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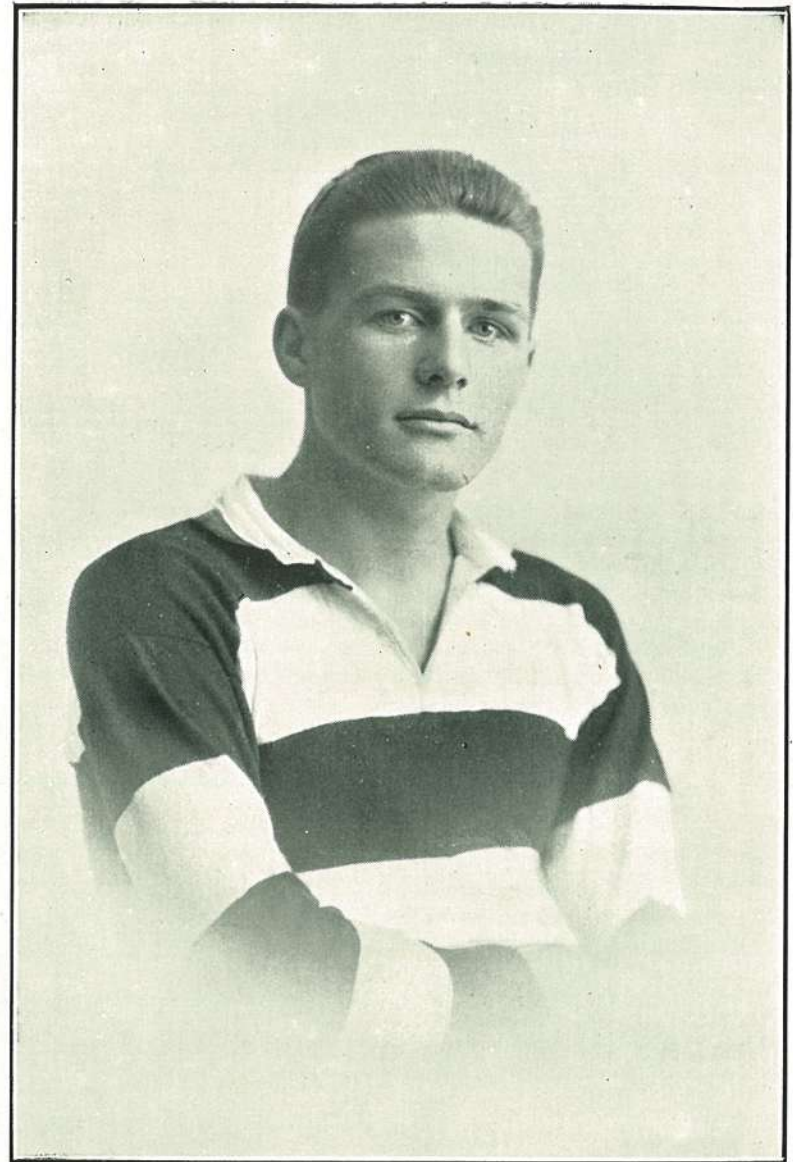
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EDITORIAL.

(M. Lysons.)

WE were pleased to welcome this term a number of boys from the English Public Schools. They have come to New Zealand with the intention of taking up farming, and hope when they leave school to settle in Taranaki. The boys in question are a fine type of English school boy, and their presence amongst us should do much to draw closer the ties that bind us to the Old Country. A special course of work has been arranged for them, and the time spent with us will no doubt enable them to become fully acquainted with New Zealand conditions before they start work on the farm.

If the boys of our age were definitely branded at birth with the name of their future business or profession, it would be a comparatively simple matter to educate them. Under the present system a great deal of aimless instruction must of necessity take place, and it is with a view to eliminating at least a proportion of this, that a system of vocational training is to be tested. Whilst it is admitted that a sound classical education is an asset to any man, it does not follow that such a course will be of any practical use to him, as it is obvious that a smattering of Latin will not assist anyone to grow prize turnips. The amalgamation of pure learning with a course in arts and crafts so blended as to suit the requirements of the individual promises to be successful in cases where the

definite vocation of a boy can be determined at a sufficiently early age. The amalgamation of this school with the Technical College, which is to be carried into effect next year, is the result of the desire to supply each boy with the training that will be most beneficial to him, and to eliminate the present overlapping in the courses of the two schools.

It is with regret that we understand that in the future our school can no longer take part in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, especially as we have had the honour to win this trophy in 1916 in competition with the schools of the Empire. The fact is that we have outgrown our possibilities in this direction, owing to a change of the rules governing the Competition. Under the new system, every eligible School Cadet must fire in the team, which means, in other words, that the team for this year would include no less than 300 Cadets. It is obviously impossible to train and compete in such numbers without seriously affecting school routine, because on an average each squad of ten would take half a day to fire off under competition conditions. Since also the cost of the ammunition and equipment necessarily increases in proportion to the numbers entering, the Competition must in future be confined to smaller schools.

A certain amount of exercise is imperative to keep the body in good physical condition, and for the sake of general health combined with healthy rivalry, games such as football rightly form an essential part of school training. Here team work should take precedence over individual effort, and should teach us to display that discipline and cohesion which has been at once the envy and dismay of our opponents in the preservation of law and order the world over. In any case, whether we are playing a game of football, or combining as a nation against a common enemy, we should always endeavour to be clean players out to win by fair means. It is an unfortunate fact, however, that our national vice of betting is encroaching upon our fields of sport, and that many by their gambling propensities, are willing to debase what should be a straight-out struggle for supremacy. Even those who are financially strong should hesitate to give way to this vice, not because they cannot afford it, but because the

man they tempt may not be strong enough to refuse to gamble with his creditors' money. It is perhaps too much to expect that betting can be abolished from our professional sports meetings, but let us endeavour by all means in our power to prevent this evil from entering into our school matches. We suggest that the members of a school team are playing for the honour of their school, and have too much esprit de corps to do anything that would debase the true idea of sport.

With the object of building a new gymnasium a fund was started some time ago and has since been slowly accumulating. In the hope of augmenting it substantially, a Reveille was organized towards the end of the holidays, but owing to the unfortunate outbreak of infantile paralysis, a great deal of the original plan had to be omitted. Although the results naturally fell short of former expectations, the movement at least reminded Old Boys that there was such a thing as a Gymnasium Fund, and we believe that a similar function is going to be arranged next Christmas.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY.

The prize-giving and breaking-up ceremony took place on Wednesday evening, December 17. Mr. H. R. Billing, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. Others on the platform were: Mrs. Billing, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson), Dr. E. Marsden (Assistant-Director of Education), Dr. E. F. Fookes, Mr. L. A. Nolan, Mr. Moyes and members of the staff.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, led by the School Orchestra. During the evening the Orchestra played several selections, and the School song, "Forty Years On," and "Land of Hope and Glory" were sung by the boys.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Billing expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside and assist at the function. After announcing a number of apologies, he expressed the opinion that the annual breaking-up ceremony formed a valuable connecting link between school and home life. When their boys reached

the age of high school boys they were at the period of life when they were turning from boys into men and the functions such as they were holding that night gave them the opportunity of meeting, as it were, on equal terms. Speaking to the boys who were leaving school that year, Mr. Billing said that as they had worked at school, so they must work in after life. School gave them the foundation on which to build their lives, but it was the boys themselves who had to build the framework that made for success. They were living in a great age of scientific development and progress, but they must realize that no one could be independent of his fellows. Nevertheless before they could help their fellows and, through them, the advancement of the people as a whole, they must improve themselves. To increase their knowledge of the boys and their fitness for life's work, Mr. Billing stressed on parents the advisability of their boys taking the extra subjects in the curriculum, which were optional. It was generally found, he said, that the boys who took these extra subjects did better than those who did not, and he strongly advised parents to give thought to this matter in the future. Turning to the work of the Board of Governors during the past twelve months, Mr. Billing said there had not been a great deal that was of general interest. The Board had been successful in obtaining a music room and of the progress of the boys in music those who had attended the recent concert would bear testimony. He congratulated the school on its athletic prowess, making particular reference to the success of the First Fifteen in retaining the Moasear Cup and of the inclusion of H. W. Brown in the All Blacks. He closed his remarks with a brief tribute to the work of the Principal (Mr. Moyes) and of his staff.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

In presenting the forty-fourth annual report Mr. Moyes said it gave him great pleasure to report another very successful year in the history of the school.

Owing to the usual increase in numbers when school opened in February the school had been advanced two grades, necessitating the appointment of two additional assistant masters. The total roll number for the year was 449. Of these 180 were boarders, while 269 were day pupils. There had been several changes in the staff. Mr. Fowler resigned at the end of 1923 to take up a position

in the South Island, and Mr. D. Saxton, an old boy of the school, was appointed temporarily to fill the vacancy. During a portion of the first term the school was therefore understaffed, but this defect was remedied by the appointment of Mr. H. Dyer, a graduate of the Duntroon Military College, of Australia, and of Mr. J. Leggat, M.A., and Mr. R. Wilson, M.A., B.Sc., of Auckland. These appointments had materially strengthened the staff, which was now stronger than it had been for some years. At the beginning of the third term Mr. G. M. Pearson, M.A., was appointed as relieving master in place of Mr. Rockel. To him thanks were due for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties.

The results of the annual public examinations were published early in the year and were in every way satisfactory. Of those pupils who remained at school with a view to taking degree work A. L. Herdman passed the second section of the B.A. degree, while the first section was passed by M. J. Robertson and H. P. Metcalfe. During the present year no less than nine boys had been studying for their degree examinations. Of these J. D. Mackay, R. G. Webb, M. Bree and C. Strombom were successful in passing their first terms and M. J. Robertson and W. Alexander passed second terms. With one exception they were all extra-mural students of Auckland University College. It was gratifying to note that parents were beginning to realize the advantage offered by the establishment of these classes. Many boys who, through lack of means, were unable to attend College were thereby enabled to take their degree with the minimum of expense. A Taranaki Scholarship was won by R. M. Dolby. Twenty-two boys passed the Matriculation examination, while thirteen gained partial passes. Senior National Scholarships were won by J. Galbraith, C. Baunton and L. Watts, while the Bayly Memorial Scholarship was won by W. Penman.

The Preparatory Department still continued to do excellent work, and it was to be hoped that whatever alterations took place in the organization of the school in the future, parents would strenuously oppose any attempt by the Department to do away with this section of the school. In their annual report the Inspectors stated that this department was in a highly satisfactory state of efficiency. During the year sixteen pupils were awarded proficiency certificates, while two gained competency.

In the field of sport the school had again had a successful year. The Moascar Cup was retained after strenuous contests. Thanks very largely to the coaching of Mr. Bottrill, the standard of cricket was improving. For the first time the eleven held the premier position for the first round in senior grade fixtures for North Taranaki. Mr. Moyes expressed his disappointment at the lack of interest displayed in cricket by parents and the public. In last year's report the speaker had mentioned that the conditions under which some trophies were awarded were becoming unwieldy, so the school would probably be compelled to drop out of some competitions in which they had hitherto been successful. This had been the case with shooting. To compete in the Imperial Challenge Shield competition it would have been necessary to coach over 400 boys. This would have interfered with other sports and even with school work itself, while the expenses were also too great. It would be found that other large schools in the Dominion would have to act similarly. Ordinary shooting had been carried on as usual and many boys did exceptionally well at the annual group rifle meeting. Thanks were due to Mr. Bertrand, who had devoted most of his leisure time to this branch of school training.

Under the supervision of Mr. Eggleton swimming and life-saving classes had been held. In life-saving boys from the school qualified for the following:—Honorary instructor's certificate, 1; teacher's certificate, 1; bronze medallions, 22; proficiency certificates, 25; elementary certificates, 22. In addition 228 certificates had been awarded for swimming, the distances covered ranging from 200 yards to $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. Moyes stressed the necessity for more attention being paid to music. The school was fortunate in having a resident music master and he took the opportunity of complimenting Mr. Dobson on the fine work he had done. There were 67 boys learning music. Ten boys sat at the Trinity College examinations, five passing the advanced junior division in theory and two the junior division. Six boys sat for the Associated Board examinations, two passing the theory examination in the rudiments of music and four the practical examination. Four boys took the theory of music for Matriculation. The speaker also thanked Miss Young and Miss Dowling, who had been associated with Mr. Dobson.

An important innovation at the beginning of the year was the appointment of the Rev. E. Strong to a position in connection with the boarding department. Such an appointment was made possible by the parents of Church of England pupils and was in no way an attempt to make this a church school. Boarders belonging to other denominations attended their own churches; 80 per cent. of the boarders were Anglican and it was surely necessary that proper provision should be made for these who, during four or five years of their life, made school their home. In addition to associating himself with all phases of school life Mr. Strong conducted a special service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday mornings.

In conclusion Mr. Moyes expressed his thanks to all who had assisted the school and his appreciation of the work of the staff. A special word of praise was due to Mr. Papps, who coached the First Fifteen, to Mr. Wilkie, who had managed and edited the magazine, to Mr. Diprose for his management of athletics, and to Mr. McDonald for the interest he had taken in the school library. Others on the staff had also done their share in the work of the school, while he had again to thank the Board of Governors, the press, and, finally, the head boy, S. Fookes, and the prefects who had so ably carried out their duties.

DR. MARSDEN'S ADDRESS.

The high opinion which the Education Department's inspectors had of the school was mentioned by Dr. Marsden. Their report said that the tone and discipline of the school were excellent, and that the staff was really industrious and took a full share in the many outside activities of the school.

Speaking to the boys Dr. Marsden said that there were four main factors that would assist them in making a success of their lives: special attention to the fundamental principles of health, ability to work, the maintenance of mental efficiency and ability to play their part in team work. Concerning the third factor he strongly advised boys against adopting the attitude that they could work up to a certain point and then stop. They should set apart a certain amount of time each week, in which they should study the higher theoretical principles of their chosen careers. If they did this, the practical problems that came before them would be more easily solved.

He then proceeded to speak on education and the proposed amalgamation of the High Schools and the Technical College.

The prizes were then presented by the Mayoress and Mrs. Billing.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Preparatory School.

- Form Ib.—H. Western.
 Form Ia.—J. Mereer 1, J. Dunn 2.
 Form I.—J. Fairbrother 1, M. Harvie 2, G. Saunders 3.
 Form IIb.—G. Harvie 1, H. Law 2.
 Form IIa.—E. Harvie 1, H. Thomson 2.
 Form II.—W. Brookman 1, J. McLean 2.
 Board of Governor's prize for best kept agricultural plot.—W. Brookman.
 Taranaki Agricultural Society's prize for Boys' and Girls' Clubs.—A. Washer, 1st in group and 2nd in championship; W. Brookman, 3rd in group.

Upper School.

- Form IIIe.—Languages, G. Kenny; mathematics and science, E. McCallum; history and geography, R. O'Neill.
 Form IIIId.—Languages, C. Johnson; mathematics and science, J. Bransgrove; history and geography, C. Little.
 Form IIIc.—Languages, D. Crapper; mathematics and science, W. Lee; history and geography, T. Hookham.
 Form IIIb.—Languages, history and geography, R. Stevens; mathematics and science, J. Carr.
 Form IIIa.—Languages (Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson's prize), W. Wall; mathematics and science (Mr. and Mrs. Sladden's prize), B. Bell; history and geography, G. Ewart; special prize, D. Phillips.
 Form IVe.—Languages, T. Rawson; mathematics and science, history and geography, J. Beaven.
 Form IVb.—Languages, A. Evans; mathematics and science, S. Sampson; history and geography, S. Billing.
 Form IVa.—Languages (Mr. and Mrs. Smith's prize), R. Carey; mathematics and science, J. Warner; history and geography, G. MacDiarmid.

- Form IV.—Commercial, R. Baxter; agriculture, E. Honeyfield.
 Form Vc.—Languages, A. Jackson; mathematics and science, B. Collinge; history and geography, E. Beverley.
 Form Vb.—Languages, H. Brown; mathematics and science, P. Carman; history and geography, A. Fookes.
 Form Va.—Languages (Mr. and Mrs. Eaves' prize), C. Calvert; mathematics and science, E. Fauchelle; history and geography; E. Tonks; special prize, J. O'Dea.
 Form V.—Commercial, N. Lealand; agriculture, R. Buick.
 Form VIb.—First in form (Mr. and Mrs. Medley's prize), R. Bates; second, H. Thomson.
 Form Via.—Languages (Dr. and Mrs. Fookes' prize), mathematics and science, R. M. Dolby; second in form, second in mathematics and science, M. Lysons; second in languages, L. Watts.
 Mr. Collier's music prize.—J. Sutton.
 White memorial prize.—J. D. Mackay.
 Bendall memorial prize.—R. M. Dolby.
 Taranaki Daily News essay prize.—Senior: First, F. Davis; second, H. Garner. Junior: First, D. Phillips; second, G. Ewart.
 Dr. Fookes' Cup for General Excellence.—J. D. Mackay.
 Head Boy's prize (Mr. and Mrs. Webster's prize).—S. Fookes.
 Dux of School (Mr. and Mrs. Billing's prize).—R. M. Dolby.

THE MAYOR'S SPEECH.

In a characteristically happy speech the Mayor drove home to the younger boys the great interest that was taken in the school and in themselves by drawing attention to the large attendance. As to the boys who were leaving, he advised them, no matter what success attended them in after life, always to be modest with it, and, if they failed for a time, not to be downhearted. If they were clean minded and clean handed in all their acts, they would have gained a greater honour than worldly success, the right to the title of "gentleman."

CRICKET.

(C. H. Strombom.)

Although the cricket season was of short duration as far as many members of the First Eleven were concerned, owing to the closing of the schools on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, it was very successful. The First Eleven not only had the lead in the first round of the senior competition, but were also successful in defeating Nelson College by a narrow margin.

Since the majority of the First Eleven were boarders, during the extended holidays the School team was considerably weakened, and several promising juniors were promoted to the ranks of the senior team. The experience these players gained should be very valuable next season.

Much of the credit for the success of the team is undoubtedly due to the coaching of Mr. Bottrill. The second and third elevens have also been doing well in the junior competition. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Bottrill, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Pope, who have so ungrudgingly given their advice, assistance and their time for the benefit of their respective elevens.

During the season the practice wickets were improved, and the coaching system for the lower grades rearranged; consequently there was quite a noticeable increase in the keenness and enthusiasm of the boys.

We were all sorry that on account of the late opening of school we were unable to play our annual match against Wanganui College, but we hope that the match may be arranged some time during the third term.

Our captain, W. E. Alexander, had the misfortune to break his collarbone just prior to the Nelson College match, and consequently was unable to play.

THE NELSON COLLEGE MATCH.

(December 22, 1924.)

We are indebted to the Taranaki Daily News for the following account of the game:—

The first inter-collegiate cricket match between the New Plymouth Boys' High School and Nelson College was played on the High School ground. On the first day

High School went to the wickets and compiled the substantial total of 177 runs, while Nelson College had lost three wickets for 44 when stumps were drawn.

The feature of the School innings was the fact that six batsmen scored double figures and five of them over 20, so that the score was by no means confined to one or two batsmen. The first two wickets fell cheaply, but thanks to a magnificent innings by R. Fletcher, who compiled 48 runs by stylish cricket, and a no less valuable defence by Grant (23), the score was carried to 76 before the third wicket fell. The next four batsmen continued to pile up the runs in turn until the board showed 164 runs for seven wickets. Then with a swift change of fortune the complexion of the game was suddenly altered, for the next three wickets fell for no runs.

Grant was content to score slowly. He made no attempt to hit out until late in his innings, and anything off the wicket he let go by. But he achieved the desired end, for the bowling lost its sting against the solid defence. Fletcher on the other hand settled down at once to sparkling batting and scored freely all round the wicket, square-cutting, driving and hooking in a style that was exhilarating to watch. McLean was uneasy at first, but soon gained confidence. Towards the end of his stay he became very enterprising and scored four boundaries in succession. Strombom (16), M. Fletcher (25) and Loveridge (27) all batted brightly and included numerous boundaries in their totals. Altogether, the innings was one of the brightest exhibitions the School team has yet given, and afforded ample evidence of sound coaching.

Variety in Nelson's bowling was plentiful, and it was perhaps unfortunate for the bowlers that rain fell at mid-day, making the ball greasy for an hour or two. S. Newman secured the best average with five wickets for 44 runs, and included the "hat trick" in his performance. Sadler, the fast bowler and skipper of his side, bowled very well at first, but the exertion of his long preliminary run and fast delivery soon wearied him.

Biggar, the wicket-keeper, gave a sterling exhibition of 'keeping. The fact that of the six extras five were wides and the remaining single a bye off the wicket-keeper's pads, speaks for itself.

As with the School, Nelson's opening batsmen went early, and at one stage two wickets were down for eight runs. Rutherford and Shanley, however, became associated in a productive partnership which brought 41 runs up before the former was run out in attempting too short a run. In marked contrast to the School batsmen's unwillingness to run on several occasions when runs could easily have been made was the College batsmen's eagerness to run for everything. Certainly the total was increased by more than a dozen owing to smart running, but there were several narrow escapes before Rutherford was dismissed.

The match concluded in a sensational second innings collapse of both teams, the High School team emerging victorious by nine runs after a thrilling finish. High School made 177 and 77 runs, Nelson College replying with 171 and 74. From the home team's point of view the feature of the game was the way in which their bowlers, Mackay and McLean, dismissed their opponents for 74 in the second innings, after 36 runs had been scored without the loss of a wicket. With no less pride may Nelson regard the splendid innings of Shanley, who compiled 73 in the first innings by free and forcing cricket, and the performances of their own bowlers, of whom S. Newman took six wickets for 35 runs in the School's second innings.

The match was keenly fought to the very end and the issue was in doubt until the last wicket fell. Carrying on their overnight score, Nelson reached 171 runs before their first innings closed, the chief contributors to the total being Shanley (73), Rutherford (23), James (16), Johnson (15), A. Newman (13), and S. Newman (10). School's second innings was a procession, the only double figure scorers being Fookes and Mackay with 20 each. Requiring only 84 to win, Nelson appeared to have the match in hand, but after the opening batsmen, Sadlier (21), Airey (19) and Biggar (18), had made a fine start, the tail completely collapsed, and when nine runs more were yet required Mackay dismissed the last batsman by throwing himself forward and snapping a catch two inches from the ground, to win the match and be carried shoulder high from the ground. By mutual consent, it was decided to play out the match to a finish, which came at 6.35 p.m. Details:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

K. Fookes, b. Sadlier	2
Grant, c. S. Newman, b. A. Newman	23
Mahraj, c. Johnson, b. Sadlier	1
R. Fletcher, b. Johnson	48
McLean, c. Shanley, b. S. Newman	27
Strombom, st. Biggar, b. Airey	16
M. Fletcher, l.b.w., b. S. Newman	25
Loveridge, c. Johnson, b. S. Newman	27
Mackay, l.b.w., b. Newman	0
Crawford, c. A. Newman, b. S. Newman	0
Mason, not out	2
Extras	6
Total	177

Bowling Analysis.—Sadlier took two wickets for 31 runs; S. Newman, five for 44; Airey, one for 34; A. Newman, one for 22; Johnson, one for 29; James, none for 14.

Second Innings.

K. Fookes, c. Shanley, b. S. Newman	20
Grant, run out	1
Mahraj, c. A. Newman, b. S. Newman	0
R. Fletcher, b. S. Newman	8
McLean, b. S. Newman	9
Strombom, c. S. Newman, b. Johnson	3
Loveridge, run out	6
M. Fletcher, c. Airey, b. S. Newman	6
Mason, b. Sadlier	0
Mackay, c. Muncaster, b. S. Newman	20
Crawford, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	77

Bowling Analysis.—Sadlier took one wicket for 30 runs; S. Newman, six for 35; Johnson, one for 9.

NELSON COLLEGE.

First Innings.

Airey, c. Fookes, b. Mackay	0
Rutherford, run out	23
Biggar, b. Mackay	7

James, c. Mackay, b. Mahraj	16
Shanley, b. Mahraj	73
S. Newman, b. Loveridge	10
A. Newman, l.b.w., b. Loveridge	13
Sadlier, c. Mackay, b. Loveridge	0
Dyer, not out	9
Muncaster, l.b.w., b. Loveridge	0
Johnson, c. Mahraj, b. Mackay	15
Extras	6
Total	171

Bowling Analysis.—Mackay took three wickets for 64 runs; McLean, none for 42; Loveridge, four for 22; Mahraj, two for 10; Crawford, none for 28.

Second Innings.

Airey, c. R. Fletcher, b. McLean	19
Sadlier, c. Loveridge, b. McLean	21
Rutherford, c. Grant, b. McLean	0
Biggar, b. Mackay	18
S. Newman, b. Mackay	0
Shanley, b. Mackay	0
Johnson, b. McLean	2
A. Newman, thrown out	6
James, c. McLean, b. Mackay	3
Dyer, c. Mackay, b. McLean	2
Muncaster, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	74

Bowling Analysis.—Mackay took four wickets for 16 runs; McLean, five for 29; Loveridge, none for 11; Crawford, none for 15.

SCHOOL v. STAFF.

This annual match was the first game of the season for the eleven and the team performed creditably. Mr. Bottrill was the mainstay of the Staff's team with a well compiled 40. McLean was in good form with the ball and secured four wickets for 18 runs. Fookes, Alexander, Fletcher, R., and McLean scored double figures, while Mr. Pearson secured the best average for the masters. Details:—

STAFF.

Mr. Kerr, b. McLean	0
Mr. Pearson, b. Crawford	1
Mr. Papps, b. McLean	9
Mr. Bottrill, b. Crawford	40
Mr. Eggleton, c. and b. McLean	0
Mr. Johnson, b. McLean	5
Mr. Diprose, b. Alexander	7
Mr. Leggat, run out	0
Mr. Wilson, b. R. Fletcher	1
Mr. Connell, b. R. Fletcher	4
Mr. Pope, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	73

Bowling Analysis.—McLean, four wickets for 18 runs; Crawford, two for 27; Alexander, one for 10; Fletcher, R., two for 12.

SCHOOL.

Fookes, K., b. Mr. Eggleton	12
Grant, b. Mr. Papps	9
Mason, l.b.w., b. Mr. Papps	4
Alexander, c. sub., b. Mr. Pearson	26
Fletcher, b. Mr. Pearson	12
McLean, not out	10
Mahraj, c. Mr. Papps, b. Mr. Pearson	6
Fletcher, M., not out	1
Extras	3
Total for six wickets	83

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Eggleton, one wicket for 27 runs; Mr. Bottrill, none for 15; Mr. Pearson, three for 23; Mr. Papps, two for 18.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

Won by five runs.—This was a very close match and resulted in a win for School on the first innings by five runs. For School Mahraj, Alexander, Grant, Fletcher, R., and Strombom batted well and Mackay and Crawford had success with the ball. Details:—

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Fookes, K., b. Eggleton	17
Petty, A., b. Bottrill	5
Mahraj, c. Lash, b. Eggleton	65
Mason, b. Palmer	3
Alexander, b. Osborne	16
Strombom, l.b.w., b. Eggleton	8
Fletcher, R., b. Eggleton	1
Grant, not out	11
McLean, b. Eggleton	2
Loveridge, run out	1
Mackay, c. Lash, b. Palmer	0
Extras	11
Total	140

Bowling Analysis.—Bottrill, one for 40; Eggleton, six for 24; Pearson, none for 23; Palmer, two for 16; Osborne, one for 26.

Second Innings.

Fookes, K., b. Pearson	0
Grant, c. Eggleton, b. Pearson	5
Mahraj, c. and b. Pearson	5
Mason, b. Eggleton	3
Fletcher, R., c. Eggleton, b. Pearson	44
McLean, b. Bottrill	12
Fletcher, M., l.b.w., b. Palmer	14
Loveridge, c. Kerr, b. Pearson	3
Strombom, c. Lash, b. Bottrill	45
Crawford, b. Osborne	23
Mackay, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	160

Bowling Analysis.—Pearson, five for 45; Eggleton, one for 20; Bottrill, two for 35; Osborne, one for 12; Palmer, one for 25; Papps, none for 12.

OLD BOYS.

First Innings: 135. Bowling analysis: Mackay, four for 41; McLean, two for 43; Crawford, four for 17; Mahraj, none for 24.

Second Innings: 48 (for four wickets). Bowling analysis: Mackay, three for 17; Crawford, one for 31.

SCHOOL v. NEW PLYMOUTH.

Won by one wicket.—This match provided a very exciting finish. After being nearly 100 runs behind on the first innings the team pulled together and managed to win by one wicket, chiefly due to a fine last wicket partnership between R. Fletcher and Mackay. McLearn and Mackay bore the brunt of the attack. Details:—

NEW PLYMOUTH.

First Innings: 141. Bowling analysis.—Mackay, six for 44; McLean, three for 37; Alexander, none for 20; Buick, one for 7.

Second Innings: 99. Bowling analysis: Mackay, two for 38; McLean, six for 42; Buick, none for 8.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Fookes, K., c. Lash, b. C. G. Clarke	7
Grant, c. Shepherd, b. C. G. Clarke	0
Mahraj, b. M. D. Clarke	19
Alexander, l.b.w., b. C. G. Clarke	7
Fletcher, R., b. C. G. Clarke	0
Fletcher, M., l.b.w., b. M. D. Clarke	0
Strombom, b. M. Clarke	0
McLean, run out	1
Loveridge, c. and b. M. D. Clarke	5
Mackay, c. C. G. Clarke, b. Kinsella	5
Buick, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	51

Bowling Analysis.—C. G. Clarke, four for 14; M. D. Clarke, four for 22; Kinsella, one for 8.

Second Innings.

Fookes, K., b. Cottier	14
Grant, c. Kinsella, b. C. G. Clarke	28
Mahraj, b. C. G. Clarke	33
Alexander, c. Ferry, b. C. G. Clarke	13
Fletcher, R., not out	39
Strombom, b. C. G. Clarke	0
Fletcher, M., b. C. G. Clarke	4

McLean, c. M. D. Clarke, b. Cottier	4
Loveridge, b. C. G. Clarke	17
Buick, run out	0
Mackay, not out	24
Extras	14
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Total for nine wickets	190

Bowling Analysis.—C. G. Clarke, six for 68; Cottier, two for 37; M. D. Clarke, none for 55; Kinsella, none for 20.

SCHOOL v. WESTERN PARK.

Won by nine wickets.—This match resulted in a win for School by nine wickets. After dismissing Western Park for the small total of 42 and 110, School replied with 147 and 8 for one wicket. Six of the School team made double figure scores. Details:—

WESTERN PARK.

First Innings: 42. Bowling analysis.—Mackay, four for 16; McLean, two for 20.

Second Innings: 110. Bowling analysis: Mackay, four for 43; McLean, two for 41; Mahraj, three for 17; Crawford, none for 5.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Fookes, K., c. Fuller, b. Quickfall	15
Grant, c. Bullard, b. Haughton	1
Mahraj, b. Quickfall	31
Mason, l.b.w., b. Haughton	6
Alexander, l.b.w., b. C. Wilson	30
Fletcher, R., c. Fuller, b. Quickfall	2
McLean, c. and b. Haughton	26
Loveridge, run out	14
Strombom, run out	12
Mackay, c. J. Wilson, b. Grayson	1
Crawford, not out	3
Extras	6
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Total	147

Bowling Analysis.—Quickfall, three for 43; Edie, none for 24; Haughton, three for 46; C. Wilson, one for 9; Grayson, one for 11; Bullard, none for 8.

Second Innings.

Fookes, K., not out	4
Mahraj, c. Bullard, b. Quickfall	4
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Total for one wicket	8

Bowling Analysis.—Quickfall, one for 8.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

Lost by 105 runs on the first innings.—This was the last competition match for the regular members of the team and resulted in a win for Old Boys on the first innings by 247 runs to 142 and 136 for five wickets. Again six of the School team reached double figures, while in the second innings Fookes and Mackay were mainly responsible for the score. Loveridge and Crawford were the best bowlers.

OLD BOYS.

First Innings: 247. Bowling analysis: McLean, one for 83; Mackay, none for 44; Crawford, four for 44; Loveridge, four for 14.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Fookes, K., c. Lash, b. Osborne	6
Grant, c. Saxton, b. Bottrill	0
Mahraj, b. Palmer	35
Fletcher, R., c. Bottrill, b. Palmer	29
Mason, l.b.w., b. Palmer	1
McLean, played on, b. Osborne	17
Strombom, run out	22
Fletcher, M., b. Eggleton	13
Loveridge, b. Eggleton	14
Mackay, played on, b. Osborne	0
Crawford, not out	0
Extras	5
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Total	142

Bowling Analysis.—Bottrill, one for 34; Osborne, three for 51; Eggleton, two for 31; Palmer, three for 21.

Second Innings.

Fookes, K., b. Lash	31
Grant, c. Saxton, b. Bottrill	7
Crawford, c. Kerr, b. Bottrill	1
Mason, b. Bottrill	1
Mackay, not out	53
Fletcher, M., b. Osborne	17
Mahraj, not out	13
Extras	9
Total for five wickets	136

Bowling Analysis.—Eggleton, none for 15; Palmer, none for 11; Bottrill, three for 49; Lash, one for 22; Osborne, one for 27.

SCHOOL v. NEW PLYMOUTH.

Lost by 10 wickets.—This was the first match during the holidays and most of the regular eleven were away. Loveridge (49) and Galbraith (10 not out) were the best scorers in the first innings, while K. Fookes (16) and Galbraith (14) were the only double-figure contributors in the second innings. McLean, Loveridge and Herdman were the best bowlers. School made 99 and 57, to which New Plymouth replied with 154 and 8 for no wickets.

SCHOOL v. WESTERN PARK.

Lost by 25 runs.—After having a first innings lead, School went to pieces in their second strike. School's first innings produced 171, chiefly due to a well-compiled 87 by Loveridge, who was helped by Scanlan (14), Galbraith (22), Jeffries (11) and B. Lash (10). Western Park made 107 and 170 for eight wickets and declared. School failed to get the necessary runs, since all were out for 84, of which the best scores were McLean (15), B. Lash (24 not out), Galbraith (12), and S. Fookes (10). Jeffries (five for 36) and H. Fookes (two for 27) were the best School bowlers.

SCHOOL v. WESTERN PARK.

