, A Company won 28—0. Term holidays commence.
- May 24—School re-opens for the Second Term.
- May 28—First Fifteen v. Inglewood, won 32—3; Second Fifteen v. Okato, lost 14—3; Third Fifteen v. Lepperton, won 15—6; Fourth Fifteen v. Clifton, lost 13—0.
- June 3—King's Birthday. Holiday. Second Fifteen v. Star, lost 11—6; Third Fifteen v. Old Boys, won 14—13; Fourth Fifteen v. Lepperton, lost 9—0.
- June 4—First Fifteen v. Okato, won 27—0.
- June 11—First Fifteen v. Star, won 37—0; Second Fifteen v. Tukapa, won 14—6; Third Fifteen v. Tukapa, won 56—0; Fourth Fifteen v. Star, lost 21—0.
- June 16—Fourth Fifteen v. New Plymouth Technical College, won 8—0.
- June 18—First Fifteen v. Tukapa, won by default; Second Fifteen v. Inglewood, won by default; Third Fifteen v. Star, won 16—9; Fourth Fifteen v. Old Boys, lost 19—3.
- June 20—Lecture by Rev. Durrard.
- June 25—First Fifteen v. Clifton First Juniors, won 18—9; Second Fifteen v. Okato, lost 6—0; Third Fifteen v. Clifton; won 5—3; Fourth Fifteen v. Tukapa, lost 6—0.
- July 2—First Fifteen v. Okato, won 14—3; Second Fifteen v. Star, won 12—9; Third Fifteen v. Star, lost 9—3; Fourth Fifteen v. Technical College, won by default. A lecture in the evening on Winchester Public School, by Rev. Harvey, M.A.
- July 9—First Fifteen v. Wanganui College, lost 13—8.
- July 11—Exeat.
- July 15—School visited by Mr. Pienaar, captain of Springboks.
- July 16—South Africa v. Taranaki, draw—no score.
- July 21—First Fifteen v. Combined Old Boys, won 22—3.
- July 23—First Fifteen v. Okato, won by default; Second Fifteen v. Star, won 6—5; Third Fifteen v. Tukapa, won 28—0; Fourth Fifteen v. Star, lost 26—6.

- July 30—First Fifteen v. Old Boys (annual match), won 17—14; Second Fifteen v. Stratford D.H.S., lost 19—0.
- Aug. 6—First Fifteen v. Wanganui Technical College (Moascar Cup), won 14—8; Third Fifteen v. Old Boys, draw—no score.
- Aug. 12—Long Night Dance.
- Aug. 13—Third Fifteen v. Hawera (semi-final), won 8—0.
- Aug. 17—Line up. Term holidays commence.
- Aug. 18—First Fifteen left for Nelson tour.
- Aug. 22—First Fifteen v. Nelson College, won 22—6.
- Aug. 25—First Fifteen returned from Nelson tour.
- Aug. 31—First Fifteen v. Auckland Grammar School (Moascar Cup), lost 13—5.
- Sept. 12—School re-opened for Third Term.
- Sept. 14—Third Fifteen v. Stratford (final), won 12—6.
- Sept. 15—Mr. Dobson joined the staff.
- Sept. 16—First Fifteen v. Stratford (final), won 20—6.
- Oct. 15—Annual Athletic Sports.
- Oct. 22—Amateur Athletic Sports; Concert in the evening.
- Oct. 24—Labour Day.
- Oct. 26—Annual Steeplechase.
- Oct. 27—Governor-General arrives.
- Oct. 28—Civic reception on School grounds; School provides Guard of Honour for the opening of the Clarke Memorial Hostel in the afternoon.
- Oct. 29—First Eleven v. Old Boys, lost on first innings; Second Eleven v. Waitara, lost by eight wickets.
- Nov. 5—First Eleven v. Waitara, lost on first innings; Third Eleven v. Western Park, lost by three wickets.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

(F. J. Corkill.)

Once again our School has been honoured by a public function and the presence of distinguished visitors. On October 29 the official reception of Lord and Lady Jellicoe at New Plymouth was held in our grounds. The ceremony was scheduled to start at 11 a.m., but visitors from the country began to arrive as early as 9.30 a.m. By 10 o'clock the pupils from the various primary and secondary schools in town were waiting in squads at the main gate.

In the grounds arrangements were made so that everybody had a full view of the proceedings. On the edge of the sports ground, facing the main doorway, the Territorial guard of honour was drawn up, while behind these were the returned soldiers. To the left were the Maori and South African war veterans and behind these were the parents of soldiers who were killed in the war. The Regimental Band was stationed on the right of the guard of honour. To the rear of the returned soldiers the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides were placed, while behind the Scouts the school groups were drawn up. These included the Girls' High School, Technical College, Convent, Central, West End, Fitzroy, and ourselves. Surrounding these on three sides of a square were tiers of seats for the accommodation of the public, while to the right of the band a portion of the seats was reserved for 150 invited guests. On the balcony, on either side of the platform, were seated members of the Borough Council and representatives of the different local bodies.

Sharp at 11 o'clock the Vice-Regal party arrived, the band played the National Anthem, and then Lord Jellicoe inspected the guard of honour and, accompanied by Lady Jellicoe, shook hands with the returned soldiers and veterans.

The party then proceeded to the balcony, where the Mayor welcomed their Excellencies to New Plymouth and expressed the hope that their stay might be both pleasant and profitable. The address of welcome was then read and his Excellency answered with a formal reply, after which he expressed the desire to say a few words in addition to those in the formal reply.

In the course of an interesting speech in which Lord Jellicoe complimented New Plymouth on its progress during the eighty years of its existence one paragraph especially interested us. His Excellency said, "There is one other thing of which I am always reminded by her Excellency and that is to ask for a holiday for the school children. Indeed I may tell you children that I did not forget it. I asked last night and I was told that the request had been anticipated and that you had already been granted a holiday. I only hope it is not to-day because if so, you have spent half of it waiting here for me. If that is so and you have been waiting here for me then I hope that you may be granted yet another one." (Applause.)



SENIOR A. IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAM, 1921.

No. 1 PLATOON, No. 24 COY.

Back Row—T. PENN, J. JACKSON, H. RICKARD, L. ABBOTT.

Second Row—M. BARAK, A. E. SMITH, H. STEVENSON.

Front Row—E. MASON.

At the call of the Mayor, three hearty cheers were given for Lord and Lady Jellicoe, after which the citizens on the balcony were presented to their Excellencies.

Their Excellencies and Captains Curtis (private secretary) and Mundy (A.D.C.) then signed our School visitors' book, after which the Scouts and secondary and primary school pupils were inspected.

The remainder of the invited guests were then presented and the ceremony was terminated by the band's playing the National Anthem.

THE GUARD OF HONOUR.

For the afternoon we had been asked to provide a guard of honour for the opening of the Clarke Memorial Hostel by Lady Jellicoe. About 120 boys were picked out to do special drill for the guard, but as the guard was to be only 80 strong about 40 of these had to be sifted out. As we had only a fortnight's notice in which to prepare for the guard and as we were further handicapped by having rifles and bayonets of a type to which we were unaccustomed, we had to put an extra amount of time into our drill, but I am sure we all felt fully repaid for this extra work when his Excellency complimented us upon our steadiness when on parade. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking our Masters for the great amount of extra time which they put into coaching us for the guard.

We fell in upon the School grounds at 1 p.m., and were marched down to the Clarke Memorial Hostel. The guard of honour, commanded by Captain Ryder, with Lieutenant Bertrand as colour-bearer, was drawn up opposite the gate, while outside the guard the remainder of the School Cadets formed a hollow square. This square acted as a barrier to keep out the public.

When their Excellencies arrived Lord Jellicoe inspected the guard of honour and spoke a few words in which he complimented us upon our appearance and steadiness when on parade.

Their Excellencies then inspected the building, after which they returned to the verandah, where the opening ceremony was held.

As soon as the ceremony was completed we marched round to St. Mary's Church, where we deposited the colours and were dismissed. We then returned to the hostel, where afternoon tea was dispensed to us by the committee.

TENNIS NOTES.

(Henderson.)

At the commencement of this season we were badly handicapped by the lack of sufficient courts to provide for the ever-increasing number of players. However, the addition of "Fairfield," on the Avenue Road, to the School property, has given us a fine grass court.

This season also the Jockey Club has kindly come to our assistance and we are deeply indebted to them for the use of two fine grass courts on the Avenue Road.

We are now fairly well supplied with courts, but so far the weather has been unfavourable; nevertheless, there promises to be a keen interest taken in this year's championships, which are to be held very shortly.

CRICKET NOTES.

(J. Brodie.)

This season no time has been wasted in once more getting into the heart of cricket. Practices are in full swing, three competition matches have already been played by the First Eleven, and every evening one may have the privilege of seeing Sussex and Kent, Middlesex and Notts, or other redoubtable English counties, grimly battling for supremacy on the shorn turf. The idea of naming the divisions below the senior group after English teams has added not a little to keenness and good-natured rivalry, and although one does occasionally find Woolleys, four feet high, a veteran Rhodes, at least thirteen years old, and even a left-handed Hobbs, sometimes their bowling and batting averages are not far below those of the men they emulate.

The First Eleven has been entered in the Senior Competition, the A grade, and a Second and Third Eleven into the B grade. The First Eleven has played three matches, of which two were lost and one won. We must congratulate Cyril Lash, who in our last match, after a fine exhibition of batting, scored a century. He is the first boy to gain that distinction in a club match.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

(October 29.)

Lost by 30 runs on first innings.

School batted first, making 117; Brown (64), Mahraj (23) and Taylor (14) were the chief scorers. Mr. Eggleton, with three wickets for 15 runs, secured the best bowling average.

Old Boys replied with 147; Mr. Bewley (52), Mr. Osborne (40) and Mr. Papps (23) were most successful in the batting. Lash, with four for 4, and Palmer i., two for 35, gained the bowling honours.

SCHOOL v. WAITARA.

(November 5.)

Lost by 109 runs on first innings.

Waitara opened, scoring 148, of which Easton scored 55 and Kingston 42. Brown took five wickets for 53 and Palmer i. two for 31.

School then batted, and after a very poor exhibition, made 39, Brodie (10) and Palmer i. (7) making the highest scores. Southwell, three for 6 and Easton, three for 18 obtained the best bowling averages.

SCHOOL v. INGLEWOOD.

(November 12.)

Won by 76 runs and 7 wickets on first innings.

Inglewood opened, making 130, O'Byrne (30), Gibson (28) and Street (29) being the most successful batsmen. For School, Palmer i. took five wickets for 38, Brown three for 20, and Lash two for 23.

School responded with 206, chiefly composed of a very fine innings by Lash (102 retired), 46 by Taylor and 30 by Brown. Gibson, for Inglewood, took one wicket for 28 runs.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

The following new boys have entered the School since the last issue:—Hawkins, H., Baddeley, J., Allhusen, S., and Hammond. The following have left:—Dykes, Glover, Powell, Fussell, Fell, Gardiner i. and ii.

In sport, the second term was chiefly devoted to football, a game that caused great enthusiasm amongst the boys, because even those who did not take part took quite as much interest in the game to see their own side win every time. The Prep. First Fifteen played in the primary schools competition. They won all their matches, and thus became Taranaki championship winners. The final for this championship was played against Eltham, winners of South Taranaki, in New Plymouth, Prep. eventually winning by eleven points to nil. The score was made by Cottier (2) and H. Fookes, Fletcher converting one.

Following are some of the results:—v. Central., won 6—3; v. West End, won 3—0; v. Waitara, won 24—0; v. Fitzroy, won 25—0; v. Central, won 12—0; v. West End, won, 14—8; final v. Eltham, won 11—0.

Two matches were played between North and South Taranaki representatives. Prep. had eight representatives playing for North.

Football is over and cricket has replaced it. Seven teams have entered from various schools in the primary championship. Prep. has two teams, "A" and "B."

