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No. 24 COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant H. Dyer.

Company Sergt.-Major.—J. Thomas.

No. 1 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.

Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant K. Fookes.

Section Commanders.—Corporals K. Wetere, R. Ward, J. Abraham, J. Galbraith.

No. 2 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant J. Leggat.

Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant E. McCallum.

Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Fletcher, S. Batger, A. Moverley, H. Gorringe.

No. 3 Platoon.

Platoon Sergeant.—Lance-Sergeant J. Stronge.

Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Noonan, J. Warner, M. Standish, T. Bailey.

No. 4 Platoon.

Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant F. Davis.

Section Commanders.—Corporals C. McNeill, P. Grover, T. Morgan, G. MacDiarmid, Lance-Corporal R. List.

No. 110 COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant V. E. Kerr.

Company Sergeant-Major.—J. Beaven.

No. 5 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant R. C. Wilson.

Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant R. Batger.

Section Commanders.—Corporals H. Brown, K. Riley, Lance-Sergt. S. Allhusen, Lance-Corporal C. Harris.

No. 6 Platoon.

Platoon Commander (acting).—Sergeant J. Moore.

Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Moore.

Section Commanders.—Corporals B. Pease, W. Rawson, Lance-Sergeants A. Evans, A. Hetherington, Lance-Corporal W. Hayward.

No. 7 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Acting-Lieutenant A. H. Blundell.

Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Buckeridge.

Section Commanders.—Corporals G. Grace, H. Olson, S. Dinniss, C. Griffiths, Lance-Corporal M. Rogers.

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Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Medley.

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F. L. READ,
Head Boy, 1926.

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EDITORIAL.

(J. Stronge.)

THE coming year will witness great changes in the School. It has been a defect in secondary education in New Zealand that no adequate preparation has been bestowed on those boys who do not intend to adopt a professional career. The whole structure of secondary education in New Zealand has been raised to cater rather for the professions than the manual services and this is one reason, perhaps, why the professions in this country are overcrowded. The union of the two New Plymouth schools which will very shortly take practical effect, aims to provide a sound education for every class of pupil. The technical branch of the School will provide education for those boys who wish to adopt manual trades; while the present syllabus of general secondary subjects will be retained for the benefit of the normal secondary school pupil. Neither side of the School's work will be over-emphasised at the expense of the other. There must of course be some inter-relation between the two sides of the School for there are subjects with which all pupils must have more than a nodding acquaintance. But in the main the two branches of the School will be distinct. The benefits of this radical change are obvious to those who give the matter careful thought. Many an hour, burdensome to the pupil and the teacher alike, has been spent in the teaching of subjects having no practical relationship to the pupils' life. To the boy who has no aptitude for languages, Latin and French are meaningless subjects. It is impossible for him, in the limited years of his secondary school life, to absorb any of the

cultural education which these subjects have for the boy with the "language" turn of mind. How much better it is for him to devote the major part of his school days to learning something of his life's work—whether it be farming, industry or commerce. In the new School it will be possible to devote more time to the higher branches of commercial work, which are now necessarily overlooked in the present syllabus. The change has received the sanction of the Education Department, plans for the additional building accommodation have been approved, and before this year is out, building work will be started. The whole experiment will soon be put into actual working practice. Those responsible for the changes in the schools' curriculum have taken a broad view of education which is after all only a training for life. None can hope to give their boys that "complete and generous" education of which Milton dreamed. But most people are prepared to lay the foundation of a boy's education on a broad base.

For some time past the Old Boys of the School have been endeavouring to raise funds to erect a gymnasium at the School in place of the old one which was destroyed in the fire of 1916. We have admired the enthusiasm which the Old Boys have displayed. A year ago their efforts were nullified by the influenza epidemic and the "Reveille" organised to raise funds was only a partial success. This year they have returned to their aim without any loss of zeal. The culmination of their efforts was the Gala Day organised at the School on April 17. The Gala was a splendid success and as a result of the Old Boys' work, the sum of over £200 was available for the Gymnasium Fund. It was originally intended to divide the proceeds between the fund and the newly-established Old Boys' Club; but at a meeting of Old Boys it was decided to hand over the whole amount to the Gymnasium. This instance of the Old Boys' loyalty to the School has been most encouraging and as their loyalty took a practical form, the School will soon have a well-equipped gymnasium. The site has been provisionally determined at the back of the New House, where the building will not interfere with future extension. The Gymnasium has been sorely needed and when erected will solve the problem of wet-day drill and physical training.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY.

(T. Bailey.)

The Assembly Hall was filled to overflowing on the evening of Friday, December 18, on the occasion of the annual breaking-up ceremony and prize distribution. Mr. H. R. Billing, the chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and others on the stage were: Mrs. Billing, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson), Miss Douglas, and Messrs. L. A. Nolan and J. S. S. Medley (members of the Board of Governors), Mr. W. H. Moyes (the Principal), and members of the staff.

The Mayoress and Mrs. Billing were presented with bouquets by two of the junior pupils of the School.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Mr. W. H. Moyes (Principal) said he had the honour to present his annual report on the work of the School for the past year. It had, unfortunately, been in some respects a year fraught with difficulty. The epidemic, coming as it had done at the beginning of the year, and necessitating the postponement of the opening date until April 15, had severely handicapped those who had returned with a view to sitting in the public examinations. The long break had been especially hard on those pupils who, as extra-mural students of the University, had to be ready for the degree examinations in October. The outdoor activities, too, had naturally suffered in consequence and it was to be regretted that the annual cricket match against Wanganui College had had to be abandoned and that the inclement weather experienced when school had re-opened had necessitated the postponement of the swimming sports until the third term. It was, however, pleasing to be able to state that the pupils, when they did return to school, had been, in most cases, imbued with a desire to make up for lost time, and that, aided by the masters, they had been able to cover the syllabus of work set out for a normal year.

With the exception of the appointment of Mr. J. Earl, M.A., there had been no changes on the staff of the upper school. Mr. Earl, who was a graduate of the Canterbury College and a former dux of the Timaru High School, had joined the staff as a resident master at the beginning of

the year. By his willingness to undertake any duties entrusted to him he had earned the respect of all those associated with him.

It was with regret that he had to report the resignation of Miss E. Campbell, who had for many years taught with marked success the middle classes in the preparatory department. He extended to her his sincerest appreciation of the assistance she rendered while here and wished her the best of success in her future career.

The total roll number for the year had been 407, 348 pupils being in upper school and 59 in the preparatory department. Of these, 171 had been in residence, while 236 had been day pupils. The number of junior free place pupils had been slightly less than the previous year, owing no doubt to the fact that some who had gained proficiency in 1923 had taken positions rather than wait for an indefinite period until the School re-opened.

The usual number of candidates had entered for the examinations at the end of 1924. The results were as follows:—

University Entrance Scholarship: R. M. Dolby.

Second Section of the B.A. Degree: M. J. Robertson.

First Section of the B.A. Degree: W. E. Alexander, M. D. Bree, J. D. Mackay and R. G. Webb.

First Section of the LL.B. Degree: C. H. Strombom.

Senior National Scholarship: A. E. Read and T. L. Bailey.

Junior Scholarships: W. Jones and W. Watt.

Sixteen boys had passed Matriculation and allied examinations, while 15 gained partial passes.

One boy had passed the Public Service Entrance and four boys were awarded higher leaving certificates.

This year 11 boys had returned for the purpose of sitting for the degree examinations, and of these eight had been successful in passing University terms in connection with the B.A. or the LL.B. degrees.

As a result of the visit of the secondary school inspectors, 61 boys had been granted senior free places on recommendation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OLD BOYS.

He had again to tender the heartiest congratulations to the old boys of the School who had been attending the various university colleges, and who had been bringing honour to the School by their success. It was with great pride that he was able to announce that M. Barak, who had been for six years a boarder at the School, had been chosen as a New Zealand Rhodes Scholar for 1926. He was convinced that no better choice could have been made by the Board of Selection. From the day he entered the preparatory department of the School until his departure in 1921, Barak had exhibited that spirit of service which foretold for him a future reward. He would, he was sure, worthily represent the country that had honoured him. It might interest friends of the School to know that in addition to Barak's great achievement, scholarships had been won during the past three years by four other old boys. R. Syme, who took his M.A. with double first-class honours, had been awarded the Post Graduate Scholarship in Arts, and was then at Oriel College, Oxford; L. Richardson was the holder of the Sir George Grey Travelling Scholarship; K. C. Roberts was the Smeaton Research Scholar; and D. Denny Brown had been awarded the Beit Memorial Fellowship. Needless to say, the School was justly proud of these successes.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

As was stated at the beginning of his report, the delay in re-opening interfered sadly with the outdoor activities. Swimming, life-saving and cricket had necessarily to be abandoned during the first term. In football, the School fifteen had acquitted itself with credit, having defeated Nelson College and Auckland Grammar School, but they had suffered defeat against Wanganui College and Te Aute.

The cadet work, under Major Bertrand, had been carried out with the usual enthusiasm, and the standard of drill had been maintained. In shooting, the School had confined itself to the Christchurch Press match and to the ordinary class-firing, and had not competed in the Imperial Challenge Shield matches. In the Christchurch Press match, fired at the end of 1924, the School had again been successful in annexing the trophy, but in the

match they had fired recently had been defeated for first place by the New Plymouth Technical College. To the winners they offered their congratulations.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The roll number of the preparatory department had that year shown a decrease, due no doubt to the fact that well-equipped schools were then being erected in the suburbs of New Plymouth. That that section of the School had continued to do good work was obvious from a perusal of the inspector's report, which stated: "Once again the teachers in this school have succeeded in the direction of the education of the pupils entrusted to their care. It is evident that this branch of the school supplies a real need. One of the best features of the classes is the very fine tone that prevails." Twenty-three boys had been entered for the annual examination, with the result that 18 had gained proficiency, one gained competency, and four had failed.

AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION.

Although the curtailment of the school year had interfered to some extent with the experimental work in agriculture, the year had been an important one so far as progress in that section of the school work was concerned. In the first place, a long-felt want had been filled by the acquisition of a suitable area for experimental and demonstration purposes. An educational reserve of five and a-half acres in Hobson Street had been vested in the board and was then being used in connection with the course in agriculture. Secondly, through the courtesy of the Director of the New Plymouth Technical College, agricultural students attending that school had been able to receive instruction in wood-work and metal-work for four periods a week. This instruction was, in his opinion, essential to a properly organised agricultural course, and it had been eagerly taken advantage of by all those in the agricultural classes. In that connection he desired to express to Mr. Moore and his staff his sincere appreciation of the assistance they had given the school during the past year. Thanks were also due to the State Forest Service for gifts of trees and seeds. Over 100 labelled specimen trees and several hundreds of eucalypti, which had been raised from seed in the school nursery,

had been planted out in the school grounds. They hoped to enlarge materially on that phase of the work on the Hobson Street plots in the following year.

It was with a feeling of deep sorrow that he had to report the death of Michael Fletcher, who had been for six years a boarder at the school. Joining as a small lad in the preparatory department, he had grown to be one of the senior boys of the school, and had, by his manly qualities, endeared himself to all those who had been associated with him. To his relatives the School extended its sincerest sympathy.

Throughout the year the Rev. Mr. Strong had again conducted a school service on Sunday mornings for Church of England boys. Confirmation classes had been held by him throughout the term, and on Sunday, November 22, his Grace the Archbishop had held the usual special confirmation service for the School at St. Mary's. On that occasion 46 candidates had been presented. He regretted to say that that would be the last visit of Dr. Averill as bishop of the parish. His eloquent addresses had been an inspiration to all who had been privileged to hear them, and many boys would have cause to remember him with affectionate gratitude.

THE AMALGAMATION.

In dealing with the amalgamation question, Mr. Moyes said that, as they were no doubt aware, the near future would witness a change in the organisation of the school. For some years past it had been felt that, to meet the requirements of a modern education, a school should be provided with all facilities for vocational training, as well as for those required for a purely professional course. Recognising this, secondary schools had almost without exception included in their curricula agricultural and commercial courses, with a view to assisting those pupils who desired to enter business life or to settle on the land. Technical schools, on the other hand, while splendidly equipped on the vocational side, were naturally faced with serious difficulties when asked to provide for the purely professional course. After very careful consideration and with a view to doing what was best in the interest of the large number now seeking post-primary education, the authorities in the town had, with the full

consent and approval of the Education Department, decided to amalgamate the two schools. He was convinced that nothing but good would come of that decision, and that New Plymouth would be able, in a little while, to point with pride to a school unique amongst the secondary schools of New Zealand—a school equipped in every detail, capable of catering successfully for every type of pupil seeking admission. In that connection it was only right that he should pay a tribute to the magnanimous spirit shown by Mr. Moore (Director of the Technical College) throughout the negotiations. He and the members of his board had from the first been actuated by a desire to do what was best for the boys and girls of the town and province. Mr. Moore would, of course, continue in charge of the vocational and technical work and would, with him, share the responsibility of the combined school.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

The School orchestra, under Mr. Dobson, had continued to do excellent work and was becoming of real service to the community. In addition to assisting at School functions, its members had, in conjunction with the members of the Concert Club, visited various public institutions of the town. He wished to take that opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who had kindly provided cars for the use of the boys on these occasions.

APPRECIATION.

In conclusion, he had as usual to tender his sincere thanks to the very many friends of the School who had assisted in various ways throughout the year. To his staff a special word of thanks was due for the many hours of extra work they had put in, with the object of making up the time lost at the beginning of the first term. Especially did he wish to say how much he appreciated what the head boy and the prefects had done for the School. The example they had set had been a very fine one and might well be copied by those who were to take their places in the following year. To the Board of Governors and to the chairman they were all under a debt of gratitude; their sympathy and their co-operation had helped materially to make the year one of happy memories.



FIRST XI, 1925.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: A. Beck, D. Grant, S. Fookes, R. Fletcher.

Middle Row: W. Shallard, C. Strombom (vice-captain), K. Fookes (captain), J. Galbraith, H. Fookes.

Front Row: J. Ewart, H. Betts.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The chairman, commenting on the report of the Principal, congratulated Mr. Moyes and the staff and the pupils of the School on the excellent work done during the year, despite all the adverse circumstances. The epidemic at the commencement of the year had seriously affected the work of the School, but like all other teachers, the Principal and the staff had combined together, and although the School had been unable to open for some time, had done good work in the way of preparing scholars by setting them work to be done at home. Most of the scholars had responded, and it appeared from the report that the inside work of the School had not suffered to any very great extent, but the outside life of the School had been, of course, bound to suffer.

Continuing, Mr. Billing said the epidemic had had an effect on the proposed gymnasium, inasmuch as it had restricted the effort to raise funds. As they were all aware, the old boys of the School had been working for some time, with the assistance of friends of the School, in raising funds with which to build a gymnasium, which was so very badly needed at the School, and he was pleased to announce that the fund at that time amounted to £627. Some time previously the Hon. Sir James Parr, Minister of Education, had told the old boys that when they had raised £1000 he would be prepared to talk business with them. The old boys intended to make a big effort in the following year to reach that sum, and would then make representations to the department, and all were hoping that by the beginning of 1927 steps would be taken towards the erection of the building. In that connection the speaker acknowledged a very handsome donation from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham towards the funds. He believed the old boys would have succeeded in raising the £1000 ere that time had it not been for the epidemic. It might be said that the small amount realised by the "Reveille" had not warranted the expense that was incurred and the trouble that had been taken in the matter, but he pointed out that was not the fault of the Old Boys' Association. The arrangements had been made prior to the epidemic, and it was a case of having to carry them through. He thought it was a matter for congratulation, taking all things into consideration, that a small profit of about £67 was realised and added to the funds.

Continuing, Mr. Billing briefly referred to the preparatory department, and said it would be continued as usual in the following year. He expressed regret that the School had lost the valued services of the Misses Campbell, and then went on to refer to the proposed amalgamation of the High Schools and the Technical College. The scheme, he said, had the approval of both boards and the staffs of the three schools. An agreement had been arrived at between them as to amalgamation and then it rested with the department to carry that into effect. They had to be working under the new scheme, notwithstanding the absence of new buildings that would have to be provided, at the beginning of the next year, but whether that would be so or not he could not say definitely at that moment.

Addressing the pupils of the School, the chairman referred to the success of Mr. Montefiore Barak, and said it was a great honour to the School that one of its old pupils should have been successful in gaining a Rhodes Scholarship. It afforded a lesson of what could be gained by perseverance and he urged the boys to make the very best use of the days spent at the School.

Reference was made to the visit to the School during the year of their Excellencies, Sir Charles and Lady Alice Fergusson, and also of Sir Ernest Rutherford, and in conclusion the speaker expressed the hope that the pupils would all have a most enjoyable holiday.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

In his opening remarks the Mayor said that he sometimes wondered whether the pupils, especially the older ones, appreciated what a wonderful opportunity was afforded by that institution to lay deeply and broadly the foundations for the greater school—the school of life—upon which they were entering. Continuing, Mr. Wilson said he was reminded of that on hearing the reference in Mr. Moyes' report to the success of pupils who had passed the University examinations. He understood that eight boys had passed the previous year, and that that year a greater number had sat. He wished them all success, and in that connection paid a compliment to the work of the masters, who were doing such wonderful work at the School. The excellence of the School was shown in another way. Year by year they heard of the success of

ex-scholars of the School in the University. He referred to the honour done to the School by the granting of a Rhodes Scholarship to M. Barak, and went on to tell a story of a small boy who, having heard of Mr. Barak's success, had proudly announced that he, too, was going to win a Rhodes Scholarship. Mr. Wilson said that he might never win it, but there was no doubt about it that that was the right spirit. If he followed that up, whether he might win or lose, he must profit by the endeavour. He urged them to aim high, and although they might not reach their aim they would profit by their endeavour to get there.

Mr. Wilson went on to appeal to the boys to carry into after life the spirit of their School, and to try to do something for their fellows and their country. He did not want them to shirk whatever came their way. Let them remember the spirit of the quotation, "I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do something that I can do."

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The prizes were then distributed, Mrs. Billing presenting the class prizes and the Mayoress the sports prizes and trophies. The recipients were heartily applauded as they came forward, and cheers were given for those pupils who had achieved outstanding success in either scholastic work or athletics.

Prize list:—

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Standard I.: W. Saunders.

Standard II.: C. Weston.

Standard III.: B. Andrews.

Standard IV.: M. Harvie 1, J. Fairbrother 2.

Standard V.: G. Harvie.

Standard VI.: E. Harvie 1, H. Whittle 2.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Third Form Agriculture (Mr. R. George's prize): J. S. McLean.

Fourth Agriculture: A. S. Allhusen.

Third Commercial (Mr. G. Fraser's prize): J. Tarrant.

Fourth Commercial: S. Sadler.

Fifth Commercial: F. L. Read.

Form 3D: Languages, K. Staunton; Mathematics and Science, G. Harding.

Form 3C: Languages, L. C. Beekbessinger; Mathematics and Science, J. A. Clouston.

Form 3B: Mathematics and Science, first in form, R. C. Bradshaw; Languages, F. J. Cooper.

Form 3A: Languages, Mathematics and Science, first in form, A. Wells; second in form, T. Watt.

Form 4D: First in form, R. Shoemark; second in form, D. Hetherington.

Form 4C: First in form, C. E. Harris.

Form 4B: Languages, S. Tonks; Mathematics and Science, E. Hammonds.

Form 4A: Languages, G. Ewart; Mathematics and first in form, B. C. Bell; second in form and second in Languages, E. P. Allen.

Form 5C: Mathematics and Science, first in form, E. Bowater; second in form, S. Billing.

Form 5B: Languages, first in form, R. O'Dea; Mathematics and Science, F. L. Davis; second in form and second in Languages, R. Carey.

Form 5A: Languages, T. O. Jones; Mathematics and Science, A. N. Sampson; form prize, G. I. Saunders.

Form 6A: Mathematics and Science, M. C. Lysons (Mr. Sladden's prize); Languages (Mr. Sladden's prize), J. Wright.

Daily News Essays: Senior, H. Garner 1, J. Wright 2; junior, W. S. Thomson 1, E. P. Allen 2.

Bendall Memorial Prize: J. Wright.

General Excellence Cup (presented by Dr. Fookes): C. H. Strombom.

Dux Prize: J. Wright.

Head Boy's Prize (Mr. Billing's prize): S. Fookes.

Music Prize (presented by Mr. H. Collier): J. W. Watt.

Shakespearian Society's Prize (special prize in Literature): E. Tonks.

During intervals in the proceedings a number of items were rendered by the School orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Dobson. The School also sang "Forty Years On," the solo being taken by S. Anderson, and "Land of Hope and Glory," with solo by J. Buckridge, while A. Brodie contributed a violin solo.

The programme was keenly appreciated and a successful gathering terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

CRICKET.

(K. Fookes.)

With but one win to its credit the First Eleven did not have a successful season with regard to the number of matches won; but from the point of view of batting the season was a marked success. The improvement in this department of the game was especially noticeable in the later stages of the season. The credit for this improvement rests entirely with Mr. Bottrill, without whose coaching and invaluable advice the team would have suffered severely.

As both the Second and Third Elevens were first equal at the commencement of the holidays in the junior competition they can look back on the season with satisfaction. The Third Eleven without the services of the boarders continued to play throughout the holidays, and on the resumption of school reached the final of the northern division. This double success of the two elevens in the junior competition reflects great credit on the coaches, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Earl.

This year with the improvement in the practice wickets six nets were available for practice each evening. Thus each form in the school was enabled to have two nights' coaching every week. By this means a considerable advance in the play of the smaller boys was clearly noticeable as the season progressed.

The School First Eleven journeyed to Nelson in December to play the annual match with Nelson College and were defeated in a two innings match. In the other school game of the year, that against Wanganui, which was played in New Plymouth, School again suffered defeat.

THE NELSON MATCH.

(December 21, 22.)

The School team travelled to Nelson on December 19 to play the annual match there. After a very pleasant boat trip the team were welcomed on their arrival by members of the College team. We were then motored to the College, where we were most hospitably entertained during our all too brief stay. On Sunday afternoon, the day prior to the match, we spent an enjoyable outing in the form of a motor drive through the outlying districts. On Monday morning the team indulged in a short practice before the commencement of the match.

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

For the annual home and home cricket match between New Plymouth High School and Nelson College the weather was fine and very hot and the wicket much harder and faster than those which the New Plymouth boys are accustomed to.

The outfield was very fast and as the boundary was on the short side fours were frequent. The heat and the fast wicket proved trying to the New Plymouth boys. Their score of 222 was a creditable effort and they were unlucky in losing several good batsmen at a critical stage of the innings.

Outstanding performances on the New Plymouth side were the batting displays of K. Fookes and Fletcher. Both showed much more confidence than they had done in club matches and scored with freedom. H. Fookes was most successful with the ball. Neither Fletcher nor Strombom bowled up to form. The fielding and throwing in of the home team was of a high standard.

Airey, the Nelson College skipper, won the toss and decided to have first innings on the batsman's wicket. The opening of the innings was disastrous. Fletcher and H. Fookes opened the bowling and the latter in the first over bowled James with a beautiful ball. Biggar, who scored a century in the last Hawke Cup match, tipped his third ball to H. Fookes in the slips, making the score two wickets for eight runs.

Rutherford and Dickinson were then associated in a profitable partnership, taking the score to 73. The School bowling was below form at the opening. Both Fletcher and Strombom sent down overpitched deliveries, which were sent to the boundary. Dickinson and Airey made a fine stand, the latter hitting vigorously at anything loose. The pair carried the total to 134 by forceful cricket.

A big score seemed in view for Nelson, when the end of the innings came suddenly. Five wickets were down for 184 and the whole side, mainly through excellent returns from the field, were out for 198. Grant excelled himself behind the stumps, stumping two men and running three out.

School opened with a fine partnership between Grant and Shallard. Grant was not as safe as usual, but his partner was as solid as a rock. When they were separated the next two wickets fell cheaply; then a magnificent partnership between Fletcher and K. Fookes added 100 runs in an hour. Both scored with delightful strokes all round the wicket.

The rot set in when the score was 175, three wickets falling for one run. H. Fookes was the only other batsman to make a stand.

The innings closed for 222, leaving School with a first innings lead of 24.

Nelson began their second innings with an hour and a half still to go. James and Dickinson set to work patiently. Although the School bowling had lost much of its sting the batsmen were content to play a safe game. The score mounted steadily, 80 appearing on the board after an hour's play. Changes of bowling proved ineffective until Grant stumped Dickinson from a ball off H. Fookes. Biggar joined James and played out time with the score at 117 for one wicket.

The match was concluded the following afternoon, Nelson winning after an even, hard-fought game by 75 runs. The weather was again very hot, and the wicket fast and showing signs of wear in the fourth innings.

Nelson, continuing their innings with one wicket down for 117, made the good total of 293, leaving School with 270 runs to get in order to win. After an innings in which fortune was not favourable, the team was out for 194, the tail of the side making an excellent stand in face of big odds.

James and Biggar continued Nelson's innings. Biggar was careful, but aggressive to anything loose, showing a special liking for late cuts and leg pulls. The pair were well set. James was content to wait for runs, but Strombom got his wicket with a good ball.—Two wickets for 158. Again a big score seemed in sight, but Biggar lifted one to Ewart at square leg, and Rutherford was caught by Grant off Strombom. When Airey was dismissed, five wickets were down for 190. At 217 three wickets fell for no runs and New Plymouth's hopes ran high.

The bowling at this stage was excellent. Strombom kept an excellent length and finished with an average of five wickets for 78.

Johnson and Rix-Trott saved the match for College by making a great ninth-wicket stand which added 61 runs. Johnson played a capital innings for 42.

New Plymouth were set a difficult task to compile 270 runs, and began badly. With the score at 23 Shal-lard was run out. Following this Grant lost his wicket at 32 l.b.w. to Airey, who bowled slow breaks round the wicket. Strombom was bowled round his legs by a big break, and K. Fookes was caught brilliantly in the long field. The board then showed four for 60. Fletcher played a splendid partnership with Beck. The former was again in batting form, and punished the bowling. The timing of his leg shots was done to perfection, and his batting made a great impression in both innings. The pair put on 61 runs before Beck was bowled by a big break. Fletcher followed by playing over a yorker. H. Fookes did not score, and seven wickets were down for 125. Galbraith made a temporary stand, but a feature of the innings was the pleasing success of Ewart. He was very careful and waited for loose balls. With S. Fookes, who reached double figures with good leg shots, he added 33 runs for the ninth wicket.

The team was entertained most hospitably by the Nelson people.



SECOND XI., 1926.

Back Row: H. Brown, A. Moverley, S. Batger, R. Batger.
Middle Row: S. Hughes, J. Beaven, J. Thomas (captain), W. Larkin, G. Ewart.
In Front: R. Ward, C. Palmer.

Oakley Studio.

Scores:—

NELSON COLLEGE.

First Innings.

James, b. H. Fookes	3
Dickinson, b. H. Fookes	73
Biggar, c. H. Fookes, b. Fletcher	2
Rutherford, st. Grant, b. Strombom	26
Airey, st. Grant, b. Ewart	37
Bryant, c. and b. H. Fookes	35
Tombs, run out	5
Barry, run out	1
Johnson, b. Strombom	4
Rix-Trott, run out	0
Guy, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	198

Bowling Analysis.—Fletcher, one wicket for 41 runs; H. Fookes, three for 50; Strombom, two for 41; Ewart, one for 38; Betts, none for 13.

Second Innings.

Dickinson, st. Grant, b. H. Fookes	21
James, b. Strombom	58
Biggar, c. Ewart, b. H. Fookes	64
Rutherford, c. Grant, b. Strombom	7
Airey, c. H. Fookes, b. Ewart	26
Bryant, b. Strombom	2
Tombs, b. Ewart	9
Barry, l.b.w., b. Strombom	0
Johnson, b. Strombom	42
Rix-Trott, b. H. Fookes	23
Guy, not out	5
Extras	36
Total	293

Bowling Analysis.—Fletcher, none for 36; H. Fookes, three for 91; Betts, none for 18; Ewart, two for 37; Strombom, five for 78.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Grant, c. James, b. Johnson	22
Shallard, c. Dickinson, b. Johnson	29
Strombom, b. Johnson	9
K. Fookes, st. Biggar, b. Airey	45
Fletcher, l.b.w., b Airey	45
Beck, st. Biggar, b. Airey	8
Ewart, st. Biggar, b. Airey	0
Galbraith, c. Guy, b. Johnson	11
S. Fookes, c. Biggar, b. Airey	0
H. Fookes, not out	22
Betts, b. Johnson	1
Extras	30
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Total	222

Bowling Analysis.—Johnson, five for 56; James, none for 19; Airey, five for 66; Guy, none for 18; Rix-Trott, none for 40.

Second Innings.

Grant, l.b.w., b. Airey	9
Shallard, run out	16
Strombom, b. Airey	6
K. Fookes, c. Bryant, b. Airey	11
Fletcher, b. James	45
Beck, b. Rix-Trott	26
H. Fookes, played on, b. James	0
Ewart, not out	39
Galbraith, c. James, b. Rix-Trott	12
S. Fookes, c. Biggar, b. James	11
H. Betts, b. James	2
Extras	17
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Total	194

Bowling Analysis.—Johnson, none for 61; Airey, three for 85; James, four for 16; Rix-Trott, two for 13.

THE WANGANUI MATCH.

(March 2 and 3.)

The Wanganui team arrived on Monday, March 1, and were met at the station by members of the School team, and motored to Marsland View. Both teams participated in some useful practice early the following morning before the match. On Wednesday evening the members of both teams were entertained at the Opera House, and on the following morning we assembled on the station to bid the victors farewell.

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

The annual cricket match between New Plymouth Boys' High School and Wanganui Collegiate School commenced on the High School ground under ideal weather conditions. The turf wicket was in perfect condition and the outfield in good order.

High School, who won the toss, batted first and were all out for 93. Wanganui, though the early batsmen failed and at one stage had six wickets down for 69 runs, compiled 174 chiefly owing to a productive partnership between Bunny (42 not out) and Henley (42). High School gave a better display in their second innings, and had scored 77 runs for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn.

Wanganui's bowling was hardly formidable, yet with the exception of the quartette who made double figures, none of the School batsmen looked like scoring. Fletcher played forceful cricket until enticed into hitting a wide break from R. S. Fullerton-Smith, when he was smartly caught behind the wickets from a mis-hit. Shallard, who was bowled by Barton in both innings, shaped confidently, but owed his downfall on both occasions to an attempt to pull an off ball. The failure of the School batsmen appeared to be due to nervousness, for in the second innings they created quite a different atmosphere, even though the bowling did not appear to have lost any of its original sting.

Wanganui, on the other hand, after an unpromising opening, gave a display of attractive batting which, aided by indifferent fielding, soon had the New Plymouth score left well behind.

In the second innings it at first appeared a mistake to have put Hayward in so early, but this batsman justified himself by making a creditable 23 before going out l.b.w. Fletcher, in characteristic style, hit all round the wicket and with Beck had almost made up the deficiency on the first innings when stumps were drawn.

Shallard and Beck opened the School innings. Barton, at the north end, delivered maiden overs in quick succession, until Shallard decided to open out, and hit a couple of boundaries, only to be clean bowled by the former when attempting a foolish stroke. 26—1—19. J. Ewart joined Beck, but after playing sound cricket, the latter was bowled with a ball on the off from Mason. 26—2—7. Fletcher, the newcomer, brightened matters considerably with two boundaries, varied by a six for the benefit of his schoolmates just released from school. He was finally caught behind the wickets from R. Fullerton-Smith. 54—3—16. Meanwhile, Ewart survived several appeals for l.b.w., but after a useful 13 he was caught by Barton in slips. The half-century appeared after 55 minutes' play. K. Fookes, who had joined Ewart, gave an easy chance to Bunny at mid-off from McDougal's second ball, the new bowler having replaced Barton. Bunny, in failing to hold the ball, cut his finger and was forced to retire. A short time later Fookes was clean bowled by McDougal. 67—4—12. Ewart followed three balls later. 67—5—13. H. Fookes scored a half-dozen and skied one. In attempting to catch it, Barton and Burke collided, and though the latter held the catch, the former received a cut over the eye, necessitating his leaving the field. 68—6—6. Galbraith was clean bowled by Mason, who had replaced Fullerton-Smith, without scoring. 83—7—0. Hayward was associated with Petty for a short time, but the latter was soon caught in slips by Mason from McDougal. 83—8—6. Medley found his speed insufficient, and was run out after scoring a brace. 89—9—2. Hayward went out l.b.w., leaving G. Ewart without a scoring account. 93—10—8.

Giesen and Cato opened for Wanganui and played attractive cricket, making 28 before being separated, when Giesen was caught by Ewart off Petty. 25—1—13. School's fielding was patchy, and the half-century appeared after 50 minutes' play. Cato spooned a ball from

Petty to Fletcher at mid-on, and the chance was accepted. 50—2—22. Petty clean bowled Mason with the first ball of his next over. 56—3—11.

Gaddum was dismissed after making a single. 56—3—1. Barton, who followed, was caught behind the wickets by Hayward a short time afterwards. 62—4—5. McDougal hit a four and went out next ball l.b.w. to Petty. 62—5—11. At this stage Petty had an average of five for 32. The Bunny-Henley partnership stopped the rot, and after 82 minutes' play the New Plymouth score was passed. At this stage the bowling was changed frequently, but it was not until he had made 42 that Henley was stumped by Hayward off G. Ewart. 130—7—42. The Fullerton-Smiths were dismissed cheaply, each making a single, Fullerton-Smith major being run out and minor clean bowled by Fletcher. 143—9—1. Burke was nearly run out and after both he and Bunny had been dropped on several occasions he was caught in slips by Petty from G. Ewart. 174—10—11. Bunny had played attractive cricket despite his injured finger and carried his bat for 42.

Shallard opened School's second innings with a boundary, and was then clean bowled by Barton. Hayward and Beck added a substantial total before the former was dismissed l.b.w. by McDougal. Fletcher and Beck commenced to open up and runs came much faster. When stumps were drawn Beck had made 26 and Fletcher 15.

Facing a deficit of 81 runs on the first innings, School opened the second day's play with two wickets down for 77 runs in their second innings. Chiefly through fine innings by K. Fookes (59), Beck (45), H. Fookes (39) and Fletcher (25), the score was carried to 247 before the last wicket fell, leaving Wanganui to make 167 runs to win. When two wickets were down for 20 runs, the position became most interesting, but Cato (81) and Bunny (34) increased the total to 143 before the third wicket fell, and Gaddum (20 not out) and Barton (5 not out) were able to make the required runs. Cato and Bunny made an invaluable stand at a critical time, and to them the visitors are chiefly indebted for their victory.

Beck (26) and Fletcher (15) opened play. Both batsmen played steadily, and the runs mounted slowly

until Beck was run out just after the century had been hoisted. He had played a patient and splendid innings. K. Fookes joined Fletcher in the prettiest partnership of the innings, though Fookes was uncertain and uppish in his strokes in his first few overs. Fletcher tried to force Mason, but was clean bowled, his total being 25.

The bowling began to lose its sting, and the batsmen profited accordingly. Ewart and Petty went fairly early, but K. Fookes had played himself in, and was giving no chances. In partnership with his brother, he began to open out, and the luncheon adjournment was taken with the total at 192, six wickets down, and K. Fookes batting well at 56.

Soon after play resumed K. Fookes snicked a fast leg ball, and the wicketkeeper took a neat catch. 203—7—59. H. Fookes and Medley in partnership sneaked a number of singles, and roused enthusiasm for their speed between the wickets. Fookes was dropped when the total was 234. Attempts to gain daring singles cost two wickets, however, Medley and G. Ewart (last man), both being run out, and the innings closed for 247. Special credit is due to the younger members of the School team, Hayward, Beck, H. Fookes and Medley, for their stubborn stands. The Wanganui fielding did not flag through School's long innings.

Wanganui, wanting 167 to win, opened with Cato and Giesen. Giesen went at 12, and next over Mason went at 20. In a magnificent partnership between Cato and Bunny the total was taken to 143, the pair virtually winning the match. Cato played a great innings, showing a preference for the leg balls. He was confident all through, and drove hard towards the end. Bunny was probably the soundest bat in the Wanganui team, presenting a solid defence to everything.

The School bowling deteriorated towards the end of Wanganui's innings. Petty was the best, and sent down good length, fast deliveries. G. Ewart had no success with his big off breaks. H. Fookes was erratic. The School fielding was much better than on the previous day.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Shallard, b. Barton	19
Beck, b. Mason	7
J. Ewart, c. Barton, b. R. S. Fullerton-Smith	13
Fletcher, c. Gaddum, b. Fullerton-Smith ..	16
K. Fookes, b. McDougal	12
Petty, c. Mason, b. McDougal	6
H. Fookes, c. Burke, b. McDougal	6
Galbraith, b. Mason	0
Hayward, l.b.w., b. McDougal	8
Medley, run out	2
G. Ewart, not out	0
Extras	0
Total	93

Bowling Analysis—Barton took one wicket for 14 runs; Mason, two for 47; McDougal, four for 21; R. S. Fullerton-Smith, two for 7.

Second Innings.

