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Contingent Q.M.S.—E. Harman.

Orderly Room Corporal.—R. O'Dea.

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

A COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Captain H. Dyer.
Company Sergeant-Major.—J. Stronge.
Company Q.M.S.—D. Phillips.

No. 1 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.
Platoon Sergeant.—C. McNeill.
Section Commanders.—Corporals R. List, R. Whitehead, R. Thomson, T. Rawson, Lance-Corporal A. Andrews.

No. 2 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant J. Leggat.
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No. 5 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant H. H. Skelton.
Platoon Sergeant.—A. Moverley.
Section Commanders.—Corporals A. Abbott, P. Miles, C. Johnson, J. Gibbs, Lance-Corporal D. Stace.

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Platoon Sergeant.—S. Dinniss.
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C. Griffiths.

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Platoon Sergeant.—J. Warner.
Section Commanders.—Corporals L. Petty, G. Ewart, P. Allen,
A. Lander.

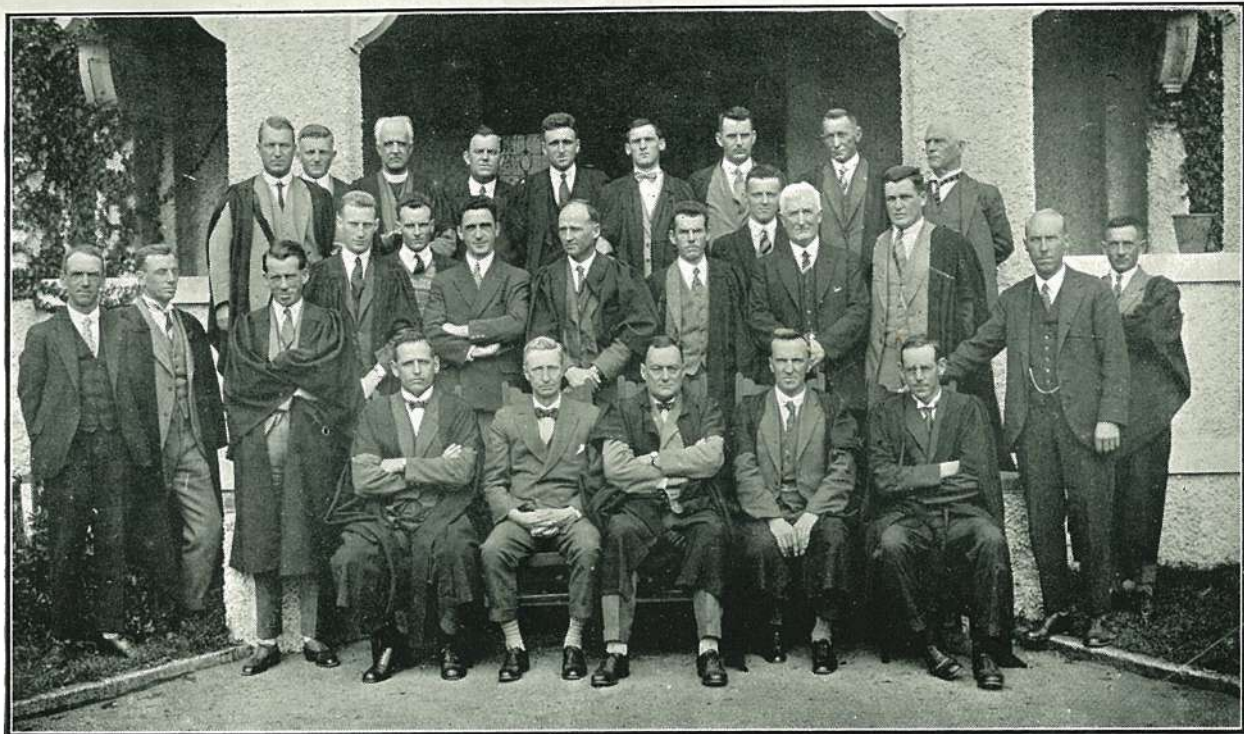
No. 9 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Acting-Lieutenant A. H. Blundell.
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Section Commanders.—Corporals W. Hayward, F. Lysaght, H.
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No. 10 Platoon.

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Platoon Sergeant.—A. Evans.
Section Commander.—Corporals R. Shaw, W. Watt, C. Stronge,
B. Grieve.

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EDITORIAL.

THE year 1927 will no doubt be looked back upon as one of great moment in the history of the School, for it has witnessed the realisation of hope long deferred. At last the School can provide adequately, not only for those whose intention it is to follow the Professions, but also for the increasingly large number of pupils who each year enter other walks of life. It is true that for years past the School has done what was possible in this direction. Commercial classes have been well organised and Agriculture has long been recognised as an important branch of School activity. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that the courses provided fell far short of the requirements of present day education. Modern developments have completely revolutionised the world. The advancement in Science, the development of the Internal Combustion Engine, the introduction of the motor-car, the success achieved in wireless telegraphy, the wonderful progress in aviation, and the wide use now being made of electrical power for industrial and domestic purposes, have all tended to create occupations unknown to the boys of twenty years ago.

It is surely necessary then that the School, while aiming primarily at the formation of character and at the inculcation of a sound general knowledge, should provide side by side with an academic course, one that is vocational in its aims.

It has long been recognised that this could be achieved only by bringing together the two types of post primary schools in New Plymouth. Then and only then could we have a school equipped in every detail, able to provide for the requirements of every boy entering it.

The scheme now in operation is the result of many years' careful consideration on the part of those responsible for secondary education in North Taranaki. To anyone honestly imbued with a desire to see every boy get his chance, its advantages are too obvious to need recapitulation here. Suffice it to say that it is now possible for every boy entering the School to enter upon a course of work, which, while it enables him to acquire a knowledge of those subjects which have in the past been looked upon as essential, at the same time allows him to devote a portion of his time to pursuits for which he has a natural aptitude.

Elsewhere in this number of the magazine we publish a detailed list of the courses available for boys entering the School. A perusal of this will, we feel sure, convince even the most sceptical of the wisdom of the Board in providing facilities for vocational training.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY.

(D. Phillips.)

The Assembly Hall was crowded to overflowing on the evening of Thursday, December 16, on the occasion of the breaking-up ceremony and annual prize-giving. Mr. H. R. Billing, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and there were also on the platform Mrs. Billing, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson), Miss Douglas, Messrs. E. P. Webster, L. C. Sladden (members of the Board of Governors), E. Lash (secretary to the board), W. H. Moyes (the Principal), and members of the staff.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Mr. W. H. Moyes (Principal) said that, in presenting the annual report for 1926, he was pleased to state that once again the School could claim to have had a successful year. The accommodation, both in the class-rooms and in the boarding department, had been fully taxed, but with the gradually increasing facilities the present numbers could be handled with much greater ease and efficiency than had been the case in the past.

The greatest difficulty with which they had had to contend was undoubtedly the disorganisation caused by an outbreak of fire on June 12. On that occasion six class-rooms were entirely destroyed, while the Assembly Hall and Science Laboratories were rendered unfit for use. Thanks, however, to their old friends the Jockey Club, who had at once placed at their disposal the Jockey Club buildings, and to the prompt action of the Board in arranging for reconstruction work, interference to the School curriculum had been reduced to a minimum. In this connection their thanks were also due to Messrs. Boon Bros. and their staff, who had done everything possible to help them through a difficult time.

As usual, the School had been well represented in the annual examinations. While the Matriculation results had to be regarded as somewhat disappointing, more success was achieved in the other examinations. The results were as follows:—

University National Scholarship.—J. Wright.

Taranaki Scholarship.—M. Lysons.

First Section of B.A. Degree.—T. L. Bailey, S. F. Fookes, D. G. Grant and A. Moverley.

Second Section of LL.B. Degree.—C. H. Stromboni.

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

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

Fourteen boys had passed Matriculation and allied examinations, while 18 had gained partial passes.

Five had passed the Public Service Entrance, in which examination J. Wright took second place and J. Leach fourth place for New Zealand, out of 1180 candidates.

In the University Terms examinations, the entrants from this School had all been successful, R. J. O'Dea and H. J. Thomas passing terms for the LL.B. Degree, and A. Moverley, T. Bailey and J. Galbraith for the B.A. Degree. It was worthy of note that R. J. O'Dea, though only sixteen, had passed in five subjects with a first-class pass in Jurisprudence, while A. Moverley had gained second-class passes in Advanced History and Political Science.

THE STAFF.

With one exception the staff remained the same as that of the previous year. Mr. T. M. McDonald, M.A., had left in the first term to take up a position at the Balclutha High School, and Mr. W. Shrimpton, M.A., had been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Shrimpton had, from the time of his arrival, entered with enthusiasm into all phases of school life, and it was hoped he would remain with them for many years. The announcement of Mr. Earl's departure for Christ's College was received by all with very real regret. He took with him their very best wishes for his future success.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

It was not necessary, he thought, to give a detailed account of the work done in this connection. It was sufficient to say that in all branches of sport the School had acquitted itself with credit. Perhaps the most noteworthy achievement in sport had been the success of the First Fifteen, which had met and defeated Wanganui Technical College, Te Aute College and Auckland Gram-

mar School, and had also been successful in winning the Taranaki Junior Championship.

He feared that it was, perhaps, not realised by the general public or by the boys themselves how much was owed to the masters who organised and ran the various School institutions. It had to be remembered that all work in connection with these meant a great sacrifice of their own time. He also wished to say how much he appreciated the assistance the staff had given him throughout the year.

OLD BOYS' VALUED SUPPORT.

As in the past, the Old Boys' Association had stood firmly behind the School, assisting the Board to provide funds for many necessary improvements, and lending its support to anything pertaining to the welfare of the School. The new gymnasium, for which the Association had worked so hard during the past four years, was in course of erection, and would be ready for use when the School re-opened. With a floor space of over 5700 square feet it would probably be the finest school gymnasium in the Dominion.

With the growth of the School it was only natural that large numbers of the old boys should settle in larger centres. A gratifying result of this had been the formation of branch associations in Auckland and Wellington. To the latter association they were indebted for the gift of a very handsome cup, to be presented for debating, a branch of school activity which had unfortunately not received during past years the attention it deserved.

He again had to offer congratulations to all those old boys who had done so well at the University Colleges. Amongst the successes gained, two were of outstanding merit. He referred to the wonderful achievement of Ronald Syme, who, at the annual encaenia at Oxford, had read both the Latin and Greek prize compositions, and to the winning of the Wembley Scholarship by L. Richardson, who had been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. They also tendered their congratulations to Jack Brodie, who was one of the Canterbury College nominees for the Rhodes Scholarship that year.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The Preparatory Department, under the charge of Mr. Pope, continued to do good work. The position left vacant by the resignation of Miss Campbell had been filled by the appointment of Mr. A. Blundell, who had been responsible for the work of Standards II., III. and IV. In the recent examinations, of the 23 boys entered, 17 had gained proficiency, two had been granted competency, and four had failed.

Special Church services for Church of England boys had again been held on Sunday mornings in St. Mary's by the Rev. E. Strong, to whom thanks were due for the great interest he took in the welfare of the boys attending the School. Confirmation classes had been held regularly from the beginning of July, and on October 26, 92 boys had been confirmed by Archbishop Averill. To him the School was under a deep debt of gratitude, not only for the valued help he had given in the past, but also for his kindness in making a special trip to New Plymouth on that occasion.

Under the guidance of Mr. Dobson, who had been assisted by Miss Dowling, Miss Coleman and Mr. F. W. G. McLeod, 62 pupils had been learning music. Of those who had entered for examinations, C. G. Campbell had gained the Associate diploma (A.T.C.L.). An innovation that year had been the formation of a junior orchestra, the members of which would then be able to take the places of the senior boys leaving the School.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION.

Perhaps the most important change in the School work had been the proposed amalgamation scheme. The boys taking Agriculture had been able to take advantage of the possibilities offered by the workshops of the Technical College, while a portion of the general work at that institution had been taken by masters of this School. Post Matriculation boys had also attended classes for Mercantile Law at the Technical College. The opening of the next term would see the scheme in full working order. A new block of class-rooms had already been erected, and all arrangements had been completed for the organisation and working of the composite School.

The more he considered the scheme, the more he was convinced that it would be of lasting benefit to the people of the district, for offering as it did, courses of instruction to meet the wants of every boy entering the School, it would reduce to a minimum the danger of his being started on a course totally unsuited to his future vocation.