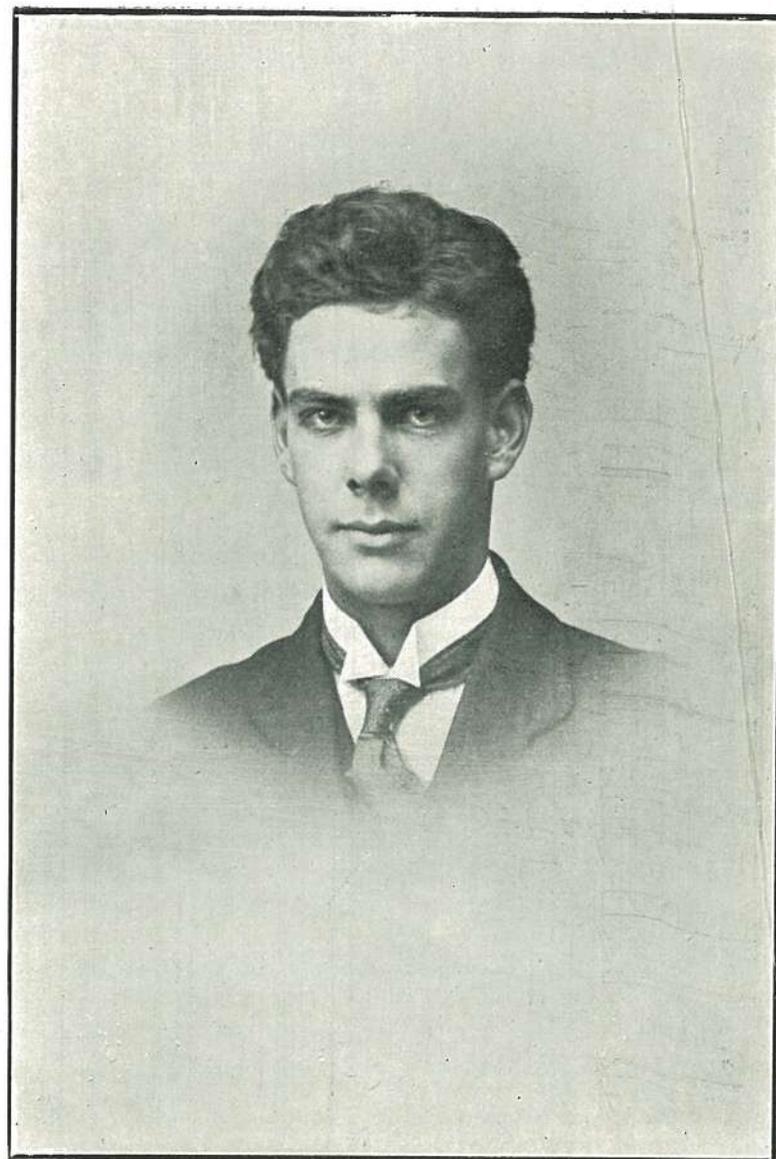
The third term is generally noted as a term of work. There are a number of boys sitting for their Junior National Scholarship exam., which is to take place on November 29 and 30. About six or eight boys have entered for the Bayly Memorial Scholarship. It is to be hoped that one of these boys attains the scholarship.

A number of middle Prep. boys have entered for the Garden Competition, and have been busily engaged, under the supervision of Mr. Connell, planting mangolds and carrots.

THE LATE MR. E. A. ROWE, M.Sc.

It was with very deep regret that the School heard of the death in England of one of its former Masters, Mr. E. A. Rowe.

Mr. Rowe, the youngest son of Mr. T. W. Rowe, of Christchurch, was born in Wellington in 1897 and at an early age showed promise of the success with which in later life his exceptional intellectual ability had begun to be attended. During the course of a brilliant scholastic career



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he won an unusual number of scholarships, one of which, a University Entrance Scholarship, he won while too young to hold it. At a later date he held a Student Somes Scholarship and a Junior University Scholarship. At Canterbury College he obtained the B.Sc. Degree in 1917 and the M.Sc. Degree in 1918.

After the Armistice, Mr. Rowe, who had been a physical drill instructor at Featherston, was for a short time attached to the staff of the Christchurch Boys' High School and left there to join the staff of this School. As a middle form Master in the subject in which he had specialised, he was a popular Master and capable teacher. Mr. Rowe rendered the School valuable service in outside institutions; he took a keen interest and active part in both physical and military drill and as a talented musician was actively engaged in helping the School Orchestra and Concert Club.

It was while Mr. Rowe was a Master of this School that he was elected to the 1851 Exhibition Science Research Scholarship, during the tenure of which he contracted an illness from which he died in London on July 16, 1921.

The School, which will long remember Mr. Rowe as a capable and popular Master, conveys its deepest expressions of sympathy to his bereaved parents.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

(T. Foden.)

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on the School grounds on Saturday, October 15, under favourable weather conditions. The weather during the early part of the day did not look too promising, as showers fell up till about 10 o'clock. After that hour, however, the sun shone forth and the sports passed off in pleasant sunshine.

As the wet weather prevailing before the sports had made the ground heavy there were no fast times and no records were broken.

Two cups were donated this year—one by Mr. B. Noakes, of Auckland, and the other by Mr. Beckbessinger, of Waitara. A gold medal was also donated by Mr. F. W. Sutton, of Hawera. We take this opportunity of thanking the donors for the above trophies.

In the afternoon there was a large attendance of spectators, who were entertained to afternoon tea, which was provided under the supervision of Mrs. Moyes, in the Assembly Hall, where Mrs. Wood's orchestra rendered several items.

The officials responsible for the successful conduct of the gathering were:—Judges: Messrs. A. McHardy, W. C. Weston, E. F. Fookes, L. B. Webster, E. Griffiths, E. Jackson, M. D. Stagpoole, R. W. D. Robertson, E. Whittle, T. C. List, J. McLeod, A. L. Humphries, C. H. Wynyard. Starter: Mr. W. H. Moyes. Marksmen: Messrs. A. R. Ryder and A. J. Papps. Ground stewards: Messrs. C. G. Bottrill, W. G. Wilkie and J. Dobson. Stewards: Messrs. R. H. Rockel, J. W. Connell, G. F. Bertrand, F. J. Eggleton and G. H. Pope. Timekeepers: Messrs. J. Bennett, N. Greiner and V. Dalglish. Committee: Mr. A. W. Diprose (chairman), Mr. A. M. Bradbury, T. N. Foden, B. de B. Noakes, C. Drader, J. W. Palmer and L. H. Abbott. Hon. secretaries: H. W. Brown and J. H. Nicholson.

Results were as follow:—

150 Yards Open.—First heat: Rawson (4yds.), 1; time, 16 4-5sec. Second heat: Barnett (9yds.), 1; no time taken. Third heat: N. Smith (13yds.), 1; time, 17sec. Fourth heat: Davis (6yds.), 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Blundell (14yds.), 1; time, 17sec. Sixth heat: H. Mason (11yds.), 1; time, 17 2-5sec. Seventh heat: Sarten (4yds.), 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Eighth heat: Buchanan (8yds.), 1; time, 17 3-5sec. Ninth heat: Atkinson (4yds.), 1; time, 16 3-5sec. Tenth heat: Lealand (7yds.), 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Eleventh heat: Dailey (10yds.), 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Twelfth heat: Ballinger (6yds.), 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Final: Lealand (7yds.) 1, N. Smith (13yds.) 2, Atkinson (4yds.) 3; time, 16sec.

100 Yards (under 15).—First heat: Philpott (4yds.) 1, H. Bellringer (3yds.) 2, K. Fookes (scr.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Second heat: Aubrey (7yds.) 1, R. Collier (scr.) 2, Harris (6yds.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Third heat: M. Robertson (4yds.) 1, B. Scanlan (scr.) 2, C. McCallum (1yd.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Fourth heat: H. Knuckey (4yds.) 1, Mills (5yds.) 2, L. Wells (4yds.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Fifth heat: C. Tate (4yds.) 1, Gilmour (scr.) 2, E. Gibson (scr.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Final: C. Tate (4yds.) 1, H. Knuckey (4yds.) 2, Gilmour (scr.) 3; won by a very narrow margin; time, 12 2-5sec.

100 Yards Senior Cup.—First heat (championship heat).—H. W. Brown 1, Foden 2, Mackay 3; time, 11 1-5sec. Second heat: Sarten (4yds.) 1, Calder (6yds.) 2; time, 11 3-5sec. Third heat: Wheeler (2yds.) 1, H. Mason (7yds.) 2; time, 11 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Atkinson (4yds.) 1, Hawkes (scr.) 2; time, 11sec. Fifth heat: Rea (3yds.) 1, Moyes (3yds.) 2; time, 11 1-5sec. Sixth heat: R. Crawshaw (6yds.) 1, Nicholson (scr.) 2; time, 11 2-5sec. Final: Atkinson (4yds.) 1, Hawkes (scr.) 2, Rea (3yds.) 3; time, 11 2-5sec.

100 Yards Junior Cup (Mr. Beckbessinger's Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Revell 1, Brewster 2, In-sull 3; time, 12sec. Second heat: Mahraj (4yds.) 1, O'Halloran (5yds.) 2; time, 11 3-5sec. Third heat: G. Morey (2yds.) 1, V. Fookes (4yds.) 2; time, 12 1-5sec. Fourth heat: C. Tate (6yds.) 1, Patterson (3yds.) 2; time, 12sec. Fifth heat: Lysaght (5yds.) 1, Purdie (2yds.) 2; time, 11 4-5sec. Sixth heat: T. Syme (6yds.) 1, Penn (4yds.) 2; time, 12sec. Final: Mahraj (4yds.) 1, Revell (scr.) 2, Syme (6yds.) 3; time, 12sec.

Long Jump (Senior Cup).—Brown (scr.), 18ft. 5in., 1; Rickard (scr.), 17ft. 10in., 2; Mackay (scr.), 17ft. 5in., 3.

Long Jump (Junior Cup).—Brewster (scr.) and P. Pope (scr.), equal, 16ft. 5in.; Gibson (6in.), 15ft. 6in., 3.

75 Yards (under 13).—F. Barrack (5yds.) 1, P. Grover (scr.) 2, H. Fookes (scr.) 3. Time, 9 4-5sec.

880 Yards Senior Cup (Mason Memorial Cup).—Nicholson (scr.) 1, H. Brown (scr.) 2, Rea (10yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 14sec.

880 Yards (Junior Cup).—Brewster (scr.) 1, E. G. Smith (scr.) 2, Purdie (20yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 23 3-5sec.

100 Yards (under 14 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): S. Cottier (scr.) 1, R. Fletcher (scr.) 2, Sutherland (scr.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Second heat: C. Robb (6yds.) 1, V. Barak (4yds.) 2, Buick (2yds.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Third heat: J. Strong (8yds.) 1, J. Pease (1yd.) 2, W. Jones (3yds.) 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Final: S. Cottier (scr.) 1, J. Strong (8yds.) 2, C. Robb (6yds.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec.

220 Yards Open.—First heat: N. Smith (10yds.) 1, Erlandson (9yds.) 2; time, 26 2-5sec. Second heat: Rawson (7yds.) 1, I. Palmer (8yds.) 2; time, 26 1-5sec. Third heat: B. Scanlan (9yds.) 1, Hunt (16yds.) 2; time, 27 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Atkinson (6yds.) 1, Hawkes (scr.) 2; time, 25 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Barnett (10yds.) 1, Noakes

(6yds.) 2; time, 28 3-5sec. Sixth heat: A. Stevenson (6yds.) 1, H. Knuckey (14yds.) 2; time, 26 1-5sec. Seventh heat: Lealand (5yds.) 1, T. Syme (10yds.) 2; time, 26sec. Eighth heat: Wheeler (scr.) 1, Hooper (6yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Ninth heat: Pepperell (14yds.) 1, Ward (9yds.) 2; time, 26 3-5sec. Tenth heat: Dailey (11yds.) 1, Mahraj (8yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Eleventh heat: Sarten (4yds.) 1, T. Fookes (10yds.) 2; time, 26 2-5sec. Twelfth heat: H. Mason (13yds.) 1, J. Bennett (13yds.) 2; time, 26 3-5sec. Final: Hawkes (scr.) 1, A. Stevenson (6yds.) 2, Pepperell (14yds.) 3; time, 26 2-5sec.