Beck, run out	45
Shallard, b. Barton	4
Hayward, l.b.w., b. McDougal	23
Fletcher, b. Mason	25
K. Fookes, c. Giesen, b. Barton	59
J. Ewart, c. Barton, b. Gaddum	10
Petty, b. McDougal	7
H. Fookes, b. Mason	39
Medley, run out	13
Galbraith, not out	2
G. Ewart, run out	1
Extras	19
Total	247

Bowling Analysis.—Barton took two wickets for 88 runs; Mason, two for 56; McDougal, two for 33; R. Fullerton-Smith, none for 27; Gaddum, one for 24.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Giesen, c. J. Ewart, b. Petty	13
Cato, c. Fletcher, b. Petty	22
Mason, b. Petty	11
Gaddum, c. Fletcher, b. Petty	1
Barton, c. Hayward, b. G. Ewart	5
McDougal, l.b.w., b. Petty	4
Bunny, not out	42
Henley, st. Hayward, b. G. Ewart	42
Fullerton-Smith major, run out	1
Fullerton-Smith minor, b. Fletcher	1
Burke, c. Petty, b. G. Ewart	11
Extras	21
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Total	174

Bowling Analysis.—Petty took five wickets for 51 runs; Fookes, none for 25; G. Ewart, three for 46; J. Ewart, none for 18; K. Fookes, none for 10; Fletcher, one for 6.

Second Innings.

Giesen, l.b.w., b. Petty	10
Cato, c. Hayward, b. Petty	81
Mason, b. Petty	7
Bunny, b. Petty	34
Gaddum, not out	20
Barton, not out	5
Extras	14
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Total (for four wickets)	171

Bowling Analysis.—Petty took four wickets for 61 runs; H. Fookes, none for 35; G. Ewart, none for 32; Galbraith, none for 6; J. Ewart, none for 15; Fletcher, none for 8; K. Fookes, none for 4.

SCHOOL v. STAFF.

(December 9.)

This popular match, which has now become an annual fixture, resulted in an innings victory for School. Staff batted first and compiled the useful total of 171



THIRD XI., 1926.

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Back Row: J. McDonald, A. Hetherington, G. Wray, A. Abbott.

Middle Row: M. Churton, A. Bradmore, C. Harris (captain), S. Sadler, J. Gibbs.

In Front: D. Papps, J. McLean.

runs, due to some fine batting by Mr. Bottrill 73, Mr. Eggleton 51, Mr. Kerr 24, and Mr. Leggat 10. No fewer than seven bowlers were tried for School, the most successful being Strombom (four wickets for 30 runs) and Ewart (two for 24).

From a good beginning by the opening pair, School went on to rattle up a record score of 383 runs, the majority of the team topping double figures. A feature of the innings was the brilliant last wicket partnership between H. Betts and Galbraith, which added 65 runs before Betts was clean bowled. The most successful bowlers for Staff were Mr. Bottrill (three for 95), Mr. Earl (three for 92), and Mr. Kerr (two for 42).

Requiring 212 runs to withstand an innings defeat, Staff opened well, but despite the early success of the first few batsmen a rot set in and they were dismissed for 160 runs. Of this total Mr. Papps made 54, Mr. Earl 38, Mr. Kerr 28, and Mr. Bottrill 16. Of the six School bowlers, the best were Fletcher (four wickets for 44 runs), H. Fookes (three for 26), McLean (two for 3), and Strombom (one for 28).

Scores:—

STAFF.

First Innings.

Mr. Papps, c. Betts, b. Fletcher	0
Mr. Kerr, c. and b. Ewart	24
Mr. Bottrill, l.b.w., b. Strombom	73
Mr. Earl, c. K. Fookes, b. H. Betts	1
Mr. Eggleton, b. K. Fookes	51
Mr. Johnson, c. K. Fookes, b. Strombom ...	0
Mr. Leggat, c. K. Fookes, b. Ewart	10
Mr. Diprose, b. Strombom	2
Mr. Wilson, b. Strombom	0
Mr. Dyer, not out	0
Mr. McDonald, b. K. Fookes	1
Extras	9
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Total	171

Bowling Analysis.—R. Fletcher, one wicket for 24 runs; H. Fookes, none for 27; Strombom, four for 30; J. Ewart, two for 24; H. Betts, one for 26; K. Fookes, two for 15; McLean, none for 16.

SCHOOL.

Grant, l.b.w., b. Mr. Bottrill	53
Shallard, run out	24
Strombom, c. and b. Mr. Kerr	23
K. Fookes, b. Mr. Earl	98
Fletcher, l.b.w., b. Mr. Bottrill	20
McLean, c. Mr. Earl, b. Mr. Kerr	5
Ewart, b. Mr. Bottrill	1
Beck, b. Mr. Papps	33
H. Fookes, b. Mr. Earl	16
Galbraith, not out	40
H. Betts, b. Mr. Earl	31
Extras	39
Total	383

Bowling Analysis.—Mr. Eggleton, no wickets for 81 runs; Mr. Earl, three for 92; Mr. Bottrill, three for 95; Mr. Kerr, two for 42; Mr. Papps, one for 10; Mr. Wilson, none for 7.

STAFF.

Second Innings.

Mr. Kerr, c. Ewart, b. H. Fookes	28
Mr. Eggleton, l.b.w., b. H. Fookes	8
Mr. Bottrill, c. K. Fookes, b. Strombom	16
Mr. Earl, b. H. Fookes	38
Mr. Papps, b. Fletcher	54
Mr. Johnson, b. Fletcher	0
Mr. Leggat, l.b.w., b. Fletcher	0
Mr. Dyer, c. Galbraith, b. McLean	0
Mr. Wilson, b. Fletcher	1
Mr. McDonald, not out	0
Mr. Diprose, absent	0
Extras	15
Total	160

Bowling Analysis.—Fletcher, four wickets for 44 runs; H. Fookes, three for 26; Strombom, one for 28; Ewart, none for 24; Betts, none for 20; McLean, two for 3.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

V. New Plymouth (October 20).—Lost by an innings and 22 runs. New Plymouth 133 runs (Ewart two wickets for 31 runs, Strombom five for 23, H. Fookes one for 16). School, first innings 49 runs (Strombom 18), second innings 62 runs (Strombom 13, K. Fookes 13, McLean 11).

V. Old Boys (November 3).—Lost by 17 runs. Old Boys, first innings 144 runs (Strombom four for 36, Petty two for 24, H. Fookes one for 7); second innings 120 runs (Strombom four for 33, Ewart three for 35). School, first innings 81 runs (McLean 24, Grant 20); second innings 164 runs (Grant 52, Fletcher 36, Beck 20 not out, K. Fookes 15, Strombom 10).

V. Western Park (November 17).—Lost by 28 runs. Western Park, first innings 141 runs (H. Fookes two for 14, Strombom three for 51, McLean three for 33, Ewart one for 22); second innings 89 runs (J. Ewart four for 24, Fletcher three for 30, Strombom three for 10). School, first innings 117 runs (Shallard 50, Beck 32 not out); second innings 85 runs (Strombom 16, Ewart 15 not out).

V. New Plymouth (January 9).—Lost by four wickets. New Plymouth, first innings 75 runs (H. Fookes two for 22, Strombom one for 19, Ewart one for 9, Petty one for 3); second innings 103 for six wickets (Petty four for 38, Ewart two for 20, H. Fookes none for 15, Strombom none for 18). School, first innings 118 runs (Petty 33, Medley 27, Strombom 19); second innings 55 runs (Strombom 19).

V. Old Boys (January 30).—Old Boys, first innings 136 runs (Mackay five for 18, H. Fookes two for 36, Strombom one for 17); second innings 155 runs (Strombom five for 49, H. Fookes two for 47, Petty one for 19, Ewart one for 21). School, first innings 84 runs (K. Fookes 46, Mackay 14); second innings 174 for six wickets (Strombom 111 not out, Alexander 30, Petty 13).

V. Western Park (February 20).—Won by five wickets. Western Park, first innings 140 runs (Petty seven for 37, H. Fookes two for 45, Ewart one for 45); second innings 100 runs (H. Fookes four for 35, Petty five for 55). School, first innings 116 runs (Beck 37, Petty 18, K. Fookes 11, Hayward 12 not out); second innings 128 runs for five wickets (Shallard 42, K. Fookes 30 not out, Beck 25, Fletcher 13).

BATTING AVERAGES.

Batsman.	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
Fookes, K.	16	1	98	369	24.6
Beck, A.	10	1	45	237	23.7
Strombom, C.	12	1	111*	260	21.7
Grant, D.	9	0	53	175	19.4
Shallard, W.	12	0	50	217	18.0
Fletcher, R.	13	0	45	222	17.1
Hayward, W.	4	1	23	47	15.6
Galbraith, J.	10	1	40*	95	10.5
Medley, J.	5	0	27	47	9.4
Petty, L.	11	0	33	96	8.7
Betts, H.	4	0	31	34	8.5
Fookes, H.	15	2	39	108	8.3
Ewart, J.	16	2	39*	115	8.2
Fookes, S.	4	1	11	20	6.6
Ewart, G.	4	1	4	6	2

*Denotes not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowler.	No. of Runs.	No. of Wickets.	Average per Wkt.
Petty	309	29	10.7
Strombom	433	38	11.4
Fookes, H.	509	25	20.4
Ewart, J.	418	19	22.0
Fletcher, R.	228	10	22.8
Ewart, G.	78	3	26.0

AGRICULTURE NOTES.

(J. W. Ewart.)

**(1) TOP DRESSING OF PASTURES IN HOBSON
STREET PLOTS.**

The first year's results of this trial, which was commenced in 1925, are now available. The aims of the trial are to determine:—

- The best source of phosphoric acid.
- Whether potash is necessary or not.
- Whether lime is valuable or not.

An area of land six chains long and 1 1-3 chains wide was used for the purpose of the trial and this was divided into eight strips, seven of which received different phosphate manures, while the eighth, the control, received no phosphates. Each of the strips was in turn divided into four plots. The area was grazed evenly and all droppings spread before the manures were broadcasted by hand on July 31, 1925, and the plots have now been cut for hay and weighed, with the following results:—

Plot 1	Super and lime	56½ lb.
„ 2	Super, lime and potash	60 „
„ 3	Super and potash	55 „
„ 4	Super	51½ „
	Total for Super strip	223 „
Plot 5	Slag and lime	52½ lb.
„ 6	Slag, lime and potash	66 „
„ 7	Slag and potash	78 „
„ 8	Slag	69½ „
	Total for Slag strip	266 „
Plot 9	Basic super and lime	58 lb.
„ 10	Basic super, lime and potash ...	67½ „
„ 11	Basic super and potash	62 „
„ 12	Basic super	61½ „
	Total for Basic Super	249 „
Plot 13	Bone and lime	64 lb.
„ 14	Bone, lime and potash	52½ „
„ 15	Bone and potash	70½ „
„ 16	Bone	71 „
	Total for Bonemeal	258 „
Plot 17	Nauru and lime	66½ lb.
„ 18	Nauru, lime and potash	64 „
„ 19	Nauru and potash	76½ „
„ 20	Nauru	56 „
	Total for Nauru Phosphate	263 „
Plot 21	Ephos and lime	49 lb.
„ 22	Ephos, lime and potash	71 „
„ 23	Ephos and potash	52½ „
„ 24	Ephos	64½ „
	Total for Ephos	237 „

Plot 25	Guano and lime	57½ lb.
" 26	Guano, lime and potash	52½ "
" 27	Guano and potash	41 "
" 28	Guano	66 "
	Total for Guano	217 "
Plot 29	Lime	40 lb.
" 30	Lime and potash	52½ "
" 31	Potash	56 "
" 32	No manure	36 "
	Total for no phosphates	184½ "

It will be seen that the slag plot gave a slightly heavier yield than the Nauru, the weight per acre respectively being, slag 14 tons 7 cwt., Nauru 14 tons 4 cwt., but on the other hand there was a very decided improvement in the herbage in the Nauru plots as compared with any of the others, so that the slightly lower yield was more than compensated for by the better quality of the pasture. The yield from the bonemeal strip was equal to 13 tons 18 cwt.; Basic Super, 13 tons 9 cwt.; Ephos, 12 tons 6 cwt.; Super, 12 tons 1 cwt.; Guano, 11 tons 14 cwt.; and no Phosphate, 9 tons 18 cwt.

RESULT OF POTASH APPLICATION.

Sixteen of the plots received potash, and the yield from these was equal to 13 tons 15 cwt. per acre. Sixteen plots received no potash and their yield was equal to 12 tons 8 cwt.

RESULT OF APPLICATION OF LIME.

Sixteen plots received lime, and their yield was equal to 12 tons 11 cwt. per acre, while the sixteen plots that received no lime yielded equal to 13 tons 1 cwt. per acre.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PLOTS.

The best individual plots were:—

1. Slag and Potash; equal to 16 tons 17 cwt. per acre.
2. Nauru and Potash; equal to 16 tons 10 cwt. per acre.

Bonemeal and Ephos, Lime and Potash gave an equal yield. The plot which had no manure produced equal to 7 tons 15 cwt.

SUMMARY.

- (a) All the phosphates gave an increased yield.
- (b) The potash gave an increased yield.
- (c) The limestone gave a decreased yield.

The phosphates were applied at the rate of 4 cwt. per acre. One half of the area running lengthwise received potash (Kainit) at the rate of 2 cwt. per acre and the other half lime at the rate of 10 cwt. per acre.

(2) FORESTRY.

The Eucalypti that were planted out from the 1924 sowing have made satisfactory growth. All the varieties are doing well, but *E. Viminalis* and *E. Macarthuri* have made most growth. Some of the seedlings which were lined out in a sheltered position made the satisfactory increase of 10ft. in 16 months from the time the seed was sown in the propagation beds. The following measurements were made:—

- E. Macarthuri*, 10ft.
- E. Viminalis*, 9ft. 8in.
- E. Saligna*, 8ft.
- E. Botryoides*, 7ft.
- E. Gunnii*, 6ft.
- E. Eugenioides*, 5ft.

The seed of *E. Muelleriana* and *E. Viminalis* which was sown on November 10, 1925, germinated well and the seedlings, which have been wrenched to encourage fibrous root formation, are now ready for lining out.

(3) COW-JUDGING.

The results of the Cow-judging Competition held at the Taranaki Agricultural and Pastoral Society's Show on March 5, 1926, are:—

Secondary Schools.—1st, Arthur Dickie, N.P.B.H.S.; 2nd, Eric McCallum, N.P.B.H.S.; 3rd, Scott Allhusen, N.P.B.H.S.; 4th, Cyril Palmer, N.P.B.H.S.

In the Primary School division: 4th, Guy Harvie, N.P.B.H.S. (Prep.).

The judge, Mr. F. Mills (Hawera), in his report, congratulated the secondary school competitors on the high standard of their work. He said: "The boys have a very thorough knowledge of the points of a dairy cow; indeed, some of them could teach most of the men who act as judges in the show-ring—that is, in the theoretical part of the work."

(4) EGYPTIAN CLOVER OR BERSEEM (TRIFOLIUM ALEXANDRINUM).

On December 4, 1925, a sowing of this clover was made in the Hobson Street plots.

This clover is one of the most important fodder crops of Egypt. It is an annual, but can be repeatedly cut during the winter and spring. It grows well throughout the winter. The seed germinated well and the plot is making satisfactory growth.

(5) ATTEMPT TO ERADICATE ENGLISH COUCH (AGROPYRUM REPENS).

As a portion of the Hobson Street property is badly infested with couch, an attempt has been made to deal with it under practical farming conditions. The land was ploughed, cultivated to form a seed bed, and sown with maize, which in November, 1925, was broadcasted at the rate of two bushels per acre, and manured with superphosphate at the rate of 2 cwt. per acre. The crop was cut and fed out during February, 1926, and early in March the ground was ploughed and sown with Algerian oats at the rate of three bushels per acre. Superphosphate at the rate of 2 cwt. per acre was also applied.

Where the growth of the maize was thick and tall the couch received a severe setback, but where the crop was thin the couch was not appreciably checked. However, if the oats are a success, the effect on the couch may be more marked.



- JUDGING AYRSHIRE COW, NEW PLYMOUTH SHOW, 1926.

CADET NOTES.

(F. L. Read.)

At the commencement of the year no time was lost in parading those who remained from last year's Cadets together with the new boys, for the purpose of arranging the platoons in the different companies so that the ordinary drill routine could be resumed as soon as possible.

The beginning of the year saw several alterations among the members of the staff who are responsible for the cadet training of the School. Major Bertrand is Officer Commanding Contingent, Lieutenant Dyer commands 24 Company in place of Captain Diprose, while Lieutenant Kerr commands 110 Company in place of Lieutenant Dyer.

Each company has now its full complement of N.C.O.'s, and besides the four corporals that are ordinarily in each platoon there is a lance-corporal, whose duty it is to take the place of any absentee corporal, thus obviating the necessity of the platoon sergeant taking the absentee corporal's section.

The great feature of cadet training this term was the holding of the barracks on the racecourse. This we were able to do through the generosity of the Jockey Club in allowing us the use of the centre of the course for the camp and for training purposes and also several of the buildings for the purpose of cooking and for mess. This ground is an ideal situation for the holding of a military camp, though unfortunately the weather did not allow us to appreciate it to the full extent.

The camp this year was considerably larger than the one held in 1924. This was partly due to the increase in the roll number of this School, but more so to the fact that this year the Technical College also joined us in the barracks, thus making three companies, Nos. 24, 89 and 110, and bringing the total number of cadets under canvas up to 500. Monday, March 22, the day on which we were to go into camp, turned out to be wet, and it was thought that the barracks would have to be postponed, but in the afternoon the weather cleared and we were able to pitch camp. The officers and platoon sergeants of the three companies were instructed in the art of pitching a tent and were able to supervise the cadets while they were pitching camp. The scene presented by the cadets putting up their temporary canvas homes would have

proved a very interesting one to any casual observer; for one minute the ground was absolutely devoid of anything that resembled a tent, and the next minute there were 90 tents pitched in rows, presenting a very creditable appearance.

The following are the members of the permanent and schools' staffs who were responsible for the training while we were in camp. Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Whyte, D.S.O., D.C.M., N.Z.S.C., was camp commandant. Other members of the permanent staff who were with him were: Major D. Bremner, M.C., N.Z.S.C., chief instructor; Captain L. W. Andrew, V.C., N.Z.S.C., adjutant; Lieutenant A. J. King, N.Z.P.S., musketry instructor; Regimental Sergt.-Major J. Mahoney, N.Z.P.S.; and the following staff Sergt.-Majors: A. E. Stevens, J. J. Bell, J. Corkill and Rowe. The following School and Technical College officers were also present: Major G. F. Bertrand (O.C. Cadet Contingent), Captain A. J. Papps (Quartermaster), Lieutenant H. G. Dyer (O.C. No. 24 Coy.), Lieutenants F. J. Eggleton and J. Leggat (platoon commanders); Lieutenant V. E. Kerr (O.C. No. 110 Coy.), Lieutenants R. C. Wilson, T. M. McDonald and J. Earl (platoon commanders), Captain A. L. Moore (O.C. No. 89 Coy.), Lieutenant H. H. Skelton (platoon commander), Messrs. A. Blundell, E. McKeon, J. D. Roulston and H. C. Gatland also assisted.

We began training on Tuesday morning. Each company fell in on its separate parade ground and marched to the battalion parade ground, where morning prayers were conducted by the Rev. E. H. Strong, the camp padre.

After prayers each morning Colonel Whyte inspected the parade, then each company was marched off to its parade ground, where the ordinary drill routine was carried out by the N.C.O's.

It was unfortunate that we had rain on the first night of the camp, for some of the cadets who had never been under canvas before, had failed to loosen the guy ropes of their tents, so that when it rained the tents became tight. This caused them to leak, much to the discomfort of three sergeants who, clad only in pyjamas and raincoats, did the rounds in the rain at 2 a.m. in order to loosen ropes which had been fastened too tightly.

A valuable acquisition to the camp, in the eyes of the majority of the boys, was the canteen, which occupied its appropriate position in the booth. The canteen, which

was under the able charge of Messrs. Pope, Connell and Dobson, did brisk business at all hours of the day in which the cadets were free from drill.

An attraction which the cadets appreciated very much was the concert which was given in the School on the Wednesday evening. Special thanks are due to Mr. Dobson, who was responsible for its organisation, and to all those who so kindly assisted.

On Thursday afternoon General Young, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., was to inspect the cadets, but as he was unable to come to New Plymouth, his place was taken by Colonel Powles, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant, who, after receiving the salute at the march past, addressed the cadets from the steps of the main grandstand. During the course of his speech Colonel Powles remarked on the bearing of the cadets. He also remarked on the tidiness of the tents, and expressed a wish that the boys would carry the tidiness which they had shown while in camp into their homes, their school, and their future lives, for he said that no employer wanted a boy who was untidy or undisciplined. Colonel Powles also invited the public to inspect the tents. A number of people took this opportunity, and the majority of them went away with the impression that a military camp could at least teach a boy to be tidy.

Owing to the wet weather of Thursday night and Friday, the camp, which was originally intended to conclude on Saturday, broke up on the Friday afternoon.

Though the drill we had in camp was much more strenuous than that which we are used to, the novelty of the situation afforded ample recompense for any extra duties entailed.

The effect that the camp had on the bearing of the cadets can easily be noticed in the every-day drill of the School, for the smaller boys of No. 110 Coy. who, before they went into camp, marched, as Colonel Powles said, "like Brown's cows," now march in a manner which would well become trained men.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 9, the School cadet contingent marched to the Fitzroy School to attend the ceremony of the unveiling of the Memorial Gates. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Archdeacon Evans, and the unveiling of the gates was performed by the Hon. Sir James Parr, Minister of Education.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(H. J. Thomas and E. Tonks.)

On February 9 School opened after the annual Christmas holidays. Many old faces were missed and many new ones seen. We are now fully reconciled to work and the regular routine is being carried out.

The long-debated amalgamation is slowly taking place. Some of the masters are taking classes at the Technical College and some School students (?) are receiving tuition there. The two schools combined in a military camp on the racecourse from March 22 to March 27. We went into camp on March 22 and remained there until March 27. Inclement weather added to the discomforts of the camp and hastened its striking. Many thanks are due to the Taranaki Jockey Club for the use of the racecourse for our camp and for the use of the building for mess-rooms. The food was served out in the various rooms, the sergeants having a separate mess-room. One day, much to his disgust, the cook arrived on the scene in time to see the last morsels of the colonel's salad disappearing down the hungry throats of the sergeants. The matter was reported both to the adjutant and to the colonel, who both appreciated the joke.

The annual swimming sports were held on February 25. The water was warm and the competitors were keen. The sports were run off quickly and without hitch, reflecting great credit on the committee and other officials. The championships were held on the Saturday following. The water was very thick and not conducive to good swimming. Some of the competitors were indisposed as a result.

Cricket was resumed after several unsuccessful matches during the holidays with only a scratch team. The Nelson trip was enjoyable though unsuccessful. Under the management of Mr. Bottrill the team arrived at Nelson on Sunday, December 20. They were very hospitably entertained at the College by Mr. and Mrs. Broad. The match was played on the following two days and resulted in a win for Nelson by 76 runs in a two-innings match.

The First Eleven were again defeated on the School grounds by the Wanganui College team after a hard-fought game. The first innings was almost a debacle, but the feature of the game was the magnificent recovery of School in the second innings. Though defeated by six wickets School was by no means disgraced. More successful were the Second Eleven, who were the runners-up in the junior competition. The strongest team was put in to try conclusions with the Borough Council team for the supremacy. This match resulted in the defeat of School.

Several changes in the teaching staff have taken place. Miss K. Campbell, of the Preparatory Department, left and her place there was taken by Mr. A. Blundell. Mr. T. M. McDonald left the staff to take up a position at Balclutha. His place was taken by Mr. W. I. Shrimpton, M.A. We wish the new masters every success and we hope their stay with us will be a pleasant one.

New music rooms were added during the holidays in addition to a sorely needed armoury. Owing to the limited boarding accommodation and the great influx of boarders, a new dormitory has been erected on the site previously occupied by the agricultural plots. This is a temporary building which will be converted into a library when a more substantial dormitory can be erected.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Kerr, who has succeeded in passing his M.A. degree in French, and also to Mr. Bottrill, who has gained a Diploma in Sociology. Two of last year's pupils were successful in the Junior University Scholarship examination. J. Wright gained a University National Scholarship and M. Lysons gained a Taranaki Scholarship. According to custom Mr. Moyes granted us a much appreciated holiday. We desire both to congratulate and to thank heartily these two boys for what they have done.

Many preparations were made for a trip to the mountain at Easter. Many supplies and stores were collected and on Good Friday a merry band set forth for the mountain, the intention being to cross the ranges on the way. The small boys proved to be a stumbling block and much to our surprise the would-be mountaineers arrived home on Saturday afternoon. The trip had been too strenuous for boarders.

Boxing was resumed under the personal supervision of Mr. F. J. Eggleton, assisted by K. Riley and R. Ward. The boxing class is a very popular one and the boys seem to be making progress in the noble art.

One afternoon, by kind permission of Mr. Moyes, we were allowed to see the picture "Rewi's Last Stand" at the Everybody's Theatre. This picture was fully appreciated as it was exciting and interesting. The boarders especially appreciated it as they were turned away and were allowed to see it at night in the Opera House.

On April 17 the Old Boys held a fete to raise the necessary funds to complete the amount required to build the gymnasium. The intention is to erect a building, not the size of an ordinary gymnasium, but of the size of the Coronation Hall, more or less, so that we shall be able to drill on wet days.

One very fine afternoon, as we had nothing to do, it was agreed that we should give a display of physical drill in the Recreation Grounds in aid of the Whiteley Church Memorial Organ Fund. We greatly appreciated this kind forethought in supplying something to occupy our minds. However, the greater part of No. 24 Company arrived and gave a display, which was apparently very much appreciated. K. Riley and R. Ward also gave a display of jiu-jitsu.

The orchestra continues to do very good work under the baton of Mr. Dobson. It rendered several items at the concert given while we were in camp, at which a number of musicians from the town rendered items. The orchestra was present also to assist at the West End School concert. Of course the new music room gives a great deal of assistance to the training of the orchestra, although still yet a little more space would not be amiss.

The Tennis Committee is far from being an energetic one. It has taken little notice of the courts, with the result that games have been played without any lines being marked on the grass. Owing to the inclemency of the weather a match which was to have been played against the Girls' High School was abandoned. Perhaps this was just as well for the reputation of the School.

Football was commenced after Easter. The grounds have been marked out and the teams are now in training.

On April 24 the First Fifteen will play a match with Old Boys, who are very fit as a result of their tour in the Hawke's Bay district. There are promises of very good fifteens throughout the School this year. The three masters who rendered their valuable services to the Old Boys team last year now consider themselves too old to play, but we believe their intentions are to keep up their "stouthing" propensities with an occasional practice with us.

On Friday, April 9, the School proceeded to the unveiling of the Fitzroy School War Memorial. The School marched down in two companies. The firing party was composed of picked cadets. A number of boys whose names were on the memorial were also Old Boys of the School. The memorial was unveiled by the Hon. Sir James Parr, the High Commissioner-elect.

Again, the drill in the School companies has been of a very high standard. The boys have been trying hard, as there has been organised a system of section competition. The best section is allowed certain concessions, so there is a struggle among them for supremacy. According to reports of the officers in charge of the companies the work of the N.C.O.'s is also of a high standard. In the camp the brunt of the instruction fell on the hands of the section commanders. It was decided to allow the section commanders to have control of their sections and instruct them in all branches of drill. This method was undoubtedly a success. A number of N.C.O.'s went to the camp at Trentham held in the last week in January. They received much good instruction and it is obvious that they have benefited by attending the course.

As usual the masters have been surprised with witty and humorous answers, both intentional and otherwise. One of the officers of 24 Company, while we were in camp, no doubt proved the maxim of "letting sleeping dogs lie." He wished to interrogate a certain person on a certain question, and received a not uncertain answer. On waking the individual he was greeted by a backhander on the countenance and the words "What the dickens are you doing, R—?" The individual was greatly shocked when he discovered the identity of the victim of his violence.

One master received a rude shock when conducting the Sixth Form English class. We were reading about a deformed monster in "The Fairy Queene," of Spenserian fame. This one wordy member construed as the "deformed master." The master blushed, but appreciated the joke.

A master informed a class that he had traversed the Main Trunk "thousands of times." We wonder whether he was a guard or an engine-driver?

On being asked what was another name for the Mexicans, one brainy individual answered "Greasers." Although he was to a certain extent right, his teacher did not appreciate his great intellectual capacity. No doubt he wished for "Aztecs."

We have now among us the strange spectacle of a Technical boarder. He is known as the pioneer of the amalgamation.

Again we have a number of English public school boys in our midst. They are a fine type of boy, sturdy and strong, though switchbacks and "snowy" hair are prevalent among them.

No doubt the football in the School is on the upgrade. One worthy member of the third group sought with tearful entreaties to play in the First Fifteen. The master in charge has not yet had time to recuperate. The ninth group is progressing favourably under the coaching of two senior boys and will soon rival the first group.

Some of the best "howlers" seem unbelievable. Here are some we have encountered recently at School: "The authentic Anglo-Saxon history is the Anglo-Saxon Times."—evidently our first newspaper: "Canon law said that the King was the only man who could own a canon, so when a baron made war against the King, the King would be able to make breeches in the baron's castle."—a sartorial monarch! Association of ideas may also lead to amusing mistakes: Who was Cain's father?—Adam. Yes, and who was Abel's father?—Eve. This is a genuine question and answer story.



GRASS PLOTS AND PASTURE TOP-DRESSING AREA.

ORCHESTRA NOTES.

(A. Moverley.)

When the School reassembled at the beginning of this year it was only too evident that many of the old familiar faces were not present. The School as a whole suffers from their loss, but the institution which is perhaps the greatest sufferer is the orchestra, for to coach up the younger members in order to replace the more experienced players is very difficult and needs much time and patience. To overcome this difficulty there has been formed this year a Junior Orchestra, which is making satisfactory progress.

The orchestra has now lost the services of the following valued players:—W. A. Brodie (first violin), J. Sutton (piano), D. Robertson (viola), A. W. Hay (second violin), H. M. Thomson ('cello), and H. Betts (first violin). We welcome, however, the following new members:—G. MacDiarmid (piano), H. Law (flute), G. Scott ('cello), J. Hatherley, L. Petty, R. Gibbins, S. MacDiarmid and D. Syme (second violins). The crying need for a cornet has at last been filled by C. Smith, of the Technical College, a sign no doubt that the amalgamation is slowly and perhaps surely taking place.

The personnel of the orchestra is now as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Dobson; piano, G. MacDiarmid; first violins, M. Rogers, G. Wray, G. Sutton, E. Edgecombe and A. Moverley; second violins, J. Gibbs, J. Hatherley, R. Gibbins, L. Petty, D. Syme and S. MacDiarmid; cornet, C. Smith; violas, J. Stronge and H. Gorringer; flutes, P. Miles and H. Law; 'cellos, C. Stronge and G. Scott; clarionets, C. Lobb and D. Phillips; drums, etc., C. Campbell.

The orchestra has to date made two public appearances. During the barracks a party of musicians from town kindly presented a concert in the Assembly Hall and on this occasion the orchestra rendered two selections.

As usual the orchestra was present at the West End School concert, and, although there had been such little time to practice, it performed quite creditably. No doubt before the end of the year there will be many more engagements, for which the members of the orchestra must practise assiduously.

On hearing the orchestra some people are disappointed and are apt to criticise. They complain that there are too many stringed instruments and not enough bass. Now, criticism is valuable. These critics, however, forget that this institution is primarily educational. It is not the best possible combination. Indeed no boy with any musical ambition is barred from joining. Again, it is inadvisable for immature boys to undertake the larger wind instruments. These weaknesses are practically irremediable, but by a careful selection of music the orchestra hopes to present some very good programmes in the near future.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

Trinity College.—Practical: Higher Local (Honours), G. MacDiarmid, C. Campbell; Intermediate, C. Jenkins, D. Phillips; Junior, I. Beckbessinger.

Associated Board.—Higher Division, J. W. Watt; Elementary, W. P. Hetet.

Trinity College.—Theory: Advanced Intermediate Harmony, G. MacDiarmid; Intermediate Harmony (Honours), C. Campbell, J. Ford, J. W. Watt; Junior Theory (Honours), I. Beckbessinger; Preparatory, Theory (Honours), G. Sutton.

Associated Board.—Rudiments, J. Sutton, J. Ford.

HOUSE NOTES.

(G. MacDiarmid and R. J. O'Dea.)

We started school again this term on February 9, and that morning saw many new faces among the old ones. Groups of friends were standing about exchanging anecdotes of their holidays, while the new boys wandered round looking in vain for someone they knew. After the first week, however, all had made friends and were fast settling down to the school routine.

On February 25 the annual swimming sports were held under ideal conditions. The boarders had their dinner at the Kawarua Park Kiosk. That evening the new boys' concert was held, at which every boy entering the upper school had to give vital statistics concerning his age and where he came from and then had to sing or

recite or to box with some other unfortunate whose voice was not his best asset. The concert went off with a good swing and several fair voices were discovered which will be made use of in the School concert. A feature of the evening was a fine recitation given by Mr. Blundell.

We were glad to hear that as J. Wright and M. Lysons had gained scholarships we were to be given a day's holiday. The Tuesday after Easter was chosen. At Easter most of the boarders who lived conveniently near went home and a party of those remaining was made up to climb Mt. Egmont under the guidance of Mr. Moyes. The party set off in fine spirit, each member having a pack of blankets and food weighing about 25lb., and climbed up a bad track to the top of the ranges, where a fine night was spent in camp. But the next day the weather looked so bad that it was decided to abandon the trip and so late the next afternoon the party arrived back at school.

About six weeks after commencement of school we went into barracks for a week under command of Lieut.-Colonel Whyte. Unfortunately the weather was against us from the start and remained bad the whole of our stay under canvas.

The battalion used the totalisator and part of the hall underneath the grandstand to mess in, and considering the size of the camp the food was quite good. Nevertheless the boarders found school food very welcome after camp was over. It had been arranged from the first to strike camp on Saturday, but owing to the continuous heavy rain on Friday it was decided to strike camp that afternoon. On Saturday morning, in good weather, the tents were taken down, and were handed in.

About the second week after commencement of school the new boarding prefects were appointed. For the next week the boot shops in town were filled with eager-eyed prefects trying on rubber-soled shoes.

One of our best friends with ginger hair had rather a startling experience when going to bed recently. On getting into bed he touched something cold and on investigating he found a dead mouse reclining in state on the bottom sheet. Being of an excitable nature he immediately pulled everybody in the dormitory out of bed trying to find the culprit who, however, remained undiscovered.

The ukelele cult has grown up strongly this term, there being about six of these instruments among the boarders. We wonder where some of the owners learned to play them. Many do not seem to have started learning yet, although all are certainly successful in producing a noise of sorts.

We wish to thank Mr. Dobson for organising a very fine concert during camp week. On the Wednesday evening we were marched over to the school where the concert was held. The proceedings opened with a selection by the school orchestra. We wish to take this opportunity of heartily thanking the various performers who helped to make the concert such a success. Every item was enthusiastically received and all were encored. At 9.30 the concert ended with the National Anthem and we marched back again to camp.

Owing to the increase in the number of boarders this term it was found necessary to buy a large quantity of new crockery. This was bought in England and arrived at school in three large barrels and was unpacked on the quadrangle outside the dining-room, there being very few breakages.

There has not been the usual amount of swimming at the school pool this term, owing perhaps to the unsettled weather most of the time. In spite of this, however, many boarders have made use of the season tickets to the baths and later on many gained certificates in distance swimming.

At the end of last term an occupant of a certain dormitory arranged several pairs of boots above the door as a caution to raiders. Unfortunately for him our leading house master chose this time for an evening promenade and, hearing talking, he entered the room with every intention of stopping it. But no sooner had he pushed open the door and stepped inside than an avalanche of boots fell on him and he discovered the ringleader feigning sleep and punished him severely then and there.

During the term we were taken to see "Rewi's Last Stand," a picture purporting to portray some of the leading events in the history of New Zealand in regard to the Maori War. The picture might have been fairly good had the soldiers not worn wild-west sombreros and had there not been a particularly emotional love-story running

through it. As it was most of us came away feeling that New Zealand in the early days must have been like a scene from a Buffalo Bill story.

When we arrived back this term we were sorry to hear that Mr. McDonald was leaving us at Easter to take up a new position at Balclutha. We hope he will enjoy his stay there as much as he did his three years' sojourn with us. It is our pleasant duty to welcome Mr. A. H. Blundell, who joined us shortly after the commencement of the term to take up his position as assistant master in the Preparatory Department, and Mr. W. Shrimpton, who arrived at Easter to fill the vacancy left by Mr. McDonald.

As, at the beginning of the year, a marked increase was shown in the number of boarders, it was found necessary to convert a part of the hospital into a temporary dormitory. After the camp, however, the new building was completed and the hospital is once more inhabited by the usual "Old Soldiers."