In conclusion, he desired to thank all those who had assisted the School during the year. They were deeply indebted to a large number of parents and friends who had generously forwarded donations for the sports funds and other objects, and to others for the donation of trophies. In particular did he thank an anonymous donor for a valuable telescope. To the Chairman and members of the Board, and to Mr. Lash, the secretary, he was also indebted for much help and assistance, and he assured them of his sincere appreciation of their interest in the welfare of the School.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at presiding at the gathering. The Board of Governors had had their usual troubles in regard to finance, but he hoped that in future they would get through their task with very much less anxiety in this connection. During the year they had been able to build a small outside dormitory and had obtained a promise of a grant from the Department with which to add still further accommodation, and also a very much needed extension to the dining-room. They hoped during the holidays to carry out this work. The Old Boys had raised sufficient funds, with the aid of a Government grant, for the erection of a gymnasium, which would be available at the beginning of the next year. He again expressed his heartiest thanks to the Old Boys for their assistance.

Continuing, Mr. Billing referred to the misfortune of the School in having its work thrown out of order by a severe fire, but fortunately the loss was covered by insurance, and while the class-rooms were being reinstated they had had the use of the buildings generously offered by the Jockey Club. The amalgamation was to commence the next term, in practice, if not in law, but by the end of the year all legal formalities would be completed and leave only the erection of additional buildings.

Mr. Billing expressed regret that Mr. Earl was leaving the staff, and joined in wishing him success.

To the boys of the School he spoke concerning the impossibility of leading a life apart from other people. He stressed the necessity of considering others in all their actions. Mr. Billing concluded by hoping that the boys would spend an enjoyable holiday.

THE MAYOR'S ADVICE.

The Mayor said he was sure that they all had heard with gratification the reports of the Chairman and Principal. It was obvious from the successes gained by past and present pupils that the School offered equal scholastic facilities with any in the Dominion. He hoped the boys remembered that it was in their youth they built up their health, their habits, and their character. He appealed to them to make the most of their opportunities. There was a time for sport and a time for pleasure, but the main business of their lives was work if they were going to succeed. He ended by wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Campbell MacDiarmid, an old boy of the School, and Chairman of the Hamilton High School Board, also spoke, saying that he was intensely pleased to have the opportunity of speaking at the breaking-up ceremony of his old school.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Mrs. Billing then presented the scholastic prizes as follows:—

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form IA.—H. B. Nolan.

Form IB. (Mr. Frazer's Prize).—W. Saunders.

Form IIC.—D. B. Blackley.

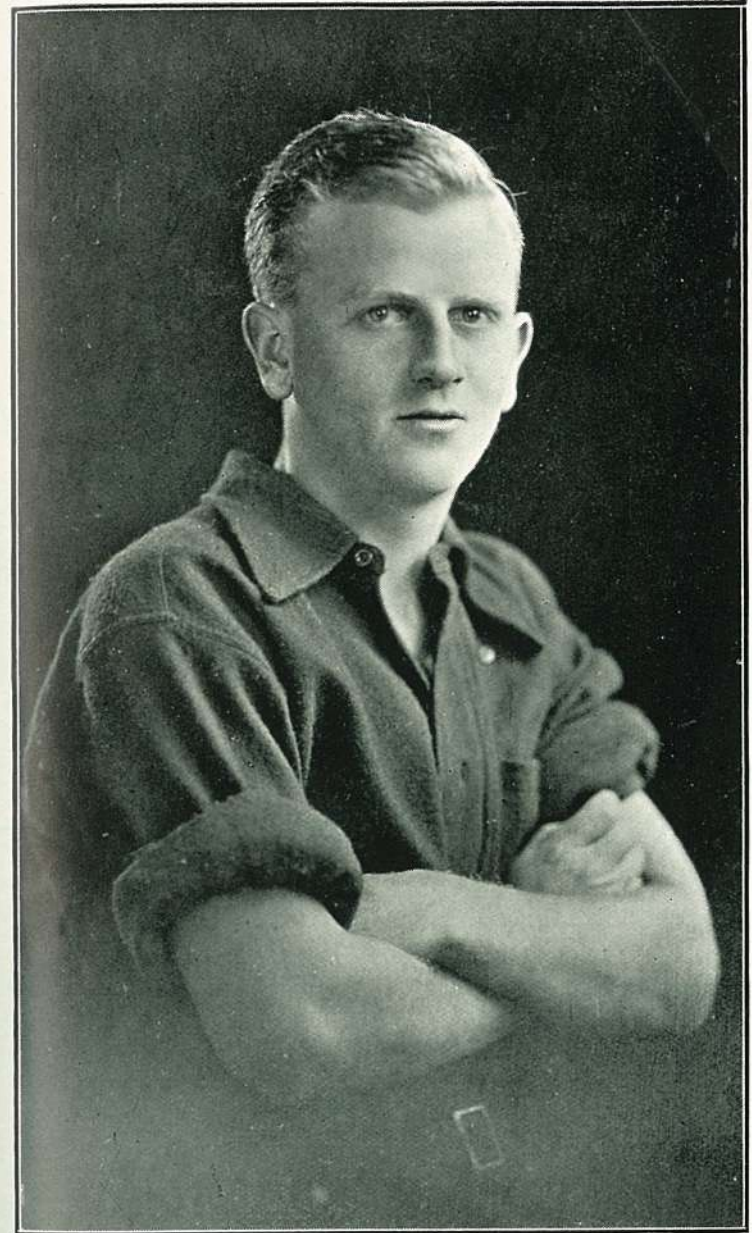
Form IIB.—M. Harvie.

Form IIA.—First: G. Harvie. Second: H. Law.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Form IID.—First: W. Harbutt. Second: A. Field.

Form IIC.—First: D. A. Elliott. Second: H. F. Short.



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Form IIIB.—First: F. V. Morine. Second: J. D. Ekdahl.

Form IIIA.—First: R. Clayton. Second: D. A. Stewart.

Form IVC.—First: R. Whitehead. Second: M. Palmer.

Form IVB.—First: W. S. Thomson. Second: C. Cave.

Form IVA.—First: T. N. Watt. Second: J. W. Syme.

Form VC.—First: J. L. Bransgrove. Second: E. J. Lynch.

Form VB.—First: G. L. Ewart (Mr. R. George's prize). Second: B. C. Bell.

Form VA.—First: T. S. Hayton. Second: E. L. Cresswell.

Music Prize.—C. Campbell (Mr. Collier's prize).

Daily News prizes for Essay on Taranaki History.—
Senior Division: First, M. Geddes; second, Bruce Bell. Junior Division: First, W. S. Thomson; second, D. Phillips.

White Memorial Prize.—E. W. Tonks.

Bendall Memorial Prize.—E. L. Cresswell.

Debating Cup (presented by Wellington Old Boys' Association).—J. Galbraith.

Head Boy's Prize (presented by Mr. H. Billing).—
F. L. Read.

Dux Prize and Buick Challenge Cup (presented by Mr. Sladden).—E. W. Tonks.

General Excellence Cup (presented by Dr. Fookes).—
F. L. Read.

During the evening the School sang "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Forty Years On," S. Anderson and J. Buckeridge taking the solos. The Orchestra also rendered a number of items under the conductorship of Mr. Dobson. A successful gathering ended with the National Anthem.

WIRELESS NOTES.

(F. Lysaght and J. Murray.)

As with all School institutions this Club lost some of its keenest members at the end of last year, but we hope their places will be filled by others.

The Club still continues to do good work in interesting boys in wireless and is using the same set as last year. Unfortunately it has suffered to a certain extent at the hands of the over-curious, and as a consequence the results have not been up to the standard of last year. It is hoped, however, that when a good financial position is obtained, the set will be altered into a Browning-Drake receiver. This set has exceptional merits and should be very satisfactory for the Club.

The membership at the present time is below that of last year, and it is to be hoped that more boys will take this opportunity to learn something of this interesting science.

For the promotion of experimental work in the Club, a separate room has been built by some of the wood-work classes, and it should be very useful. We wish, on behalf of the Club, to thank the High Schools Board for their kindness in giving a grant towards this building. This experimental work will be chiefly short-wave reception, and later on, perhaps, short-wave transmission.

The set was taken out to the School's camp, but, owing to minor damages, the volume was insufficient for concert purposes.

Once again we would like to thank all those who have so kindly given donations, and also all those who have done much in helping on the Club.

ORCHESTRA NOTES.

(A. Moverley.)

Owing to the camp and similar interruptions the School Orchestra had until lately little opportunity of serious practice, and, consequently, our only public appearance was the impromptu concert held during the camp, but now, by means of extra practices, a big effort is being made to bring our playing up to the required standard.

We have lost the services of G. MacDiarmid (piano), M. Rogers (first violin), C. Smith (cornet), G. Scott ('cello) and C. Campbell (drums), but fortunately we have been able to secure W. Watt (piano), J. Ford (drums), J. Macauley (cornet) and T. Avery (second violin). The first two have been promoted from the junior orchestra, which has already demonstrated its value.

In addition to these changes H. Gorringer has been transferred from viola to first violin, J. Gibbs and J. Hatherley from second violins to first, E. Edgecombe from first violin to viola, and J. Stronge from viola to 'cello.

We note with pleasure that the ukelele craze is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. Mandolins are now in favour, but, with all due respect to Trehey's Original Nighthawks, we cannot see our way clear to admit them to our ranks. We would, however, welcome a saxophone craze or something in that line.

CHAPEL.

Several familiar faces were missing from the Choir when the term began, but it was not long before volunteers came forward, and already the Choir has shown considerable improvement. The ordinary service at 9.30 on Sunday mornings seems to be better attended than ever. Possibly there are fewer visitors so far this year; on the other hand those who come are more regular. There are now so many confirmed boys that it has been necessary to institute a weekly celebration of Holy Communion. As we go to press classes in preparation for Confirmation are in process of being formed.

On the first Sunday of term the Bishop of Waikato, who was in New Plymouth at the time, very kindly assisted at the early Holy Communion, and then preached a fine sermon at the ordinary School service. He also paid a visit to the School and seemed to take a great interest in everything. On March 13, when the Chaplain was

away at Hamilton, the Archdeacon kindly went out to the camp at Waiwakaiho and conducted the parade service. Great praise is due to those of all ranks who with remarkable promptitude secured the collection of the Archdeacon's sermons which the wind was scattering in all directions, chiefly Heavenwards, as was of course entirely appropriate. The Archdeacon was good enough to take camp prayers until the Chaplain returned and was able to resume his duties.

Our Churchwardens this term are S. Anderson and H. Fookes. Already they are carrying on the great work as to the manner born, and living worthily up to the traditions set by their predecessors. Several new hands have been appearing at the Lectern, and but for a certain nervousness natural on such occasions, they are acquitting themselves very well. In fact the reading continues to improve each year, and will always do so, as long as the readers realise the need of reverence in carrying out one of the most important parts of the public worship of the Church.

The 9.30 service on Sunday morning has now a tradition of five years behind it, and is an integral part of the School life. It is safe to say that were it to cease there would be a sense of great loss. We are sure that everyone who has the true interests of the School at heart is fully conscious of this fact, and we therefore hope that every effort will be made to see that this simple service continues to be carried on and to influence for good all those who attend it.

SHOOTING NOTES.

(E. Harman.)

Although there has been no shooting so far this year, a number of results have been decided since the "Taranakian" last went to press. First, there is the result of the shoot-off for the Weekly Press Challenge Shield, held during December last. This resulted in a win for the School, which holds the shield for the ensuing year, with an average score of 68, the possible. Out of the nine years in which the School has competed for this trophy, this is the fifth occasion on which it has been first, while

the other attempts resulted in four seconds. The team, and individual scores, are as follows:—

	Application. (Possible 28)	Rapid. (40)	Total. (68)
Cadet Fookes, N.	28	40	68
Cadet Gibbs, J.	28	40	68
Cadet Harbutt, W.	28	40	68
Cadet Heggie, R.	28	40	68
Cadet Law, H.	28	40	68
Cadet McLean, J.	28	40	68
Cadet Nicholls, A.	28	40	68
Cadet Sheard, W.	28	40	68
Cadet Short, B.	28	40	68
Cadet Wilson, E.	28	40	68
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As regards the School trophies, the following are the results for the current year:—

MacDiarmid Belt (Long Range Championship).—J. Buckeridge.

Kelly Cup.—J. Buckeridge.

Lady Godley Cup (Senior).—E. Harman.

Lady Godley Cup (Junior).—A. Nicholls.

Searle Cup (Miniature Range Senior Championship).—E. Harman.

Hamblyn Cup (Junior Championship).—W. Harbutt.

Loveday Cup (under 15 Championship).—N. Fookes.

McLeod and Slade Cup (under 14 Championship).—S. Bird.

The cup for the best N.C.O. in the School Contingent was won by F. Read.

The Jellicoe Cup (awarded to the school with the highest average score in New Zealand in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition) is again held this year by the New Plymouth Technical College. We wish to take this opportunity of tendering our hearty congratulations to the Technical College on its meritorious performance.