High Jump (Junior Cup).—F. James (scr.), 4ft. 5in., 1; Fletcher (2in.) and Hair (2in.), each 4ft. 4in., 2.

High Jump (Senior Cup).—Collins (scr.), 5ft. 1½in., 1; Hooper (scr.), 4ft. 10½in., 2; Rickard (scr.), 4ft. 10in., 3.

50 Yards (under 10 Cup).—H. Thompson (scr.) 1, Whitcombe (4yds.) 2, Davies (scr.) 3. Time, 7 4-5sec.

440 Yards (Senior Cup).—Atkinson (15yds.) 1, Brown (scr.) 2, C. Lash (25yds.) 3. Time, 58sec.

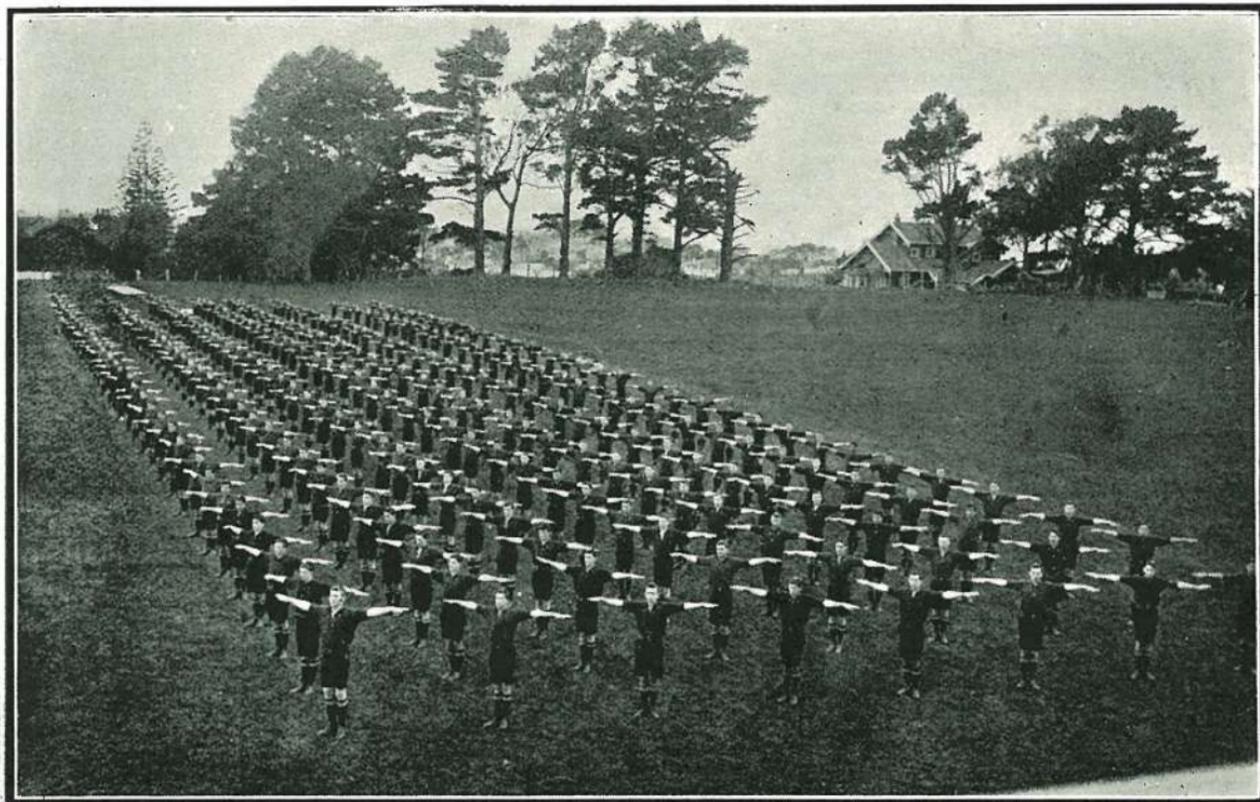
440 Yards Junior Cup (Mrs. Bothamley's Cup).—Brewster (scr.) 1, Purdie (20yds.) 2, Revell (5yds.) 3. Time, 60 4-5sec.

75 Yards (under 14 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): S. Cottier (scr.) 1, R. Fletcher (scr.) 2, Sutherland (scr.) 3; time, 9 4-5sec. Second heat: H. Rumball (5yds.) 1, R. Buick (scr.) 2, V. Barak (2yds.) 3; time, 10sec. Third heat: C. Robb (4yds.) 1, J. Strong (4yds.) 2, J. Pease (scr.) 3; time, 9 4-5sec. Final: S. Cottier (scr.) 1, R. Fletcher (scr.) 2, C. Robb (4yds.) 3; time, 10sec.

50 Yards (under 11).—J. Perry (scr.) 1, Waddle (4yds.) 2, A. Washer (scr.) 3. Time, 7 2-5sec.

Three-legged Race, 75 yards.—First heat: Webb and Rainger (10yds.) 1; time, 13 4-5sec. Second heat: Blundell and Saxton (10yds.) 1; time, 12 2-5sec. Third heat: Grant and J. Law (10yds.) 1; time, 12 3-5sec. Fourth heat: McCallum and Banks (10yds.) 1; time, 12sec. Fifth heat: McLean and Syme, 1; time, 12 1-5sec. Final: Law and Grant 1, Saxton and Blundell 2, Syme and McLean 3; time, 11 2-5sec.

100 Yards (under 12 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): L. Barlow (scr.) 1, R. Cooke (scr.) 2, McGinty (scr.) 3; time, 14sec. Second heat: F. Barrack (3yds.) 1,



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O. Clarke (5yds.) 2, Washer (3yds.) 3; time, 13 2-5sec. Final: F. Barrack (3yds.) 1, O. Clarke (5yds.) 2, L. Barlow (scr.) 3; time, 13 2-5sec.

Potato Race.—First heat: Mauri 1. Second heat: Meuli 1. Third heat: Whitcombe 1. Fourth heat: W. R. List 1. Fifth heat: F. Palmer 1. Sixth heat: F. Grover 1. Seventh heat: N. Smith 1. Eighth heat: J. W. Palmer 1. Ninth heat: L. Dinniss 1. Tenth heat: Herdman 1. Final: Mauri 1, W. R. List 2, J. W. Palmer 3.

Invitation Race, 100 yards (gold medal presented by Mr. F. W. Sutton (Hawera).—Innes (Stratford D.H.S.) 1, C. F. Hawkes (N.P.H.S.) 2, H. W. Brown (N.P.H.S.) 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

Sack Race, 75 yards.—First heat: Carr (15yds.) 1, Lysons (5yds.) 2. Second heat: N. Smith (5yds.) 1, D. Knuckey (10yds.) 2. Third heat: Blundell (scr.) 1, Cartwright (15yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Hutchen 1, Rampton (10yds.) 2. Fifth heat: Hetherington (15yds.) 1, W. Neal (10yds.) 2. Sixth heat: D. Hetherington 1, Rumball (10yds.) 2. Final: Blundell (scr.) 1, Carr (15yds.) 2.

75 Yards (under 10 Cup).—H. Thompson (scr.) 1, J. Davies (scr.) 2, H. Law (scr.) and Whitcombe (5yds.), dead heat, 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

50 Yards (under 12 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): L. Barlow (scr.) 1, B. Cook (scr.) 2, McGinty (scr.) 3; time, 7 1-5sec. Second heat: Washer (3yds.) 1, Hutchen (1yd.) 2, Clark (2yds.) 3. Final: Washer 1, McGinty 2, Barlow 3; time, 7sec.

100 Yards (under 10 Cup).—H. Thompson (scr.) 1, J. Davies (scr.) 2, H. Law (scr.) 3. Time, 15 2-5sec.

150 Yards (under 12 Cup).—L. Barlow (scr.) 1, McGinty (scr.) 2, A. Hutchen 3. Time, 21 1-5sec.

Old Boys' Race, 100 yards.—J. Whittle (scr.) 1, Dr. Fookes (10yds.) and W. Rea (6yds.), dead heat, 2. Time, 11 2-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles, Senior Cup (Mr. Noakes' Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Brown (owe 7yds.) 1, Mackay (owe 7yds.) 2, Collins (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 18 2-5sec. Second heat: Hughson (scr.) 1, Noakes (owe 3yds.) and Hooper (owe 3yds.), dead heat, 2; time, 20 4-5sec. Final: Brown (owe 7yds.) 1, Mackay (owe 7yds.) 2, Hughson (scr.) 3; time, 18 4-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (Junior Cup).—First heat (championship heat): Pope (owe 7yds.) 1, Brewster (owe 7yds.) 2, F. James (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 20 4-5sec. Second heat: Hawkins (owe 3yds.) 1, R. Stewart (owe 3yds.) 2; time, 22 1-5sec. Final: Hawkins (owe 7yds.) 1, Brewster (owe 7yds.) and Pope (owe 7yds.), dead heat, 2; time, 21 2-5sec.

220 Yards (under 14 Cup).—First heat (championship heat): S. Cottier (scr.) 1, R. Fletcher (scr.) 2, Murdoch (scr.) 3; time, 29 2-5sec. Second heat: Buick (10yds.) 1, H. Rumball (15yds.) 2, W. Blair (10yds.) 3; time, 30sec. Final: Buick (10yds.) 1, Murdoch (scr.) 2, S. Cottier (scr.) 3; time, 29 1-5sec.

Old Boys' Race, 220 yards.—Kyngdon (8yds.) 1, Willis (scr.) 2, Doile (10yds.) 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

One Mile, Senior (Dr. Fookes' Cup).—Aldis (60yds.) 1, F. Julian (30yds.) 2, Cranby (30yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 17sec.

One Mile (Junior).—E. G. Smith (scr.) 1, J. Palmer (60yds.) 2, L. W. Smith (100yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 23sec.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Senior: Palmer (90yds.) 1, M. Barak 2. Junior: R. Brewster (80yds. 1ft.) 1, B. B. Mahraj 2.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

In each championship the points gained, on sports day, by the leading boy gave him such a majority that the steeplechase points did not make any difference in the result:—

Senior Cup.—H. W. Brown 25 points, J. D. Mackay 10, T. N. Foden 7, C. Collins and H. Rickard 6.

Junior Cup (under 16 years).—R. Brewster 23 points, P. Pope 10, W. Alexander 8, F. James 7, Insull 6.

Championship (under 14 years).—S. Cottier 15 points, R. Fletcher 9, Sutherland 2, Murdoch 1.

Championship (under 12 years).—L. Barlow 15 points, B. Cooke 7, T. McGinty 5.

Championship (under 10 years).—H. Thomson 15 points, J. Davies 9, H. Law 3.

EXCHANGES.

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NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

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Fookes.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Fifth Annual Report of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association for the year ended September 30, 1921, to be presented to the members of the Association at the Annual Meeting to be held in the School Assembly Hall on Saturday, October 15, 1921, at 7.30 p.m.

Your Executive has pleasure in presenting the Fifth Annual Report of the Association.

War Memorial.—Since the last Annual Meeting in December, 1920, the Executive has been chiefly engaged on the matter of the War Memorial Fund. It has now been definitely decided that the memorial shall take the form of entrance gates. The fund was closed on August 31, 1921, and the donations paid and promised amount to £752 12s 6d, so that approximately £775 should be available for the building of the memorial. It had been hoped that the building of the gates would have been commenced before this time, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable plans nothing could be done. Plans have now come to hand and it is hoped that the work will be well in hand before the School term starts in February, 1922.

Old Boys' Badge.—At the last Annual Meeting it was decided that the badge of the Association should take the form of a miniature of the present School badge, and these badges have now been manufactured and are on sale to Old Boys.

Annual Reunion.—In 1920 our reunion was unfortunately postponed twice—firstly on account of the postponement of the sports owing to the inclement weather, and secondly on November 11 when the aeroplane disaster put an end to all thoughts of a reunion. On December 10 a very successful smoke concert was held in the School dining hall in lieu of the reunion dinner, and although only town members were present a very enjoyable evening was spent. It has been decided that in the future the reunions of the Association shall take the form of a smoke concert to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on the evening of Sports Day, and it is hoped that all Old Boys will endeavour to make this day at least one occasion for renewing the acquaintances of their old School mates and visiting the School.