Boys seem to have a remarkable aptitude for bestowing nicknames and a few are worthy of notice:—Walrus, Horse, Inaha, Beery, Hapuka, Loose-box, Codlin-moth, Curry, Cow-face.

We notice one face absent from the dinner-table this year. This shows the stability and low cost of running of the 1924 model Chevrolet.

At the beginning the term the boys in the front part of the house were alarmed at the number of earthquakes occurring during the night. Our dusky friend declared that the place was haunted, but another prevalent view was that there was a volcano about to erupt in the vicinity. The mystery was cleared up one night when the origin was discovered in number 5 dormitory.

Since the beginning of the term a few boys have acquired motor-bikes and have appropriated the dark room for the purposes of parking. We hear, however, that a movement is on foot for the starting of a Camera Club and it seems a pity that this room is not left to its proper purpose. With the formation of a club, however, we hope that the evil will be remedied.

This year we have again a number of English boys with us who have come for the reputed purpose of learning to farm. If anything they are more conscientious than those here last year in regard to their work.

On the night of the Wanganui match the boarders were allowed out to see the pantomime "The Forty Thieves" and the following Thursday were given a half-holiday to see the Show.

During the term Mr. Johannes C. Anderson gave a lecture on the Turnbull Library and New Zealand Native Birds in the Workers' Social Hall. This was much appreciated by the boarders, especially as many of them tried to imitate the warblings, etc., in their sleep.

On the morning of Anzac Day, the School memorial service was held in St. Mary's Church by Rev. E. H. Strong. At the close of the service the organist played Chopin's "Funeral March." In the afternoon it was again our privilege, as in other years, to take part in the public memorial service. The School Cadets joined the procession at the Post Office and marched round the Cenotaph to Pukekura Park, where the service, a simple and touching one, was conducted by Rev. Mr. Richards, with the address given by Rev. J. D. Wilson. At the end of the proceedings three volleys were fired, the "Last Post" sounded, and the ceremony finished with the National Anthem. The occasion was a sad one for very many, but Anzac Day is looked forward to by all as the means of keeping green the memory of our fallen soldiers.

A party of about twenty boarders have formed themselves into an Alpine Club. Their object is to form two tennis courts from a piece of waste ground at the Mountain House, and work was commenced on April 26, when the boys with two masters went up the mountain in motor-lorries and camped in the Old House. They worked hard all Saturday, making excellent progress, and on Sunday they climbed to the summit. In the evening the boys returned to School all having thoroughly enjoyed the week-end.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The annual swimming sports were held this year on February 25 and 27. On the former day the whole of the day was spent in getting off the handicap events, lunch being provided for the boarders at the Kawaroa Park Tea Kiosk. In order to make the championships as even and attractive as possible, it was decided to hold these events on the evening of Saturday, February 27. Both handicap and championship events were well up to standard.

The officials were as follows:—Starter, Mr. Moyes; marksman, Mr. Bertrand; check starter, Mr. Connell; call stewards, Rev. E. H. Strong and Mr. Papps; official recorder, Mr. Diprose; finals steward, Mr. Wilson; judges of racing, Messrs. Bottrill, Johnson and Kerr; announcer, Mr. Dyer; rope stewards, Messrs. Leggat and Earl; luncheon stewards, Messrs. Wilkie and McDonald; costume steward, Mr. Pope; seating stewards, Messrs. Dobson and Blundell; judges of diving Messrs. G. Jago, C. Brown and A. H. Blennerhassett; timekeepers, Messrs. J. Bennett, V. Dalgleish and F. C. Ferry; committee, Mr. Eggleton (chairman), J. Thomas, J. Galbraith, H. Fookes, S. Hayton and J. Stronge.

The championship winners and their points are as follows:—

Senior Championship (Sykes Memorial Cup).—J. H. Thomas (17 points) 1, R. Lawrence (10 points) 2, J. Galbraith (8 points) 3.

Junior Championship.—L. Petty (15 points) 1, J. Beaven (9 points) 2, Lyall (2 points) 3.

Under 14 Championship (Fox Cup and replica).—Dallison (15 points) 1, Bell (9 points) 2, Muir (2 points) 3.

The details of the events are as follows:—

HANDICAP EVENTS.

33 1-3 Yards Open.—First heat: M. Lyall (2sec.) 1; eight started; time, 28 1-5sec. Second heat: S. Anderson (1sec.) 1; eight started; time, 27 3-5sec. Third heat: G. Beaven (2sec.) 1; seven started; time, 28sec. Fourth heat: A. Henderson (4sec.) 1; six started; time, 28 4-5sec.

Fifth heat: R. Batger (2sec.) 1; eight started; time, 29sec. Sixth heat: A. Hetherington (4sec.) 1; eight started; time, 29 2-5sec. Seventh heat: Bradmore (4sec.) 1; seven starters; time, 28 1-5sec. Eighth heat: R. Fletcher (1sec.) 1; seven started; time, 28 4-5sec. Ninth heat: Riley (1sec.) 1; seven started; time, 29 2-5sec. Tenth heat: Whittle (5sec.) 1; eight started; time, 29 4-5sec. Eleventh heat: Whitehead (4sec.) 1; seven started; time, 31 2-5sec. Twelfth heat: Reakes (7sec.) 1; seven started; time, 27 3-5sec. Semi-final.—First heat: Whittle 1, Bradmore 2, Hetherington 3; won on touch; time, 27 4-5sec. Second heat: Beaven 1, Lyall and Anderson (dead heat) 2; Beaven led all the way; time, 27 4-5sec. Final: Hetherington 1, Lyall 2, Beaven and Anderson (dead heat) 3. This was a very close race; won by half a length. Very little separated the second and third. Time, 28sec.

33 1-3 Yards Preparatory Race (first three to qualify).—First heat: E. Colson (scr.) 1, Cruickshank (4sec.) 2, Scott (scr.) 3; the only starters; time, 28 1-5sec. Second heat: Walsham (2sec.) 1, Law (scr.) 2, Stevenson (scr.) 3; six started; time, 26 3-5sec. Final: Colson 1, Walsham 2, Law 3. Colson took the lead about half-way and won by a length. Time, 26 1-5sec.

New Boys' Race (33 1-3 yards).—First heat: Watson (scr.) 1; eight started; time, 26 2-5sec. Second heat: C. Stronge (scr.) 1; eight started; time, 26 4-5sec. Third heat: Good (6sec.) 1; eight started; time, 23sec. Fourth heat: Wigg (2sec.) 1; seven started; time, 26 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Lee (4sec.) 1; six started; time, 28sec. Sixth heat: Wilson (6sec.) 1; six started; time, 30 2-5sec. Final: Good 1, Watson and Wigg (dead heat) 2, Stronge 3. Won by two lengths, little separating second and third. Time, 24 2-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards Open (first two to qualify).—First heat: H. Fookes (5sec.) 1, F. Bayly (4 sec.) 2; seven started; time, 54 2-5sec. Second heat: R. Lawrence (scr.) 1, J. Stronge (scr.) 2; eight started; time, 52 1-5sec. Third heat: G. Beaven (4sec.) 1, Howse (6sec.) 2; seven started; time, 52 1-5sec. Fourth heat: S. Anderson (3sec.) 1, Campbell (6sec.) 2; nine started; time, 51 4-5sec. Final: Anderson 1, G. Beaven 2, Campbell 3. Anderson and Beaven put on a great spurt at the last, Anderson winning by half a length. Time, 52 2-5sec.

Learners' Race (width of baths).—First heat: Wells 1, Clegg 2; twelve started and some had difficulty in finishing. Second heat: Cresswell 1, Crowe 2; eight started after several attempts. Third heat: Cooper 1, D. Lee 2; nine started. Final: Cresswell 1, Wells 2, Ericksen 3. Won on touch.

50 Yards Breast-stroke.—First heat: Buckeridge (scr.) 1; five started; time, 47 4-5sec. Second heat: S. Anderson (scr.) 1; five started; time, 53 4-5sec. Third heat: R. Lawrence (scr.) 1; five started; time, 54 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Tarrant (5sec.) 1; six started; time, 56 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Watkins (5sec.) 1; five started; time, 51 1-5sec. Final: Buckeridge 1, Watkins 2, Lawrence 3. Won by a length, with the third man well behind. Time, 47 3-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Back-stroke.—First heat: Lysaght 1, Lawrence 2; time, 33 1-5sec. Second heat: Stronge 1, Noonan 2, Morgan 3; time, 31 1-5sec. Final: Stronge 1, Lysaght 2, Noonan 3. Won on touch. Time, 30sec.

100 Yards Open.—Final: Beaven 1, Galbraith 2, Thomas 3. Beaven had the lead all the way and won on touch, very little separating Galbraith and Thomas. Time, 1min. 28 2-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards Preparatory Race.—Final: Colson 1, Walsham 2, Crowe 3. Colson and Walsham kept together and finished with Crowe well behind. Time, 60 2-5sec.

Diving for Plates.—Morgan 1, with 18 plates; Howse 2, with 17 plates. In this event there were 15 competitors. Morgan, with eight, brought up the most at one shot.

25 Yards (under 14).—First heat: Dallison 1, Duff 2, Tribe 3; time, 21 4-5sec. Second heat: Wells 1, Marshall 2, Sheard 3; time, 21 1-5sec. Final: Wells 1, Marshall 2, Dallison 3. Won on touch. Time, 22sec.

Long Plunge.—J. Buckeridge 1, Staunton 2. Distance, 47ft.

220 Yards Open.—Final: J. Thomas 1. In this race there were only two competitors. Galbraith, the other competitor, pulled out at the fourth lap after being even with Thomas most of the way. Time, 2min. 56 3-5sec.

Inter-Form Relay Race (first to qualify).—First heat: Form IVa; time, 1min. 38 3-5sec. Second heat: Form Vd; time, 1min. 39 1-5sec. Third heat: Form Va; time, 1min. 30sec. Final: Form Va (Anderson, Lawrence, Hayton, Fookes) 1; Form Vd (Riley, Fletcher, Hutchen, Ward) 2; Form IVa (Bayly, McLean, Lyall, Sutton) 3.

Old Boys' Race (33 1-3 yards).—J. Law (1sec.) 1, W. Penman (ser.) 2, N. Ford (2sec.) 3. Four started. Time, 22sec. Won by a yard.

Awkward Entry.—Ek Dahl 1. There were six competitors.

Corfu Dive.—K. Staunton 1. Five competed.

Open Dive.—Lister 1, Harper and Ward (equal) 2. The only competitors. L. Petty did not dive on account of being ill.

Ribbon Dive.—R. Ward 1. There were three competitors.

Balloon Race.—First heat: McCallum 1, C. Stronge 2; five started. Second heat: H. Fookes 1, B. Pease 2; six started. Third heat: McDonald 1, Harris 2; seven started. Fourth heat: A. Henderson 1; five started. Fifth heat: Cato 1; six started. The final was abandoned owing to a shortage of balloons.

Obstacle Race.—First heat: Cato 1; ten started. Second heat: Buckeridge 1; seven started. Third heat: W. Hetet 1; nine started. Fourth heat: J. Hutchinson 1; seven started. Final: Buckeridge 1.

Relay Race (School v. Old Boys).—Old Boys won by three yards.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

33 1-3 Yards Under 14 Championship.—Dallison 1, Bell 2, Muir 3. Time, 24 1-5sec. The only starters. Won by three yards.

33 1-3 Yards Junior Championship.—L. Petty 1, J. Beaven 2, Lyall 3. Time, 19 3-5sec. Seven started. In a close race Petty won by a yard, touches only separating the other competitors.

33 1-3 Yards Senior Championship.—J. Thomas 1, J. Galbraith 2, R. Lawrence 3. Time, 18 4-5sec. This was also an exceedingly close race, touches separating the placed competitors. Five started.

50 Yards Under 14 Championship.—Dallison 1, Bell 2, Muir 3. Time, 40sec. The only starters. Won comfortably.

50 Yards Junior Championship.—L. Petty 1, J. Beaven 2, Lyall 3. Time, 32 4-5sec. Five started. Won by two yards.

50 Yards Senior Championship.—J. Thomas and J. Galbraith (dead heat) 1, R. Lawrence 3. Time, 31 1-5sec. Four started. This was a splendid race and afforded an exciting finish, as the placings indicate. Thomas was slightly ahead when the turn was reached, but Galbraith, making a good turn, put in a fine sprint to the finish and just got level with Thomas, who seemed unaware of his approach, on the rope.

75 Yards Under 14 Championship.—Dallison 1, Bell 2. Time, 71 3-5sec. Three started. Won very easily.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—L. Petty 1, J. Beaven 2, S. Hayton 3. Time, 77 1-5sec. Four started. Won by two yards.

100 Yards Senior Championship.—R. Lawrence 1, J. Thomas 2, J. Galbraith 3. Time, 71 3-5sec. Lawrence set out at a fast pace and maintained the lead throughout. Although Thomas closed on him considerably over the last length, he was unable to head Lawrence, who won a good race by a yard. Galbraith, the only other starter, finished two yards back.

220 Yards Senior Championship.—J. Thomas 1. Time, 3min. 1 2-5sec. Lawrence was the only other starter, but was obviously outclassed and finished twenty yards behind Thomas, who by winning the race annexed the senior swimming championship of the School.

BOXING NOTES.

(R. Ward.)

At the beginning of the term as we had no professional coach Mr. Eggleton, an able coach of the art of self-defence, took classes every Tuesday night in the Assembly Hall. This branch of athletics has been taken up enthusiastically in the school and good progress is being made by the majority of the members. There are at present about forty active members in the class and the Assembly Hall finds itself badly overcrowded on Tuesday nights. The keenness shown by the members augurs well for the championships, which will probably be decided next term. We are also looking forward to a tournament equal to any staged in the history of the school. Under the instruction of Mr. Eggleton, the boys are taught jiu-jitsu as well as boxing.

TENNIS NOTES.

(R. Fletcher.)

We are sorry to say that the end has come to a long and successful tennis season. Arrangements were made with the Park Committee for the use of their courts on Saturday mornings. Many of the boys availed themselves of this opportunity and the courts were in constant use. On our return from the holidays we found that our own grass courts were in a bad condition and so they were not used frequently. The 1925 championships were played off under ideal weather conditions and the competitors displayed great keenness. The results were as follows:—

Senior Singles: C. H. Strombom.

Senior Doubles: J. Pease and R. Fletcher.

Junior Singles: R. Whitehead.

Handicap Doubles: J. Pease and R. Fletcher.

A match was arranged with the Girls' High School this term, but owing to the weather conditions being unfavourable it was postponed until the third term.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

(G. Harvie.)

We were very sorry when the Misses Campbell left the Preparatory Department at the end of last term, after useful service for over five years. Our Prep. master has now been joined by Mr. Blundell, and we hope that his stay at the school will be a long and pleasant one.

Prep. has a moderate football team this year, and although we have not yet played any matches in the Primary Schools' Competition, we have had useful practices against the sixth and eighth groups. One or two members of the team are very speedy fellows—especially. Here is a rhyme about this lad from the north:—

There lived a hefty boy,
The "speed king" of the Prep.
Once upon a time I think
He was a Whangarei rep.

New boys this term who entered the department are: Hatherly, J.; Thomson, M.; Clegg, J.; Bell, R.; Palmer, F.; Dacre, D.; Callaghan, E.; Clemow, D.; Blundell, C.; Symes, I. E.; Barlow, E.; Burrows, R.; Ansley, C.; McKenzie, A.

Younger members of the Prep. are enthusiastically taking agriculture this year. The majority of them seem to enjoy it as they have never had it before. Last year only Standards IV., V. and VI. took this subject, but now the smaller boys do also.

Proficiency certificates were obtained by most of the boys last year in Standard VI., whose work during the second term was very pleasing to the inspector.

Two of our members have left us and are now at a small seminary school in another town. Next holidays we expect to see them return with enlarged heads.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Alan Field, who died in hospital several weeks ago. He was one of the best and during his stay here twice won the Junior Steeplechase.

CHAPEL.

The ordinary school service at 9.30 on Sunday mornings has been somewhat spoiled this term by a rather persistent disregard of time. Unpunctuality is rather a hindrance when it is remembered that the parish requires the Church from 10.30 onwards. The remedy is quite obvious. But naturally if we allow Saturday night to encroach upon Sunday morning it is difficult to apply the remedy with any measure of success. The reading of the lessons has shown signs of marked improvement, Anderson, Harman and K. Fookes being the best of a good lot. It is a pity that the responding is so weak. From the Chancel it is almost impossible to hear anything at all. The singing too is poor, and in no way what it was a year or two ago. These matters can easily be set right and probably will be as the year goes on. It is mainly in the hands of those who wish to see the service a model of what it should be.

This year there was no service for the Old Boys on Easter Day, owing to the fact that their re-union has been postponed till later on. The result was that boys scattered far and wide, and Easter and Good Friday were not observed except in so far as boys remembered their duties at home. It is always a matter of regret that there cannot be any corporate recognition of these days by the school.

In July classes in preparation for Confirmation will begin. The Bishop-elect of the new Diocese of Waikato, Ven. A. C. Cherrington, at present the Archdeacon of Mauritius, cannot assume his duties for some little time; but it is hoped that he will be here in time to hold a Confirmation for us towards the end of the year. In any case we shall begin our classes at the usual time. Boys will be well advised to consult their parents during the forthcoming holidays on this matter, so that those who are to join the classes will be in readiness when they begin. We shall very much miss the Archbishop this year. His addresses at the school Confirmations have always been of great help, and his great interest in the school has at all times been shown in a variety of ways. Perhaps it is not too much to hope that he may still find his way down to Taranaki from time to time.

EXAMINATION RESULTS 1925.

The annual examinations of last year were fairly good as a whole, though the Matriculation results were weak when compared with previous years. The results are as follows:—

University National Scholarship.—J. Wright.

Taranaki Scholarship.—M. C. Lysons.

First B.A.—R. W. Bates (subjects, English and History), T. L. Bailey (subjects, English and Mathematics), S. F. Fookes (subjects, English and Constitutional History), D. G. Grant (subjects, Mathematics and Economics), A. Moverley (subjects, English, History and Economics).

Second LL.B.—C. H. Strombom (subjects, Constitutional History, Jurisprudence and Roman Law).

Matriculation and Accountancy (M., Matriculation; P., Medical Preliminary; S., Solicitor's General Knowledge; P.P., Partial Pass; A., Accountant's Preliminary; Comp., Completed Matriculation).—Bellringer, H. E. (Comp.); Brown, H. H. (Comp.); Lysons, M. C. (Comp.); Read, A. E. (Comp.); Robertson, D. (Comp.); Thomson, H. (Comp.); Batger, R. J. (P.P.A.); Bayly, G. S. (P.P.); Brodie, W. A. (P.P.); Collinge, B. E. (Comp., A.); Garner, H. L. (P.P.); Geddes, M. (P.P.); Harman, E. G. (P.P.A.); MacDiarmid, N. S. (P.P.); Medley, J. S. (P.P.); Noonan, R. R. (P.P.); Pease, J. J. (Comp., A.); Read, F. L. (P.P.A.); Sampson, A. N. (P.P.); Saunders, G. I. (P.P.); Sutton, J. H. (P.P.); Carey, R. J. (M.S.P.); Davis, F. L. (P.P.); George, H. V. (P.P.); Grover, P. G. (P.P.); MacDiarmid, G. C. (M.); Muir, R. J. (M.); O'Dea, R. J. (M.S.P.); Olson, H. E. (P.P.); Stronge, J. S. (A.); Thomson, J. S. (P.P.); Warner, J. E. (A.).

Public Service Entrance.—Wright, J.; Leach, J. S.; Medley, J. S.; Wilton, O. H.; Lawrence, R. A. G.

Senior National Scholarship.—Allen, E. P.; Bell, B. C.; Ewart, G. L.; Field, E. M.; O'Dea, R. J.; Phillips, D. G.

Junior National Scholarship.—Ford, J.; Duff, G.; Wells, A.; Watt, T.

The following gained proficiency:—Cuthbertson, K.; Davies, I.; Fairbrother, P.; Harvie, E.; Hetherington, I.; Nolan, D.; Okey, V.; Stronge, C.; Sutton, K.; Thomson, H.; Thorne, A.; Whittle, H.

Competency.—Hetet, W. P.

E. Harvie and H. W. Little qualified for Junior National Scholarships.

THE ROLL.

The roll this year stands at 409, of whom 184 are boarders. In the Upper School there are 361 boys, of whom 160 are boarders, while the figures in the Lower School are 48 and 24 respectively. The complete roll is as follows:—

FORM VI.

Bailey, T. L.
 *Batger, R. J.
 *Batger, S. A.
 *Buckeridge, J. M.
 Campbell, C. G.
 Davis, F. L.
 Fookes, K. F.
 Galbraith, J.
 Geddes, M.
 George, H. V.
 Grover, P. G.
 *Harman, E. G.
 *MacDiarmid, G. C.
 Medley, J. S.
 Moverley, A.
 *Noonan, R. R.
 *O'Dea, R. J.
 Olson, H. E.
 *Read, F. L.
 Sampson, A. N.
 Stronge, J. S.
 Thomas, H. J.
 Tonks, E.
 Warner, J. E.

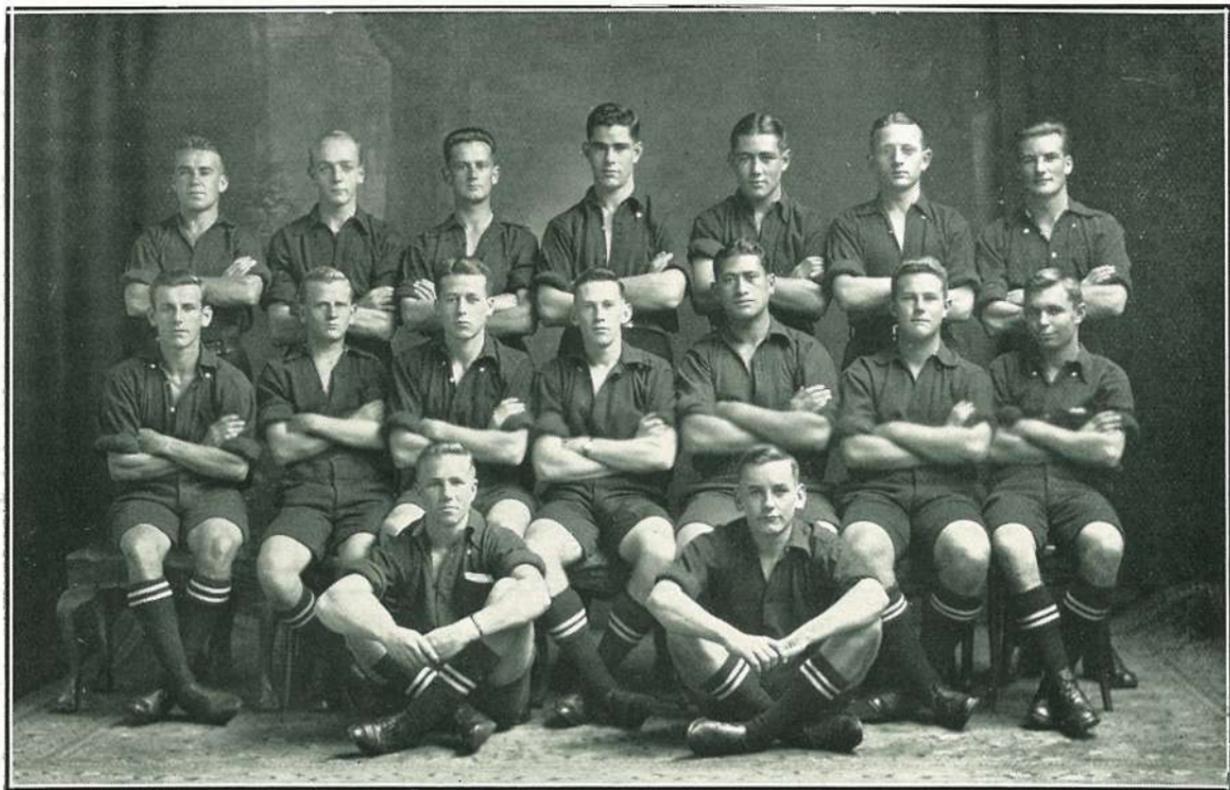
Evans, A. E.
 Ewart, J. W.
 Fookes, H. F.
 Gorringe, H. H.
 *Hanley, R.
 Harris, R.
 Hayton, J. T. S.
 *Hunkin, R.
 Jackson, A. K.
 *Land, E.
 Larkin, W.
 Lawrence, R. G.
 List, T. R.
 *Lysaght, F. H.
 *Martin, R. C.
 McNeill, C. A.
 *Moore, E. J.
 Parrot, W. E.
 *Pease, B. H.
 Pepper, M. D.
 Rawson, W. T.
 *Stewart, D.
 *Shallard, W.
 *Wetere, K.
 *Worth, E.
 Wray, A. G.

FORM V. A.

Abraham, J. E.
 *Anderson, G. S.
 Andrews, A.
 *Campbell, B.
 Cresswell, E.

FORM V. B.

*Abbot, A. G.
 Allhusen, A. S.
 *Beaven, J. H.
 Bell, B. C.
 *Cato, W. S.



PREFECTS, 1926.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: J. Medley, B. Pease, J. Moore, J. Buckeridge, R. Fletcher, E. McCallum, R. Batger.

Middle Row: T. Bailey, A. Moverley, K. Fookes, F. L. Read (head), K. Wetere, J. Thomas, J. Beaven.

In Front: E. Harman, S. Anderson.

Davis, R. A.
 Ewart, G. L.
 *Grieve, B. W.
 *Hammonds, E. F.
 Hudson, H. C.
 Jones, W. O.
 Mills, A.
 Morgan, T. O.
 *Murray, J. T.
 *Neill, P. W.
 *Phillips, D. G.
 Riding, E.
 Rogers, L. M.
 *Sadler, S. I.
 Stace, C. J.
 *Standish, M. L.
 *Wall, W. C.
 *Watt, W. J.
 White, S. M.
 *Wilton, O. H.
 Wright, E.

FORM V. C.

*Beaven, G.
 *Beck, W. A.
 Booker, J. G.
 *Bradmore, A. E.
 Bransgrove, J.
 *Churton, M. H.
 Davies, T. O.
 Dinniss, S. G.
 Gardiner, N. F.
 Golding, H. A.
 *Harris, C. E.
 *Hayward, W.
 *Hetet, W. C.
 *Howse, L.
 Innes, W. J.
 Johnson, C. N.
 Kenny, G. A.
 Little, C. L.
 *McCallum, E. W.
 *Miles, P. C.
 *O'Neill, R. W.
 Pratt, W. J.
 Tonks, S. G.
 Trueman, R. C.

FORM V. D.

Allen, R. W.
 *Brown, H. M.
 Cottier, T. S.
 Cresswell, R. M.

*Duigan, J.
 *Fletcher, R.
 *Gibbs, J.
 Grace, G.
 Griffiths, C.
 Hetherington, D. W.
 Hine, E.
 Hookham, T. W.
 Hutchen, A. K.
 Hutchinson, J.
 Lobb, C. C.
 *Riley, J. K.
 *Riley, K.
 *Rutherford, A. W.
 Shoemark, R. S.
 Sutton, R. E.
 *Ward, C. J.
 *Ward, R.
 Whitehead, K. W.

FORM IV. A.

Allen, C.
 *Bayly, F.
 *Beckbessinger, I.
 Bell, A.
 Bennett, R.
 Bounsall, W.
 *Bradshaw, R.
 Brookman, W.
 Cooper, F.
 Diekey, L.
 Duff, G.
 Ford, J.
 Hall, R.
 *Ingle, M.
 Jackson, D.
 *Jenkin, M.
 *Lennon, D.
 Lobb, M.
 Lyall, M.
 Mackay, W.
 *McLean, J.
 *McLean, L.
 *Middleton, H.
 *Oldfield, E.
 Stace, D.
 *Sutton, G.
 *Syme, J.
 Tate, J.
 *Thomason, R.
 *Treloar, A.
 *Watt, T.
 *Wells, A.
 *Yorke, E.

FORM IV. B.

*Avery, J.
 *Baxter, A.
 *Clouston, J.
 Cave, C.
 Cave, K.
 Cooper, R.
 Edgecombe, E.
 *Finlayson, K.
 *Good, M.
 Hains, L.
 *Halligan, J.
 *Harding, G.
 Heggie, R.
 Hetherington, A.
 Howlett, A.
 Hughes, S.
 Magrath, M.
 *Mahraj, R.
 *MacDonald, J.
 Morey, M.
 *Muir, T.
 *Olsen, P.
 *Palmer, C.
 Papps, D.
 Sampson, J. H.
 *Snell, W.
 Staunton, K.
 *Tarrant, J.
 *Thompson, M. R.
 Thomson, D.
 Thomson, S.
 Thomson, W. S.
 *Wallace, I.
 *Western, C.
 White, M.
 Wright, T.

FORM IV. C.

Bell, N.
 Bennett, A. K.
 *Berry, R.
 *Betts, T.
 *Bridgeman, N.
 Brown, C.
 Bullof, R. O.
 Carter, J.
 *Davidson, L. V.
 *Eaves, P. H.
 *Fookes, N.
 Gardiner, N.
 *Hassall, M. E.
 Henderson, A.
 Jones, J.
 *Lee, D. H.

*Lind, D.
 Lister, R.
 O'Brien, D.
 Palmer, F. L.
 Palmer, M. F.
 *Paterson, R.
 Petty, L.
 *Piggot, R.
 *Pitt, T.
 *Pitt, W.
 *Reakes, G.
 *Silver, D.
 *Sinclair, A.
 Thomas, W.
 Turner, N.
 Watkins, H. S.
 *Whitehead, R.
 Wright, N.

FORM III. A.

Anderson, J.
 Anderson, R.
 Archer, J.
 Bensley, E. H.
 Chick, W.
 Clare, N.
 *Clayton, R.
 *Coates, J.
 Cooper, H.
 *Cullen, M.
 *Dallison, D.
 *Downard, C.
 *Evans, H.
 Fairbrother, P.
 Greenlees, P.
 Glover, D.
 Henderson, E.
 *Honeyfield, E.
 Jones, R.
 Jury, F.
 *Kenrick, D.
 *Kerrisk, S.
 Lee, E.
 *Loten, E.
 *Maciver, C.
 *MacDiarmid, S.
 Newson, I.
 Reynolds, E.
 Richards, M.
 Shepherd, G.
 Shepherd, R.
 *Stewart, D. A.
 Stronge, C. R.
 Sutton, K. A.
 Tribe, M.
 Whittle, H.
 Wilson, J.

FORM III. B.

*Barrow, C.
 Bell, C. H.
 Billing, B. H.
 Clarke, J. M.
 Coplestone, W. G.
 *Dickie, A. J.
 *Donald, J. E.
 *Ekdahl, J. D.
 *Evans, C. S.
 *Evans, D.
 Featherstone, A. D.
 Gibbins, R. D.
 *Gray, H. K.
 Harper, J. F.
 *Holland, W. P.
 Marshall, E. G.
 *Mitchell, A. B.
 Marine, F.
 *Nicholls, G. A.
 Rea, L.
 Roebuck, D.
 Scoble, J. U.
 Sefton, J.
 Smith, T. E.
 *Smyth, R. J.
 Stace, R. V.
 Stewart, R. J.
 Swindells, F. G.
 Thorne, A.
 *Watson, P.
 Watson, R.
 Wilson, S. P.
 *Wood, E. A.

FORM III. C.

Bird, S. J.
 Brown, H. J.
 *Burwell, G. E.
 Bramley, H.
 Clow, M. J.
 Deare, K. H.
 Davies, J. E.
 Dineen, F.
 Elliott, D. A.
 *Erickson, A. W.
 *Evans, L. C.
 Fogden, H.
 Gunson, G. B.
 Harris, A. B.
 Hill, A. B.
 Jordan, J. V.
 *Latham, D. C.
 *Leech, N. H.
 *McCallum, D. R.

*Matthews, F. R.
 Oliver, R. G.
 *Poole, P. M.
 *Roebuck, R. B.
 *Short, H. F.
 *Syme, D.
 Thomson, H. L.
 White, F. M.
 *Willcocks, H. F.

FORM III. D.

Abraham, J.
 Andrews, M.
 Andrews, R.
 *Bassett, R.
 *Beasel, E.
 *Boddy, R.
 Edgecombe, R.
 Faull, W.
 *Field, A.
 Francis, L.
 Gilbert, C.
 Gilmor, K.
 *Gray, G.
 *Harbutt, W.
 *Hetet, W. P.
 Hetherington, J.
 Hopkins, C.
 Luxton, S.
 Mackay, J.
 *McNeice, J.
 *Neilson, N.
 Okey, V.
 *Perry, J.
 *Phillips, A.
 *Preston, A.
 Prior, H.
 *Ryan, C.
 *Sheard, W.
 *Verry, C.
 *White, L.
 *Wigg, G.
 *Williams, A.

STANDARD VI.

*Barlow, A.
 Barlow, T.
 *Bell, R.
 Brookman, R.
 *Colson, E.
 *Crowe, B.
 *Churton, P.
 *Clegg, J.
 *Hatherley, J.
 Harvie, G.

*Law, H.
Le May, K.
Moyes, P.
*Palmer, F.
Riley, J.
*Rowe, A.
*Scott, G.
*Scott, K.
*Stevenson, J.
*Thomson, I.
*Symes, I.
Whitecombe, D.

STANDARD V.

*Burrows, R.
Fairbrother, J.
Harvie, M.
McKenzie, A.
Palmer, M.
Saunders, G.
Walsham, B.
*Wilson, E.

STANDARD IV.

Andrew, B.
*Ansley, C.
Blackley, D.
Cruickshank, F.
*Callaghan, E.
*Clemow, D.
*Daere, D.
Le May, T.
Saunders, N.
*Thomson, J.
*Whittington, H.

STANDARD III.

Davies, W.
Nolan, R.
Somerton, J.
Weston, C.

STANDARD II.

*Barlow, E.
Blundell, C.
*McDonnell, P.
Saunders, W.

The following boys entered the School this year:—

Abraham, J.
Anderson, J.
Anderson, R.
Andrews, A.
Andrews, M.
Andrews, R.
Archer, J.
Barrow, C.
*Basset, R.
Bell, C. H.
Bensley, E. H.
Billing, B. H.
Bird, S. J.
*Bleasel, E.
Bramley, H.
Brown, H. J.
*Burwell, G. E.
*Cato, W. S.
Cave, C.
Cave, K.
Chick, W.
Clare, N.
Clarke, J. M.
Clow, M. J.
*Clayton, R.
*Coates, J.
Cooper, H.
Coppelstone, W.

Cresswell, E.
*Cullen, M.
*Dallison, D.
Davies, J. E.
*Downard, C. H.
Deare, K. H.
*Dickie, A. J.
Dineen, F.
*Donald, J. E.
Edgecombe, R.
Ekdahl, J. D.
Elliott, D. A.
*Eriksen, A. W.
*Evans, C. S.
*Evans, D.
*Evans, L. C.
Evans, H.
Faull, W.
Featherstone, A. D.
*Field, A.
Fogden, H.
Gibbins, R. D.
Gilbert, C.
Gilmor, K.
Glover, D.
*Good, M.
*Gray, G.
*Gray, H. K.

*Grieve, B. W.
Greenlees, P.
*Hanley, R.
*Harbutt, W.
Harper, J. F.
Harris, A. B.
Henderson, E.
Hill, A. B.
*Honeyfield, E.
Hopkins, C.
*Holland, W. D.
*Hunkin, R.
Jones, R.
Jordan, J. V.
Jury, F.
*Kenrick, D.
*Kerrisk, S.
*Land, E.
Larkin, W.
*Latham, D. C.
Lee, E.
*Leech, N. H.
*Lennon, D.
*Loten, E.
Luxton, S.
*MacDiarmid, S.
*MacIver, C.
Mackay, J.
Marine, F.
Marshall, E. G.
*Matthews, F. R.
*McCallum, D. R.
*McNeice, T.
*Mitchell, N. B.
*Neilson, N.
Newson, I.
*Nicholls, G. A.
Oliver, R. G.
*Paterson, R.
*Phillips, A.
*Preston, A.
Prior, H.
*Poole, J. M.
Rea, L.
Reynolds, E.
Richards, M.

Roebuck, D.
*Roebuck, R. B.
*Ryan, C.
Scoble, J. U.
Sefton, J.
*Sheard, W.
Shepherd, G.
Shepherd, R.
*Short, H. F.
*Silver, D.
Smith, T. E.
Smyth, R. J.
Stace, Y.
*Stewart, D. C.
*Stewart, D. A.
Stewart, R. J.
Swindells, F. G.
*Syme, D.
Tate, J.
Tribe, M.
*Verry, C.
Watson, P.
Watson, R.
White, F. M.
*White, L. M.
*Wigg, G.
*Williams, A.
Wilson, J.
Wilson, S. P.
Wood, E. A.
*Yorke, E.
*Bell, R.
*Clegg, J.
*Hatherley, J.
*Palmer, F.
*Symes, I.
*Ansley, C.
*Barlow, E.
Blundell, C.
*Callaghan, E.
*Clemow, D.
*Daere, D.
*Burrows, R.
*Thomson, J.
McKenzie, A.