At the annual Area Meeting held on February 12 the School competitors did not make it as paying a proposition as usual. The only boys included in the prize list were: Corporal Mills 10s and Corporal Lysaght 7s 6d.

THE ROLL.

The roll this year stands at 496, of whom 186 are boarders. In the Upper School there are 456 boys, of whom 169 are boarders, while the figures for the Lower School are 40 and 17 respectively. The complete roll is as follows:—

FORM VI.

†Abbott, A. G.*
 Allen, E. P.
 †Anderson, G. S.*
 Andrews, A. H.
 †Boswell, C.
 Bell, B. C.
 Evans, A. E.
 Ewart, G. L.
 †Gorringe, H. H.
 Grieve, B. W.*
 †Harman, E.*
 Lander, A. W.
 Mills, A. A.
 Meredith, E.
 †Moverley, A.
 †Murray, J. T.*
 †O'Dea, R. J.*
 Phillips, D. G.*
 Shaw, R. L.*
 Stace, C. J.
 Sorenson, C.
 †Spenser, E.
 †Standish, M. L.*
 †Stronge, J. S.
 Wynyard, R. H.*
 †Warner, J. E.
 †Watt, W. J.*

FORM V. A.

Allen, C.
 Avery, J. W.*
 †Beek, A.*
 Bennett, A. K.
 Brookman, W.
 Burt, C.*
 Cave, C. T.
 Cottier, S. T. S.
 Cresswell, R. M.*
 Duff, G. V.
 †Fookes, H. F.
 Ford, J. R.
 Golding, H. A.
 Good, M. W. T.*
 Griffiths, C.

Hutchen, A. K.
 Kenny, G. A.
 †List, T. R.
 Mackay, W. M.
 McKenzie, G. F.
 †McNeill, C. A.
 Middleton, H. B.*
 Miles, P. C.*
 Shepherd, A. C.
 Silver, C. R.*
 Stace, D. V.
 Syme, J. W.*
 Tate, J. W.
 Watt, T. N.*
 Wells, A. J.*
 Yorke, E. L.*

FORM V. B.

Brown, D. A.
 Craig, J. A.*
 Dickey, L. G.
 Dinmiss, S. G.
 Edgar-Gibson, G. H.
 Ferry, W. L.
 Fookes, N. W.*
 Gardiner, N. F.
 Gibbs, J. T.*
 Hall, R. M.
 Harding, G.*
 †Hayward, W.*
 Heggie, R. N.
 Jackson, D. A.
 Jenkins, M. J.*
 Lee, D. H.*
 Little, C. L.
 Lysaght, F. H.*
 Martin, R. J.*
 Magrath, M. R.
 McDonald, J. F.*
 Muir, T. R. C.*
 Palmer, F. T.
 Palmer, M. T.
 Rawson, T. W.
 Snell, W.*
 Staunton, K. J.
 Stewart, D. C.*

Sutton, R. E.
 Sutton, W. G.*
 Thomson, W. S.
 Treloar, A. A.*
 Trueman, R. C.
 Waite, R. H.*
 Wallace, I. W.*
 Western, C. J. C.*
 †Wetere, K.*
 White, S. M.

FORM V. C.

Beckbessinger, I. C.
 Bell, A. E.
 Bolt, J. A.
 Bradshaw, R. C.*
 †Brown, H. M.*
 Bullock, R. O.
 Eaves, P. H.*
 Edgecombe, E. M.
 Gardiner, N. J.
 Grace, G. C.
 Hains, R. L.
 Halligan, J.*
 Hassall, M. E.*
 Henderson, A. W.
 Heslop, E. J.
 Hunger, W. C.
 Johnson, C. N.
 Larkin, L. M.*
 McLean, J. S.*
 Oldfield, E. G.*
 †O'Neill, R. W.*
 Petty, L. E.
 Rutherford, A. W.*
 Tarrant, J. S.*
 Thomas, W. J.
 Thomason, R. W.*
 Ward, C. J.*
 Watkins, H. S.
 White, M. B.
 Whitehead, R. S.*
 Wright, T.

FORM V. D.

Andrews, E. N.
 Alsop, A.
 Brown, C.
 Davidson, L.*
 Drewery, H.
 Ellam, C.*
 Garden, R.*
 Goldsbury, A.
 Haw, T.
 Johnston, C.
 Millar, P. H.*

Palmer, C.*
 Papps, D.
 Reakes, G.*
 Schultz, E.
 Sinclair, A.*
 Wickham, M.
 Wright, N.

FORM IV. A.

Anderson, J. G.
 Andersen, R. P.
 Billing, B. W.
 Clare, N. T.
 Clark, M. S.
 Clayton, R.
 Cooper, H. R.
 Cullen, N. D.*
 Dallison, D. R.*
 Davidson, P. W.*
 Davies, J. E.
 Elliott, D. A.
 Evans, C.*
 Evans, D.*
 Henderson, E. W.
 Holland, W. P.*
 Howarth, P. L.*
 Jones, R. S.
 Loten, E. G.*
 MacDiarmid, S. C.*
 Marshall, J. E.
 Mitchell, N. B.*
 Morine, F. R.
 Rea, L. B.
 Richards, M. T.
 Smyth, R. J.*
 Stace, V. R.
 Stewart, D. A.*
 Sutton, K. A.
 Tribe, M. E.
 Whittle, H.*
 Wilson, J. F.

FORM IV. B.

Allen, E. T.*
 Alleman, J.
 Archer, J. G.
 Clow, M. J.
 Fairbrother, E. H.
 Gunson, G.
 Harper, J. F.
 Honeyfield, E. R.*
 Maunder, A. M.*
 Newson, I. E.
 Peake, H. de L.*
 Shepherd, G. W.
 Short, H. F.*
 Thorne, A.

FORM IV. C.

Barrow, C.*
 Bell, C. H.
 Burwell, G. E.*
 Coplestone, W. G.
 Dickie, A. J.*
 Donald, J. E.*
 Downard, C. S.*
 Eadie, A. S.
 Field, A. T.*
 Graham, H.
 Jury, F. M.
 Kerrisk, S. J.*
 Matthews, F.*
 McIvor, W.
 McCallum, D. R.*
 Neilson, N.*
 Perry, J. W.*
 Poole, J.*
 Sartén, J.
 Stevens, R. W.
 Strong, C. R.
 Verry, C. A.*
 Williams, A. W.*
 Wood, E. A.*
 Watson, R.
 Watson, C.

FORM IV. D.

Atchley, E. W.
 Andrews, M. R.
 Bleasel, G. E.*
 Birch, J. H.
 Bird, J. S.
 Chapman, A.
 Coldwell, C. A.
 Cole, R. A.
 Deare, K. H.
 Edgecombe, L. M.
 Fenton, J. D.
 Fever, W. H.*
 Fogden, H.
 Gooday, C. E.
 Gore, A. C.
 Gore, W. A.
 Gray, K. R. I.
 Griffey, P. L.
 Hall, A.
 Harlow, F.
 Harris, A. B.
 Harvey, Jas.
 Hetherington, J.
 Lawrence, I.
 Linklater, G. H.
 McCartic, R. C.
 Morgan, A.
 Oliver, R. A.

Okey, V. G.
 Roebeck, R. B.
 Roebeck, D. W.
 Schultz, G. A.
 Stewart, R. J.
 Swindells, G. F.
 Thomas, T. L.
 Thomson, H. L.
 Webber, E. H.
 Webber, I. B.
 Wigg, G. C.*

FORM IV. E.

Andrews, R. N.
 Budd, D.
 Chick, W. C.
 Ekdahl, J. D.*
 Evans, L. C.*
 Evans, H. R.
 Featherstone, A. D.
 Gilmor, K. E.
 Gray, H. K.*
 Greenlees, P. D.
 Harbutt, W. S.*
 Kenrick, D. M.*
 Latham, D. C.*
 Leech, N. H.
 Luxton, S. L.
 Maciver, D. E.*
 Mackay, J. F.*
 Nicholls, G. A.*
 Rees-Jones, G. W.*
 Ryan, C. R.*
 Scoble, J. U.
 Shepherd, R. O.
 Syme, D. M.*
 Thynne, S.*
 Trehey, B. P.
 White, F. M.
 Wilson, S. P.

FORM III. A.

Anderson, J. D.
 Bell, L. D.*
 Blackmore, H. G. P.
 Briggs, N. E.
 Calvert, A. C.*
 Calvert, K.*
 Clay, M. H.*
 Cook, R. N.
 Curtis, C. S.*
 Deighton, F. C.*
 Evans, T. K.*
 Fraser, D. M.
 Gibson, G. H.*
 Gorringe, A. H.

Hardecastle, J. B.*
 Hatherley, J. S.*
 Hayward, A.
 Hicks, M.*
 Hudson, N.*
 Kenny, C. J.
 Law, H. D.*
 Lobb, L. M.
 Mahar, J.
 Moyes, P. S.*
 Newell, G. E.
 O'Dea, D.*
 Palmer, J.
 Perica, A. M.
 Rea, K. N.
 Reid, F. B.
 Richards, W. R.
 Smith, D. A.
 Wakelin, N. L.
 Watt, L. S.*
 West, J.*
 Whitecombe, D. N.
 Wood, E. E. B.
 Wyld-Browne, A. W.*

FORM III. B.

Avery, W. T.
 Barkla, G.*
 Blanchett, D. H.
 Bowie, P. T.*
 Brookman, R. W.
 Brewer, L. A.*
 Calvert, E.*
 Dickson, P. H.
 Fenwick, H. G.
 George, L. B.
 Gibbons, R. A.*
 Griffiths, R. J.
 Harper, R. G.*
 Heginbotham, S.*
 Insull, G. R.
 Kirkwood, H. R.*
 Lawson, D. P.
 Lobb, R. V.
 Mackinder, H. T.
 Marriott, K. C.
 McGregor, H. L.*
 Morton, W. J.
 Rouse, K. A.*
 Slowman, E. D.*
 Telford, F. W.*
 Veale, J. W.

FORM III. C.

Aylward, I. T.
 Berryman, B.
 Boulton, D. H.

Boulton, P. W. G.
 Brien, M.
 Budd, B. H.
 Burr, A. J.
 Clegg, J. D.*
 Giboney, R. D. G.*
 Gray, H. A.
 Hamilton, K. A.
 Hunter, F. C.
 Jones, M. A.*
 Kilpatrick, G. K.
 Liley, W. F.
 Lynch, D. F.
 Martin, W. P.
 Morris, M. S.
 Muller, L. A.
 McCauley, J. G.
 McInnes, P. T.*
 McKee, D. C.
 O'Grady, T. R. J.
 Shaw, R. A.
 Tate, A. B.
 Thomson, T. A.
 Zemba, M.

FORM III. D.

Allen, D. O.
 Alsop, S.
 Barnard, F. M.
 Bell, R. W.*
 Booker, L. P.
 Burfitt, J.
 Cuthbert, W. H.*
 Death, T. H. H.*
 Dingle, H. R.
 Duke, G. A.
 Ellis, L.*
 Fama, S.*
 Field, P. M.
 Fox, L. E.
 Galpin, B. H.*
 Henry, P. C.
 Hoskin, R.
 Johnson, J. W.*
 Lander, L. R.
 Lobb, D.
 Luckin, L. A.*
 Luxton, D. N.
 Matthews, K. A.*
 Max, R. I.
 Oxenham, G. T.
 Robertshaw, P. W.*
 Scott, K.*
 Stanley, R.
 Smith, S. F.*
 Symes, I.*
 Thomason, A. I.

Thomason, J. A.
Wellington, S. P. R.
Watson, T.
Young, R. H.*

FORM III. E.

Adams, M.
Bowen, R. J.
Cattley, I. E. W.
Cloke, W. G.
Feehan, J. P.
Goodin, L. J.
Haine, E. J.
Holmes, A. J.
Innes, A.
Ladbrook, G. E.
Mace, R. R.
Mahon, A. A.
McClune, R. R.
McMillan, C.
Palmer, L.
Prestridge, L. G.
Randall, P. N. T.
Simpson, L. E.
Stewart, G. R.
Thomas, W. A.
Tyrrell, C. H.*
Walker, R. J.
Wallace, J. S.

FORM III. F.

Ashley, D. J.*
Anderson, R. E.
Barlow, T. J.*
Baddeley, C. V.
Bedford, C.
Burrows, W. G.
Crow, B. K.*
Churton, P. A.*
Cates, A. R.*
Cleland, L.
Donohue, P. L.
Gilbert, N. J.
Gibbons, K. H.*
Hoskin, F. R.
Lawson, P.
Marx, C. M.
Morris, D.
Macfarlane, R.
Murphy, E. G.
Powell, P. S.
Palmer, F. M.*
Rennie, N. H.
Shaw, M. B.*
Thynne, C.*
Wyley, M. B.