Lost by 125 runs on the first innings.—School made 114, mainly due to a fine score of 59 by K. Fookes, helped by Strombom (14), Scanlan (10), and McLean (13). Western Park replied with 239. Scanlan and H. Fookes were the best School bowlers. School had one wicket down for 38 when the match had to be abandoned on account of the weather, K. Fookes (10) and Scanlan (26 not out).

BATTING AVERAGES.

Batsman.	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
Fletcher, R.	8	1	48	171	24.5
Mahraj, B.	10	1	65	213	23.7
Loveridge, L. ...	14	1	87	234	18.0
Mackay, J. D. ...	9	3	53*	103	17.1
Alexander, W. ..	4	0	30	66	16.5
Galbraith, J.	5	1	22	66	16.5
Fookes, K.	16	1	59	211	14.0
Strombom, C. ...	9	0	45	120	13.3
Fletcher, M.	7	0	25	79	11.3
McLean, D. P. ...	13	0	27	136	10.5
Crawford, D.	6	3	21	29	9.6
Grant, D. G.	9	1	28	76	9.5
Fookes, S.	5	0	10	33	6.6
Mason, E.	7	1	6	16	2.7

*Denotes not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowler.	No. of Overs.	No. of Runs.	No. of Wickets.	Av'ge per Wicket.
Mahraj, B. B.	16	51	5	10.2
Mackay, J. D.	113	323	30	10.8
Loveridge, L.	37	121	11	11.0
Crawford, D.	32	140	9	15.6
McLean, D.	128	464	26	17.8

ENGLISH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS.

(J. Leech.)

We arrived at New Plymouth at the beginning of the year and are in residence at the school. It is our intention to take up some branch of farming in New Zealand, and for this purpose we came out under the English Public School Boys' Emigration Scheme. All of us attended for three to four years English public schools, which are somewhat similar to the New Plymouth Boys' High School. Our agricultural course at the school consists of the following subjects. There are thirty-five periods a week, which are divided in the following manner:— (a) Laboratory work in agriculture and dairy science, 9; (b) Woodwork, 6; (c) Metalwork, 2; (d) Book-keeping, 2; (e) Arithmetic (based on agricultural problems), 1; (f) New Zealand geography, 1; (g) general farm practice on school farm, 14.

The general farm work includes fencing, draining, feeding stock, milking, erecting and repairing farm buildings, top-dressing pastures, tree felling, sawing and splitting into posts, hedge cutting, gorse grubbing, etc.

At the woodwork shops we have been taught to use various tools. Our work has included the following:— Making farm gates, doors, book shelves, and test-tube racks.

In the metalwork department we made a pair of strap hinges and a cold chisel. We cut the straps out of sheet iron, filed them down, drilled holes, put them in the forge and bent them to the required shape. We were taught how to use various tools.

We realize that a knowledge of book-keeping is of considerable value to a farmer and we welcome the opportunity of taking this subject at school.

Our knowledge of New Zealand is very limited, and so for our benefit a special course of New Zealand geography has been arranged.

One period a week is devoted to arithmetic, based on agricultural problems.

We have had a number of interesting trips to representative farms, including that of Mr. John Hale, "Holly Oak," where we inspected his famous pedigree Jersey

cattle. Later we attended his annual sale of young stock. We also visited Messrs. Robertson and Blackley's farm at Kent Road, where we saw pedigree Ayrshire and Jersey cattle. Another trip took us to a ploughing demonstration at Colonel Weston's farm, Mangorei. At this place we also inspected a butter factory. We spent one Saturday morning at the Waitara Freezing Works, where we followed the various operations from the killing of the cattle by means of the pithing spear, to the cooling chamber, and the utilization of the by-products such as manures, oil, canning, etc. We also went to the New Plymouth Winter Show and were keenly interested in the butter and cheese exhibits, in the fodder crops and in the dairy farming machinery.

In connection with our course we are engaged in forestry work, and in particular are acquiring some knowledge of the native trees of special use to the farmer for fencing and building purposes.

We take part in the school games, attend the drill parades, and assist in the concerts and other entertainments.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking those masters, who on several occasions have taken us to farms and factories in their motor-cars.

FOOTBALL.

(S. F. Fookes.)

This season began much later than usual on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic, and consequently we had not as much time as in the past in which to prepare our team. At the commencement of the season we found that five of last year's team were available; but unfortunately H. Bellringer was injured and this reduced the number to four. At first our strength lay in a fairly heavy pack of forwards, with new and inexperienced backs; but now—after the Te Aute match—our backs have shown promise of a good combination.

The coaching of the team is again this year in the able hands of Mr. Papps, who unselfishly gives up his spare time to help on the cause of football. We are also indebted to Messrs. Campbell and Humphries for the interest they have taken in the team.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

The First Fifteen is again playing first junior football and is, at present, undefeated in the Western Division. The following are the results of competition matches to date:—

V. Old Boys (won 32—8): Played at Pukekura Park on May 2 in good weather and with a firm ground. A patchy game, although won easily by School. Tries were scored by Medley (2), Pease (2), Bellringer, Grant, S. Fookes, K. Fookes, and Galbraith. Crawford kicked a penalty and Petty converted one try.

V. Star (drawn 6—6): Played at Pukekura Park on May 9 under good weather conditions. A disappointing game which showed up our chief weaknesses. K. Fookes scored in the corner and Abraham scored after a fine run. Star kicked two penalty goals.

V. Rahotu (won 20—6): Played at Rahotu in heavy rain on May 23. The team travelled in private cars, kindly placed at our disposal by their owners. Both backs and forwards played well, whilst Crawford had a field day with his kicking. Pease (2) and Galbraith scored. Crawford potted a goal, kicked a penalty and converted two tries.

V. Okato (won 33—3): On May 30 Okato kindly came into town to give us a match before we played Wanganui College. A ragged and disappointing game took place, in which M. Fletcher had to retire with an injured nose. K. Fookes (2), Crawford, Galbraith, Medley, Read and Roberts scored tries. Crawford kicked a penalty goal and converted one try. R. Fletcher converted two and goaled from a mark.

V. Star (drawn 9—9): Played at Pukekura Park on June 13 under good weather conditions. A very disappointing game, which seemed to lack dash and finish. Soon after the start S. Fookes went off with an injured back. Tries scored by Grant, Read and Medley. Star kicked three penalty goals.

V. Rahotu: Rahotu were unable to come into town, so a seven-a-side practice was held for about half-an-hour. Unfortunately H. Fookes ruptured a muscle in his thigh and was lost for the Te Aute match.

WANGANUI TRIP.

As it was our turn to travel, on June 3 the School team left for Wanganui to play the annual match. Those who were fortunate enough to be in the team will long remember the kindness and hospitality of their hosts in Wanganui.

We were met on our arrival by the members of the College team and escorted to our temporary homes. In the afternoon we were the guests of the Wanganui Rugby Union at the Taranaki—Wanganui representative match; the evening, owing to the morrow's fixture, was a quiet one. On the morning of the match the team had a short practice on the College ground, and were the guests of the College at lunch. The match took place at 2.30 and resulted in a good game. In the evening we were entertained to a dinner in the dining-room and later were taken to see the "Reveille."

On the Friday morning Messrs. Harman and I. Saunders kindly took us for a delightful drive through all the surroundings of the city, showed us the sights and entertained us to morning tea in town. We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to these gentlemen. When the afternoon came, we found it necessary to bid a reluctant farewell to Wanganui and its hospitable folk.

We are indebted to the local press for the following description of the match:—

The annual match between the New Plymouth Boys' High School and the Wanganui Collegiate School provided an attractive display of football, but the superior weight and experience of the Wanganui team proved the deciding factor and gave them victory by 26 points to 11. On the day's play there was not nearly that margin between the teams, but Wanganui got going early and put on several points, while the New Plymouth team were apparently nervous. Thereafter the game was even, New Plymouth, if anything, doing more of the attacking, but their backs did not handle too well, and Wanganui profited by their mistakes. The Wanganui place-kicking was a feature, adding no less than eleven points.

As usual in school football the play was of an open and spectacular type, and there were some magnificent bursts, but there was also a good deal of ragged play. Forward New Plymouth excelled, but in the backs Wanganui were too fast, nippy and enterprising. The New Plymouth team appeared sluggish and did not inspire the dash into their play that is customary. Through-out, however, the game was fast and the struggle a determined one.

In the second spell the New Plymouth boys brought off some fine bursts of passing, but faulty handling spoilt several good chances; whilst their place-kicking, although good, was not up to their opponents' standard. The ground was in good order and the weather fine, the attendance being large. The teams lined out as follows:—

WANGANUI COLLEGE.

Full-back: Bunny.
 Three-quarters: Jull, Scanlan (captain), Ormond.
 Five-eighths: Wilson, Latham.
 Half: Gardiner.
 Wing-forward: Bernau.
 Forwards: Nelson, Shaw, Bethell, Williams, Henny, Josephson, Cleland.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

Full-back: Grant.
 Three-quarters: Medley, K. Fookes, Pease.
 Five-eighths: R. Fletcher, Galbraith.
 Half: H. Fookes.
 Wing-forward: Read.
 Forwards: McCallum, Roberts, S. Fookes (captain), M. Fletcher, Wetere, Abraham, Crawford.

Almost from the start Galbraith was collared with the ball, and the Wanganui backs opened out, Gardiner, Latham and Scanlan handling nicely. The forwards, headed by Josephson, carried play to the twenty-five, where Bunny landed a great goal from the touch-line.

Wanganui	3
New Plymouth	0

Again Jull made a dash, but was beautifully taken by Grant. A School rush headed by Wetere and M.

Fletcher looked dangerous till Scanlan cleared. The School forwards with Read in the van were pressing when suddenly Latham picked up, cut through and sent Bernau away for a fine try. Bunny again goaled.

Wanganui	8
New Plymouth	0

A little later McCallum and Roberts led the School forwards to the fray, when Wilson gathered up in the loose and sent to Scanlan, who broke through and handed to Jull, who outpaced the opposition and scored. Bunny failed to goal.

Wanganui	11
New Plymouth	0

The School backs could not handle cleanly, but from a long penalty Crawford just failed to goal. School were now playing better and S. Fookes broke away, but no one was with him. Dashes by Ormond, the speedy wing, gave School some anxious moments, but he was well taken by Grant. A solid rush by S. Fookes and Read saw the ball sent out to Medley, who was thrown into touch by Latham five yards from the line and a little later was well tackled by Bunny. School still pressed, but had passing spoilt several promising moves. However, Wanganui infringed in front of their goal and three points looked a certainty, but Crawford missed an easy kick. School still pressed, S. Fookes handing on to Medley, who failed to take the pass. Wanganui obstructed and from near half-way R. Fletcher just failed to goal, the spell ending:

Wanganui	11
New Plymouth	0

The second spell was brimful of incident. School at once became aggressive and their backs opened out, but Medley again over-ran the ball. Then Scanlan cut through beautifully, but was well checked by K. Fookes. M. Fletcher and Read with a great forward movement put School in a good position, where their backs opened out, but Pease could not hold the ball. Then S. Fookes centred, and R. Fletcher secured and sent K. Fookes away with Medley in attendance. A try looked certain, but Medley again failed to take the pass and a scrum took place on the line. Galbraith secured and cut in, but Medley dropped his pass right on the line. A moment later

Crawford marked and kicked high; from the resultant scrum H. Fookes shot the ball out, and the backs handling beautifully, Medley galloped over to score a good try. R. Fletcher kicked a poster.

Wanganui	11
New Plymouth	3

Fast play followed, Latham, Scanlan, Ormond and Jull doing great work for Wanganui. Finally Latham cut in and when tackled passed to Jull, who was also well collared, but in the resultant scramble he scored for Bunny to goal again.

Wanganui	16
New Plymouth	3

Spurred by this reverse, School attacked and Galbraith made an opening for K. Fookes, who handed on to Medley. The winger with a great gallop, beat the opposition and scored. R. Fletcher goaled.

Wanganui	16
New Plymouth	8

Only eight points in arrears School pressed hard. K. Fookes kicked high and followed up fast, only to be beaten by the bounce. The ball came across to Medley, who was taken by Jull. Again Pease got going, but was collared by Ormond. Then the scene changed. Gardiner sent to Latham, who cut in and sent in to Ormond. The latter, after handing to Gardiner, received again and scored a fine try. Awarded no charge, Scanlan goaled.

Wanganui	21
New Plymouth	8

At this stage Abraham was injured and replaced by Murdoch. Spectacular dashes on both sides kept tension at fever heat, but neither side could prevail until College were penalised and Crawford just missed the kick. Fast play followed, the ball coming out to Medley, who was well tackled. Using the other wing, R. Fletcher sent Pease away. He passed out to S. Fookes, who in-passed to Pease, to K. Fookes, who scored a spectacular try in the corner. R. Fletcher's kick dropped a foot beneath the bar.

Wanganui	21
New Plymouth	11

School tried hard to increase their score, but without avail, and then Wanganui hotly attacked. Scanlan broke through, and passed to Ormond, who sent infield to Latham as he was tackled. Latham cut in to pass S. Fookes, who had come back rapidly, and dashed over under the posts. Scanlan goaled and time went with the score:

Wanganui	26
New Plymouth	11

Mr. London was the referee.

TE AUTE MATCH.

(Lost 3—0.)

The Te Aute team arrived on Thursday, June 25, and were met by the School team and members of the Rugby Union. The team again stayed at Marsland View. Friday was spent in practice at the Park in fine weather; but heavy rain fell all night and continuously on the morrow, with the result that the ground was a quagmire. After the game both teams were the guests of the Union at the pictures.

On Sunday both teams attended the School church service and heard an inspiring address by the Rev. E. H. Strong. The remainder of the day was spent in driving in two large buses. In the morning we were kindly shown over the "Port Melbourne" by her officers and in the afternoon we visited historic Parihaka. On Monday morning we assembled at the station to bid the victors farewell. For the following description of the match we are indebted to the local press:—

After winning the Moascar Cup in August, 1923, by defeating Auckland Grammar School, and successfully defending it on five subsequent occasions, the New Plymouth Boys' High School lost the trophy to Te Aute College after a hard game which the visitors won in the last few minutes, an infringement by a local player close to the goal line giving the opportunity to goal. This was the only score of the game. Considering that the very heavy rain caused the ground soon to become very greasy and made the ball slippery and difficult to handle, the game was an excellent one. The visitors had an undoubted advantage in weight, but this did not prove particularly effective until near the end of the game. In the early stages both sides endeavoured to make the play open, and under the prevailing conditions some brilliant

and spectacular movements were developed. In the second half Te Aute adopted different tactics for the greater part of the time, and the weight of the pack then told in the tight work. All the best traditions of secondary schools Rugby were sustained in the match, and both victors and vanquished are to be congratulated upon the splendid performance put up, which time and again thrilled the large crowd of spectators present, despite the very heavy rain which fell almost continuously.

The teams took the field in the following order:—

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Full-back: Petty.
 Three-quarters: H. Brown, K. Fookes, Medley.
 Five-eighths: R. Fletcher, Stewart.
 Half: Grant.
 Rover: Read.
 Back Row: Brodie, Crawford.
 Lock: Wetere.
 Sides: M. Fletcher, S. Fookes (captain).
 Front Row: Abraham, Penman.

TE AUTE COLLEGE.

Full-back: R. Turei.
 Three-quarters: L. Grace, T. Seymour, H. Ruru (captain).
 Five-eighths: C. Chesley, M. Chesley.
 Half: W. Potaka.
 Rover: H. Morete.
 Back Row: D. Kaa, A. Pipi.
 Lock: H. Pahewa.
 Sides: M. Wanoa, J. Grace.
 Front Row: Green and W. Davis.

THE FIRST SPELL.

The spin of the coin went in favour of School, and Te Aute kicked off from the northern end with the wind in their favour. The challengers sprang to the attack and a penalty against their opponents in the first few minutes gave C. Chesley a shot at the goal, which was unsuccessful. The ball was sent back and a moment or two later the School backs, who displayed good form, got going and M. Fletcher, Fookes and Medley were associated in a bright movement which looked like a score, but Ruru was just able to catch Medley by the shoulder as he was dash-

ing past up the side line. Play then hung for a little while in Te Aute territory and a penalty for offside gave Crawford a shot at goal. The kick was a good one and fell only a matter of inches short of the cross-bar. Turei cleared with a fine kick, which found touch well up the line, but from the throw-in School again got possession and Grant sent his backs away. Stewart's pass was mis-directed and the visiting forwards broke through and carried play to High School territory, where the local side had an anxious few minutes defending their line. Medley saved and Read improved the position by a fine breakaway which resulted in the penetration of Te Aute's territory once again. In this way the fortunes of the game fluctuated up and down the field, but neither side was able to find a vulnerable point in the defence of the opposition. School backs certainly played a very nippy game, and though mistakes were made in trying to pick up the ball sometimes when the obvious thing to do was to use the feet, they nevertheless developed some pretty movements. Grant successfully worked the blind side of the scrum on several occasions, but a weakness was seen in the passing by K. Fookes to Brown, who was receiving the ball a little too high for him to take surely. Te Aute were not so successful in hooking as the School, but when they did secure the ball Potaka, their diminutive half, got it away well, and the backs, including the Chesleys, Seymour, Ruru and L. Grace, worked splendidly together, though they had not sufficient pace. The racer of the visiting team was Turei, the full-back, who several times turned defence into attack by racing up and setting the backs off again. One of these movements went within an ace of scoring, Ruru receiving the ball and dashing up the side line, only to be splendidly tackled by Brown, who shot across from the opposite wing and got Ruru close to the corner flag. Tight scrummaging took place on School's line, but Te Aute were penalised for handling in the scrum and the free enabled School to clear. Half-time sounded without any score having been registered.

SECOND HALF.

It was apparent soon after the opening of the second spell that Te Aute had changed their tactics somewhat and were bent on keeping the game tight and depending upon the weight of their pack for success. Turei's good kicking assisted them, but School, although they had an

anxious few minutes close to their line, eventually cleared, and led by Read, Brodie, Fletcher and Wetere they carried play to the opposite end of the field and gave the opposition just as anxious a time as they themselves had had. Seymour was responsible for changing the complexion of the game by dribbling through well past the half-way line. Kicks were exchanged by the full-backs, both of whom had done excellent work in saving in difficult situations and in putting their sides on attack from time to time. The School came back again, however, and Medley sent the ball over the line and Te Aute found relief in a force-down. This was the first time the ball had crossed either goal line. Te Aute put a lot of dash into the game from the drop-out and within a short space of time School were called upon to force twice. The visitors kept High School penned in their own territory for a time and the defence was severely tested until Fletcher took a good mark and cleared the line for a time. The local side then took up the aggressive, and gave Te Aute a hard time, but Turei saved by a smart mark which he took in the face of an onrushing pack. He found touch and from the throw-in the visitors got possession and carried play to the home side's territory. Here a hard tussle took place and Te Aute forwards pressed hard and in attempting to field the ball several backs missed. Medley raced to get the ball and slipped and in doing so lay on the ball when he was only a few yards from the goal line. The penalty was a fortunate one for the visitors and C. Chesley was easily able to goal. This was the deciding factor in the game, and though in the remaining few minutes School strove hard to retrieve, they were unable to break the defence of their opponents and the game ended in mid-field in favour of the visitors.

Te Aute	3
High School	0

Mr. H. G. Whittington was referee.

The visitors, who were heartily cheered upon their victory, gave a very spirited haka before they left the field.

PRESENTATION OF CUP.

On behalf of the Rugby Union, Mr. J. Garcia (president) presented the cup to Ruru, the captain of Te Aute team, congratulating them on their victory. The School then gave cheers for the visitors.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1925.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: J. Galbraith, W. A. Brodie, J. Pease, M. Fletcher, K. Wetere, J. Abraham, W. Penman, I. Crawford.

Second Row: H. Fookes, E. McCallum, A. B. Stewart, K. Fookes, S. F. Fookes (captain), F. Read, R.

Fletcher, R. Roberts, D. G. Grant.

In Front: J. Medley, H. M. Brown, L. Petty.

PREVIOUS MATCHES.

Following are the records of matches played since School won the cup in 1923. The details of the matches, with the scores, are as follow:—

1923.

- V. Auckland Grammar, won 6 to 3.
- V. Te Aute College, won 18 to 8.
- V. Palmerston North High School, won 11 to 0.

1924.

- V. Wanganui Technical College, won 9 to 6.
- V. Te Aute College, drawn, 3 all.
- V. Mt. Albert Grammar School, won 12 to 3.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

The Second Fifteen has, so far, had an exceedingly successful season and is leading in the Third Grade Competition. Their performance is unique, for never before has such a position existed. The team has a strong pack of forwards, who are supported by a youthful but clever set of backs.

It is a great performance to turn out and play the First Fifteen during the week and then to remain undefeated in the Saturday competition. Their ranks are constantly changed and depleted, but they have so far triumphed over all difficulties. May the best of luck attend them in their future games! The following are the games won up till the time of going to press:—

V. Okato (won 36—0): Played at the racecourse. In this first match, although the play was rather ragged, the School team had more combination than the country team. The forwards were also slightly heavier than the opposing vanguard and fed their backs well. Tries were obtained by Davis (2), Brown, Gilmour (2), Riley, Strombom, Robertson and Bayly. Strombom converted three and Gilmour kicked a penalty goal.

V. Clifton (won 37—0): Played at Waitara. Both the forwards and backs played well, and School's combination was too good for Clifton, who were playing their first match and consequently had not had much practice together. Tries were scored by Petty (5), Gilmour (2), Thomas (2); Strombom converted four and Gilmour one.

V. Urenui (won 40—0): Played at the racecourse. The School backs and forwards played well and most of the points came from well-executed passing movements by the backs. The forwards secured the ball from the majority of the scrums and excelled in the loose. Tries were obtained by Davis (3), Strombom (3), Brown (2), Bayly, Gilmour, Riley and Robertson. Petty converted two.

V. Tukapa (won 17—6): This was a very poor exhibition of football. The forwards played fairly well, but the backs failed badly to handle the greasy ball. Tries were scored by Brown, Davis, Thomas, Strombom and MacDiarmid. Brown converted one.

V. Old Boys (won 17—8): School and Old Boys were level in the competition, but the School team was fitter and, although hard pressed in the concluding stages, managed to keep Old Boys out. School, playing with the wind, led by 14—0 at half-time. Old Boys, however, could only register eight points in the second spell. Tries were obtained by Bates, Brown (2) and Penman; Petty converted one and kicked a penalty goal.

V. Star (won 21—0): Played at the racecourse, and resulted in a comfortable win for School. Playing with the wind in the first half, School scored eleven points, but in the second spell Star began to tire and School managed to score another ten points. Tries were obtained by Robertson, Thomas, Davis and Penman; Petty converted three and kicked a goal from a penalty.

V. Okato (won 19—5): This, the first match of the second round, was played at Okato, and after a rather ragged exhibition, especially by the backs, resulted in a win for School. The forwards were not obtaining the ball from the scrums as much as usual but they dominated the line-out work. Tries were scored by Pease, Riley, Penman, Strombom and Bates; Petty converted two.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

The Third Fifteen are again playing in the Fourth Grade Competition, and although they started badly they are improving every match. This year the second group is being coached by Mr. Connell and Mr. Dyer. Results:—

May 2, v. Clifton, won 3—0; Black scored.

May 9, v. Technical, lost 9—6; Lobb and Barlow scored.

May 16, v. Star, lost 25—14; Davies, Rawson and Black scored; J. Thomson converted one try and kicked a penalty goal.

May 23, v. Tukapa, won 20—5; Eaves (2), List, Collinge, Glengarry and Rawson scored; Harrison converted one.

May 30, v. Old Boys, won 18—6; Davies, Sinclair, and Rawson scored; J. Thomson converted three and kicked a penalty.

June 13, v. Fourth XV., won 6—0; Beaven scored and J. Thomson kicked a penalty.

June 20, v. Clifton, won 20—3; Eaves, Grover, Anderson, Beaven and Rawson (2) scored, and Buckeridge converted one.

FOURTH FIFTEEN.

The Fourth Fifteen are playing in the same grade, with no great measure of success. The following are the results to date:—

V. Star, lost 43—3.

V. Old Boys, lost 11—3.

V. Technical, lost 14—3.

V. Clifton, won 11—0.

V. Tukapa, won 18—3.

V. Third Fifteen, lost 6—0.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' COMPETITION.

An innovation this year is a competition for boys under 16, competed for by the secondary schools. School entered two teams and the A team has been playing brilliant football, displaying a combination that would do credit to many senior teams. The coaching is in the capable hands of Mr. Leggat and Mr. McDonald. The following are the results to date:—

A TEAM.

V. Stratford B, won 64—0.

V. New Plymouth Technical, won 69—0.

V. School B, Won 17—8.

V. Stratford A, drawn 6—6.

V. Stratford B, won by default.

B TEAM.

V. Stratford A; lost 39—0.

V. New Plymouth Technical, won 18—0.

V. School A, lost 17—8.

V. Stratford B, won 50—3.

PREPARATORY TEAM.

The standard of football in the Prep. this year is up to the usual form. Mr. Pope, who is again coaching the team, has already welded a good team into shape. So far only four matches have been played, resulting in two wins, a draw and a loss. The following are the results:—

V. Central, lost 3—0.

V. West End, won 16—0. Molloy, Stronge, K. Scott and Willcocks scored. Willcocks converted two tries.

V. Inglewood, drawn 6—6. Stronge and Willcocks scored.

V. Waitara, won 6—3. Stronge and Willcocks scored.

The remainder of the school has been divided into groups, which are coached by the masters, who kindly sacrifice their afternoons for our sake.

AGRICULTURE NOTES.

(L. Honeyfield.)

(1) MANURIAL TRIAL.

On August 20, 1924, eleven plots, each 180 square feet in area, were planted with potatoes. The variety of potato used was Sutton's Supreme. The purpose of the trial was to find out the best amount of Superphosphate to use in growing potatoes in New Plymouth.

Plot	Manure per acre	Yield per acre tons cwt.	Cost of Manure per acre	Value (at 54 per ton) of increased yield due to manures	Percentage of large tubers
1 ..	Nil	2 11	Nil	Nil	75
2 ..	1cwt.	3 19	7s	£5 12s	79
3 ..	2cwt.	6 11	14s	£16 0s	85
4 ..	3cwt.	6 16	£1 1s	£17 0s	85
5 ..	4cwt.	8 8	£1 8s	£23 8s	89
6 ..	5cwt.	9 1	£1 15s	£26 0s	90
7 ..	6cwt.	9 13	£2 2s	£28 8s	89
8 ..	7cwt.	9 19	£2 9s	£29 12s	88
9 ..	8cwt.	10 7	£2 16s	£31 4s	88
10 ..	9cwt.	10 19	£3 3s	£33 12s	92
11 ..	10cwt.	13 3	£3 10s	£42 8s	91

Although definite conclusions cannot be drawn from one trial, the results indicate that it is advisable to apply fairly heavy dressings of Superphosphate when growing potatoes in this district.

(2) KIKUYU (PENNISETUM CLANDESTINUM).

This grass was planted in the plots on September 12, 1924. As it does not seed, rooted stems were used to propagate it. A description of this plant was given in a previous magazine. It has spread very rapidly and made luxuriant growth. It has not suffered from the frost, so far, and the indications are that it would prove suitable for Taranaki. It has a tendency to "smother" other grasses and the only plants that appear to be able to grow with it are the clovers.

(3) DANISH v. AKAROA COCKSFOOT.

This plot, which was sown on March 18, 1924, has been of considerable interest. The following points have been noticed:—

(a) The Danish cocksfoot produces its bulk of feed earlier in the season than does the Akaroa.

(b) The Danish cocksfoot has the more upright habit of growth.

(c) The Akaroa cocksfoot "tillers" much more freely, fills up blank spaces, and keeps down weeds.

(d) The Akaroa cocksfoot has a deeper rooting system.

(4) EFFECT OF CLOVERS ON PASTURE.

The plots in which Cowgrass (*Trifolium Pratense* Perenne) were sown have made splendid growth, while in the ones in which cocksfoot alone was sown, the growth has been small and the plants unhealthy looking. It is noticeable, also, that the weed content of the cocksfoot and clover plot is much lower than that of the pure cocksfoot plot.

(5) BROWN-TOP (*AGROSTIS TENUIS*) AS A LAWN GRASS.

A pure sowing of this grass was made. For some time it was "patchy" and made uneven growth, but is doing better at present. It is certainly slow to establish, but once properly established it is most satisfactory in providing a good wearing turf. It is clear that, before this grass is sown, the ground should be as free from

weeds as possible. This could be obtained to a large extent by leaving the ground fallow for some time, allowing the weed seeds to germinate and then killing them by surface cultivation.

(6) NOTES ON SPECIAL GRASSES.

Of the fifty grasses and clovers in the plots the following have justified special mention:—

(1) **Paspalum**.—During the summer months it made luxuriant growth, and suffered little from the dry spells. It has formed a thick strong turf.

(2) **Hawke's Bay Perennial Ryegrass**.—This has done much better than the Canterbury ryegrass, giving a greater bulk of feed and forming a healthy looking dense turf.

(3) **Poa Pratensis**.—Spreads rapidly and fills up spaces between tall growing grasses such as cocksfoot. It has made good growth throughout the year.

(4) **Phalaris Bulbosa**, or Canary Grass.—A tall growing robust grass with a deep rooting system. It grew well during the summer.

(5) **Cocksfoot and Kikuyu**.—See previous note.

(6) **Cowgrass**.—This has made excellent growth and responds well to a top-dressing of lime and Superphosphate.

(7) ADDITION OF LAND FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES.

A welcome addition has been made to our experimental area, consisting of $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres of good level land on Hobson Street. This is a Secondary School Reserve, the freehold of which has been vested in the New Plymouth High Schools' Board, to be utilized for purposes connected with the Course in Agriculture.

(8) INSTRUCTION IN WOODWORK & METALWORK.

At the beginning of the year arrangements were made for use to take Woodwork and Metalwork for four periods a week. These classes are very popular and the instruction we receive in them should prove of considerable value to us in after life on the farm.

HOUSE NOTES.

(D. P. McLean and D. G. Grant.)

After a long spell, except for the latter part in which many more or less unsuccessful attempts were made to study, we arrived back at school to be greeted by a few familiar faces and a multitude of strange ones. The latter, however, seemed lost for a week or two, but cold showers, and football, not to mention algebra, soon transferred their thoughts of home.

Since the last issue, an increase has been made on the boarding staff by the appointment of Mr. J. Earl, M.A. His career at the Timaru Boys' High School and Canterbury College was a distinguished one. We take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Earl to this school, and to hope his stay will be a long and pleasant one.

We must congratulate those boys who were made prefects this year. They are trustworthy and painstaking workers and so will carry out their duties in a keen and energetic manner.

Owing to the lack of accommodation in the boarding-houses, a few boys have been placed in Nigger House. Although they have a small walk to and from school, this is atoned for by the comfort and company which they enjoy at the house.

Dancing commenced on Friday evening, May 15, much to the gratification of the boarders, even though the weaker sex of the High School do not honour us with their presence. Some of the boarders, obviously from agricultural pursuits, are not too gentle on the "light fantastic toes" of their partners. We would like to know why there is an objection to prefects dancing with the more "buxom blithe and debonair." It seems that a green-eyed monster is making an appearance. However we wish the opposition the best of luck!

While two well-known characters were diligently "swotting" in IVc. one evening, an equally known industrious master enters—fails to see the scholars—and dutifully switches off the lights and disappears, much to the astonishment of the boys. The lights are switched on again and lo behold! the apparition makes a second visit and wonderingly turns off the lights again to the accompaniment of a yell from the occupants. Many were the explanations and apologies thereof.

Many boys this year have been very appropriately named; some by appearances and actions, others by their "Oxford bleat" and abilities. The following are exemplary:—Seejay, Oxford, Thirsty, Kreisler, Pim, Guserino, Whanga, Sirtac, Morepork, Gobble, Beef, Hump, Lowse, Rhubarb, Hun, Horsey, Ukelele, Baby, Mickunzie, Slugs, Rock Cake.

Masters are human, like the rest of us, and are distinguished by characteristic sayings as: By the Holy Poker; Ye gods and little fishes; Therefer-er-r; The onus is on you; That's not the point; Now! you chappies, bring me a shillelagh; Now loo-ok; Some people say this is pinus insignus but they are wrong, it is pinus radiata; You have got no hope; Give us a fair go.

The usual trouble of the boarders having hot baths was again noticeable this term. However, this will not be for long, as hot showers are being installed at the side of the laundry.

During a class in the Sixth Form this term the topic was the paying of big prices to see or hear unique performers. The particular master said people would give five guineas to hear him sing (but they paid only one shilling to see him wield the willow).

We would like to know whether fresh air and the odour of pine trees (called pinus radiata) is good for boxing. Evidently it is because one of our pugilistic preparatory boys rejoicing in the pseudonym of Luis, Angel of the Pampas, spent a night in the open wrapped only in an overcoat and a guilty conscience. However he has not lost any of his characteristics. We would also like to know if this open kind of life is good for school teaching.

Awful silence reigned, when our French scholar, late of Oxford, began to descend the stairs at school somewhere about midnight. The first flight was successfully accomplished, but as he neared the eerie second, there wafted into view an apparition which would have scared Satan. The quaking one was only human and so were his knees—knocking. However, after his heart descended into its right place and his eyes receded into their sockets, he took the somnambulist quietly back to bed.

Crash! Crunch! This was the sound heard one afternoon from the dizzy heights of V.Ib. windows. Upon looking out the windows we found the sound originated from the contact of the wooden back of a motor-lorry and tin. However the tin was bent out of the shape of a mudguard. When the unfortunate owner was informed, there was a "plonk" of books upon the floor and the sound of fairy feet flitting across the Assembly Hall to the scene of tragedy, the cynosure of all eyes. One hurried glimpse at the mangled thing was enough; then a pale face disappeared round the corner of the school in search of the assassin. What eventuated was never published.

On June 3 the First Fifteen travelled to Wanganui and played the local College team on the following day. The eleven boarders who were fortunate enough to be members of the party of seventeen that made the trip, were keenly interested in the boarding life there. One great advantage that impressed us was the chapel—a fine brick building of which any school would be proud.