Annual Ball.—The Annual Ball was this year held in the Assembly Hall on July 8, and proved a highly successful function, Old Boys from all parts of the Dominion being present. The success of the ball was largely due to the efforts of the Ladies' Committee and the thanks of the Association are due to that committee for their assistance. The Association are also indebted to the President (Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid) and Mrs. MacDiarmid for enabling them to entertain the Ladies' Committee. After paying all expenses in connection with the ball there is a surplus of £2 8s 7d, which has been carried forward to next year.

Sports.—The Old Boys' Football Club this year had a most successful season and the membership has been largely increased. The Club entered three teams in the town competitions and although they were not successful in winning any of the competitions they should in time become the leading club in the town. While on the subject we would urge the Club to endeavour to arrange matches with Old Boys' teams of other towns. We would congratulate the School on its success in football this year in defeating Nelson College and Wanganui Technical College, and in winning the third and fourth grade and primary school competitions in the Taranaki district.

The Cricket Club after a successful season drew in the A Grade Competition with the New Plymouth team, and this performance after the Club's being in existence for only two seasons is a splendid one and the Club is to be congratulated on its success.

While on the subject of sports we would urge Old Boys to join the local Amateur Athletic Association. Such a club has been long needed in this town and we trust Old Boys will give it their support.

Finance.—It is satisfactory to be able to report that the accounts show a balance of £15 19s, excluding the balance of £2 8s 7d held for the Ball Committee. The War Memorial Fund shows a balance in hand of £464 3s. As the War Memorial Fund has now been closed we would urge all boys who intend contributing to this fund to do so without delay, in order that the Committee may definitely know what amount is available.

Rules of the Association.—It is proposed to amend the rules of the Association and the amendments will be placed before the members at the Annual Meeting. These amendments deal with the alterations of the objects of the Association and the election of past and present Masters of the School as honorary members of the Association.

Old Boys' Column.—During the year Messrs. E. P. Webster and Bracken Wilson were appointed Editors of the Old Boys' Column in "The Taranakian" and it is hoped that any news of interest to Old Boys will be handed to the Editors.

General.—During the year the Executive has met on eight occasions and the attendance at all meetings has been very good. During the year Mr. Percy Jackson, a vice-president, left the town and resigned his position, which vacancy has not been filled. It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Oswald McHardy. He was a member of the Executive and took a keen interest in the Association and his death will prove a great loss to the Association. Mr. D. Doile was appointed to the Executive to fill the vacancy. Mr. A. Papps, an Old Boy of Nelson College and Master of the School, has been appointed representative of the Association at the School.

A matter which should not be overlooked by the Association is the compilation of a register of all pupils who have passed through the School. The compilation of such a register should not be left over too long, as with the increasing numbers of Old Boys it is becoming extremely difficult to keep in touch with them all.

Thanks.—The thanks of the Association are due to the Ladies' Committee who assisted at the Annual Ball, to Messrs. Cumming and Bradbury for submitting plans for the War Memorial, to our President (Mr. MacDiarmid) for the use of his rooms for Executive meetings, and to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes and the Masters of the School for the ready assistance they have given the Association at all times. It is indeed gratifying to find that the Association and the School are so intimate as this condition is essential to the effective working of the Association.

MEETING OF ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL REUNION.

The annual meeting of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association was held in the High School Assembly Hall on Saturday evening, October 15, Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid (President of the Association) presiding over a good attendance.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the chairman said that it had been hoped to exhibit the plans of the proposed memorial at the meeting that evening, but unfortunately the wrong plans had come to hand from Auckland, where they were being prepared, but the right plans should shortly be here. The Old Boys' badge was now on sale, and he urged all Old Boys to procure one, as it should be considered an honour to wear one. Referring to the activities of the Association in sport, he said that the Football Club, though it had not carried everything before it, had done very well for a young club, while the cricket team had also done very well. Speaking of finance, he said the balance was not large, but with their method of obtaining funds it could never be large. The only subscription was 5s, paid when a boy left School. There had been some proposals to alter this, but it was thought better to leave it as it was. Under the present scheme a boy paying 5s on leaving School was a member for life, whereas if the subscription were an annual one, and he were to miss paying for a year, he would no longer be a member. He said that there would be some interesting notes about Old Boys in the next "Taranakian," and he urged all who had any details about Old Boys to get in touch with Messrs. Webster and Wilson. He urged on the incoming committee the necessity of compiling a register of the Old Boys of the School, as before long it might be impossible to get details. He then finally moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, which was seconded by Dr. Fookes.

Mr. P. J. H. White congratulated the executive on the work done during the year. Considering the very difficult year, they had made wonderful strides, and the result had been excellent, especially in connection with the war memorial.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The President remarked that the work had been done willingly, the Executive proving an excellent team.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. R. H. George; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. Bewley and C. H. Wynyard; Hon. Auditor, Mr. Whitcombe; Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. R. G. Howell and J. B. Wilson (re-elected); Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Kirkby; Committee, Messrs. E. D. Colson, Atkinson, Blundell, Doile, L. B. Webster, A. M. MacDiarmid, and Dr. Fookes.

In accordance with notice of motion, the rules were altered so as to include among the objects for which the association was formed, the promotion and encouragement of sports clubs, and also to provide that past and present Masters of the School, though not Old Boys of the School, might be elected members. In accordance with this altered rule, all past and present Masters were elected members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes for the willing assistance they had always given the Association.

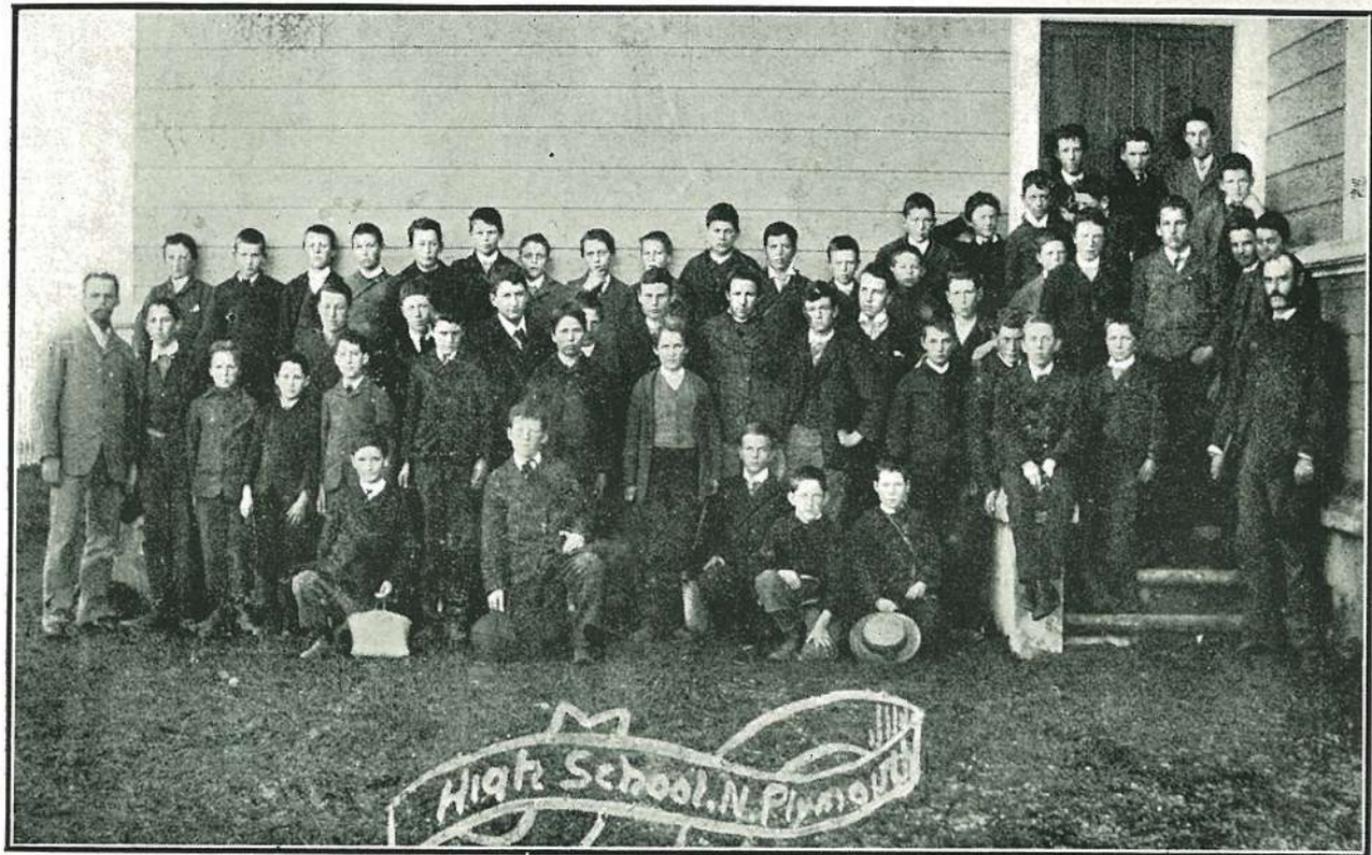
ANNUAL REUNION.

A SOCIAL GATHERING.

After the meeting the annual reunion was held, Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid presiding. There were also present: The Mayor (Mr. F. E. Wilson), Messrs. W. H. Moyes (Principal of the School), J. S. Fox (chairman of the Board of Governors), E. Lash (secretary), and Masters of the School.

After the usual loyal toast had been enthusiastically honoured, a selection was rendered by the School orchestra of some twenty players, under the baton of Master Lomas, one of the pupils, and their splendid playing proved a revelation to most of those present. An undeniable recall was given.

“The School” was then proposed by Mr. H. R. Billing, who said a function of this nature made old pupils maintain an interest in the School. Without that interest the School could not progress as it should. The School was established about forty years ago on a very small scale, and thanks to the management of the staff and the Board of Governors the School had changed very much. The early pupils had to struggle against adverse circumstances, but now the School's future was very bright. They had a good position, a good Principal, and an excellent staff, also a good Board of Governors. It was also satisfactory to note that the School was now known beyond the province. He wished to place on record the excellent work done by Mr. Moyes and his staff (applause), and also by the late Principal (Mr. Pridham), to whom all old pupils looked back with affection and respect. In concluding, he again touched on the splendid work done by Mr. Moyes and the staff, referring to the successes achieved both in the School and out of the School.



SCHOOL GROUP, 1883.

Mr. Moyes, who was greeted with applause on rising to respond, said that this was the only opportunity he had during the year of seeing the Old Boys together and expressing his appreciation of their interest in the School and support of it. It was very gratifying to know that the School had behind it a body of Old Boys who recognised its successes and took a pride in its good name. During the past year the School had had a number of successes which he would mention, not with any idea of boasting, but because he knew the Old Boys would like to hear of the progress the School was making. In the first place the School had grown to be one of the largest boarding schools in the Dominion, and that must be attributed largely to the work done by the Board of Governors, and especially the Chairman, who, though confronted with tremendous difficulties after the fire, had succeeded, as was shown by the fact that they had erected buildings here to the value of £17,000. As regards the School it had been stated that it was too much devoted to athletics, but he pointed out that last year one of the pupils at the School had topped the list at the New Zealand Junior University Scholarship examination, and in doing so had put up a record in obtaining higher marks than had ever been secured by any other scholar in New Zealand. Another boy had also qualified for the Taranaki Scholarship. This was due to the good work done by the staff, which he appreciated. It was not generally known that the School carried on University classes, and the advantage of this was shown by the fact that last year the School sent up four boys for a section of their degree examinations, the LL.B. and B.Sc., and all had got through. In football, the School had been able to beat Nelson substantially and was now able to compete successfully with other schools. In shooting it had held first place in New Zealand for many years past. Pupils from the School were also doing very well in the Universities at Dunedin, Wellington, Auckland, and Christchurch, and would do further credit to the School. He would admit that the School had faults, but they were doing their best to keep in line with the other big schools of the Dominion. In concluding, he thanked the association for the interest they had taken in the School in the past, and which he was sure they were going to show in the future.