PREPARATORY.

STANDARD VI.

Carroll, J.
Chatfield, F.*
Fairbrother, J.
Harvie, M.
Henderson, I.*
Honeyfield, M.*
Lindsay, M.*
McCallum, D.*
McKenzie, A.
Moffit, J.*
Outred, M.*
Pitt, D.
Saunders, G.
O'Halloran, B.*
Walsham, B.
Weston, R.*

STANDARD V.

Andrew, B.
Blackley, D.
Clemow, D.*
Cruickshank, F.
Callaghan, A.*
Daere, D.*
Fitzgerald, N.*
Kemp, G.*
Le May, A.
Saunders, N.
Weston, C.

STANDARD IV.

Allen, D.
Davies, W.
Nolan, H.
Ward, R.*

STANDARD III.

Blundell, C.
Saunders, W.

STANDARD II.

Beale, A.
Bowie, V.*
McDonnell, P.*
Power, P.

STANDARD I.

Arthur, R.
Bewley, J.
Quilliam, P.

The following boys entered the School this year:—

Adams, M.
Allen, D. O.
Alsop, S.
Anderson, J. D.
Anderson, R. E.
Arthur, R.
*Ashley, D. J.
Avery, W.
Aylward, I. T.
Baddeley, C. V.
Barnard, F. M.
Beale, A.
Bedford, C.
Bell, L. D.
*Berryman, B.
Bewley, J.
Blackmore, H. G. P.
Blanchett, D.
Booker, L. P.
Boulton, D. H.
*Bowie, P.
*Bowie, V.
Bowen, R. J.
*Brewer, L.
Brien, M.
Briggs, N. E.
Brown, D. A.
Budd, B. H.
Burfitt, J.
Burr, A. J.
Burrows, W. G.
*Calvert, A. C.
*Calvert, E.
*Calvert, K.
Cattley, I. E. W.
Carroll, J.
*Cates, A. R.
*Chatfield, F.
Cleland, L.
*Clay, M. H.
Cloke, W. G.
Cook, R. N.
Craig, J. H.
*Cuthbert, W. H.
*Curtis, C. S.
*Death, F. H. H.
*Deighton, F. C.
Dickson, E.
Dingle, H. R.
Donohue, P. S.
Duke, G. A.
Edgar-Gibson, G. H.
*Ellam, C.
*Ellis, L.
*Evans, T. K.
*Fama, S.
Feehan, J. P.
Fenwick, H.
Field, P. M.
*Fitzgerald, N. (re-entered)
Fox, L. E.
Fraser, D. M.
*Galpin, B. H.
*Garden, R.
George, L.
*Gibbons, K. H.
*Gibbons, R.
*Gibson, G. H.
*Giboney, R. D. G.
Gilbert, N. J.
Goodin, L. J.
Gorringe, A. H.
Gray, H. A.
Griffith, R.
Haine, E. J.
Hamilton, R. A.
*Hardeastle, J. B.
*Harper, R.
Hayward, A.
*Heginbotham, S.
*Henderson, I.
Henry, P. C.
*Hicks, M.
Homes, A. I.
*Honeyfield, M.
Hoskin, F. R.
Hoskin, R.
*Howarth, P. L.
*Hudson, N.
Hunter, F. C.
Insull, R.
Innes, A.
*Johnson, J. W.
*Jones, M. A.
*Kemp, G.
Kirkpatrick, G. K.
*Kirkwood, H. R.
Ladbrook, G. E.
Lander, L. R.
Lawson, D.
Lawson, P.
Liley, W. F.
*Lindsay, M.
Lobb, D.
Lobb, L. M.
Lobb, R.
*Luckin, L. A.
Luxton, D. N.

Lynch, D. F.	Randall, P. N. T.
Mace, P. R.	Rea, K. N.
Macfarlane, R.	*Rees-Jones, G. W.
*MacGregor, H. L.	Reid, F. B.
Mackinder, H.	Rennie, N. H.
Mahar, J.	Richards, W. R.
Mahon, A. A.	*Robertshaw, P. W.
Marriot, R.	*Rouse, K. A.
Martin, W. P.	*Shaw, R. S.
Marx, C. M.	Shaw, R. A.
*Matthews, K. A.	Simpson, L. E.
*Maunder, A. M.	*Sloman, E.
Max, R. S.	Smith, D. A.
*McCallum, D.	*Smith, S. F.
McCauley, J. G.	Stanley, R.
McClune, R. R.	Stewart, G. R.
*McInnes, P. T.	Tate, A. B.
McKenzie, A.	*Telford, F. W.
McKee, D. C.	*Thynne, C.
McMillan, C.	*Thynne, S.
*Millar, P. H.	Thomson, T. A.
*Moffit, J.	Thomason, A. I.
Morris, D.	Thomason, J. A.
Morris, M. S.	Thomas, W. A.
Morton, W.	Trehey, B. P.
Muller, L. A.	*Tyrrel, C. H.
Murphy, E. G.	Veale, J.
Newell, G. E.	Wakelin, N. L.
*O'Dea, D.	Walker, R. J.
O'Grady, T. R. J.	Wallace, J. S.
Oxenham, G. T.	*Ward, R.
*Outred, M.	Watson, T.
*O'Halloran, B.	*Watt, L. S.
Palmer, C.	Wellington, S. P. R.
Palmer, F. M.	*West, J.
Palmer, J.	*Weston, R.
*Peake, H. de L.	Wood, E. E. B.
Perica, A. M.	Wyley, M. B.
Pitt, D.	*Wylde-Browne, A. W.
Powell, P. S.	*Wynyard, R. H.
Power, P.	*Young, R. H.
Prestidge, C. G.	Zemba, M.
Quilliam, P.	

*Indicates Boarder.

†Indicates Prefect.

The following boys left the School at the end of last year:—Bailey, T. L.; Batger, S.; Batger, R.; Buckeridge, J.; Campbell, C.; Davis, F.; Fookes, K.; Galbraith, J.; Geddes, M.; George, H.; MacDiarmid, G.; Medley, J.; Noonan, R.; Olsen, H.; Read, F.; Sampson, A.; Thomas, J.; Tonks, E.; Abraham, J.; Campbell, B.; Cresswell, E.; Evans, A.; Ewart, J.; Hanley, R.; Harriss, R. T.; Hayton, S.; Little, C.; Moore, E.; Parrott, W.; Pease, B.;

Rawson, W.; Allhusen, A. S.; Beaven, J.; Booker, J. G.; Cato, W. S.; Davies, T. O. S.; Hammonds, E. F.; Hudson, H. C. R.; Innes, W. J.; Jones, W. O.; Neild, P. W.; Rogers, L. M.; Sadler, S. I.; Shoemark, D. S.; Wall, W. C. H.; Wright, E.; Bransgrove, J. L.; Churton, M.; Dinniss, S.; Duigan, J.; Fletcher, R.; Griffiths, C.; Hetherington, D.; Hookham, T. W.; Johnson, C. N.; Lynch, E.; Riley, J. K.; Tonks, S.; Bradmore, A.; Bayly, F. T.; Bennett, R. R.; Cooper, F. J.; Ingle, M.; Lennon, D.; Lobb, M.; McLean, L.; Clouston, J.; Finlayson, K.; Hetherington, A.; Howlett, A.; Hughes, S.; Morey, M.; Sampson, J.; Thompson, M.; Berry, R.; Betts, T. Bridgeman, N.; Carter, J.; Jones, J.; Lind, D.; O'Brian, D.; Pigott, R.; Pitt, T.; Turner, N. E.; Bensley, E.; Glover, D.; Reynolds, E.; Gibbons, R. D.; Sefton, J.; Smith, T. E.; Watson, P.; Harrison, E.; Dineen, F.; Jordan, J. V.; Bassett, R.; Boddy, R.; Faull, W.; Gilbert, C.; Hetet, W. P.; Hopkins, C.; Phillips, A.; Preston, A.; Prior, H.; Sheard, W.; White, L. Preparatory: Barlow, A.; Colson, E.; Harvie, G.; Riley, J.; Rowe, A.; Scott, G.; Burrows, C.; Wilson, E.; Thomson, J.; Whittington, H.

SWIMMING NOTES.

(L: Petty.)

Perfect weather favoured us on Thursday, February 24th, for our annual swimming sports, which were started earlier in the morning than usual owing to the record entries received. There was a fair attendance of the public, all of whom witnessed many keen finishes. The championships were decided on the following night, and we are indebted to the Taranaki Herald for their account of the results.

The officials were: Starter, Mr. F. J. Eggleton; marksman, Mr. G. Bertrand; check starter, Mr. J. Connell; call stewards, Rev. E. Strong and Mr. V. E. Kerr; announcer, Mr. A. J. Papps; official recorder, Mr. Diprose; finals, Mr. R. C. Wilson; judges, Messrs. A. L. Moore, J. Leggat, H. Dyer and W. Shrimpton; time-keepers, Messrs. Johnson and Bottrill; rope stewards, Messrs. Blundell and McKeon; luncheon stewards, Messrs. Wilkie, Roulston and Dobson; costume stewards, Messrs. Gatland, Pope and Skelton; seating stewards, Messrs.

Menzies and Bryant; judge of diving, Mr. C. Brown. The committee consisted of L. Petty and H. F. Fookes (joint secretaries), G. S. Anderson, C. M'Neill, W. Hayward, J. S. Stronge, and Mr. F. J. Eggleton (chairman).

The details of the events are as follows:—

33 1-3 Yards Open.—First heat: Harper (6sec.), 1; time, 23sec.; eight started. Second heat: Dallison (3sec.), 1; time, 23 1-5sec.; eight started. Third heat: Stronge (ser.), 1; time 24sec.; nine started. Fourth heat: Thomas (3sec.), 1; time, 23 2-5sec.; eight started. Fifth heat: Fookes (1sec.), 1; time, 23 4-5sec.; eight started. Sixth heat: Wigg (3sec.), 1; time, 23sec.; nine started. Seventh heat: Shaw (1sec.), 1; time, 23 2-5sec.; nine started. Eighth heat: Craig (5sec.), 1; time, 23sec.; nine started. Ninth heat: Peake (5sec.), 1; time, 22 2-5sec.; nine started. Tenth heat: McCallum (2sec.), 1; time, 25 3-5sec.; eight started. Eleventh heat: Sinclair (2sec.), 1; time, 25sec.; ten started.

33 1-3 Yards Preparatory Race.—First heat: Walsham (ser.) 1, Le May (5sec.) 2, B. Andrews (3sec.) 3; time, 26 1-5sec.; eight started. Second heat: Lindsay (4sec.) 1, Cruickshank (3sec.) 2, McDonnell (3sec.) 3; time, 28 3-5sec.; nine started.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—First heat: Matthews (5sec.) 1, Anderson (ser.) 2; time, 45 3-5sec.; eight started. Second heat: Dallison (4sec.) 1, Treloar (3sec.) 2; time, 50 4-5sec.; eight started. Third heat: Phillips (6sec.) 1, Griffiths (4sec.) 2; time, 48 4-5sec.; seven started.

25 Yards, under 14.—First heat: D. Morris (1sec.) 1, Smith (3sec.) 2; time, 19sec.; eight started. Second heat: Insull (1sec.) 1, Bolton (3sec.) 2; time, 18 4-5sec.; nine started. Third heat: Law (2sec.) 1, G. H. Gibson (ser.) 2; time, 19 1-5sec.; eight started. Fourth heat: McCallum (3sec.) 1, Henderson (5sec.) 2; time, 22 1-5sec.; eight started.

100 Yards Open.—Final: H. Fookes (6sec.) 1, L. Petty (ser.) 2; time, 97 4-5sec. Fookes led at the end of the first length, at the end of the second he had increased his lead, finally winning by two yards from Petty. Four started.

33 1-3 Yards Back Stroke.—J. Stronge (ser.) 1, A. C. Shephard (3sec.) 2, Lysaght (1sec.) 3; time, 29 1-5sec.; eight started. Won easily.

Long Plunge.—The following were left in for the final championship night: Staunton (9in.), Treloar (18in.), McDonald (16in.), McIvor (24in.), Petty (ser.).

66 2-3 Yards Open.—First heat: C. Stronge (4sec.) 1, Anderson (ser.) 2, R. Shaw (2sec.) 3; time, 48 3-5sec. Second heat: Watson (3sec.) 1, J. Hetherington (4sec.) 2, Wigg (5sec.) 3; time 49 3-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards New Boys' Race.—First heat: S. Smith (5sec.), 1; time, 25sec. Second heat: R. Gibbons (2sec.), 1; time, 25 4-5sec. Third heat: Clay (4sec.), 1; time, 25sec. Fourth heat: G. H. Gibson (2sec.), 1; time 26 3-5sec. Fifth heat: J. Craig (5sec.), 1; time 23 4-5sec. Sixth heat: Rees-Jones (4sec.), 1; time, 22 1-5sec. Seventh heat: L. Peake (3sec.), 1; time 23 1-5sec.