The new boys' concert was held the second Saturday after school had assembled. Some did their bit by singing (?), while others, pugilists and otherwise, amused the spectators with a few rounds. Judging by the applause each contributor received, it was evident that the performance was a great success.

A good spirit was shown one frosty morning when an industrious prefect rolled out at 6.30 a.m. and called half of the new house for the prefect on duty. We only wish he had this feeling more often so that we could spend a few more minutes in bed.

According to one learned scholar, evidently a boarder, "Pax in bello" is translated as "Freedom from indigestion."

CHAPEL.

The first school service of the term did not take place till Sunday, April 19. On the previous Sunday, which was Easter Day, the Old Boys asked for a service in connection with their annual re-union. So with the help of some of the former and present members we managed to get together a small choir, and are grateful to them for their readiness to step into the breach. Unfortunately there were not a great many present at the service.

As soon as school resumed on April 15 we also began practices once more and gradually the school service has taken its accustomed place each Sunday morning at 9.30. A new choir has arisen in which we are glad to see several of last year's members still to the fore. Considering all things the service is going very well, but it would be encouraging to see more day boys turn up. The Rev. G. H. Gavin, Vicar of Waitara, was good enough to come over and preach on Sunday, June 21. We are grateful to him for his sermon and for giving up his time to come.

Early in the term we were shown some very good views of the English Cathedrals on one Saturday night. They made the usual impressive appeal that all venerable buildings do with their wonderful architecture, their witness to the continuity of history, and their intimate connection with the life of Englishmen. Later on in the term a series of slides were shown descriptive of the history and work of the Melanesian Mission. Island life has a charm all its own, and the story of Melanesia adds to that charm the deeds of great men who have given their lives for the islanders.

Confirmation classes will have started by the time this issue appears, and it is expected that the Archbishop will pay his usual visit in November or December, when the Confirmation will be held.

Just one word ought to be said on another matter. We think that this year the boys who read the Sunday lessons deserve a word of praise. The reading has much improved, and while it is always the case that some read better than others, it is certainly the case this year that no one reads other than well, and it would appear that a certain amount of care is taken beforehand in preparation.

On Thursday, May 14, the day on which the late Prime Minister was buried, we held a memorial service at St. Mary's at 10 o'clock. By a happy thought the pupils of several other schools were invited to attend, and the large church was almost completely full. Suitable hymns were chosen and the special lesson from Ecclesiasticus was read by S. Fookes. The address was based on II. Sam., III., 38: "Know ye not that there is fallen a prince and a great man this day in Israel?"

On Sundays, June 28 and July 5, we had the pleasure of welcoming the members of the Te Aute College and Nelson College fifteens respectively, and various friends helped to swell the congregations on those days. On each occasion the head boys of the schools read the lessons.

Confirmation classes have begun and are held at St. Mary's on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The Archbishop will hold the Confirmation towards the end of the year. As Taranaki will form part of the new Diocese of Waikato, which will be formed in April next, this will be the last time we shall have the privilege of receiving a visit from our old friend Dr. Averill, who has conducted so many Confirmations for us here.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(H. Bellringer and G. Webb.)

It is not till we notice the old faces gone from our midst and their places taken by young and strange ones, that we fully realise the meaning of those beautiful lines "Backward, turn backward, Oh Time in your flight." The more we think of these lines the more we look back to the days when, as youngsters, we entered the upper school together with some whom we have not seen for years and may never see again.

The breaking-up ceremony, at the end of last year, was a great success. We were pleased to see many Old Boys present at the great event of the year. The old school songs were rendered with great gusto and the musical items were well received. After the usual speeches and the prize-giving ceremony, a most happy evening was concluded by singing the National Anthem.

During the Christmas holidays an eleven from Nelson College travelled to New Plymouth and after a most exciting game the school eleven won by the narrow margin of nine runs. After the match the two teams journeyed to Urenui. Nelson returned home on December 24 in time for Christmas.

The opening of school was postponed till April 15 on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis. There was a good attendance, but we sadly missed many with whom we had been on the best of terms at the end of last year. Owing to the late start there will be only two

terms instead of the usual three. Although this will make a long spell at school we recognise that some such measure is necessary if we are to be in any position to meet the annual examinations at the end of the year.

This year there has been no cricket during the first term. Hence the annual match against Wanganui College has been postponed till the last term. The material, however, is still at school and the eleven should acquit themselves with credit when cricket starts.

The "Terms Class" this year is the largest which has been taught at the school, beating last year's record of eleven, by one. The various subjects taught are: English, Latin, History (pass and advanced), Constitutional History, Roman Law, Jurisprudence, Economics and Mathematics. This is a good variety for masters who have to teach other classes as well.

The Te Aute match has been played and lost. This highly exciting game was played on June 27 and, although the weather was far from favourable, a crowd of approximately 6000 witnessed the hardest fought game which has been seen on the Recreation Ground for some time. Additional interest was given to the match from the fact that it was the first Moascar Cup match of the season. The school, after a hard struggle, lost by a penalty kick ten minutes before the end. The game retained the highest interest up till the sound of the bell. The two teams travelled to Parihaka on the Sunday afternoon and, after their brief stay, the Te Aute boys, cup and all, left on June 29 on their return home. Good luck to the holders!

Football is in full swing at school at present. We little thought that a person approaching Roscoe Arbuckle in weight would ever take up Rugby. Such is the case, however, and the player should be commended for his strenuous efforts at weight reducing.

We have had no Day Boys' Concert so far, but it is quite possible that one of these wet Thursday afternoons we will be treated to the harmonious strains to which the new day boys are eager to treat us.

The lecture on the Toe H movement given by Padre Leonard was much appreciated both by masters and boys. During his short address the Padre told how, in the midst

of the grim warfare in France, the movement originated which has since spread its ramifications throughout Canada and the United Kingdom. He expressed a hope that soon the movement would become an Empire one, and that he could rely on some of the present members joining later on. As a token of appreciation for his address on this most interesting topic the boys gave the Padre three hearty cheers. The literature which the Padre left behind has been eagerly read with, we hope, good results.

Drill has been in full swing for some time now and the efficient coaching of the N.C.O.'s is already having a marked effect on the drill and on the general tone of the school. On advice of one of the masters, several boys have decided to sit for their second-lieutenancy in the February examinations next year.

Owing to the number of pupils at the school we are again packed for room and all the spare corners in the school are commandeered by boys who wish to "swot" privately during their so-called "free periods."

This year the annual football match against Wanganui College was played on the Collegiate grounds at Wanganui on Thursday, June 4. The weather was fine, with a breeze blowing across the field that considerably hampered both teams. Although we were well beaten we do not think that the score indicates the comparative merits of the teams, as several times School narrowly missed scoring through bad luck. On arriving at Wanganui we were conducted to the homes of our hosts, who were friends of the Collegiate team. We should like here to express our heartfelt thanks to these hospitable Wanganui people who made our short stay with them so pleasant. During the afternoon of our arrival we were taken to see the representative match between Taranaki and Wanganui at the Recreation Grounds. After the match we were treated to a very fine dinner at the College, after which a very agreeable entertainment—the "Reveille," which had been showing in New Plymouth before we returned to school—was offered us at the Opera House. The following morning was passed in motoring around the environs of Wanganui, during which tour the wreck of the "Cyrena" and the War Memorial on Durie Hill were visited. In the afternoon we sadly bade good-bye to the many friends who had made our short stay in the "Cologne of New Zealand" so pleasant.

It is our pleasant duty to welcome Mr. J. Earl, M.A., to the school. Mr. Earl, who was at one time head boy and captain of the first eleven and fifteen of the Timaru Boys' High School, is a welcome addition to the Old Boys' Football Club. We hope that his sojourn with us may be a long and pleasant one.

Just before school recommenced a very finished entertainment was given by 130 New Plymouth girls, under the able management of Mr. William Lints. The proceeds were divided between the North Egmont Mountain House Fund and the School Gymnasium Fund. As no theatre was available the Coronation Hall was fitted with an ample stage, and considering that the comforts usually found in modern theatres were lacking, the attendance was remarkable, as approximately 6000 people patronized the "Reveille." Our thanks are due to the 130 chorus girls who so ungrudgingly spent a great deal of time and effort in making the "Reveille" a success. We must not omit to mention the generous assistance given by the many friends of the school, in the selling of sweets, in the giving of material for the shilling parcels, and in the numerous other ways in which they were of assistance.

TENNIS NOTES.

(J. Pease.)

The end of a very successful tennis season has now passed. The three new grass courts have proved a great asset, consequently the enthusiasm of the members reached an exceedingly high standard. The courts were kept in good order, through the efforts of an industrious master in collecting squads of boys to eradicate the weeds.

In order to gain some idea as to the ability of the members, the ladder was started and this created keen competition and interest among the players. The championships, which were decided during the third term of last year, attracted keen interest and thus large entries were received.

We are again greatly indebted to the Park and Town clubs, for their generosity in allowing us the use of their

courts for the championships. The results of the various championships were:—

Senior Singles.—C. Strombom.

Senior Doubles.—R. Fletcher and J. Pease.

Handicap Doubles.—J. Mackay and W. Alexander.

Junior Singles.—B. Cooke.

We must also take this opportunity of conveying to Mr. Johnson, our greatest appreciation for all the work and time he has spent in the interests of tennis at school.

BOXING NOTES.

(R. Ward.)

Great results should be expected this year owing to the high standard of boxing, due to the capable instruction of Mr. T. Thompson. His enthusiasm and patience with his work has rightly gained the appreciation of us all. Boxing now seems to be getting its true position in the school routine as the number of pupils has been largely increased this year. Although some of the boys have never had the opportunity of attending boxing classes before, they now show great promise and are enthusiastic in their work. The boxing championships on August 3 should be a great success and should contain some clever displays.

We offer our thanks to Mr. Thompson for coming up to the school and taking so much interest in the welfare of the boxing classes.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

One of the boys in the Prep. has a peculiar habit of over-eating himself at dinner time. On one occasion he was known to have "passed up" for a fourth helping.

New boys this year are:—Allen, D. N.; Cuthbertson, K.; Saunders, W.; Blackley, D.; Sutton, K.; Nolan, H.; McDonell, P.; Rowe, A.; Davies, I. W.; Whittington, H. C.; Scott, G.; Fairbrother, E. H.; Wilson, E. F.; Churton, L. P.; Riley, J. H.

The roll now shows an attendance of 57 pupils, of whom 32 are day boys and 25 boarders.

Football is now in full swing and already we have played three inter-school matches. Although Central defeated us by three points to nil, Prep. soundly defeated West End in the second match. On Saturday, June 13, some of us journeyed to Inglewood, where a match (which ended in a draw) was played in fine but chilly weather. Against Waitara we were victors by 6 points to 3.

Do you not know our jiu-jitsu king? His methods of wrestling are most effective, and some say that in his "tripping bout" he could out-strength Samson.

Hidden celebrities: The wild man from "Borneo" has just come to town, filled with "Beefy" "Wisdom," and accompanied by his trusty canine friend "Fido." He found "Dick Whittington's" "Pussy" chasing "Monty Mouse," so he promptly "Ping"-ed at the cat, exclaiming "Boo-Ah." The "Kaka" and the "Monkey" watched the grim conflict from the boughs of a neighbouring tree, throwing "Coker"-nuts into the fray, but they only succeeded in "Prickle"-ing the "Piggy."

The Sixth is a class-room of boys
Who make a most terrible noise;
When told to shut up, like a bawling young pup,
All quit their unmannerly joys.

A salient feature of the past term was the sun streaming through the windows of the Upper Prep. room, the rays beating down upon our poor little heads, without let or hindrance. Having not many brains, we sustained no considerable damage at the hands of Father Sol; but though his solar majesty has not been so unkind as to give us infantile paralysis, yet our poor little brain-pans were only protected by a moistened article of clothing. This is usually employed when we have a cold in the head, but on this occasion it was used to counteract heat in the head. Looking up to the room one might have seen such articles as ties, football togs, boot-laces, or anything, indeed, that might cast a shadow, suspended from the windows. Will the Board of Governors please have pity on our empty little noddles and put up some window blinds, thus saving us trouble when we arrive home, feeling like the morning after the night before.



PREFECTS, 1925.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: F. L. Read, J. Pease, M. Fletcher, T. O. Jones, M. Lysons.

Front Row: R. G. Webb, C. H. Strombom, S. F. Fookes (head), D. G. Grant, D. P. McLean.

SWIMMING.

Like all other sports, swimming was greatly hampered by the epidemic of infantile paralysis. The annual sports and championships, which were to be held early in the first term, were abandoned as the water was too cold when the school had re-assembled. The distance swimming and life-saving were not held. However, in the carnivals given by the various clubs in Taranaki, the school relay team competed with indifferent success. At the New Plymouth Club's carnival, school, the holders of the Grey Cup, were beaten by the narrowest of margins. In the last lap Opunake had a lead of about a yard and a half, which W. Penman just failed to catch, being beaten on the touch. We take this opportunity of congratulating two of our members, J. Galbraith and W. Penman, on their inclusion in the Taranaki swimming team which competed in the Dominion championships at Christchurch.

CADET NOTES.

(W. A. Brodie.)

After being in charge of the Cadets for three years, Captain Papps has relinquished command to Captain Bertrand owing to pressure of other work. During Captain Papps' regime the drill was particularly good and we are sure it will continue to be so with Captain Bertrand in command. Other changes have had to be effected. Captain Diprose has command of No. 24 Company and Lieutenant Dyer of No. 110 Company. The retirement of Captain Papps left us one officer short, but fortunately Lieutenant Earl joined the staff and so filled the vacancy. Lieutenant Wilson has also taken charge of a platoon.

For a week previous to Anzac Day the lamp posts of Avenue Road were unduly honoured by being saluted incessantly for about half an hour daily. Likewise a human cenotaph was honoured by being put in the middle of the road and having the company marched past it in two ranks. This arrangement was carried out when in due course we marched past the Cenotaph on Anzac Day. For the first time we were asked to provide a firing party. Under Lieutenant Dyer the party did excellent work in the short time at their disposal and, on the day, acquitted themselves well. Meanwhile the two companies worked hard to do the school justice on that auspicious occasion.

It is particularly to the credit of No. 110 Company that new boys though most of them were, they conducted themselves well throughout the proceedings. As school did not commence until late in the year, these younger boys had not had as much training as is usual before Anzac Day.

It is encouraging to see that something more interesting than mere rifle drill is being introduced for the senior platoons. This is Lewis gun training. Those of us who were in the camp last year know what a relief it is to do something different after doing the same drill year after year. At present No. 24 Company are being instructed in the delicate art of aiming and trigger-pressing. It is satisfactory to note that most of the instruction in both companies is being done by the N.C.O.'s. No. 110 Company, who have been doing squad drill since the commencement of the term, have now been issued with carbines and are being instructed accordingly.

The old armoury, attached to the basement, was condemned by the authorities, so that now we have attained the ideal, in the form of a modern armoury with doors at both ends and with a concrete floor. An N.C.O. is on duty at the armoury daily and attends to the opening of the doors and prevents congestion of the traffic.

Under the instruction of Mr. Pope, the Lower Preparatory are taught the rudiments of drill until they are old enough to join the school battalion. This is a great help when drilling raw recruits, as if one or two know what to do it makes a somewhat arduous task far easier.

It is pleasing to note that the notorious awkward squad of 110 Company is diminishing in numbers daily. It has proved a great success and, if the improvement continues, will soon be abolished.

The familiar whistle for dismiss has given way before the blast of a bugle equally as popular. After a few days of discord we were pleased to be able to distinguish a melody which, by the end of the year, should be quite tuneful.

At the end of the year there will be a cup awarded to the best N.C.O. There should be some keen competition and, if only to make himself as efficient as possible, every N.C.O. should try his hardest to win the cup,

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The annual examinations of last year were a success as far as the school is concerned, although, on the whole, they were rather unsatisfactory. The results are as follows:—

Second B.A.—M. J. Robertson (subjects, Latin and History).

First B.A.—W. E. Alexander (subjects, Latin and History), M. D. Bree (subjects, English and Mathematics), J. D. Mackay (subjects, History and Mathematics), R. G. Webb (subjects, Mathematics, English and History).

First LL.B.—C. H. Strombom (subjects, English and Latin).

University National Scholarship.—R. M. Dolby.

The Matriculation and Accountancy examination results were as follows (M., Matriculation; P., Medical Preliminary; S., Solicitor's General Knowledge; P.P., Partial Pass; A., Accountant's Preliminary; Comp., Completed Matriculation):—Bailey, T. (M.S.); Barak, V. (P.P.); Bates, R. (Comp.); Buick, R. (M.); Calvert, C. (M.S.P.); Carman, P. (P.P.); Collinge, B. (P.P.A.); Brown, H. H. (P.P.); Fauchelle (M.); Fookes, G. (P.P.A.); Fookes, K. (P.P.); Fletcher, M. (P.P.A.); Galbraith, J. (Comp.); Grant, D. (Comp.); Hutchinson, J. (P.P.); Kidson, A. (Comp.); Lealand, N. (P.P.A.); Leech, E. (M.S.P.); Mason, E. (Comp.); Moverley, A. (Comp.); O'Dea, J. (M.S.P.); Paterson, J. (P.P.A.); Pease, J. (P.P.A.); Read, A. E. (P.P.); Revell, J. (P.P.A.); Robertson, D. (P.P.); Syme, T. (P.P.A.); Thomas, J. (M.S.); Tonks (M.S.P.); Wells, G. (M.); Westerman (A.).

Senior National Scholarships.—A. E. Read, T. Bailey.

Junior National Scholarships.—W. Jones, W. Watt.

Public Service Entrance.—B. Collinge.

SHOOTING NOTES.

In spite of a slight loosening up in the conditions governing the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, it has been found impossible for the School to enter this

year. Last year, owing to the stringent conditions, the School was unable to compete on a basis of equality with smaller institutions, and so had to drop out. It was hoped that some provision would be made to even up the disabilities of large units, but as this has not been done, there is no possibility of continuing in the competition any longer. It is to be regretted that the School should have to cease to take part in this shoot, in which it has for so many years occupied such a prominent position. The size of the School and the coaching time necessary for reasonable results preclude, however, any possibility of its doing so. This means, too, that the School will not be able to compete for the Governor-General's trophy (Jelliecoe Cup), which it won in 1922 and 1924.

Shooting in December last, the School team won the Weekly Press Shield, putting up a record score of 678 out of a possible 680—being 99.7 per cent. The team is to be congratulated upon the splendid success crowning its efforts. Such a result was made possible only by continual and careful practice. The individual scores were as follows:—

	Application.	Rapid.	Total.
	(28)	(40)	(68)
Cadet S. Batger	28	40	68
Cadet J. Beaven	28	40	68
Cadet J. Buckeridge	28	40	68
Cadet E. Buist	28	40	68
Cadet W. Cooper	28	40	68
Cadet B. Cooke	28	40	68
Cadet P. Grover	28	39	67
Cadet E. Harman	28	40	68
Cadet R. Lawrence	28	40	68
Cadet E. Reade	28	39	67
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	280	398	678

Average 67.8 — 99.7 per cent.

THE ROLL.

The roll number stands this year at 401, of whom 174 are boarders. In the Upper School there are 344 boys, of whom 149 are boarders; while the figures in the Lower

School are 57 and 25 respectively. The complete roll is as follows:—

FORM VI. A.

*Barak, V.
Belringer, H. E.
Brown, H. H.
Fookes, K. F.
Lysons, M. C.
*Pease, J. J.
*Read, A. E.
Robertson, D.
Thomson, H.
*Tonks, E.
Wright, J.

FORM VI. B.

Bailey, T. L.
Bates, R. W.
Bree, M. D.
Calvert, C. G.
Fookes, S. F.
Galbraith, J.
*Grant, D. G.
Leech, E.
*McLean, D. P.
Moverley, A.
*Strombom, C. H.
Thomas, H. J.
Webb, R. G.

FORM V. A.

Abraham, J. E.
*Batger, R. J.
*Batger, A. S.
*Bayly, G. S.
Bleakley, K. W.
Brodie, W. A.
*Brugh, J.
*Buckeridge, J. M.
Collinge, B. E.
*Cooper, S. G.
*Fletcher, M.
Garner, H. L.
Geddes, M.
*Griffiths, J. H. W.
*Harman, E. G.
Jackson, A. K.
*Jones, T. O.
Lealand, N. P.
*Leach, J. S.
MacDiarmid, N. S.
*MacRae, M. F.
*McCann, R. E.

McNeill, C. A.
Medley, J. S.
*Moore, E. J.
*Murdoch, R.
*Noonan, R. R.
*Pease, J. J.
Rawson, W. R.
*Read, F. L.
Sampson, A. N.
*Saunders, G. I.
*Stewart, A. B.
*Sutton, J. H.
Wright, D. R.

FORM V. B.

*Anderson, G. S.
*Beaven, J. H.
Berryman, A. R.
*Buist, E. W.
Campbell, C. G.
Carey, R. J.
Davis, F. L.
Evans, A. E.
Ewart, J. W.
*Fairfax, R. S.
Fookes, H. F.
George, H. V.
Grover, P. G.
Hayton, J. T. S.
*Honeyfield, E. L.
Jones, W. O.
Lawrence, R. G.
List, T. R.
*MacDiarmid, G. C.
*Muir, R. J.
Mills, A.
*Murray, G. F.
*O'Dea, R. J.
Olson, H. E.
*Pease, B. H.
Pepper, M. D.
*Richards, C. L.
Stronge, J. S.
Thomson, J. S.
Warner, J. E.
*Welton, B. E.

FORM V. C.

Baker, P. S.
Barlow, L. R.
Billing, S.
Black, S. A.

Bowater, E. L.
 Bullock, D.
 *Campbell, B.
 Canning, F. R.
 Crudis, F. L.
 Gilmour, F. C.
 Gorringe, H. H.
 Griffiths, W. O.
 Harris, R. T.
 *Lysaght, F. H.
 *Martin, R. C.
 Morgan, T. O.
 Parrott, W. E.
 Penman, W.
 *Pillay, S.
 Rawson, W. T.
 *Roberts, R. B.
 Rogers, L. M.
 *Sherwin, J. D.
 Steffensen, F.
 Vile, C. F.
 *Wetere, K.
 Wray, A. G.

FORM IV. A.

*Abbott, H. G.
 Aish, R. G.
 Allen, P.
 Allhusen, A. S.
 Bell, B. C.
 *Betts, H.
 Booker, J. G.
 Bransgrove, J.
 Davies, T. O.
 Davis, R. A.
 Ewart, G.
 *Hayward, W.
 Hingston, H. S.
 Hudson, R. H.
 Innes, W. J.
 Johnson, C. N.
 Kenny, G. A.
 *Mackenzie Forbes, N.
 *Miles, P. C.
 *Murray, J.
 *Neill, P. W.
 *Phillips, D. G.
 Riding, E.
 Russell, L. H.
 *Sadler, S. J.
 Stace, C. J.
 *Standish, M. L.
 *Wall, H.
 *Watt, W.
 *Wilton, O. H.
 Wright, E.

FORM IV. C.

Allen, W. R.
 Ambury, C. R.
 *Arthur, J. W.
 *Beaven, G.
 *Beck, W. A.
 Calvert, D. G.
 Coad, A. H.
 Cottier, T. S.
 *Duigan, J.
 Girling, R. W.
 *Glengarry, J. J.
 Golding, H. A.
 Grace, G. C.
 *Harris, C. E.
 Harrison, G.
 Hawkings, T. T.
 Hookham, T. W.
 Hutchen, A. K.
 Hutchinson, J. H.
 *Jenkin, C.
 *Kerr, D. G.
 Lobb, C.
 *Ross, P. M.
 *Rutherford, A. W.
 *Somerville, B. E.
 Sutton, R. E.
 Thomas, G. S.
 *Ward, C. J.

FORM IV. D.

Bayly, H. W.
 Bennoch, L. W.
 *Brown, H. M.
 Clarke, O. W.
 *Cleland, E. D.
 *Crawford, I. J.
 Creswell, R. M.
 *Fletcher, R.
 *Furrie, A. K.
 *Gibbs, J. T.
 Griffiths, C.
 Henry, C. J.
 Hetherington, D. W.
 Hinkley, C. W.
 Hine, E.
 Jackson, E.
 Kedgley, W. E.
 *Riley, K. J.
 Shoemark, R. S.
 St. George, H. M.
 *Ward, R.
 Webb, A. W.
 Whitehead, K. F.

FORM IV. B.

*Bradmore, A. E.
 *Carr, J. E.
 *Churton, M. H.
 Clarke, O. H.
 Cottam, M. S.
 Dinnis, S. G.
 *Duncan, W. H.
 Gardiner, N. F.
 *Hammonds, E. F.
 Hay, A. W.
 *Hetet, W. C.
 *Howse, L. A.
 Kedgley, E. G.
 *Lamb, J. A.
 Little, C. L.
 Mace, R. H.
 *McCallum, E. W.
 *O'Neill, R. W.
 Pratt, J. W.
 Robertson, C. C.
 *Satherley, R.
 Smith, A.
 *Tonks, S. G.
 Trueman, R. C.
 Way, N. C.
 White, S. M.
 *Wilson, L.
 Wood, R. C.

FORM III. A.

Allen, C.
 *Avery, J. W.
 *Bayly, F. T.
 Bell, A. E.
 *Betts, S.
 Bounsall, W.
 Brookman, W. N.
 Duff, G. V.
 Edgecombe, E. N.
 Ford, J. R.
 *Hagger, G. C.
 Heggie, R. N.
 *McDonald, J. F.
 *McLean, J. S.
 *McLean, L. D.
 Mackay, W. H.
 *Manley, J.
 *Muir, T. R.
 *Nihoniho, R.
 *Oldfield, E.
 Papps, D. W.
 *Pole, B. J.
 *Sutton, G.
 *Syme, J. W.
 Thomson, W. S.

*Treloar, A. A.
 *Watt, T. N.
 Wells, A. J.
 Western, C. G.
 White, M.

FORM III. B.

*Baxter, A. C.
 Bennett, A. K.
 Bennett, R. R.
 *Bradshaw, R. C.
 Bullot, R. O.
 Cooper, F. J.
 Davis, E.
 Francis, L.
 Gardiner, N. J.
 Hall, R. M.
 *Hassall, M. E.
 Hetherington, J.
 Howlett, A. D.
 *Jenkin, M. J.
 Lobb, M. F.
 Lyall, M.
 *Mahraj, R.
 *Middleton, H.
 *Olsen, P. H.
 *Palmer, C. P.
 Palmer, F. L.
 Petty, L. E.
 *Pigott, R.
 *Snell, W. A.
 Thomas, W. J.
 *Thomason, R. W.
 Thomson, S. G.
 *Thompson, M. R.
 Turner, N. G.
 Wilson, L.
 Wright, T.

FORM III. C.

Bridgeman, N.
 Brown, C.
 *Beckbessinger, I. C.
 *Clouston, J. A.
 *Clarke, C.
 Cooper, R. J.
 Davidson, L. V.
 Dickey, L. G.
 *Eaves, P. H.
 *Finlayson, K. F.
 Hardwick, J. H.
 Hartnell, S. F.
 Hughes, S. A.
 Hains, L. R.
 *Ingle, M. A.
 Jackson, D.

*Lee, D. H.
 Magrath, M. R.
 Milroy, J. R.
 *Morey, M.
 Martin, K. B.
 *Pitt, W.
 Palmer, M. F.
 *Reakes, G.
 Sampson, J. H.
 Stace, D. V.
 *Tarrant, J. S.
 Thomson, W. D.
 Watkins, H. S.
 *Wallace, I. W.
 Wright, N.

FORM III. D.

*Adlam, R.
 Bell, N.
 *Berry, R.
 *Betts, T.
 Carter, J.
 *Fookes, N.
 Frost, R.
 *Halligan, J.
 *Harding, G.
 Henderson, A.
 Jones, J.
 Jones, K.
 Julian, L.
 Lister, R.
 *Orsbourn, R.
 O'Brien, M.
 O'Dowda, C.
 *Pitt, T.
 Seamark, H.
 Shaw, J.
 *Sinclair, J.
 Staunton, K.
 *Waters, J.
 *Whitehead, R.
 Young, A.

STANDARD VI.

*Boddy, K. R.
 *Cuthbertson, K. E.
 Davies, E. J.
 Fairbrother, J.
 Harvie, E. F.
 *Hetet, W. P.
 Hetherington, J.
 *Molloy, P. A.
 *Nolan, D.
 Okey, V. G.
 *Perry, J. W.
 *Rowe, A. C.

Stronge, C. R.
 Sutton, K. A.
 Thomson, H. L.
 *Thorne, A.
 *Willecocks, H. F. A.
 Whittle, H.
 *York, T. H.

STANDARD V.

Barlow, T. W.
 *Barlow, A. W.
 Brookman, R. W.
 *Churton, L. P. D.
 *Colson, E.
 *Crow, B. K.
 Harvie, G. D. L.
 *Law, H.
 Le May, K. H.
 Moyes, P. S.
 Riley, J. H.
 *Scott, M. K.
 *Scott, G.
 *Stevenson, J. F.
 Whitcombe, D. N.

STANDARD IV.

Fairbrother, E. H.
 *Fitzgerald, C. N.
 Harvie, M. A.
 *Korkis, F.
 Palmer, M. H.
 Saunders, G. B. L.
 Walsham, B.
 *Wilson, E. M. F.

STANDARD III.

*Andrew, R. B.
 Blackley, D. I.
 Cruickshank, V. F.
 *Dunn, J. A.
 Le May, A.
 *Mercer, J. H. P.
 Saunders, N.
 *Whittington, H. C.

STANDARD II.

Allen, D. N.
 *Davies, I. W.
 Nolan, H.
 Somerton, F. J.
 Weston, G. C.

STANDARD I.

*McDonnell, P.
 Saunders, W.

The following boys entered the School this year:—

*Adlam, R.
 Allen, C.
 Allen, D. N.
 Allen, P.
 *Arthur, W. J.
 *Avery, J.
 *Baxter, A. C.
 *Bayly, F. T.
 Bell, A. E.
 Bell, N.
 *Beekbessinger, I. C.
 Blackley, D.
 Bennett, R.
 *Berry, R.
 *Betts, S.
 *Betts, T.
 *Bradshaw, R. C.
 Bridgeman, N.
 Brookman, W. N. S.
 Brown, C.
 Bounsall, W.
 Bullot, R. O.
 Carter, J.
 *Churton, L. P.
 *Clarke, C.
 *Clouston, J. A.
 Cooper, F.
 Cooper, R. J.
 *Cuthbertson, K. E.
 Davidson, L. V.
 *Davies, I. W.
 Davis, E.
 Dickey, L. G.
 Duff, G. V.
 *Eaves, P. H.
 Edgecombe, E. N.
 Fairbrother, E. H.
 *Fairfax, R. S.
 *Fookes, N.
 *Finlayson, K. F.
 Frost, R.
 Francis, L.
 Gardner, N. J.
 *Hagger, G.
 Hall, R. M.
 *Halligan, J.
 *Harding, G.
 Hartnell, S. F.
 *Hassall, M. E.
 *Hayward, W.
 Heggie, R. N.
 Hetherington, J.
 Hingston, H. S.
 Howlett, A. D.
 Hughes, S. A.
 *Ingle, M. A.
 Innes, W.
 *Jenkin, M. J.
 Jones, J.
 Jones, K.
 Julian, L.
 *Lamb, J.
 *Lee, D. H.
 Lister, R.
 Lobb, M. F.
 Lyall, M.
 Mackay, W. H.
 *Mackenzie Forbes, N.
 *McDonald, J. F.
 *McDonnell, P.
 *McCann, R. E.
 Magrath, M. R.
 *McLean, L. D.
 Martin, K. B.
 Mills, A.
 Milroy, J. R.
 *Middleton, H.
 *Moore, E. J.
 *Morey, M.
 *Muir, R. J.
 *Muir, T. R. C.
 *Neild, P.
 *Nihoniho, R.
 Nolan, H.
 O'Brien, M.
 O'Dowda, C.
 *Oldfield, E.
 *Olson, P. H.
 *Orsbourn, R.
 *Palmer, C. P.
 Palmer, M. F.
 Papps, D.
 Petty, L.
 *Pigott, R.
 *Pitt, T.
 *Pole, B. J.
 Pratt, J.
 *Richards, C. L.
 Riley, J. H.
 *Rowe, A. C.
 *Rutherford, A. W.
 Saunders, W.
 Sampson, J. H.
 *Scott, G.
 Seamark, H.
 *Sinclair, J.
 Staunton, K.
 Stace, C. J.
 Stace, D. V.
 *Stewart, A. B.

Sutton, K. A.	*Waters, J.
*Snell, W. A.	*Watt, T. N. S.
*Syme, J.	Wells, A. J. L.
*Thomason, R. W.	*Welton, B. E.
Thomas, J. W.	Western, C. G.
Thomson, S. G.	*Whitehead, R.
Thomson, W. D.	*Whittington, H. C.
Thomson, W. S.	White, M.
*Thompson, M. R.	Wilson, L.
*Treloar, A. A.	*Wilson, E.
Turner, N. G.	Wright, E. M.
*Tarrant, J. S.	Wright, N.
*Wallace, I. W.	Wright, T.
Watkins, H. S.	Young, A.

*Indicates Boarder.