Dr. Fookes, in proposing the toast of "Sister Colleges," referred to the fact that the School was now able to compete with other colleges on equal terms, and he urged the incoming Executive to endeavour to get in closer touch with Old Boys' Associations of other colleges. Messrs. A. R. Ryder (Christchurch High School), T. C. Fookes and A. Papps (Nelson College) responded.

"Board of Governors" was proposed by Mr. P. J. H. White, who said that he extended to the Chairman (Mr. Fox) in all his difficulties in managing affairs as between the Board and the Department, his heartfelt sympathy. The Board had had considerable difficulty in obtaining the necessary Government assistance for educational matters in New Plymouth. He was pleased, however, that the Board had apparently got into a better financial position. He paid a tribute to the work of the Board, considering that the School was fortunate in having such a capable body at the head of its affairs, and he could assure them that they had the support of the Association behind them.

Mr. J. S. Fox (Chairman of the Board), in responding, said the financial position was very sound. Though they had no money "to splash," with careful administration during the next few years they should be able to effect further improvements. He said that the credit for this position was largely due to the careful administration of the previous chairman (Mr. L. C. Sladden) and the secretary (Mr. E. Lash). He thanked the Old Boys for all they had done in the past; but for their assistance it was possible that they could not have had the fine room they were in that night. He also paid a tribute to the work of Old Boys in connection with the memorial gates and asked them to give their assistance in having a suitable gymnasium established at the School. In conclusion he expressed his thanks to Mr. Moyes for instilling manliness into the youth of the district. Undoubtedly Mr. Moyes had "made" the School, which was now known throughout New Zealand.

Mr. F. E. Wilson (Mayor of New Plymouth) expressed gratification at noting the pride and loyalty towards the School that its old scholars displayed and also the splendid manner in which they co-operated with the Board in the welfare of the School. He urged them to carry this co-operation into their municipal life and it would not be long before the Old Boys' Association would be addressed by a Mayor who was an Old Boy of the School. He referred to the approaching visit of the Governor to the district, announcing that the School and its beautiful grounds had been chosen as the place for the official welcome, and he hoped the members of the Association would co-operate in making it a fitting one.

Other toasts were "Absent Old Boys," proposed by the Chairman; "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. E. D. Colson, and responded to by Mr. G. Bertrand; "Sports and Pastimes," proposed by Mr. R. H. Quilliam and responded to by Messrs. A. Bewley and C. H. Wynyard; "The Press," proposed by Mr. L. B. Webster. Mr. T. C. List, in proposing the health of the Chairman, urged members of the Association to make the School the foundation of the public life of the town by taking a prominent part in public affairs after they had left School. He also urged them to take up the matter of the provision of a gymnasium for the School, pointing out that they would get plenty of assistance from friends of the School. The toast was most enthusiastically honoured.

During the evening an excellent programme was interspersed between the speeches, items being contributed by Messrs. R. Cocker, A. Brooker, A. MacDiarmid, Butler, R. N. Renaud, Hill, Bellringer, and Dr. Fookes, all being encored. Mr. N. Bellringer and Mr. H. Morey acted as accompanists.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

With the general post-war revival of interest in all sports the welfare of the Club has greatly prospered, and the members of the Club now number in the vicinity of 75 players. During the season the Club entered three teams in the local competitions and at no stage has difficulty been experienced in maintaining the teams at full strength.

The senior team has played throughout the season under the captaincy of D. Sykes, with C. H. Wynyard as vice-captain. As in former years the team's backs were a nippy and resourceful lot, being fast and invariably handling the ball well. The forwards were unfortunately the set-back to the team, as although they were a hard-working pack, they lacked the weight and dash necessary to carry them through. If a heavier pack can be obtained in future years and the present standard of back play is maintained the team should go far in the competitions.

The personnel of the team varied throughout the season owing to sickness and injuries, but the team was in the main selected from the following members:—Backs: A. and H. Bayly, J. Boon, A. Bruce, S. Dowland, N. Little, D. Sykes, C. Stewart, L. Sole, H. Valentine, J. Whittle, C. H. Wynyard, J. Willis and B. Williams. Forwards: T. Brookes, N. Bellringer, R. Blundell, R. J. Brokenshire, R. Boon, C. Clare, D. Doile, H. Hughes, M. James, —. Lovegrove, A. McDavitt, S. McGregor, H. Morris, J. O'Grady, A. Ridge and H. Smith.

The team played in all eleven matches during the season with varying success as shown by the record of games hereunder:—

April 23—v. Eltham, won 9 points to nil.
 May 7—v. Okato, won 22 points to nil.
 May 14—v. Inglewood, lost 13 points to 3.
 May 21—v. Star, drawn, 8 points to 8.
 May 28—v. Eltham, won 11 points to 3.
 June 11—v. Okato, lost 9 points to 3.
 June 18—v. Inglewood, lost 6 points to 3.
 June 25—v. Star, lost 4 points to nil.
 July 2—v. Eltham, lost 10 points to 3.
 July 23—v. Okato, won 28 to nil.
 July 30—v. School, lost 17 to 14.

V. Bayly captained the second grade team throughout the season. The team has had a somewhat chequered career, being materially weakened in the majority of its matches by the withdrawal of players to fill vacancies in the senior team. Notwithstanding this handicap the members of the team showed excellent promise and should provide many good senior players in future years.

This season marked the advent of an Old Boys' fourth grade team, and the team's first year's existence may be considered a very successful one. At the opening of the

season there was a shortage of players, but after the second match had been played the team was always at more than full strength. Altogether 14 competition matches were played and the team took third place for the Northern Division with 9 wins, 4 losses and 1 drawn game, and a total of 171 points for and 57 against them. In the second round the team was the only one that had an undefeated record, winning six games and drawing one.

The personnel of the team was:—P. Wright (captain), F. Newell (vice-captain), E. Luxton, B. Moore, K. Rawlinson, H. Mace, L. Linn, B. Hughes, M. Hughes, I. McHardy, E. Olson, E. Coleman, A. Styles, N. Hamblin, R. Cleland, B. Bayly, S. Medway, R. Taylor, H. Falwasser, W. Mackay and P. Hawkins.

The following is a summary of the matches played:—

FIRST ROUND OF COMPETITION.

- v. High School D, lost 9 points to 6.
- v. Technical School, lost 3 points to nil.
- v. Tukapa, won 41 points to nil.
- v. Clifton, won 11 points to nil.
- v. Lepperton, won 8 points to 6.
- v. Star, lost 8 points to nil.
- v. High School C, lost 14 points to 13.

SECOND ROUND.

- v. High School D, won 19 points to 3.
- v. Technical School, won 27 points to 8.
- v. Tukapa, won 31 points to nil.
- v. Clifton, won 6 points to 3.
- v. Lepperton, won 9 points to 3.
- v. Star, won 3 points to nil.
- v. High School C, drawn—no score.

FIRST ANNUAL SMOKE CONCERT.

An enjoyable evening was spent in the Foresters' Hall on Saturday, October 8, when the first annual smoke concert of the Old Boys' Football Club was held. The President of the Club (Dr. E. F. Fookes) was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of the Old Boys of the High School and members of other clubs and the Rugby Union. The headmaster of the School (Mr. W. H. Moyes) was among the guests. Several apologies for absence included Mr. S. G. Smith, M.P.

The toasts were interspersed with musical and elocutionary items which were contributed by Messrs. B. Hartman, A. Brooker, B. P. Bellringer, R. B. Macdonald, P. Tunbridge, C. Hill, H. Morey and N. Bellringer.

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, "The Rugby Union" was proposed by Dr. Fookes, who commented upon the successful season which was in the closing stage and congratulated Mr. James McLeod for his work in connection therewith, and also upon his appointment as president of the New Zealand Rugby Union.

In responding on behalf of the Rugby Union, Mr. McLeod disclaimed that any particular credit was due to him. The present Rugby Union was one of the best, as far as personnel was concerned, that Taranaki had ever had. Mr. Humphries, who was also called upon to respond, gave a little advice as to the management of clubs without bothering the Rugby Union Management Committee more than could be helped. He wished all footballers a very successful season next year.

"The Referees' Association" was proposed by Mr. A. Bewley, who paid a tribute to the excellent work done at all times by the referees to further football interest. Mr. Hopkins, in responding, said that members of the Association made personal sacrifices, which would be realised when he told them that he had been a referee for 25 years. He made an appeal to the older members of the football community to join the Association. The impetus given by Mr. McLeod's scheme to football had extended to the Referees' Association as its membership had doubled in the past season.

"Kindred Clubs" was proposed by Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid, who in the course of his remarks expressed a hope that the friendly rivalry which had existed for many years between the Star and Tukapa teams would continue among the three teams for the betterment of the game. In responding on behalf of the Star and Tukapa Clubs respectively Messrs. S. J. Smith and C. O. Berg complimented the Old Boys upon the tactics displayed by the team in their games. They welcomed the entry of the Old Boys' Club into the competition.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed by Mr. C. H. Wynyard and responded to by Mr. A. R. Ryder.

"The School and the Old Boys' Association" was proposed by Mr. Jas. McLeod, who remarked that if there was one thing of which the citizens of the town were proud it was the status of the High School. The School was working out a great destiny under its present head. The right man had been found at the moment he was wanted. Club football was benefitting throughout the province by the football training which boys received at the School.

Mr. W. H. Moyes, in the course of his response on behalf of the School, commented upon the lack of facilities in New Plymouth to enable football teams to enter into proper training. At the present time a lack of training and combination was evident and the School must bear part of the blame because it was unable to offer the use of a gymnasium. He suggested that the Old Boys should work with the School in an effort to provide a gymnasium. Mr. MacDiarmid responded on behalf of the Old Boys' Association and urged the need for loyalty to the Association by the individuals.

Other toasts honoured were "The Press (proposed by Mr. N. B. Howell), "The Entertainers" (proposed by Mr. Moyes, responded to by Mr. B. Hartman), and "The Chairman" (Mr. R. Brokenshire).

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded the evening and the season.

ANNUAL BALL.

We take the following report of the Annual Ball from the Taranaki Herald:—

The New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association held their third Annual Ball on Friday night (July 16). The function was held in the School Assembly Hall and was a brilliant success, over 200 couples being present, amongst them being visitors from all parts of Taranaki. The decorations of the hall were quite a feature of the occasion. The walls were covered with greenery in which ivy and punga palms predominated, and the pillars which support the gallery were covered with bamboos. From the ceiling coloured streamers were suspended, and the effect of these dipping down into the greenery was distinctly pleasing, and two huge umbrellas containing confetti, one at either end of the hall, suspended overhead, completed a comprehensive and effective design. The floor had been excellently prepared and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent, dancing being continued until well past midnight.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

The War Memorial Fund was closed on August 31, and an amount of approximately £750 has been subscribed. It has been decided that the memorial shall take the form of entrance gates to the School and plans will be settled upon before the end of November, when it is hoped that the work may be put in hand at once. There are still a large number of Old Boys who have not yet subscribed to this fund and we would urge all those who intend subscribing to do so without delay. All donations should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Box 76, New Plymouth.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Ken. Dailey, who left School at the end of last term, is on the local staff of the Union Bank.

O. Ellis is on the staff of Govett, Quilliam and Hutchen.

A. Moss, who met with an unfortunate accident in March last, has been in the local hospital undergoing treatment. We were glad to see him at the sports.

Dick Davies, who is farming at Taihape, is we regret to say suffering from a severe attack of pneumonic influenza, and he is still far from well.

J. E. Wilson (1886), who recently resigned from the post of Chief Justice of Samoa, returned to New Zealand in October, when he visited New Plymouth. He has recently taken up his magisterial duties in Auckland.

Chas. Yates, who is with the Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd., in Longburn, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in his district:—Len. Goss is on the Defence staff in Palmerston North; he has been playing for the Old Boys' senior fifteen and is now a member of the R.S.A. cricket eleven. "Jimmy" Callander is serving his "time" at civil engineering in Palmerston North; he is a member of the Old Boys' Football Club and represented Manawatu on several occasions. Allan Buchanan is in the office of Dalgety and Co., and is another member of the Old Boys' Football Club; "Buck" was present at this year's annual ball in July. Lindsay Bryce is farming at Hinau and Hugh Bryce is farming at Kiwitea. George Mason is on the staff of the Railway Office at Palmerston North. Ron. Kilpatrick attends the Palmerston North Boys' High School. Arthur Fell is attending the Longburn Public School.