Corfu Dive.—The following qualified for the final on championship night: Harper, R. Shaw, Ekdahl, McDonald, Staunton, Gibbons.

220 Yards Open.—C. Stronge (9sec.) 1, R. L. Shaw (ser.) 2, R. Shaw (ser.) 3; time, 2min. 38 1-5sec. There were six competitors. At the end of the first length Stronge led by a yard, and he gradually increased the distance and won by a quarter of a length.

Awkward Entry.—There were 16 competitors, and of these Harper, Rea, Jackson, Ekdahl and Ward were selected to compete in the final on Friday evening.

66 2-3 Yards Preparatory Race.—Walsham (ser.) 1, Lindsay (7sec.) 2, Chatfield (8sec.) 3; time, 63sec. Walsham, who gave away 12 seconds, was 10 yards behind at the end of the first length, but he soon overtook the leaders and went on to win by two lengths.

33 1-3 Yards Open.—Semi-final: First heat, Wigg (3sec.) 1, W. J. Thomas (3sec.) 2, Dallison (3sec.) 3; time, 23 3-5sec. Won by a touch, with inches between second and third. Six started. Second heat, Peake (5sec.) 1, Craig (5sec.) 2, R. L. Shaw (1sec.) 3; time, 22 2-5sec. Won by half a yard. Six started.

33 1-3 Yards Preparatory Race.—Final: Lindsay (4sec.) 1, Walsham (ser.) 2, B. Andrews (3sec.) 3; time, 29 3-5sec. Won by inches.

Learners' Race (width of baths).—Harlow 1, F. Atchley 2, Boulton 3; all off scratch.

Relay Race (inter-forms).—First heat: IVb. (7sec.), 1. Second heat: Va. (1sec.), 1. Third heat: Vd. (6sec.), 1. Forth heat: IIIa., 1. There were four entries in each heat.

Diving for Plates (28 entries).—Harper (8) 1, Smith (6) 2.

33 1-3 Yards Open.—Final: Craig (5sec.) 1, Peake (5sec.) 2, Wigg (3sec.) 3; time, 22 2-5sec. Won by a touch, inches between second and third.

Junior Diving.—Eight competed, and Harper, Henderson, Gibbons and N. Fookes were selected for the final on Friday night.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—Final: Anderson (ser.) 1, Matthews (5sec.) 2, Phillips (6sec.) 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 46sec.

25 Yards, under 14.—Final: Insull (1sec.) 1, Law (2sec.) 2, Moyes (3sec.) 3; time, 19sec. Won by a foot.

Ribbon Diving.—Petty and Ekdahl (equal) 1. Six competed, and the judge found it impossible to separate the winners.

66 2-3 Yards Open.—Final: Anderson (ser.) 1, Watson (3sec.) 2, C. Stronge (4sec.) 3; time, 47 4-5sec. Won by a yard.

33 1-3 Yards New Boys' Race.—Final: Rees-Jones (4sec.) 1, Craig (5sec.) 2, Peake (3sec.) 3. Time, 22 2-5sec.

Relay Race.—Final: Va. (1sec.) 1, Vd. (1sec.) 2. Time, 1min. 32 2-5sec. Won by two yards.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Though rain fell on the evening of February 24th, there was a fair attendance of the public, and the water was not too cold. Several remarkably fast times were made, notably in the 100 yards senior championship, which was won by Petty in 74sec.; the 50 yards junior, R. A. Shaw swimming the distance in 33 2-5sec.; the 33 1-3 yards



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Back Row: C. Boswell, H. Gorrige, T. List.

Third Row: E. Spencer, M. Standish, K. Wetere, A. Beck, C. McNeill, J. Stronge.

Second Row: A. Abbott, E. Harman, S. Anderson, A. Moverley (head), H. Brown, H. Fookes, J. Warner.

In Front: W. Watt, J. Murray, R. O'Dea, W. Hayward, W. O'Neill.

senior, which Petty won in 18 2-5sec.; and the second heat of the junior 33 1-3 yards, Shaw winning in 19 4-5sec.

The junior diving was an excellent performance, the standing low-board and the standing high-board being exceptionally well done. Henderson, the diminutive winner, entered the water from the low board without a splash or a sound, while the other competitors, Harper (second), Fookes and Gibbons, also showed great skill.

The corfu dive was keenly contested, but Petty proved himself a master of the art by coming up through the ring every time.

The Old Boys v. School relay race roused in the spectators a spirit of high excitement, and the shouts of encouragement urged the swimmers to greater efforts. The Old Boys won by a yard after a keen and evenly contested race.

THE 1927 CHAMPIONS.

The senior championship was won by L. Petty, with 15 points, representing three firsts. G. S. Anderson, with three seconds, was second, having nine points. J. Stronge (two thirds) was third with two points.

The junior championship fell to R. A. Shaw, with three firsts (15 points). M. Good (six points) was second, and R. L. Shaw (four points) third.

Insull, with two firsts and a second, won the under 14 championship with 13 points. D. Morris (13 points) was a close second, winning one and losing two. J. Clegg was third with two points, and S. Smith fourth with one.

The results were as follows:—

33 1-3 Yards Senior Championship.—Petty 1, Anderson 2, Stronge 3. Time, 18 2-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Junior Championship.—First heat: Rees-Jones and Wigg (dead heat) 1, Dallison 3; time, 21 2-5sec. Second heat: Shaw 1, Good 2, Truman 3; time, 19 4-5sec. Final: Shaw 1, Good 2, Dallison 3; time, 20 1-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards under 14 Championship.—Insull 1, Morris 2, Clegg 3. Time, 22 1-5sec.

Awkward Entry.—Ekdahl 1. Five starters,

50 Yards Senior Championship.—Petty 1, Anderson 2, Stronge 3. Time, 30 1-5sec.

50 Yards under 14 Championship.—Morris 1, Insull 2, Clegg 3. Time, 39sec.

Long Plunge.—Staunton (43ft.) 1.

50 Yards Junior Championship.—First heat: Wigg 1, Dallison 2, Shepherd 3; time, 37 4-5sec. Second heat: R. Shaw 1, Good 2, R. L. Shaw 3; time, 34 3-5sec. Final: R. A. Shaw 1, Good 2, R. L. Shaw 3; time, 33 2-5sec.

Obstacle Race.—First heat: Halligan. Second heat: Peake. Third heat: Treloar. Fourth heat: Grieve. Fifth heat: Crow. Sixth heat: Rennie. Final: Grieve 1, Crow 2.

Old Boys' Race, 33 1-3 yards.—Campbell 1, Walker 2, Walsham 3. Time, 20 2-5sec.

100 Yards Senior Championship.—Petty 1, Anderson 2. Time, 74sec.

75 Yards under 14 Championship.—Insull 1, Morris 2, Smith 3. Time, 67 4-5sec.

Senior Diving.—Petty 1.

Junior Diving.—Henderson 1, Harper 2.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—R. A. Shaw 1, R. L. Shaw 2. Time, 82sec.

Corfu Dive.—Petty 1.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1926

The annual examinations of last year were on the whole very satisfactory indeed. The results are as follows:

Taranaki Scholarship.—E. W. Tonks.

Second B.A.—A. W. Moverley (subjects, Latin, Political Science, History Adv. 1); T. L. Bailey (subjects, History and Economics).

First B.A.—J. Galbraith (subjects, History and Mathematics).

First LL.B.—R. J. O'Dea (subjects, Constitutional History, Jurisprudence, Roman Law, English, Latin); H. J. Thomas (subjects, Constitutional History, Jurisprudence, English).

Diploma of Journalism.—J. Stronge (subjects, History, Economics, Constitutional History).

Matriculation and Allied Examinations (M., Matriculation; P., Medical Preliminary; S., Solicitors' General Knowledge; Com., Completed Matriculation).—Abbott, A. G. (M.); Allen, E. P. (M.S.P.); Allhusen, A. S. (M.); Andrews, A. H. (M.); Bell, B. C. (M.S.P.); Buckeridge, J. M. (M.); Cresswell, E. L. (M.); Davis, F. L. (Comp.); Davis, R. A. (M.S.); Evans, A. E. (M.); Ewart, G. (M.S.P.); Fookes, K. (Comp.); George, H. V. (Comp.); Gorrington, H. (M.); Grieve, B. (M.S.); Hayton, T. S. D. (M.S.); Hudson, H. C. R. (M.); Jones, W. O. (M.); MacDiarmid, G. (Comp.); Mills, A. (M.S.P.); Murray, J. (M.); Noonan, R. (Comp.); Olson, H. (Comp.); Parrott, W. (M.S.); Phillips, D. (M.S.P.); Sampson, A. (Comp.); Stace, D. V. (M.); Standish, M. L. (M.); Wall, H. (M.); Watt, W. (M.S.P.).

Accountants' Preliminary (A., full pass; P.P.A., partial pass; Comp., completed partial pass).—Anderson, G. S. (P.P.A.); Batger, A. S. (Comp.); Batger, R. (Comp.); Booker, J. G. (P.P.A.); Hammonds, E. F. (P.P.A.); Lynch, E. J. (P.P.A.); Pease, B. H. (P.P.A.); Wright, E. (A.).

Public Service Entrance.—Jones, W. O.; Neild, P. W.; Wright, E.; Beaven, J. H.; Innes, W. J.; Sadler, S. I.; Thomason, R. W.; Pease, B. H.; Grace, G. C.; Staunton, K. J.; Evans, A. E.; Thomson, W. S.; Campbell, B.; Clouston, J. A.; Hammonds, E. F.; Muir, T. R. C.

Senior National Scholarship.—Allen, E. P.; Grieve, B. W.; Stace, C. J.; Watt, W. J.

Junior National Scholarship.—Cave, C. T.; Dallison, D. R.; Jones, R. S.

The following gained Proficiency: Barlow, A.; Bell, R.; Brookman, R.; Crow, B.; Churton, P.; Clegg, J.; Hatherley, J.; Harvie, G.; Law, H.; Le May, K.; Palmer, F.; Scott, K.; Scott, G.; Whitcombe, D.; Hetet, W.; Verry, C.; Mitchell, N. Competency: Barlow, T.; Colson, E.

PREPARATORY NOTES.

(M. Harvie.)

The new boys admitted this term are:—Fitzgerald, N.; Kemp, G.; Weston, R.; Moffit, J.; Henderson, I.; Honeyfield, M.; Outred, J.; Pitt, D.; Chatfield, F. G.; McCallum, D.; Carrol, J.; Lindsay, M.; O'Halloran, B.; Quilliam, P.; Bewley, J.; Beale, A.; Bowie, V.; Arthur, R.; Power, B.; Ward, R.

On February 18th we were granted a half-holiday in honour of the visit of the Melbourne cricket team. On that day several small boys with autograph books and pencils could be seen crowding round the famous men anxiously awaiting their signatures.

We all enjoyed the week in camp very much indeed, especially the sausages, to which we did ample justice. In fact, in some cases, the taste of them remained with us through the night. It is also a good thing in camp to have a large supply of candle-ends, and a few hefty boots for dealing with intruders.

Last year we were not very successful in the cricket field, and we did not win a single match after the holidays.

We are just starting football practice, and we intend to make serious efforts and be more successful in our pursuit of the national game than we have been in weilding the willow.

On March 4th the School marched down to Pukekura Park to welcome the Duke and Duchess of York. After the Mayor had presented some of the prominent people of New Plymouth, their Royal Highnesses inspected the Returned Soldiers, Territorials and Girl Guides. They then left the Park in their car amid loud cheering.

Four Prep. boys entered for the cow-judging competitions at the Show, all of them gaining prizes. Harvie and Blackley tied for first place, Jack Fairbrother was placed third, and Honeyfield fourth.

Of the old Prep. boys of last year, the majority have been promoted to the Upper School. Those who have not returned this year are:—Barlow, A.*; Colson, E.*; Harvie, G.; Le May, K.; Riley, J.*; Rowe, A.*; Scott, G.*; Thomson, M.*; Wilson, E.; Burrows, R.*; Whittington, H. *Signifies boys who have left school altogether. Of the other four, three are at other schools, while one is in England.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(A. Moverley and J. Stronge.)