*Indicates Boarder.

The following boys left school at the end of last year:—Adlam, R.; Aish, R. G.; Allen, D. N.; Allen, P.; Ambury, C. R.; Arthur, J. W.; Barak, V.; Bates, R. W.; Bayly, G. S.; Bayly, H. W.; Barlow, L.; Bellringer, H. E.; Bennoch, L. W.; Berryman, A. R.; Betts, H.; Betts, S.; Billing, S.; Black, S.; Bleakley, K. W.; Bowater, E.

L.; Brodie, W. A.; Brown, H. H.; Brugh, J.; Buist, E. W.; Bullock, D.; Calvert, C. G.; Calvert, D. G.; Canning, F. R.; Carey, R. J.; Carr, J. E.; Clarke, O. H.; Clarke, O. W.; Cleland, E. D.; Coad, A. H.; Collinge, B. E.; Cooper, S. G.; Cottam, M. S.; Crawford, I. J.; Crudis, F. L.; Cuthertson, K. E.; Davis, E.; Dunn, J. A.; Fairfax, R. S.; Fitzgerald, C. N.; Fookes, S. F.; Frost, R.; Furrrie, A. K.; Garner, H. H.; Girling, R. W.; Glengarry, J. J.; Grant, D. G.; Griffiths, T. H.; Griffiths, W. O.; Hagger, G. E.; Hartnell, S. F.; Harvie, E. F.; Hawkings, T. T.; Hay, A. W.; Henry, C. J.; Hingston, H. S.; Hinkley, C. W.; Jackson, E.; Jenkin, C.; Jones, K.; Jones, T. O.; Julian, L.; Kedgley, E. G.; Kerr, D. G.; Korkis, F.; Lamb, J. A.; Leach, J. S.; Lealand, W. P.; Lysons, M. C.; Mace, R. H.; MacDiarmid, N. S.; Mackenzie Forbes, N.; MacRae, M. F.; Manly, J.; Martin, K. B.; Mercer, J. H.; McCann, R. E.; McLean, D. P.; Milroy, J. R.; Molloy, P. A.; Muir, R. J.; Murray, G. F.; Nihoniho, R.; Nolan, D.; O'Dowda, C.; Orsourn, R.; Pease, J. J.; Penman, W.; Pillay, S.; Pole, B. J.; Rawson, W. R.; Read, A. E.; Richards, C. L.; Roberts, R. B.; Robertson, D.; Robertson, C. C.; Ross, P. M.; Russell, L. H.; Satherley, R.; Saunders, G. I.; Seamark, H.; Shaw, J.; Sherwin, J. D.; Smith, A.; Somerville, B. E.; Stewart, A. B.; St. George, H. M.; Steffenson, F.; Strombom, C. H.; Sutton, J. H.; Thomson, H.; Thomson, J. S.; Thomas, G. S.; Waters, J.; Way, N. C.; Webb, A. W.; Webb, R. G.; Welton, B. E.; Wilson, L. H.; Wilson, L.; Wright, D. R. Wright, J.; Yorke, T. H.; Young, A.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS 1925-1926.

President: Dr. E. F. Fookes.

Vice-Presidents: E. P. Webster and A. R. Standish.

Hon. Treasurer: C. Smart.

Hon. Secretaries: L. Lovell and H. J. Boon.

Committee: A. J. Papps (chairman), R. G. Howell, C. D. Collins, H. W. Brown, C. Drader, P. Pope, G. Roberts, G. Morey.

GYMNASIUM FUND.

THE GALA DAY.

On April 17 the Old Boys made their big effort to raise the £1000 necessary before the Gymnasium Fund could be subsidised as promised by the Minister of Education. The day proved a beautiful one for the big gala organised by the Old Boys. Great enthusiasm had been shown by a willing band of workers whose efforts on behalf of the School were, with the assistance of a lovely autumn day, crowned with success. The proceeds of the gala were originally intended to be divided between the Gymnasium Fund and the Old Boys' Club funds, but at a meeting of Old Boys it was decided that the whole amount should be added to the Gymnasium Fund. As a result of the efforts of the numerous ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls who assisted, and the generosity of the public, the Gymnasium Fund will benefit to the extent of £214 9s 7d.

A tremendous amount of organisation prior to the day resulted in a variety of attractions, all of which were interesting, and many of which were distinctly original in nature. Those who paid for admission to the School grounds were given the privilege of patronising the various stalls and side-shows, but in addition the pleasure of seeing gratis two delightfully picturesque maypole dances by a number of girls under the control of Mrs. Avery, an exhibition of physical drill by a squad of School boys under the command of Mr. F. J. Eggleton, and several trials of strength with the tug-o'-war rope between two Central School teams, two West End School teams, and a Westown School team, the winner being Central A.

One of the most appreciated of the attractions was afternoon tea in the Assembly Hall, where a splendid programme of music was supplied by the School Orchestra, under Mr. J. Dobson. Outside on the main ground, visitors were besieged by fair ladies with requests to estimate the number of beans in a bottle and the length of string in a jar, with various things as prizes, and a generous Lady Crinoline sold parcels to the small children.

In the evening a cabaret was held in the Assembly Hall, though the attendance at this function was rather disappointing.

Great credit is due to the ladies, who, under Mrs. T. H. Bates and Mrs. W. N. Stephenson, did a tremendous amount of work prior to and during the afternoon. The Old Boys' committee, with Mr. A. J. Papps at the head, worked with energy and enthusiasm, and their efforts were ably seconded by the masters, old boys and pupils, as well as several outside helpers. The brunt of the work fell on the untiring secretary, Mr. J. H. Boon, to whom much of the success of the function is due.

The stall-holders and other officials were: Convenors, Mesdames Bates and Stephenson; sweets, Mesdames Johns, Griffiths and Russell; cake, Mesdames Palmer, Medley and Stocker; produce, Mesdames T. Fookes, Bennett, Bullock and Webster; pickles and jam, Mesdames T. Fookes, Standish and Papps; flowers, Mesdames Billing, Creswell, Alleman; afternoon tea, Mrs. Moyes and assistants; fortune-telling, Mrs. Bishop-Martin; dips, Mrs. C. Roebuck; croquet competitions, Mrs. Johnson; golf and bowling competitions, masters of the School.

Donations were received from Mrs. Brodie £5 5s, Mr. P. J. Flannagan £2 2s, Archdeacon Evans £2 2s, Messrs. R. George £2 2s, Wallace Gibbons, T. Jones, "G.H.," Faber £1 1s, Tribe, Penman, "Anzac," 10s, Foden, Renaud, Newall, "G.H." and Gardner 5s each.

On the following Saturday, when Old Boys played School as the opening of the football season, surprise packets were sold and the net proceeds have been sufficient to bring the required sum within easy distance.

As a result of the surprise packets and football match a further sum of £137 was collected, and with further donations amounting to £30 odd, the £1000 required for the gymnasium has been raised and the balance, nearly £20, has been handed to the Old Boys' Club. It is indeed gratifying to know that the long felt want of a school gymnasium is soon to be realised, and when the matter is again placed before the Minister of Education it is to be hoped that the subsidy will be sanctioned and the building proceeded with immediately.



M. BARAK,
Rhodes Scholar.

OLD BOYS' CLUB ROOM.

Early in the year a meeting of Old Boys was called to consider the question of the establishment of an Old Boys' Club Room for use by Old Boys of any secondary school. Arrangements have been made with the Returned Soldiers' Club and the Old Boys' Club is now established and is doing good work in maintaining connection with the School and in keeping the Old Boys in touch with one another. It is hoped that all Old Boys who can, including those away from New Plymouth, will join as members and thus provide the necessary finance to effect certain improvements. The subscription is only £1 per annum and any Old Boy desirous of becoming a member should forward his name to the secretaries. Already over 100 members have joined. The rooms consist of a billiard room fitted with two billiard tables and ping pong table, a card room, and a large social and reading room, which is comfortably furnished. The club also owns a piano and gramophone. A new billiard table has recently been purchased and it is the intention of the committee to hold an official opening of the club in the near future. A number of Old Boys, under the baton of Mr. Dobson, have formed themselves into an Old Boys' Orchestra and are thus continuing their work learned in the School Orchestra.

OLD BOYS' BALL.

The Old Boys' Ball was held in the Assembly Hall on Monday, May 24, and was again the success it has always been, over 300 Old Boys and their friends being present.

WELLINGTON BRANCH.

The following is a report of the third annual meeting of the Wellington branch of the Association, held on April 19, 1926. At the present time there are over 100 Old Boys in Wellington, a list of whom appears in the Old Boys' column:—

Present: W. Beckett (in the chair), R. Bothamley, M. Sutherland, A. Christie, T. Hamerton, W. Rea, C. Fookes, W. Nash, R. H. Caughley, R. E. Pope, W. Monk,

L. Waller, T. Foden, K. Grant, G. Buchanan, H. McIvor, and G. Waterson.

The balance-sheet, showing a credit of £8 10s, was adopted.

Election of officers resulted:—Patron: W. H. Moyes. President: W. E. Rawson. Vice-Presidents: A. Hempton, E. W. Hursthouse, T. A. Harle, R. E. Pope and W. Beckett. Committee: C. Fookes, R. Bothamley, M. Sutherland, C. Winfield and T. Foden. Joint Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers: E. G. Waterson and H. I. McIvor.

After much discussion it was proposed by W. Monk, seconded by R. E. Pope, that in the event of further Public School boys arriving from England, the expenditure in entertaining them be limited to the state of finance of the Post Office Savings Bank account.—Carried.

Much disapproval was expressed at the alteration of date of the annual re-union from Easter.

Proposed by M. Sutherland, seconded by A. Christie, that the New Plymouth Association be written to asking that the date be adhered to (viz., Easter).—Carried.

There was a general feeling of regret at the lack of information in regard to Old Boys' functions at New Plymouth. It was therefore proposed by W. Beckett and seconded by R. Pope, that C. Fookes be appointed a delegate to wait on the New Plymouth officials and find out what exactly is the position regarding matters concerning this branch, also that the secretary be requested to write to the New Plymouth Association on the above matters.—Carried.

Proposed by C. Fookes, seconded by R. Pope, that we offer a cup to the School for annual competition in debating, as it was felt that in the past debating has been rather neglected.—Carried.

Proposed by T. Hamerton, seconded by L. Waller, that a re-union to take the form of a smoke concert be held here at the end of the University second term.—Carried.

FAREWELL TO M. BARAK.

RHODES SCHOLAR.

On Friday, May 28, some 70 Old Boys and citizens of the town gathered at lunch to farewell Monty Barak, who has been selected as the first Rhodes Scholar for New Zealand for this year, and who leaves early in June to continue his studies at Oxford.

The chairman, Dr. E. F. Fookes, President of the Old Boys' Association, stated that Mr. Barak had achieved a distinction of no mean order. No mere scholar or athlete could have gained that distinction. He had to be a man's man, to show grit in every possible way; to show leadership and everything that became a man. That Mr. Barak had been chosen as a Rhodes Scholar was a matter of congratulation, firstly to himself, and, secondly, to the school at which he had received his education; and possibly even the Old Boys' Association might claim a little reflected glory. Mr. Barak was the right type to carry a Rhodes scholarship through, and they could look forward with the greatest confidence to his future in the university and in after life.

In extending good wishes on behalf of the Old Boys, Dr. Fookes presented Mr. Barak with a suitcase and travelling rug as a small token of their esteem, which, he stated, also extended to the devoted mother, who had made this education possible for him. Anyone of those more closely associated with him knew of the great devotion and sacrifice his mother had given to enable him to achieve what he had.

Mr. W. H. Moyes, headmaster of the School, said that their guest had brought distinction to the School and to the town and district where he had lived. It was over 20 years since the Rhodes Scholarship was founded and during that period many brilliant men had been awarded it. He ventured to say that none was more worthy of the distinction than their guest. Entering the Preparatory Department as a small boy, Barak soon showed the stuff he was made of, and early in his school career those in charge of him singled him out as a pupil likely to do great things. He had never disappointed them. Each year he had been at the top, or near the top, of his form,

until eventually he left the School with a University Entrance Scholarship. It was not scholastic success, however, that made him a power in the School. Many achieved success like that and were not heard of afterwards. It was due to his clean, straightforward, manly character and the example he showed to the younger boys under him. Even when in the Preparatory Department his word was always his bond and, although he was at the School many years, the speaker did not think he ever had occasion to have him "on the mat." But he was by no means effeminate, in spite of these qualities. He was one of the best Rugby forwards the School had produced and all the boys recognised him as a sportsman of the best type. He rose to be a prefect and then had an opportunity to show what he was made of. Mr. Moyes said he was sure that all who were privileged to associate with Barak as a boy would remember him as one who strove heart and soul to make the School what he considered it to be—the best school of all. His career at the University was known. Just as he had been a leader at the School, he became a leader among the University students, and he was now receiving the reward merited by service to others and a record of scholarship of which he might well be proud. Mr. Moyes said he wished to congratulate Mrs. Barak. Her son would be the first to acknowledge that what he had achieved was due in no small measure to her assistance and sympathy. In conclusion, he extended good wishes to Mr. Barak on behalf of the School.

FIRST RHODES SCHOLAR.

Mr. H. R. Billing, chairman of the Board of Governors, expressed pleasure in joining, on behalf of the Board, in the congratulations to Mr. Barak and his mother. This was the first occasion on which a boy from the district had won the distinction which had come Mr. Barak's way, but he hoped other boys would take a pattern by him and that it would not be the last occasion. In other words, he hoped they could wish the School many happy returns of the day. All the members of the Board took an interest in the School, and were pleased to find that pupils took advantage of the opportunities offered them and also the facilities given them by their parents. Certainly it was very gratifying to see in the case of their guest the evidence of this being an accomplished fact. Mr. Billing extended the Board's hopes for

Mr. Barak's continued success, and that he would later return to New Zealand.

On behalf of the Mayor, Mr. W. W. Thomson said he was glad to associate himself with the gathering. They looked forward with great pleasure to Mr. Barak's return to the Dominion with added lustre attached to the name he had already achieved. Mr. Thomson read a letter from the Mayor, assuring Mr. Barak that his career would be followed with keen interest by the people of New Plymouth and remarking that his present success was a tribute to the value of the educational facilities offered at the New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Mr. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., said that immediately he knew that Mr. Barak had been chosen as Rhodes Scholar he felt it his duty in the name of the district to send heartiest congratulations and wishes for a fine career. In the new sphere to which Mr. Barak was going he would doubtless find the conditions entirely different from those in New Zealand, but he was sure that wherever he went Mr. Barak would do credit, not only to himself, but also to those at home.

Amid hearty applause, Mr. Barak rose to respond and thanked them for the honour done him and for the presentation that had been made. He asserted that the previous speakers could not be descendants of George Washington, considering what they had said of him. Expressing a regret that he had not given more active support to the Old Boys' Association, he said that it provided a strong bond of fellowship among those who had attended the School. This bond was worth preserving. If kept in close contact by a flourishing association, the Old Boys would be a marked influence for good in the community. They would also be able to show the benefit of the discipline taught at the School. He was sure they all owed a great deal to the School and the training they received there. He would always be glad to hear of the School and of the boys who went through it, and he would always be glad to come back to New Plymouth.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

Taken generally, the 1925-26 cricket season was probably the most successful experienced by the Old Boys' Cricket Club since the formation of the club in 1919. The senior team was a strong all-round combination, and in the North Taranaki competition went through the season undefeated. Six two-day matches were played altogether, and were nearly all won fairly comfortably. In the division final the team defeated its old rivals, New Plymouth, by 228 runs to 163 on the first innings. In the provincial final, however, Old Boys failed to reproduce their best form against Stratford, who defeated them by 177 runs to 137 runs at Pukekura Park. Owing to the absence of Brodie, whose batting and wicket-keeping had been of such great service in the earlier matches, the club's strength in this match was not as great as during most of the competition games. For winning the Northern Division championship the Old Boys' senior team, which played under the captaincy of Austin Bewley, holds the handsome "Robertson" Cup presented many years ago to the champion North Taranaki team.

The North and South Taranaki Associations amalgamated at the beginning of the season for the purpose of putting a combined representative Taranaki team in the field against outside associations. In this team Old Boys were well represented. Lash and Bottrill were included in the first Taranaki team which played against Wanganui at Hawera in November in a Hawke Cup preliminary match. In December a return match was played against Wanganui at Wanganui, and Bottrill (captain), Lash, Kerr and Brodie were all included in the team. Brodie's fine wicket-keeping was a feature of the game. In January, Taranaki played Canterbury at New Plymouth, Bottrill (captain), Lash and Brodie being included in the team. Bottrill bowled splendidly, and took six wickets for 103 runs against the Plunket Shield batsmen.

In the first North Taranaki team to play South, Lash (41 not out), Palmer and Bottrill (26 not out and 17) were included, and in the second match, played at the end of the season, Bottrill (98), Eggleton (44) and Saxton took part. Both Bottrill and Eggleton bowled well, and Bottrill was very unlucky not to get his century, after playing a splendid innings.

Playing for Town against Country, Kerr made 70 and Bottrill 32, Papps and Earl also playing in the team.

In club cricket Papps headed the season's batting averages with 34.1 and Lash the bowling averages with 10.7 runs per wicket. The players whose batting averages ran into double figures were as follow, their best scores being given in parentheses:—Papps 34.1 (100 not out, 72 and 52), Brodie 25.6 (54, 39 and 38), Lash 21.8 (57 and 49 not out), Brown 15.2 (41), Bottrill 15 (43), Monteath 14.2 (46), Kerr 14 (54), Earl 13.4 (51 not out), Eggleton 13.2 (42 not out). Papps (307), Lash (262) and Brodie (205) scored over 200 runs in club cricket over the whole season.

The best bowling averages were as follow, wickets and runs being given in parentheses:—Lash 10.7 (12 for 128), Bottrill 10.8 (46 for 499), Loveridge 10.9 (9 for 98), Earl 12.2 (4 for 49), Eggleton 14 (23 for 323).

A senior B team and junior team were also entered in the North Taranaki competitions, and both teams played good cricket, though they did not win their competitions.

Owing to increasing membership the club anticipates being able to enter, in the coming season, two teams in the senior A grade competition. It hopes, therefore, that all Old Boys who can possibly do so will support their own club.

The club desires to thank its many supporters for help given during the past season, and particularly those who so willingly gave their services as umpires. During the season Jack Willis resigned from his position as secretary, and the club wishes to take this opportunity of recording its appreciation of his services. His place has been filled by R. M. Monteath.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The Editor is always glad to receive news of any Old Boys and their doings, and he would be glad if Old Boys would communicate any matters of interest to Old Boys to him. Several correspondents have not sent in their notes for this issue and they must remain over until the next number. The very good steps being taken by Old

Boys in Wellington are gratifying and it is to be hoped that Old Boys in Auckland (there are nearly 100) will endeavour to again form their branch. The School team will in all probability be visiting Auckland this season and this should be a good occasion to revive the branch.

Syd. Fookes, last year's Head Boy, is attending law lectures at Canterbury College and is living at College House.

Fred. Davis, who is taking his B.A. degree at Canterbury College, won the New Zealand University light-weight boxing championship at the 'Varsity tournament at Easter. He and Jack Brodie supply us with the following notes of Old Boys in Christchurch. With all the Old Boys in Christchurch at present it might be possible to form a branch of the association there, and it is to be hoped that members there will take the matter up.

Eric Lomas is on the staff of Slater, Sergeant, and Dale, solicitors, and is taking lectures at Canterbury College.

Howard Mackie is now first assistant at the Sydenham School, Christchurch. He took his B.A. degree a year ago and sat last year for his M.A. He was married in December last to Miss L. Undrill, of Canterbury.

Interesting news has come to hand of Allen Mackie, who is serving with the Royal Air Force at Iraq, Mesopotamia. Writing to his father on December 29, 1925, from the latter place, he says:—We are nearly settled down here now, although it is a most desolate place. The place is hardly anything but a desert. We are situated here eight miles from Baghdad, and about 30 miles from Babylon. I have been doing one or two hours' flying daily since we have been here, but have only done one long trip as yet. That was on the air mail to Kirkuk, a place about 200 miles north from here. We go up on a Tuesday morning and return the next morning. Our machines are Vickers Vernon troop carriers, and there is one of us operators allotted to each machine. They can carry, if necessary, two pilots, one wireless operator, one fitter, one rigger, and 10 machine-gunners with machine-guns. The two Vernon squadrons here could shift approximately 260 infantrymen at one flight if they were urgently required on an outpost station. Altogether we have in our drome here six squadrons, so you can guess that we have plenty of machines overhead every day.

There have been no crashes here since we arrived, and in our squadrons I don't believe they have had any crashes with the Vernons—they fly so smoothly. It is really steadier than a motor-car, and we usually fly from 1000 to 2000 feet up, so that we have a good height to plane down if forced to make a descent.

Peter Griffiths supplies us with the following notes of the Old Boys in Dunedin attending lectures at Otago University:—

"K.C." Roberts, M.Sc., who by the way is engaged, is doing research work on goitre, and is leaving for England in August.

Murray Nicholson, B.D.S., is a demonstrator at the Dental School, and is preparing his thesis for his D.D.S.

Bes Sturtevant is sitting his final medical professional.

Morris Cachemaille is a final year dental student.

Newton Quilliam is sitting for his final medical examination in May.

Peter Griffiths, Ray Bellringer, Murray Heycock, Laurie Christie and Hedley Bellringer are in the fifth, fourth, third, second and first years respectively of the medical course.

Laurie Christie is a second row man in the 'Varsity "B" team, and Hedley Bellringer plays for a junior team.

Peter Griffiths is secretary of the Medical Students' Association, and Ray Bellringer is business manager of the "Knox Collegian."

Roberts, Griffiths, R. Bellringer and Christie are residents in Knox College. Heycock is in Selwyn College.

Gordon Wybourn, who is farming at Te Aroha, supplies us with details of Old Boys in the Waikato:—

Allan Candy has a farm at Ngarua. He is playing football for Walton.

Ray Rutherford is on his father's farm at Waihou.

Herbert Ferguson has a farm at Waitoa.

Alister McHardy is sheep-farming with his uncle out of Morrinsville.

Douglas Meikle is a clerk in the New Zealand Dairy Company office at Hamilton.

Norman D. Day is assistant master at the Tauranga D.H. He is on the management committee of the Tauranga Football Club, also one of the selectors.

Eric Day has an auctioneering business in Hamilton. He was recently married.

Keith Fox, who has recently become engaged, has a farm at Turua, and is playing football for Hauraki Plains.

Barney Burkhardt has a farm at Wharepoa. I met him recently and he was pleased to see some one from the School.

Kerin O'Halloran is an assistant master at the Mata-mata D.H.

Alan Matthews, who is a produce merchant at Pukekohe, was recently married.

Brian Johns is resident surgeon at Hamilton Hospital.

We have recently received a letter from Bill Noakes, who has recently returned from a trip home to England. He supplies us with the following report of his trip:—During the shipping strike three of us volunteered for service and signed on as able seamen on the old Waimana. We sailed via Panama, Norfolk, Boston, Liverpool, and finally berthed at Royal Albert Dock in London. We had seven weeks ashore and went across to Paris and then down to Nice, Monte Carlo, Mentone and various other towns in the Riviera. It was quite interesting to strike so many of the New Plymouth Old Boys across there. I met young Mike Chong in the Strand. He was, I believe, the crack fireman on board his ship going over. The two Revells also went across, and during the trip back Jim fell overboard in the Caribbean Sea and was lucky to be rescued none the worse for his experience. "Ginger" Mills also went across, and Civil Tate signed on as assistant cook on the Athenic. He played some good games of football for Leicester while he was over there and travelled with them to Scotland.

I saw Ron Syme while in London. He had just returned from Paris and seemed to have enjoyed his trip. One of the Pease boys was also across there and played football for the London New Zealanders. Ted Olson has got his commission in the Air Force and immediately went over to London to join his unit. Eric Chivers is a big chap now and expects to be back at the end of the year. He did his best to show his country school mates round old London. I did not run across Denny Brown, but hear that he is getting on well over there.

Pat Sladden is in the service of the Eastern Extension Cable Company and is stationed at Adelaide.

Loftus Russell, who is also with the Eastern Extension Cable Company, has recently returned to New Zealand, after an absence of six years on seven months' leave. Since leaving New Zealand he has been stationed at Perth, Port Darwin, Singapore, Banjowangi and Cocos Island, having just completed 18 months at the latter place. He supplies us with very interesting descriptions of the various stations visited by him, and we are looking forward to an article from him for the Taranakian. He expects to return East in November, but does not at present know where he will be stationed.

C. H. Wynyard, who has been in Sydney for the past 18 months, has recently returned to New Plymouth and is continuing his business as an accountant. During his stay in Sydney he ran across several Old Boys and was always interested to hear of the doings of the old school.

We received a note from Brian Home, who is county engineer of the Kaitieke County Council at Raurimu, and he supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in that district:—George Hooker (1913) is assistant engineer to the Public Works Department in Taumarunui, and I come in contact with him a fair amount. He has recently married. I saw Eric Tansey at the Kaitieke sports during Easter. He is farming at Raetihi; is much like the same old "Blow Fly" at school. Horner, who has recently been married, is captain of the Kaitieke Rugby team.

Jim Hine, who has been with a firm of solicitors at Te Kuiti, is now with Messrs. Roy, Nicholson, and Bennett in New Plymouth.

Gerald Webster and Rod. McRae are working on a farm in the Pio Pio district.

Harold Morey left for England in March to enter one of the big soft goods houses in London and further his knowledge of the trade. He will be away for some months and will not return until next year.

Harold Kirkby has been admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court and is now a partner of the firm of Roy, Nicholson, and Bennett.

Alf. Honnor, who is farming in the King Country, has been in town recently on holidays.

Russell Matthews is at present working on a roading contract in the Opunake district.

The following is a list of Old Boys in Wellington supplied by G. Waterson and R. E. Pope:—

W. C. Aldis has completed his M.A. with honours, and is now at the Teachers' Training College.

B. Ayling is a clerk in T. and W. Young and Co.

W. F. C. Balham, an old master of the School, has until recently been on the staff of the Wellington College, and has now accepted a position at the Whangarei High School.

Bob Bothamley is with Henry Berry and Co. He is an enthusiastic member of the Old Boys' Committee.

A. Bacon is engineering at Sunbury-on-Thames in England.

Doug. Bank is attending the Teachers' Training College.

W. C. Beckett, vice-president of the Wellington branch, is on the staff of New Zealand Truth.

Arthur Christie is a full time student at Victoria College and is sitting for his final law examination. He is an enthusiastic golfer.

Seymour Clifford and Owen Johns are on the staff of the Eastern Extension Cable Co.

N. M. Chappell is in the general manager's office of the Bank of New Zealand.

Bob Caughley is with A. S. Paterson and Co.

Harold Clarke is attending lectures at the Teachers' Training College.

Eric Colson, who was recently married, is with the Union Bank of Australia, Ltd.

L. B. Dinness, who is with P. Keesing, solicitor, is taking law lectures at Victoria College.

Ted Foden and Jack Eaves are working in the office of A. Dunn and attending the lectures at the 'Varsity. Foden was one of the prominent students in the recent capping ceremony and was responsible for a brilliant speech in the Post Office Square.

R. M. Dolby is attending lectures at Victoria College.

Cecil Fookes is in the Public Trust Office.

Frank Grant is in the general manager's office of the National Bank of New Zealand.

L. G. Goss (Chestey) is a captain in the Permanent Defence Forces.

T. G. A. Harle is inspector's accountant in the Union Bank of Australia.

A. L. Hempton is chief inspector of the Bank of New Zealand and a vice-president of the Wellington branch.

R. W. Hursthouse, another vice-president, is an engineer in Wellington.

Roy Hill is in the office of the Union Steam Ship Co. He was recently on a visit to New Plymouth.

Cliff Hawkes is attending the Teachers' Training College.

H. Honeyfield is with Wright, Stephenson and Co.

Tom Hamerton is a reporter in the New Zealand Times.

B. Hooper ("Fatty") has joined the Police Force. He is reported as having grown a few more inches. Now strolls along Lambton Quay with a very dignified air. He is still continuing his boxing.

H. A. Insull is attending the Teachers' Training College.

R. Jennings is with T. and W. Young and Co.

F. A. Jensen and Douglas Jillett are attending the Teachers' Training College.

Tommy King is teller in the Bank of New Zealand.

Ken. Lambie is attending the Teachers' Training College.

Maurice Mills has just returned from a trip to England. During the seamen's strike he signed as a seaman in the Arawa. He saw Lorimer Richardson in London. Richardson was awarded an Empire Exhibition Scholarship, and is attending London 'Varsity.

W. E. Monk is in the general manager's office of the National Bank.

Roy Murray is with the British Imperial Oil Co. in Auckland.

Neville Morey is a chemist at Hataitai.

R. O. Marks, an ex-master, has left Scots College and has gone to England.

J. D. Mackay is attending Victoria College, and is a member of the senior fifteen, playing three-quarter. There is every prospect of his obtaining a game for the representatives.

H. I. McIvor, who is joint secretary of the Wellington Old Boys, is in the inspector's office of the Bank of Australasia.

Athol McIsaac is in the Union Steam Ship Co.

G. G. Newall is in the Union Bank of Australia.

W. Nash is with Perry and Perry, solicitors, and is attending Victoria College.

M. Osborne is Customs clerk for Hope Gibbons and Co.

R. E. Pope, who is with Perry and Perry, solicitors, is a vice-president of the Wellington branch. He was in New Plymouth during Christmas for the Taranaki tennis tournament.

L. T. Rawson is in the Deeds Transfer Office.

W. E. Rawson is Judge of the Native Land Court in Wellington.

W. Rea, who is taking on journalism, is at present with Hadfield and Peacock, solicitors.

Ken. Robinson is with H. Hornibrook, chemist, at Seatown.

H. Read is attending the Teachers' Training College.

Earl Read is in the Actuaries Department.

R. I. M. Sutherland is with Scott and Mellish, solicitors.

J. Stoddart is a manufacturing chemist in Wellington.

E. G. Smith and Henry Sinclair are attending the Teachers' Training College.

W. Taylor is in the office of the Health Department.

H. Temple White is conductor of the Wellington Choral Union.

Cyril Winfield, who obtained his LL.B. last year, was capped this year. He is working with Devine and Crombie.

E. G. Waterson, joint secretary of Wellington branch, is in the accounts branch of Gollin and Co. He has recently become engaged.

V. West is a dentist in Wellington.

Lansley Waller is with the South British Insurance Co., and is still an enthusiastic cricketer.

Frank Williams is with the Public Trust Department.

Eric Lash is with the United Friendly Societies Pharmacy.

A. Griffin and Malcolm Robertson are attending Training College.

Jack Sutton is with E. W. Mills and Co., Ltd.

The following Old Boys are in Wellington, but their occupations are not known. Will anyone knowing anything concerning them please communicate with the Editor:— W. G. Buchanan, A. R. Claridge, Geo. Brown (Kilbirnie), C. Greiner, N. J. Sherwood, E. Herbert, Frank Morgan, T. V. Tuohy.

O. G. Moore, writing from Bradford, England, in September, says that he has decided to enter the wool industry as this gave ample scope for his intentions of ultimately returning to New Zealand. In 1924 he attended the Bradford Technical College and passed examinations for the first year of a Diploma in Combing and Spinning, but last year decided to discontinue his studies until he had gained further practical knowledge. He has now entered the warehouse of a world-wide firm. He hopes to return to New Zealand after a few years' experience on the Continent.

Doug. Mackay is teaching this year at Wellington College. He played good cricket for 'Varsity seniors last season and in one match for School during the holidays gave a fine exhibition of fast bowling.

Jim Palmer is still in New South Wales, but is endeavouring to obtain a position with the New Zealand Department of Agriculture. He still keeps in good rowing form and recently won a mile race, beating a rower who had come third in the Australian championships the previous year. In his final examination at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Jim gained the Royal Society agriculture prize for the best practical student. He gained 230 marks out of 250.

Lee Honeyfield is working on his father's farm at Whenuakura, Patea.

Harold Clarke has settled down to work at the Training College, Wellington, and seems to enjoy the 'Varsity life.

Jack Hilliard is now a member of the Royal Naval Reserves, an equivalent of the Territorials. He will be engaged in mine-sweeping, gun drill and life-saving work. In March he went to Samoa in one of the New Zealand Squadron warships.

"Hoot" Gibson is with W. D. and H. O. Wills, Auckland, and Bill Foote with Duthrie, Bridson.

Claude Strombom joined the staff of Weston and Billing, solicitors, New Plymouth. He played one match for the Old Boys' cricket team and next year should be a useful all-rounder in the team.

Les Barlow, Stuart Black and Cran Gilmour are working in town.

Monte Barak is carrying on at the College with scientific research. He leaves for Oxford in June. He intends to live at Hertford College. Mick Hughson is studying for honours in science and intends taking up research work when he is through. Alec Brodie is sitting his final professional for B.E. this year and J. Brodie his M.A. Jim Shaw is teaching at Medbury Private School and is taking lectures. Wit Alexander is sitting final B.A. in English and Latin next year. Sid Fookes, Markham Lysons and Don Grant are all at College House. Sid is studying for his LL.B. and Don for his B.A. Both are playing fine football in the 'Varsity senior B team. Grant is going to be one of the best five-eighths the College has had. Markham is studying for Engineering and Science. George Lomas is in a law office in the city and conducted the orchestra in the recent College Revue with great success. Bowen Davies is in the Bank of New South Wales here. Freddy Davies, who is teaching in Christchurch, represented the College in boxing at the University tournament and won his weight, fighting splendidly in his old school style. Mac Thompson is at Rolleston House, taking Engineering. Paddy Webb and the giant Mason are at Rolleston House, attending Training College. J. K. O'Dea is taking the Medical Preliminary. Les Loveridge is at Rolleston House, taking his B.E. exams. He had bad luck playing for the College first fifteen, spraining his ankle badly when he was just striking good form. During Easter he had a curious adventure while out fishing in a launch in the Lyttelton Harbour. He went to sleep on the top of the boat. A large wave rolled him off into the sea, but he didn't wake up until ten minutes after he was fished aboard again.

Peter Kidson, N. Lovegrove and R. Julian are all attending the Christchurch Training College.

We are indebted to R. E. Mason for the following notes:—A. Clarke (1919-20) is engineering at Pihama. K. Mauri (1920-22) is farming at Opunake and is playing football for Opunake seniors. T. W. Eaves (1921-24) is in his father's shop at Otakeho and is playing football for Waimate seniors. J. Glengarry (1924-25) is in the Railway Department office at Marton. B. E. Mason is teaching at the Pihama School. W. H. Mason is attending lectures at Canterbury Training College.

DEATHS.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of William Northern, of Awakino, an Old Boy of this School. He was out riding on a motor-bike during the Christmas holidays and had the misfortune to have a collision which resulted in his death. Northern was at school from 1918 to 1922 and was much respected by his school mates, being a good scholar and a good performer in all sports. He has always maintained an active interest in his old school and we shall miss him at the School functions. We condole with his relatives in their very sad loss.

EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges since the last issue:—The Scindian, The Nelsonian, The King's Collegian, The Sacred Heart College Magazine, Christ's College Register, Christchurch B.H.S. Magazine, Otago University Review, Marlburnian, King's Courier (magazine of King's College Old Boys' Association), Wellington Girls' College Magazine, Otago G.H.S. Magazine, Diocesan High School Chronicle (Auckland), Southlandian, Hamilton High School Magazine, St. Patrick's College Magazine.

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Second Term— May 28th to August 27th.

Third Term— September 18th to December 18th.

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SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

THIRD TERM, 1926.

PREFECTS.

Head Boy.—F. L. Read.

Boarders.—F. L. Read (head), K. Wetere, R. Fletcher, B. Pease, S. Anderson, J. Buckeridge, J. Beaven, J. Moore, E. Harman.

Day Boys.—K. Fookes, J. Medley, J. Thomas, T. Bailey, A. Moverley.

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Football Committee.—Mr. Papps (chairman), K. Fookes, F. Read, R. Fletcher, K. Wetere, J. Medley.

Library Committee.—Mr. Shrimpton (chairman), J. Thomas, J. Galbraith, T. Bailey, A. Moverley, G. MacDiarmid (secretary), E. Tonks, C. Harris, S. Batger, D. Phillips, J. Murray, F. Read.

Swimming Committee.—Mr. Eggleton (chairman), J. Galbraith, J. Thomas, S. Hayton, H. Fookes, J. Stronge.

Cricket Committee.—Mr. Bottrill (chairman), K. Fookes, J. Galbraith, H. Fookes, R. Fletcher, F. Read, J. Thomas.

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Officer Commanding.—Major G. F. Bertrand.

Contingent Sergt.-Major.—F. L. Read.

Contingent Q.M.S.—E. Harman.

Orderly Room Corporal.—Corporal E. Tonks.

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

A. COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant H. G. Dyer.

Company Sergt.-Major.—J. Thomas.

Q.M.S.—M. Churton.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

No. 1 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant K. Fookes.
Section Commanders.—Corporals K. Wetere, J. Abraham, H. Fookes, R. Sutton.