Ian Grant is now practising as a solicitor on his own at Inglewood.

The London Gazette announces that Captain Newenham Robert de la Cour Cornwall, R.D., R.N.R., has been appointed to be Royal Naval Reserve aide-de-camp to the King, to date from June 30, 1921. Captain Cornwall, who was at School in 1882, is at present in command of the New Zealand Shipping Company's vessel Otaki, which is due in New Zealand some time next month.

Eric Tansey is working on a farm at Ohakune. He was nominated for the Wanganui representatives this year and from all accounts is as blithe as ever and keeps fit by climbing Ruapehu once a week.

T. E. Hamerton, who was until recently on the staff of Weston and Billing at Inglewood and New Plymouth, has started a law practice at Taneatua, near Whakatane.

H. D. Lucena, D. G. D. Mackie, H. J. Mackie (1909), K. D. Clemow, D. Sutton, E. Smart and J. M. Hine are attending Canterbury College.

Norman Leech is at present on the Defence staff at Christchurch.

"Weed" Hamblyn is at Lincoln Agricultural College.

Gordon Beck is attached to the Railway Department at Christchurch.

Brian Horner is attached to the staff of Grant and Cook, surveyors at Gisborne, and spends most of his time out in the back-blocks. He informs us that in the course of his travels recently he ran across Ken. Grant, who is sheep farming near the East Cape.

Kev. O'Hallaron supplies us with the following notes:—
J. J. K. Terry, who completed his LL.B., has been admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court and is on the staff of Nicholson and Gribbon, Auckland. D. Penman is on the staff of J. J. Craig, merchants, Auckland.

Surrey Allemann is working with Mr. Cummings (architect). He kept terms in the following subjects: History of Architecture (Class II.), Buildings Construction (Class III.), Freehand Drawing (Class II.).

D. ("Towser") Jury, who has been working with Milne and Choyce at Auckland, has recently gone to Hawera.

Owen Bayly, who is with Tole and Hunt, solicitors, sits for his final section of the LL.B. this year, and kept terms in Property II.

W. M. Airey is working at Archibald Clark and Sons.

J. R. Kingston is working in Auckland.

J. D. Clemow is with Nicholson and Gribbon, solicitors. He kept terms in Constitutional History, Jurisprudence, and Roman Law.

R. A. Sinclair is with Reybourne, McArthur and Boyes, solicitors, and kept terms in Roman Law, Conflict of Laws and International Law, and English (University pass standard).

L. O'Halloran is with Jackson, Russell, Tunks and Ostler, solicitors, and kept terms in Roman Law, Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law.

Charles Noble is attending the Auckland Training College and distinguished himself by gaining first place in Junior Chemistry. He kept terms in Junior Chemistry this year, gaining a first-class pass.

Kev. O'Halloran is attending Auckland University and kept terms in Pure Mathematics (Class II.), Education (Class I.). He represented Auckland B on several occasions.

T. F. Merron, who is working in the Customs Office, New Plymouth, kept terms in the following subjects:—Mental and Moral Philosophy (Class I.), Property (Class II.), and Contracts (Class II.).

Jack Willis, who is with Mr. George Grey, solicitor, kept terms in Roman Law, Property, Contracts, and Torts. He has recently been distinguishing himself in boxing circles.

W. C. Rea is with Govett, Quilliam and Hutchen, solicitors, and kept terms in Jurisprudence, Constitutional History, and Criminal Law.

J. W. Jillett is on the reporting staff of the Daily News and kept terms in History.

W. G. Wilkie is teaching at the School and kept terms in English and History.

J. M. Hine is attending lectures at the Christchurch University and kept terms in Roman Law, International Law and Torts.

H. J. Mackie, who was at School in 1909, is attending Canterbury College and kept terms in Philosophy and Economics.

The following Old Boys attending Victoria College kept terms in various subjects:—R. A. Syme, Latin (Class I.), French (Class I.), Jurisprudence (Class III.), Constitutional History (Class III.), and English; R. E. Pope, Torts (Class II.), Roman Law (Class III.), Criminal Law (Class III.), and Property (Class I.); C. E. Winfield, Jurisprudence (Class I.), Roman Law, Torts and Property; R. H. Greiner, Roman Law, Torts, Criminal Law, and Property; H. L. Richardson kept second terms for his B.Sc. degree. S. Smith, M. (Hoppy) Smith and Arthur Gilbert are attending the Wellington Training College. Seymour Clifford is with the Eastern Extension Cable Company at Wellington.

L. D. Neill, who has been in the King Country, is now farming at Te Rore.

A. C. MacDiarmid (1892) is chief engineer at the Taihape Freezing Works and has recently been elected an associate member of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers.

The following Old Boys kept terms at the Otago University:—A. B. Sturtevant, Brian Johns, Norman Waddle and Newt. Quilliam, second year terms in both Anatomy and Physiology; and Rob. Rockel in Anatomy.

Ken. Brokenshire was successful in passing his second professional examination in Medicine.

Derek Denny-Brown passed his first professional examination, obtaining distinction. We would congratulate him on his appointment as student lecturer in Osteology.

R. G. B. Sinclair succeeded in passing his first professional examination. In a letter received from him recently he states: "I do not know many chaps coming down here from New Plymouth, so if you know any more who are coming, ask them to drop in and see me. I am quite handy to the Varsity and a new student arriving here can usually do with a few hints as to what to expect."

Arthur Huse this year kept terms in Chemistry, Physics and Zoology at the Otago University.

H. L. Calder, who is attending the Dunedin Training College, kept terms in Latin (Pass Degree), Economics and Advanced History.

E. Boulton kept terms in Education, History and Advanced History.

Alan Little is at present an inmate of the local hospital. Some years ago he had an accident with his leg and has had to undergo treatment for it.

Les. McAllum has been appointed inspector for Taranaki of the Eagle, Star and British Dominions Insurance Co., Ltd.

Syd. Train, who is farming at Waitotara, was in town for the reunion. His brother "Freddy" was in the Wairoa representative football team.

Harry E. Fookes (1884), who has been superintendent of the New Plymouth branch of the Telegraph Department, retires at the end of the year after 27 years' service.

The Gazette announces the resignation of R. H. Bourke, Deputy Commissioner of Stamps at Dunedin. Mr. Bourke was at School in 1890.

Harold Kirkby has severed his connection with Johnstone and Croker, and is now on the staff of Roy, Nicholson, and Bennett, solicitors.

A. M. MacDiarmid (1893), last year's president of the Association, has been re-elected president of the Local Returned Soldiers' Association.

Loftus Russell is now at the Port Darwin branch of the Eastern Extension Cable Company. In a letter received from him recently he gives a very interesting description of the life and people over there, and from all accounts seems to be liking the work. He expects to get six months' leave in about eighteen months' time, when he contemplates visiting New Zealand.

Norman Day, who is teaching at the Normal School, Hamilton, supplies us with the following notes:—H. C. N. Norris (1907) has recently taken into partnership W. Meldrum, a Rhodes Scholar. Ellerm and Day have dissolved partnership, and Eric Ellerm (1906) has gone to North Auckland, where he is representing an insurance company. Eric Day is continuing the auctioneering business in Hamilton. "Bill" Luxton is on his father's farm at Eureka and has recently been married. H. V. Searle leaves for Nelson College at the end of the term, where he has been appointed Mathematics Master. Alan Brackebush is training as a Masseur at Rotorua.

K. C. Roberts kept terms in Advanced Chemistry and Advanced Physics.

P. J. H. White (1888) has been re-elected chairman of the Taranaki Education Board.

Miles Atkinson, who is farming at Manaia, supplies us with the following notes:—Claude McKay and Len. Hughes both played for Waimate seniors this year. Sefton Herbert is farming at Otakeho and was a member of the Waimate seconds. The Snowdon Bros. are often in Manaia and are farming in the back country. Andrew Hastie is milking a herd of 250 cows at Otakeho. He recently obtained his lieutenant's commission in the Territorials.

"Mick" Wybourne, who was in town recently, supplies us with the following notes:—Harold Grigg is farming at Te Awamutu. Alister McHardy is farming at Morrinsville. He has been playing football for South Auckland, being in the team that drew with Taranaki at the beginning of the season. Roy Wills is farming at Denbigh Road, Hawera. Bob Donald is share-milking at Manaia. Herbert Ferguson is farming near Hawera and has recently been married.

J. S. Connett (1882), who now resides in town, has been appointed to the Executive of the Dominion Counties' Association. We were pleased to see him at the reunion this year.

At the Amateur Athletic Association meeting held last month the following Old Boys were successful in winning events:—T. L. V. Hoffmann, first 100 Yards Championship; M. Sutherland, first High Jump; L. W. Lovell, first 880 Yards Handicap; F. C. Kelly, first One Mile Handicap; E. Colson, second 120 Yards Hurdles.

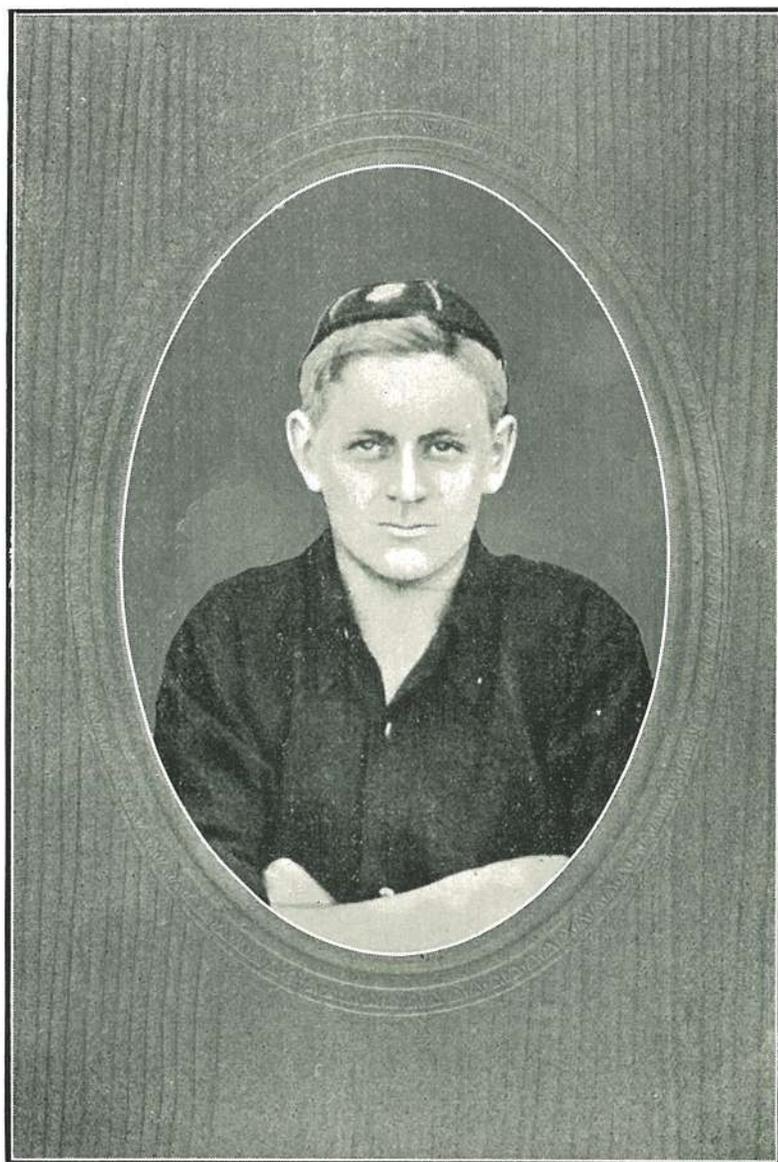
Alan Matthews is farming in the Waikato.