The following boys left school at the end of last year: Alexander, W. E.; Andrew, K.; Arnold, E. W.; Bailey, F. A.; Ball, G. H.; Baunton, C. E.; Baxter, R. J.; Benjamin, E. B.; Bellringer, T. C.; Bennett, S. H.; Berridge, L. A.; Betts, B. C.; Beverley, E. S.; Bracegirdle, W. T.; Broome, D. I.; Browne, R. C.; Buick, R. F.; Burgess, L. D.; Burgess, M. R.; Carman, P. H.; Cartwright, G. A.; Carter, W. J.; Chivers, P.; Collins, C. J.; Cooke, B. E.; Cotterill, A. S.; Cox, E. M.; Crapper, D.; Crawford, D. O.; Davidson, J. W.; Dolby, R. M.; Eaves, T. W.; Ennis, L.; Fauchelle, E.; Fookes, T. C.; Fookes, A. C.; Fookes, G. R.; Forsyth, R. J.; Ford, N. F.; Fowler, T. G.; Garmons, A. E.; Gibson, E. D.; Gray, J. D.; Green, C. W.; Gordon, H. H.; Gruszning, H.; Harper, J. W. D.; Hilliard, J. G. N.; Hill, N. R.; Hill, L. T.; Hoby, B. W. G.; Hodge, C. A.; Holmes, J. N.; Huggett, A. G.; Hutchen, S. W.; Hutchinson, J. M.; Insull, G. R.; Johnson, W. H. S.; Johnson, W. N. G.; Jonas, D. H.; Kenny, C. J.; Knauf, E. G.; Law, J.; Lee, W.; Lile, A.; Locke, A. R.; Loveridge, L. G.; Lucena, G. L.; Lynch, E. J.; Looney, R. D.; Mackay, J. D.; Madgwick, V. S.; Mahraj, B. B.; Marx, L. B.; Mason, E. B.; Morris, W. J.; McLean, M.; McLean, R. W.; O'Dea, J. K.; O'Halloran, D.; Parkin, K. M.; Paterson, A. J.; Pearce, M. E.; Pelham, H. N.; Penny, L. W.; Penman, J.; Petty, A.; Revell, T. P.; Richardson, A. S.; Retter, W. H.; Robb, C.; Robertson, M. J.; Robinson, L. J.; Rogers, F.; Roebuck, N. C.; Rowe, L. W.; Russell, S. H.; Sampson, H. S.; Shaw, I. B.; Silson, T.; Skelton, M.; Smith, G. L.; Smith, H. N.; Speirs, S. D.; Somerville, D.; Squire, K. R.; Stanley, G. L.; Stevens, R. J.; Street, R. S.; Sutton, F. W.; Syme, T.; Tate, C. V.; Taylor, P. R.; Taunt, A. S.; Telford, H. J.; Tiplady, S. A.; Tuffery, L. B.; Vickery, K. C.; Waddell, I. B.;

Walker, A. G.; Waite, F. W.; Washer, C. A.; Watts, L. B.; Wells, G. L.; Westerman, J. C.; Western, H. L.; Wyborn, S. R.

The following left school during this term:—Baker, P.; Bree, M. D.; Hardwick, J. H.; Harrison, G.; Huggett, J.; Kegley, W.; Leech, E.; Martin, R. C.; Murdoch, R.; Sharp, L. E.; Wood, R. C.; Vile, C. F.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS, 1924-1925.

President: H. R. Billing.

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Auditor: F. N. Whitecombe.

Joint Secretaries: P. F. Atkinson and L. W. Lovell.

Committee: R. George, D. Doile, A. R. Standish, R. G. Howell, C. H. Wynyard, J. B. Wilson, C. D. Collins and A. J. Papps (representative of the School).

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During the year R. Blundell, who was appointed joint secretary at the annual meeting, was transferred to Hawera and L. W. Lovell was appointed to fill the vacancy. H. W. Insull also resigned during the year and A. R. Standish and D. Doile were appointed to the Committee.

ANNUAL RE-UNION.

The annual re-union was this year held at Easter time and the programme was the same as in previous years. It was rather disappointing that more Old Boys from outside New Plymouth were not present and it is hoped that in future a larger number will attend. The thanks of the Committee are due to all those who helped to make the re-union a success and especially to the Rev. E. H. Strong for

conducting the Old Boys' Service on Easter Sunday, to the Ladies' Committee for their assistance at the ball, and to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes for the very great help they rendered in connection with the dinner held at the school. A full report of the various functions held during Easter is found in these notes.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner was held at the school on Easter Saturday evening, when Mr. H. R. Billing (President) presided over some 150 Old Boys and guests. Included among the guests were his Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. E. Wilson), Mr. S. S. Dean (manager of the 1925 All Blacks), Mr. W. H. Moyes and masters of the school, members of the Gisborne Old Boys' Football Team, and representatives of other schools as follows:—C. H. Weston and W. C. Weston (Christ's College), Rev. E. H. Strong (Nelson College), J. Earl (Timaru), J. Leggat (Auckland Grammar), F. M. Whyte (Otago High School), F. Willis (Wanganui).

His Worship the Mayor, giving the toast "The School," paid a high tribute to the standard it had attained under the headmastership of Mr. Moyes. Though not an Old Boy, Mr. Wilson said, he thought it fitting that in his position he should propose the health of an institution which meant so much to the town and of which the town thought so much. Mentioning the feeling of pride that must be aroused by the words "The School," he commended the words ending each verse of the song sung at each breaking-up of the Girls' High School, "The best school of all." That was the right sentiment. After describing the life and spirit of a secondary school, his Worship likened it to a little community, a model for the world to follow, but which unfortunately was not followed—"One for all and all for one." Masters come and masters go, he said, but fortunately in the secondary schools of this Dominion there was continuity, and this was a good thing. Here they had had a headmaster for many years, and he hoped he would be here for many more. (Applause.) He had fixed a standard to which he hoped the scholars would attain. "He fixed the standard for many of you," said Mr. Wilson; "you know how high it is."

THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH.

Mr. Moyes, replying, expressed appreciation of the presence of the Mayor. The school owed a debt of gratitude to Mr. Wilson for the many occasions on which he had helped them at various functions. He also extended a hearty welcome to the Gisborne football team and said he hoped the match would be the forerunner of many more. Welcoming back to the school Handley Brown, of the All Blacks, he said the school was proud of Brown, and he had returned as he was when he left, unspoilt.

Referring to the past year Mr. Moyes was glad to be able to say it was a successful one so far as the work of the school was concerned. Though successful in sport they had not neglected the scholastic side, and one candidate had got a place in the first ten for New Zealand in the university entrance scholarships. Another had been placed fairly high on the credit list, and under the old conditions would have been entitled to a Taranaki Scholarship. In this connection he said he thought the Old Boys' Association could help the school. Explaining the position he said that years ago certain land in the province was set aside and the funds were to be devoted to higher education in Taranaki. Something like £12,000 accumulated and the Taranaki Scholarship was founded, the qualification being a place on the credit list in the entrance examination and the value being £60 per year for four years. The funds continued to accumulate and finally regulations came in permitting any number of scholarships to be taken each year, with the result that five or six were taken in one year. Last year one of the New Plymouth boys gained a place on the credit list and the University Senate—which they knew was a hide-bound body which nobody could shift—did not award a scholarship but said that a scholarship would be awarded only when a candidate was deemed worthy. And so the matter rested. Mr. Moyes suggested action by the Old Boys' Association in conjunction with the Stratford Association with a view to having the regulations altered as the position was most unsatisfactory as it was.

Mr. H. R. Billing, chairman of the Board of Governors, also referred to the subject. He said it was necessary for all Old Boys and all interested in the school to keep watch over the reserves and see that the revenue was not diverted to other channels. There was no objection

to the Senate providing for a stiffer examination, so long as the motive was a proper one, but there was a suspicion that the object of stiffening the examination was to take away the funds provided for this district and use them for Wellington.

Proceeding, Mr. Moyes congratulated Old Boys who were doing so well at the University, and particularly L. Richardson, who had been awarded a research scholarship.

A HANDICAP IN SHOOTING.

In shooting the school had again done well, Mr. Moyes continued, winning the Christchurch Press Challenge Shield for the North Island. For the Imperial Challenge Shield they had entered a certain number of teams, representing 70 or 80 boys, not with any hope of winning, because the amended regulations which came into force two years ago made that impossible. Formerly any number of individual teams could be entered, and some years ago the school won the competition, and for a number of years it took a high place, and each year till last year had topped New Zealand. The amended regulations provided that every boy in the school must compete, and last year it would have meant firing about 420 boys. Both from a financial standpoint and the time involved the thing was impossible. The 70 or 80 boys they entered could not have any success in the competition because every boy in the school who did not fire was counted as having made nothing. The effect was to confine the competition to small schools. The large schools, in conjunction with his, had pulled out.

MOASCAR CUP RULES.

Referring to football, in which also the school had been successful, Mr. Moyes said he was sorry to say that they still hung on to the Moascar Cup. Had he known of the trouble that would arise they would not have entered for it. He did not object to playing for the cup, but to the way in which things were run by the New Zealand Rugby Union. He explained that last year, as the end of the season approached it was considered that the challenge from Palmerston North was the last for the season. That school finally decided not to go on, and on the day on which the last match was being played word was received that Mt. Albert Grammar School had issued a challenge.

Being under the impression that all challenges should be in by about July 31 he wired to the New Zealand Rugby Union, and after waiting a week and wiring again, he received a reply that the Union considered Mt. Albert to be eligible. It was therefore decided to play the match. There was no feeling between the schools, but the public took the matter up, and the Auckland boys arrived here not knowing exactly how things stood. The match was played during the third term, and that should not be. If the cup was to be gone on with rigid rules should be drawn up and adhered to. Though still in possession of the cup he did not think they would hold it much longer. Te Aute were after it again and, he thought, would prove a stiff proposition.

Speaking of cricket Mr. Moyes said that an enjoyable game was played with Nelson College at the end of last term. The school had won by a narrow margin. He hoped the match would be an annual one.

AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOLS.

Perhaps the most important thing in connection with the school, Mr. Moyes proceeded, was the proposal to amalgamate with the Technical College. He knew this did not meet with universal approval. Amongst the Old Boys were many who considered the suggested amalgamation would lower the tone of the school and do it damage. After considering what the position was, he thought they would agree that there was only one thing to do, to amalgamate. The conditions had entirely changed during the last twenty years. The introduction of the free place had opened the door to every boy who gained a proficiency certificate. Each year 30 per cent. of those who entered were totally unfitted to learn Latin and French and such subjects. It was impossible to teach them and it would be far better to employ them on vocational work. The technicalities of Latin and such subjects worried these boys all the time and they never reached a stage where they could make use of their knowledge. There had been various conferences with the Education Department, and they were in favour of amalgamation, but there was the usual trouble—not enough money. But they almost had a promise that buildings would be erected and this school made the school for the town. All equipment would be provided on the site. There would be more boarding accommodation, engineering and wood-work shops and another classroom block.

An innovation had been the introduction of English Public School boys as boarders. Mr. Moyes explained how this had come about as an offshoot of the immigration scheme of the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce, with the object of giving the younger boys who came a year in which to get acclimatised and used to the conditions of New Zealand. Already six of these boys were at the school, and more were on the way. There had not yet been time to try the scheme out, but the boys were an exceptionally fine type and he was sure their residence would be beneficial both to the school and to themselves. In conclusion Mr. Moyes thanked Old Boys for all they had done for the school and all that they would do in the future.

OTHER TOASTS.

"Sister Colleges" was proposed by Mr. Donald MacDiarmid, who recently returned from the Sudan. The toast, he said, was an important one, for the secondary schools were one great brotherhood, although they had their rivalries. The New Plymouth School, if not the greatest, was one of the greatest in New Zealand, and, he happened to know, was gaining more attention in Australia. Higher education could not be parochial, it must have a wide outlook, and that could only be obtained by having men come in from other colleges to help them. Mr. MacDiarmid also spoke of the development of the public school spirit among nations other than the English speaking. He referred to the possibility of his some day bringing from Central Africa a team of real "All Blacks," who would not have to put jerseys on to show their colours.

Responses were made by Messrs. W. Woodwood (Gisborne High School), C. H. Weston (Christ's College), F. M. Whyte (Otago Boys' High School), and J. Leggat (Auckland Grammar School).

Mr. Weston, speaking of the New Plymouth Boys' High School, said that it possessed a headmaster of outstanding character, and it could be counted fortunate in having a man of that extraordinary magnetism which enabled him to lift an institution to any height he chose. He had the ability to inspire others.

Mr. Whyte took occasion to congratulate the Old Boys' Association upon allowing old boys of other schools to associate themselves with its activities in some small way.



OLD BOYS' SWIMMING CLUB,

Winners Tabor Royal Memorial Surf Shield, 1925.

Standing: J. H. Boon, H. S. Weston, C. D. Collins.

Sitting: R. M. Macaulay, O. E. Evans, L. H. Abbott, L. Frethey.

Oakley Studio.

"The Board of Governors" was proposed by Mr. D. F. C. Saxton and responded to by Mr. Billing, who humorously grouped the affairs of the Board under three headings—past guarantees, present guarantees, and future guarantees. The Board seemed to be always getting "harder up." Speaking of the proposed amalgamation, he said that things must be looked at as they were to-day, not as they used to be. Children were receiving a better education than they did in the past and it was recognised that the necessary facilities must be provided. It seemed to him that they should endeavour to have schools which would give the preliminary education for the professions, for commerce, for farming and for any industrial pursuit.

Other toasts honoured during the evening were:—"Sports and Pastimes" (Mr. R. E. Pope—Mr. H. E. Fookes); "Absent Old Boys" (Mr. R. G. Howell); "The Taranaki All Blacks" (Mr. A. J. Papps—Messrs. S. S. Dean and Handley Brown); "The Ladies" (Mr. H. W. Kirkby—Mr. P. F. Atkinson); "The Press" (Mr. C. D. Collins—Mr. Walter Weston).

A musical programme was contributed by Messrs. Brooker (2), W. Hay and S. Rowlands, while Mr. Keith Forth gave impersonations.

THE FOOTBALL MATCHES.

NEW PLYMOUTH (17) v. GISBORNE (13).

For a match at the opening of the season the meeting of the Gisborne and the New Plymouth Old Boys provided a Rugby display of considerable merit, and though the home team won, they had to work very hard to hold a part of the lead of six points with which they ended the first half.

Within a few minutes of the kick-off a penalty kick enabled H. W. Brown to open the New Plymouth scoring account. The points were increased to six soon afterwards when the combination of Meuli, Brown, and Foden enabled the last-named to score near a corner. A knock-on arrested a dangerous-looking rush of the New Plymouth forwards. From the scrum the ball went to Brown, who made a pretty run through the heart of the defence to score under the posts. Brown also kicked a goal.

After an uneventful period the Gisborne forwards momentarily took charge, and a fine dribbling rush looked like producing results, but as the goal-line was crossed there was an obstruction and the visitors had a free kick, without success. As half-time approached the rear division showed more cohesion, having previously been outshone by the home backs. After a scrum Richardson made a strong run and passed in to the half-back Smith. He returned the ball to Richardson, and finally it went out to Arkle on the wing, and he grounded it under the posts. Morrison kicked a goal.

The second half saw the New Plymouth team, which had looked a comfortable winner in the first half, hard pressed on a number of occasions, and the spectators were kept in a state of uncertainty as to the final outcome. Gisborne were first to continue the scoring, after play had been in progress for some time. Langlands, who played a fine game throughout, made a strong run from midfield before transferring to Sampson, who completed his task behind the goal posts. The kick did not succeed. New Plymouth retaliated successfully, a fine passing movement leading to a try by Foden in the left-hand corner, thus restoring the home team's six-point lead. A loose rush brought further success to Gisborne, Smith following the ball across the line and touching down. The kick failed. The last few minutes were exciting ones. The issue was put beyond doubt when Smart picked up smartly in the Gisborne twenty-five and opened the way for Meuli to score, again behind the posts. Brown was a little wide with the kick, and the final scores were:—

New Plymouth	17
Gisborne	13

Mr. F. J. Eggleton was the referee.

The match between New Plymouth and visiting Old Boys, which was played as a curtain-raiser, resulted in a win for the visitors by 15 points to nil. Mr. F. Webb was the referee.

On Sunday morning there was a service at St. Mary's Church conducted by the Rev. E. H. Strong. The lessons were read by Messrs. H. R. Billing and Handley Brown.

THE BALL.

The annual ball, held in the School Assembly Hall on Easter Monday night, was a brilliant spectacle and an unqualified success. Everybody who went says so, and those who were so unfortunate as to stay away missed what might be called "the time of their lives." There were in the neighbourhood of 150 couples in the hall, including Old Boys from all parts of the Dominion, and good feeling and jollity were pre-eminent throughout the evening. Dancing was commenced at 8.30 and kept up until long past midnight. The orchestra of seven instruments, led by Mrs. Wood, supplied excellent music, and was most generous in its response to encores.

The work of decorating the hall was carried out by the committee and the innumerable and many-coloured streamers suspended from the ceiling, interspersed with bright lights and Oriental lanterns, made up a brilliant scene. The white pillars were wreathed with lichopodium, while the stage was set amid ponga fronds and the walls festooned with greenery.

The supper table decorations were beautiful. They were carried out in a scheme of scarlet and green, with bonfire salvias, scarlet and yellow dahlias, and rata blooms. The whole was set off to perfection by a diffused pink glow which emanated from electric lights wreathed in scarlet crinoline shades. The whole of the supper decorations was carried out under the able direction of Mrs. Rex Brewster. The ladies' committee, the members of which deserve great praise for carrying out their arrangements in such an excellent manner, was headed by Mrs. H. R. Billing as chairwoman, and consisted of Mesdames T. P. Anderson, A. J. Papps, A. R. Standish, R. Brewster, D. Hutchen, W. H. Moyes, James Wilson, A. M. MacDiarmid, and Miss Agnes Wilson.

The Ball Committee who so ably looked after the general arrangements and preparations comprised Messrs. H. R. Billing (chairman), C. D. Collins, D. Doile, R. H. George, R. G. Howell, H. W. Kirkby, A. J. Papps, A. R. Standish, J. B. Wilson, W. H. Moyes, and Messrs. P. F. Atkinson and L. W. Lovell (joint secretaries).

The four debutantes of the evening were Miss Mary Fookes (New Plymouth), Miss Joyce Powdrell (Hawera), Miss Evelyn Buist (Hawera), and Miss Kathleen Goodson (Hawera).

The ball was one of the very best and most enjoyable ever held, a fitting ending to the 1925 Easter re-union.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

The 1924-25 season was again one of the most successful that the Club has experienced. Two teams were entered in the local competitions and both acquitted themselves excellently. The senior team, again under the captaincy of A. Bewley, was runner-up in the North Taranaki Championship. In all the team played eight matches, winning six, losing one, and having one draw. In what turned out to be the last match of the season, played at Pukekura Park, and against the New Plymouth Club, Old Boys in their first and only innings made 292 runs, New Plymouth on the second day replying with 97 for seven wickets. Unfortunately the rain then took a hand and the match had to be abandoned and thus resulted in a draw. Had the weather kept fine Old Boys must surely have won on the first innings, and as they were, before the match, two points less than the New Plymouth team on the championship table of points, they would have drawn level with New Plymouth and had to play off for the final. The club, however, congratulates the New Plymouth team on winning the championship. During the season six players, Bottrill, Lash, Palmer, Pearson, Papps and Osborne, represented the North Taranaki Cricket Association, and two of them, Lash and Pearson, were selected to represent the Country Associations against Wellington. During the season some fine scores were recorded and the Old Boys' team succeeded in putting up a record score for the Pukekura Park ground. Since the season ended, one of the Club's most prominent members, A. H. Osborne, has been promoted to the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company. We congratulate him on his new appointment and trust that we will hear of him in Auckland cricket in the near future. C. G. Bottrill topped the batting averages with an average of 52.4, Lash, Palmer and Papps coming next with 49, 35.1, and 23.2 respectively.

The junior team had a most satisfactory season, losing only one match and finally winning the North Taranaki Competition. The enthusiasm displayed was most marked and perhaps an additional team may be entered for the local competitions next year.

In conclusion the Club would like to take this opportunity of thanking those enthusiasts who gave their support to the Club last season.

OLD BOYS' SURF CLUB.

The Old Boys' Surf Club has once again experienced a most successful season and has maintained its reputation as premier Life Saving Club for the district.

Two teams were entered by the Club in the Taranaki Surf Championship, the Tabor Memorial Surf Shield, but owing to sickness one team had to be withdrawn at the last moment. The "A" team which eventually took the beach comprised the following members:—O. Evans, J. H. Boon, H. W. Weston, C. Collins, R. Macaulay, L. Frethey and L. Abbott. This team was successful in winning the prized competition with a margin of approximately 12 points, after a magnificent exhibition of both water work and land drill, an exhibition which would compare favourably with the best of its kind in New Zealand.

The Club was represented by three members in the Taranaki Representative Surf Team which competed in the New Zealand Surf Championship, the Nelson Shield Competition, at Christchurch in February last. The team, which put up a splendid showing, was placed fourth in the competition. The members included in the team were: F. Newell, H. W. Weston and R. Howell (captain). The Club is at present considerably handicapped in its activities chiefly owing to the lack of adequate accommodation at its headquarters at the Ngamotu Beach. It is hoped that in the near future a scheme will be mooted whereby sufficient funds will be raised to permit the erection of a surf house and to provide equipment therefor. The object is one which is in itself worthy of commendation and in view of the ever-increasing popularity of the beach of our headquarters, the public at large, independent of our actual active and honorary members, should support the Club in its laudable objective.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The football season at present in full swing throughout New Zealand is certainly the most successful one yet experienced by the Old Boys' Football Club, particularly from the point of view of the increased number and enthusiasm of the members of the Club and from the actual results achieved to date. Ever since the inception of the Club its progress has been greatly retarded by the lack of older players who are always necessary to guide and maintain the younger players in the knowledge of the game. Happily this obstacle is now removed, all our Club teams are equipped with efficient managers and coaches, and the general play right throughout the Club's teams has this year shown a very marked improvement.

Practices have been held, commencing several weeks prior to Easter, two nights in every week, and have been well attended. The Club has been very fortunate in obtaining the services of an experienced coach in the person of Mr. Tom Campbell, an ex-Auckland and ex-Taranaki representative player. With a thorough knowledge of football at his disposal Mr. Campbell has been successful in raising the standard of the Club's football considerably, particularly in the forward divisions of the respective teams. The Club is deeply indebted to Mr. Campbell for his services and also to the following members, who have acted as team managers:—Messrs. F. M. Whyte, D. Doile, N. B. Howell, J. Bennett, E. Thompson, and W. Morshead.

On June 3 two seven-a-side teams were entered in the Taranaki Seven-a-side Championship, namely the Dewar Shield Competition. The "A" team, after defeating in turn Star "B," Clifton and Toko, met the Star "A" team in the final of the competition and were successful in annexing the points necessary to win the shield. The personnel of the winning team is given later in these notes.

The senior fifteen has played throughout the season under the leadership of our ex-All Black, Handley Brown. In spite of two exceedingly tiring seasons' play on end, Handley has shown excellent form, and the fact that the number of points scored by him so far this season already exceeds the half century will indicate what a valuable asset Handley has been to the team. The following is a

summary of the matches and the results of the various matches played by the senior fifteen to date:—

- V. H.M.S. Chatham's Rugby team: Won, 26 to 3.
- V. Gisborne Old Boys: Won, 17 to 11.
- V. Eltham: Won, 14 to 3.
- V. Athletic (Hawera): Lost, 16 to 9.
- V. Opunake: Lost, 12 to 10.
- V. Star: Won, 12 to 9.
- V. Kaponga: Lost, 23 to 8.
- V. Stratford: Lost, 14 to 6.
- V. Eltham: Lost, 11 to 3.
- V. Opunake: Won, 19 to 14.
- V. Tukapa (friendly game): Lost, 8 to 6.
- V. Star: Won, 8 to 5.

The team's old weakness is still apparent in the weight of the forwards. As of late years the pack is a good hard working one, but lacks sufficient weight to stand a hard season's play against the hefty packs encountered in the Taranaki competitions. The forwards must, however, be complimented on the splendid showing they have made; they have played good hard games and have never lacked condition. The backs are an exceptionally speedy lot and have gained considerable favour with the public of Taranaki by the many sparkling and brilliant pieces of play which they have consistently furnished in all their matches.

To the date of the penning of these notes five members of the team have been selected for representative honours. These players are: Handley Brown (centre), J. Earl (five-eighth), G. Morey (half-back), C. Deem (wing) and R. Brewster (forward).

The senior fifteen has been selected from the following members:—W. Valentine, K. and E. Meuli, H. W. Brown, C. Deem, J. Earl, K. Taylor, G. Morey, C. Smart, J. H. Boon, R. Brewster, B. Moore, E. Luxton, K. Rawlinson, C. Collins, J. Leggat, R. Wilson, L. Frethey, W. Bendall, G. Roberts, T. Venables, T. Brookes, H. D. Hughes.

From the number of players set out above it will be seen that the selection of the team has been somewhat varied. This has been necessarily occasioned by the number of injuries suffered by members. At the present time there are six or seven on the sick list.

The team which annexed the Dewar Shield was composed of K. and E. Meuli, K. Taylor, J. H. Boon, P. Pope, R. Brewster and L. Fretthey.

A full summary of the results of the season for both senior and junior teams will appear in the next issue of the magazine. All junior teams have this year shown marked improvement in their play and at least two of the teams, the second and third juniors, are in the running for their respective competitions.

The congratulations of the Old Boys' Club are due to the present School fifteen for the splendid performances put up by it in the school matches played to date. A prosperous future must certainly be in store for the Old Boys' Club when some of School's "hefty" forwards join our ranks.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

J. K. O'Dea, in a letter to Mr. Moyes, says that he is attending lectures at Canterbury College in Chemistry, Physics and Biology for the Medical Intermediate Examination.

K. E. Robinson is going to be apprenticed to a pharmaceutical chemist in Wellington. His address is c/o H. B. Hornibrook, Chemist, Seatoun, Wellington.

Leslie Neill is at present looking after a farm for a friend at Te Awamutu. He says in a letter that he met Max Jonas and Gerald Carr at Urenui and that Lionel Jones has left to farm at Wairoa.

L. B. Watts is now attending Mt. Eden Grammar School, Auckland.

O. W. Rainger, in a letter to Mr. Moyes, says that he left New Zealand last September for London to learn his father's business, the silk trade. He is lodging with a private family at Bickly, in Kent, eleven miles from London. He states that he saw Handley Brown several times during the tour of the All Blacks last year, and at the match against England met Oswald Moore. The letter gives an interesting account of visits to Wembley, Eastbourne, Hastings and Brighton.

Ron. Syme, who has been lecturer in Classics at Auckland University College, has been awarded a post-graduate scholarship in Arts after graduating M.A. with the equivalent of double first-class honours in Latin and Greek. He has been granted admission to Oriel College, Oxford, and leaves New Zealand in August.

Jim Palmer has been doing well in work and athletics at Hawkesbury College, New South Wales. Last year he gained his H.D.A. degree, together with the Royal Agricultural Society's prize. He was one of the best forwards in the College football team, won the championship shooting shield, and was the best boxer.

R. W. Dalziell is in the Union Bank at Hunterville.

L. B. Shrimpton has now left Hawera and is in the office of Govett, Quilliam and Hutchen, solicitors, New Plymouth.

Alan Young has been on a cattle station of 320,000 acres in North Queensland for the last six months. He intends to make his way through Australia and the Argentine to gain experience.

C. B. Benjamin has been in the office of C. F. Bennett, Queen Street, Auckland, since the beginning of March.

G. G. Newell is in the Union Bank, Wellington.

George Scott is now at Tarurutangi, Taranaki.

Doug. Mackay paid a visit to the School during the term and was interested in the form shown by the First Fifteen.

D. O'Halloran is in the Union Bank, Auckland. Other Old Boys in offices in Auckland are Jack Hilliard (Commercial Bank), Ned Wigg (Bank of New Zealand), Eric Gibson (Roger and Co.).

Old Boys are playing a prominent part in football at Canterbury College this year. Jack Brodie is club captain and half-back in the first fifteen. W. Alexander, last year's five-eighth, occupies the first five-eighth position in the College team and Jim Shaw, second five-eighth, is as quick and clever as at School. Charlie Drader fills the wing-forward position, while Monte Barak, whose position had been previously half-back, is one of the front row men. Eric Smart is now playing forward for the

College second fifteen. We congratulate Jack Brodie, Jim Shaw, W. Alexander and Charlie Drader on being chosen to represent New Zealand University against Sydney University in the recent test matches.

Gordon M. Beck, A.M.I.C.E., has been appointed District Engineer of Railways at Wanganui. Writing to Mr. Moyes he says that in his engineering duties he had a lot to do with the extensions to the railways at the Newton King wharf, and also did all the calculation of the new lines there besides the field work and a certain amount of supervision.

Irwin Howell is also an Assoc. M.I.C.E., and is Assistant District Engineer of Railways at Auckland.

F. Barrack is at a College in Suva, Fiji.

Arthur Osborne, who has been chief clerk in the local office of the New Zealand Insurance Company, has been transferred to Auckland.

At the supplementary Law examinations held this year Arthur Christie obtained a pass in conveyancing and Reg. Howell in contracts and procedure.

Gerald Webster and Claude Morey, who left last year on an extended tour of Canada and England, returned to New Zealand in April. They spent several months in Canada and were in England to see the All Blacks v. England football match. They also visited France and saw the All Blacks play there. On their return they came via Suez and spent several weeks in Sydney, where they saw C. H. Wynyard. Gerald is now farming in the Awakino and Claude is at Waipuku.

The Canterbury College examination results include the following Old Boys:—Bachelor of Science, M. Barak (advanced physics and chemistry); Engineering (first professional), Alex. Brodie; Diploma in Journalism, John Brodie.

Ron. Blundell was appointed secretary of the Association at the last annual meeting and has since been transferred to the Hawera branch of the Bank of New Zealand. He is much missed in the Old Boys' pack.

Hope Jenkinson is at present in Australia in connection with the New Zealand Perpetual Forests.

Sefton Herbert, who is farming at Otakeho, has recently joined the ranks of the benedicts.

Ted Pope, who is managing clerk for Perry and Perry, solicitors, at Wellington, was recently admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court. He was in New Plymouth at Easter time for the Re-union.

Gerald Chong is now manager of the Friendly Societies' Dispensary in New Plymouth.

Bill Clemow, who is farming near Cambridge, was in New Plymouth recently and was looking very fit.

Handley Brown, the School's All Black, is now working with Henry Brown and Co., timber merchants in this town. He is now captain of the Old Boys' fifteen and a Taranaki representative. From his remarks he appears to have had a great time on his trip abroad, and we are looking forward to publishing some of his reminiscences of the trip in some future issues.

"Ike" Harrison is now teaching at Tariki. He is now a prominent golfer and has recently won several competitions at the New Plymouth Golf Club.

A match was recently played at the Ngamotu golf links between Old Boys and the rest of the club, and the Old Boys were well beaten. The Old Boys' team was as follows: Gerald Chong, Phil. Grey, Austin Bewley, Stan. Smith, Braeken Wilson, Harold Johnson, Bill Harrison, Stan. Grayling, Ron. Quilliam, Alex. MacDiarmid, Ron. Greiner, Don. Grant, Ken. Neal, Jack Willis, Clem. White, B. Blundell.

Miles Atkinson, who is farming at Ball Road, has recently married, and we wish him the best of luck.

Cecil Fookes, who was with Roy, Nicholson and Bennett, is now on the staff of the Public Trust Office at Wellington.

Baden Bellringer, who was until recently with Bellringer Bros. in this town, is now travelling for a hardware firm in the Wairarapa.

Hugh Bradbury, who is farming at Puniho, is another of the Old Boys who has recently joined the ranks of the benedicts.

We were very pleased to see Freddy Train at the Re-union at Easter. He distinguished himself at Waitotara recently by rescuing a party of fishermen whose boat had capsized.

Norman Little, who has been practising as a solicitor at Auckland, has now joined the staff of the Public Trust Office in that town.

Roy Murray is now secretary of the Travellers' Club at Wellington.

E. L. Brokenshire is with Grey and Grey, solicitors, in this town.

Brian Johns, who completed his medical degree last year, is now attached to the Public Hospital at Hamilton.

Ted Carthew, who is farming at Koru, is at present on a trip to Australia.

Frank Clarke is now accountant of the Hawera branch of the Farmers' Co-op.

Tom Corkill is manager of the Queensland Insurance Co. in New Plymouth. His brother Sam is in the Bank of New Zealand.

Tom Fookes, who left School at the end of last year, is in the National Bank. Graham Fookes is in the Bank of New South Wales.

Jack Walter, who has been farming at Stratford, was selected to play for the All Black football team which recently visited Australia. We congratulate him on his selection, and from the reports of his play we know that he thoroughly deserved his position. In fact, it is reported he was the best forward in the team.

Eric Colson has been transferred to the Wellington branch of the Union Bank and was married recently.

Stan. McMurray, who is farming at Waverley with Bill Alexander, has also recently joined the married ranks.

Harold Kirkby, who completed his solicitors' exam. last year, was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in May.

Brian Horner, who was in town recently, has been appointed engineer to the County of Rarimu. He was successful out of over 20 applicants.

Roy Hill, who is in the head office of the Union Steamship Co., was in New Plymouth on holidays recently.

Athol Wilson is now on the staff of Marshall, Izard and Barton, solicitors, at Wanganui.

C. H. Wynyard is still in Australia, and is with C. A. Le Maistre Walker and Co., accountants, in Sydney. He expects to be returning to New Zealand shortly.

Keith Ward, who has been with Milne and Choyce in Auckland, is now with C. C. Ward, Ltd., in this town.

George Easton has opened a stationers' shop in New Plymouth.

L. B. Inch is managing clerk for L. Taylor, solicitor, at Hawera.

Len. Lovell, the new joint secretary of the Old Boys' Association, is with Hugh Bailly, accountant, in this town.

Ken. Neal was successful in passing the final section of his chemist's degree at the examinations held this year.

Herbert Martin is now working with S. E. Neilson, accountant, in New Plymouth.

Maurice Osborne is accountant to Haliwell, Spratt and Thomson, solicitors, at Hawera.

Loftus Russell, who is with the Eastern Extension Cable Co. at Cocos Island, expects to return to New Zealand next year, after an absence of five years.

Word has been received that Dr. Jack Shaw, an ex-master at the School, has obtained F. R. C. S. and D.L.O. (Lon.) degrees. Dr. Shaw obtained his medical degree at Melbourne and afterwards proceeded to England to further his studies. Before returning to New Zealand he proposes visiting the Vienna School for further experience.

P. A. Tunbridge has been promoted to the position of stationmaster at Whangamomona.

Percy White, one of the older Old Boys, who is managing director of Whites Ltd., was this year appointed president of the New Zealand Federation of Drapers and Clothiers.

D. N. MacDiarmid, who has been for some years in Africa with the Sudan United Mission, has returned to New Zealand and is residing at New Plymouth. We were glad to see him at the Easter Re-union.

Eric Shaw, who is secretary of Newton King, Ltd., has recently been on a trip to the United States.