No. 2 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant J. Leggat.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Galbraith.
Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Fletcher, S. Batger, A. Moverley, H. Gorringe.

No. 3 Platoon.

Platoon Sergeant.—Lance-Sergeant J. Stronge.
Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Noonan, J. Warner, M. Standish, M. Ingle.

No. 4 Platoon.

Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant F. Davis.
Section Commanders.—Corporals C. McNeill, G. MacDiarmid, L. Petty, P. Eaves, Lance-Corporal R. List.

B COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant V. E. Kerr.
Company Sergeant-Major.—J. Beaven.
Q.M.S.—D. Hetherington.

No. 5 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant R. C. Wilson.
Platoon Sergeant.—Lance-Sergt. S. Allhusen.
Section Commanders.—Corporals H. Brown, K. Riley, H. George, Lance-Corporal C. Harris.

No. 6 Platoon.

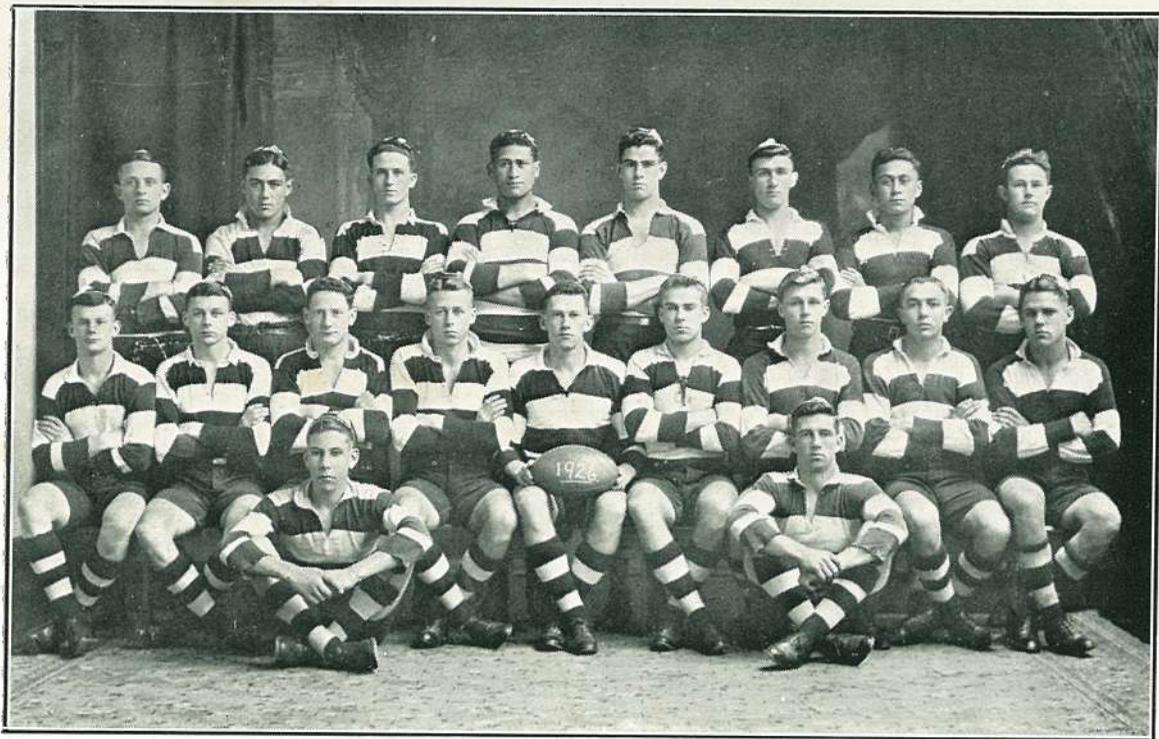
Platoon Commander.—Acting-Lieutenant W. I. Shrimpton.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Moore.
Section Commanders.—Corporals B. Pease, W. Rawson, Lance-Sergeants A. Evans, A. Hetherington, Lance-Corporal W. Hayward.

No. 7 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Acting-Lieutenant A. H. Blundell.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Buckeridge.
Section Commanders.—Corporals G. Grace, H. Olson, S. Dinniss, C. Griffiths, Lance-Corporal M. Rogers.

No. 8 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant J. Earl.
Platoon Sergeant.—Sergeant J. Medley.
Section Commanders.—Corporals A. Beck, M. Geddes, J. W. Ewart, A. N. Sampson.
Euglers.—Corporals S. Anderson, J. McDonald, J. Hetherington.
Drummers.—Corporals C. Campbell, J. Duigau, R. W. O'Neill.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1926.

Photos—J. R. Wall.

Back Row: E. W. McCallum, R. Fletcher, R. Noonan, K. Wetere, J. Buckeridge, J. Abraham, R. Watson, J. Thomas.

Middle Row: H. M. Brown, H. F. Fookes, K. Riley, K. Fookes, F. L. Read (captain), J. Medley, J. Galbraith, L. Petty, P. Eaves.

In Front: H. Olson, F. L. Davis.

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EDITORIAL.

(J. Stronge.)

BACON ably demonstrates the necessity for education when he says, "Men's deeds are after as they have been accustomed. . . . Certainly custom is most perfect when it beginneth in young years: this we call education, which is, in effect, but an early custom."

It is usual to refer to the present educational system as the culminating point in the history of youthful instruction. Certainly it is an improvement on that of the last century. The works of Dickens and Thackeray give us a glimpse of the trials that children had to undergo and though, undoubtedly, many men of outstanding ability were "turned out" by these schools, they generally maintained that they succeeded in spite of their schooling. For instance we find Lamb and Coleridge inveighing against the brutality of the régime at Christ's Hospital.

If, on the other hand, we examine the ancient Greek methods, we find that they do not compare unfavourably with those of the present day. Plato, Lycurgus and Aristotle, all dealt fully with the subject of education. Plato was the theorist and though many of his ideas were totally impracticable, yet his influence still dominates the thoughts of those incorrigible optimists who will ever maintain the virtue of human nature. The Lycurgean system, on the other hand, stressed to the exclusion of all else the need for creating a nation of warriors who would be not only physically perfect but also the incarnation of bravery. It was left to Aristotle, however, to collect and

systematise, and as his last "Constitutions" indicate, he was intimately acquainted with the working of the Governments of the Greek and the outlying barbarian States. In fact, his writings seem a practical evolution of the teachings of Plato.

Aristotle enumerates the "four things which it is usual to teach children" as "reading, gymnastic exercises and music, to which some add painting." Now if we examine the meaning which he construed into these four, we find that as a system they do not fall far short of our modern schooling. The Greeks also made provision for a rigid manual training; for the slaves who performed all the menial trades and tasks were carefully instructed in their duties.

Firstly, by "reading" he means a sound instruction in the works of those great philosophers, scientists and historians who formulated the basic principles of all modern intellectual life. Thus it would be incorrect to say that the curricula of the modern schools takes cognisance of a greater number of faculties than did the Greek.

Secondly, it is only during the last half-century that physical training has been really incorporated in the British educational system. It would be ridiculous, however, to advocate the adoption of such a far-fetched scheme of gymnastic exercises as that of Lacedemon.

Thirdly, we will deal with the arts, painting, sculpture and music. The emphasis given to music as a factor in education is a thing which many people of our day cannot seem to comprehend. They maintain that it is one of the trimmings of life and as such should occupy a secondary position in our training; but it is these trimmings that make life worth living and help to eradicate or at least to cloak the ingrained brutality of mankind. Music was in a sense their spiritual training, for we may omit the exceedingly "worldly" influence of their gods. For centuries the intellectual pre-eminence of the Greeks was largely based on their recognition of harmony as an essential to a correct conception of education. It raised them to the "level of the cosmopolitan idea," which, however, did not extend past the borders of Greece; for they continued for centuries to flout their superiority in the face of the barbarian world. Their system, in short, lacked but the gospel of humanity and the brotherhood

of man, which was the fundamental principle of Christianity, to make it almost perfect. Thus the downfall of the Grecian Empire may be largely traced to the neglect of humanitarianism, which is absolutely opposed to slavery and the oppression of subject races. The result was that the upper part of the Greek body politic (the freemen) grew; while the lower part (the slaves) remained in a base and brutal state. "The face was that of Hyperion; the legs were shrivelled and hideous as those of a satyr."

FOOTBALL.

(F. L. Read.)

The 1926 season may be regarded as one of the most successful that the School has experienced. This may seem rather an exaggeration in view of the splendid performances put up by fifteens of the past, but the team this year, by winning the Taranaki junior championship and all its inter-collegiate fixtures, proved itself worthy to rank with any fifteen of previous years. We have certainly had more finished back combinations, and we have had more dashing forwards, but we have never had finer physique, better defence, and greater all-round excellence. Although no single player rose to great heights, and although at times combination was a little lacking, yet by hard forward play, deadly tackling, and sure determined running, the team proved itself probably the hardest team to beat we have had.

We were fortunate in having nine old "caps" back at School, and with good talent available it was confidently expected that the team would do exceptionally well. Constant accidents to the backs, however, retarded the acquisition of good combination; indeed, it was not until three weeks before the end of the second term that we were able to put a full team in the field. Had all the backs been available the whole season, there is every reason to think that the team would have been better still. The forwards, though very heavy and strong, were at first very crude, but it is to their credit that while the fifteen was seriously hampered by the loss of several backs, they rose to the occasion and developed into a fine pack. This enabled the team to win the earlier matches of the junior championship and to defeat Wanganui Technical College.

For the Te Aute and Auckland Grammar matches the team was at full strength, and in these games gave the best displays of the season, winning by a comfortable margin in each case. The School was very disappointed in being compelled to forego the annual fixture with Wanganui Collegiate School. Owing to epidemics of influenza in both schools no suitable date could be found at the end of the term on which to hold the game. We hope, however, to have the pleasure of welcoming Wanganui Collegiate to New Plymouth next year.

The Second Fifteen was forced in the early part of the season to provide each Saturday many emergencies for the First Fifteen, but later on when at full strength defeated the leading teams in the third grade championship. The strength of this team lay in the forwards, five of whom at least were worthy of a place in any school side. The Third Fifteen were runners-up in the northern division of the fourth grade competition. This team, though generally overmatched both in age and weight, put up some splendid games. The Fourth Fifteen in the same competition stuck pluckily to their uphill task throughout the season. The Fifth Fifteen were runners-up to Stratford Technical High School in the fifth grade competition, and the Sixth Fifteen also played some good games in the same series of matches. All these four teams gave evidence of careful coaching, which will bear fruit in the future.

The remainder of the School was divided as usual into groups, each under a master, and was coached in the elements of the game. Later on sides were selected and competitions organised. These, together with inter-form and Boarders versus Day Boys games, provided plenty of healthy exercise and entertainment for the juniors. The Preparatory School team took part with fair success in the North Taranaki public schools' competitions.

We wish to offer our thanks to all the masters who ungrudgingly gave their time and energy to directing our football. We are fortunate in having on the staff so many who have not only been good footballers in their youth, but who still retain their keenness for the Rugby game. We wish too to thank those parents and friends who kindly billeted Te Aute College and Auckland Grammar boys, and the Rugby Union and Mr. and Mrs. Moyes,

who by contributing so generously to the entertainment of visiting teams and our own, have made this season one that will always be regarded with very great pleasure by those who had the honour to belong to the First Fifteen.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

The first competition match was against Star. This game, played on the Recreation Grounds, proved somewhat of a disappointment as neither team played with its customary dash. However, School emerged victors by 17 points to 3. Tries were scored for School by K. Fookes (2), Read, McCallum and Brown one each, while Fletcher converted one.

The second match was played at Okato on a wet ground with a greasy ball, and was a decided improvement on the two previous matches. Though Okato played sound football School won by 10 points to nil. Tries were scored for School by Riley and Noonan and K. Fooke drop-kicked a goal.

The third match was played on the Recreation Grounds and proved a more evenly contested game than our first match with Star. Though School did not play good football they won by 8 points to 3. Tries were scored by Brown and Davis, while Fletcher converted one.

The fourth match, which was played at Western Park against Okato, though not of a brilliant character, was a decided improvement on the game played against Star. After an uninteresting game School emerged victors by 26 points to 8. Tries were scored by Medley (2), Brown (2), Fletcher and Read (1 each), while Fletcher converted four.

The fifth match was against Old Boys, and though School won comfortably by 23 points to nil, they did not give a very inspiring display. So far this season School had had a run of bad luck, as they had lost players in nearly every match owing to injuries, and this match proved no exception, as both Medley and Noonan had to leave the field. Tries were scored by Medley, Riley, Davis, Pease and Read, while Fletcher kicked two penalty goals and converted a try.

SECOND GRADE SEMI-FINAL.

In the semi-final of the second grade competition School met Urenui. This game, which was played at Waitara, was a good exposition of Rugby, and School after a hard fought game defeated Urenui by 19 points to nil. The game produced many hard forward tussles combined with bright flashes of back play by both teams. Tries were scored for School by Medley (3) Galbraith and Fletcher (1 each), two of which Fletcher converted.

TARANAKI JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the final of the Taranaki junior competition School met Stratford, the winners of the Southern and Central Divisions. The match was played at Eltham as a curtain-raiser to the representative match between Taranaki and Manawatu-Horowhenua. Both teams played sound defensive games. The Stratford backs, playing close up, gave the School back combination very few opportunities to get going. Their forwards also played a hard game, and by keeping the ball in the tight, they managed late in the second spell to register two tries against School. School on the other hand endeavoured to open up the game, and both their tries came from this source. Tries were scored for School by Medley and Watson, while Fletcher kicked a penalty, School thus winning by 9 points to 6. This is the second time in the history of the School that the fifteen has annexed the Taranaki junior championship.

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

On July 3 the School team, together with the rest of the School, journeyed by special train to Hawera, where we played the Wanganui Technical College fifteen. Both teams on arriving at Hawera were entertained at lunch by the Rugby Union.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Wanganui (Dark Blue).—J. Hair (full-back); S. Natuna, R. Tilley, E. Brown, captain (three-quarters); J. Doir, G. Blyth (five-eighths); N. McDonnell (half-back); S. Knight (rover); C. Fowler, G. Anderson, J. Waters, E. Cakobau, G. Burrell, J. Farley, D. McGregor (forwards).

New Plymouth.—Watson (full back); H. Brown, J. Galbraith, F. Davis (three-quarters); R. Fletcher, L. Petty (five-eighths); H. Olson (half-back); F. Read, captain (rover); E. McCallum, J. Thomas, R. Noonan, K. Wetere, J. Buckeridge, K. Riley, P. Eaves (forwards).

School won the toss and elected to defend the southern goal with a stiff breeze behind them. A long punt by Galbraith took School to the attack, and they swept down on Wanganui's goal-line. Fumbling amongst the School backs let Wanganui away, but School soon returned. From a good position Galbraith drop-kicked at goal from a mark, but the ball just missed the uprights by a narrow margin. The ball then coming from a scrum inside Wanganui's twenty-five, travelled via Olson to Petty, who broke away on the blind side, and after outclassing the opposition was unfortunate in losing possession on the line, but in the general dive for it Davis got there first. Fletcher handled the ball twice when placing it and the kick was disallowed.

School	3
Wanganui	0

Hair, the Wanganui full-back, was playing a sound game, and capped a series of fine saves by diving past half-a-dozen men before being tackled. Natuna marked gamely in the face of a fierce rush, but from a scrum Olson again set the School backs in motion, and Petty cut in smartly to leave the Wanganui men standing. He passed when almost over, but the pass went forward, and with two unmarked men outside him a golden opportunity was lost. From the ensuing scrum School opened out their attack across the goal, and Petty attempted a sharp drop-kick which was just astray. The School hookers were now hooking splendidly, obtaining the ball from practically every scrum, and again the School backs swung away down the field, but mistiming in the passing broke up the movement. Within a moment they were racing in the other direction. Galbraith gave a delightful dummy, and dashed through, giving Brown a clear run in to the corner, where the second try was registered. Fletcher could not goal.

School	6
Wanganui	0

Again and again School hammered away at Wanganui's goal-line, making practically all the play. Wanganui tackled doggedly, but they could not keep pace with the procession of open passing bouts that continually threatened them.

Wanganui were penalised from well out in front, and Fletcher's shot missed by inches. Davis neatly fielded a long punt and brushing aside several half tackles sent the play streaming to Wanganui's goal-line. From a scrum the forwards crowded over the line and McCalum pounced on the ball. From well out, Fletcher's kick was just outside the post.

School	9
Wanganui	0

A moment later the spectators were brought to their feet with a spectacular effort by Galbraith, who punted high, followed up fast to beat Hair badly for the ball, and was unlucky to be pushed into touch-in-goal by Hair, who overhauled him just as they reached the corner. Play continued to be crowded with incident, School creating several brilliant openings from the depths of tight defences. J. Hair made a very commendable kick along the touch-line, but Davis fielded cleanly, and with a diagonal sprint down-field sent Fletcher racing away for the line after drawing his man. Fletcher, instead of passing, cut suddenly in-field and outstripped the opposition, to score in a handy position. He converted his own try, half-time sounding soon afterwards, with the score:

School	14
Wanganui	0

With the wind behind them, Wanganui in the second spell were given a better opportunity of attacking, and they made use of it. From a scrum in mid-field, a splendid passing rush, the first inspiring effort of the backs, was opened up, but Fletcher tackled his man magnificently. In an anxious moment, Galbraith saved nicely, but after worming his way into safety he passed into a crowd of Wanganui forwards. With concerted dribbling they crowded down to School's territory, where School were penalised for handling the ball on the ground. Cakobau had no difficulty in opening Wanganui's account.

School	14
Wanganui	3



SECOND FIFTEEN, 1926.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: R. Batger, B. Pease, J. Stronge, C. McNeill, J. Thomas, P. Grover.

Middle Row: A. Moverley, J. Warner, T. Bailey, F. L. Davis (captain), H. Olson, T. List, S. Batger.

In Front: J. Beaven, O. Davies.

Wanganui continued to push their opponents hard, the forwards playing with great dash. Petty was penalised for throwing the ball deliberately into touch, and from almost on the side-line, Cakobau landed a magnificent goal.

School	14
Wanganui	6

Headed by a team of forwards that were now superior in both the loose and the tight, Wanganui rattled the School backs. Fumbling let the vanguard through, and Fowler touched down over the goal-line, Cakobau again converting.

School	14
Wanganui	11

With the scores so nearly even, the atmosphere was electric. Suddenly Olson sent his backs flying up the field. Fletcher drew his man and dived past him to create a fresh thrill as Galbraith raced away for the corner with Davis in support. At the exact moment he transferred to the winger, and amidst an uproar of cheering Davis scored in the corner. Again Fletcher's kick was just wide.

School	17
Wanganui	11

Wanganui were penalised shortly after, and Fletcher added another three points to the score with a long, low kick that sailed between the uprights.

School	20
Wanganui	11

Inspired with fresh spirit, School forwards again predominated until the Wanganui vanguard rallied for their last big drive. School were rushed into the corner and after a loose scramble, E. Brown had a quick drop at goal that was only just short. H. Brown fielded cleanly, but Tilley was on him, and the pair fell over the line together, the referee awarding a scrum. School were penalised in front of their goal, and Cakobau made no mistake.

School	20
Wanganui	14

The spell wanted only another half minute for the final bell, when Blyth cut in from a scramble in mid-field, and transferred to Burrell for the latter to race over in the corner. Cakobau converted with a great kick, and the game ended immediately:

School	20
Wanganui	19

Mr. F. Julian refereed.

SCHOOL v. TE AUTE.

On Thursday, August 12, the Te Aute team arrived by mail train, and were billeted out with citizens of this town. We take this opportunity of thanking those who acted as hosts and also the Rugby Union, who so cordially entertained both teams during Te Aute's stay with us.

This match may safely be said to be the most popular annual fixture in Taranaki. This is borne out by the record crowds that have always been present to view the games.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Te Aute College (Red and Black).—E. King (full-back); T. R. Turei, captain, T. Seymour, W. Haig (three-quarters); M. Chesley, H. Hamiora (five-eighths); W. Potaka (half-back); J. Thomson (rover); R. Bristowe, W. Davis, H. Pahewa, W. Te Purei, S. Himona, J. Green, A. Pipi (forwards).

School (Black and White).—Petty (full-back); Watson, K. Fookes, Medley (three-quarters); Fletcher, Galbraith (five-eighths); Read, captain (rover); Abraham, McCallum, Buckeridge, Wetere, Noonan, Riley, Eaves (forwards).

School won the toss and elected to play with what little sun there was behind them. From a line-out K. Fookes kicked upfield, and Watson following up fast was within an ace of scoring. Te Aute then showed what they were capable of by opening out into several bright passing rushes which kept School busy. From the line-out which resulted from Potaka's kicking into touch, the Te Aute forwards carried play into School territory, where Petty cleared with a splendid kick. Te Aute again

carried play to School's line, where Petty with a great kick sent them back to their own territory. Watson, who had followed up at a great speed, seemed about to score, but King just forced in time.

Galbraith made a good opening and Noonan, supported by Riley, caught King in possession, but he just managed to find the line. From the line-out all the School backs handled. Watson, with K. Fookes outside him, dashed for the line. Like a flash Fookes received and passed infield to Fletcher, who scored. His attempt at goal failed.

School	3
Te Aute	0

Almost immediately K. Fookes, beating several men, sent Medley away on the left wing. In a fine run the winger side-stepped King and scored behind the posts. Fletcher converted.

School	8
Te Aute	0

King fielded and kicked high to K. Fookes who, with a great burst of speed, took the ball on the full and raced for the line. Finding himself blocked he short punted over several Te Aute players' heads, but the ball went out near the line, where from a scramble Thompson marked and cleared with a good kick. Fletcher kicked for the line, K. Fookes and Medley carrying play to Te Aute's line, where the ball went out. Abraham and McCallum came through from the line-out with the ball at toe, and with a quick heel the School forwards enabled H. Fookes to send the backs away. At lightning speed play was carried to the Te Aute line, but soon School were sent back to half-way. A penalty kick enabled Thompson to send play into School's twenty-five, but they were soon back, Galbraith breaking through to pass to K. Fookes, who failed to accept it. A good kick by Fletcher saw play transferred to Te Aute's line, where Te Aute were penalised for picking out of the scrum. Fletcher's attempt was good, but failed. Turei fielded it, however, and before School were aware had kicked into touch at half-way.

A wild pass by Fletcher spoilt a good School back movement, and an infringement by School resulted in

Pahewa making an attempt to goal. His kick fell short and was well fielded by Petty, who found touch at half-way with a good kick. Good play by Weterer resulted in King just having time to find touch, with Eaves descending upon him. In turn Abraham and McCallum made efforts to score. Turei, however, gained possession and attempted to clear, only to be brought down by Watson. In a bright passing rush School sent the ball out to the other wing, but Medley dropped his pass. K. Fookes was equal to the occasion and came round the back to swing play to the Te Aute line, where Riley nearly scored.

From a scrum at half-way the School backs got going in another bright rush, Fletcher cutting in nicely, but he passed forward to K. Fookes, Te Aute clearing. Petty fielded well and raced up to attempt a "pot," which hit the cross bar. Shortly afterwards Potaka was compelled to force. Again another attempt to "pot" by Galbraith missed by inches, and again Te Aute forced. School attacked strongly, but good work by Haig enabled Te Aute to clear.

Galbraith stemmed a strong Te Aute forward rush by marking and sent them back to their own twenty-five with a good kick. A School passing rush broke down and at great speed Thompson and Davis came through, beating Petty for the ball, but K. Fookes backed up and cleared when a try seemed imminent. Te Aute made great efforts to score, but Eaves, with Galbraith in support, broke through and, from a scramble near the Te Aute line, H. Fookes sent the School backs away, Watson nearly scoring, but his in-pass to K. Fookes was wild. Galbraith, backing up well, found touch near the Te Aute line with a good kick just as the bell went for the spell with the scores:—

School	8
Te Aute	0

From the kick-off Te Aute indulged in several bright passing rushes until Petty, with a good kick, sent play into Te Aute's twenty-five. From a scrum at half-way H. Fookes sent the School backs away, and the ball travelled out to Watson, who was effectively tackled by Turei. Good work by Read put Te Aute in a difficult position, but they cleared with a high kick which, had Medley only

taken it, would almost certainly have resulted in a score. Play travelled to the other side of the field, where H. Fookes and Watson made a good attempt to score, but an infringement by School enabled Te Aute to clear with a splendid kick.

Play near the side-line saw H. Fookes dash up the line to pass to Read, who set the backs going, but K. Fookes over-ran Galbraith's pass and Haig was able to clear to half-way, where from a scrum the School backs again got going, Fletcher finding touch in Te Aute's twenty-five. H. Fookes came round the blind side, Fletcher, K. Fookes and Medley then being associated in a bright movement, only to be cramped for room. From a scrum on Te Aute's twenty-five Galbraith and Fletcher were set going, but K. Fookes failed to accept Fletcher's pass after the latter had cut in nicely, and a knock on resulted. A fine penalty kick by Galbraith sent play to Te Aute's twenty-five, where the same player cut in but lost possession, and Te Aute forced. Still making great efforts, School attacked strongly and Watson was within an ace of scoring. His efforts were not in vain, however, for from a scrum on the line H. Fookes sent the ball out to Galbraith, who sent Watson away at a great pace to score near the corner flag. Fletcher failed to convert.

School	11
Te Aute	0

Then after a great Te Aute back movement Turei gained possession and made a valiant dash up the line, only to be effectively tackled. Te Aute continued to make great efforts to score, play remaining in School's twenty-five. Potaka sent his backs away, but Seymour was held up. With a splendid penalty kick for playing off the ground Galbraith sent play to the other end, where Read sent the School backs away, but Fletcher's pass was wild and the movement broke down. Then Pahewa broke through from the line-out twice in quick succession, and if he had only been backed up a score might have resulted.

Again Pahewa came through, but obstruction enabled School to clear when things looked dangerous. Riley fielded and attempted to initiate a passing rush, but his own pass was wild and only a good kick by Galbraith

extricated School from an awkward position. Following up fast, Watson caught Turei in possession and forced him into touch. Again School attacked, but Fletcher lob-passed to Watson and Te Aute were able to clear. Shortly afterwards Galbraith essayed to "pot," but his attempt failed and Potaka found touch.

Headed by Pipi, the Te Aute pack broke through, but a free kick enabled School to clear. King fielded well and sent play to half-way. Shortly afterwards the mighty Pahewa broke through and beat several men, but was stopped by Wetere and good play by Fletcher saw School in Te Aute's twenty-five, where Potaka found touch.

Medley fielded a penalty kick by Pahewa and, instead of kicking, initiated a passing rush. The bout broke down at Fookes, who received a wild pass from Fletcher, and like a flash Turei came through. He was effectively tackled by Read after he had made a great run and Petty cleared. From the line-out Wetere and Eaves carried play down the line with the ball at toe, and after a fine run Eaves scored near the corner flag. With a great kick Fletcher converted.

School	16
Te Aute	0

Te Aute came back and Galbraith found touch. From the line-out the Te Aute backs got going, but Petty cleared. Headed by Eaves and Read, the School forwards carried play to the Te Aute line, where Abraham picked out of the serum, enabling Te Aute to clear. Just on time Petty essayed to "pot," but his kick went wide and the game ended with the score—

School	16
Te Aute	0

Mr. H. C. Johnson refereed.

SCHOOL v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR.

On Thursday, August 19, the Grammar School fifteen arrived by mail train with Mr. Ryder in charge. The team was met at the station by Mr. Moyes, Mr. Papps and members of the School fifteen. During their stay

here, the Auckland boys were billeted with citizens of this town, and once again we take this opportunity of thanking these hospitable people.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Auckland Grammar School (Blue and Gold).—Schnauer (full-back); Garlick, Bell, Gladding (three-quarters); Fraser, Cashmore (five-eighths); Watts (half-back); Woller, Hamilton (captain), Owens, Young, Wilson, Edwards, Mansill (forwards).

School.—Petty (full-back); Medley, K. Fookes, Watson (three-quarters); Fletcher, Galbraith (five-eighths); H. Fookes (half-back); Read, captain (rover); Abraham, McCallum, Buckeridge, Noonan, Wetere, Riley and Eaves (forwards).

Grammar won the toss and elected to defend the northern goal with the sun behind them, and a slight breeze in their favour. After a forward rush by Grammar, Watts set his backs in motion, but a wild pass by Fraser gave School its opportunity. Solid tackling, however, by the Grammar backs broke up the movement. A dash by Edwards carried play to School's territory, where a scrum resulted. Watts, upon receiving the ball, transferred to Cashmore, who dived through on the blind side to score an easy but well deserved try. Schnauer just failed to goal with a splendid kick.

Grammar	3
School	0

From the kick-off, School fired to fresh efforts by having a try scored so easily against them, immediately carried play to the other end, where Galbraith astonished the opposition by curving in and out past a couple of men, gave the dummy to Watson and slid past a couple more of the opposition to score a well deserved try. Fletcher did not goal.

Grammar	3
School	3

Encouraged by their success, School rattled the visitors again, and Galbraith, constantly in the van, was nearly over when he lost possession and Edwards was able to find the line. Even but interesting play followed

in which Grammar showed their distinct superiority in hooking and feeding their backs from the line-out. Away went the School backs from a scrum, and School's second try was registered from a delightful solo effort by Fletcher. Receiving in turn at top speed, he suddenly gave the dummy to K. Fookes, and repeated Galbraith's movement, turning sharply in-field and racing over. Fletcher's kick was just wide, and the first quarter ended immediately.

School	6
Grammar	3

School sprang into stride from the kick-off, and a beautifully judged line kick by Watson found touch in the corner. Fookes whipped the ball out to send the combination away, and K. Fookes had only to pass to Medley to give the latter a practically clear run in, when he made the mistake of cutting in and was well tackled. The Grammar respite was brief, however, for again the School backs sped away in the opposite direction. Watson received on the wing to dive into the corner for a fine try. Fletcher converted with a splendid goal from the touch line.

School	11
Grammar	3

A tropical shower soon afterwards sent the crowd scurrying for shelter and drenched the players and the ground, half-time sounding without further score.

Abraham did not appear in the second spell, owing to injuries, and was replaced by Thomas. Play had hardly started before H. Fookes sent his backs away, the passing with the very greasy ball being admirable. Medley received the ball, fended off an attempted tackle by Garlick, and surprised the crowd by diving over for a meritorious try. The kick was resultless.

School	14
Grammar	3

Within a few minutes the passing rush was repeated. Medley was soundly tackled, but he passed in and Fletcher seized the ball and the opportunity to dash over. Fletcher could not goal.

School	17
Grammar	3

Hamilton, the Grammar captain, was injured, and had to retire, being replaced by Gillet. Petty was completely beaten by the slippery ball, and Gladding dived through fast, gathering in the leather. Unfortunately he could not turn to avoid the School ruck, and was held up, Petty effecting relief by taking a neat mark off the toes of the bustling Grammar forwards. The state of the ground and the ball made quick and snappy play out of the question, and the bell marked the end of the third quarter that had been to a large extent lacking in incident.

Ever keeping the spectators on the brink of expectancy with his unexpected movements, Galbraith opened the last quarter in characteristic fashion, after receiving from the scrum, by piercing his way clean through the five-eighths. Though pulled down, he employed, with astonishing success, a combination of dribbling, picking up and side-stepping to take him up to the goal posts, and had no difficulty in converting his own try.

School	22
Grammar	3

The game ended with a stirring piece of work on the part of Grammar that turned defence into attack, giving them three points they well deserved and calling for a burst of applause from the spectators. School backs were well on the way to a potential try when K. Fookes mulled his pass from Fletcher. The mistake was expensive, for Bell snapped up the ball and raced away. After a splendid run in which he outstripped several pursuers, he transferred to Garlick as he was tackled by Petty. The fast winger crowned an equally good run with a try in the corner which was not converted, and the whistle sounded immediately.

School	22
Grammar	6

Mr. Babe Hooker refereed.

It is interesting to note that of the seven matches played between School and Grammar, School had hitherto lost every match played in New Plymouth, and won every match played in Auckland. This year's team was the first to defeat Grammar on the home ground.

The following is a list of matches played between the two schools:—

1918—At New Plymouth, School lost, 53 to 10.

1919—At Auckland, School won, 9 to 6.

1921—At New Plymouth, School lost, 13 to 5.

1923—At Auckland, School won, 6 to 3.

1924—At New Plymouth, School lost, 9 to 6.

1925—At Auckland, School won, 7 to 0.

1926—At New Plymouth, School won, 22 to 6.

FRIENDLY GAMES.

School v. Old Boys.—In order to raise funds for the School gymnasium, a match was arranged between School and Old Boys, which resulted in a win for Old Boys by 21 points to 11. This game was played on the Recreation Grounds and was the first match of the season. As the School fifteen had only about two practices in preparation for it, they put up quite a creditable performance. Tries were scored for School by Galbraith (2) and Read, one of which Fletcher converted.

School v. Star.—As School had not played in any competition matches for some time, a practice match was arranged between School and Star seniors, in order to keep the fifteen in training for the Te Aute match. The game was played on the Recreation Grounds, and was a friendly match in the true sense of the word, as the Star team, which by the way also comprised a couple of our own players as substitutes, played a very fine game and gave us a good practice. The game, however, resulted in a win for School by 11 points to 3.

School v. Old Boys.—This match was played as a curtain-raiser to the Taranaki versus Auckland match, and resulted in a win for School by 6 points to 3. Though it was played on a heavy ground with a greasy ball it was a bright exhibition of Rugby, for despite the unfavourable conditions both teams threw the ball about well. Medley scored for School and Fletcher kicked a penalty goal.

SECOND FIFTEEN GAMES.

May 22—v. Urenui, at Western Park; won by default.

May 29—v. Clifton, at Racecourse No. 1; won by default.

June 5—v. Star, at Racecourse No. 1; lost, 36-0. Owing to casualties School could only field a weak team.

June 12—v. Tukapa, at Racecourse No. 1; lost 8-0. A good game, in which School were unlucky in not being able to score.

June 19—v. Old Boys A, at Pukekura Park; won 9-6. A ragged game, in which forwards predominated. Brown and Pease scored and Riley kicked a penalty.

June 26—v. Old Boys B, at Racecourse No. 1; lost 9-0. Played in mud. Old Boys forwards were too heavy for the School pack.

July 10—v. Clifton, at Waitara; won 16-6. School played a good game and won comfortably. List, Grover and Davis scored, Thomas kicked a penalty and converted two tries.

July 17—v. Tukapa, at Western Park; won 9-8. Another good game, in which School predominated. Davis (2) and McNeill scored for School.

July 24—v. Star, at Western Park; won 14-6. The best game of the season, School being superior in all departments. Davis (2) and Olson scored for School and Thomas kicked a penalty and converted one try.

THIRD FIFTEEN GAMES.

v. Old Boys third juniors; won 17-9.

v. Star; won 10-3. Beck and McCallum scored tries. Beck also converted two tries.

v. Old Boys B; won 11-9. Sinclair and Allhusen scored. Sinclair kicked a penalty and converted a try.

v. School B; won 27-0. McCallum and Hetet scored two tries, Sinclair, Beck and McDonald one each. Beck also converted three tries.

v. Tukapa; won 15-4. Beck scored two tries, while McCallum, Anderson and Sinclair obtained one each.

v. Clifton; won 21-0. Harman, Anderson, Hetet, Sinclair, McCallum and Beck scored. Beck also kicked a penalty goal.

v. Star; lost 8-12. McCallum and Beck scored. Beck also converted one.

v. Old Boys B; won 27-3. Tries were scored by Harman (2), Anderson (2), Abbott, Alhusen and Beck. Beck also converted three.

v. School 8; won 22-0. Tries were scored by Anderson (2), Hetet, Beck and Sinclair. Beck also kicked a penalty goal and converted two tries.

v. Old Boys A; twice won by default.

v. Tukapa; won 27-0. Tries were scored by Hetet (2), Anderson (2), Beck, Brown and Sinclair. Sinclair, Beck and Anderson also converted a try each.

v. Technical College; won 9-6. Brown scored two tries, and Sinclair kicked a penalty goal. In order to finish the competition matches before the end of the term the Technical College agreed to play the match for four points.

v. Clifton; won by default.

FINAL OF NORTHERN DIVISION.

In the final of the Northern Division, School thirds met Star. This game, which was played on the Recreation Grounds, resulted in a win for Star by 9 points to 6. Tries were scored by Beck and Hetet.

FOURTH FIFTEEN.

v. Tukapa; won 16-3.

v. Clifton; lost 6-3.

v. Technical College; lost 10-6.

v. Third Fifteen; lost 27-0.

v. Star; lost 19-0.

v. Tukapa; drawn, no score.

v. Clifton; won 6-0.

v. Technical College; lost 16-3.

v. Old Boys B; lost 8-6.

FIFTH GRADE COMPETITION MATCHES.

June 5—School A v. Stratford A, at Stratford; lost 11-3. Hughes kicked a penalty goal for School.

June 12—School A v. Technical College B, at Racecourse; won 65-0. Tries were scored for School by Burwell (4), Hughes (3), R. Whitehead (3), Andrews (3), Colson (2), L. McLean, Papps and Thomas one each. Of these Hughes converted four and kicked a penalty goal.