When the School reassembled on February 8th we found that the amalgamation had at last become an accomplished fact, and perhaps the most noteworthy event as regards school work this term is the inclusion in the curriculum of much wider courses of instruction. We have for many years felt the need of engineering and woodwork shops, and it was a source of great satisfaction to many of us to find on our return to school that courses in woodwork, metal work and engineering were available for those wishing to take advantage of them. Altogether eight courses of work are offered. The curriculum provides for two main courses, the professional and the vocational.

The Professional Course is for those pupils whose aim it is to sit for the Public Service Entrance, Matriculation, or allied examinations with a view to becoming undergraduates of the University. It contains the following subdivisions:—

A. (1) For those wishing to take Solicitor's General Knowledge Examination. Subjects: English, Latin, Maths, History and Civics, Physical Science, Chemistry, Woodwork and Metalwork, Geography. (Boys can take French and Latin by omitting Woodwork, Metalwork and Geography.)

A. (2) For those wishing to take Engineering Preliminary or Matriculation with a view to taking up Professional work in Science: English, Mathematics, French, Drawing, History and Civics, Physical Science, Chemistry, Electricity and Magnetism, Woodwork and Metalwork.

A. (3) For those wishing to take Medical or Dental Preliminary: English, Latin, French, Mathematics, History and Civics, Physical Science, Chemistry. (These boys will take French in place of Woodwork and Geography.)

A. (4) For those wishing to sit for Public Service Entrance or Accountancy Preliminary: English, Mathematics, Geography, History and Civics, Physical Science and Chemistry, Woodwork and Metalwork, Book-keeping, French.

The Vocational Course is for those pupils whose aim it is to enter a commercial or industrial occupation, after leaving secondary school, and provides a sound training

in the principles of these occupations. If continued for three years it will enable pupils to sit for Public Service Entrance, City and Guilds of London, in Carpentry and Joinery, Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical and Motor-car).

The course is subdivided as follows:—

B. (1) For those who wish to follow farming as an occupation: English, Alternative Mathematics and Mensuration, History and Civics, Agriculture and Dairy Science, Physical Science, Magnetism and Electricity, Woodwork and Metalwork, Book-keeping. Internal Combustion Engines (in second and third years).

B. (2) For those who wish to enter any branch of Engineering: English, History and Civics, Alternative Mathematics and Mensuration, Physical Science, Magnetism and Electricity, Applied Mechanics, Steam, Free, Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing, Workshop Practice.

In second and third years: Electrical Engineering, Motor-car Engineering, Workshop Theory, Pattern Making.

B. (3) For those who wish to enter any of the Allied Building Trades: English, History and Civics, Physical Science, Magnetism and Electricity, Applied Mechanics, Freehand and Geometrical Drawing, Building Construction, Book-keeping, Woodwork and Metalwork.

B. (4) For those who will take up clerical work, but not to University stage: English, History and Civics, Geography, Alternative Mathematics, Book-keeping, Physical Science, Woodwork.

Ample proof of the need of these vocational courses is supplied by the fact that, of those attending the School, over 160 have decided to enter upon them.

We would like to take this opportunity of extending a welcome to the staff and boys of the Technical School, and also to Mr. Menzies, the new woodwork instructor, and to Mr. L. V. Bryant, M.A., who has filled the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. Earl, M.A., to take up a position at Christ's College.

We wish also to offer our congratulations to Mr. Dyer on completing his B.A. degree.

We wish to convey our sincere thanks to Miss Percy-Smith and to Mr. H. Bayly for kindly presenting some books to the library; to Mr. Bates, for the cricket bat he presented for competition among members of the First Eleven; and to E. Olson, an Old Boy of the School, who sent us a cup from Moascar.

The annual swimming sports were held on February 24th, while the championships were decided on the evening of the 25th. Notwithstanding the large number of entries the programme was carried out in record time, and on both occasions the events were strongly contested. As usual, the over-eagerness of the competitors in the learners' race, augmented by a clever piece of "bluff" on the part of the starter, caused much amusement.

On Thursday, March 3rd, there was great excitement at the School, because it was the day of the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of York. Although it was raining that morning, loyal enthusiasm could not be dampened, and there were many thousands crowding the terraces long before the arrival of their Highnesses. At half-past eight the School paraded and marched down to Pukekura Park, where the official welcome was to be given. We had not long to wait before distant cheering announced the approach of our Royal visitors and, as they entered the enclosure, burst after burst of applause thundered from every terrace. The Mayor, having read the welcome, presented the prominent citizens of New Plymouth. After this the Duke inspected the returned officers and soldiers, and the Duchess the Girl Guides. The shortness of time, however, soon brought this memorable visit to a close, and the visitors made their way through the gates to the accompaniment of prolonged cheering. The School was then dismissed and a whole holiday was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The School cadet camp has now come to be regarded as an annual affair. There can be no doubt about the beneficial effects it confers on the cadets, for, apart from the resulting increased efficiency in drill and discipline, there is always a marked improvement in the general health of the boys, caused by the open air and tent life. This year the camp was held on the Showgrounds, where the drill course, which consisted of a graduation of instruction culminating on the Thursday in battle drill and

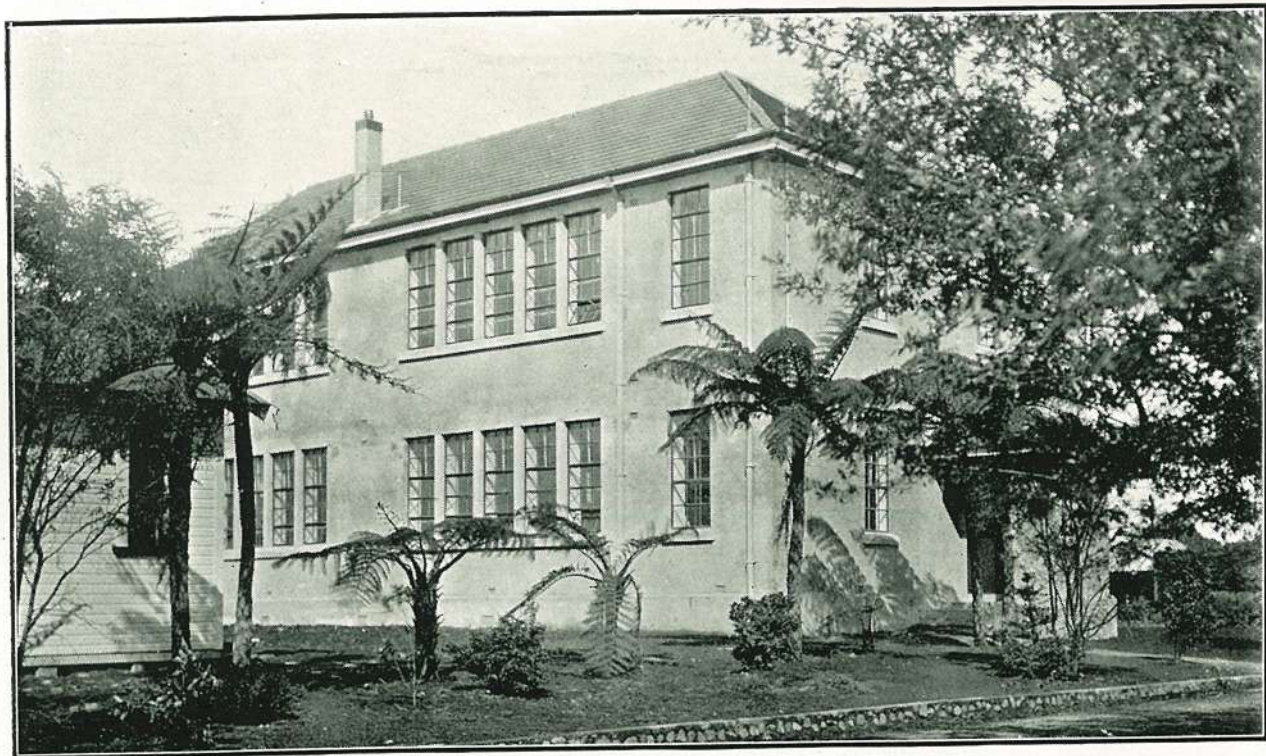
a machine-gun demonstration, was pursued without interruption. Nevertheless, the lighter side of camp life was not neglected. On the Sunday afternoon the Regimental Band gave a very enjoyable concert, while on the Tuesday night we were entertained by a concert party from town. On the Monday evening an impromptu concert was staged by the "inmates" of the camp. General expectations were disappointed by the failure of the haka team to perform, but that talented band of musicians, Trehey's Original Nighthawks (direct from Dixieland), came to the fore and made the night hideous with their much-appreciated efforts.

Cricket began soon after we returned to school. Net practices were held for all forms, and places in the elevens were at a premium. This was especially so in the first net, where, in view of the approaching Wanganui match, competition was very keen; but eventually the team was selected and, though weakened at the last moment by the loss of Fookes, Hayward and Boswell, journeyed to Wanganui on March 23rd, only to suffer defeat.

The call of King Cricket has at last penetrated to realms previously unaffected by the charm of the willow, and it gives us great pleasure to announce that that hoary institution, the Veterani, continues to flourish, despite its years and the strain of Matriculation. After the holiday for the Melbourne match, apparently overcome by the desire to emulate Armstrong and Company, they issued a challenge to the Third Eleven, and in due course the match took place. A strenuous and highly exciting game was eventually won by the Veterani. Wetere has proved to be as great a skipper as W. W. Armstrong, physically; O'Neill is very fast; and McNeill's wonderful swerve is now a household term. Altogether, we consider that members of the senior elevens must look to their laurels.

On March 28th we received a visit from Miss Hunt, of England, who is making an appeal on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. She delivered an interesting address, which received an attentive hearing from her audience.

The gymnasium is no longer a possibility of the dim, far-distant future, but has now definitely taken shape in concrete and corrugated iron. Unfortunately the requisite apparatus cannot be obtained in this country, but orders



NEW CLASS ROOM BLOCK.

have been placed abroad. We now live in hopes of having swimming baths erected by next season, as excavations have already been begun. One can almost visualise, too, the football ground in the gully.

The block of four new class-rooms, recently erected on the site of the old agriculture plots, is now in use. New dormitories are in course of erection, and on their completion, next term the detached building at present used as a dormitory will be available for the much-needed library.

We are pleased to learn that the Camera Club has now been reconstituted, and we anticipate some pictorial masterpieces from its enthusiastic members.

CADET NOTES.

(A. Beck and K. Wetere.)

The beginning of the term found us deprived not only of the services of Lieutenant Earl, but also of those of all our senior N.C.O.'s. Owing, however, to the high standard attained in previous years, the latter vacancies have been quite successfully filled.

The most outstanding feature in connection with the Cadets is the increase in our contingent, due largely to the amalgamation of the Boys' High School with the local Technical School. Perhaps this increase is more noticeable in our Senior Company, where it means the addition of two extra platoons. The two companies, which were formerly distinguished by the numbers 24 and 110, are now known as A and B companies.

We would like here to offer our congratulations to Lieutenants Dyer and Kerr on gaining their captaincies.

As usual, our annual camp was held early in March, and we were delighted to learn that the scene of our activities was to be the Showgrounds, three miles out of town. We would like to thank the A. and P. Association for the use of their property.

The morning of Friday, March 11th, found us on our way to the Showgrounds, there to pitch the temporary canvas homes, with which the senior boys, at any rate,

were well acquainted. From former experience we found it advisable, that evening, to slacken our guy ropes, for the weather was very typical of Taranaki. With one exception Nature vented its wrath only in the dark hours of evening. Thus it was we were exceedingly fortunate in having but one wet day during the whole camp.

The following are the members of the Permanent and School's 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; Major L. W. Andrew, V.C., N.Z.S.C., adjutant; Regimental Sergt.-Major J. J. R. Bell, N.Z.P.S., and the following Staff Sergt.-Majors, J. Corkill (Quartermaster), A. E. Stevens, C. S. Mahoney and Rowe. The following School officers were also present: Major G. F. Bertrand (O.C. Cadet Contingent), Captain A. L. Moore (second in command), Captain A. J. Papps, Captain H. G. Dyer (O.C. A Company), Lieutenants F. J. Eggleton, J. Leggat and H. H. Skelton (platoon commanders); Captain V. E. Kerr (O.C. B Company), Lieutenant R. C. Wilson (platoon commander). The following also assisted: Messrs. J. D. Roulston, E. McKeon, A. Blundell, W. Shrimpton, L. Bryant and W. Wickham.

During the early part of the camp our School Chaplain was away in Hamilton. Our sincere thanks are due to Lieut.-Colonel Archdeacon Evans, who kindly consented to officiate until the return of the Rev. Strong.

We wish to express our gratitude to Messrs. J. W. Connell, J. Dobson and G. Pope for so unselfishly sacrificing their own time to supervise the running of the canteen, and also to Messrs. A. G. Johnson and A. W. Diprose for assisting with their cars.