As we go to press word has been received that Derek Denny-Brown, who left for England at the beginning of the year to continue his medical studies, has been elected a Junior Beit Memorial Scholarship. He will carry on three years' research work at Oxford in spastic paralysis and allied conditions. There are only six of these scholarships awarded, and we would congratulate Denny Brown on his award. With Syme and Denny Brown at Oxford the old School will be well represented.

BIRTHS.

BEWLEY.—At New Plymouth, on June 3, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bewley, a daughter.

WILKIE.—At New Plymouth, on May 18, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkie, a daughter.

KELLY.—At New Plymouth, on December 22, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly, a son.

MARRIAGES.

McMURRAY—McNAB.—At Waverley, on June 3, 1925, Victor Stanley McMurray, of Waverley, to Miss Annie McNab, of Glasgow.

BRADBURY—JONES.—At Puniho, on June 10, 1925, Hugh McL. Bradbury to Miss E. A. Jones, of Warea.

ATKINSON—HARE.—At Feilding, on May 28, 1925, William Miles Atkinson to Miss Edith Hare, of Feilding.

MONTEATH—CUTHBERTSON.—At New Plymouth, R. McLaurin Monteath to Miss Marjery Cuthbertson, of New Plymouth.

COLSON—GREATBATCH.—At New Plymouth, Eric Colson to Miss Lilian Greatbatch, of New Plymouth.

ENGAGEMENTS.

LOVELL—GRANT.—Leonard Walter Lovell to Jessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Grant, of Northlands, Wellington.

FAIR—MANSON.—Charles William Fair to Miss M. B. Manson, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Manson, of Hurstmere Road, Auckland.

CHRISTIE—PEACH.—Arthur H. Christie, of Wellington, to Miss Nancy Peach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Peach, of New Plymouth.

MATTHEWS—BAYLY.—Alan B. Matthews, of Pukekohe, to Miss F. E. Bayly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bayly, of Kaiaka.

HORNER—FEAST.—Brian Horner, of Rarimu, to Miss Tua Feast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Feast, of Greytown.

SARTEN—SCRIVENER.—Ronald H. Sarten, of New Plymouth, to Miss A. Scrivener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Scrivener, Te Henui, New Plymouth.

SAMPSON—JENKINS.—Leonard Sampson, of Egmont Village, to Miss E. Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenkins, New Plymouth.

WHITE—MASEFIELD.—Eric H. White, of Auckland, to Miss M. Masefield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Masefield, Epsom.

O'BRIEN—LASH.—Richard O'Brien, of New Plymouth, to Miss Grace Lash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lash, Young Street, New Plymouth.

DEATH.

SCANLAN.—On Sunday, June 28, 1925, James Patrick, eldest son of James and Nellie Scanlan, New Plymouth, accidentally killed whilst climbing Paritutu; aged 20 years.

In Memoriam.

SCANLAN.

James Patrick Scanlan lost his life while climbing Paritutu on Sunday, June 28. Great was the sorrow of Mr. Scanlan's numerous friends, amongst whom it was the great privilege of many of us to be accounted, when the news was spread that he had disappeared while engaged in a particularly arduous ascent of that mighty monument of the past, Paritutu. To many of us it is, indeed, difficult to realize that his vigorous personality has at last been dampened for eternity. We still seem to see him smiling and whistling as he walked down the street and to hear his buoyant greeting as he wished his old schoolmates the best of the day.

Jimmy, as he was known at school, was a universal favourite during the long period he spent with us. His generosity and good-nature endeared him to masters and boys alike, and even to-day many are the laughs that are afforded by some innocent, boyish prank of his while he was a little fellow in the Prep. It is the few remaining older boys, who were his actual classmates during the six years of his sojourn here, who feel the loss most keenly. When boys have enjoyed their pleasures together, taken their thrashings together, played in the same football and cricket teams, and shared their last penny at the Tuck Shop, they are bound by inseparable bonds even beyond life itself. It has been the lot of a few of us to be connected thus with Jim.

While at school he excelled at every form of sport. In football, boxing and swimming he was far above the average, and in these as in everything else he displayed that gameness, that utter fearlessness, that was so characteristic of him throughout his short sojourn on earth. He played in the Prep. fifteen, and while still in the junior forms was in the senior group, and as an exponent of the manly art he was ranked very highly by a large number of competent judges. The first year he left us to go to Wanganui College he was in their first fifteen and in their B rowing team.

A phase of his character that perhaps very few of those who knew him but slightly, would have suspected, was his intense love of Nature and his inveterate hatred of the vandal who destroyed her charms. To illustrate this aspect of him we shall quote a few lines from Burns which were great favourites of his:

“Come let us stray our gladsome way,
And view the charms of Nature;
The rustling corn, the fruited thorn,
And every happy creature.”

He was genuinely fond of the masterpieces of English literature. A glance at his bookshelf would reveal many surprises to anyone considering him as the usual thoughtless, happy-go-lucky lad. It was this remarkable discriminating taste that was a deciding factor in the choosing of his profession. As a journalist, it has been said, by those in the position of authority, that there lay before him a great career, and this may well be believed by those who experienced his helping hand and refined personality, for it is from such qualities as Jimmy possessed that great men are moulded.

It would be unfitting to omit mentioning the great passion of his life, mountaineering. His unflinching nerve, his apparently inexhaustible strength, his stubborn ambition, and his modesty, all combined to make him an exceptional climber. A climber, in fact, whose fame would have penetrated to the far corners of the earth had not his promising young life been destroyed in the bud. His last feat in climbing the precipitous sea-face of Paritutu over the route of his choice was simply marvellous.

While we suffer much from his loss, and sympathize deeply with his parents and brother, we feel sure that if it was his lot to pass away so near the dawn of life, he died in the very way he would have wished. Although the terrible tragedy of his untimely death affects us all, our memory of him is a beautiful and sacred one, and that is the greatest tribute we can offer any man.

THE PROFESSIONS IN NEW ZEALAND.

(Raymond W. Bellringer.)

Since Taranaki lacks a University the average father possesses only a meagre knowledge concerning the various University courses. This is especially so with regard to three important faculties—Mining, Dental and Medical—which are nurtured in New Zealand's most southern University, the University of Otago. If statements are to be valuable they must come from an authority. Several questions were submitted to the recognized authorities on these professions in New Zealand asking for brief comments. Each Dean, however, was most generous in his reply, which has been reproduced in full for the benefit of interested readers. We have no wish that a father shall allow himself to be dazzled by the word "profession" and despotically decide here and now that Johnny shall be a doctor, etc. Not at all; this information is more for the guidance of those who have one of these professions in mind.

Mining.—Professor James Park, M.Am. Inst. M.E., Dean of the Mining Faculty, replied as follows:—

(1) Type of Man.—Our graduates have been successful in every land because they are men of integrity and grit. The mining engineer is responsible for big undertakings and the spending of large sums of money usually in places far from the supervision of his Directors, and as a consequence, trustworthiness is one of his principal assets. Added to this our men are well grounded in first principles and know their job. Further, having lived in big open spaces, they are self-reliant, and having worked in the mines they know how to control men and get the best out of them.

(2) Scope.—Our men comprise the staff of the Geological Survey of the Dominion and many are employed in New Zealand as mine managers, mine and land surveyors, county engineers, harbour board engineers and University teachers. Abroad our graduates fill important posts as general managers of mines, as consulting engineers, oil geologists and metallurgists. Mining is after all only a branch of civil engineering.

(3) Our graduates all find employment.

(4) Remuneration for young graduates ranges from £400 to £600 a year. The older and more experienced

men get salaries ranging from £800 to £1200 a year, but the men in private practices have larger incomes.

Dentistry.—Prof. H. P. Pickerill, C.B.E., M.D., M.S., Dean of the Dental Faculty:—

(1) Type of Man.—The type of man who will make a successful dental student and afterwards a successful practitioner, is firstly one who is able to pass the matriculation examination with Latin and French without a great deal of difficulty, and secondly one who has some natural aptitude for using his hands and fingers in the making of such things as electrical models, wireless apparatus, carpentry, etc. He should also be a man of fair physique, since there is no doubt that a dental practice, and especially a busy one, throws considerable physical strain upon the practitioner.

(2) There should be at present ample scope of work for dental graduates in New Zealand. There are still many of the smaller towns in New Zealand crying out for resident dentists with guaranteed incomes of anything over £600. A young man should do well if he started in any of these smaller towns and should be able to save sufficient money in a few years to come into one of the larger centres if he so desired. There are always openings, too, for good men as assistants in large and busy practices; the minimum salary for these positions seems to be at present about £500 per annum. Then there is the State service concerned in the treatment of small primary school children. At present, however, there appear to be sufficient Government bursars to meet all the requirements of this service. When the supply of bursars ceases, however, it is possible that the Government may require more qualified dental officers. The minimum salary here is, I believe too, about £500 per annum. It is estimated that New Zealand requires from 20 to 25 graduates in Dentistry per annum. Up to the present we have never reached this figure and all graduates who have left this school within recent years are, I believe, doing exceedingly well.

Medicine.—Prof. Sir H. Lindo Ferguson, C.M.G., M.D., Dean of the Medical Faculty:—

(1) Type.—We require as cultivated a type of student as we can get. The rough uncultured man is not likely to make a suitable or satisfactory practitioner or to show the sympathy and patience which is required in dealing

with suffering humanity. The qualities which are required are infinite capacity for taking pains, an equable manner, good health and a keen interest in the work. The bent of a boy's mind is not of so much importance as the mechanical turn of mind is apt to turn to surgery, and the scientific turn of mind towards research and laboratory work, while the studious literary mind finds us our physicians.

Scope.—We are likely to be able in New Zealand to absorb all the graduates we can turn out for some considerable time to come. The bulk, of course, of our graduates will naturally become general practitioners, and in country places there will for many years still be openings for them. The life is one of consistent service, hard work and study and there is no place in the profession for loafers or men who enter it in the hope of making money easily.

Remuneration.—Medical men if they do their work conscientiously and steadily are always sure of making a living. The plums of the profession are few but the general standard of existence is good.

Supply.—The supply of students fluctuates, and here, as in other parts of the world, increased enormously some five or six years ago. The pendulum has now swung the other way and the classes have diminished very materially, but this will right itself. Statements as to the overcrowding of the profession which have recently been made were common at the time when I was a student myself. These minor fluctuations are always occurring and at present I do not think the supply is outrunning the demand.

In considering these statements parents should note the time and money factors. The average artisan is well settled down before the average professional man has completed his course.

Appended are some approximate minimal figures:—

	University Fees for whole course	No. of years	Occupational Statistics for 1921
Mining	£115	4	2.5 Mining Engineers per 100,000
Dentistry B.D.S.	£155	4	4 Dentists per 10,000
" Diploma	£120	4	
Medical	£205	6	6 Doctors per 10,000

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Fees (per term)—

Tuition	...	£4, reducible to £3 10s. if paid within 30 days.
Preparatory	£4, ,, ,,	£3 10s. ,, ,, ,,
Board	... £19, ,, ,,	£17 ,, ,, ,,
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	Juniors,	£2 12s. 6d.
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Dancing (Winter term only)	15/-	

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Games—Upper School,	4/-
Lower School,	2/-
Library	... 1/6
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Tennis	... 1/-

N.B.—In cases of removal, six weeks' notice must be given to the Secretary, otherwise parents are liable for half a term's fee.

School Terms—

The school year is divided into three terms of thirteen weeks each. The terms are approximately as follows:—

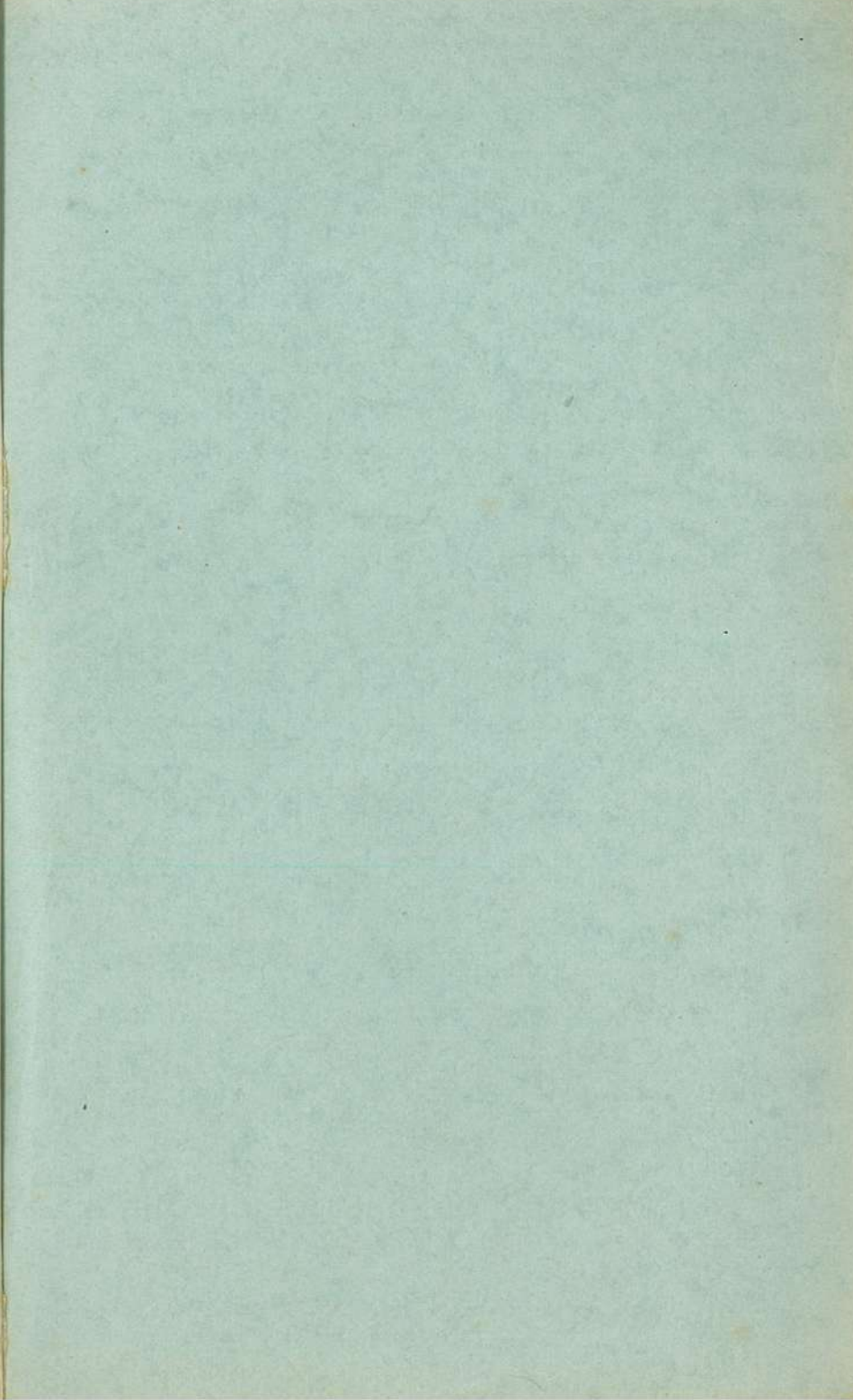
First Term— February 5th to May 6th.

Second Term— May 28th to August 27th.

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Contingent Q.M.S.—Sergeant J. Pease.

Orderly Room Corporal.—Corporal J. Wright.

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

No. 24 COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Captain A. W. Diprose.
Company Sergeant-Major.—Sergeant-Major G. Webb.

No. 1 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieut. V. E. Kerr.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant C. Strombom.
Section Commanders.—Corporals W. Penman, R. Bates, J. Buck-
eridge, M. Thomson.

No. 2 Platoon.

Platoon Commander (acting).—Sergeant M. Lysons.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant M. Lysons.
Section Commanders.—Corporals S. Batger, K. Wetere, G.
Saunders, E. Moore.

No. 3 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieut. J. Leggat.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Galbraith.
Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Noonan, K. Bleakley, T. Jones.

No. 4 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieut. F. J. Eggleton.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant D. McLean.
Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Batger, G. Baily, D. Robertson,
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No. 110 COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieut. H. G. Dyer.
Company Sergeant-Major.—Sergeant-Major A. Brodie.

No. 5 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieut. R. C. Wilson.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant D. Grant.
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J. Thomson.

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Platoon Commander.—Lieut. A. G. Johnson.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Thomas.
Section Commanders.—Corporals V. Barak, E. McCallum, F. Col-
linge.

No. 7 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieut. T. M. McDonald.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant F. Read.
Section Commanders.—Corporals N. MacDiarmid, F. Davis, L.
Sampson, H. Fookes.

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Platoon Commander.—Lieut. J. Earl.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant K. Fookes.
Section Commanders.—Corporals S. Black, I. Crawford, A. Mover-
ley, J. Brugh.



SIR ERNEST RUTHERFORD.
Photographed on his visit to the School.

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EDITORIAL.

(M. Lysons.)

WE cannot pass without mentioning with the deepest respect the death of one so highly esteemed among us. Although Mike Fletcher was not perhaps a genius in the classroom, it can never be said that he made that an excuse for laziness. In outdoor pastimes, however, he held a high reputation, and although not outstanding in any one branch of sport, there are few to compare with him in general excellence. As a member of the First Eleven he could always be relied upon to make a reasonable success of his innings. It was on the football field, however, that he was most conspicuous, being one of the mainstays of the pack, always to the forefront in an attack and an obstinate defender; but withal a clean and unselfish player. In his capacity as prefect he always carried out his duties zealously, and won the respect of both masters and boys. Nor must we forget the fact that he had a keen sense of humour and was at all times an agreeable and amusing friend. We feel sure that those of us who had the privilege of his acquaintance since his entry into this school will ever remember him as an example of all that is worthy and enviable in the best type of scholar.

This school has been recently favoured by the visit of Sir Ernest Rutherford, one of the world's most eminent scientists. Sir Ernest has spent a great deal of his time in the study of the structure of the atom, and although

it is only one-thousand-millionth of an inch in diameter he has discovered that it is built up on the principle of a well-ordered and perfect solar system, and that it contains a wealth of latent energy. In his address to us, he gave an interesting account of his life and work and showed that, by dint of concentration and hard study, it was possible to work one's way from a humble country school to a position of pre-eminence in the scientific world. In concluding, Sir Ernest stressed the importance of determination in the building of a worthy career. His personality made a strong impression on all present which will long remain fresh in our minds and which, it is to be hoped, will inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

Another matter which we would like to refer to again is the Imperial Challenge Shield competition. As we have previously pointed out, the present conditions under which this competition is held render it practically impossible for a school of this size to compete without seriously interfering with the usual school routine. Although we regret that we are no longer in a position to shoot in this competition, we desire to take this opportunity of congratulating the Technical College on their excellent performances in this direction during the last two years.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

“KEEP ON KEEPING ON.”

A stirring message was given to the school when the Governor-General, Sir Charles Fergusson, paid his first visit to New Plymouth. His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Fergusson and Mr. Bernard Fergusson, Mr. G. J. Little (private secretary), the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson), Mr. H. R. Billing (Chairman of the Board of Governors), and Mr E. Lash (secretary).

Mr. Moyes welcomed their Excellencies and said they felt deeply honoured in having with them that day his Majesty's representative in the Dominion. On three previous occasions they had been privileged to listen to addresses by one of the Empire's greatest admirals. Today it was their good fortune to welcome one of the Empire's greatest soldiers. Like his illustrious predecessor,

the Governor-General took a live and active interest in the school boys of this Dominion, and he was sure that that interest was rapidly winning the heart of every one of them. If what they heard was true, the Homeland was faced with grave and serious problems, so much so that the future happiness and prosperity of the Empire depended on the loyal co-operation of all its units, and he was sure that nothing could cement the ties of affection more than the fact that their Excellencies were visiting the schools and becoming acquainted with the youth of this country. He again said how deeply they appreciated the visit to the school which, though young in years and traditions, was second to none in its loyalty to his Majesty and his Excellency as his Majesty's representative.

The Daily News gave the following account of his Excellency's speech:—

“I don't want to preach you boys a sermon,” Sir Charles said, “but I would like to leave some idea with you on this, my first visit to your school, something that may help you in your after life.” As they knew, he had been a soldier all his days, and he thought one learned a good deal in the army which was of use to one, not only in soldiering, but in every walk of life. He wanted to speak to them about a very fine army man who died the other day and whose life should be of a great deal of interest to them all. He referred to Lord Rawlinson, late Commander-in-Chief in India. He was educated at the same school as the speaker—Eton—and when Lord Rawlinson, the speaker and other generals, about twenty-five of them, went down to their old school after the war, Lord Rawlinson made a speech, in the course of which he said he had been no good at books, and that he used to be as idle as any boy could be. He went on to say he had lived to regret his folly in not taking more trouble while at school.

Lord Rawlinson, however, his Excellency continued, rose to the rank of general and was one of the finest commanders in the field. He commanded the Fourth Army for the last two years of the war and was one of the finest leaders. Then he went out as Commander-in-Chief in India, and at the time of his death was 63 or 64 years of age. During the last two months of his life he rode 1200 miles in the wildest part of Northern India and returned

to Delhi about three weeks before his death, there carrying out the finest and biggest cavalry manoeuvres ever held in India. During the last two or three days he was pig-sticking, a sport which required the best horsemanship and the best pluck of any sport in the world. Lord Rawlinson defeated everyone, and on his last afternoon he played polo and was the best of the lot.

“There was a man,” Sir Charles said, “who did not make much use of his school days, but pulled himself together afterwards and made up his mind that he was going to be at the top of the tree, and at the top of the tree he was. He was one of the finest soldiers the Empire has ever had, and he kept up his athletics to the end. He was a man of most extraordinary vitality. He was like a boy to the end of his life, and would take on anybody even half his age and beat them heads off at any game.

“What was Lord Rawlinson’s motto in life? I have heard him say it over and over again to boys and to soldiers, and I have seen him write it. It was that verse of Kipling:—

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With 60 seconds’ worth of distance run,
Yours is the earth and everything that’s in it,
And—which is more—you’ll be a man, my son.

“That was Lord Rawlinson’s rule of life, filling up every minute with manly work and manly sport,” his Excellency said. “His virtue consisted in intense determination to be at the top of everything he took up and determination to stick the thing out to the end. There never was a man who had that spirit of determination so strong in him. That brings me to the spirit of my sermon—determination, grit. I want determination to be your hall-mark as you go through life.”

To illustrate further the application of the spirit of determination and grit, Sir Charles told a story of the dark days of 1918, the days when, as Lord Haig said, they had their backs to the wall. Going down one day to see some troops, he overheard a young officer speaking to his men before they went into the line, from which, in those days, there was little chance of coming

back. It was an American jingle by the sound of it, and it went like this:—

When the sky is dark and dreary
And the heavens are rather dim,
And you are feeling kind of weary
And the future is awful slim;
And you feel inclined to chuck it
And all hope is nearly gone,
Then bristle up and grit your teeth and
Keep on keeping on!

The officer repeated that jingle several times, his Excellency said. They could understand it had a good deal of significance, considering what those men were to go through in the next few hours. They were going to fight it out to the end, to be killed or to win, and they knew that for most of them it would be killed. That little bit of jingle was a good thing to keep in one’s mind in everyday life. In their games they sometimes saw a side lose heart because its opponents had scored, whereas that was the time to keep on, keep on, because, as they knew, a game was never lost until it was over, and if they kept on they would probably pull it out of the fire. If they were running a race and felt they were getting beaten and inclined to chuck it, that was the time to keep on, keep on, because they never knew when the fellow in front would crack up.

So, in after life, they should remember that if they were going to succeed they wanted determination. That meant sticking at it, keeping on, keeping on. They would very often find things in business looking black, but he urged them to show grit and determination and in the end it would pull them through.

In some preliminary remarks prior to coming to the theme of his address, his Excellency again extended to the School his heartiest congratulations on their excellent rifle shooting record. It was one of which they had every right to feel proud. The whole Dominion was proud of a school that could show such a high state of efficiency in what was a really manly art. Sir Charles also congratulated the school orchestra, which played several

selections during the visit. He remarked that he did not think he had ever before heard any school orchestra up to the standard of that of the School. Certainly they did not have them at Home.

HOUSE NOTES

(D. P. McLean and D. G. Grant.)

When we assembled this term we missed the familiar face of one of the most esteemed and popular prefects—that of Michael Fletcher, who had passed away during the vacation. This was his sixth year as a boarder, and during that time he had taken a large interest in school activities. He filled positions in the First Eleven and First Fifteen, as well as being a good tennis player and a keen swimmer. His loss was felt severely by all those acquainted with him, and especially by the members of the First Fifteen, who were at that time in Auckland waiting to play Auckland Grammar School.

A long and strenuous football season was brought to a close with the annual Day Boys v. Boarders match. We must heartily congratulate the Day Boys on winning the Pease Cup for the first time. After a very hard and fast game, in which the result was in doubt till the final whistle blew, our opponents gained the verdict by the narrow margin of two points. We are afraid that the Thursday menu for the boarders is not identical with that required by goal-kickers.

During the unavoidable absence of the school chaplain the Sunday morning service was left in the capable hands of two of the house masters. These two "budding" parsons credited themselves very favourably, and during the visit of the Primate the choir was considerably strengthened by their presence.

The English public school boys attending here were responsible for introducing "Poor John." The two main parts were acted by the English boys, and the others were suitably filled by other boarders. The selection of the actors and the length of some of the parts were thought to be such that they would hinder the final staging of the play. This, however, was rectified by the headmaster, who coached the boys, and to his efforts the success was mainly due. After acting the play once at

school at the end of last term, they staged it for two nights at the Empire Theatre. There they had two full houses, and consequently raised a considerable amount towards the Gymnasium Fund. This, together with Mrs. Graham's generous donation of £100, has raised the fund considerably.

Tennis has started and is now in full swing. The three grass courts are getting plenty of use and are showing signs of wear. The senior championship singles and doubles are now down to the semi-finals, and needless to say these positions are all filled by boarders.

The steeplechase was held about the middle of October. The weather was threatening but the rain kept off till after both events had finished. In the junior event, which was held first, the boarders showed their superiority by filling the first five places. In the senior event, however, we were not quite so successful, but we by no means disgraced ourselves.

We must congratulate one of our senior members on his inclusion in the North Taranaki reps. Although he did not get the best bowling average, still in this line he acquitted himself well.

Since last issue there have been some additions made to the hospital. Two open fireplaces have been installed, together with the erection of a sun porch on the verandah for those convalescent. The music room has also been altered. The original room has been divided into four sound-proof departments, with a piano in each, while another large room has been added for orchestra and concert practices.

This term has seen the house infested with musical instruments, of which the main are ukuleles, mandolins and banjos. These would be a great asset to the concert if the players were taken under strict organisation, but unfortunately this has not been done.

Members of No. 3 dorm. in the New House are fortunate enough to see free "movies." A small cinematograph and its efficient operator are the sources of much amusement. It is hard to say what brand the films are, but to us they seem to be a combination of all kinds, so mixed are the pictures thereof.

There have been two excats each term introduced this year. Of course this really concerns the boarders. There have been no holidays as previously, but boarders were allowed out during the week-end to wherever they desired to go to in New Plymouth, and one may be sure they were certain to find a place.

The annual swimming sports were held on Thursday, November 19. The races were started in quick time and were swum in good spirit. Although the weather was slightly uncertain, the temperature of the water was quite suitable. A notable performance was that of the Form IV. relay team, which comprised boarders and which defeated the redoubtable VI. B relay team. In this race beef and a handicap triumphed over beef and brains.

This term there has been a ju-jitsu classed formed, under instructor Captain L. McLaglan, the world's champion in this branch of sport. No one would doubt the fact after they had seen him once. The boys are very keen, as shown by the number of youths being thrown "flips." However, the most important attraction seems to be the visiting of the Girls' School, where the fair ones ably use the visitors as adversaries.

On Sunday, November 22, Archbishop Averill confirmed the numerous candidates prepared under the able tuition of the Rev. E. H. Strong. It was a very solemn and beautiful service, which concluded with an inspiring address from his Grace. Later a number of boarders showed their appreciation by going to church in the evening to hear the Archbishop speak again.

We are pleased to see that the day-boy prefects are relieving the boarder prefects of part of their numerous duties, and some of their privileges—that of supper. However, we are very appreciative of the former, but hardly of the latter, for tradition says that a boarder can always acquit himself well where there is anything connected with food. But this becomes a delusion when the day-boys are seen performing, especially when there is rhubarb for supper.

Cricket is now in full swing. The first eleven, as usual, is playing in the senior competition and giving a good account of itself. The second and third elevens are

playing in the junior competition, in which the latter have won every match and the former have lost only one so far. On December 19 the first eleven leave to play Nelson College, at Nelson. Everyone is looking forward to this match, as last year's game provided such a close finish, the School winning by the narrow margin of nine runs.

Contrary to custom, the boxing championships were held during August, instead of November. A very successful tournament was held under the supervision of the masters and Mr. Potvine, who officiated as referee. The notable fact that all the champions were boarders shows to advantage their pugilistic temperament.

One Sunday night we were unfortunate enough to be paid the respects of an unwelcome visitor. The basement was broken into and about £10 worth of articles taken. The sequel to this happened next day. Just after dinner one of the preparatory boys informed us that there was a real live burglar in one of the dug-outs. A very courageous economics class explored the cave but found no quarry. However, about 10 o'clock that night five brave prefects, armed with electric torches and sprinting powers, made another exploration, but without avail, and we think luckily for the braves.

Many are the innovations thought of for punishment of the many rule-breakers in the houses. Prep. on Saturday from 9 o'clock till further orders. Another is the introduction of rolling the practice wickets every morning. The familiar remark from prefects, "You are on the roller," is often heard.

It was very funny at tea one evening when the master on duty asked a well-known youth, who answers to the name of anything connected with the sealy tribe, did he see anything funny. The fishy one, innocently fixing those vacant eyes upon the questioner, answered in the affirmative, whereupon the boarders took advantage of the situation to have a good laugh at the master's expense. However, the situation arose on account of a misunderstanding upon the part of the youth, who took the master at his word.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

(J. Pease.)

With the snap and precision that has come to be taken for granted as a characteristic of the function, heat after heat—sometimes three or four of them on the racing track at the same time—followed one another in quick succession at the annual sports meeting of the New Plymouth Boys' High School, which took place on the school ground, reported the Taranaki Daily News. Punctually at 11 o'clock in the morning the pistol barked for the first sprint, and six minutes before scheduled time the spectators walked away from the ground after witnessing the finish of the fiftieth and last event of the day.

Although deluges of rain the previous Saturday had necessitated one postponement of the meeting, it seemed when rain began to fall at mid-day after a dull and sultry morning that the function might again have to be abandoned, but the weather cleared in the afternoon, and towards the end of the day the clouds had almost entirely rolled away. The going was slippery and heavy, however, for the early part of the programme, and but for this it is likely that several excellent performances would have been recorded.

As it was, one record was broken, the time for the 120 yards hurdles being reduced by C. C. Lobb, the winner of the junior cup, to 19 1-5 seconds. The previous record was 19 4-5 seconds, established by B. A. Norman in 1914. More than usual interest attached to this particular race, as it was the last one of the junior championship series, and a victory to either Lobb or H. M. Brown would have given the winner the championship, there being a difference of only one point between the competitors prior to the race. Both were hurdling almost abreast until near the end, when Lobb forged ahead to win by a short margin.

The senior championship was annexed by C. Gilmour, with a clear lead of 15 points from the runner-up, J. S. Medley. The senior cup events were responsible for some stirring encounters, nevertheless, and there has seldom been seen on the school ground as fine a race as the 100 yards championship heat, in which Gilmour and Medley

secured a dead heat verdict. From a good start Medley drew a little ahead of the rest of the field, Gilmour running third. The latter drew slowly up but was still behind fifteen yards from home and it appeared that if Medley had sustained his effort he would have won. The same pair met in the final of the 100 yards in the afternoon, and in another good race Medley breasted the tape first after being slightly in the lead all the way.

The 440 yards junior championship heat provided a great finish. After leading the field for most of the run, H. Brown was challenged by Lobb in the straight for home and was able to gain the verdict by a mere fraction. The endurance tests of the day, the senior and junior mile events, were respectively won by two brothers, D. and C. Robertson.

The postponement of the meeting and the threatening state of the weather was rather reflected in the attendance of the public, which was smaller than usual. No doubt for the same reason the entries in the old boys' race were not as numerous as is usually the case, but the race proved to be a particularly even and exciting one, and there was only the matter of a yard or two between the first and the last runner to finish.

To the committee, organisers and officials all credit is due for an excellently controlled athletic meeting. Afternoon tea was provided for the visitors in the school assembly hall by a number of ladies under the control of Mrs. W. H. Moyes, the idle half-hour being considerably brightened by tastefully decorated tables and a programme of music provided by Mrs. Woods' orchestra. The school is indebted to a number of generous people for donations and gifts of flowers and cakes.

The officials were as follows: Judges, Messrs. F. E. Wilson, E. Jackson, C. H. Weston, E. P. Webster, R. W. D. Robertson, J. McLeod, and Drs. E. F. Fookes and T. A. Milroy; starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; marksman, Mr. A. J. Papps; ground stewards, Messrs. C. G. Bottrill, A. G. Johnson, W. G. Wilkie, G. H. Pope, H. G. Dyer, J. Dobson and J. Earl; stewards, Messrs. J. W. Connell, G. F. Bertrand, V. E. Kerr, F. J. Eggleton, T. M. McDonald, J. Leggat and R. C. Wilson; timekeepers, Messrs. J. Bennett, V. Dalgleish and F. C. Ferry; committee, Messrs. A. W. Diprose (chairman), and A. M. Bradbury, F. L.

Read, W. Penman, H. E. Bellringer, J. Abraham and W. A. Brodie; hon. secretaries, K. F. Fookes and J. J. Pease.

Results:—

150 Yards Open.—First heat: O. Davies (5yds.) 1, time, 16 3-5sec. Second heat: C. Clarke (9yds.) 1; time, 16 4-5sec. Third heat: Abraham (4yds.) 1; time, 16 4-5 sec. Fourth heat: Grover (1yd.) 1; time, 17 2-5sec. Fifth heat: G. Saunders (5yds.) 1; time, 17sec. Sixth heat: Hagger (5yds.) 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Seventh heat: Eaves (6yds.) 1; time, 17 2-5sec. Eighth heat: C. Campbell (9yds.) 1; time, 17 3-5sec. Final: O. Davies 1, Clarke and Saunders (dead heat) 2. Won by about four yards. Time, 16 1-5sec.