June 19—School A v. Stratford B, at Racecourse; won 39-0. Tries were scored by Poole, Whitehead, Papps, Colson and Burwell (two each), and Andrews (one). Of these Hughes converted three.

June 26—School A v. Technical College A, at Racecourse; won 40-0. Tries were scored by Burwell (3), Colson and Hughes (2 each), Papps, Poole and Whitehead (1 each). Of these Hughes converted five.

July 1—School A v. School B, at Racecourse; won 12-3. Tries for School A were scored by Papps and Thomas (2 each).

July 24—School A v. Stratford A, at Recreation Grounds. This game was played on a wet ground, and resulted in a draw, there being no score.

SIXTH FIFTEEN.

v. Technical College; won 16-0. Points were obtained for School by Ekdahl (3), Wigg (3), Williams (3), and Donald (7).

v. Stratford B; won 6-3. Points were obtained by Wigg (3) and Ekdahl (3).

v. Technical College B; won 34-0. Points obtained by Ekdahl (9), Wallace, Donald (4), Dinniss, Thomson, Mathews, Sampson and Williams (3 points each).

v. Stratford A; lost 12-0.

v. School A; lost 12-3. Donald obtained three points.

v. Stratford A; lost 21-0.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(J. Thomas and E. Tonks.)

The third term commenced on September 9 after an interval of three weeks.

On the night of June 12 a disastrous fire broke out in the school building and remained undiscovered until about 3 a.m. It is thought to have originated in a defective fireplace in IVB, whence it rapidly spread and the remaining class-rooms on the east wing were soon gutted. The flames soon obtained a large hold and despite the promptitude of the brigade the roof over IVb, VIb and IVc collapsed. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the brigade the library and laboratory were saved, though their valuable contents were somewhat damaged by water. About half the roof of the Assembly Hall was burnt or scorched and the whole interior had a smoky appearance. An emergency meeting of the Board of Governors was called and arrangements were made for the carrying on of school in new premises. The Jockey Club kindly allowed the use of their buildings and it was decided to send the third forms there and to reorganise the fifth forms so as to accommodate the rest in the remaining portion of the school. In order to expedite the arrival of masters to and from the Racecourse, the Board purchased a popular make of car. This undoubtedly saved much time, but was hard to start and stop. A regrettable feature was the loss of pupils' books, but the Old Boys' Association kindly collected a large quantity of old pupils' books and helped us over the difficulty. Arrangements were quickly made for rebuilding, and Messrs. Boon Bros. carried out the work. When school recommenced this term the school had been practically restored to normal.

After battling for several years on behalf of the Gymnasium Fund the efforts of the Old Boys have at last been crowned with success. The £1000 required has been obtained and together with the Government subsidy of £1000 it is hoped that an early start will be made. This will fill a much-felt want and one which has been sorely felt since the destruction of the old Gymnasium in 1916. New class-rooms are being erected on the site of the old agricultural plots and make an imposing spectacle.

The past season has been the most successful football season which the school has ever experienced. School remained undefeated at the end of the season. Three college matches were played, while one with Wanganui College had to be abandoned on account of influenza. The first college match was with Wanganui Technical College, and victory was snatched by the narrowest of margins, 20-19, after a strenuous battle. A noticeable feature of the game was the wonderful kicking of Cakobau, who added 11 points for Wanganui. After an unbeaten record of college matches this season Te Aute came to New Plymouth and suffered defeat to the tune of 16 points to nil. School showed their superiority at the beginning and soon ran up eight points and then settled down to the task of holding the heavier team. As is their usual custom Te Aute attended the School Service on the following day. The final college match was with Auckland Grammar School, and in spite of the adverse weather which set in soon after the commencement of the match a hard and interesting game resulted in favour of School by 22 points to 6. Both teams were the guests of the Rugby Union in a motor ride to Mt. Egmont. The season was brought to a climax by School defeating Stratford after a fast game (6-3), thus winning the junior championship.

Owing to changes in the team the Second Fifteen had a very chequered career in the earlier part of the season, but reached their true form near the end of the season, unfortunately too late to get into the semi-final. The Third Fifteen had a good season also and were just defeated by Star in the semi-final by 9 to 6.

The final match of the season was the Day Boys—Boarders match, which was played in Pukekura Park. As usual the Day Boys showed their superiority by a substantial score.

A great deal of our attention this term was taken up with training for the Annual Sports and Steeplechase. Paperchases and other schemes to make us fit were organised under the kindly supervision of our Sports Master, and though the weather prevented the putting up of fast times, very creditable performances were recorded. V. Stace won the junior event, while S. Anderson (10sec.) won the senior and the enviable honour of carrying off

both first place and fastest time (24min. 24 3-5sec.). A marathon race of about five miles was organised by the Amateur Athletic Association on the day of the Mountain Race, and B. Walsham gained second place.

The Annual Sports were held on October 30 and in spite of the strong wind prevailing a successful meeting was held. Some fine performances were put up, and two records broken. J. Medley, in the senior long jump, established a new record of 20ft. 11½in. (1ft. 0½in. better than the previous record), and J. Jones won the junior 120yds. hurdles in 19sec. (1-5sec. less than C. Lobb's time last year). There was a large attendance in the afternoon, and visitors were entertained to afternoon tea in the Assembly Hall, the music being supplied by Mrs. Wood's Orchestra and the School Wireless Club. The championship points were:—Senior: J. Buckeridge (19), 1; J. S. Medley, F. L. Read and R. Watson (each 14), 2. Junior: G. Burwell (22), 1; P. H. Eaves (20), 2. Under 14: L. G. Dickey (20), 1; G. Harvie (6), 2. Under 12: A. Callaghan (20), 1; Under 10: C. Weston (20), 1; W. Saunders (12), 2.

Owing to the fire, dancing classes were held last term in St. Mary's Hall.

The School has passed through two epidemics of a mild nature, the first of influenza, in the second term, and the latter of diphtheria, against which the boarders were inoculated, a precaution which has succeeded in stopping the epidemic.

On Tuesday, October 26, over 90 candidates, who had been prepared by the Rev. E. H. Strong, were confirmed by the Most Rev. A. W. Averill, D.D., on his last official visit to Taranaki. The next day we received a visit from the Hon. R. A. Wright, Minister for Education, who, after being shown over the School and buildings, gave us an interesting and impressive talk in which he emphasised the point that success was the result of hard graft and not of luck.

Once again School has been successful in its examination results. Out of a total of five, five passed B.A. terms in one or more subjects, while R. O'Dea passed in five subjects for the LL.B.



THIRD FIFTEEN, 1926.

Back Row: J. Ewart, A. Abbott, A. Sinclair, S. Allhusen, A. Beck, R. Boddy, A. Preston.

Middle Row: C. Brown, W. Thomson, R. O'Neill, G. S. Anderson, E. Harman, D. McCallum, J. McDonald.

In Front: W. Cato, W. Hayward.

We have to thank the Wellington branch of the Old Boys' Association for the presentation of a Debating Cup. Every boy in the School is required to give a five minutes' speech on any subject, much to the discomfort of some of the boys and the delight of the masters. The subjects ranged from women's suffrage to the Chinese question, and were mostly of an instructional nature. The winners in each form gave a seven minutes' speech from the stage, in front of the whole School. The speeches were of a very high standard, and showed careful consideration of style and matter. J. Galbraith (VI.) won the contest, with Grieve (Vb.) second, while only a point or two separated them from the next best. This important feature of school life has been rather neglected in the last few years, and this annual contest will do much, it is hoped, to rectify the matter.

A certain boy, upon inquiring about an absent friend, was informed that he had "ammonia."

A proposal was made to provide the boarders with hot water bottles owing to the coldness of the weather, but no firm could be found to fulfill such a large order, and the idea was abandoned.

Some enthusiastic members of the Wireless Club put on a special concert, to which they invited some of the masters. The masters thoroughly enjoyed the music, but found out afterwards that the loud speaker had been fixed to a gramophone in an adjoining room.

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

(A. N. Sampson.)

The annual steeplechase events were decided over the usual courses at the Waiwakaiho Golf Links on Thursday, October 7. In spite of the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance of parents and friends. The ground was rather heavy, and for the first part of the course the competitors had to run in the face of a stiff breeze. However, for the greater part of the homeward journey the wind was at their backs.

The junior event was won by V. Stace, while G. S. Anderson won the senior and also gained fastest time. The fastest time in the junior event was secured by L. G. Dickey.

THE JUNIOR EVENT.

In this event just over 60 boys faced the starter. At 2.30 p.m. the limit men, who had been conceded 90 seconds, were sent away. Soon the runners were strung out in a long line. Approaching home, it was seen that Stace and Dickey were running together, a few yards ahead of the field. On turning into the straight Stace drew away to win by 50 yards. Detailed results are:—

V. Stace (20sec.), 12min. 58 2-5sec.	1
L. G. Dickey (scr.), 12min. 50sec.	2
E. Wilson (10sec.), 13min. 5sec.	3
D. Clemow (60sec.), 13min. 14sec.	4
D. Roebuck (scr.), 13min. 22sec.	5
E. Marshall (scr.), 13min. 33sec.	6*
W. Ferry (10sec.); 13min. 43sec.	6*
A. Wells (10sec.), 13min. 57sec.	8
K. Gray (10sec.), 14min. 4sec.	9
J. Wilson (scr.), 14min. 5sec.	10

Next in order were: E. Callaghan (40sec.), C. Cave (10sec.), D. Syme (30sec.), W. Davies (40sec.), H. Law (10sec.), H. Evans (20sec.), H. L. Thomson (scr.), N. Saunders (40sec.), D. Dacre (40sec.), H. M. Palmer (40sec.).

SENIOR EVENT.

The number of competitors in the senior field was larger than in other years, about 230 boys lining up. The limit men, who received two and a-half minutes, were half-way to the sandhills before the scratch men started. The course led straight to the sea, along the beach towards the rifle range, and thence homeward by a circuitous route across the links. Soon a long line of white figures stretched towards the sea until the last boy disappeared over the sandhills. For a time the runners were out of sight. When they came into view it was noticed that two small boys were leading a long line of competitors. A little over a mile from home the leaders were identified as R. Cresswell and J. Davies. With about half

a mile to go Anderson overtook the leaders and, running freely, won comfortably by about 50 yards from Hookham, with Beaven third. Details are as follows:—

G. S. Anderson (10sec.), 24min. 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec.	1
T. Hookham (30sec.), 24min. 50sec.	2
J. Beaven (scr.), 24min. 30sec.	3
B. Walsham (10sec.), 24min. 51sec.	4
C. Stace (40sec.), 25min. 30sec.	5
R. List (scr.), 24min. 51sec.	6
J. McDonald (40sec.), 25min. 36sec.	7
J. Buckeridge (scr.), 25min.	8
M. Rogers (20sec.), 25min. 21sec.	9
G. Grace (20sec.), 25min. 22sec.	10
R. Waite (50sec.), 25min. 53sec.	11
W. Parrott (40sec.), 25min. 50sec.	12
J. Davies (90sec.), 26min. 44sec.	13
G. Ewart (20sec.), 25min. 34sec.	14
R. Cresswell (90sec.), 26min. 50sec.	15
F. Swindells (90sec.), 26min. 53sec.	16
T. Rawson (10sec.), 25min. 44sec.	17
E. Cresswell (40sec.), 26min. 15sec.	18
F. Read (scr.), 25min. 36sec.	19
G. Shepherd (80sec.), 26min. 56sec.	20

Next in order were: R. Whitehead (40sec.), W. Thomson (50sec.), B. Pease (10sec.), J. Ewart (20sec.).

The fastest times were:—

JUNIOR.

L. G. Dickey, 12min. 50sec.	1
V. Stace, 12min. 58 2-5sec.	2
E. Wilson, 13min. 5sec.	3
D. Clemow, 13min. 14sec.	4

SENIOR.

G. S. Anderson, 24min. 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec.	1
J. Beaven, 24min. 30sec.	2
T. Hookham, 24min. 50sec.	3
B. Walsham and R. List, 24min. 51sec.	4

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Senior.—J. M. Buckeridge 5, F. L. Read 3, J. Warner 1.
 Junior.—P. Eaves 5, J. Jones 3, D. McCallum 1.
 Under 14.—L. G. Dickey 5, D. Roebuck 3, J. Marshall 1.
 Under 12.—A. Callaghan 5, W. Davies 3, N. Saunders 1.
 Under 10.—C. Weston 5, W. Saunders 3, C. Blundell 1.

CONCERT CLUB AND ORCHESTRA NOTES.

(A. Moverley.)

Owing to the state of the Assembly Hall since the fire it has been impossible until lately to stage any entertainments there, and consequently the activities of the Orchestra and Concert Club have been rather restricted this year. On June 15, however, we assisted at a "father and son" evening held by the Rotary Club, and received a good hearing, while on June 28 the orchestra played at the official opening of the Old Boys' Club, where some of our selections, more especially the modern compositions, seemed to be in great favour. For future occasions we must remember the Old Boys' musical tastes. During the term we received a visit from the secondary school inspectors, who expressed themselves as pleasantly surprised at our ability.

The long-awaited concert took place on October 20 in the Assembly Hall, which was filled with a very appreciative audience. The orchestra and company were in good form, and rendered the following programme:—

ORCHESTRAL.

1. March, "Victorious" (Wm. Schulz).
2. "Ballet Egyptien," Suite Nos. I. & II. (Alex Luigini).
3. March, "Le Pere la Victoire" (Louis Ganne).
4. Fox Trot, "Collegiate."

COMPANY.

1. Chorus, "The Fishermen of England"; The Company.
2. Instrumental Trio (Beethoven); Campbell, Stronge and Gorringe.
3. Vocal Solo, "Captain John MacPherson," Buckeridge.
4. Quartette, (1) "Wind of the Western Seas" (Graham Peel), (2) "The Wild Rose" (Schubert).
5. Pianoforte Duet, "Valse Brilliante"; Ford and Watt.
6. Vocal Solo, (1) "Just a Cottage Small," (2) "Fiddle-de-dee"; Grieve.
7. Chorus, "Clap Hands"; Clegg and Company.
8. Monologue, "A Clean Sweep"; Yorke.
9. Pianoforte Solo, "Study B. Minor" (Mendelsson); Campbell.

10. Vocal Solo, (1) "The Ragged Vagabond," (2) "Salaam"; Anderson.
11. Recitation, "His Only Hair"; Grieve.
12. Vocal Duet, "Come to the Fair"; Anderson and Buckeridge.
13. Local Parodies.
14. Chorus, "This Time Next Year"; Company.
National Anthem.

We are now preparing for the Sports Dinner and the Breaking-up Ceremony, at which we always assist.

Except for the loss of G. Wray (first violin), the personnel of the orchestra remains unchanged. The junior orchestra continues to do good work, and should next year be able to take the place of those senior members who, unfortunately, are leaving.

Only a short time ago the School orchestra was a very primitive affair, and a squad of violins, with a 'cello and perhaps a flute, was very welcome. Rumour has it that even concertinas were not unknown in its ranks, but owing to the efforts of some of those whom we now look upon as Old Boys, especially Eric Lomas, the orchestra took on a new lease of life and ventured outside of school work. There can now be no looking back, the orchestra must go on improving, and a wider range in the instrumentation must be gained.

This is the sentiment that has moved a local musician to forward us a few suggestions. He points out that with our heavy school roll there is no reason why a greater number of boys should not be available for the orchestra, especially as, to balance the stringed instruments, in which we are comparatively strong, it is essential to have a complement of reed and woodwind. While enlarging upon the necessity for more clarinet players, he suggests the oboe, a difficult but nevertheless a lovely instrument, and the bassoon, as instruments for which there is an open field. There is a great demand for players of these instruments, but a supply is not forthcoming. Surely, within a few years we should at least secure a couple of cornets and a trombone. Of course it is not advisable for small boys to undertake the larger wind instruments, but these should appeal to normal boys of a bigger build.

The excellent efforts of Mr. Dobson, and latterly Miss Coleman in the realm of the piano, and of Miss Dowling, who is prepared to teach anything in the range of stringed instruments, together with Mr. Dobson's guidance of the orchestra, have done much to improve the musical standard of this School. Fortunately the balance, embracing the flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, piccolo, cornet and trombone, are catered for by Mr. McLeod, who has had wide experience in teaching and band work.

The stringed bass is a very expensive instrument, but perhaps some day, when our present requirements have been attended to, the Board of Governors may be prevailed upon to purchase one to form a part of the School's equipment.

Duplication in the strings would be a happy state, but, seeing that the work of the past has been so commendable, let us try to obtain a full first-class instrumentation for the future. We appeal to the parents of future schoolboys, so that, when school reopens in 1927, we may hope for an influx of candidates wishing to avail themselves of the facilities offering for a musical training in some one or other of the instruments required.

In conclusion, we would issue the customary appeal to those boys who, though musical, have refrained from coming to our assistance, and would point out to them that, while repaying to some extent their debt to the School, they may become more proficient in their music, which may some day help to keep the wolf from the door.

TRINITY COLLEGE PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Associate Diploma (A.T.C.L.).—Colin G. Campbell.

Intermediate Division.—Marcus Good.

Junior Division.—Donald Lee (honours), John Avery.

We wish to congratulate Miss Coleman on gaining her L.A.B., under the tuition of Mr. Dobson. Since the departure of Miss Young on a trip to England, Miss Coleman has filled the vacancy.

AGRICULTURE NOTES.

(J. W. Ewart.)

TOP-DRESSING OF PASTURES.

Stock have been kept off the top-dressed pasture area since September, with the result that good growth has been made. Early in December the pasture will be cut and weights taken of the hay produced by each plot. Last year the plot which received basic slag and potash gave the heaviest yield, and the same plot has made good growth up till now.

It is noticeable that there has been a big increase in the percentage of clovers in all the plots that have received dressings of phosphates, but more especially in those which were top-dressed with superphosphate, basic slag and basic super. The strip which received a dressing of potash (Kainit) is also of a healthy colour, and the percentage of clover present is high. On all the top-dressed plots the weeds have decreased in number and in size.

DANISH SEEDS.

Thanks are due to the Royal Danish Agricultural Society, Copenhagen, for their gift to the school of several packets of seeds of prominent Danish varieties and strains of agricultural plants. The following seeds have been received:—

Mangolds.—Barres-Stryno VI.; Fodder Sugar Beet, Marienlyst V.

Swedes.—Bangholm, Olsgaard VI.; Bangholm, Hunsballe VI.; Bangholm, Herning Strain.

Carrots.—Champion, Voldstrup V.; James, Long, Hinderupgaard V.

Turnips.—Fynsk Bartfelder, Hundslev VI.; Yellow Tankard, Pajbjerg V.; Dales Hybrid, Amagergaard V.; White Tankard, Roskilde V.; Ostersundom, Amagergaard V.; Grey Stone, Amagergaard V.; May Turnips, Marienlyst V.

The seeds are to be planted in the Hobson Street plots and records of their yield, etc., will appear in the next issue of this magazine.

MEASURING GRASS GROWTH.

The grasses were cut down bare on August 8 and the new growth measured on September 26, 1926 (a period of seven weeks' growth in spring). The following record indicates the relative amounts of growth made:—

	Inches.		Inches.
1. Perennial Rye (Canterbury seed)	12	16. Sweet Vernal	6
2. Perennial Rye (Hawke's Bay seed)	13	17. Yorkshire Fog	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Italian Rye	14	18. Canary Grass	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Western Wolths Rye	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	19. Poa pratensis	8
5. Cocksfoot (Akaroa seed)	15	20. Poa annua	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Cocksfoot (Danish seed)	14	21. Poa nemoralis	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Crested Dogstail	4	22. Meadow Fescue	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Meadow Foxtail	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	23. Chewings Fescue	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Timothy	12	24. Tall Fescue	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. Prairie	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	25. Sheeps Fescue	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
11. Brown Top (Taranaki Seed)	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	26. English Couch	4
12. Red Top (Taranaki seed)	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	27. Tall Oat Grass	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
13. Brown Top (Govt. Laboratory seed) ..	10	28. Ratstail	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
14. Red Top (Govt. Laboratory seed)	9	29. Danthonia pilosa	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
15. Paspalum	7	30. Danthonia semiannularis	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
		31. Shivery Grass	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
		32. Marram Grass	22 $\frac{1}{4}$
		33. Ice Plant	12
		34. Kikuyu	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
		35. Yarrow	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
		36. Silver Tussock	3

THE WIRELESS CLUB.

(J. Murray.)

Since the formation of the Club at the beginning of last term, remarkable progress has been made. At first it was thought that few boys would support the Club, but contrary to expectations the roll now shows a total of 64 members. This progress has been largely brought about by the untiring efforts of the senior members who, besides lending some of their own apparatus to enable the Club to be placed on a firm footing, have given up much of their spare time to its improvement. Unfortunately the only room available as a Club room was the old armoury behind the lower preparatory room. This has been cleaned out and fitted up in a suitable manner with seats and benches, and serves admirably.



ORCHESTRA, 1926.

Back Row: J. Gibbs, L. Petty, P. Miles, A. Moverley.

Third Row: G. Scott, C. Campbell, G. MacDiarmid, C. Smith, J. Stronge, H. Gorringer, C. Stronge.

Second Row: G. Sutton, J. Hatherley, D. Syme, E. Edgecombe, M. Rogers.

In Front: H. Law, D. Phillips.

A description of the apparatus might interest some: The aerial is a 70 foot T type, 40 feet high, situated above the preparatory rooms. The original receiver was a three-valve Reinartz, kindly lent by one of the members, but on testing it was found to be too unstable and was discarded in favour of a four-valve straight receiver employing one stage of tuned high frequency, a detector and two low frequency stages. This on test worked immediately, but did not give exceptionally good results. This was accounted for some time later, for when exploring the wiring of the high frequency stage, it was found that the grid connection had been made to the anode of the valve, thus making it work "backwards." Perhaps there was some excuse for this when it is stated that an American valve socket was being used for the first time.

As a result of a demonstration by Mr. Rowson, a local experimenter, of his five-valve receiver and because of the rapid progress of the Club, the Principal kindly consented to help us by approaching the Board for a grant to obtain a receiver. To this the Board readily acquiesced, and a sum of £35 was placed at the disposal of the Club for the necessary receiver. After much discussion it was decided to ask Mr. Rowson to build one similar to his own receiver, which employs two tuned high frequency stages, a detector, followed by two low frequency stages. Although many seem to think that this type of receiver is becoming obsolete, it has one great advantage over the more popular Neutrodyne, namely that of its great wave length range and its adaptability to experimenting. The receiver, which is constructed throughout with first-class components, did not at first satisfy the Club's needs, as numerous controls made it difficult to operate, but after a little experimenting it was found that by eliminating the high frequency stages, three valves, a detector and two low frequency stages, gave better results than five valves. It was louder, and naturally more simple to operate, as there was only one main control. The volume now is so great that the Amplion loud speaker can be heard 300 yards away, and every word can be distinguished at a distance of 100 yards. This great volume is largely due to the extra

large transformers and good valves used in the low frequency stages. The transformers are R.I. and the valves used are Mullard P.M. valves and Radiotrons.

Lately a line has been run through to the Assembly Hall for demonstration and concert purposes. This has not been very satisfactory as the Hall has bad acoustic properties. While testing this line much amusement was caused by putting a microphone in circuit with the amplifiers and "broadcasting" several "American stations," thus giving the masters and some members an unexpected treat. On Sports Day, during the afternoon tea, it was decided to try the loud speaker in the Hall, but although two speakers, one of which was kindly lent by the N.P. Hardware Company, were used, the experiment was not very successful.

Owing to unforeseen difficulties it has not been possible to give many lectures and demonstrations. Two lectures on "Wireless" and "Electricity" have been given by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Rowson, whom we must thank for their kindly interest. However, several members have constructed receivers for their own use without outside aid. During last term several experiments were carried out on the short wave lengths, but without much success, as little time could be devoted to experiments. When time permits more experiments will be undertaken.

During the term the following circuits have been tested:—Two high frequency stages, a detector and two low frequency stages; a five-valve T.A.T.; a detector and two low frequency stages; one high frequency and detector; Reinartz and Chitos circuit. Of these the detector and two low frequency stages provided the best circuit and gave better results than some five-valve receivers.

The following stations have been regularly received: 2FC, 2BL, 2GB, 2KY, 2UW, 2UE, Sydney stations; 3LO, 3AR, Melbourne stations; 4QG, Brisbane; 5CL, Adelaide; 1YA, 1YB, 1ZQ, Auckland; 2YK, Wellington; 3YA, 9AC, Christchurch; 4YA, Dunedin; and several amateurs.

In conclusion the Wireless Club wishes to thank all those who so kindly gave donations and those who lent or donated apparatus to the Club.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

(J. S. Medley.)

Although the sky was overcast we were fortunate in having no rain, and punctually at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, October 30, the pistol was fired for the start of the first race. It was about half-past four, nearly half an hour before the scheduled time, that the crowd dispersed after a day of uninterrupted and exciting sport.

Efficiency has come to be recognised as a characteristic of our school sports, and on Saturday the huge crowd was not disappointed. The whole fifty odd races were run off in splendid style, and in one race, the 220 yards open, as many as three heats were being run on the track at the same time.

The track, as usual, was in splendid condition, although a fairly strong wind, blowing diagonally across the grounds, was against record breaking. Despite this, however, two records were broken and three were equalled. J. S. Medley was successful in breaking J. D. Mackay's broad jump record of 19ft. 11in., established in 1924. His first attempt resulted in 20ft. 2½in., his second in 19ft. 11½in., and his final jump in 20ft. 11½in.

The other record broken was that for the final of the 120 Yards Junior Hurdles, when J. Jones, jumping in excellent style, breasted the tape with a good lead 1-5sec. below C. Lobb's time of 19 1-5sec., established in 1925.

Particularly meritorious were the performances of the under 12 champion, A. Callaghan, who equalled the record of 13 2-5sec. in the 100 yards, and, both in his heat and in the final of the 50 yards, equalled the record of 7sec. The other record equalled was that of the 100 Yards Junior Cup. P. H. Eaves, running a splendid race, breasted the tape with the time 11 1-5sec., created by E. Beckbessinger in 1916, to his credit.

The Senior Championship was annexed by J. Buckridge with a lead of five points over the runners-up, J. S. Medley, F. L. Read and R. Watson, all of whom secured 14 points. Probably the finest encounter in the Senior Championship, as expected, was the 100 yards, in which Watson gained the points after a close race, in which Medley was second, less than a yard behind, with Warner

a close third. The time was 10 4-5sec., which is 1-5sec. above the record of 10 3-5sec. established in 1920 by J. Whittle. The final event was run in the same time and afforded an equally close finish, Watson winning by a few inches from Medley, who made a valiant effort to catch him, with Petty third close behind.

The 440 Yards Senior Cup was particularly exciting. Medley took the lead, followed closely by Watson, who, about 50 yards before entering the straight, caught the leader and came in first with Medley a close second. Buckeridge was a yard or two behind. The Senior Hurdles was a race full of excitement from start to finish. Jumping in beautiful style, Read and Buckeridge were abreast at the last hurdle, and it was only in the final sprint that the former won by less than a yard.

The committee, organisers and officials are to be commended for the excellent way in which the meeting was conducted. Afternoon tea was provided for the visitors in the Assembly Hall by Mrs. Moyes and a number of ladies, where the tastefully decorated tables and a programme of music, both by wireless and orchestra, afforded much enjoyment.

The officials were:—

Judges.—Drs. E. F. Fookes and T. Milroy, Messrs. F. E. Wilson, W. C. Weston, E. Jackson, E. P. Webster, R. W. D. Robertson, E. Whittle, J. McLeod and C. E. Bellingranger, M.P.

Starter.—Mr. W. H. Moyes.

Marksmen.—Rev. E. H. Strong and Mr. A. J. Papps.

Ground Stewards.—Messrs. C. G. Bottrill, A. G. Johnson, W. G. Wilkie, G. H. Pope, H. G. Dyer, J. Dobson, J. Earl and W. I. Shrimpton.

Stewards.—Messrs. J. W. Connell, G. F. Bertrand, V. E. Kerr, F. J. Eggleton, J. Leggat, R. C. Wilson and A. H. Blundell.

Timekeepers.—Messrs. J. Bennett, jun., V. Dalglish and L. B. Webster.

Committee.—Mr. A. W. Diprose (chairman), Mr. A. M. Bradbury, J. S. Medley, E. G. Harman, H. M. Brown, R. Fletcher and J. Abraham.

Hon. Secretaries.—K. F. Fookes and F. L. Read.

150 Yards Open.—First heat: Thomas, W. J. (9yds.); time, 16 4-5sec. Second heat: Batger, S. (1yd.); time, 16 4-5sec. Third heat: Davies, O. (1yd.); time, 16 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Petty, L. (6yds.); time, 16 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Good (10yds.); time, 17sec. Sixth heat: Sampson, J. (12yds.); time, 16 3-5sec. Seventh heat: Reakes (9yds.); time, 16sec. Final: Petty 1, Davies 2, Reakes 3; time, 16 1-5sec.

100 Yards (under 15).—First heat: Mackay, J. (1yd.) 1, Fairbrother (9yds.) 2, Ford (3yds.) 3; time, 12sec. Second heat: Davies, J. (2yds.) 1, Faull (4yds.) 2, Watt, T. (5yds.) 3; time, 12sec. Third heat: Dickey (1yd.) 1, Duff (4yds.) 2, McKenzie, G. (3yds.) 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Fourth heat: Hains (1yd.) 1, Shepherd (3yds.) 2, Sutton, A. K. (4yds.) 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Whittle (scr.) 1, Sampson, J. (1yd.) 2, Snell (3yds.) 3; time, 11 4-5sec. Final: Whittle 1, Snell 2, Davies 3; time, 11 2-5sec.

100 Yards (Senior Cup).—(Record, J. Whittle, 10 3-5sec., 1920.) First heat (championship heat): Watson, R. (scr.) 1, Medley (scr.) 2, Warner (scr.) 3; time, 10 4-5sec. Second heat: Reakes (6yds.) and Petty (4yds.) 1 (equal), Fletcher (2yds.) 3; time, 11sec. Third heat: Batger, S. (2yds.) 1, Churton, M. (6yds.) 2, Hetherington, A. (5yds.) 3; time, 11 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Davies, O. (1yd.) 1, Noonan (5yds.) 2, Hayward (6yds.) 3; time, 11sec. Final: Watson 1, Medley 2, Petty 3; time, 10 4-5sec.

100 Yards (Junior Cup).—(Record: E. Beckbessinger, 11 1-5sec., 1916.) First heat (Mr. Beckbessinger's Cup): Eaves (scr.) 1, Burwell (scr.) 2, McCallum (scr.) 3; time, 11 1-5sec. (equal to record). Second heat: Gibbs (2yds.) 1, Faull (5yds.) 2, Reynolds (6yds.) 3; time, 11 4-5sec. Third heat: Thomas, W. J. (4yds.) 1, Syme, J. (2yds.) 2, Betts (6yds.) 3; time, 11 3-5sec. Fourth heat: Davies, J. (6yds.) 1, Watkins (4yds.) 2, Whittle (2yds.) 3; time, 11 3-5sec. Fifth heat: Mackay (4yds.) 1, Tate (4yds.) 2, Neilson (4yds.) 3; time, 11 4-5sec. Sixth heat: Hall (4yds.) 1, Phillips (5yds.) 2, Harding (5yds.) 3; time, 12 2-5sec. Final: Thomas 1, Davies 2, Syme 3; time, 11sec.

Long Jump (Senior Cup).—(Record: J. D. Mackay, 19ft. 11in., 1924.) Medley (ser.), 20ft. 11½in. (a record), 1; Fletcher (6in.), 19ft. 7in., 2; Watson (ser.), 19ft. 6in., 3.

Long Jump (Junior Cup).—(Record: C. C. Lobb, 18ft. 2½in., 1924.)—Burwell (ser.), 17ft. 11½in., 1; McCallum (ser.), 17ft. 10½in., 2; Ford (12in.), 17ft. 3in., 3.

75 Yards (under 13).—Whittington (2yds.) 1, Cooper, H. (ser.) 2, Jones, R. (2yds.) 3. Time, 10 2-5sec.

880 Yards (Senior Cup—Mason Memorial Cup).—(Record: J. D. Mackay, 2min. 11 3-5sec., 1923.)—Buckeridge (ser.) 1, Read (ser.) 2, Watson, R. (ser.) 3. Time, 2min. 15 4-5sec.

880 Yards (Senior Handicap).—Anderson (10yds.) 1, Beck (ser.) 2, McNeill (10yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 15 4-5sec.

880 Yards (Junior Cup—Mr. Gilmour's Cup).—Eaves (ser.) 1, Jones, J. (ser.) 2, Burwell (ser.) 3. Time, 2min. 36sec.

880 Yards (Junior Handicap).—Walsham (ser.) 1, Stace, C. (15yds.) 2, Colson (25yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 27 1-5sec.

100 Yards (under 14 Cup).—(Record: A. R. Bothamley, 11 3-5sec., 1916.) First heat (championship heat): Dickey, L. (ser.) 1, Kerrisk (ser.) 2, Thomson, H. L. (ser.) 3; time, 13sec. Second heat: Shepherd, R. (5yds.) 1, Wells (5yds.) 2, Silver (4yds.) 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Third heat: Moyes, P. (5yds.) 1, Luxton (5yds.) 2, Verry (5yds.) 3; time, 13 1-5sec. Final: Shepherd 1, Dickey 2, Kerrisk 3; time, 12sec.

220 Yards (Open).—First heat: Batger, S. (4yds.) 1, Reakes (10yds.) 2; time, 26sec. Second heat: Rogers (5yds.) 1, Thomas, W. J. (10yds.) 2; time, 25 3-5sec. Third heat: Symes (8yds.) 1, Grace (6yds.) 2; time, 26sec. Fourth heat: Noonan (6yds.) 1, Fookes, K. (3yds.) 2; time, 25 4-5sec. Fifth heat: Fookes, H. (7yds.) 1, Harman (7yds.) 2; time, 25 1-5sec. Final: Rogers 1, H. Fookes 2, Thomas 3; time, 24 4-5sec.

High Jump (Junior Cup).—(Record: W. Penman, 5ft., 1924.)—Burwell (ser.) 1, Shepherd (3in.) 2, McCallum (ser.) 3. Height, 4ft. 10½in.

50 Yards (under 10 Cup).—(Record: G. Bell, 7 1-5sec., 1917.)—Weston, C. (ser.) 1, Saunders, W. (ser.) 2, Blundell (ser.) 3. Time, 7 4-5sec.

440 Yards (Senior Cup—Old Boys' Shield).—(Record: J. D. Mackay, 1923; F. C. Gilmour, 1924, 54 1-5sec.)—Watson (ser.) 1, Medley (ser.) 2, Buckeridge (ser.) 3. Time, 57 2-5sec.

440 Yards (Senior Handicap).—Abraham (10yds.) 1, Rogers (10yds.) 2, Fookes, H. (10yds.) 3. Time, 56 2-5sec.

440 Yards (Junior Cup—Mrs. Bothamley's Cup).—(Record: P. G. Grover, 58 2-5sec., 1924.)—Eaves (ser.) 1, Burwell (ser.) 2, Jones (ser.) 3. Time, 59 4-5sec.

440 Yards (Junior Handicap—Mr. Harman's Cup).—Colson (5yds.) 1, Betts (30yds.) 2, Reynolds (30yds.) 3. Time, 61 4-5sec.

75 Yards (under 14 Cup).—(Record: A. R. Bothamley, 9sec., 1916.) First heat (championship heat): Dickey (ser.) 1, Thomson, H. L. (ser.) 2, Whitecombe (ser.) 3; time, 9 4-5sec. Second heat: Shepherd, R. (3yds.) 1, Wells (3yds.) 2, Silver (2yds.) 3; time, 9 2-5sec. Third heat: Moyes (3yds.) 1, Wilson (2yds.) 2, Bassett (2yds.) 3; time, 10 2-5sec. Final: Shepherd 1, Wells 2, Dickey 3; time, 9 2-5sec.

50 Yards (under 11).—Blackley (ser.) 1, Nolan (4yds.) 2, Saunders, W. (2yds.) 3; time, 7 2-5sec.

Three-legged Race (75yds.).—First heat: Beck and Abbott (5yds.). Second heat: Galbraith and Moverley (ser.). Third heat: Hetherington, A., and Hetherington, D. (ser.). Fourth heat: Gray, K., and Palmer (10yds.). Fifth heat: Good and Syme (10yds.). Sixth heat: Hall and Cave (15yds.). Seventh heat: Hammonds and Lav (10yds.). Eighth heat: Thomson and Short (10yds.). Ninth heat: Bell and Watkins (5yds.). Final: Good and Syme 1, Beck and Abbott 2, Hall and Cave 3.

High Jump (Senior Cup).—(Record: D. S. Sykes, 5ft. 5½in., 1914.)—Fookes, H. (1in.), and Hetherington (2in.) 1 (equal); Fletcher (1in.) and McNeill (2in.) 3 (equal). Height, 5ft. 2in.