W. G. Mander, who was at School in 1906, is now manager of the Union Company at Rarotonga, and in a letter received from him he gives a very interesting description of the island and of the inhabitants. His brother, John Mander, is an engineer on the R.M.S. Tahiti.

N. Hamblin (1916) is now a cadet on the H.M.S. Chatham.

"Algy" Trill (1915) is fifth engineer on the Port Hackling.

Gerald Webster, who has been farming near Cape Runaway, is now working on a farm near Awakino.



A. CLELAND
(DIED MAY 20th, 1921.)

L. Hoffmann is on the local staff of the United Insurance Company, Ltd.

Alf. Grant (1906), teller in the local branch of the Bank of New South Wales, has been transferred to Palmerston North as accountant.

Dick Wilson, who has been farming at Pahiatua, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and we are glad to hear he is progressing favourably.

Cliff Johnston is working with F. N. Whitcombe (also an Old Boy), dentist, in this town.

Eric (Tommy) Johns is working with Strathie Ewing at Brixton.

D. A. Lusk (1910) is working at Opunake and represented Taranaki last season on several occasions.

The following Old Boys were also at various times in the Taranaki team:—D. Sykes, C. H. Wynyard, M. Osborne and D. A. Lusk.

Russell Matthews, who is studying civil engineering in London, recently attended a conference of students at Geneva, going as representative for Fulham, London. Lionel Teed, who is expected back in New Zealand at any time, was also among the students who attended the conference.

Willard Ewing is on the staff of the Taranaki Daily News.

A. F. Bleasdale (1900) is working with A. Twine in this town.

Frank Veale (1887) is stationmaster at Stratford.

E. P. Webster has recently returned from a trip to Sydney, Melbourne and Tasmania. While in Sydney he witnessed the inter-college athletic tournament, and he was present in Melbourne at the running of the Melbourne Cup.

At a meeting of Old Boys held on November 18, 1921, an Old Boys' Live-saving Club was formed. The headquarters of the Club are at Ngamotu and the Club intends entering a team for the Tabor Shield competitions this season.

WILLIAM E. ELLIS.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of William E. Ellis, which occurred on July 6 after a severe illness. Mr. Ellis was at School in 1888. He served in the

South African War and also in the Great War, being severely wounded at Gallipoli. For some considerable time after his return to New Zealand he was an out-patient of the New Plymouth Hospital, and he was on his return to New Plymouth appointed manager of the Soldiers' Club. He was also closely connected with the Returned Soldiers' Association. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives in their sad loss.

ALEC CLELAND.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death, after a severe attack of pneumonia, of Alec Cleland. He was a pupil at the School from 1917 until 1919, and was a very conscientious worker, and his cheerful disposition made him popular with Masters and boys alike. Since leaving School he had been assisting his father in the building trade. One of his outstanding traits of character was steady application and efficiency in any task entrusted to him. He was a very keen member of the Old Boys' Association and we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his parents in their sad loss.

BIRTHS.

EVERY.—At Wellington on June 19, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Avery, a son.

FRASER.—At New Plymouth on October 8, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fraser, a son.

DIPROSE.—At New Plymouth on September 18, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Diprose, a son.

CONNELL.—At New Plymouth on November 21, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Connell, a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Norman D. Day, of Hamilton, to Alison, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greig, "Glen Almond," New Plymouth.

Richard A. Wilson, of Pahiatua, to Nancibel, daughter of Mrs. Hunter, of Masterton.

D. A. Doile to Bernice, daughter of Mrs. Paterson, New Plymouth.

MARRIAGES.

JENKINSON—BOYLE.—At Wellington on September 7, W. H. Jenkinson, only son of Mrs. W. Jenkinson, to Miss J. A. Boyle.

HINE—JONES.—At Waitara on August 24, 1921, Henry Hine to Miss M. L. Jones, of Waitara.

LUXTON—HINTON.—At Eureka, on October 31, 1921, William, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Luxton, Eureka, to Olive, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hinton, Eureka.

CORKILL—BURROW.—At Auckland on June 8, 1921, Thomas, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Corkill, New Plymouth, to Dorothy, second daughter of Mr. J. C. Burrow, Mt. Eden, Auckland.

DEATHS.

CLELAND.—At New Plymouth on May 20, 1921, Alec, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cleland, of Fitzroy, aged 19 years.

ELLIS.—At New Plymouth on July 6, 1921, William E., son of Colonel Ellis, of New Plymouth.

ROWE.—At London on July 16, 1921, Eric Arnold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rowe, of Christchurch, aged 24 years.

IN THE EGYPTIAN SUDAN.

AN OLD BOY'S JOURNEY.

Seventeen days on a baggage camel! Only those who have actually experienced the intense discomfort of it can understand fully what those words mean, but it may be that some readers of "The Taranakian" who do not want to feel the discomfort of it would like to hear some details about a long journey to the Nuba Mountains of the Sudan.

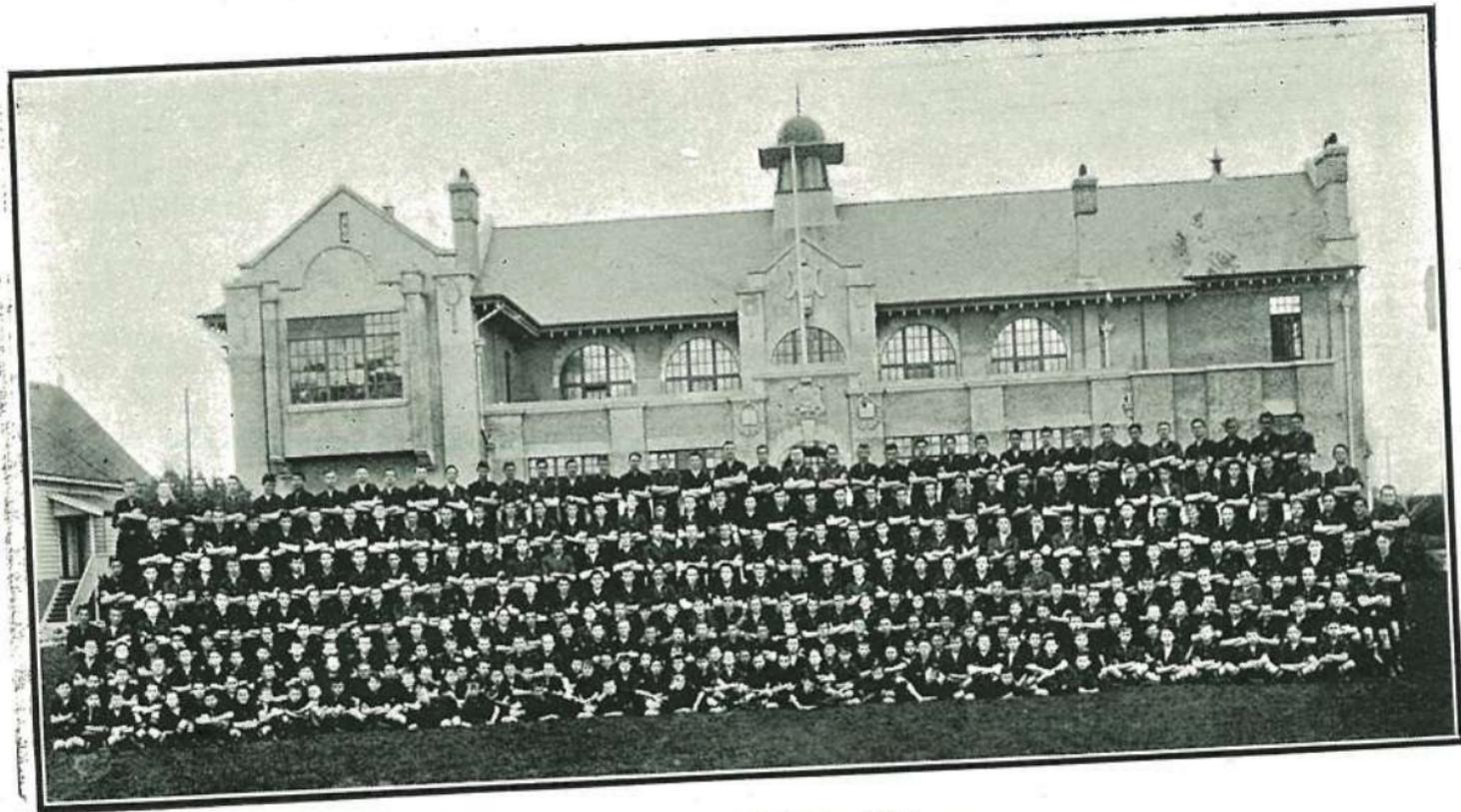
The steamer trip to Port Said was the same as such journeys usually are, hot but interesting, and the birthplace of some strong friendships with fellow passengers. The journey by train from Cairo to Khartoum, about 1400 miles, has been described often enough before and so needs no comment here. In Khartoum my wife and I were delayed for some weeks waiting for our heavy baggage—a

frequent cause of delay in inland Africa—but at last we were able to leave Omdurman on the long journey to the south. We first of all went by train to El Obeid, the southern terminus of the railway, and about 400 miles south of Khartoum. At El Obeid there was another slight delay, this time on account of the scarcity of camels, but we reminded ourselves that the first thing a traveller in Africa must learn is to be patient and we spent our time in looking at the sights of one of the most interesting cities of the whole Sudan.

From El Obeid to Talodi is a distance of 225 miles over a region where water is scarce and where what water there is is so dirty that one needs to shut one's eyes while drinking. The camel in such cases has an advantage over a human being for it can shut its nose also at will. But this road had to be traversed if we would reach Heiban, our goal up in the Nuba Mountains.

Trotting camels are comparatively comfortable to ride, but we were able to get only baggage animals and they are anything but comfortable. The process of being lifted up high into the air on the top of the hump of the snarling animal as it rises is not pleasant to begin with, and the continuous jolting movement of walking—after a few days of it—makes one very stiff and sore. But in a week's time the stiffness wears off and one can travel in a little less discomfort.

We used to ride about 12 to 15 miles each day at about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles per hour; it was very slow travelling, but walking camels cannot do more. At night we camped in the open under a tree, or in a little mud-built hut erected by the Government for the convenience of travellers. At times we passed through wild animal country and had to keep fires burning all night to keep off marauders. Sometimes the country through which we passed was well wooded, sometimes it was almost devoid of trees, but always it was covered with the long grass so typical of inland Africa: grass that grows up over one's head when one is perched high on the top of a camel! We saw many strange and beautiful birds and a few gazelle, and we passed many interesting villages of Kordofan Arabs. The chief difficulty was the scarcity of water during the first part of the journey. The water-holes were few and far between, and often the water was slimy and green and filthy to sight and taste. There was not much difficulty about food as we could shoot a good many guinea fowl, sandgrouse and as many pigeons as we wanted.



SCHOOL GROUP, 1921.

After seventeen days we reached Talodi, the Government headquarters of the Nuba Mountains Province. Here we were most kindly entertained by the Governor of the province, who is most interested in our coming to his province and who is helping us in countless ways. From Talodi we still had 50 miles to go, but for this part of the journey we were able to exchange our riding camels for horses. Our loads too had to be lightened, as the road to Heiban is very steep and rough, so in addition to our two horses and eleven camels we had to hire six pack bulls. We looked for all the world like a circus coming along. As an advance guard and guide walked a fully armed Sudanese soldier—the Governor had sent four soldiers with us to help us. Then came our two selves on our mountain ponies. After us plodded the six bulls carrying in addition to their loads their native owners or Sudanese soldiers, and the eleven camels came on in disdainful dignity in single file at the end of the procession.

On Christmas morning we reached Heiban, the scene of our future labours, and glad enough we were to get here. It is yet too soon to speak about the work at this place, but it looks very promising. The people are among the most primitive in all Africa, they are all—men, women and children—quite naked; they have large numbers of rifles and spears and, from the Government standpoint, they are one of the most lawless people in the Sudan. But they soon make friends with those whom they trust. Not a day passes now but numbers of them come down from their rocky mountain villages to visit us; some come to have their wounds and ulcers dressed, some to look at our mirror and some merely to greet us. We hope some day to have a school and church among these people but it is easy to see that their more immediate needs are medical attention and—soap!