100 Yards (under 15).—First heat: Gibbs (5yds.) 1, L. McLean (6yds.) 2, Watkins (5yds.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Second heat: J. Jones (6yds.) 1, T. J. Betts (7yds.) 2, C. Robertson (2yds.) 3; time, 12sec. Third heat: Eaves (scr.) 1, W. R. Allen (6yds.) 2, Treloar (4yds.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Fourth heat: A. Smith (4yds.) 1, R. Muir (3yds.) 2, S. Tonks (4yds.) 3; time, 13sec. Fifth heat: Colson (1yd.) 1, A. Barlow (4yds.) 2, Young (3yds.) 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Final: Eaves 1, Jones 2, Colson 3; time, 12sec.

100 Yards—Senior Cup (Record: J. Whittle, 10 3-5sec., 1920).—Championship heat: Medley and C. Gilmour (dead heat) 1, S. Black 3. Medley led over 75 yards, but Gilmour challenged in a great finish and both breasted the tape together. Despite the fact that the race was against a strong breeze the distance was covered in only one-fifth of a second less than record time. Time, 10 4-5 sec. Second heat: S. Fookes (2yds.) 1, Harman (7yds.) 2; time, 11 4-5sec. Third heat: G. Bayly (5yds.) 1, Grant (5yds.) 2; time, 11sec. Fourth heat: O. Davies (4yds.) 1, F. Read (3yds.) and C. Clarke (6yds.) dead heat 2; time, 11 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Abraham (3yds.) 1, Warner (1yd.) 2; time, 11 1-5sec. Final: J. S. Medley 1, C. Gilmour 2, O. Davies 3. Another great race. Medley took the lead early and kept the command all the way, staving off Gilmour's fine effort at the finish to win by half a yard. The time was 11sec., which was a fraction slower than in the morning.

100 Yards—Junior Cup (Record: E. Beckbessinger, 11 1-5sec., 1916).—Championship heat: Lobb 1, Brown 2,

Lister 3; time, 11 4-5sec. (Lobb thus won Mr. Beckbessinger's Cup.) Second heat: Rogers (2yds.) 1, Betts (3yds.) 2; time, 12 1-5sec. Third heat: L. Barlow (1yd.) 1, A. Smith (4yds.) 2; time, 12sec. Fourth heat: Eaves (1yd.) 1, J. Jones (6yds.) 2; time, 11 4-5sec. Fifth heat: Hinkley (3yds.) 1, Kedgley (4yds.) 2; time, 12 2-5sec. Final: Eaves 1, Jones 2, Rogers 3; time, 12sec.

Long Jump—Senior Cup (Record: J. D. Mackay, 19ft. 11in., 1924).—J. S. Medley (scr.), 19ft. 3½in., 1; C. Gilmour (scr.), 19ft. 0½in., 2; Riley (12in.), 18ft. 1½in., 3.

Long Jump—Junior Cup (Record: C. C. Lobb, 18ft. 2½in., 1924).—C. C. Lobb (scr.), 18ft. 1in., 1; Whitehead (9in.), 16ft. 6in., 2; Brown (scr.) and G. Beaven (15in.), 16ft., equal, 3.

75 Yards (under 13).—H. L. Thomson (scr.) 1, E. F. Harvie (3yds.) 2, Dickie (1yd.) 3. Time, 10 4-5sec.

880 Yards—Senior Cup; Mason Memorial Cup (Record: J. D. Mackay, 2min. 11 3-5sec., 1923).—Gilmour (scr.) 1, Buckeridge (10yds.) 2, D. Robertson (scr.) 3. A big field faced the starter. Gilmour commenced to make up ground immediately. At the commencement of the last lap Buckeridge led past the post and established a good lead, but Gilmour came through to second place some thirty yards behind and running strongly he caught Buckeridge thirty yards from the post and won by four or five yards. Robertson came third about eight yards behind Buckeridge. Jackson was the second championship man to finish, Gilmour being the first. Time, 2min. 13 1-5sec.

880 Yards—Junior Cup.—B. Campbell (25yds.) 1, Sinclair (10yds.) 2, J. Jones (35yds.) 3. Lobb (scr.) lay behind the bunch for most of the distance and was beaten by Brown (scr.) in the sprint home. Campbell led strongly after the first lap and won by about five yards. Time, 2min. 24sec.

100 Yards—Under 14 Cup (Record: A. R. Bothamley, 11 3-5sec., 1916).—Championship heat: Whittle 1, Ford 2, J. K. Sampson 3; won by inches; time, 13sec. Second heat: A. Barlow (10yds.) 1, J. McLean (3yds.) 2, E. H. Fairbrother (9yds.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Third heat: H. L. Thomson (2yds.) 1, Western (9yds.) 2, Snell (4yds.) 3; time, 13sec. Final: A. Barlow 1, Whittle 2, J. McLean 3; won by three yards; time, 12 3-5sec.

220 Yards Open.—First heat: J. Pease (4yds.) 1, C. McNeill (6yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Second heat: Saunders (4yds.) 1, Hinkley (10yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Third heat: Grover (ser.) 1, Riding (12yds.) 2; time, 27 3-5sec. Fourth heat: Warner (1yd.) 1, J. Thomson (7yds.) 2; time, 26sec. Fifth heat: C. Clarke (12yds.) 1, Crawford (8yds.) 2; time, 25 3-5sec. Sixth heat: Abraham (3yds.) 1, N. MacDiarmid (6yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Seventh heat: O. Davies (6yds.) and Eaves (6yds.), dead heat, 1; time, 26 4-5sec. Final C.: Clarke 1, O. Davies 2, N. MacDiarmid 3; a close finish, five yards separating the third man; time, 25 1-5sec.

50 Yards—Under 10 Cup (Record: G. Bell, 7 1-5sec., 1917).—McDonnell (1yd.) 1, Blackley (ser.) 2, G. Weston (ser.) 3. Time, 8sec.

440 Yards—Senior Cup, Old Boys' Shield (Record: J. D. Mackay, 1923, F. C. Gilmour, 1924, 54 1-5sec.).—F. C. Gilmour 1, S. Black 2, E. Jackson 3. All were off scratch, and Gilmour won by eight yards. Time, 55sec.

440 Yards—Senior Handicap.—Grover (5yds.) 1, Saunders (10yds.) 2, A. Sampson (25yds.) 3. Grover came to the front about half-way through the race and finished strongly with 11 yards to spare. Time, 56 3-5sec.

440 Yards—Junior Cup, Mrs. Bothamley's Cup (Record: P. G. Grover, 58 2-5sec., 1924).—H. M. Brown 1, C. C. Lobb 2, Lister 3. Lobb lay in behind Brown until the final sprint, when he failed by several inches to overtake the winner. Time, 61sec.

440 Yards—Junior Handicap (Mr. Harman's Cup).—B. Campbell (20yds.) 1, Hayward (20yds.) 2, Sinclair (5yds.) 3. Won by six yards. Time, 60 2-5sec.

75 Yards—Under 14 Cup (Record: A. R. Bothamley, 9sec., 1916).—Championship heat: H. Whittle 1, J. R. Ford 2, J. H. Sampson 3; time, 10sec. Second heat: A. Barlow (5yds.) 1, E. J. Davies (5yds.) 2, Western (6yds.) 3; time, 9 4-5sec. Third heat: W. J. Thomas (1yd.) 1, J. McLean (1yd.) 2, Hall (4yds.) 3; time, 10sec. Final: A. Barlow and J. McLean (dead heat) 1, H. Whittle 3; time, 9 4-5sec.

50 Yards (under 11).—Blackley (3yds.) 1, Cruickshank (ser.) 2, N. Saunders (ser.) 3. Time, 7 3-5sec.

Three-legged Race.—First heat: Beck and Abbott (10yds.) 1. Second heat: Barak and Hingston (5yds.) and White and Muir (15yds.), dead heat, 1. Third heat: Barlow and Canning (5yds.) 1. Fourth heat: Grace and Bennoch (10yds.) 1. Fifth heat: S. Tonks and M. Lobb (15yds.) 1. Sixth heat: Cuthbertson and Stevenson (15yds.) 1. Seventh heat: F. Morgan and Gorrige (ser.) and Hall and J. L. Wilson (15yds.), dead heat, 1. Eighth heat: Johnson and Smith (15yds.) 1. Ninth heat: A. Hetherington and D. Hetherington (5yds.) 1. Final: M. Lobb and T. Tonks 1, Abbott and Beck 2, Smith and Johnson 3.

High Jump—Senior Cup (Record: D. S. Sykes, 5ft. 5½in., 1914).—F. Read (2in.), 5ft. 1in., 1; K. Riley and Buckeridge (2in.), 5ft., dead heat, 2.

High Jump—Junior Cup (Record: W. Penman, 5ft., 1924).—A. Hetherington and Whitehead (dead heat) 1, Oldfield 3. Height, 4ft. 9½in.

Sack Race (75yds.).—First heat: D. Hetherington (ser.) 1, R. Sutton (5yds.) 2. Second heat: Innes (15yds.) 1, Cottier (5yds.) 2. Third heat: Hammonds (15yds.) 1, Ford (15yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Evans (5yds.) 1, Milroy (15yds.) 2. Fifth heat: Fitzgerald (15yds.) 1, K. Sutton and N. S. Bell (equal) 2. Sixth heat: Pratt (10yds.) 1, Cleland (10yds.) 2. Seventh heat: J. Hetherington (ser.) 1, Law 2. Final: Hammonds 1, J. Hetherington 2, Cottier 3.

100 Yards—Under 10 Cup (Record: G. Bell, 1917, W. Hardwick, 1919, 14 2-5sec.).—McDonnell (4yds.) 1, Blackley (ser.) 2, N. Saunders (3yds.) 3. Time, 15sec.

150 Yards—Under 12 (Record: H. F. Fookes, 20sec., 1920).—Cruickshank (ser.) 1, G. B. Saunders (ser.) 2, Whittington (ser.) 3. Time, 23sec.

Old Boys' Race (Mr. Pridham's Cup).—R. G. Howell 1, J. H. Boon 2, H. W. Brown 3. Time, 12 1-5sec.

Potato Race (over 14).—First heat: W. Watt 1, Dinness 2. Second heat: Lawrence 1, Ingle 2. Third heat: A. Hetherington 1, Wray 2. Fourth heat: Mahraj 1, Lamb 2. Fifth heat: Watkins and Grace (equal) 1. Sixth heat: Whitehead 1, Cleland 2. Final: Lawrence 1, A. Hetherington 2, Mahraj 3.

Potato Race (under 14).—First heat: Lee 1, Halligan 2, E. H. Fairbrother 3. Second heat: Young 1, K. Scott 2, Western 3. Third heat: J. McLean 1, K. Sutton 2, Crow 3. Final: McLean 1, K. Sutton 2, Young 3.

Tinty Tots' Race.—Rosa Weston 1, John Weston 2, Patricia Connell 3.

120 Yards Hurdles—Senior Cup, Mr. Noakes' Cup (Record: J. D. Mackay, 16 4-5sec., 1923).—Championship heat: C. Gilmour 1, Medley 2; time, 19sec. Second heat: F. Read (owe 3yds.) 1, J. Beaven (scr.) 2, Buckeridge (owe 3yds.) 3; time, 20sec. Final: F. Read 1, C. Gilmour 2, Medley 3; both Gilmour and Read jumped well and the latter just breasted the tape ahead of his opponent in a splendid finish; time, 18 2-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles—Junior Cup (Record: B. A. Norman, 19 4-5sec., 1914).—Championship heat: C. Lobb (owe 7yds.) 1, H. M. Brown (owe 7yds.) 2; Lobb possesses a good style, and appeared an easy jumper, winning all the way in record time, reducing Norman's 1914 time by 3-5sec; time, 19 1-5sec. Second heat: Oldfield (scr.) 1, Adlam (scr.) 2; time, 22 2-5sec. Final: C. Lobb 1, Oldfield 2; time, 20 1-5sec.

75 Yards—Under 10 Cup (Record: G. Bell, 10 4-5sec., 1917).—McDonnell (3yds.) 1, Blackley (scr.) 2, G. Weston (scr.) 3; time, 11 1-5sec.

50 Yards—Under 12 Cup (Record: J. Pease, 1919, H. L. Thomson, 1923, 7sec.).—Championship heat: Whittington 1, G. B. Saunders 2, Cruickshank 3; time, 8sec. Second heat: Korkis (2yds.) 1, M. Harvie (2yds.) 2, J. Fairbrother (1yd.) 3; time, 7 4-5sec. Final: Whittington 1, Cruickshank 2, Korkis 3; time, 8sec.

100 Yards—Under 12 Cup (Record: H. F. Fookes, 1919, H. L. Thomson, 1923, 13 2-5sec.).—Cruickshank (scr.) 1, Whittington (scr.) 2, G. B. Saunders (scr.) 3. Time, 15 2-5sec.

220 Yards—Under 14 Cup (Record: P. G. Grover, 28 2-5sec., 1922).—Championship heat: Whittle 1, Ford 2, Hains 3; time, 30 1-5sec. Second heat: J. McLean (7yds.) 1, W. Thomas (3yds.) 2, Western (8yds.) 3; time, 31sec. Final: McLean 1, Whittle 2, Thomas 3; time, 30 2-5sec.



ORCHESTRA, 1925.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: W. A. Brodie, C. Campbell, J. Stronge, R. Noonan, A. W. Hay.

Middle Row: P. Miles, H. Gorringer, J. Sutton, D. Robertson, C. Lobb, J. Gibbs, G. Wray.

Front Row: C. Stronge, E. Edgecombe, G. Sutton, M. Rogers, H. Betts, D. Phillips, H. Thomson.

One Mile (Senior)—Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup (Record: E. G. Smith, 4min. 55 1-5sec., 1922).—D. Robertson (scr.) 1, A. Beek (60yds.) 2, Gorringe (50yds.) 3. Robertson caught up to the bunch in the first lap, and led throughout, winning by 40 yards, with six yards separating second and third. Time, 5min. 3 4-5sec.

One Mile (Junior).—C. Robertson (scr.) 1, Rogers (20yds.) 2, Kerr (50yds.) 3. Kerr and Cuthbertson (70yds.) led for three laps, with the field spread out. T. W. Rawson (20yds.) came up to second place, and was joined by Rogers and Robertson. The four were bunched until Robertson drew away to win by five yards. Time, 5min. 22 2-5sec.

Previously Competed For.

Throwing Cricket Ball (Senior).—D. P. McLean 1, A. B. Stewart 2. Distance, 77yds. 0ft. 7in.

Throwing Cricket Ball (Junior).—S. Batger 1, C. Palmer 2. Distance, 80yds. 1ft. 11in.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS.

Senior Cup.—F. C. Gilmour, 31 points, 1; J. S. Medley, 16 points, 2; E. Jackson, 8 points, 3.

Junior Cup.—C. C. Lobb, 27 points, 1; H. M. Brown, 24 points, 2; C. R. Lister, 10 points 3.

Under 14.—H. Whittle, 15 points, 1; J. R. Ford, 9 points, 2; L. G. Dickie, 5 points, 3.

Under 12.—J. F. Cruickshank, 11 points, 1; G. B. Saunders, 10 points, 2; H. J. Whittington, 9 points, 3.

Under 10.—D. I. Blackley, 20 points, 1; G. C. Weston, 8 points, 2; N. I. Saunders, 7 points, 3.

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASES

(J. Pease.)

(Extract from Taranaki Daily News.)

Scratch men scored in both the senior and junior steeplechases—two popular events in the sporting calendar of the New Plymouth Boys' High School—which

were decided over the usual courses at the New Plymouth Golf Club's links at Waiwakaiho on October 1. D. Robertson won the senior event, the course being three miles 55 chains, and K. Scott breasted the tape first in the junior event, run over a course approximately one and a-half miles long.

No test of athletics is more conclusive and none calls for greater powers of endurance than a long cross-country run. This year training operations have been hampered by the persistently wet weather, but nevertheless some very creditable times were recorded and practically every boy who started—over 60 in the junior event and 207 in the senior—completed the course. As is usual the events created great interest among friends of the school, and there was a large crowd to cheer the boys as they completed their long journey.

The prevalence of rain almost forced a decision to postpone the events, but the arrival of brighter weather encouraged the officials to carry on. The ground was rather heavy, and for the first part of the course the boys had to run into the teeth of a stiff breeze. For the greater part of the homeward journey, however, the competitors, most having settled well into their stride and gained their "second wind," had the assistance of the wind at their backs.

THE JUNIOR EVENT.

Just over sixty boys lined up for the junior steeplechase, the limit runners being conceded 90 seconds. Soon the long line of runners was strung out. Scott was the first to appear at the corner near the pavilion, and about 50 yards further back came McLean. A bunch of seven, led by Crow, followed.

Scott gradually increased his lead as he turned into the straight and, still running strongly, he passed the finishing post almost a hundred yards ahead of McLean. Crow was yet another hundred yards behind, and almost a similar distance separated him from Western. Then came Wilson and Allen, who had a ding-dong go for fifth place. The rest of the competitors were strung out, some

of the smallest boys in the school finishing in splendid style. Detailed results are:—

K. Scott (scr.), 12min. 45 3-5sec.	1
J. McLean (scr.), 12min. 55sec.	2
B. Crow (20sec.), 13min. 29sec.	3
C. Western (30sec.), 13min. 45sec.	4
E. Wilson (10sec.), 13min. 30sec.	5
C. Allen (20sec.), 13min. 41sec.	6
A. Wells (20sec.), 13min. 50sec.	7
E. Harvie (20sec.), 13min. 54sec.	8
T. J. Watt (10sec.), 13min. 45sec.	9
Dickie (scr.), 13min. 37sec.	10

Next in order were: Orsbourn (scr.), W. Thomas (scr.), Halligan (10sec.), N. Gardiner (scr.), K. Sutton (10sec.), R. Hall (20sec.), J. H. Sampson (scr.), Hains (scr.), Duff (20sec.), N. Palmer (40sec.).

SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

In a big field of over two hundred boys in the senior steeplechase, the limit men were awarded $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes' handicap over the back-markers. The course led over rolling country straight to the sea, thence along the beach and homeward by a circuitous route, the varying nature of the country with a stretch along the beach to lend yet further variety being calculated to test thoroughly the stamina of the boys.

Soon a long line of white figures was stretched seaward till the boys disappeared over a sandhill leading to the beach. They did not come into view again till heads were turned for home. At this distance it was difficult to identify the runners, but the leaders were hailed as Berry and Beck. Hot on their trail came a long line of competitors, numbering thirty or forty.

Winding in and out along the flagged course the runners, with over a mile to home, were brought close to the spectators. It was then seen that Robertson, a scratch man, was in the lead, and he was running so strongly that it was evident that he had the race well within his grasp. At this stage Beck was a good second, having a fair break on his pursuers.

Running like a champion Robertson increased his lead, an effort to which some of his pursuers responded, so that places over the last mile were re-shuffled to some extent. They could make no impression on the leader, however, and Robertson breasted the rise and ran down the hill to the tape to win a sterling race by about 150 yards. Beaven, a 20sec. man, finished second, being followed by List, Lobb and Beck, the remainder of the field arriving in quick succession till, amid much chaff and laughter, the two last men, who shall be nameless, sharing the honour between them, breasted the tape together.

Details are as follow:—

D. Robertson (scr.), 24min. 9 2-5sec.	1
J. Beaven (20sec.), 25min. 15sec.	2
T. R. List (40sec.), 25min. 42sec.	3
C. Lobb (60sec.), 26min. 7sec.	4
A. Beck (60sec.), 26min. 11sec.	5
G. Ewart (60sec.), 26min. 15sec.	6
R. Berry (130sec.), 27min. 32sec.	7
W. Morris (100sec.), 27min. 6sec.	8
W. Rawson (scr.), 25min. 33sec.	9
M. Rogers (50sec.), 26min. 24sec.	10
C. McNeill (30sec.), 26min. 18sec.	11
C. Gilmour (scr.), 25min. 49sec.	12
B. Walsham (80sec.), 27min. 10sec.	13
N. MacDiarmid (10sec.), 26min. 3sec.	14
P. Grover (20sec.), 26min. 15sec.	15
Whitehead (90sec.), 27min. 26sec.	16
C. Griffiths (60sec.), 26min. 58sec.	17
C. Robertson (40sec.), 26min. 41sec.	18
E. Jackson (scr.), 26min. 8sec.	19
R. Lawrence (10sec.), 26min. 23sec.	20

Next in order were: Hingston (70sec.), C. Lister (60sec.), J. Ewart (60sec.), L. Barlow (60sec.), Strombom (10sec.), C. Clarke (70sec.), E. Colson (60sec.), T. W. Rawson (60sec.), Grace (50sec.), J. McDonald (80sec.), Parrott (80sec.), Hayward (60sec.), W. J. Watt (80sec.), M. Thomson (20sec.), J. Strong (30sec.), C. Campbell (40sec.).

Places gained in the steeplechase counted towards the championship points in connection with the annual sports. These points were allotted as follow:—

Senior.—C. Gilmour 5, E. Jackson 3, S. Black 1.

Junior.—C. C. Lobb 5, C. Lister 3, S. Allhusen 1.

Under 14.—L. G. Dickie 5, N. J. Gardiner 3, J. H. Sampson 1.

Under 12.—H. M. Palmer 5, G. B. Saunders 3, G. Harvie 1.

Under 10.—D. Blackley 5, N. I. Saunders 3, G. C. Weston 1.

The fastest times were:—

Juniors.—K. Scott, 12min. 45 3-5sec. (medal presented by Mr. G. Easton), 1; J. McLean, 12min. 55sec., 2; B. Crow, 13min. 29sec., 3; E. Wilson, 13min. 30sec., 4.

Seniors.—D. Robertson, 24min. 9 2-5sec. (Bryce Cup), 1; J. Beaven, 25min. 15sec., 2; W. Rawson, 25min. 33sec., 3; T. R. List, 25min. 42sec., 4; C. Gilmour, 25min. 49sec., 5.

AGRICULTURE NOTES.

The practical work for this term has been carried out on the recently-acquired property of 5½ acres on Hobson Street.

PASTURE TOP-DRESSING TRIAL.

A pasture top-dressing trial has been started, the aims of which are:—

- To determine the best source of phosphoric acid.
- To determine whether potash is necessary or not.
- To determine whether lime is valuable or not.

The area under trial is divided into eight strips, seven of which received different phosphatic manures, and one no phosphate (control strip). The phosphates were applied at the rate of four cwt. per acre. One half of the area received a dressing of kainit at the rate of two cwt. per acre, and another half received ground limestone at the rate of ten cwt. per acre.

The manures were broadcasted by hand on July 31, 1925.

The area is securely fenced and stock will be kept off to enable a crop of hay to be cut and weighed. The area was grazed evenly before the manures were applied and the animal droppings spread. In all there are 32 plots, in the marking out of which a theodolite and chain measure were used.

The trial is to extend over a period of years, and in addition to the cutting and weighing of the grass on each plot, observations are being made on the effect of the manures on the grasses and clovers, on the weed content of the pasture, and on the palatability of the various plots.

	Super Phosphate	Basic Slag	Basic Super	Bonemeal	Nauru Phosphate	Ephos	Walpole Guano	Control
	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
	2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
Potash	3	7	11	15	19	23	27	31
	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32

1. Superphosphate x Lime.
2. Superphosphate x Lime x Potash.
3. Superphosphate x Potash.
4. Superphosphate.
5. Basic Slag x Lime.
6. Basic Slag x Lime x Potash.
7. Basic Slag x Potash.
8. Basic Slag.
9. Basic Super x Lime.
10. Basic Super x Lime x Potash.
11. Basic Super x Potash.
12. Basic Super.
13. Bonemeal x Lime.
14. Bonemeal x Lime x Potash.
15. Bonemeal x Potash.
16. Bonemeal.
17. Nauru Phosphate x Lime.
18. Nauru Phosphate x Lime x Potash.
19. Nauru Phosphate x Potash.
20. Nauru Phosphate.
21. Ephos x Lime.
22. Ephos x Lime x Potash.
23. Ephos x Potash.
24. Ephos.
25. Walpole Guano x Lime.
26. Walpole Guano x Lime x Potash.
27. Walpole Guano x Potash.
28. Walpole Guano.
29. Lime.
30. Lime x Potash.
31. Potash.
32. Control.

GENERAL.

As the recently acquired area of land was not suitably divided up, some pioneering work was necessary before we could make a start with the plots. Trees were cut down, sawn up and split into posts, hedges were grubbed out, fences in bad repair were pulled down and new ones erected. Part of the area was ploughed, disced and harrowed. On the ground which is badly infested with couch grass (*Agropyrum Repens*), "smothering" crops, such as maize and oats, are being sown.

The collection of grasses has been transplanted from the old plots to the new ones, where observations on them will be continued. The plot in which a trial is being made between Danish and Akaroa cocksfoot has also been moved.

A sowing of Egyptian clover, or Berseem, was made on November 19.

On the Hobson Street property an area of broken ground has been set aside for the establishment of an arboretum.

FORESTRY WORK.

Thanks are due to the Forestry Department for the gift of a collection of over a hundred trees and shrubs. They have been planted out in the School grounds, with permanent labels attached to the different species. Records of growth will be kept, and the information obtained should prove of considerable value. The following is the collection:—

- Oregon Pine (*Pseudo-tsuga Douglasii*).
- Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*).
- Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*).
- Canoe Birch (*Betula papyrifera*).
- Japanese Cedar (*Cryptomeria Japonica*).
- Spanish Silver Fir (*Abies pinsapo*).
- Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*).
- Sycamore (*Acer pseudo-platanus*).
- Plane (*Platanus occidentalis*).
- Lawson's Cypress (*Cupressus Lawsoniana*).
- Roman Cypress (*Cupressus Sempervirens*).
- Callitris rhomboidea.
- Paulownia imperialis.
- Pinus Laricio.

Pinus pinaster.
 Pinus densiflora.
 Pinus excelsa.
 Pinus Thumbergii.
 Pinus muricata.
 Pinus patula.

Last year we raised from seed supplied by the State Forest Service six species of Eucalypti, two of Pines, and one Cupressus. This year we planted out some hundreds of seedlings of Eucalypti, with considerable success. Ninety-five per cent. of the transplanted trees grew, notwithstanding that they were taken direct from the seed bed to their permanent position, without any intermediate "lining out." This season we have sown Pinus radiata, Cupressus Lawsoniana, and six species of Eucalypti.

TERMS CLASSES.

The results of the "terms" classes this year have again been highly satisfactory. The number of boys sitting for examination at Victoria and Auckland University Colleges was unusually high. Of the eleven boys who sat for examination in the first section of the B.A. or LL.B. degree, eight kept terms. R. Webb gained a first-class pass in Advanced History, a meritorious performance. The results gained from these classes have justified their existence. The complete results were:—

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

- T. L. Bailey.—Passed in Mathematics and English.
 R. W. Bates.—Passed in Mathematics, English and History.
 S. F. Fookes.—Passed in English, Latin and Constitutional History.
 D. G. Grant.—Passed in Mathematics and Economics.
 A. Moverley.—Passed in English, History and Economics.
 R. Webb.—Passed in Advanced History (first-class pass) and Economics.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

- C. Calvert.—Passed in French and Latin.
 C. Strombom.—Passed in Constitutional History, Roman Law and Jurisprudence.

In addition to these results two boys passed in one subject at Auckland University College examinations. They were H. J. Thomas (English) and J. Galbraith (Mathematics).

FOOTBALL.

(S. F. Fookes.)

We are again able to record a successful football season. Commencing with only four of the previous year's team we realised that we would be hard put to it to compete successfully with Wanganui College and Te Aute College in the early part of the season. The former defeated us handsomely, but our fifteen put up a gallant fight against the latter, only to go down by a penalty goal in the last few minutes. So much had the team improved during the season that it easily beat Nelson College and gained a meritorious victory over Auckland Grammar School in Auckland. From the point of view of improvement shown during a season, the 1925 Fifteen must be heartily congratulated on its record. Although we have lost the Moascar Cup, and we congratulate Te Aute College on capturing it, we feel that the Fifteen went down with flying colours. For sheer grit and determination the defence of the team that day will always live in the memory of those who witnessed the struggle. Towards the end of the season the team developed a brilliancy in attack which could compare favourably with that of our fifteens in the past. Seeing that the majority of the team are returning to school next year, prospects ahead are bright.

Never in the history of the School have we had such a successful Second Fifteen. It was only in 1921 that our First Fifteen won the Taranaki third grade competition. In 1925 our Second Fifteen was capable of winning it, and we wish to congratulate the team and its captain on their meritorious performance. The Third and Fourth Fifteens have played in the fourth grade competition, and

though the talent available here has not been so promising as usual the teams have made good progress. The Fifth and Sixth Fifteens have competed in the new fifth grade Taranaki Secondary Schools' competition under 16 years, and the former team was successful in winning it after a most interesting game in the final with Stratford High School. The standard of football developed by this team has been surprisingly good. The remainder of the School has had its regular games and regular coaching, which no doubt will bear good fruit in the future.

We wish to thank the masters who have given their time and energies on behalf of our football, Mr. and Mrs. Moyes for entertaining visiting teams, and the good people of New Plymouth who have so kindly taken visitors to their homes and helped us in every way possible to make such visits a success.

The early portion of the season, which consisted of the history of a keen but inexperienced team, was treated in our last number. Results show that the team improved throughout the past season under the able guidance of Mr. A. J. Papps. Truly he was set a hard task in moulding a team from about four of last year's "caps," but by the end of the season he had perfected a fine back combination to support the heavy pack. In this portion of the season the team suffered but one defeat, at the hands of Old Boys, and that by one point only. In the junior competition the team withdrew, when still undefeated in the Western Division.

Although the past season has been so pleasant and successful it will always be remembered with sad regrets. Both team and School mourn the loss of such a sterling and amiable character as "Mike" Fletcher. Quiet and unassuming, but always working for others, he earned the respect of all who knew him. The loss to the team cannot be over-estimated, and his fellow players would unanimously class him as our finest forward.

The following are the remainder of the season's results:—

NELSON MATCH.

(Won, 46—6.)

The Nelson College team arrived on Thursday, July 2, and were met by the School team and the people who were to billet them. Our visitors had a useful practice

on the Park on the Friday morning, but the remainder of the day was free. After the match both teams attended a dinner at the Terminus Hotel and later attended the pictures.

On Sunday both teams attended the School church service and were treated to an inspiring sermon by our chaplain (Rev. E. H. Strong). The lessons were read by the captains of the rival teams. After the service the party left the School at 11 a.m. in private cars to visit Mt. Egmont. We wish to take this opportunity of once again thanking those friends who supplied their cars. On arrival at the house we had lunch and the more venturesome set out to climb in the mist and drizzle prevailing. Despite these drawbacks, those who did climb enjoyed themselves immensely, glissading and snow fighting. Then, tired and weary, we tramped again to the house, and thence home again in the cars. On the Monday morning we bade farewell to our visitors at the mail train. We are indebted to the local press for the following report of the match:—

The teams took the field as follow:—

High School.—Full-back, Petty; three-quarters, Brown, K. Fookes, Medley; five-eighths, Fletcher, Stewart; half, Grant; rover, Read; forwards, Brodie, Crawford, Wetere, Fletcher, S. Fookes (captain), Abraham, Penman.

Nelson College.—Full-back, Newman; three-quarters, Barry, M. Wilkes, Hawkes; five-eighths, Rutherford (captain), N. Wilkes; half, Carey; rover, Airey; forwards, Campbell, Sadlier, Sladden, Biggar, Hawkesworth, Martin, Smith.

Three minutes from the start Grant sent the School backs away from the centre of the field. With a stirring rush the ball travelled fast through the combination to K. Fookes, but Medley could not take his pass when he had only a few yards to go. The ball was whipped out in the other direction, and Brown received to be grassed a yard from the line. The ball was quickly heeled out and Read came up on the outside to dash down the touch-line and score in the corner. Fletcher's kick failed: High School 3, Nelson College 0.

Nelson rushed play back and M. Wilkes pierced the opposition with a fine stab run, but was held up. School relieved and a pretty movement occurred when M.

Fletcher came through and led a School forward passing rush, which was stemmed almost under the posts. For a short period play appeared lacking in sting, and though it was mostly in Nelson's territory, the School backs were making numerous mistakes both in passing and taking the ball. Newman, the Nelson full-back, was doing splendid defensive work, and finding touch with good judgment. From a loose scramble S. Fookes broke through and transferred to Wetere. The School lock made a powerful run, handing on to Abraham for the latter to touch down over the line. Fletcher converted: High School 8, Nelson College 0.

School worked their way back from the drop-out and Newman found touch when in danger. S. Fookes snapped up the ball in the line-out and with a strong, dodgy run, scored a simple try by dashing over the line almost unopposed. Fletcher could not goal: High School 11, Nelson College 0.

School's next try was the result of a fine open movement by the backs. With the old-time dash and finish the ball was sent along the line, and K. Fookes cut through to transfer to Medley after a fine run. The fast winger outstripped the opposition to score a nice try in a handy position. Crawford could not goal: High School 14, Nelson College 0.

Nelson backs now took a turn in attacking, and raised a burst of encouragement as Airey darted through and set out for the line. A willing tussle saw Nelson nearly over, but Brown snapped up the ball and raced round on the open side to effect much-needed relief by finding touch. A moment later Read was off-side, and from well out Rutherford landed a fine goal to open Nelson's account: High School 14, Nelson College 3.

The School backs now began to show their true form, and they swung into their stride. The ball went out along the line to Medley. With nice judgment he transferred, when about to be tackled, to K. Fookes, who came round fast on the outside and, fruitlessly pursued, the latter streaked over the line. No goal resulted: High School 17, Nelson College 3.

With a rattling solo burst K. Fookes broke away from the drop-out, and twice in quick succession short punted over two would-be tacklers. A clever piece of

play resulted in a clear run for home, but Rutherford overtook him and half-time sounded with no further addition to the score:—

High School	17
Nelson College	3

The opening of the second spell saw a change in Nelson's formation, M. Wilkes going into the scrum and Biggar out of the pack to centre. Newman earned applause for a game mark. An early line-out gave the ball to Brown, who sped for the corner, handing on to S. Fookes when tackled. The latter crossed but was recalled and from the ensuing five yards' scrum Read gathered in the ball to dodge his way over. Crawford goaled: High School 22, Nelson College 3.