100 Yards (under 12 Cup).—(Record: H. F. Fookes, 1919; H. L. Thomson, 1923, 13 2-5sec.)—Callaghan (ser.) 1, Whittington (ser.) 2, Dacre (ser.) 3. Time, 13 2-5sec. (equal to record).

Potato Race (over 14).—First heat: Campbell 1, Beckbessinger 2. Second heat: Evans 1, Watkins 2. Third heat: Sutton 1, Bradshaw 2. Fourth heat: Faull 1, Barkla 2. Fifth heat: Hetherington, D., 1, Abram 2. Sixth heat: Hetherington, A., 1, Hughes 2. Seventh heat: Shoemark 1, Walsham 2. Final: Evans 1, Hetherington, D., 2, Hughes 3.

Potato Race (under 14).—First heat: Dallison 1, Marshall 2, Bassett 3. Second heat: Shepherd 1, Moyes 2, Anderson 3. Final: Dallison 1, Shepherd 2, Moyes 3.

75 Yards (under 10 Cup).—(Record: G. Bell, 10 4-5sec., 1917.)—Weston, C., 1, Saunders, W., 2, Blundell 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

50 Yards (under 12 Cup).—(Record: J. J. Pease, 1919; H. L. Thomson, 1923, 7sec.) First heat: Palmer (ser.) 1, Cruickshank (ser.) 2, Jones (ser.) 3; time, 7 1-5sec. Second heat: Callaghan (ser.) 1, Whittington (ser.) 2, McDonnell (ser.) 3; time, 7sec. (equal to record). Final: Callaghan 1, Whittington 2, Palmer 3; time, 7sec. (equal to record).

Sack Race (75yds.).—First heat: Hetherington, J. (ser.) 1, Richards (15yds.) 2. Second heat: Hetherington, A. (ser.) 1, Fairbrother (20yds.) 2. Third heat: Hammonds (5yds.) 1, Hetherington, D. (ser.) 2. Fourth heat: Law (10yds.) 1, Gibbons (15yds.) 2. Fifth heat: Moyes (15yds.) 1, Swindells (10yds.) 2. Sixth heat: Heggie (15yds.) 1, Faull (10yds.) 2. Final: Hammonds 1, Hetherington, A., 2, Hetherington, J., 3.

100 Yards (under 10 Cup).—(Record: G. Bell, 1917; W. Hardwick, 1919, 14 2-5sec.)—Weston, C. (ser.), 1, Saunders, W. (ser.), 2, Blundell (ser.) 3. Time, 15sec.

150 Yards (under 12 Cup).—(Record: H. F. Fookes, 20sec., 1920)—Callaghan (ser.) 1, Whittington (ser.) 2, Palmer (ser.) 3. Time, 20 1-5sec.

Old Boys' Race (100yds.).—E. P. Webster 1, Dr. E. F. Fookes and L. B. Webster 2 (equal).



ATHLETIC SPORTS—START OF 440 CHAMPIONSHIP.



FINISH OF 440—Watson 1, Medley 2, Buckeridge 3. Photos—J. R. Wall.

120 Yards Hurdles (Senior Cup—Mr. Noakes's Cup).—(Record: J. D. Mackay, 16 4-5sec., 1923.) First heat (championship heat): Read (owe 7yds.) 1, Buckeridge (owe 7yds.) 2, Medley (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 17 3-5sec. Second heat: Fookes, K. (owe 3yds.) 1; time, 19sec. Final: Read 1, Buckeridge 2, Medley 3; time, 17 1-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (Junior Cup).—(Record: C. C. Lobb, 19 1-5sec., 1925). First heat (championship heat): Burwell (owe 7yds.) 1, Jones (owe 7yds.) 2, McCallum (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 20sec. Second heat: Shepherd (scr.) 1, Colson (owe 3yds.) 2; time, 22 1-5sec. Final: Jones, J., 1, Shepherd 2; time, 19sec. (a record).

220 Yards (under 14 Cup).—(Record: P. G. Grover, 28 2-5sec., 1922.) First heat (championship heat): Dickey (scr.) 1, Kerrisk (scr.) 2, Thomson, H. L. (scr.) 3; time, 30 4-5sec. Second heat: Luxton (7yds.) 1, Evans (7yds.) 2, Moyes (6yds.) 3; time, 32 2-5sec. Final: Dickey 1, Evans 2, Luxton 3; time, 30 4-5sec.

One Mile (Senior).—(Record: E. G. Smith, 4min. 55 1-5sec., 1922.)—Anderson (scr.) 1, Gorringer (10yds.) 2, Beck (scr.) 3. Time, 5min. 5sec.

One Mile (Junior).—Walsham (scr.) 1, Hudson (30yds.) 2, Henderson (30yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 18 3-5sec.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—T. L. Bailey. Distance, 92yds. 1ft. 5½in.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Senior Championship.—Buckeridge, J. M. (19), 1; Medley, J. S. (14), Read, F. L. (14), and Watson, R. (14) 2 (equal); Warner, J. (2), 5.

Junior Championship.—Burwell, G. (22), 1; Eaves, P. H. (20), 2; Jones, J. (12), 3; McCallum, D. R. (12), 4.

Under 14 Championship.—Dickey, L. G. (20), 1; Kerrisk, S. (16), 2; Thomson, H. L. (5), 3; Roebuck, D. (3), 4; Marshall, J. (1), and Whitcombe, D. (1) 5 (equal).

Under 12 Championship.—Callaghan, A. (20), 1; Whittington, H. (9), 2; Davies, W. (3), 3; Palmer, M. (2), 4; Dacre, D. (1), and Saunders, N. (1), 5 (equal).

Under 10 Championship.—Weston, C. (20), 1; Saunders, W. (12), 2; Blundell, C. (4), 3.

when our friend replied, "No, sir, I did not mean it to be."

The innocent cause of a great deal of trouble and annoyance lately has been the prefects' alleged alarm clock especially when Beery and Bobbie are on duty. On every such occasion there is a wordy conflict as to who shall have the pleasure of guarding the precious jewel. Recently the usual argument was terminated by the "turnip" being rudely precipitated out of the dormitory window, finally disappearing—no one knows where.

On October 26 our annual Confirmation Service was held in St. Mary's Church, His Grace the Archbishop officiating, while a number of visiting clergy were also present. His Grace expressed his keen interest in the School and a deep regret that this was to be the last occasion on which he could officiate as Bishop of the Diocese. He went on to say how gratifying it was to see such a large number of candidates in one body, and that it was the largest number of boys he had confirmed from any one school. The service was a very beautiful and impressive one, and all who were present keenly appreciated it. The manner in which everything was arranged reflected great credit on the School chaplain, the Rev. E. H. Strong.

Quite the most outstanding event in the school life last term was the fire. Most of the boarders were awakened about 4 o'clock on June 12 by the ringing of bells and crying of "Fire! Fire!" Thinking it to be part of a practical joke, many of us arose diffidently to go outside, but when we turned the corner of the house the blaze that confronted us told its own story. The sight was most spectacular, and the whole effect of the roaring flames and growing crowd, painted red by the lurid glare of the fire, will be long remembered. The brigade was not long in arriving, and a systematic control soon took effect. To enable one of the hoses to be used inside, one of the side doors had to be torn from its hinges. Many of the boarders did good rescue work in saving the valuable pictures, shields and cups in the Assembly Hall. It was not long before the fire was under control, and we returned to bed. The next morning showed the full damage. Four classrooms were completely gutted, and two others were rendered useless by smoke and water, while the Hall was blackened with soot and had nearly two inches of water on the floor. The total damage was estimated at about

£5000, and was covered by insurance. During the reconstruction, which commenced at once, the third forms made use of the racecourse buildings, very kindly lent by the Jockey Club. The rebuilding is now completed, and the School has once more regained its normal appearance.

A great tribute to the teaching of manners at school is the fact that the boy who first discovered the fire, in going to the master's room to announce his discovery, carefully knocked at the door before he entered. And he waited for the words "Come in!"

CHAPEL.

At the end of last term we had the pleasure of welcoming the members of the Te Aute College football XV. at our services. They were in Chapel at the early celebration of Holy Communion, and also attended the ordinary 9.30 service, at which one of their number read the First Lesson, the Second being read by K. Fookes. It is always a happiness to have the Te Aute boys with us on these occasions.

From the beginning of July classes in preparation for Confirmation have been held regularly week by week. It speaks well for the candidates that, notwithstanding all the troubles and difficulties of the second and third terms, the attendance has been remarkably good. This year the number of candidates has considerably increased, and at one time there were about 109 on the list. However, from various causes this number was reduced to 92. As Taranaki is no longer in the Diocese of Auckland, and as the Bishop-elect of Waikato has not yet arrived, there was every chance that no Confirmation would be held unless one of the North Island Bishops could be persuaded to come to our help. Fortunately no persuasion was needed, for our old friend, the Archbishop, said that he would only too willingly undertake the long trip specially on our account. We felt it to be what it undoubtedly was, a very great compliment to the School, and a proof of the affection with which the Archbishop has always regarded us. So we determined to make the service worthy of the occasion, and diligent practice was held to that end. It is all still quite fresh in our memory, for the service took place on the evening of Tuesday, October 26, at 7.30.

From every point of view we can look back to it with great thankfulness. Needless to say, the Primate gave us of his very best, and his address, based on Exodus xiii., 17, 18, will long be remembered. Full of sound advice, and expressed in language which the smallest boy present could not fail to understand, His Grace helped to make the Confirmation a very great reality. And the older people present must have been impressed with his words to them on their responsibility towards the candidates. It is difficult to express our gratitude to him; for words are poor instruments when it comes to one's deepest feelings. But we are sure that our best way of showing our sense of what we owe the Archbishop will be in following out his counsel.

The candidates presented to the Archbishop a very beautiful Primatial Cross, the symbol of his exalted office, fashioned in oiled rimu; and this was used at the service. We hope it will serve to remind him of the many happy Confirmations which he has held for us. We know that the gift gave him real pleasure. We should like also to thank all the clergy who came to share our happiness on this occasion, and to show their interest in the School. Archdeacon Evans carried the Cross, and the Revs. F. G. Harvie and G. T. Beale acted as assistant Chaplains. We may claim that the whole service was marked by great dignity and reverence. The singing was very good indeed, and great praise is due to the choir, led by Wetere, for their good work in the processional and recessional hymns. The timing of the latter was almost as good as on the occasion of the last Confirmation, and that is high praise. We should like specially to compliment all the boys on their reverent singing of the Veni Creator (No. 157). Ken. Fookes, with his trusty assistants, Moore, Anderson, Pease and Medley, managed the huge congregation with their customary skill, and lived up to the tradition established last year in the matter of collecting the offerings in a way truly splendid for its expedition. We also owe our thanks to Mr. Renaud for sparing time to preside at the organ. On the whole we may claim that the Confirmation this year worthily upheld the tradition which the School has established since we began to hold our own services.

We feel obliged to point out that the great weakness of our ordinary service at 9.30 on Sunday morning is the reading. This, with a few exceptions, is quite bad. It is

not a matter of preparation, for we have reason to believe that each reader takes pains over his turn. It is the actual reading that is so bad; it is often hurried; words are clipped; and wrong emphasis abounds. The conclusion is forced on one that Bible reading is a strange practice to very many boys, and that the glorious English of the Authorised Version is far from their grasp. We have had excellent readers among us. The names of Strombom, O'Halloran, Mitealfe, Patterson and Fookes occur at once. We still have another Fookes, and we have Anderson and Harman, who all read very well. Of course everyone knows what it is to be nervous, and to prepare the wrong lesson by mistake. But when all is said that can be said, it still remains a sad fact that the Lessons of Holy Scripture, which ought to be a most important part of public worship, are read often in such a way that no one in church can understand what their meaning is. This is a feature of our services which needs most careful and speedy reformation.

TERMS CLASSES.

The results of the Terms examinations were in every way satisfactory. Of the five boys who sat for examination, three passed in all their subjects, and the other two boys have passed two subjects to enable them to proceed to the degree examination. The results were as follows:—

LL.B. EXAMINATION.

R. J. O'Dea: Passed in Jurisprudence (first-class), Constitutional History, Roman Law, English and Latin.

H. J. Thomas: Passed in Jurisprudence, Constitutional History and Latin.

B.A. EXAMINATIONS.

A. Moverley: Passed in Advanced History (second-class), Political Science (second-class) and Latin.

T. Bailey: Passed in Economics and History.

J. Galbraith: Passed in History (second-class); Mathematics previously passed.

SHOOTING NOTES.

(E. Harman.)

So far, we have done very little shooting this year, owing mainly to the persistent adverse conditions. The class-firing of both companies was carried on at intervals, but we have now finished all practices. From these results the winners of the Lady Godley Cups will be determined. This year the two senior platoons in B Company used 303's in class-firing as an experiment, but the results in most cases did not come up to expectations and the 22's were again employed.

About three weeks ago some 30 boys, who were selected on their class-firing results, were put under supervision to practise for the Weekly Press Shield. This shield last year was annexed by the local Technical College, with the remarkable score of 679 out of a possible 680. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Technical College on their success. Last year the School team gained second place with the average score of 67.8 per man, a very creditable performance.

Some disappointment has been caused by the cancelling of the annual Area meeting at Rewa Rewa, where a good part of the prize-money is usually won by boys from the School.

THE ROLL.

The following boys left during the year:—Baxter, A.; Beaven, G.; Bell, N.; Bounsall, W.; Bramley, H.; Brown, H. J.; Cave, K.; Coates, J.; Cooper, R.; Dineen, F.; Ericksen, A. W.; Francis, C.; Gilbert, C.; Gray, G.; Hetet, W. C.; Hill, A. B.; Hine, E.; Howse, L.; Hunkin, R.; Hutchinson, J.; Land, E.; Lawrence, R. G.; Lee, E.; Lister, R.; Lobb, C. C.; Lyall, M.; Mahraj, R.; McCallum, E. W.; McNeice, J.; Morgan, T. O.; Olsen, P.; Paterson, R.; Pepper, M. D.; Pitt, W.; Pratt, W. J.; Riding, E.; Shallard, W.; Smith, T. E.; Stevenson, J.; Thomson, D.; Thomson, S.; Ward, R.; Whitehead, K. W.; Willecocks, H. F.; Wilton, O. H.; Worth, E.; Wray, A. G.; Grover, P. G.

The following boys entered the School during the year:—Allen, P.; Atchley, E.; Barkla, G.; Bolt, J. A.; Budd, D.; Burt, C. A. S.; Ferry, W.; Goldsbury, A.; Harrison, E.; Heslop, E.; McKenzie, G. F.; Shaw, M.; Waite, K. H.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(K. Riley.)

The annual boxing championships were decided in the School Assembly Hall on the evening of November 12. This year Mr. Eggleton has supervised lessons in the Assembly Hall, and many boys took full advantage of the instruction to glean some of the finer points of the art. There was a large attendance of parents and friends of the School to witness the championships, and in several bouts the boxing was of a high standard.

Dr. Church, of Opunake, kindly acted as referee, and his decisions were received as all decisions should be received.

Mr. G. F. Bertrand was timekeeper. The judges were: Messrs. W. H. Moyes, J. W. Connell, C. Bottrill, and G. H. Pope, whilst Mr. A. J. Papps was announcer.

The other officials were as follows:—Official recorders: Messrs. A. W. Diprose and R. Wilson. Ring stewards: Messrs. J. Leggat, J. Earl and W. Shrimpton. Glove stewards: Messrs. A. H. Blundell and H. Dyer. Stewards: Messrs. A. Johnson, V. Kerr and W. Wilkie. Medical examiners: Drs. Milroy and Brewster. Seconds: R. Fletcher, B. Pease, K. Fookes and J. Buckeridge. The committee responsible for the success of the gathering comprised: Mr. F. J. Eggleton (chairman), K. Fookes, R. Fletcher and K. Wetere; K. Riley and F. Read (hon. secretaries).

The following are the results:—

UNDER 5st.

First Round.—P. McDonnell was too good for D. Daere in a bout that went the full three rounds and provided a very pretty, open bout.

R. Nolan had the advantage of height and weight in his bout with D. Blackley, and this just enabled him to secure the advantage.

V. Andrew a bye.

Semi-final.—P. McDonnell early forced the pace in his bout with B. Andrew, who stood up to him and mixed it well in the first round. McDonnell thoroughly deserved the verdict.

Final.—P. McDonnell, who was boxing his third bout, opened quietly against R. Nolan in the final, the first round showing both boys boxing very prettily and displaying good footwork. In the second round McDonnell forced the fighting. The third round also went to McDonnell, and with it the championship.

UNDER 6st.

First Round.—D. Roebuck had the advantage of height and reach over G. Duff.

D. Latham, who made the pace willing from the start, defeated A. Field, who kept his face well covered and occasionally shot a left to the body or the face.

Semi-final.—D. Roebuck proved too good for R. Smith, but he did not have matters all his own way, as Smith stood up to him well.

Final.—D. Latham defeated D. Roebuck. Both made the pace very willing in the first round. In the last round Roebuck was evidently feeling the effects of his two previous bouts, and Latham, forcing the pace, secured a narrow verdict.

UNDER 8st.

First Round.—M. Shaw forced the pace in his bout with F. Palmer. In the final round Palmer became more aggressive and gained the verdict.

The bout between J. Duigan and M. Ingle was fast and furious, the boys scoring in turn. Just on time Ingle sent his opponent to the boards for three and secured a popular win.

Final.—M. Ingle beat F. Palmer. Palmer had the advantage of height and reach, but Ingle had him groggy in the first round. The second round was more even, but was still in Ingle's favour. Though tiring, Ingle was still the more aggressive in the final round.

UNDER 9st.

F. Matthews defeated J. Donald. The winner had the advantage of height and reach. The verdict went to Matthews by a narrow margin.

UNDER 10st.

First Round.—G. Grace beat A. Hutchen. Hutchen scored with the left, but Grace was more aggressive.

W. Hayward beat J. Beavan. Hayward forced the pace throughout, but Beavan showed cleverness in evasion.

Final.—W. Hayward defeated G. Grace. The first round proved very open and even. Grace forced the fighting, but Hayward, who was the cooler, connected with effect. The second and third rounds were also in favour of Hayward.

UNDER 11st. CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. Galbraith defeated H. M. Brown. This was a fine exhibition. Galbraith scored early in the first round with a solid blow to the face, but Brown almost evened up later. The second round was also of an even nature. Opening the final round, Brown led, but Galbraith evaded and shot home a right. Brown had the better of the next exchange and was aggressive in the final stages, but Galbraith secured the verdict.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP.

F. Read defeated K. Riley. This proved a very fast and exciting bout. Read had the advantage of height and weight, but Riley was more aggressive and possessed a very solid punch, though he was inclined to leave himself open. He at once forced the pace and occasionally connected to the face, Read showing cleverness in evading and sending out a straight left that appeared to lack force. Early in the second round Riley sent his opponent to the boards for seven, but Read, getting away smartly from the ropes, landed nicely to the face on two or three occasions. The third round proved equally willing. Riley attacked, but Read stood up to him and got home with both hands, Read being declared the winner.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

During the past football season Prep. has been very successful in the Primary Schools' Football Competition, playing eight matches, winning five, losing two, and playing a draw. Following are details:—

v. Inglewood; won 34-0.

v. Waitara; lost 12-29.

v. Fitzroy; won 18-13.

v. West End; won 13-11.

v. Westown; won 6-3.

v. Central; won 8-6.

v. Central; lost 0-9.

v. Waitara; draw 3-3.

Cricket has succeeded football, and under the capable coaching of our Prep. master the First XI. is slowly shaping. Although we have lost two matches they have been most enjoyable, as fine weather favoured us each time.

Our agriculture enthusiasts have been engaged during the greater part of the term in digging up tree-stumps which are uselessly taking up valuable ground. Every Wednesday afternoon a squad of tired-looking boys may be seen plodding up from the plots after their laborious work.

Our Prep. boys distinguished themselves in the Sports which were held on October 30. Walsham (who from 10sec. start came fourth in the Steeplechase) won the junior 880 yards and also the mile, both from scratch. Symes won his heat in the 220 yards and was leading in the final when he knocked into a wandering pedestrian and was forced to retire.

Our Proficiency Examinations will be held this term in our class-rooms. Last year we went to the Central School.

Many Prep. boys received their Confirmation from His Grace Archbishop Averill after being prepared by the Rev. E. H. Strong. The service was a memorable one and those present are not likely to forget it.

When the main school building was stricken by fire the Prep. room was particularly fortunate in not being burnt down. The heat from the blaze blistered and scorched both the agriculture master's laboratory, which contained chemicals, etc., and also the Prep. room.

James Stevenson left during the term and Dennis Allen was admitted.

CADET NOTES.

(F. L. Read.)

That the keenness for military training in this School has not waned may be discerned from the eagerness with which both Cadets and officers perform their duty. It is undoubtedly through the untiring efforts both of the Cadets and those in charge of them that the high standard of discipline reached while in camp has been maintained throughout the year. During the drill period the cricket ground presents a very striking sight to any casual observer, for during this hour the whole of that extensive playing field is made good use of by the Cadets.

On Anzac Day, Sunday, April 25, the School Cadet Contingent formed up in two companies on the cricket ground and marched through Devon Street, around the Cenotaph, and back to Pukekura Park, where the service was held. The Park on this morning presented a very imposing spectacle indeed, for besides all the Territorial and Cadet companies which were formed up at the base, the terraces were thronged with a crowd of perhaps seven thousand people. After the service the School Cadets were marched out of the gates and dismissed.

A new feature in the Cadet training of the School has been introduced this year, in the form of tabloid sports. Numbers ranging from one to sixteen have been marked off around the ground, and the sections of each company have a competition, the section obtaining the most points winning. Each of the sixteen sections in a company takes up its position at its respective number, then after finishing the game set down for that number moves on and takes up its position at the next number.

In order to give the Cadets some idea of the procedure of a battle, a miniature fight was arranged to take

place at Omata on Monday, November 15. Of the two companies A and B, B defended the position, and A Company formed the attacking party. Blank ammunition was used and this provided a genuine battle feeling in the minds of the "troops." According to schedule, the attacking company attained their objective and drove the defenders in all directions. The day at Omata gave us an excellent insight into the tactics employed in modern warfare.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS 1925-1926.

President: Dr. E. F. Fookes.
 Vice-Presidents: E. P. Webster and A. R. Standish.
 Hon. Treasurer: C. Smart.
 Hon. Secretaries: L. Lovell and H. J. Boon.
 Committee: A. J. Papps (chairman), R. G. Howell, H. W. Brown, C. Drader, P. Pope, G. Morey, J. Palmer, F. Corkill.

ANNUAL RE-UNION.

The annual reunion dinner of the Association was held on October 30, Dr. E. F. Fookes, president of the association, presiding over an attendance of about 100.

After the loyal toast had been enthusiastically drunk, Dr. Fookes proposed that of the School. He spoke of the School with the utmost pride. It was once said by a responsible official that they did not want to make a Dominion school at New Plymouth, but it was no use denying it had become so whether they wanted it or not. With its principal and excellent staff, and the splendid influence of Mr. Strong, it could not help but take the high place it had. He could say that all the old boys and citizens of Taranaki, or even New Zealand, were grateful to Mr. Moyes for his splendid service. They had only to look at the distinctions gained by the School both in work and play to realise his influence. Those who had been privileged to attend the Sports that day knew what splendid athletes the School still possessed. This success could only

be attained by the utmost diligence of the staff and the whole-hearted co-operation on the part of the pupils.

Mr. Moyes, in reply, said that, unfortunately, such gatherings as this were not very frequent and they did not know how much it was appreciated that they still remembered their School with pride. Whatever success the School had achieved, it had been necessary to have the support and co-operation of the old boys. In the past this had always been forthcoming, and had contributed largely to the School's success. Their efforts had not been misplaced, for the School had risen to do good in the community.

Mr. Moyes would like to thank the association for its work during the past year. Tenders had been called for the gymnasium, and it was hoped that it would be finished by the end of the year. He congratulated the members of the executive of the Association, which was composed mostly of younger old boys, upon the formation of a club, which undoubtedly would do a lot of good. Their efforts were gratifying to those who had carried the association on until last year. They owed a tremendous lot to those with whom he had started at the School, and he hoped the younger ones would appreciate their efforts. Although he realised what they had already done, he would like to mention some of the things the School still needed. They needed a cricket pavilion, a tower, baths and library, and the gully required filling in. (Laughter.) He would like to mention that the five boys who had recently sat for sections of their degrees had all been successful, one of them, aged 16, in five subjects. Few realised what had been done for the School by Mr. Strong, to whom he wished to express publicly the School's sincere thanks.

Nowadays in all branches of business or pastimes it was being realised that the best results were to be obtained by team work, said Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid, in proposing the toast of "Sister Colleges." It was only by a comparison with other schools that a school could judge its advancement in the various branches of sport. To Nelson they owed a great deal, for from there came both Mr. Moyes and Mr. Papps. There were other schools to whom they owed a great deal, such as the Otago Boys' High School, Auckland Grammar School (which had given them five masters), and the Timaru Boys' High School.

As an old boy of the Otago High School, the Mayor (Mr. F. E. Wilson) thanked them for the way they had honoured his old school, which, by the way, was older than the New Plymouth High School, and also congratulated them on having such a large and enthusiastic association.

Speaking as an old boy of Christ's College, Mr. W. C. Weston said he thought it a compliment to his old school that he should have been asked to speak. His own school had a fine record, but he did not grudge New Plymouth its many successes. In years to come he hoped it would be said that Mr. Moyes was among the greatest headmasters of New Zealand. He wished them every success and hoped they would remember what they owed to Mr. Moyes.

The toast of the Board of Governors was proposed by Mr. A. J. Papps, who, speaking as chairman of the Old Boys' Association, thanked them for the generous interest they had taken in the affairs of the School. It was with great pleasure that they had accomplished the work commenced six years before of providing a gymnasium. There were many other things to be done, and they did not intend to rest now that they had a gymnasium, but he could pledge the association's support in any cause.

Mr. H. R. Billing (chairman of the Board of Governors) congratulated the School on the success of the pupils who sat for the terms examinations. It was very pleasing to note that the School was having such marked success with its past and present pupils, and so long as they continued doing so they would all be very proud of their School. Mr. Billing stressed the importance of having the association alive, for from both the boys' school and the girls' the board received many applications for what they were unable to provide.

Other toasts honoured were: "Absent Old Boys" (Mr. H. E. Fookes); "Associated Sports' Bodies" (Mr. A. R. Standish—Messrs. Austin Bewley, cricket; H. W. Brown, football); "The Executive" (Dr. Fookes—Mr. L. W. Lovell); "The Ladies" (Mr. H. W. Kirkby—Mr. R. G. Howell); "The Press" (Mr. E. P. Webster—Mr. W. C. Weston).

During the evening most enjoyable musical items were contributed by the Melody Four, Messrs. B. Bellringer and E. Conway, and by the Old Boys' Orchestra, while much amusement was caused by the haka team, under Mr. Atua.

A most successful reunion of New Plymouth High School Old Boys was held on the evening of October 30, when just on 40 had dinner at the Star Hotel and then went to the Opera House.

Mr. Owen Bayly, president of the Auckland branch of the Old Boys' Association, presided, and Mr. Hunt, of Takapuna, one of the very oldest old boys, who was a pupil when the School was first opened in 1882, was among those present. Others were: Colonel Ivan Standish, Messrs. A. R. Ryder (a former master), A. J. Healy, A. H. Osborne, J. A. Simcock, O. Ellis, J. Terry, J. D. Willis, E. Gibson, J. Clemow, D. Penman, L. and D. O'Halloran, L. Jillett, P. Hawkins, F. William, I. Renaud, T. Simpson, H. Calder, R. Murray, C. H. White, H. Fraser, A. Brackebush, O. Rainger, B. Noakes, G. Salt, C. Noble, J. Hilliard, E. Wigg, K. Duckworth, H. Gordon, T. O. Jones, A. Moody, R. I. Arthur.

A short toast-list was honoured. The toast of the School was proposed by the president, and was enthusiastically honoured. Mr. Bayly spoke of the School's fine achievements in the scholastic realm and playing fields, and references to the headmaster (Mr. W. H. Moyes) were received with applause.

Colonel Standish replied on behalf of the School, and recalled amusing incidents that happened when he was at school 30 years ago.

Mr. Hunt also gave some interesting anecdotes of school life in 1882, under Mr. E. Pridham.

Other toasts honoured were "Sister Colleges" and "Absent Old Boys."

At the conclusion cheers were given for the School, and a similar tribute for the masters was embodied in rousing cheers for Mr. Ryder, the only representative of the masters present.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Club Rooms on Tuesday, March 16. H. R. Billing, Esq., presided over an assembly of about 110 members and the meeting was quite the most successful and enthusiastic held since the formation of the Club. Amongst the following list of new members elected to the Club at this meeting, Old Boys further afield will recognise the names of many of their old schoolmates:— Messrs. M. Clarke, C. Cook, B. Rawson, A. J. Mills, H. M. Dykes, W. F. Sutton, G. and C. Strang, C. Stevens, B. Seanlan, M. Daly, L. Gillespie, C. Jones, W. Penman, S. Judd, L. Dowling, G. Bayly, J. Thomson, W. Shrimpton, E. Coleman, R. Barlow, W. Brodie, K. Campbell, C. Drader, E. Robson, C. Calvert, A. Blundell, K. McKinney, S. E. Neilson, R. Brown, B. Collinge, and C. H. Strombom.

The following officers of the Club were elected:— Patron: W. H. Moyes, Esq. President: Dr. E. Faber Fookes. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. H. R. Billing, A. E. Sykes, and J. B. Cresswell. Hon. Auditor: J. B. Wilson, Esq. Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. F. B. Clarke and R. G. Howell. Club Captain: D. Doile, Esq. Selectors: Messrs. T. Campbell, D. Doile, and the captains of the respective teams. Executive Committee: Messrs. J. H. Boon, C. Drader, H. W. Brown, C. Collins and D. Doile.

In the early stages of the season and before the commencement of local competitive football, negotiations were completed for the annual match with the Gisborne Old Boys' Club. The team left New Plymouth at about 5.30 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding Good Friday and travelled to Wanganui that evening. The journey was continued the next day, when Napier was reached, and the team then finally arrived at Gisborne at about 4.30 p.m. on Good Friday. The welcome given the team on its arrival was typically significant of the most generous and open-hearted treatment lavished on all members during the whole of the short visit and it is quite within bounds to state that all without exception had "the time of their lives."

A fast and exciting match on an exceptionally hard and sun-baked ground resulted in a victory for Gisborne, who avenged their defeat of last year, by 31 points to 11. After the match the team was entertained to dinner by

the local Old Boys' team and was subsequently the guest of the Club at a most enjoyable dance.

The return trip was commenced on Sunday morning and it was with very "mixed" feelings that the team departed from the hospitable town. On Monday a match was played with the Napier Old Boys' Club and resulted in a draw, 8 points all.

The tour was unanimously voted a great success, and apart from the intense social and football interest created, to those who had not previously travelled to Gisborne via Napier, the scenery en route was both extremely interesting and unique. There is no doubt whatever that the arrangement made with the Gisborne Club for an annual match was an exceedingly happy choice and it is quite safe to predict that the fixture will long remain an annual one. It is understood that the Gisborne Club have already commenced negotiations for the return trip and it behoves this Club to use its best efforts to treat the visitors to a royal time and thus extend the goodfellowship already existing between the Clubs. Our Executive Committee wish to express through these notes their extreme gratitude to the Gisborne Club for the considerable time taken in arranging the trip and for the splendid treatment received by all during the visit.

The past season witnessed a great revival of interest in Rugby throughout Taranaki, and probably produced the best club and representative football seen since pre-war days. Our First Fifteen did not attain the success anticipated at the commencement of the season, but fortunately this was not due to lack of training or enthusiasm on the part of the individual members. The main trouble could again be traced to the absence of hefty forwards: the pack though generally a hard working one, was very light throughout and when it is explained that owing to injuries received on the field, chiefly by forwards, over thirty members played in the team during the season, the reason for the team's non-success is at once apparent. The junior teams were more successful and all occupied fairly high positions on their respective competitive ladders. The Club nominated one senior and five junior teams in the local competitions and thus showed the largest active membership list of any Club in the province. In the coming season it is hoped that the

influx of new members will enable the Club to be again represented by six teams of greater strength.

OPENING OF CLUB ROOMS.

The official opening of the Club Rooms was held on June 28 in the presence of a big gathering which included the School Board of Governors. Among the apologies was one from Mr. W. H. Moyes, Principal of the School.

Dr. E. F. Fookes, President of the Association, declared the premises open to Old Boys. He stressed the purposes of the Association to keep up the companionship of school days and also to keep in touch with the school which had benefited them so much and do something in return. The difficulties in maintaining school acquaintances were often insurmountable, but the formation of the Club would bring a great many of them together and would continue to do so throughout the years. Dr. Fookes said Old Boys were bearing their share of the expense and he urged them to protect their property. He reminded the younger bloods that it was not a place to work off their exuberant spirits. He congratulated Old Boys upon having so successfully launched their scheme and in doing so expressed appreciation of the wholehearted co-operation received from the R.S.A. which had made the formation of the Club possible much earlier than had been expected. The R.S.A. had been most liberal in its terms, and as President of the Old Boys' Association he desired to express his thanks on behalf of members.

The opportunity was taken during the evening to bid farewell to Mr. H. Brown, who had been selected as a member of the All Black team to visit Australia. The Taranaki Rugby Union forwarded its congratulations and in doing so apologised for its non-representation that evening, which was not possible owing to a meeting of the Association.

A presentation was made to Mr. Brown by Mr. Billing on behalf of the Old Boys' Football Club of a set of silver-mounted engraved hair brushes, and Mr. Billing expressed congratulations on behalf of Old Boys. Mr. Brown suitably responded.

The School Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. J. Dobson, contributed several enjoyable selections.

The latter part of the evening was taken up with tournaments of various kinds and later supper was served.

ANNUAL BALL.

The sixth annual Ball of the Association, held in the School Assembly Hall on May 24, was an unqualified success. There was nobody present who could say otherwise. There were in the neighbourhood of 350 dancers and everyone had a glorious time, jollity being pre-eminent throughout the evening. A programme of 20 dances with several extras was given and the dancing kept up until the tired and happy crowd gradually dwindled to nothingness, which was not until some early hour next morning.

The work of decorating the hall was carried out entirely by the Old Boys' Ball Committee and the results obtained were creditable in the extreme. A huge crimson umbrella suspended in the middle of the hall formed the centre-piece for an effective canopy of black and white streamers, fringed with Chinese lanterns, while the walls were ornamented with nikau palms. The stage was prettily arranged with greenery, pot plants and Prince of Wales feathers, while a feature was the soft lighting effects produced by the Oriental lanterns and coloured electric lights. Autumn tints predominated in the supper room decorations, which were tastefully carried out by Miss E. Fookes, assisted by Mrs. Fookes and other helpers. The supper arrangements were ably looked after by Messrs. Mays Ltd. The Ball itself was a financial as well as a social success.

George's orchestra, comprising five instruments, provided splendid music and was most generous in its response to encores.

The Ladies' Committee comprised Mesdames E. F. Fookes, T. C. Fookes, R. H. George, H. R. Billing, W. H. Moyes, A. J. Papps, A. R. Standish, J. Wilson, A. Bewley, T. P. Anderson, H. Russell, D'Arcy Robertson, D. Hutchen.

The change from the usual date of holding the Ball, the Easter period, was made this year in order to cater for the large number of Old Boys in town who like to spend Easter elsewhere. In the past it has been found that the number of Old Boys visiting New Plymouth at Easter did not warrant holding the Ball at that time.

WITH THE R.A.F. IN EGYPT.

E. G. (Ted) Olson is enjoying work at No. 4 Flying Training School, Royal Air Force, Abu-Sueir, Egypt. "Our day's work," he writes, "starts at 5.15 with practical flying until 8.30, which we do in different flights. Each instructor has four pupils to one machine, so we get about half-an-hour each morning. Our first parade is the colour hoisting parade at 9.15. At 9.45 we have lectures until 12.30, the rest of the day being free. Flying is not carried on after 8.30 a.m., because the heat causes the air to get very light and terribly bumpy. . . . We play football at Ismailia on a ground which I am told was used by the New Zealand troops to play for the Moascar Cup. Our F.T.S. is only about eight miles from Moascar and twelve from Ismailia." Writing under date June 23 he says: "Although having only come out with the second trooper last year, I am thoroughly initiated into the ways of the country, and although we are in the middle of summer, it has not yet been over 112deg. in the shade and in consequence is having little effect on me, having got used to a somewhat similar climate during my sojourn in Turkey in 1922-23 with the Royal Corps of Signals. . . . I learned of the death from typhoid in Iraq in the latter end of 1920 of A. M. Sutherland; so now that I am here, I hope to look up his grave and get a photograph and also of Harper Lepper's grave and of any others if possible of old Taranaki boys. . . . I just returned a fortnight ago from a three weeks' mail trip to Cairo and now this week I am first stand-by, and if none of the machines forced land and so cause us to carry on, I shall be going in a fortnight's time for another three weeks. The run across gets sometimes a little monotonous, but then it is an experience that everyone does not get the chance of and it has its memories. The last trip going over we went out to Ramadi, 70 miles, on the Thursday evening. Then we left there at 1.30 a.m. Greenwich mean time and carried on, landing at L.G.5 and Ziza for an hour each for refuelling, and eventually landed at Abu Sueir (750 miles) at 4.30 p.m. G.M.T. So that was 15 hours with just two hours' break and nothing to see but desert practically all the way. The only place is going from Ziza down Palestine, where we pass over Beer-Sheba, the Dead Sea and so on. . . . On Sunday night as we were

duty ambulance for this week we were warned at 9 p.m. to be ready to leave for Kirkuk (140 miles) at 4 a.m. Monday to bring in two stretcher cases (wounded). It took an hour and a quarter to fill up and be ready and then up at 3 a.m. and away at 4 a.m. There is a bit of skirmishing up north with Sheik Mahmoud and his tribe. He always causes trouble in the hot season. These wounded were brought down from Halebdja (130 miles) strapped on to D.H.9 A's as the air is too rarefied for our big machines up in the hills in the summer. It is an hour and a half from Halebdja to Kirkuk and two and a half hours for us from Kirkuk to here, so they were transported 270 miles in just four hours. Not bad going for wounded. That was five hours I had in the morning and I had another three hours' night flying, eight hours all told with overhauling during the day, but that is only now and again."