There was certainly no lack of entertainment. After our first evening meal, we assembled on the battalion parade ground to display our own musical talent. Fortunately we had no audience. On Sunday afternoon a very enjoyable concert was given by the Regimental Band. On Monday night we were entertained by the School Orchestra, and also by that band of world-wide fame—Trehey's Original Nighthawks. On Wednesday night a concert party from town provided an excellent

programme, which we greatly appreciated. The School wireless set was installed, but unfortunately it was not in good working order till near the end of the camp. Besides all these, music from many weird varieties of instruments could be heard issuing from almost every tent.

We continued ordinary camp routine until Thursday afternoon, when a sham fight was arranged for A Company. The two junior platoons were detailed to defend an old pa, while the remaining four attacked it. Unfortunately we were pressed for time and could not finish.

With the aid of Major Bertrand (O.C. Cadet Contingent), Captain L. W. Andrew, V.C., N.Z.S.C., gave a demonstration with the Vickers and Lewis guns, after he had explained the mechanism of each. After the demonstration, Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Whyte complimented us on the general behaviour and discipline of the camp. He said this was due to our school training.

The next day, Friday, we broke camp and returned to School.

HOUSE NOTES.

(W. Watt and R. J. O'Dea.)

When we returned to School after the Christmas vacation we were sorry to learn that the ranks of last year's senior boarders had been seriously depleted. While we would have been very pleased to have had them with us again this year, at the same time we fully realise that there comes a stage in the life of every boy when he must leave his school days behind him and play his part in the affairs of the outside world. We would like here to take this opportunity of wishing last year's senior boys every success in their future careers.

On the other hand, the beginning of the term also witnessed the arrival of some 60 new boarders. As is usual among new boys, there was for the first few days an air of restraint. However, friendships were soon made; the boys soon became accustomed to boarding life; and most of them did not take long to discover that a dose of castor oil is not part of the school routine.

We note with very great interest and pleasure the numerous additions that have recently been made to the School buildings. Among the most important from the boarders' point of view are the new dormitories, which, we understand, are to be finished by the end of this term. During past years we have been greatly handicapped with regard to boarding accommodation, and the completion of these dormitories will greatly relieve the pressure in other houses. The new buildings comprise two dormitories (each to accommodate about 20 boys), a shower room, drying room, and a master's bedroom and sitting-room.

Another very welcome improvement is the addition to the dining-room (to the extent of some 20 feet), with the result that the seats and tables can now be much more conveniently spaced than hitherto.

The gymnasium, the money for which was raised by the untiring efforts of the Old Boys of the School, has now reached completion. Constructed after the style of the Coronation Hall, it possesses a splendid floor, which we hope will be used for dancing classes in the winter term. Physical drill, which was formerly held in the Assembly Hall, is now held in the Gym. Apparatus, in the form of vaulting horses, horizontal and parallel bars, ladders, Roman rings, etc., has been ordered from Home, and is expected next term.

For some years past the School has suffered materially through lack of a well-equipped library. Fortunately this defect is shortly to be remedied by the conversion of the present "knee" house into a library. A totally new set of books is to be purchased; reading desks are to be installed, and henceforth the library should prove one of the School's most valuable institutions.

The weather being particularly favourable, the swimming pool has been a very popular resort this term. Excavation is shortly to be commenced near the Gym, preparatory to the erection of up-to-date swimming baths, which, when completed, will undoubtedly be a great asset to the School.

The Wireless Club is again in full swing, and the new room recently constructed for experimental purposes should prove a great acquisition to the club. So far practically nothing in this direction has been attempted, but

a grant of £14 has been made by the Board, as it is realised that experimental work is necessary for the success of a club. It is understood that a short wave set is to be installed, and the present receiver is to be converted into a "Browning-Drake."

At the close of last year we were sorry to learn of the departure from the boarding staff of Mr. Leggat and Mr. Earl. Mr. Leggat, who has since "joined the ranks of the Benedicts," has not left us altogether, but is still on the staff as a day master. Just before the annual break-up last year the boarders presented him with a suit-case as a token of the esteem in which he was held during his term as senior housemaster. We extend Mr. Leggat our heartiest congratulations, and wish him success and prosperity in his new phase of life. Mr. Earl has taken up a position on the staff of Christ's College, where we hope he will have every success. By his departure the Old Boys' cricket and football clubs have lost a prominent playing member.

It is our very pleasant duty to welcome to the staff two new masters—Mr. L. V. Bryant and Mr. W. Wickham. We hope their sojourn with us will be a long and pleasant one.

Since the departure of Mr. Leggat the duties of senior housemaster have fallen upon the shoulders of Mr. R. Wilson. We wish Mr. Wilson every success, and we hope it will be some time yet before the persuasive powers of the feminine sex induce him to emulate the action of his predecessor.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating A. Moverley on being promoted to the position of Head Boy of the School, and G. S. Anderson on being appointed Head Boarder.

There was quite a reunion recently of last year's Sixth Formers, when "Doc" Noonan, "Cully" MacDiarmid, "Tiger" Tonks, "Curry" Buckeridge and Jack Galbraith met in Christchurch, en route to Varsity. "Curry," "Doc," "Tiger" and "Gally" are all attending Canterbury College. The three first mentioned are in residence at Rolleston House, while "Gally" has joined some of his old school mates at College House. "Cully," who is studying medicine at Otago Varsity, is in residence at Knox College.

A somewhat new phase of boarding life recently showed itself. A certain ingenious boy, unable to obtain in the time-table the requisite apprenticeship he required for his future noble profession (namely, that of a tonsorial artist), decided to set up on his own account on the school premises. His fee was 3d—entirely nominal, as he afterwards discovered. Unfortunately he soon had to go into liquidation, his failure being due not so much to the objections of the caretaker as to the fact that, although he professed to be familiar with all the regulation clips, his patrons declared that the only one he had successfully mastered was the "bungle."

As far as contributions to the humorous side of the school life are concerned, boarders always appear well to the fore. One of our budding prefects, answering an invitation to a wedding, worded his reply thus: "I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the wedding ceremony, but I will be sure to be present at the breakfast." Another reply to the same invitation ran as follows: "I have colossal pleasure in accepting your kind invitation in the affirmative."

CRICKET NOTES.

(H. Fookes.)

The cricket team this season, although not quite so strong in batting as in former years, has shown that it is able to compete with the best teams in the town. At the beginning of this year we found that many of our best players had left, and had it not been for the second and third elevens we would not have been able to field a very strong side. It is here that we have to thank all masters who so ungrudgingly gave up their time in order to coach the junior players. Had it not been for their efforts the School elevens would have been of a very low order.

On December 19th and 21st we played Nelson College on our own grounds, and had it not been for the squally weather we might have made amends for our defeat in 1925. We wish to congratulate R. Fletcher on compiling a century in the first innings of this match, and also L. Petty on gaining a place in the 1926-27 Taranaki representative team.

During the Christmas vacation the School team was sadly depleted, but with the inclusion of some day boys from the junior elevens we managed to play out the first round. Before losing over half its regular members the eleven had not suffered one defeat, and consequently was leading in the championship.

The second round of the competition commenced during the Christmas holidays, and from that time the eleven has failed to secure a victory. The only bright displays were given against Old Boys A and Western Park, when School made 208 against the former and were within 13 runs of the latter.

On March 23rd the first eleven travelled to Wanganui to play the annual match with the Collegiate team. After dismissing Wanganui for a comparatively small score, School could not compile enough runs to prevent an innings defeat.

THE NELSON MATCH.

(December 19th and 21st.)

The Nelson team arrived on December 17th and were met at the station by members of the School team and motored to Marsland View. On Sunday both teams visited Mt. Egmont. The match was concluded on the Monday, and the visitors left for South the following day.

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

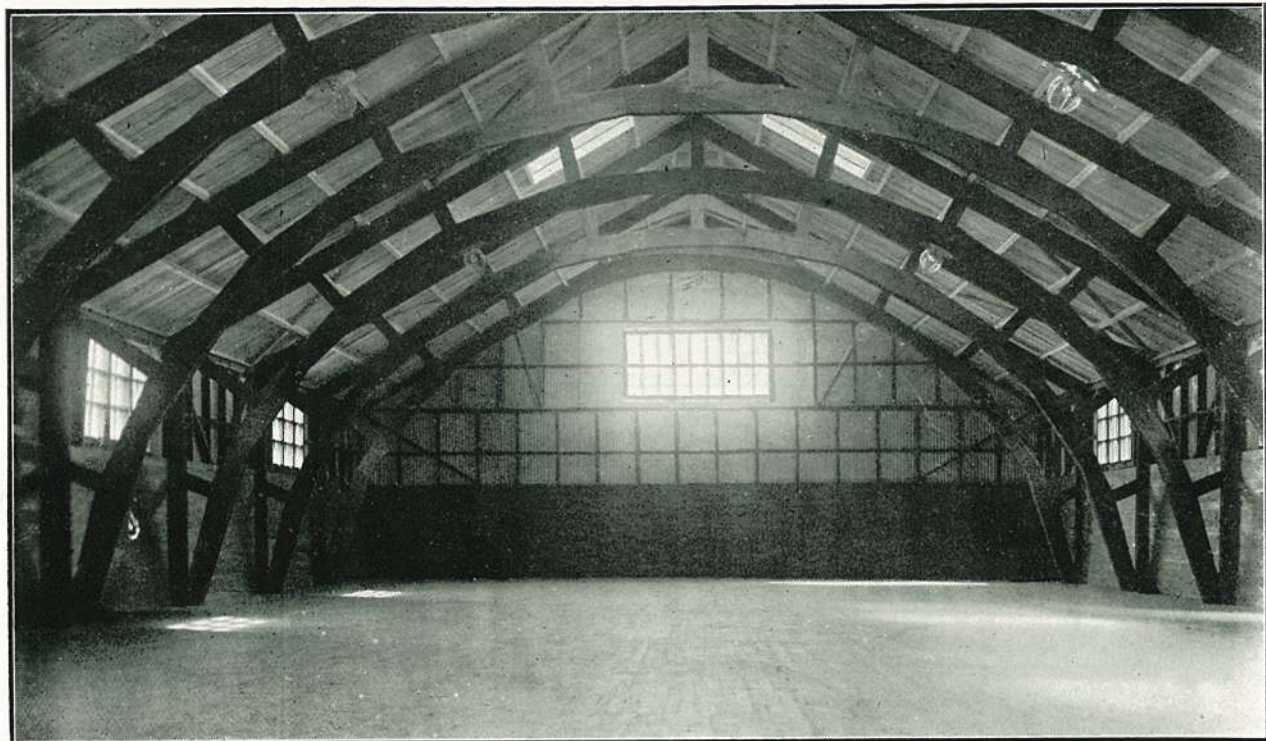
Featured by a splendid century by R. Fletcher, who closes his school career with the honour of a score of 135 against a visiting College cricket team, the first innings of the New Plymouth Boys' High School cricket eleven in their match against Nelson College realised the substantial total of 242. An equally fine individual effort by A. Newman, for 76, was the chief contributing factor in Nelson's reply of 169, and the visitors were thus 73 runs behind on the first innings. High School then returned to the wickets for half an hour and lost one wicket for five runs in their second innings.

The fact that the scores were comparatively substantial was largely due to the excellence of the wicket, which played splendidly throughout the afternoon. This,

combined with the comfort of a perfect afternoon, made the day a batsman's day. School won the toss and made full use of the opportunity of batting first. The brunt of the attack fell on A. Newman, a medium to fast off-break bowler, and Johnson, a medium left-hander.

Ewart and H. Fookes were dismissed early, and School had two wickets down for four runs, but Beck and Fletcher became associated in a solid partnership that brought the score to 92 before the former was caught. He played very patiently for his 19, which was an invaluable effort at a critical stage. Fletcher continued to play a fighting innings, and, despairing of getting rid of him, the Nelson captain, after several changes, brought on the slow leg-break bowler, Buchanan. Fletcher, who was then in the fifties, jumped out in an attempt to lift his first ball out of the ground, but he mistimed it, and gave an easy chance to mid-off. The chance was not accepted, however, and Fletcher celebrated his escape by lifting a six and driving a four in quick succession. Buchanan tempted both Beck and Hayward into their undoing during his first two overs, but Fletcher thoroughly appreciated the slows, and in Buchanan's fourth over banged his first three balls for six, four and six, bringing up his century amidst prolonged applause. Playing powerfully and in grand style, Fletcher continued to score freely all round the wicket. He gave three or four chances altogether, but two of them were difficult ones. Finally he touched an off ball from R. Newman into slips, where A. Newman took a brilliant one-hand catch. The only other batsmen to make a stand were H. Fookes, who played his best innings of the season for 30 before Johnson took his wicket, and Petty, who scored 17 quickly before he lifted Johnson to Buddle. The last three batsmen scored only two runs, and the innings closed for 242. The Nelson fielding was smart during the first half-hour, but after that deteriorated, the throwing-in from the field being very erratic.