At present we are building our houses; it is a long task and slow, as we have to cut our own timber from the forest. Then there is the language to be learned and a thousand and one things to be done, so it will be some time before our station is properly going. We are full of hope for the future as the people, despite their warlike look, are very friendly, and when we are fully established here there are many other places in this province that are open to us. Almost the last words the Governor said when we saw him last were, "When are you going to send out some more men and women from New Zealand to the people on the next range of hills?"

—D. N. MacDiarmid.

LIFE IN MEJILLONES.

(S. Hurlle.)

The town of Mejillones is situated just inside the tropic of Capricorn, 50 miles north of Antofagasta, Chile. Two ranges of hills running parallel from east to west cease on reaching the waters of the Pacific, and the sea attacking the low-lying land between has excavated a magnificent bay. Protected to north and south by the high ground, to the east by the Cordillera, and seldom disturbed by ocean winds from the west, its waters offer peaceful anchorage to vessels of all nations and are sufficiently spacious and deep to accommodate the fleets of the world. From north to south it is over twelve miles wide and from the open sea to the eastern shore is considerably more. Nestling on the shores of the bay under the shadow of the southern range of hills is the town, founded by the Antofagasta-Bolivia Railway Company when they built their workshops and established their stores here.

The town is very small, just a collection of several hundred of small wooden hut-like buildings, with a population of 5000, the greater portion of which is employed by the Railway Company.

To the south of the town along the sea-shore is the railway yard, over a mile long by a third of a mile wide. The houses occupied by the British staff stand in the south-west corner, several long, low bungalows, surrounded by a profusion of flowers and shrubs and facing a beautiful sandy beach—perfect for swimming. From my windows here I can see across the tops of the yellow-flowered cotton trees, all the movement in the Bay. At present to the south lie two German "wind-jammers" and a steamer awaiting crews from the Fatherland to take them back to Germany to be refitted. And the old Liffey, a 50-gun frigate of his Britannic Majesty's navy, built in Nelson's days, which after serving on commission was brought out to Coquimbo as a stores-ship for British naval vessels in these waters and has been on the West Coast ever since. Some years ago she was bought by Messrs. Buchanan, Jones and Coy. and transferred to Mejillones, where she is used for accommodating the local staff of the firm.

To the north can be seen a small floating dock, together with several British and American vessels, sail and steam, discharging cargoes of coal and other merchandise or filling their holds with sacks of nitrate.

A few days back two British cruisers were in the Bay, the Yarmouth and the Weymouth. During their stay the Chilean flagship, the O'Higgins, accompanied by two small destroyers came in, causing the anchorage to present quite an appearance of importance. The officers of the British vessels came ashore several times for tennis and dinner and we arranged a couple of football matches for the men. The Chileans are very keen on Association football and play the game particularly well.

A fair proportion of mail boats make this a port of call, supplying us with frequent opportunities for a change of society and diet if we care to spend a few hours on board. Fresh meat and vegetables are never over-abundant and provisions on the whole greatly lack variety, therefore a dinner on one of the big liners is appreciated.

Near to the bungalows, but not inconveniently near, stand the electric light power-house and the plant used for condensing the sea water to supply the town and railway with fresh water. In front of the power-house are the Company's two wharves. But vessels do not come alongside to load and unload. They anchor about half a mile out and all cargo is taken to and fro in barges, this being less expensive than the building of a wharf large enough to allow of vessels coming alongside.

Towards the town, in the north-west corner of the yard, is the little station for the line to Antofagasta. From that town a train arrives here daily at 10 a.m. and leaves again at 3 p.m.

Behind the bungalows is a tennis court and the rancho, a sort of club and dining hall combined. There are at present 15 dining members, all British with the exception of the doctor, who is a Chileno.

In the south-east corner are the houses occupied by the British mechanics and their families together with the higher paid Chilean employees. In the centre of the yard is the Railway Club, an institution open to all English-speaking employees. It boasts a skittle alley, shooting gallery, billiard room, library, a bar and a dancing hall, wherein a cinematograph show is held every Saturday evening.

Behind the Club are the native workers' dwellings and further off in the north-east corner stand the offices, the workshops and the stores. The offices are about a mile from the rancho, so a special train runs between the two each

morning and before and after lunch. This enables us to find time for a swim before the mid-day meal, an advantage much appreciated during the summer months.

The Bay is alive with sea-lions and we often find ourselves swimming in the midst of them, but they take no notice whatever of us. Sharks are seldom seen, never in-shore, but the birds are innumerable. Pelicans, diving birds, duckbills and numerous varieties of gulls raise commotion in the otherwise peaceful air and create consternation below the waters. They have their homes on the hills to the south and when they, as they sometimes do, come down in their millions, they simply blacken the surface of the Bay.

We are able to play tennis all the year round and have plenty of time to give to the game. As most members of the staff are strong players we get many an hour's beneficial enjoyment on the court.

A friend of mine, known as Stiffy, won a small yacht in a raffle and I was looking forward to some good times on the water, but since he took over the ownership I think that yacht has spent more time under the water than on it.

In the first place Stiffy knew nothing whatever about sailing a boat and endeavoured to learn on his own. The yacht didn't like the way he handled her and upset him three times. Then several times it sank at its moorings and one morning was missing altogether. A week later when the gentleman in charge of the floating dock was dragging for a lost anchor or something he found a boat underneath his dock which on being brought to the surface turned out to be Stiffy's yacht.

That was enough for Stiffy. He sold the boat for about as much as the raffle ticket cost him, but says "It's not every 'gink' can say he's owned his own yacht."

A LAMENT.

(By an Old Boy.)

Of course I hadn't been back a day, before habit and a sudden keen desire to see the dear old place turned my footsteps up the same old hill that from time immemorial it seemed had been associated with "The School."

I conjured up a thousand little scenes when might was right and brawn the undisputable hall-mark of superiority. I had wondered whether the old green desk would still be in the big room presided over by the great man with gown impressive and eagle eye who called the first roll call; the same desk from which the trembling new-comer was soon to pour forth his woes in song to the already initiated. I had seen again the undulating rat-tail that we called the ground and the plantation of acacias just by Niger House that was once the lion's lair and hunted's retreat. I had promised myself an expedition into the wilderness of the gully, where foolish hens, with surprising perseverance, used to endeavour in their supposed security to fill the ever-empty nest. And then I would tramp the winding stairs that wound and still wound until they reached the sanctum sanctorum, the home of the sixth, the tower room. With how big eyes each new boy gazed from afar at the same tower room where Jimmy, Pedro, Pompey and Burgo held undisputed sway and where, so it was rumoured, a hundred canes were kept in store.

A strange misgiving seized upon me when I missed the familiar line of pines that once both baffled the quizzing public eye and obstructed the contemplative inmate's vision. Queer suspicions arose; and when I gained the crest of the hill I was not greeted by the tall square-built tower of earlier days nor the awe-inspiring third form room where each new boy received his introduction to the School. I looked, and scarce knew what I saw. A grey stone building whence new! all new! was screamed from every corner. The green sward in front re-echoed new! and sweeping up the gully, in jarring discord the same cry struck my ear.

A thousand half-fledged emotions struggled vainly for expression, and their tune was all regret. There ever is and will be, a crowd of scoffing cynics with emotions crushed in the speed and bustle of commercialism, who pityingly pronounce as foolish sentimentality the regard of an Old Boy for his Alma Mater; and who invariably consider the expression of such as inspired by ulterior motives. But there's many an Old Boy who understands, and for lack of expression feels all the more keenly.

And as I wandered round the once familiar haunts, I was struck with pangs of remorse that all was so changed.

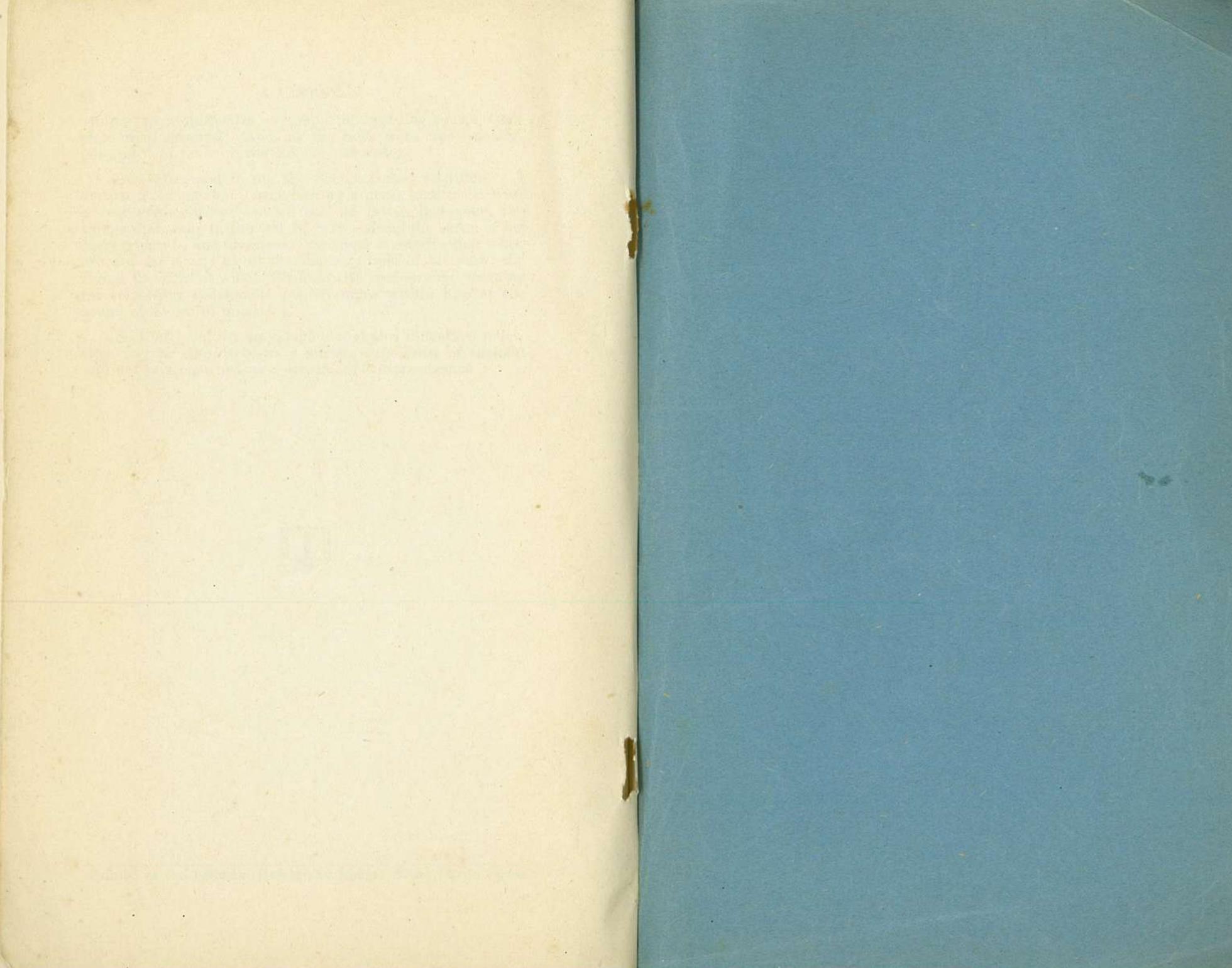
For the better? Most probably! There before me was a new school of every modern convenience, a ground of pretentious size and appearance, a gully in the process of be-

coming an ampitheatre, a couple of boarding-houses complete with hospital. And all the boys were new—nearly, not quite! I remembered Robbie and Frank.

But it seemed to me the School lacked tradition. I departed feeling that I was leaving a great institution with a very great future; but all the old things had gone, the things that wake in the Old Boy, re-visiting the scene of his early triumphs and disasters, those dear memories that when aroused flit slowly by in the shadowy mist of his past; the things the sight of which fills him with that strange yearning for something indefinable which surges within him at the sound of beautiful music.

So I left! and my only hope is that this ill-framed reflection may be considered as a sincere expression of thought and not misconstrued as a sentimental extravagance.





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