"I have now been on service types of machines" (he writes under date September 16), "since August 16. The machine I am on at present is De Havilland 9A, and it is a long-distance day bomber. It has a 400 h.p. Liberty motor, a cruising speed of 85 to 90 miles an hour, and five hours' petrol, so in all it is a wizard kite. The only difficulty for pupils is that as it weighs two and a half tons, one cannot, or should not, put it down hard on the floor as it has a nasty habit of bouncing like one thing. Unfortunately at first they seem to come down hard, no matter how hard one tries to come down gently. Still this becomes comparatively easy after a few hours' solo work. I did my height test yesterday, climbing to 15,000 feet and staying there for half an hour. To-morrow two of us do our triangular cross-country navigation test, which is from Abu-Sueir to Port Said, from Port Said to Cairo, and then back to 4 F.T.S. In these trips we usually keep within a quarter of a mile of each other, so in the finish it generally develops into a race. (The top speed of a D.H. 9A is about 120 miles an hour.) . . . I had a pleasant surprise when the last lot of pupils came out as one of them was a New Zealander. He is an Auckland Grammar boy named Kay and a cousin of Gillespie, who was at School with me. Altogether there are three of us here, so New Zealand is well represented."

OLD BOYS' ORCHESTRA.

The activities of the Orchestra have been rather limited this year, but there is no intention of allowing the Orchestra to fall through. At present there are enrolled some twenty members and next year it is hoped that this number will be increased. The value of the Orchestra to the Association is being fully realised and it is hoped next year to hold a series of concerts and social evenings. The Association has already granted the sum of £10 towards the cost of securing equipment and music for the Orchestra. The Orchestra is fortunate in having as conductor Mr. J. Dobson, whose experience in handling the School Orchestra for the past few years has been invaluable.

On June 28 the Orchestra assisted at the opening of the Club Rooms, and at the Annual Dinner played several enjoyable items.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

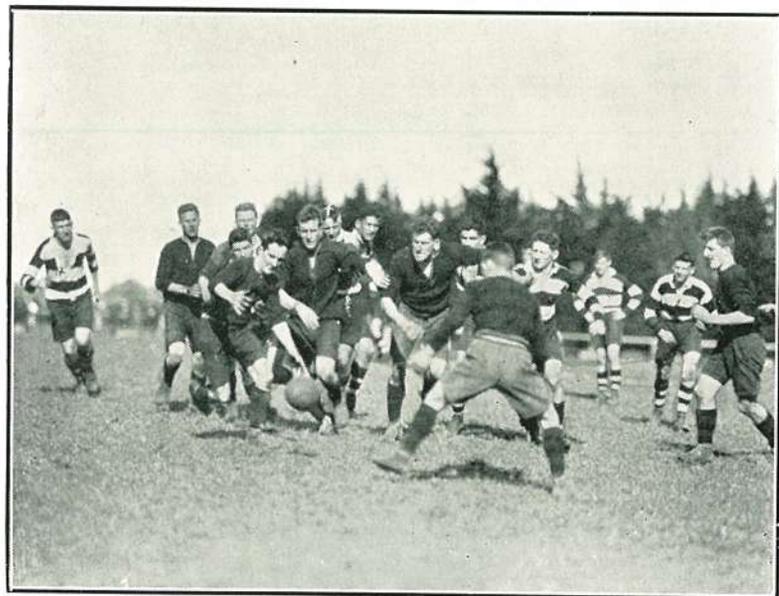
Lorimer Richardson has been doing well in the Old Country. Recently he won the Wembley Exhibition Scholarship, awarded by the Fellowship of the British Empire Exhibition. This scholarship, which is subsidised by the New Zealand Government, is tenable at Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden. At Rothamsted he will do research work in agricultural chemistry, and will sit for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. It will be remembered that in 1924 Richardson went to the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington.

K. C. Roberts left early in August for King's College, London, where he will study for his degree of Doctor of Science. Just before he left, he paid a flying visit to the School.

Jack Brodie is to be congratulated on being nominated as a Canterbury College candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship for 1927. Jack has the all-round qualities of the Rhodes Scholar and all Old Boys, with Monte Barak's selection so recent in their minds, will wish him well in the final choice of the candidates.



SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.



SCHOOL v. STRATFORD.
Final Junior Championship.

Photos—J. R. Wall.

Ron. Syme has gone from success to success at Oxford University. After gaining a double first-class in Classics at Auckland University College and winning a post-graduate scholarship he has lived up to his brilliance at school. At the annual encaenia at Oxford this year he read both the prize Greek and Latin compositions. The encaenia is an Oxford ceremony held every year to commemorate the founders of the colleges, at which prize poems and prose compositions are read. To have won either the Latin or Greek prizes in competition with candidates of so high a standard as those of Oxford University, is considered a great honour, but to have carried off both denotes exceptional intellectual powers. Old Boys in New Zealand congratulate Syme on his unique achievement and also on his engagement, announced some time ago, to Dr. Vera Reader, of Wellington, who is at present engaged in research work in the Rockefeller Laboratory at Oxford.

Monte Barak was met in Wellington just before he sailed for England by a number of Old Boys. Judge Rawson presided over an attendance of about thirty. Monte was presented with a fountain pen with the best wishes of Old Boys.

George Saunders is in the National Bank, Wanganui.

L. Ennis played three games for the Wanganui reps. last season as front row forward.

Ken. Duckworth, Strathie Ewing and Pat. Fagan are all connected with the Ford car business in Auckland. Ken. is with the Colonial Motor Company, Strathie is salesman for the Universal Motor Company, and Pat. is used car manager for the same firm.

Eric Gibson visited New Plymouth in September with the combined Auckland team.

Jim Shaw has accepted a relieving position at Wai-taki Boys' High School for twelve months. While in New Plymouth for the holidays he played football for the Public Service against Banks and Insurance.

Bracken Wilson is to be congratulated on winning the New Plymouth Golf Championship. On September 11 he defeated Phil Grey in the final, one up.

Owen Bayly, who had previously gained his LL.B. degree, was also successful this year in gaining his M.A. degree and was capped at the recent ceremony in Auckland.

Among the students successful in keeping terms at the annual examinations held in the various faculties at Canterbury College are the following Old Boys:—

History, Pass Grade, Class 1.—Lovegrove, N. S.
Education, Pass Grade, Exempted Students.—Shaw, J. T.

Pure Mathematics, Pass Grade, Class 1.—Lysons, M. Thomson, H. M.

Elements of the Calculus, Class 1.—Lysons, M. C.; Thomson, H. M.

Applied Mathematics, Pass Grade, Class 3.—Lysons, M. C.; Thomson, H. M.

Physics, Pass Grade, Class 2.—O'Dea, J. K. Class 3: Lysons, M. C.; Thomson, H. M.

Chemistry, Pass Grade, Class 3.—Lysons, M. C.
Engineering Entrance Grade: Lysons, M. C.; Thomson, H. M.

Biology, Medical, Agricultural and Forestry Intermediate, Class 3.—O'Dea, J. K.

Jurisprudence, Class 1.—Fookes, S. F.

Roman Law, Class 1.—Fookes, S. F.

Conflict of Laws, Class 1.—Fookes, S. F.

International Law, Class 1.—Fookes, S. F.

Latin.—Advanced grade, class 3: Alexander, W. E.

Pass grade, class 2: Kidson, A. L.

English.—Pass grade, class 1: Alexander, W. E.

History.—Advanced grade, class 1: Webb, R. G.

Political Science.—Pass grade, class 2: Webb, R. G.

Mathematics.—Advanced grade, class 2: Grant, D. G.

Applied Mathematics.—Pass Grade, class 3: Grant, D. G.

Jack Willis is with Gittos, Uren, Gregory and Bourke, solicitors. With Owen Bayly he was largely responsible for the formation of the Old Boys' branch in Auckland. At the Auckland boxing championships in July Jack won the amateur middle-weight division.

Among Old Boys capped at Auckland were Jack Willis, LL.M.; Owen Bayly and Chas. Noble, M.A.; Ron. Sinclair (now in England for a year or so), LL.M. Jack Clemow completed his law professional examination.

Sunder Pillay is now in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and expects soon to be running a business for himself. In April last he left Fiji by the Tofua for South America, via Wellington, travelling to Pitcairn Island, Panama Canal and Central America.

I. W. Pott, writing from Fort Jameson, Northern Rhodesia, adjoining the Protectorate of Nyasa on the east, says that he is at present running a tobacco estate on salary and share basis, with a view to launching out on his own. The nearest railway is 350 miles away. The only road they have so far is to Nyasa and then down to Beira by rail. All labour there is native, but that does not mean there is nothing to do. In fact as "Potty" says, he is "on the go" from 6.30 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Jim Palmer writes interestingly of his doings in New South Wales. He is at present working for Mr. A. J. Studdy, Glencoe, Boggabri. Early in May he had a bout of Dengue fever, but at the time of writing was recovering from the effects of his illness. In his letter he mentions that Eric Cole and Vincent Wells have been working in his district for the previous five weeks. Vincent Wells intends to return soon to New Zealand and Jim also hopes to continue his agricultural work in his own country.

Bob Fox left New Plymouth in February last on a trip to England via Australia and Suez.

Charlie Collins is now on the staff of the Commercial Bank of Australia, Palmerston North.

Eric Smart had an exceptionally successful record in his final B.E. degree examination last year. His marks for the various subjects were: Hydraulics and Pneumatics, 94; Advanced Surveying, 93; Borough Engineering, 90; Building Construction, 78; Marine (Civil) Engineering, 77; Drawing and Designing, 74; Railway Engineering, 70. The School congratulates Eric on the excellent conclusion to his 'Varsity work. Eric is at present gaining an insight into drainage operations on a large scale at Kerepeehi, Hauraki Plains.

Arthur Griffin completed his B.A. course last year and has been working for his M.A. degree in English and French. He intends to apply for a teaching position next year. In a letter to Mr. Moyes he says that Old

Boys in Wellington are doing well in all branches of activity.

Gerald Paul was bitten by a rattlesnake while engaged as foreman of the Freeman sheeppards in Sycamore, Illinois, U.S.A. Although his condition had been serious, Mr. Paul, according to latest advices, had recovered. According to the reports given in the Sycamore papers, Mr. Paul was driving sheep into cars and, as he stepped into some grass and weeds, felt a sting in the calf of his leg, but heard no warning of the presence of the rattlesnake, owing to the noise going on in the yards. Being very busy, he paid little attention to the sting, but the pain fast grew worse, and he was taken home and a doctor summoned. Having been in the far west, Mr. Paul was somewhat familiar with the habits of rattlesnakes, and he soon realised that he had been bitten by one. The doctor at once agreed that this was so. It was necessary to cut around the bite and apply all the remedies in such cases to save Mr. Paul's life. No rattlesnakes had been discovered at Sycamore for some years, and it was supposed that the one in question had been brought in with cattle or products of that section of the country, where the reptiles are numerous. Mr. Paul had taken up the position of foreman at the yards only a few days previously, when he returned to Sycamore after being engaged in the livestock business further west for several years.

Arthur Betts, Okaiawa, sends us the following notes of Old Boys in his district:—

Arthur Parkinson is in the Bank of New Zealand in Manaia.

Ken Rampton is also in the Bank at Manaia.

Eric and James McCallum, the latter known as "Darby," are both on their father's farm at Inaha. Eric was a forward in this season's first fifteen and "Darby" played for the team that won the Moasear Cup.

Aubrey and James Stevenson are working on their father's farms.

Vernon and Stan Betts are in business with their father at Kaponga.

Andrew and Roy Hastie are farming out at Otakeho.

Ted Eaves is in his father's store at Otakeho.

Ian and Douglas Crawford are in Okaiawa and are both doing well at football.

"Steve" Bennett is farming at Kaupokonui.

Ernie Snowdon has a farm of his own and has recently joined the ranks of the benedicts.

Harold and Andrew Snowdon are farming at Inaha.

H. Willcocks is on his father's farm.

Jack Paterson is with Newton King, Limited.

Charlie and Raymond Paterson are farming at Kapuni.

Nathan Hooker is with his brother at Matapu.

Harry Betts is farming at Okaiawa.

Charlie Richards, H. Welton and S. McCann, English Public School boys, are farming here and seem to like it.

Arthur Betts is farming at Okaiawa.

John Manly is also on a farm in the same district.

Vaughan Kirkby, who is farming at Tataraimaka, supplies us with the following notes:—

Cyril Moss is storekeeping at Warea.

John Smith, who has recovered from his motor accident, is with his brother Herb. on their father's farm.

Ken and Jim Honeyfield are farming at Tataraimaka.

Don Fox is in his father's store at Okato.

Bob Street is in the Okato Post Office.

Leslie Neill is now sheep farming at Parahi, Matakohe, North Auckland, and has an interest in a farm there.

Doug. Fox is farming on the Newall Road.

Percy Smith is in the Okato Factory.

Russell Mathews is road contracting at Opunake.

Jim Gray is with Boon Bros.

L. G. Roberts, who was on the Committee of the Old Boys' Association, is now in Inglewood.

Rup. Mahraj is helping his father on his sugar plantation, fifty acres in extent, at Wairuku, Penang, Fiji.

George Bradbury is with Johnson's motors.

Arthur Huse, who completed his second year of medical studies, and also secured his B.Sc. and teachers' B certificate at Otago University, sailed for America in 1923, where he continued his medical studies at the College of Medical Evangelists, Grade A Medical School, in California, U.S.A. He has now finished his medical course, and is at present on the staff as one of the physicians at the Washington Sanatorium and Hospital, Washington, D.C. Having completed his B.A. degree in 1924, Arthur is working for his M.D. diploma and hopes to secure the diploma of the National Board of American Physicians at an early date. He is then going to take the Edinburgh examinations, and finally return to his homeland in the course of another two years.

We are indebted to Leslie Jillett for the following notes on the Auckland Old Boys:—

Old Boys resident in Auckland have been brought into closer touch with each other this year by the formation of a branch of the Old Boys' Association. About 80 Old Boys have business connections in the city and the time was considered opportune to form a branch, a project that had been in the mind of some for several years. There was a gratifying response to the circulars sent out, and at a meeting on August 24 the branch was formally established. Officers were elected as follow:—Patron: Mr. W. H. Moyes. President: O. W. Bayly. Vice-Presidents: A. R. Ryder and A. H. Osborne. Secretary: J. D. Willis. Treasurer: E. G. Waterson. Committee: C. A. Noble, L. O'Halloran, G. M. Salt, B. Noakes and L. Jillett. Auditor: R. Murray. The subscription was fixed at 5s.

In accordance with the desire expressed at the meeting, the Committee immediately discussed plans for holding a reunion, with the result that a very successful dinner took place at the Star Hotel on the evening of Saturday, October 30. Forty Old Boys attended and several others forwarded apologies for absence. A particularly pleasing feature of the gathering was the presence of a number of Old Boys who attended the School in its infancy. These included A. Hunt (who was on the original

roll when the School opened in 1881), I. T. Standish and R. H. Bourke. A short toast-list was discussed, after which a visit was paid to Fuller's.

Many happy individual reunions took place at the gathering, which it is intended to hold annually. In many cases Old Boys had not seen each other since leaving School, and many pleasant surprises were received at the sight of a familiar face. Following is a chronicle, unavoidably incomplete, of Old Boys in the Auckland district:—

A. R. Ryder, an ex-master of the School, is still on the staff of the Auckland Grammar School. Proof of the active interest he retains in football was given to Old Boys in New Plymouth when he recently visited the old School in charge of the Grammar team.

A. H. ("Spot") Osborne is still on the Auckland staff of the New Zealand Insurance Company.

Lionel O'Halloran visited Fiji in August as a member of the Auckland University College football team, of which he is secretary. He is with Jackson, Russell, Tunks and West, barristers and solicitors.

Desmond O'Halloran is working in the office of his brother, Mr. G. O'Halloran, public accountant.

E. G. Waterson recently arrived in Auckland from Wellington to take up a position with Gollin and Co., commercial agents. He held office on the Wellington branch of the Old Boys' Association, and was able to give valued advice in the drawing up of the constitution of the Auckland branch.

John Terry is with the legal firm of Nicholson, Gribbin and Co., and appears frequently as counsel in Court. Jack Clemow, who recently completed his law professional examination, is with the same firm.

C. A. Noble recently joined the staff of the Auckland Grammar School, and H. L. Calder is on the staff of the Mount Albert Grammar School.

Pat Hawkins, who has been on the Auckland staff of the South British Insurance Company for some years, is returning to New Plymouth early in December to take charge of the Taranaki district for the Sun Insurance Company.

Keith Clemow is on the staff of the Auckland city engineer.

Hugh Fraser and Leslie Jillett joined the literary staff of the New Zealand Herald early in the year. Another Old Boy on the staff is Trevor Simpson.

"Bill" Noakes recently returned from England, whither he went as a volunteer labourer during the seamen's strike. He is in the office of the National Insurance Company in Auckland. "Bill" is a prominent member of the College Rifles football team.

Gordon Salt is lecturer and demonstrator in physics at the Auckland University College.

Arthur Moody is with the Hartford Insurance Company, Auckland.

Ian Renaud is in the Stamp Office, Auckland.

Tom Merron and Frank Williams are in the Auckland office of the Public Trust.

"Tommy" Johns is now farming in the Helensville district. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, but has made a good recovery.

O. W. Rainger recently returned from England, where he studied the silk industry.

T. Syme is with Dr. Ring, veterinary surgeon. He contemplates a trip to England and the Continent next year.

Ron Sinclair was capped for the LL.M. degree this year. Shortly afterwards he left for England, but is expected to return before the end of the year.

Eric ("Gobo") White is on the staff of Smith and Caughey's, drapers. He expects to return to New Plymouth shortly.

Syd. Hayden is now at Takapuna and is a teacher of music. He frequently figures on the broadcasting programme of the Auckland wireless station, 1YA.

A. Brackebush is a masseur on his own account at Helensville.

Surrey Alleman and Mac Robertson are taking a course in architecture at the Auckland University College.

L. Horrocks is assistant-manager of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Company.

A. B. Sturtevant, who recently completed his M.B. Ch.B., degree at the University of Otago, is now attached to the staff of the Auckland Public Hospital.

S. Ellis is on the Auckland staff of the Bank of New South Wales. A. Fookes is also in a bank in the city. T. Jones is in the Bank of New Zealand.

J. G. Rickerby, one of the older Old Boys, is District Traffic Manager, Railway Department, Auckland.

"Algie" Wheeler is a frequent visitor to Auckland in his capacity of explanation representative for Paramount Pictures.

C. J. ("Weed") Hamblyn is with the Department of Agriculture. He was recently transferred from Auckland to Whangarei.

R. Rea, who was with Slyfield and Wilson, surveyors, Auckland, has returned to New Plymouth.

We regret to have to record the severe illness of R. I. M. Sutherland, whose floating rib apparently ran amuck and punctured his lung. He is one of the keen members of our executive. It is hoped that his lung is now making a satisfactory recovery.

Roy Murray has been transferred to the British Imperial Oil Company, Ltd., in Auckland.

H. M. Mills has also left Wellington to take up a position with the above company.

Ken Robinson was successful in passing the final Pharmacy examination.

Dick Christie is now down in Wellington and is working at Gower's Pharmacy.

Clive Veale is a frequent visitor to Wellington, as he is purser on one of the U.S.S. Company's boats.

J. Penman is now with the G. F. Wilson Company.

J. D. Mackay was successful in gaining representative honours for Wellington versus the Maori team. His versatile play as wing three-quarter was one of the features of the 'Varsity XV. this season.

A. J. Griffin is now on the staff of Wellington College.

Old Boys played a prominent part in the recent Training College tournament between Wellington and Auckland. D. Jillett, E. G. Smith and H. A. Insull distinguished themselves by winning their athletic events, whilst M. Robertson and H. Insull also boxed very well. D. MacLean performed very creditably for Auckland in boxing, football and athletics.

Cyril Winfield has left Wellington to take up a position in Marton. His place on the Executive has been filled by M. Osborne. Wellington's loss has been Marton's gain, socially.

W. Buchanan is in the Land and Income Tax Department.

G. Newell has been transferred to the Union Bank of Australia, Ltd., Stratford.

The following contribution has been received from one of our Old Boys in Wellington. We will leave it to our readers to identify the writer:—

The activities of the Wellington branch of the Old Boys' Association, apart from a fiery annual general meeting in which all present frothed with indignation on the subject of the change of date of the annual reunion in New Plymouth, have been confined to the farewelling of our first Rhodes Scholar, Monty Barak. It seems strange, if indeed not somewhat illogical, that the departure of those near and dear to us should be celebrated by much eating and drinking. This practice, however, is one sanctioned by a whole host of precedent and if for no other reason let it be preserved. Far be it from us to seek to disturb the propriety of our forefathers' doings even though it be in defence of over-eating, to say nothing of excess of wine. We may feel assured, however, that if such holy ancestors as our friends the Israelites fed themselves till they were uncomfortable on fatted calves our small function at Barrett's Hotel was, if nothing else, proper.

The old School had a unique representation in the Magistrate's Court, Wellington, last week, when a hotel porter was charged with the theft of £112 10s. Basil Hooper, in some seven feet of blue uniform, to say nothing

of his spotless helmet, represented the Police Force and the administration of justice generally. He gave his evidence in such solemn monosyllables that you might have thought he was reading the Scripture at roll-call. Some five feet of Tim Hamerton, armed with a pencil as large as himself, took copious notes of the proceedings, paying special attention to chance witticisms which tickled the audience in Court. The last representative was Ted Pope, who as counsel for the accused poured forth in woeful monotones mitigating circumstances on behalf of the culprit.

We are indebted to W. E. Monk for the following notes:—

R. W. Laing (1906).—Recently promoted to managerial rank, being with the Bank of Australasia, Manganui.

W. E. Monk (1905) attached to the general manager's office of the National Bank of New Zealand, Ltd., Wellington.

A. G. Monk (1910).—Recently started a small business on his own account in Dunedin.

G. N. Morey (1905).—Has a very up-to-date chemist's shop in Hataitai, a Wellington suburb.

Victor West (1907).—Is practising his profession (denistry) in Wellington.

Jack Stohr (1905).—Left New Zealand some few years ago for Johannesburg, South Africa.

J. G. Rickerby (1881).—Now one of the heads in the Railway Administration, being located in Auckland.

A. B. Chappell (1906) is in the staff department of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington.

F. W. Grant (1918) is on the staff of the National Bank of New Zealand, General Manager's Office, Wellington.

Peter Griffiths, who is sitting for the first section of the Final Professional at Dunedin, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in Dunedin:—

Ray Bellringer and Murray Heycock are sitting the Second and First Professionals respectively, and Laurie Christie and Hedley Bellringer have just sat the Medical Intermediate Examination. Laurie played several games for the 'Varsity "A" XV. during the year.

Murray Nicholson, B.D.S., is a demonstrator in the Dental School and is working for his D.D.S.

Morris Cachemaille is sitting the Final Dental Examination.

Roy Tait has just come to Dunedin and is working in a city office.

Algie Wheeler is working for the Paramount Pictures and is at present in Dunedin in connection with "The Vanishing Race."

Jack Brodie and R. Loveridge were in Dunedin a short while ago with the Canterbury provincial Rugby team.

Charlie Collins, who is with the Commercial Bank at Palmerston, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in the Manawatu district:—

Sam Beverley is in the Bank of New Zealand here.

D. McDougall is in the employ of Johnston and Co., Ltd., general merchants.

J. Blair is, I believe, with the Berry Engineering Works, Ltd., and has just about finished his apprenticeship.

M. B. Sefton is travelling for the Harvey Office Supplies, Ltd., stationers, here.

We have recently received a letter from Len Sole, who is now at the Bank of New Zealand, Putaruru. He informs us that Con Bell is driving a taxi on the Arapuni-Putaruru service run. Harry Lucena is an engineer at the Arapuni hydro-electric works.

P. O'Shea, who had a few years at N.P.B.H.S., is pursuing his studies now at the Palmerston North High School.

Basil Grayling, who is farming at Brixton, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in the Waitara and Lepperton districts:—

The "Farmer" Fussells are farming at Waiongona.

G. Colson is farming at Lepperton.

Alan Little has now left this district and is living in New Plymouth.

Hughie Mace, "Spud" Grayling and Teddy Rowe are farming at Huirangi, also F. James.

Doug Purdie, Jack Ogle and D. Dowsett are in the Bank of New Zealand, Waitara.

H. Madsen is reporting on the Waitara Evening Mail.

C. Tate, who went Home during the "free labour" time and played several games of football while there, is in Thos. Borthwick and Sons' office, Waitara.

Noel Fookes, who has been in the Public Works, Stratford, has been appointed engineer to the Clifton County County.

Bill Joll, B. Wills, the Vickery Bros., and Ken. Lye are farming at Tikorangi.

Norman Leech, who has been in the employ of Mr. C. F. D. Dowsett, civil engineer, Waitara, is leaving and is taking a position near Gisborne.

The Jonas brothers are farming at Onaero and play for Urenui Football Club.

Gerald Carr is farming at Urenui, and plays for the Urenui Football Club.

We have recently heard from Andrew Hastie, who is farming at Kaupokonui. He has been down at Trentham attending an instructional course. He writes as follows:—Burford Norman, who was at School in 1914, was also in. He has a commission in the 7th Mounted Rifles and is farming near Dannevirke. We had some good old yarns over school days. Norman Leech, of the same regiment as myself, the 2nd Mounted Rifles, was also there. He recently went up for his majority exam. Results are not yet through. Ken Rampton is in the Bank of Australasia, Manaia. A. Parkinson is in the Bank of New Zealand. Ted Eaves is managing his father's store in Otakeho and is in great demand as secretary for the local dances. The Snowdon brothers are farming at Inaha. Ern got married during the winter. Stan Wyborn was here on a visit in July and is now learning the drapery business in Auckland. Gordon ("Micky") Wyborn is I believe bringing a horse down for the Hawera Show. Jimmy Hammonds is in his father's jewellery business in Manaia. A. Stevenson is

farming up the Manaia Road. There are many other Old Boys about the district that I do not know, as it is quite common to see a dozen or more badges at the different social functions about.

H. A. Snowdon, who is farming with his brothers at Inaha, supplies us with the following notes:—

The following boys are all farming down this way:—“Darby” and Eric McCallum at Inaha, Sef. Herbert near Hawera, Miles Atkinson near Patea, Aubrey Stevenson at Kapuni, Hastie brothers at Kaupokonui, and Hector Wileocks at Inaha.

Dudley Spence, who has been farming with his brother Stewart at Tauranga, is now with the Farmers' Co-op., Hawera.

Ian and Doug. Crawford, who are on the staff of the Joll Dairy Company, both played football for the Okaiawa Seniors last season.

Harry and Arthur Betts, who are on their father's farm at “Hollybank,” Okaiawa, are both keen cricketers, Arthur being a member of the Taranaki XI. last season.

Ken Rampton is with the Bank of Australasia, Manaia, and A. Parkinson with the Bank of New Zealand in the same town.

Gordon Hair, who is sheep farming at Meremere, has recently been on a trip to Australia and the Old Country.

Jack Patterson is on the staff of Newton King, Ltd., Kaponga.

WELLINGTON BRANCH.

On August 10 our branch held a reunion, which took the form of a dinner followed by a theatre party. The guest of the evening was Mr. M. Barak, on the eve of his departure for England to take up his Rhodes Scholarship. Judge Rawson presided over a gathering of about thirty Old Boys, and after the loyal toast had been honoured he proposed the main toast of the evening, “Our Guest.” In a few well chosen words he conveyed to Mr. Barak the best wishes of our Association for the great honour bestowed upon one of the Old Boys of the School, and he wished him every success in his new sphere of life, know-

ing that he would ably represent our School in England, both in the scholastic and sports fields. He asked Mr. Barak to accept a gold-mounted fountain pen as a small token of the great esteem in which he was held by the Wellington Old Boys. Mr. Barak made a suitable reply. The other toast was that of “The School,” proposed by Mr. E. W. Hursthouse and replied to by Mr. C. W. Nash, the youngest Old Boy present. Then followed an enjoyable conversation, after which everyone adjourned to the theatre, where a very enjoyable evening came to a suitable end.

At the Annual General Meeting of this branch of the Association it was decided to present to the School a trophy for debating, as it was felt that that part of the School life needed fostering. A handsome cup was purchased and forwarded to the School, and it is with pleasure that we learn that the trophy has been competed for this year and won by J. Galbraith.

The Wellington branch of the Association suffered a severe loss by the transfer of E. Grange Waterson to Gollin and Coy. Propty., Ltd., Auckland. Grange was secretary of the branch from its initiation, and his untiring efforts did much towards bringing the branch up to its present strength. Our loss is, however, Auckland's gain as it is with pleasure that we learn of the formation of a branch in our Queen City.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Alma, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Short, of Vogeltown, New Plymouth, to Leslie Alan, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Smart, Devon Street West, New Plymouth.

The engagement is announced of Irene, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harper, of Stratford, to Allan C. Bendall, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. E. Bendall, of New Plymouth.

The engagement is announced of Miss Alice Rona Benbow, B.A. (Wellington), only daughter of the late Mr. C. A. Benbow and Mrs. Benbow, Wellington, to Mr. Leonard Avann, of the Lands Office, New Plymouth.

The engagement is announced of Tom, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. M. Bree, of Wanganui, and formerly of New Plymouth, to Dorothy Lillian, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hodder, of Auckland.

The engagement is announced of Marjorie, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wheatley (Lepperton), to Basil H. Grayling, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Grayling (Sentry Hill).

The engagement is announced of Miss Ruby Irene Gemmill, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gemmill, of Cambridge, to Mr. Les. Day, eldest son of Mrs. M. E. Day, Auckland (late of Waikato).

MARRIAGES.

COURT—HARDGRAVE.—On June 24, at New Plymouth, Stanley William, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Court, to Gladys Muriel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hardgrave.

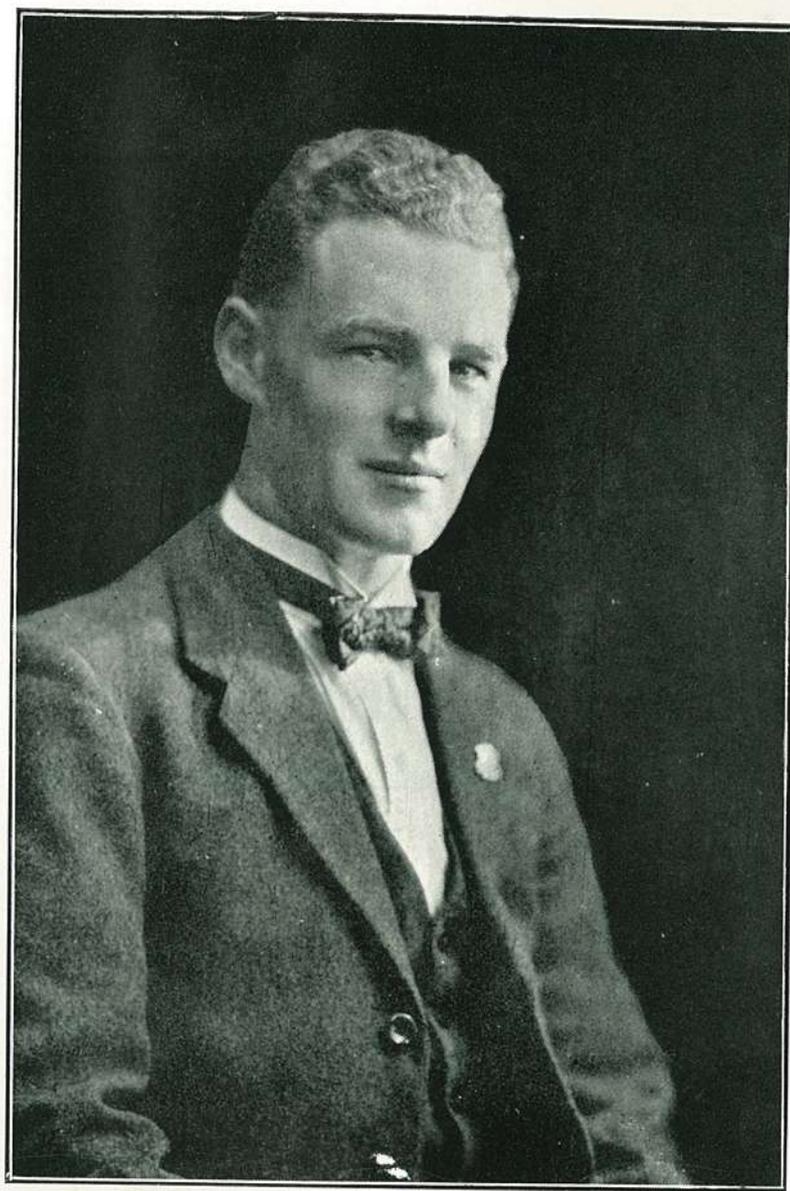
DOCKRILL—FARRELL.—Cable advice has been received that Dr. John Dockrill, of London (only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dockrill, of New Plymouth), was married on Tuesday, July 6, to Miss Ursula Farrell, daughter of Colonel Farrell (16th Lancers), of London.

CHONG—MEADS.—On October 12, at New Plymouth, Gerald McNaughton, youngest son of Mrs. E. Chong, to Ethel Maud, third daughter of Mr. Andrew Meads, Stratford.

ROLLO—SHEPHERD.—At Colyton, Feilding, on Monday, October 25, Stella Waiata, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Shepherd, of Colyton, to John Stuart, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rollo, of New Plymouth.

WHITTLE—McROBBIE.—On April 28, 1926, at New Plymouth, Edwin Dudley, eldest son of Mr. E. Whittle, New Plymouth, to Isabel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McRobbie, of Karioi, and late of Hawera.

ATKINSON—FOOKES.—At New Plymouth on Tuesday, November 23, 1926, Philip Franklin Atkinson, younger son of Mrs. F. Atkinson, of New Plymouth, to Eveleyn Grace Farrington, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Faber Fookes, of New Plymouth.



WILLIAM NORTHERN.
(Died December 27, 1925.)

DEATH.

MOSS.—On November 19, 1926, at New Plymouth Public Hospital, Keith Lewis, beloved and youngest son of H. D. and E. M. Moss, of Tataraimaka; aged 18 years.

CORNWALL.—On June 17, 1926, at Nelson, Newenham Cornwall.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Keith Lewis Moss, an Old Boy of the School. Keith was at School in 1923 to 1925, and like his brothers made many friends who sympathise with his relations in their sad loss.

The many friends of Captain Newenham Cornwall will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at Nelson on Thursday night, June 17. He was the third son of the late Captain Cornwall, and came to New Plymouth with his parents and family when a young boy. He was educated at Mr. Ellis's and the High School, of which he was one of the first pupils, and on leaving School was attracted, with other boys of his age, to the sea, which he adopted as his profession. Joining the New Zealand Shipping Company he worked his way upwards and eventually commanded some of the company's largest steamers. During the war, as a Royal Navy Reserve officer, he was employed mine-sweeping in the North Sea, and later received the honour of being appointed a naval aide-de-camp to the King. Since his retirement a year or so ago he has resided at Nelson, but his health has been very indifferent, and though a man of very fine physique the nature of his malady was such that for some time his friends have almost despaired of his recovery. His end, therefore, was not unexpected, though it will cause deep regret among all who knew him. He was never married, but leaves two brothers, Mr. Fred Cornwall, of New Plymouth, and Mr. Charles Cornwall, of South Africa, and three sisters, Mrs. George Pott, of South Africa, Mrs. L. C. Sladden, of New Plymouth, and Mrs. R. H. Davies, of Nelson, to mourn their loss.

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Board ...	£21, ,, ,, £19 " " "
Weekly Boarders } Boarders }	£18 10s. ,, £17 " " "
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School Terms—

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

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Second Term—May 28th to August 27th.

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