The Nelson forwards at this stage were giving the ball to their half whenever he wanted it, but the backs could not handle, and Rutherford particularly was fumbling badly. The School backs, on the other hand, were warming to their task, and began to give the spectators a series of delightful runs. Newman lined with fine judgment from a mark, but Grant sent his backs away with a penetrating dash. K. Fookes finished a splendid run by transferring to Medley and, taking the ball in his stride at top speed, Medley scored in the corner after a dashing run. Crawford landed a fine goal from the side line: High School 27, Nelson College 3.

School forwards worked back to the corner, where a scrum was the base from which the backs again manoeuvred a try in the corner. Each man drew his defence and left Medley the task of streaking over the line. Crawford again goaled from the touch-line: High School 32, Nelson College 3.

Grant received from the scrum and the third try within a few minutes was recorded. It was K. Fookes who was mainly instrumental for this try, because he cut out the opposing centre with a pretty dummy before handing on for Medley to score his third try in succession. Crawford's kick from wide out just missed: High School 35, Nelson College 3.

Ten yards from Nelson's goal line Brodie secured the ball in the line-out and brushed aside all opposition, forcing his way over to register a try. Crawford's kick was wide: High School 38, Nelson College 3.

Desultory play carried the ball to Nelson's territory again. In trying to clear Newman fumbled and Read dribbled the ball over the line to score near the posts. Fletcher had an easy task with the kick: High School 43, Nelson College 3.

Grant was about to send his rearguard away when Airey, coming up fast, intercepted the pass to Stewart and dashed away. Petty felled him hard, however, when he had only the full-back to pass. Penman was off-side in front of the goal, and Rutherford made no mistake with the kick: High School 43, Nelson College 6.

School operated to the right for a change, and Brown was grassed just short of the goal line. Fletcher received a long pass and, stabbing his way through, opened the field for Medley to receive in turn and gallop over in the corner. The kick failed, and the whistle blew immediately with the score:—

High School	46
Nelson College	6

Mr. F. Julian refereed.

After this match followed several competition games, the details of which are as follows:—

V. Okato; won 8—5. Played at Okato on July 11 on a dry but uneven ground, which hampered the School play. A weak display by the School team, especially the forwards, resulted in a lucky win. Medley scored near the beginning. Okato led 5—3; right on time K. Fookes scored after a brilliant passing bout and Crawford converted.

V. Old Boys; won 36—0. Played at Western Park in beautiful weather on July 18. After a fair display School won easily. Tries were scored by R. Fletcher (2), Medley (2), M. Fletcher, K. Fookes and Read. Petty potted a goal, Crawford converted three tries and R. Fletcher one.

V. Star; won 20—3. Played at Western Park on July 25. Great interest was taken in this match, as we had twice drawn with Star. Play was even in the forwards, but in the backs School outclassed their opponents. Medley (3) and K. Fookes (2) scored tries; Crawford kicked a penalty goal and converted one try.

At this stage we had every intention of continuing in the competition, but owing to the sad death of M. Fletcher and the lateness of the season, we reluctantly withdrew.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS SENIORS (ANNUAL MATCH).

(Lost 22—23.)

This ever-popular fixture was played at Pukekura Park on August 1 and resulted in a magnificent struggle, the best game of the season. The School team was not at full strength, being without the services of S. Fookes (captain) and Petty.

It was easily the fastest, most scientific and exciting game seen on the Park ground during the season. The ball travelled from end to end in quick succession. Dashing forward rushes alternated with sparkling passing bouts of the backs, and there was not one dull moment. At the end the score was 23 to 22 in Old Boys' favour, but it was anyone's game.

From the score it might seem that the defence was weak, but this was not so, as for prolonged periods the tackling on either side would be deadly until at last it was conquered by sheer cleverness or speed. Old Boys owe their victory to the fact that their forwards got a far greater share of the ball than School, whose backs, therefore, did not get nearly so many opportunities for attack. When they did get going, however, they generally looked very dangerous. It was an excellent try-out for the School team in view of the match against Auckland Grammar School.

AUCKLAND TRIP.

The team left by the mail train on Wednesday, August 12, without M. Fletcher, who had been taken ill, D. Robertson going in his stead. After a long and tiresome journey we arrived in Auckland on Thursday morning and were met by our hosts. A feature of the train journey had been the number of Old Boys we met en route. The Thursday and Friday were spent in sight-seeing around the city; on Friday morning we had a short practice on Eden Park and the selection intended for Saturday was made. In the afternoon we were taken for a long and enjoyable ride through the environs of the city, visiting St. Helier's Bay and other well-known

places. Needless to say this trip was enjoyed immensely by all concerned. On Saturday the game was played as a curtain-raiser to the Auckland-Canterbury match. A pleasing feature of the match was the large number of Old Boys who assembled to cheer their successors to victory.

After the match we were entertained at a very enjoyable dinner at the Old Boys' Club, an institution which our Old Boys would do well to imitate. The Monday was free and we were shown the city by our indulgent hosts. During the day we visited the American Fleet, but were not greatly impressed. Included in the itinerary for the day was a visit to the motor-ship Aorangi, commanded by Captain Crawford ("Rock-cake's" uncle).

A sad blow to the team was the unwelcome news of the death of M. Fletcher. This necessitated a hasty re-organisation of the team on the Saturday morning; the selectors after much thought placed Robertson in the forwards and replaced R. Fletcher by Riley. We seriously considered cancelling the match, but in order to keep faith with the public, we reluctantly decided to play. Of course the team could not show its best form under such adverse circumstances. The following description will show how the game lacked lustre:—

The annual meeting between the New Plymouth Boys' High School and Auckland Grammar School Rugby fifteens took place at Eden Park to-day, and resulted in a win for New Plymouth by 7 points to nil.

The news of the death of M. Fletcher, a member of the New Plymouth team, and the withdrawal of his brother, was keenly felt by the players, and was reflected in their play, which was not up to secondary school standard, and was almost entirely lacking in buoyant and spirited back movements. Both teams played with white armlets on their jerseys out of respect to the late member of the school team.

A feature of the encounter from the visitors' point of view was the tremendous rally of New Plymouth old boys, who maintained an incessant clamour of encouragement from start to finish of the match. The game was played as a curtain-raiser to the Auckland-Canterbury representative match, and was witnessed by about 12,000 spectators.



SECOND FIFTEEN, 1925.

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Back Row: G. S. Bayly, D. Robertson, E. McCallum, F. C. Gilmour, S. Cooper, T. O. Jones, R. Bates, J. Thomas.
Middle Row: G. MacDiarmid, J. Galbraith, C. Strombom, J. Pease (capt.), D. P. McLean, R. Ward, F. L. Davis.
In Front: H. F. Fookes, K. Riley.

As football the game was singularly lustreless and lacking in incident, except for the grim struggle between the forwards. The backs were seldom seen in combined action, Grammar hardly at all, and mistakes were so frequent and the handling of the ball so faulty as to make the display remarkable for school football on that account, but the obvious strain under which the boys were labouring was apparent to any indulgent crowd. There were not more than three points' difference between the teams on the day's play, and Grammar would certainly have made the score more even but for the splendid tackling of the School, which was one of the most impressive features of the game.

The forwards were fairly evenly matched, Grammar being decidedly superior in the former half, when they came through time and again with sweeping loose rushes, while the position was reversed in the latter half, when the School forwards took charge.

The teams were:—

Grammar School.—Full-back, Henton; three-quarters, Minns, Matheson (captain), Bourke; five-eighths, Bell, Ngahuia; half, Meredith; rover, Keepa; forwards, Hamilton, Simpson, Watkins, McCarthy, Young, Robinson, McCullough.

New Plymouth.—Full-back, Petty; three-quarters, H. Brown, K. Fookes, Medley; five-eighths, Stewart, Riley; half, Grant; rover, Read; back row, Brodie, Crawford; lock, Wetere; sides, Robertson, S. Fookes (captain); front row, Abraham, Penman.

The early stages were unusually devoid of interest. The Grammar forwards were superior and kept play in School territory until Grant sent Medley away with a spurt on the blind side. The spectators waited in vain for a burst of back play until Henton mulled a catch. The School backs raced away for the corner, but K. Fookes dropped his pass.

From a line-out Medley received on the far wing to make a sensational corkscrew run, dodging four or five men before being grassed near the posts. Fortune changed quickly, and Petty, caught in an awkward moment, punted to the centre of the field. Matheson fielded neatly and took a careful drop at goal, but the shot was

just wide. Grammar were unlucky not to score a moment later, when Riley and Petty fumbled in front of a Grammar rush. The ball rolled over the goal line and Keepa was just too late in the race to touch down. Read was badly off-side, but Watkins could not goal, and the first quarter ended with no score.

The opening score of the watch was as simply gained as it was unexpected. With a pretty passing bout the School backs worked down to a scrum near the goal. The forwards hooked the ball and Riley received from Grant to drop-kick a neat goal in the twinkling of an eye: School 4, Grammar 0.

Wetere broke away with a dashing run and transferred to K. Fookes, who crossed the goal-line, but the ball slipped away as he fell and Grammar forced. The second quarter ended without further score:

High School	4
Grammar School	0

Grammar opened the second spell with a determined forward burst, but it subsided into a long-drawn-out melee of uninteresting forward play. At last Grant sent his line away and the ball flashed through the combination to Brown, who set out for the line with K. Fookes coming round fast outside him. Henton was too speedy, however, and when a score looked imminent overhauled Brown before he passed.

Grammar made a determined attempt to score and knocked repeatedly at the door half a dozen times. They were within an ace of a try, but a dogged defence and a ball that was unreasonably fickle in its bounce rendered their attempts fruitless. Bourke was over the line with the ball twice, but was both times beaten for the touch down, and School relieved. Wetere was injured in the head and Thomas replaced him, the third quarter ending in ragged forward play.

Grammar, for the first time during the match, opened up a couple of passing movements, prettily executed, but without particular cleverness and with no result. Just before time Crawford came through on the run with the ball at his toe. Ngahuia fumbled the ball when it came his way and the mistake cost his team three points, for Read dribbled past and raced over the line to fall on the

ball and score. Crawford's kick failed and the game ended:

High School	7
Grammar School	0

After our return from Auckland we decided to end the season by playing that keen and vigorous fixture, the Day Boys v. Boarders match. This year Mrs. Pease, of Hawera, kindly donated a Cup for the annual fixture; the result of this hard-fought (?) game leaves Day Boys the first holders.

The teams were as follow:—

Day Boys.—Forwards: Rawson, Stronge, Thomas, McNeill, Abraham, Bellringer, MacDiarmid, Brodie. Backs: Half, Olson; five-eighths, Galbraith, K. Fookes; three-quarters, Black, S. Fookes (captain), Medley; full-back, Davis.

Boarders.—Forwards: McCallum, Cooper, Wetere, Buckenridge, Crawford, Eaves, Strombom, Read (captain). Backs: Half, Grant; five-eighths, Riley, Fletcher; three-quarters, Brown, Pease, McLean; full-back, Ward.

The honours in the first spell went to the Boarders, but in the second spell the Day Boys pack obtained the ball and their backs dominated the game. McLean scored for Boarders, but Galbraith equalised with a penalty: Day Boys 3, Boarders 3. Read scored just before half-time, and at the interval Boarders led 6—3.

Soon after resumption Medley scored for Galbraith to convert: Day Boys 8, Boarders 6. Galbraith injured his knee and was replaced by Lealand. Crawford scored for Boarders, and they led 9—8. From a passing rush among the backs S. Fookes scored what proved the winning try: Day Boys 11, Boarders 9. Medley crossed the line later but was recalled, and time was called by the referee, Mr. F. J. Eggleton, with Day Boys the first holders of the Pease Cup by 11 points to 9.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

This year's Second Fifteen is without doubt the best that the School has turned out. The personnel has continually changed, owing to the First Fifteen requiring new members, but keenness and team spirit have triumphed

over all difficulties. Much of the credit for this performance is due to the untiring efforts of their coach and manager, Mr. F. J. Eggleton. To come through the season with an undefeated record is truly a meritorious performance, especially when we remember that they play the First Fifteen throughout the week. By defeating Stratford Third Grade in the final they won the Taranaki Third Grade Championship.

The team has youth on its side and will supply the future members of the First Team. A heavy and hard-working pack of forwards was supported by a young and fast set of backs.

The balance of results are as follows:—

V. Clifton; won 6—3. Played on the Racecourse on July 3. Good play was prevented by a strong wind, but School gained a narrow victory. Tries were scored by Davis and McLean.

V. Urenui; won 33—0. Played at Urenui on July 10. A fine day. School backs, combining well, were supported by good play by the forwards, who were up against a much heavier pack. Tries were scored by McLean (5), Gilmour (2), Davis and Strombom. Riley converted two and McLean one.

V. Tukapa; won 21—7. Played at Tukapa ground on July 17, in fine weather. The School backs combined well and gave a good display of football. Tries by Ward (3) and McLean (2). McLean converted three.

V. Old Boys; won 22—8. Played at Western Park on August 1, on a fine day. Forwards and backs combined excellently and the team won easily. Tries were scored by Robertson, Cooper, Strombom, McLean, and Pease. McLean converted one and Riley converted one and kicked a penalty.

V. Stratford; won 22—7. Final of Third Grade Championship. The teams were:—

High School (black and white).—Galbraith, Davis, Pease, McLean, Ward, Riley, H. Fookes, McCallum, Robertson, Jones, Thomas, Collinge, Cooper and Strombom.

Stratford (red and black).—R. Collins, T. Sullivan, Crofts, Withers, P. Collins, R. Hinton, Hancock, D. Collins, H. Hinton, Rudings, Hignett, Ferguson, Keightley, Butcher and Bloxham.

School attacked immediately from the kick-off, and within a minute Davis scored. McLean failed with the kick: High School 3, Stratford 0.

Gradually School backs sent play towards midfield, where a scrum was formed, from which H. Fookes received and set his backs going, but a pass was smothered and R. Collins found the line with a fine kick. From a line-out at half-way School secured and commenced a passing rush, the ball finally going to McLean, who registered a splendid try. He converted his own try: High School 8, Stratford 0.

The reds' forwards sent play into School's twenty-five, where the whites were again penalised, Hancock just failing with the kick. Ward received very neatly and nearly scored. The reds worked play up field and School were penalised just on their twenty-five line. D. Collins drew first blood for Stratford with a splendid kick: High School 8, Stratford 3.

School commenced another passing rush, the ball going to McLean on the wing and back to Ward, but the latter was collared. From a scrum D. Collins secured and attempted a drop-kick at goal, but his kick fell short and Pease found the line. Reds made a splendid forward rush, and were soon knocking at the whites' door. Then School forced, preventing a score. From the kick Stratford secured and sent play into whites' twenty-five area again. Again reds came on in a back rush, and Crofts potted a beautiful goal: High School 8, Stratford 7.

School set up an attack on resuming and from a passing movement the ball came to McLean who, however, lost possession. From a scrum H. Fookes secured and passed to McLean, who scored an easy try, and half-time arrived with the scores: High School 11, Stratford 7.

On resuming reds attacked, but School's defence was too sound, and in turn School had play in reds' twenty-five, where a scrum was formed. H. Fookes snapped up the ball from the scrum and passed to his backs, the leather going from player to player until it came to McLean on the wing, who scored. He failed with the kick: High School 14, Stratford 7.

A heavy downfall of rain and hail just then prevented anything like good football being witnessed, and play developed into scrambles. As the rain eased play

brightened up, but the ball was still slippery and difficult to handle. Reds again pressed, but Pease marked, easing somewhat. School backs set to and play moved into reds' twenty-five, but Stratford broke away with the ball at their feet. Withers broke away, and when collared passed to Crofts, but the latter's pass was picked up by Galbraith (full-back), who registered a spectacular try, running the whole length of the field and scoring at the corner. McLean's kick failed: High School 17, Stratford 7.

From a scrum in reds' half School hooked out the ball and the backs commenced another passing movement, but the reds saved. Strombom dashed up and passed to Robertson, who scored between the posts. Pease converted, and time was called with the score: High School 22, Stratford 7.

Mr. Whittington was referee.

THIRD FIFTEEN.

The Third Fifteen has not met with any conspicuous success this season, as in past years. It is hard to understand this lapse in form, for the material is there; this fact is shown by the play of those borrowed for the Senior Group. Also in the Day Boy-Boarder match and inter-platoon games, this group supplied many good players. This lack of success was not for want of enthusiasm on the part of the coaches, Messrs. J. W. Connell and H. G. Dyer. We, however, believe that next year will see a recurrence of that lost form.

The balance of results are:—

V. Star; lost 27-9. The scorers were Collinge, J. Thomson, Rawson.

V. Old Boys; won 9-0. The scorers were Sinclair, Beaven, Davies.

FOURTH FIFTEEN.

The Fourth Fifteen has been playing in the same competition as the Third Fifteen. They have also had a poor season, losing five games and winning five games.

Their most noteworthy victory was against the Third Fifteen, the Fourths winning 15-9.

Results:—

V. School A, on June 16; won 15-9.

V. Star, on July 4; lost 0-23.

V. Old Boys, on July 11; lost 3-8.

V. Technical, on July 18; lost 3-18.

V. Clifton, on July 25; won 6-3.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' COMPETITION.

The School A team has the honour of being the first winner of this competition, inaugurated by the Taranaki Rugby Union for boys under 16. This competition is a step in the right direction, for previously the young and promising boys outside the Fourth Grade had no sphere of interest. These contests will undoubtedly produce many promising players, and will show the value of speed and combination. In our own case, we feel confident that this grade will prove the "happy hunting ground" of the selectors of the school teams. Both our A and B teams have this season shown a sparkling combination combined with great keenness. Not a little of the credit of their success is due to the coaching of Messrs. Leggat and McDonald, two keen and enthusiastic friends. The A team went through the season without sustaining a defeat, and gained a brilliant victory against Stratford in the final. The B team also had a successful season, winning the majority of their games by playing good open football.

In Memoriam.

FLETCHER.

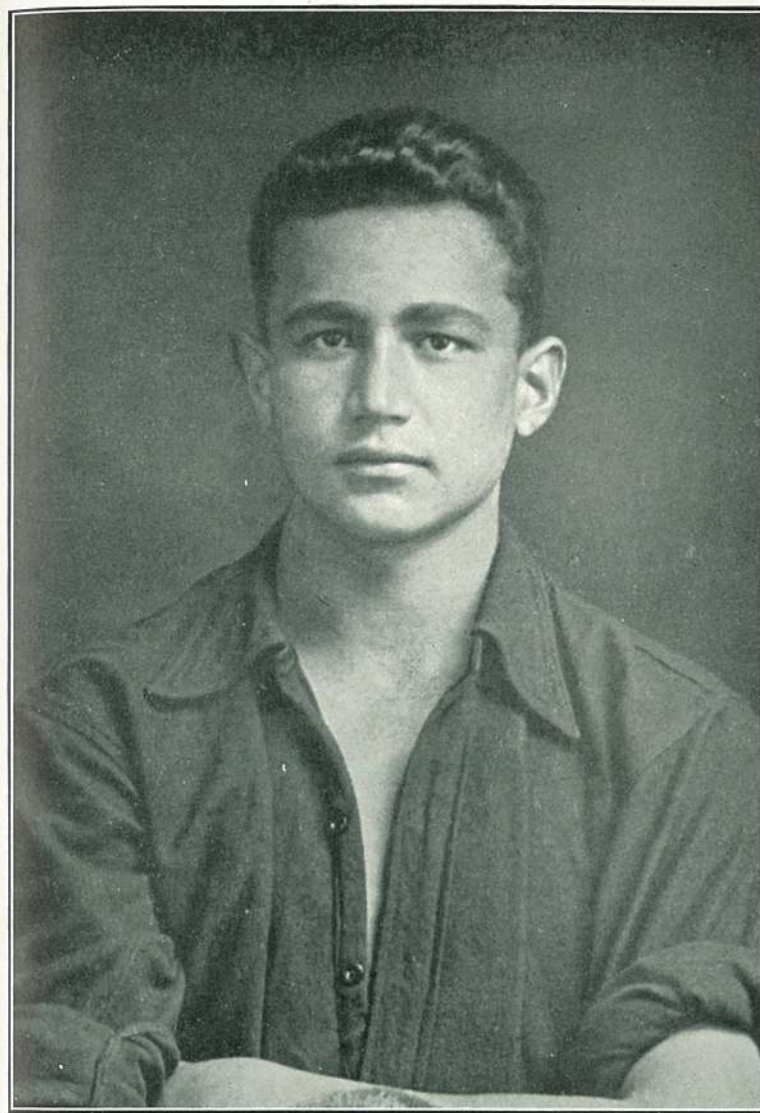
It is with a feeling of deep sorrow that we have to record in these pages the death of one who was liked and admired amongst us. Michael Fletcher, or Mike as he will be remembered, died at the Public Hospital on August 13 from pneumonia following on an operation.

The circumstances of his death could scarcely have been more tragic. The long first term had ended but a week before and many of us had left him looking forward to the visit of the First Fifteen to Auckland. This visit, we know, Mike had long held in mind. The suddenness of his death came as a great shock to the whole school and was felt in a poignant way by those who had expected to have his height, weight and dash to aid them against Auckland Grammar. As a token of respect to him and his bereaved brother, the two teams in Auckland wore armlets.

Mike was a boy of sunny, equable nature. In his early years at school he achieved distinction for his propensity for getting into scrapes. Yet he was never involved in any scrape or any "row" that savoured of meanness or deceit. He had a fine sense of what was honourable; and those of us who knew him at school can testify to the frankness and genuineness of his character. Early in the year he was appointed a prefect, and justified the confidence shown in him by his conscientious attention to his duties. His work in the House was particularly good, while his fairness and love of fun made him liked by his fellows and trusted by his masters.

He took a full share in all the outdoor life of the School, displaying here a talent undiscovered in the classroom. We well remember the games he played for the First Fifteen this year, particularly his play in the Te Aute match. His long form was always easy to distinguish; and at line-out work he was our best forward, keen and earnest with the enthusiasm he gave to all his work. He was a member of the First Eleven and a dependable batsman. He was a corporal at drill in No. 24 Company and was a capable leader.

His qualities of mind but more particularly, we think, his qualities of heart, his boyishness and unruffled disposition, will long keep his memory green in our hearts. It seems but yesterday since he was amongst us, so fresh is his memory. To those of his family who survive him, especially to Bob, the School extends its sincerest sympathy.



Oakley Studio.

“MIKE” FLETCHER,
whose death on August 13 cast a gloom over the School.

CONCERT AND ORCHESTRA

(J. Sutton.)

Although only one concert has been held this year, the Concert Party are preparing for another which is to be held shortly. In previous years the Concert Club, which has been seriously handicapped for the want of a room sufficiently large to practise in, is now very fortunate in having access to the new music room, which is admirably suited to that purpose. This room will, no doubt, make the practices more pleasant, and it is to be hoped that in the concerts its benefits will be reaped.

The concert held at the conclusion of last term was in every way a success. The increasing popularity of these concerts was evident from the large audience present and great credit is due to the members of the Concert Club for the excellent way in which the concert was organised.

The customary new boys' concert was held early in the first term. The evening, which is usually looked forward to by all except the performers, was as equally amusing as it has been in past years. Fortunately, at this performance considerable talent was displayed by some and consequently the Concert Club was enabled to select new performers for succeeding concerts. We sincerely hope that they will be interested in the work, for with concert work, as well as with all other school activities, efficiency and success are only won at the expense of time and energy and the acquisition of experience and practice.

At the commencement of the term a very successful play was produced by some of the boys. The Orchestra assisted and all went off without a hitch. The Empire Theatre was engaged for two nights and on both occasions a large and appreciative audience witnessed the entertainment. A considerable sum in consequence was raised in aid of the Gymnasium Fund.

ORCHESTRA.

This term the Orchestra which hitherto has been practising under rather unfavourable conditions, also has access to the new music room which has recently been completed. It is a great advance on the previous room and no doubt under such excellent conditions, good work will be done.

This year the Orchestra consists of 20 members, who all are anxious to do good work, and as a result much progress has been made. Judging from the good attendance at the practices, which are now held twice weekly, all appear very keen. We notice with some regret the absence of a few instruments caused by boys having left at the end of last year. Of these perhaps the absence of a cornet player is most noticeable. However, we hope that before long some performers will come forward to fill these vacant positions.

Recently the Orchestra has responded to numerous requests for assistance at various local functions. At the conclusion of last term the Orchestra played at one of the weekly luncheons of the New Plymouth Rotary Club, and again assisted by the concert party we visited the Public Hospital and Gaol, where musical programmes were provided for the inmates. We hope if possible to repeat those visits again this term. A few weeks ago the Orchestra assisted at a concert in aid of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind as well as at a reception for his Grace the Archbishop of New Zealand.

As usual the Orchestra has been called upon to provide musical items at different school functions throughout the year. At a reception to the Governor-General and Lady Fergusson, the Governor spoke very highly of the Orchestra. Again, when Sir Ernest Rutherford visited us whilst in Taranaki the Orchestra came forward to provide music during the afternoon tea.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(R. Ward.)

The boxing championships, held on August 3, provided some interesting exhibitions. We are indebted to the Taranaki Herald for the following report of the championships:—

The boxing championships in connection with the New Plymouth Boys' High School were decided on Monday evening, August 3. The Assembly Hall was crowded with pupils, parents, and friends, and some keenly contested bouts were witnessed. The majority of the boys

displayed a very fair knowledge of the art. The bouts were scheduled for three two-minute rounds, but all did not go the full distance, the referee, Mr. H. A. Potvine, properly stopping a contest when it was apparent that a competitor had no chance of winning, and to continue would have meant receiving unnecessary punishment.

The arrangements were admirably carried out. Great credit is due to Mr. F. J. Eggleton, as organiser, and Mr. Potvine carried out his duties as referee to entire satisfaction. The other officials were equally attentive to their allotted duties as follows: Announcer, Mr. A. J. Papps; timekeeper, Mr. G. Bertrand; official recorder, Mr. J. Leggat; glove stewards, Messrs. R. Wilson and J. Earl; instructor, Mr. T. Thompson; medical examiners, Drs. Milroy and Brewster; seconds, S. Fookes, D. G. Grant, R. G. Webb and W. Penman.

Details:—

UNDER 6st.

Wallace, 5.7, beat Duff, 5.1.—Although there was not much difference in weight, Wallace had a big advantage in height and reach, and this he used to advantage, although at no stage of the journey did he appear to put any undue weight behind his blows, either to the face or body. Duff was game, and would probably have done better had he paid more attention to body blows instead of trying to reach Wallace's face.

Final.—Phillips, 5.7, beat Wallace. Wallace showed to better advantage at the opening of both the first and second rounds, but his blows had no apparent effect on Phillips, who had more than evened up matters by the end of the second round. In the third round Wallace tired, and Phillips began to score up the points. Wallace rallied, and after getting home with a couple of lefts followed up with a hard right, he injured his thumb and had to retire.

UNDER 7st.

Fitzgerald, 7.0, beat Crow, 6.3.—An interesting bout. Both lads used right and left, and also showed good defensive tactics. Fitzgerald's blows were rather better timed, however, than those of his opponent, and the first round ended with the points slightly in his favour.

Honours were even in the second round. In the third round Fitzgerald did most of the leading and got the verdict, but the referee complimented Crow on the excellent fight he had put up.

Final.—Fitzgerald beat Korkis, 7.0. Against a heavier boy, Fitzgerald altered his style of fighting, and was far more aggressive than when he met and defeated Crow. He knew far more about the game than did Korkis, and the issue was never in doubt. He landed home with rights and lefts with apparent ease. In the second round Korkis was very tired, and the referee stopped the bout.

UNDER 8st.

Scott, 7.0, beat Adlam, 7.13.—Scott did most of the leading and made good use of both hands. Adlam opened well in the second round and for a while kept Scott on the defensive. His blows were not well timed, however, whereas towards the gong Scott was using his left to advantage, thus making the round an even one. Scott gave the better exhibition in the last round, again finding his target frequently with a good left. He won by a fair margin.

Pole, 8.0, beat Ross, 7.10.—The lads were well matched, the fight at the outset being slightly in favour of Ross. In the second round Pole showed to better advantage, and more than evened up the points with well-timed rights and lefts. Ross immediately led to the face in the opening of the third round, but there was no sting in his punch, and Pole again registered several good lefts, varied with an occasional right to the body. Ross rallied and again assumed the aggressive, with the result that the referee had to order another round to determine the winner. Both mixed it freely in the extra round, but a good left carried Pole through, and he got the verdict.

Semi-final.—Cleland, 8.0, beat Scott. Cleland had an advantage of nearly a stone in weight, and also had a better reach. He led in each round, but Scott put up a plucky fight, and at times landed some nice rights and lefts. Cleland persisted in keeping close in, and Scott threw away his chances by not driving hard to the body, which Cleland left open to punishment. Scott was the more scientific of the two, but extra weight and strength beat him.

Final.—Cleland beat Pole. Cleland fought Pole in similar style to that shown by him when he met Scott, depending upon strength rather than science to carry him through.

UNDER 9st.

Grace, 8.5, beat Lobb, 8.10.—The first round was slightly in favour of Grace, who did most of the leading, and was also better on the defensive than Lobb. In the second round Lobb was aggressive for a time, but Grace was very steady, and generally met his opponent's rushes with a good left. Lobb landed a nice right to the face which seemed to cause Grace trouble for a while, and in the meantime Lobb was evening up the points. Grace opened well in the third and final round, and got home with several nice leads. Lobb got into close range and drove some good rights and lefts to the ribs, but towards the close Grace again began to make good use of his left, and took the fight by a narrow margin of points.

Brown, 8.13, beat McDonald, 8.4.—Brown immediately began to make full use of his left, and it was soon apparent that McDonald was no match for him. Before the end of the first round the referee stopped the fight and gave the verdict to Brown.

Final.—Brown beat Grace. Brown was better conditioned and, with an advantage in reach also, had matters largely his own way. He won comfortably all the way, but Grace never once gave in, though he was very tired before the final gong.

UNDER 10st.

Riley, 9.12, beat Davies, 9.3.—The winner displayed wonderful rapidity and showered blows from both hands to Davies' face. The latter made hardly any attempt to guard them, in the hope, probably, that Riley would leave his body open. This was not so, however, and the heavy punishment Davies had received began to have an effect, with the result that the referee stopped the fight before the end of the first round.

MacDiarmid, 9.7, beat Bradmore, 9.0.—A willing encounter, both boys being very aggressive, and exchanging many hard blows to the face and body. The first round was in favour of Bradmore, but early in the second round MacDiarmid landed effectively with three or four straight

lefts and Bradmore began to tire. MacDiarmid had evened up the points and, again making full use of his left in the third round, got the verdict by a fair margin.

Final.—Riley beat MacDiarmid.—This was the best bout of the evening. It was characterised by hard hitting throughout, both boys showing that they could take as well as give severe punishment. Riley was the faster of the two, but MacDiarmid was able to stop many of his blows with his gloves, while he also got home with some very nice lefts that would have dazed many opponents. Riley had a slight lead at the end of each round, but nevertheless it was a splendid contest.

CADET NOTES.

(W. A. Brodie.)

Maximum efficiency in as many branches of military training as drill hours and available weapons have permitted, has been the aim and to a large extent the achievement of the school drill during the past year. Section drill, platoon drill and company drill have been studied as painstakingly and executed as smartly as before. In the direction of musketry there has been a marked advance. Captain Andrew has led a band of hope (and perhaps some day of glory) through the intricate and somewhat laborious mazes of Lewis gun drill.

Class-firing for the whole school was held at Rewa during the third term. Both companies were assembled at the school at 9 a.m. and marched out to the range. The firing took up the whole day; lectures were given during the intervals and a demonstration of machine gunnery with Lewis, Vickers and Hotchkiss guns was given by Major Bertrand, Captain Andrew and Sergt.-Major Bell.

The Governor-General inspected the Cadets and presented the Weekly Press Shield and medals on his official visit to New Plymouth. Congratulations from such a distinguished officer were highly treasured.

Colonel-Commandant Powell, O.C. Central Command, accompanied by Colonel Whyte, paid a visit to inspect the school companies during the third term. Company

drill was carried on by No. 24 Company and section drill by No. 110 Company. Colonel Powell expressed satisfaction with the drill and hinted at a school camp for next year.

To stimulate interest in their work, a competition among the sections has been inaugurated in No. 110 Company. The best section is to be picked and will be allowed to absent itself from parade for a whole fortnight. The worst section will have the disagreeable task of greasing the rifles of the winners.

The cup for the best N.C.O. will be awarded on the judgment of Captain Andrew after a competition between two N.C.O.'s from No. 24 Company and two from No. 110 Company. The system of award is a distinct improvement.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(H. Bellringer.)

This term commenced on August 26 after a fortnight's holiday and is expected to end on December 18. We have been fortunate in having very few interruptions, and the work is quite up to the usual standard for the time of the year. This is very satisfactory considering the time that was lost at the commencement of the year through the infantile paralysis epidemic. At present everyone is preparing for the annual examinations, which eventuate shortly. Since the last issue of the magazine three boys have left and three entered the school, which leaves the roll the same as for the last term.

We have had much pleasure in welcoming to our midst Sir Ernest Rutherford, O.M., one of the foremost physicists in the world. Although his visit to New Zealand was nominally to see his parents, who live in New Plymouth, he kindly consented to visit the school and give us an address. On this occasion we were honoured in acting as hosts to the Girls' High School. Amongst the visitors present were Lady Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Sir Ernest's parents, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith. In welcoming the visitor to the school, Mr. Moyes referred to the fact that Sir Ernest had commenced his career at Nelson College, which was also Mr. Moyes' school. Much to

everybody's amusement he recalled memories of having seen Sir Ernest's name carved on a desk at the College, and later on a piece of apparatus in the Physics Laboratory at Canterbury College. This worthy custom is much abhorred by a certain member of the staff. When an attempt is made to pass our names on to posterity one is apt to meet with much discouragement and the work of hours has to be scraped off in quick time. We are indebted to the Taranaki Daily News for the following account of Sir Ernest's Speech:—Sir Ernest stated that there were three things that he would like to refer to before closing, conclusions he had arrived at after lecturing to and instructing more than 10,000 students. They were the value of concentration, the true worth of school education, and the debt that young men and women owed to their parents. In reference to concentration, Sir Ernest said that whatever they did they should do well. The curse of the world to-day was the large number of people what were satisfied with just getting along somehow, just doing sufficient to pass muster. Young people should learn to concentrate on the particular business in hand. This was easy to advocate but very difficult to carry into practice. How much time was a boy or girl to spend on the various activities open to him or her to-day was a difficult question to solve. The advent of the motor-car, increase in dancing, etc., all made it hard to make a choice. His hearers could easily see the enormous difficulty of concentrating on what was essential and yet devoting a reasonable time to relaxation. In illustrating his second point, Sir Ernest stated that when one looked back to one's school days, the question might well be asked: What was the use of learning the dates of all the kings' reigns? He thanked God he had forgotten them all, but he wanted to impress on his hearers that the study of subjects such as history educated the intelligence to memorise and understand. The object of education was not what the pupil could learn and remember, but to teach the pupil to form reasonable judgment and to differentiate between good and bad. The speaker's closing climax was a simple and touching tribute to his parents. We owed our constitution, our whole upbringing, to our parents, and it was right and proper that we should pay homage to our parents for what they had done. It was our duty to develop those abilities given us by our parents, and he would like to express to his own

father and mother the debt of gratitude that he knew he owed them. He had been exceedingly fortunate in having such fine parents, and he was glad to see them looking so healthy and well. He would close, wishing the boys and girls every success in their scholarship and prosperity in their later life (prolonged applause).

During the term the school has been visited by Dr. McLaren, who is travelling through New Zealand obtaining statistics of the prevalence of goitre amongst the pupils attending school. The disease, it is feared, is greatly increasing and the inspection is part of a combined movement the endeavour of which is to remove this danger by preventive measures.

We are indebted to Miss Humphries for the gift of a number of National Geographic Magazines, which are a considerable acquisition to the library. These magazines are interesting, instructive and educational and a fountain of useful knowledge to all taking geography. We also have to thank Mr. C. E. Bellringer for a number of fine novels.

Our heartiest congratulations are due to Monte Barak on his being chosen Rhodes Scholar for 1925. This is the first occasion on which this famous scholarship has been annexed by any of our Old Boys, and so it gives us the greatest pleasure to offer our best wishes for a brilliant and successful career. He, and many others of the Old Boys, have set us a hard row to hoe if we are to maintain the traditions they are setting. [An account of Barak's career will be found in the Old Boys' Notes.—Ed.]

Captain McLaglan, world's champion in ju-jitsu, paid the school a visit in the early part of the term and delivered an interesting and instructive address on the ancient Japanese method of wrestling. Captain McLaglan was specially commissioned to train soldiers during the Great War, and has since then been travelling round the world conducting classes in this useful art. At the conclusion of his speech he gave a demonstration of his prowess on one of our weighty members, much to the latter's embarrassment. Captain L. McLaglan later returned and about sixty availed themselves of this opportunity to learn a few useful holds and throws, while twenty of the senior members of the class acted as subjects to the squad at the Girls' High School. Perhaps the

most useful and interesting thing learnt was the Japanese method of resuscitation known as Catsu, which is, we think, decidedly superior to the Schafer method taught by the Government departments.

The New Plymouth Amateur Athletic Association is to be congratulated on the worthy manner in which they encourage sports among the boys. The generous reduction of fees for competitors and members attending school should do much in encouraging a large number of the boys to avail themselves of the splendid opportunities offered in developing their athletic prowess. In the weekly meetings held one is able to keep fit all through the summer months, a great boon, we think, for the Day-Boys.

The Swimming Sports this year took place on November 19, when many close and exciting finishes were witnessed. Excitement became fever-heat during the inter-form relay race, which was won on a touch by IVD., with the Sixth Form as a close second, although four out of five handicaps have the honour of being won by the latter form. The Senior Championship was won by H. J. Thomas, the Junior by L. Petty, and the Under 14 Championship by H. St. George. The races this year were mainly the championship events, but a few novelty events provided much amusement for the spectators.

We were greatly honoured to welcome as our guests their Excellencies Sir Charles Fergusson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.B., Lady Fergusson and their youngest son, on the occasion of their visit to this district. "Courage" was the title of his Excellency's stirring address, and so great was the effect of his strong personality that it is no exaggeration to say that he departed as popular a favourite as Lord Jellicoe. Sir Charles greatly pleased us by saying that the School Orchestra was the best of its kind that he had heard and that he was sure no English school had one as good.

The annual Steeplechase was held on September 24 over the usual course at the Ngamotu Golf Links, which were again kindly placed at the disposal of the Sports Committee. Although the morning was squally, it cleared sufficiently in the afternoon to enable the events to take place. A head wind and a sodden ground prevented any records being broken, although the times recorded were

very good under such adverse conditions. The junior event was won by K. Scott from scratch, and the senior by D. Robertson, who won comfortably and without sign of strain to annex also the cup for the fastest time.

After the victory over Nelson College our guests were entertained at the Terminus Hotel and later at Everybody's Theatre. After attending Divine Service at St. Mary's on the following morning the Nelson team was motored to the mountain, but "the weather played the sorry jade," thick, drifting fog precluding all chances of seeing the sights for which the Tarurangi House is justly famous. Most of the visitors returned on the Monday, though a number remained in New Plymouth as the team had travelled during the holidays. During their sojourn here the visitors were billeted amongst boys of the school and friends of Nelson College.

Now that the school courts are in order tennis is greatly coming into prominence, as is testified by the numerous entries for the championships. These are being played off at every available opportunity on the New Plymouth Club's courts. It is indeed a pleasure to see tennis make such strides when for years it has had to remain in the background owing to there being no suitable accommodation.

The Weekly Press Challenge Shield has recently been shot for, and for which the excellent result of dropping only two points from the possible was obtained. This is a meritorious performance considering the very short time available for practice, and the team are to be congratulated on this excellent shooting. We take this opportunity of offering our heartiest congratulations to the New Plymouth Technical College, who, we understand, have beaten us by one point. The Imperial Challenge Shield was not competed for this year owing to the overburdening conditions under which schools competing must fire. The expense entailed and the time taken in coaching the large number of boys at the school proved to be too great.

The annual Athletic Sports were held on Thursday, October 22, after having been postponed from the previous Saturday, when the Taranaki weather, living up to its rather unenviable reputation, prevented the events from being run off. This, and the fact that a number of

the Old Boys were unable to attend made the crowd of spectators not quite so numerous as usual. The greasy state of the ground accounted for the fact that only one record was lowered, but this does not mean that fine performances were not given. C. Gilmour emerged as victorious Senior Champion, while C. Lobb obtained the Junior Championship, closely followed by H. M. Brown. Lobb lowered the Junior Hurdles record considerably. Our thanks are due to the generous donors and assistants who did much to make the meeting the success that it was. Indeed, without their help it would be nigh impossible to run the sports at all.

This year there has again been a large number of students sitting for section. The following surely emphasises the difficulties under which a student not actually living in one of the university centres labours. Many are turned away by the extra difficulty of working and not knowing the whimsical characteristics of the various professors. This is to a great extent obviated in our possessing masters who spare no effort to help anyone. Another disadvantage is the expense entailed in sending the student to the university centre, since a few of the required subjects only can be extra-murally taken according to the regulations. The need, therefore, of establishing more centres of learning and culture, in such a place as New Plymouth, for example, is easily seen.

A very enjoyable method of training for the Steeplechase was made use of more freely this year than previously. Paper-chases were held every night for three weeks before the event. It must have been a rather amusing sight for pedestrians to see a mob of panting red-faced "hounds," numbering, perhaps, 300, staggering up the pavement, or squeezing through hedges in "fruitless," we wonder, pursuit of the evanescent "hares."

Now that summer is approaching "the pastime of gentlemen" once more claims its host of devotees, fanatical, willing and otherwise. The First Eleven show great promise for their annual match against Nelson College, which this year is to be held at Nelson. The team will leave about December 20, and will return a day or two before Christmas. As this opportunity is afforded we should like to offer our congratulations to C. Strombom on his inclusion in the North Taranaki team. It is to be regretted that the annual cricket match against Wanga-

nui College was unable to take place this year. It was hoped that this would be accomplished during the Nelson trip, but lack of time renders this impossible.

This term a general inspection of the Cadets was held by Colonel-Commandant Powles. Each platoon was detailed for some phase of military training, and it is to be wondered that the Cadets could do anything with the babel of section-commanders' raucous voices making the scene somewhat like Smithfield Market.

A suggestion made by a local body to the effect that a tramping or mountaineering club could be formed so that the boys could obtain a fair knowledge of "Pukerhaupapa," or picturesque Mount Egmont and its surroundings, was followed with great interest by a large number of enthusiasts, and their disappointment can well be imagined when nothing has been done since the question was first mooted. The original idea was primarily to obtain help in developing the attractions at the Northern House. It was suggested that the various football groups should be taken each week-end, in turn, to repair the tracks and to provide space for tennis courts. A week-end at the Mountain would indeed be a pleasant change to most of us.

A very pleasant day was spent at the Rewa Rewa Shooting Range, when both companies were marched out to fire the requisite number of rounds of ammunition required by the regulations. Luncheon was provided for the Boarders on the grounds, and, considering the number of teeth, false and otherwise, found adhering to the slices of beef that were issued, it must also have been a very pleasant day for the dentists.

During the visit of their Excellencies, Sir Charles and Lady Fergusson, opportunity was taken of presenting the Weekly Press Challenge Shield, won in 1924, to the school. Owing to the rainy weather the ceremony, which was to have taken place in Pukekura Park, was changed to the Coronation Hall. Sir Charles in a few happily chosen words congratulated the school on its fine shooting record and presented medals to the team that won the trophy. The Technical College Cadets, who were also present, were presented with the Junior Imperial Challenge Shield. The salute, on the march home, was taken by Colonel-Commandant Powles.

During the term holidays the First Fifteen journeyed to Auckland to play the annual match with Auckland Grammar School. After a tedious night journey we arrived at Auckland on the morning of August 13. Our journey was relieved by a very interesting (?) football match at Marton. Despite the heavy rain, we found on our arrival that our hosts were eagerly awaiting us at the station. On Friday afternoon, after a pleasant motor drive through the suburbs, the sad news of M. Fletcher's death was received. The abandonment of the fixture was seriously considered, but in order to keep faith with the public the match was played at Eden Park. The teams took the field with white bands on their arms as a sign of mourning. The match was played and won on an atrociously wet ground. After the match we were entertained at an enjoyable dinner in the rooms of the Auckland Grammar Old Boys' Club, kindly relinquished for our entertainment. On Monday morning we were shown over the R.M.M.S. "Aorangi." We were greatly interested in the large motors that drive her, while one of the members of the party was also attracted by the polished breakfast tables. During our stay the American Fleet was in port, and we were somewhat disappointed with the physique of many of the sailors, who were not such fine specimens of manhood as the youths from the training-ship "Philomel." On Monday evening we left our kind friends on our homeward journey, carrying with us many pleasant memories of the delightful time our hosts had given us.

School finished early one afternoon in order to see a motion picture of modern London. "Wonderful London," as it was termed, was of great interest historically as well as in a geographical sense. It is very seldom that this type of picture is shown, and we wish, from an educational point of view, at least, that more were produced. It is often very difficult for the colonial student of history to realise very exactly conditions of the past, unless he is fortunate enough to have visited a country that possesses such a wealth of historical lore as Great Britain.

At a rifle meeting on the Rewa Rewa Range a number of the Cadets were very successful in upholding the traditions of shooting in the school. Especially worth mentioning were the fine performances of Corporal S. Cooper.

These rifle meetings are doing remarkably good work in encouraging those with any ability to maintain their best results.

The Primate, Archbishop Averill, D.D., confirmed 46 confirmation candidates at the School Service on Sunday, November 22, at St. Mary's. He was assisted by the School Chaplain, Rev. E. H. Strong, Rev. F. G. Harvie, and Rev. Beale. The church was packed to the doors with parents and friends of the school, who thus show how they appreciate the manner in which the spiritual side of the students' education is being developed.

The annual competition for the Sole Cup, which is awarded to the most efficient N.C.O., has been carried on under a much more stringent examination than previously. Two N.C.O.'s are nominated from each company, and from these the successful competitor is chosen. The cup was won by C.S.M. W. A. Brodie, of No. 110 Company.

One of the most popular additions has been the advent of a motor-mower. For days, when it proved recalcitrant, it was the Mecca of every embryo mechanic in the place. When it did start off with many heart-rending grunts and spurts it was cajoled with the familiar strains of "Whoa!" or "Get Up!" Sometimes it would be seen tearing around in a mischievous mood with the driver flying after it, saying under his breath—well, who knows what? However, the mower now seems to have settled down to a staid and useful life, until it meets with someone's lost keys or false teeth.

The subjects for the White Memorial and the Bendall Memorial Prizes this year have been "The History of Taranaki since 1875" for the former, and "The Balance of Power in the Pacific" for the latter. The first-mentioned essay proved to be rather difficult from the point of view of actual history, since Taranaki's history during the stated period has been a tale of steady, uneventful progress to prosperity, and though this is an enviable record in these troublous times it is hardly a subject with which to excite the Muse's notice.

It is not often that histrionic talent shows itself amongst us, but without a doubt the entertainment given in the play "Poor John" has had no parallel here that

we are aware of. After its successful trial in the Assembly Hall it was decided to open it to the public in the Empire Theatre, where it met with justly deserved appreciation. The following is the cast of characters:—

- J. H. W. Griffith as Mr. John Ayres.
- R. S. Fairfax as Mr. Bertram Tully.
- B. Pease as Mr. John Ayres.
- M. Ingle as Mamie.
- W. C. Hetet as Mr. Tully's Aunt.
- S. Batger as Dr. Bigland.
- R. Batger as Bus Company's Inspector.
- V. M. S. Pillay as Chalmers.
- D. Phillips as Mr. Tully's Maidservant.

Last but not least in the football season came the Day Boys v. Boarders match for the Pease Cup. We wish to take this opportunity of correcting the sad mistake of the local press in calling the trophy the "Peace" Cup. Both players and spectators have pleasant (?) recollections of the game, but cannot remember much "peace." It is even rumoured that a miniature battle was waged among the spectators until the whistle went for time and "peace." The Day Boys won by 11 points to 9.

During the shipping strike an opportunity was taken to obtain an intimate glimpse of a modern oil-burning steamer. The officers of the s.s. Port Dunedin kindly offered their services to conduct the school over the most recent addition to the fleet of the Commonwealth and Dominion Line. The excursion was extremely interesting, even to those not very mechanically disposed.

We are pleased to see that the Concert Club is showing much activity in presenting a ukelele sextette. It is rumoured that the fact is solely due to the "D"-ee-"P" seated "foundation" on which it is based.

We should be pleased to receive any information available as to the following:—

- (a) The youth with the Satanic grin and Mephistophelean "bug-track."
- (c) The Agent of the Devil.
- (d) The sword fight in the Common Room.
- (e) The gentleman who haunted the Common Room instead of hunting the burglar.
- (f) The twins that were left at the post on Sports Day.



OLD BOYS' FIRST FIFTEEN, 1925.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: C. Deem, T. Venables, R. C. Wilson, J. Leggat, C. D. Collins, K. Taylor, G. Roberts, D. Doile (manager).
Middle Row: L. Frethey, E. Luxton, R. Brewster, H. W. Brown (capt.), J. H. Boon, J. Earl, W. Bendall.
Front Row: K. Meuli, G. Morey, E. Meuli, W. Valentine.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

(W. Penman.)

Owing to the infantile paralysis epidemic in the early part of the year we were forced to hold our annual Swimming Sports on November 19. The programme was modified to include chiefly championship races, with only a few handicap and novelty events. Several changes have been effected this year in the matter of distances. In all the championship races, instead of the 25 yards sprints, 33 1-3 yards races have superseded them, and the old 200 yards race in the Senior Championship has been increased to 220 yards.

The Senior Championship was annexed by J. Thomas, with J. Galbraith second and W. Penman third. There were no other competitors. In the Junior Championship there were 24 competitors, and in the Under 14 Championship 15. The former was won by L. Petty and the latter by H. M. St. George.

Some amusing incidents were witnessed in the novelty events, especially the obstacle race. The obstacles in the latter consisted of eating a hard biscuit and diving for a stone before finishing with a short sprint. The facial contortions of the biscuit-eaters evoked peals of merriment from the spectators.

There was a fair attendance of the public, and amongst the visitors was His Grace Archbishop A. W. Averill, Primate of New Zealand.

The officials who controlled the meeting were as follow:—Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; check starter, Mr. V. E. Kerr; marksmen, Mr. G. F. Bertrand and Rev. E. H. Strong; call steward, Mr. A. J. Papps; official recorder, Mr. A. W. Diprose; finals steward, Mr. R. C. Wilson; announcer, Mr. H. G. Dyer; judges, races, Messrs. J. Leggat, J. Earl and J. W. Connell; diving, Messrs. C. Brown and G. Jago; stewards, Messrs. C. G. Bottrill, A. G. Johnson, V. E. Kerr, W. G. Wilkie, J. Dobson, T. M. McDonald and G. Pope; timekeepers, Messrs. J. Bennett and V. Dalglish; committee, Mr. F. J. Eggleton (chairman), H. J. Thomas, D. G. Grant, S. F. Fookes, J. Galbraith and W. Penman (joint secretaries).

The winners of the various championships were as follow:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Possible Points, 15.)

L. Petty (10 points)	1
S. Hayton (5 points)	2
M. Lyall (3 points) equal	3
R. Lawrence (3 points) equal	3
R. Canning (3 points) equal	3
R. Satherley (1 point) equal	6
G. Beaven (1 point) equal	6

Winner holds Silver Cup.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Possible Points, 15.)

H. St. George (15 points)	1
A. Henderson (7 points)	2
G. Sutton (3 points)	3
H. Mackay (1 point) equal	4
A. Treloar (1 point) equal	4

Winner holds Fox Cup and wins Replica.

Following are the details of the championship, diving and miscellaneous events:—

Senior Championship.

33 1-3 Yards.—Galbraith 1, Thomas 2, Penman 3; time, 18 4-5sec.

50 Yards.—Thomas 1, Galbraith 2, Penman 3; time, 31 1-5sec.

100 Yards.—Thomas 1, Galbraith 2, Penman 3; time, 72 1-5sec.

220 Yards.—Penman 1, Thomas 2; time, 3min. 22 1-5sec.

Junior Championship.

33 1-3 Yards.—First heat: G. Beaven 1, Satherley 2, Canning 3; time, 20 2-5sec. Second heat: R. Lawrence 1, Petty 2, Lyall 3; time, 19 4-5sec. Third heat: S. Hayton 1, Howse 2; time, 22 2-5sec.

Final.—Petty 1, Lawrence 2, Beaven 3; time, 20 2-5sec.

50 Yards.—First heat: Satherley 1, Canning 2; time, 36sec. Second heat: Petty 1, Lyall 2; time, 33 4-5sec. Third heat: Lawrence 1, Hay 2; time, 34 4-5sec.

Final.—Petty 1, Lyall 2, Satherley 3; time, 34 4-5sec.

100 Yards.—First heat: Canning 1, Sinclair 2; time, 1min. 23 1-5sec. Second heat: Lawrence 1, Hay 2; time, 1min. 8 2-5sec. Third heat: Hayton 1 (only finisher).

Final.—Hayton 1, Canning 2; time, 1min. 25 2-5sec.

Under 14 Championship.

33 1-3 Yards.—First heat: St. George 1, J. McLean 2, A. Henderson 3; time, 20 4-5sec. Second heat: G. Sutton 1, L. McLean 2, W. Thomas 3; time, 26 4-5sec.

Final.—St. George 1, Sutton 2, Henderson 3; time, 22 1-5sec.

50 Yards.—First heat: St. George 1, Henderson 2, Halligan 3; time, 36 1-5sec. Second heat: Treloar 1, L. McLean 2, Bullock 3; time, 43 3-5sec.

Final.—St. George 1, Henderson 2, Treloar 3; time, 37 1-5sec.

75 Yards.—First heat: St. George 1, Henderson 2, McKay 3; time, 62 2-5sec. Second heat: W. J. Thomas 1, L. McLean 2; time, 84sec.

Final.—St. George 1, Henderson 2, McKay 3; time, 64sec.

Diving Events.

Open Dive.—Penman 1, Grant 2. Only two dives, one springboard and one running high dive. Penman was awarded the victory after a second high dive.

Corfu Dive.—Galbraith 1, Petty 2.

Ribbon Dive.—Pease 1, Buckeridge 2, McLean 3. Neatest dive over eight feet.

Miscellaneous Events.

33 1-3 Yards Handicap.—First heat: Hetherington (4sec.) 1; time, 24 4-5sec. Second heat: Buist (5sec.) 1; time, 25sec. Third heat: R. Batger (3sec.) 1; time, 25 3-5sec. Fourth heat: F. T. Bayly (7sec.) 1; time, 24 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Johnson (6sec.) 1; time, 24 3-5sec. Sixth heat: H. Brown (5sec.) 1; time, 24 4-5sec. Seventh heat: Stronge (5sec.) 1; time, 24 4-5sec.

Final.—T. Bayly 1, Hetherington 2, J. Stronge 3. Time, 23sec.

25 Yards Preparatory (six entries).—P. McDonnell 1, D. Allen 2, J. Mercer 3. Won easily. Time, 28 4-5sec.

Awkward Entry.—Bullock 1, Buckeridge 2.

Balloon Race.—First heat: Buckeridge 1, Collinge 2, Noonan 3. Second heat: B. Pease 1, C. Stronge 2, Wall 3. Third heat: Grant 1, F. Read 2, Cooper 3.

Final.—Collinge 1, Grant 2, Stronge 3.

Obstacle Race.—First heat: Buckeridge 1, Collinge 2, Noonan 3. Second heat: Wall 1, Hay 2, Halligan 3. Third heat: Cooper 1, J. Pease 2, Hagger 3. Fourth heat: J. Beaven 1, Riley 2, McKay 3.

Final.—Buckeridge 1, Noonan 2, J. Pease 3.

Inter-Form Relay (four in a team; each swims one length of 33 1-3 yards).—First heat: Form IVD (3sec.) 1; time, 1min. 34sec. Second heat: Form VIB (scr.) 1; time, 1min. 34sec. Third heat: Form IIIA (9sec.) 1; time, 1min. 36 3-5sec.

Final.—Form IVD (Riley, Brown, Ward and Fletcher) 1, Form VIB (Thomas, McLean, Grant and Galbraith) 2, Form IIIA (Hagger, J. McLean, Sutton and Bayly) 3. Time, 1min. 33 1-5sec.

The winning team holds the O'Halloran Shield for the ensuing year.

CHAPEL.

The usual Sunday morning service has been maintained all through the term, and has now become an established custom. On Sunday, October 26, the Padre was compelled to be away in Auckland for the annual Diocesan Synod. The question of finding someone to fill his place was one of some anxiety, and he tried various people, but in vain. However, at the eleventh hour help was forthcoming in an altogether new quarter. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Earl were good enough to offer to do their best. After much arranging and planning behind closed doors things were finally settled, and when the Sunday came the congregation were quite delighted with the

change. At least the Padre was informed on his return that there was really no further need of his services. It was really very good of Messrs. Wilson and Earl to step into the breach, and the congratulations which they received were surely well deserved.

Confirmation classes proceeded with regularity all the term, and finally on Sunday, November 22, His Grace the Archbishop (Dr. Averill) held the usual special Confirmation for the school at St. Mary's at 9.30 a.m. It is not easy to find words to describe what is so fresh in the memory; but it may suffice to say that never have we been present at so well-ordered and inspiring a service. The large church was filled with friends and relatives of the candidates and supporters of the school. Honesty compels one to pay a sincere tribute to those boys who acted as churchwardens. With rare skill they seated the entire congregation in a very short time, and when the time came to collect the offerings, their methods resulted in one of the most rapid performances in the writer's experience. Many churchwardens could have taken a lesson from them. A word of praise is due to the choir for the excellent lead they gave to the singing, especially in the recessional hymn, a novelty to the majority. And to the boy who for the first time in his life led such a procession we offer our congratulations for his excellent timing, the procession reaching the vestry exactly as the hymn ended. Forty-six candidates were presented, and they carried out their part in a most orderly and reverent fashion. To the Archbishop all who were in the church owe a great debt of gratitude for his addresses. It seems difficult to express adequately what we feel about them. We have heard him speak to boys on many occasions, but seldom if ever have we heard him to such advantage. Before confirming the candidates he spoke the words: "How long halt ye between two opinions?" and pointed out the vast difference between doing what we ought and doing what we like. After the Laying on of Hands His Grace gave a motto to the candidates from St. John XIX., 38: "A disciple but secretly," and he showed how we were told on the one hand to be unostentatious in our religion, but at the same time never to be ashamed of practising it in a sane and sensible way. He ended on the need of courage in these days in putting our religion into practice in our daily lives. It was a wonderful utterance, marked by sober judgment, real understanding of human nature, and

a lofty eloquence. It is his last visit as Bishop of the Diocese. Next year there will be another Bishop, who will come to us from Hamilton. But there will be many boys who will ever remember our present Bishop with feelings of affectionate gratitude for his presence at our Confirmations and for the real interest he has always taken in our school.

The last service of the term will be held on Sunday, December 13. Also on that morning at an earlier hour the newly-confirmed will make their First Communion. It would be a very great encouragement to them if all who have been confirmed will roll up on that occasion and help to make it a memorable one.

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EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges since the last issue:—The Wanganui Collegian, The Albertian, The Wellingtonian, The Scindian, The Timaruvian, The Nelsonian, The Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine, The Spike, The Waitakian, The Torch Bearer, The King's Collegian, The Sacred Heart College Magazine, Auckland Grammar School Chronicle, Christ's College Register, Christchurch B.H.S. Magazine, Canterbury College Review, Otago University Review, Marlburnian, The Hill.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Charlie Yates, who left school in 1916, was in New Plymouth recently. He is accountant to a firm in Palmerston.

Eric Pearce, who is farming at Kakaramea, had the misfortune recently to have a motor accident, and is still an inmate of the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Clive Veale, who has been assistant purser on the s.s. Maori, is now purser on the s.s. Corinna.

Claude Kyngdon, who is on the staff of the Bank of Australasia, has recently been transferred from Hawera to Timaru.

R. E. Pope, who is managing clerk for Perry and Perry, solicitors, in Wellington, was recently admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court.

We have recently received letters from Derek Denny Brown, who has been elected to a Junior Beit Memorial Fellowship. He recently passed his primary F.R.C.S. examination and has started research work at Oxford under Sir Charles Sherrington, the famous neurologist. He has gone to Magdalen College, and he states that he is looking forward to meeting Ron Syme on his arrival there.

Norman Little, who until recently has been practising as a barrister and solicitor, has been appointed to the Public Trust Office in Auckland.

Gordon Fraser, one of the older Old Boys, has recently been ill and has been ordered to take a complete rest. He left at the beginning of October on an extended trip to the East Coast of America and expects to return to New Zealand before Christmas.

Among those Old Boys who have recently been admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court is R. G. Howell, the energetic secretary of the Old Boys' Football and Surf Clubs.

Brian Johns, who is a house surgeon at the Hamilton Hospital, visited New Plymouth recently. He had the misfortune to develop blood poisoning, but we are glad to hear he has recovered.

Ronald Syme, who is attending Oxford University, left Auckland on August 12. The old school is well represented at Oxford this year, and with four Old Boys, Derek Denny Brown, Ronald Syme, Lorimer Richardson, and next year Monte Barak, the school can justly be proud, and we shall look forward to hearing from them and of their experiences.

Among the successful candidates in the October teachers' examinations two Old Boys, I. M. Guild and C. E. Baunton, were successful in obtaining their D teachers' examinations.



OLD BOYS' SEVEN-A-SIDE TEAM.

Winners of Dewar Shield, 1925.

Back Row: L. Frethey, R. Brewster, K. Taylor, R. Pope.
Front Row: K. Meuli, J. H. Boon (capt.), E. Meuli.

Oakley Studio.

Harold Gibson, who is in practice at Hawera, was recently admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court.

Ken Neal, who until recently has been on the staff of the Central Pharmacy in New Plymouth, has been appointed to the position of dispenser at the Public Hospital.

The finalist in New Plymouth Golf Championship played at Waiwakaiho were the Old Boys Phil Grey and Bracken Wilson, and the final was won by P. Grey. R. I. Harrison, another Old Boy, was one of the semi-finalists.

As we go to press word comes that Monte Barak, an Old Boy of the school, has been elected Rhodes Scholar for New Zealand. This is the first occasion on which an Old Boy has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and we would offer our heartiest congratulations to Barak on his award. Montefiore Barak was born on September 18, 1904, and was educated at the Warea School, Taranaki, from 1910 to 1916, at the New Plymouth Boys' High School from 1916 to 1921, and at Canterbury College since 1922. In 1916 he was dux of the preparatory school at the New Plymouth Boys' High School. In 1917 he gained a junior national scholarship, and in 1919 he won a senior national scholarship. During each year from 1916 to 1921 he won the first prize of his form, and in 1921 was dux of the school and obtained a junior university scholarship. While at the School Mr. Barak was twice a member of the shooting team which won the Weekly Press Shield, and was in turn a member of the School's third, second and first Rugby fifteens. In his first year (1922) at Canterbury College, Mr. Barak passed the first section of his B.Sc., which he completed in 1924. In 1924 he also won the Sir George Grey scholarship. At the university he continued to play Rugby, and in 1924 was the captain of the second fifteen and in 1925 a member of the first fifteen. He was also chosen as an emergency for the New Zealand University team to play Sydney University. He also represented Canterbury College in its shooting team at the annual inter-university tourneys in 1924. He was gazetted second lieutenant of the New Zealand Engineers in 1925. He was president of the College Students' Association and chairman of the New Zealand University tournament committee. In sport Mr. Barak's interests have been chiefly confined to football, shooting and tennis, but he has also taken part in athletics and boxing.

At the annual terms examinations at Victoria University College the following Old Boys were successful:—

English.—A. W. Griffin (second class, advanced second year), H. A. H. Insull (second class, pass grade), H. P. Mitcalfe (second class, pass grade), W. J. Mountjoy (second class, pass grade).

Education.—H. A. H. Insull (third class, pass grade), J. V. McMahon (third class, pass grade).

History.—A. L. Herdman (second class, advanced second year), H. P. Mitcalfe (third class, advanced first year), W. J. Mountjoy (third class, pass grade).

Mathematics.—R. M. Dolby (first class, applied mathematics, pass grade), R. M. Dolby (first class, pure mathematics, pass grade).

Geography.—J. V. McMahon (second class).

Physics.—R. M. Dolby (first class, pass grade).

Chemistry.—R. M. Dolby (first class, Pr. 1, pass grade).

Contracts.—L. B. Dimmiss (third class), R. I. M. Sutherland (third class).

Torts.—T. N. Foden (third class).

Criminal Law.—T. N. Foden (third class).

Property I.—L. B. Dimmiss (third class), R. I. M. Sutherland (third class).

Evidence.—T. N. Foden (third class).

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB

The season which has now drawn to a close has marked a very successful year in the annals of the Club, not only from a competitive point of view, but also from the fact that the members of the Club and the general public have responded so well to the necessity for a successful season.

Although the Club teams were not in any manner prominent in championship honours, yet in all their matches they have established for themselves a reputation as solid team combinations, which should greatly benefit the Club in its activities in the coming seasons.

The Taranaki Seven-a-Side Competition for the Dewar Shield was played at New Plymouth on June 3 last. Two teams were entered by our Club and after a sterling match with the Star "A" in the final of the competition our "A" team managed to annex the Shield. This was the only competition won by the Club during the season, but all teams were well established on the competition ladders at the end of the season.

The Club's Annual Smoke Concert was held in the Kawaroa Bungalow on the evening of September 5 and proved the most successful function of this nature yet held by the Club. Mr. Moyes presided and the Club was honoured in having as its guests several members of the visiting New South Wales team.

During the coming season it is very probable that negotiations will be completed with the Gisborne Old Boys' Club for a return visit by our Senior Team to Gisborne during the Easter vacation. It is hoped to obtain sufficient private cars from members and friends of the Club to enable the team and its officials to travel the whole distance by car, for only by this means is it possible to cover the distance in the limited time at the team's disposal. The Hon. Secretary of our Club will be pleased to learn of any Old Boy who will be prepared to place his car at the disposal of the Club for the purpose of the above trip.

MARRIAGES

SAMPSON—JENKINS.—At New Plymouth, on August 4, 1925, Leonard Sampson, to Miss Jessie Evelyn Jenkins, of New Plymouth h.

BAYLY—MONTEATH.—At New Plymouth, Harold Bayly, to Miss T. Monteath, of New Plymouth.

MACKIE—OATES.—At St. James' Church, Sydney, on July 15, 1925, D. G. D. Mackie, to Marion Julie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oates.

BIRTHS

WYNYARD.—On September 7, 1925, at Sydney, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wynyard; a son.

MacDIARMID.—On August 27, 1925, at Stratford, to Mr. and Mrs. D. N. MacDiarmid; a son.

LINN.—At New Plymouth, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Linn; a daughter.

BRIDGER.—At New Plymouth, on July 12, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bridger; a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Lawrence Inch to Miss Vera Yorke, of Hawera.

The engagement is announced of Mark Anthony, of H.M.S. Philomel, to Miss D. Levy, of Palmerston North.



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Tuition ...	£4,	reducible to	£3 10s.	if paid within	30 days
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Boxing, 10/-

Dancing (Winter term only) 15/-

Subscriptions (per term)—

Games—Upper School,	4/-
Lower School,	2/-
Library ...	1/6
Magazine ...	1/6
Tennis ...	1/-

N.B.—In cases of removal, six weeks' notice must be given to the Secretary, otherwise parents are liable for half a term's fee.

School Terms—

The school year is divided into three terms of thirteen weeks each. The terms are approximately as follows:—

First Term— February 5th to May 6th.

Second Term—May 28th to August 27th.

Third Term— September 18th to December 18th.



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