Nelson opened their innings at 2.30 p.m., Buchanan and Bryant facing the bowling of Petty and H. Fookes. Bryant had scored only a single when H. Fookes clean bowled him with his second ball; 3—1—1. A. Newman, who came in with a reputation as a big scorer, opened his account with a couple of powerful cuts to the boundary. In partnership with Buchanan he sneaked singles at every



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possible opportunity. At five Buchanan jumped out of his crease to H. Fookes and completely missed him, but the ball also beat the wicket-keeper, and a good chance of stumping was lost. With four men in slips and a stiff breeze behind him, Petty rocked balls down on the off, but the batsmen allowed plenty to go by, and took no risks. H. Fookes continually mystified both batsmen, but the runs came steadily, and 50 appeared after 40 minutes' play.

Ewart replaced H. Fookes, and in his second over clean bowled Buchanan, who had scored 14 singles out of a total of 18; 60—2—14. After bowling nine overs for 22 runs without taking a wicket, Petty was replaced by Beck. Buddle opened his account by gliding Beck sweetly to leg, but was given out l.b.w. to Ewart after a short stay; 70—3—6. A smart return by Galbraith from a square cut by Newman gave Hayward his chance, and the bails were off in a flash before Holly could reach the crease; 75—4—0. Newman continued to play splendid cricket, keeping everything on the carpet and using his long reach to best advantage. Petty came back in place of Beck, who had relieved him for three overs, and A. Newman brought his own score to 50 and the total to 93 by pulling Petty to the fine leg boundary. Larkin was given a turn with the ball, and Newman brought 100 up on the board by pulling Larkin's first ball to the leg boundary.

After the afternoon tea adjournment, H. Fookes and Beck took up the attack. The former could not strike a length, but A. Newman and Guy played very cautiously. Ewart, who had been keeping a good length throughout the day, came on at the north end, and completely beat Newman with a leg break that nipped sharply into the wickets. Newman had played a fine innings, and received an ovation; 130—5—76. Guy and Johnson continued to bat steadily, the former reaching double figures in quick time, but in opening out to Ewart he was brilliantly taken by K. Fookes at deep mid-off, the fieldsman springing into the air to take the catch well above his head; 142—6—10. R. Newman was the next man, but he had hardly settled down before he mishit Ewart, playing the ball on to the wickets; 148—7—5. The eighth and ninth wickets fell in quick succession, Ewart securing a triumph with the ball. Tombs was clean bowled for

two, and Shuttleworth tipped a good length ball, to be smartly taken by Hayward behind the wickets. Ahrens was last man, and after scoring a single, square cut H. Fookes nicely to the boundary. Guy and Ahrens blocked anything near the wicket and though they scored few runs were hard to move. Ahrens was finally bowled by Petty for 12 runs, giving the representative trundler his first wicket for the day. Guy secured the not out with a very patient 20.

School opened their second innings at 6 p.m., Ewart and Beck facing A. Newman and Johnson. To Newman's fourth ball Ewart put his leg in front, and Beck and K. Fookes played out time.

The match was continued on the Monday.

Heavy rain, which set in at 3.30 p.m. and continued for the rest of the afternoon, caused the abandonment of the cricket match between New Plymouth Boys' High School and Nelson College, on the High School ground. The game therefore ended in a draw.

Following on their first innings score of 242, High School in their second innings made 166. As Nelson College had compiled 169 in their first innings, they were faced with the task of making 239 in their second innings in order to win the match. When play was abandoned they had lost seven wickets for a total of 155 runs, so that with three wickets in hand they still wanted 84 runs. School were thus in a good position had the weather remained fine.

With the exception of 11 by Beck, School's second innings was practically a three batsmen effort, the third, fourth and fifth batsmen amassing 137 runs out of the total of 166. A popular success was that of K. Fookes, the School captain, who made a valuable 57. Fletcher again came to light with a fighting 44, and Hayward, batting in promising style, made a useful 36. None of these batsmen, however, showed the form of A. Newman during his splendid exhibition of the previous day.

In exemplification of his undoubted superiority as the best all round cricketer on the field, Newman trundled with fine accuracy the second day, taking eight wickets for 55 runs. As captain, he handled his team and his fielding with commendable judgment.

The most successful of the Nelson batsmen were Buchanan (53) and Guy (24), both of them the essence of patience. They had an uphill fight, and fought it with a dogged determination. Rain fell continuously during the last half-hour of play, so the scores of the last batsmen and the bowling averages were hardly a fair indication of the players' ability. Ewart bowled Nelson's most dangerous man with a trimmer. Petty was of no avail with the ball when he opened the attack, but on his return to the crease later he took four wickets in no time, bowling fast, and seemed as if he had returned to form, his length being much better than before. School's fielding was not as good as it was on the first day, though it was by no means weak. Hayward, behind the wickets, gave a good exhibition. Nelson's fielding, on the other hand, showed an improvement, though the throwing in was not at all accurate.

Beck (1) and K. Fookes (4) opened the second day's play to the bowling of A. Newman and Johnson. Neither of the batsmen was at home, the bowling from either end constantly beating them. Before reaching double figures Beck lifted Newman to point, but the chance was not accepted. K. Fookes gave a chance behind the wickets off A. Newman, and next over brought 30 up with a couple of boundaries.

Buchanan, the slow leg-break bowler, was brought on at the south end in place of Johnson, and made good at once, leading Beck into a simple trap, the left-hander spooning an easy one round to short leg; 37—2—11. Fletcher was the newcomer, and Buchanan, having served his purpose in breaking up the Fookes—Beck partnership, was wisely taken off. Accurate bowling by R. Newman and Johnson, and smart fielding kept both batsmen quiet. R. Newman had no luck with the ball, K. Fookes giving two chances in one over, the first in slips and the second, a fairly simple one, to deep mid-on. Fletcher brought 70 up with a powerful boundary, and next over K. Fookes survived a confident appeal for a catch behind the wicket off Johnson. Fletcher brought the century up with a stylish drive to the off boundary, both he and Fookes being then in the forties.

With the score at 117, A. Newman, who had come on again at the north end, clean bowled K. Fookes. The retiring batsman had scored 57, a most meritorious performance, which, though rather lucky, had done much to place School in a commanding position. Almost immediately A. Newman clean bowled Fletcher with a beautiful length ball; 120—4—44. Fletcher had played a sterling innings, though he was not as confident or as aggressive as in the first innings. Hayward and Petty were the new partnership, the former surviving two appeals for l.b.w. Petty failed to settle down, and after an uneasy few minutes spooned a simple one round to short leg. H. Fookes lost his wicket to a trimmer from A. Newman that just nipped the leg bail, and Larkin, who came next, stepped right in front to his first ball from Newman. Hayward continued to play good cricket, and soon reached the thirties, but Galbraith was not happy, and finally was clean bowled by A. Newman. Hayward went soon afterwards, spooning an easy one to mid-off from Newman's bowling. Medley did not last long, and the innings closed for 166, leaving Nelson to make 239 to win.

Nelson commenced their second innings just before the luncheon adjournment. Play had hardly resumed after lunch when Bryant tipped one from H. Fookes, and Hayward took a smart catch behind the wickets; 22—1—15. A. Newman and Buchanan carried the score to 60, the latter scoring freely by means of well-judged leg glides. At 15 Newman was beaten by a clinker from Ewart, who had replaced H. Fookes at the north end. Ewart and Beck kept the runs down, but could make no impression against Buchanan and Guy. The score mounted slowly but steadily to 100, and the applause with which the hoisting of the century was greeted had hardly died away when Petty, who had come on again at the south end, caught and bowled Buchanan; 100—4—53. Buchanan had played a fine defensive innings, well deserving his half-century. Rain, which had been threatening all the afternoon, set in, and the bowlers trundled under a heavy handicap. Holly had not played himself in when Petty spread-eagled his stumps with a fast one; 116—5—9. The newcomer, Johnson, put his leg in front to Petty during the same over; 118—6—2. R. Newman was clean bowled without opening his account, but Guy

and Tombs profited by the effect of the rain on the bowlers, and added 37 runs before stumps were drawn.

Messrs. W. P. Nicoll and W. C. Weston acted as umpires.

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Beck, c. R. Newman, b. Buchanan	..	..	..	19
Ewart, c. Buchanan, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	4
K. Fookes, l.b.w., b. A. Newman	..	..	..	0
Fletcher, c. A. Newman, b. R. Newman	..	..	..	131
Hayward, c. Shuttleworth, b. Buchanan	..	..	..	7
Petty, c. Buddle, b. Johnson	..	..	..	17
H. Fookes, b. Johnson	..	..	..	30
Larkin, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	7
Galbraith, c. Shuttleworth, b. Johnson	..	..	..	0
R. Batger, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	0
Medley, not out	..	..	..	2
Extras	..	..	..	25
Total	..	..	..	242

Bowling analysis.—Johnson took three wickets for 55 runs; A. Newman, four for 71; Guy, none for 18; R. Newman, one for 20; Buchanan, two for 53.

Second Innings.

Beck, c. Holly, b. Buchanan	..	..	..	11
Ewart, l.b.w., b. A. Newman	..	..	..	0
K. Fookes, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	57
Fletcher, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	44
Hayward, c. Buddle, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	36
Petty, c. Buddle, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	1
H. Fookes, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	4
Larkin, l.b.w., b. A. Newman	..	..	..	0
Galbraith, b. A. Newman	..	..	..	2
R. Batger, not out	..	..	..	1
Medley, c. Buddle, b. Johnson	..	..	..	2
Extras	..	..	..	8
Total	..	..	..	166

Bowling analysis.—A. Newman took eight wickets for 55 runs; Johnson, one for 51; Buchanan, one for 8; R. Newman, none for 31; Guy, none for 13.

NELSON COLLEGE.

First Innings.

Buchanan, b. Ewart	18
Bryant, b. H. Fookes	1
A. Newman, b. Ewart	76
Buddle, l.b.w., b. Ewart	6
Holly, run out	0
Guy, not out	20
Johnson, c. K. Fookes, b. Ewart	10
R. Newman, b. Ewart	5
Tombs, b. Ewart	2
Shuttleworth, c. Hayward, b. Ewart	0
Ahrens, b. Petty	12
Extras	19
Total	169

Bowling analysis.—Ewart took seven wickets for 35 runs; Petty, one for 35; H. Fookes, one for 56; Beck, none for 17; Larkin, none for 7.

Second Innings.

Buchanan, c. and b. Petty	53
Bryant, c. Hayward, b. H. Fookes	15
A. Newman, b. Ewart	15
Buddle, c. Fletcher, b. Ewart	5
Guy, not out	24
Holly, b. Petty	8
Johnson, l.b.w., b. Petty	2
R. Newman, b. Petty	0
Tombs, not out	18
Extras	15
Total (for seven wickets)	155

Bowling analysis.—Petty took four wickets for 68 runs; H. Fookes, one for 18; Ewart, two for 34; Beck, none for 20.

THE WANGANUI MATCH.

(March 24th and 25th.)

On Wednesday, March 23rd, the School team travelled to Wanganui to play their annual match against Wanganui College. The game was commenced on Thursday morning and was completed the following day. During their stay, the members of the School team were most hospitably entertained by the Wanganui people.

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

A slow wicket and a dead outfield, the outcome of several days' wet weather, made conditions somewhat unsatisfactory when the New Plymouth High School met Wanganui Collegiate School on the College ground in their annual match on Thursday, March 24th. The wet wicket after the overnight rain caused the postponement of play until the afternoon, and a heavy shower just before 2 o'clock postponed play further.

Collegiate School eventually went in first and scored 173, when stumps were drawn.

Wanganui's innings did not open auspiciously. Hudson and Bunny, the opening pair, were early snapped up by good catches close to the wicket and, when Cato was caught by Ewart, three wickets were down for 30 runs.

Mason and Giesen batted brightly for their runs, and the total reached 80 in a short time. Gaddum was finally caught in deep field off Larkin.

Collegiate were finally dismissed for 173. In topping the score with 30 runs, Giesen played correct strokes all round the wicket, and never forced the bowling, though a number of tempting balls were sent down. Mason and Gaddum were forceful, the latter being particularly so. Barton, McDougall and Burke forced the pace and scored their runs with solid strokes. Bunny played some brilliant strokes while at the wickets.

For New Plymouth, Allen, who captured four wickets for 35 runs, bowled very well, kept a nice length, and swung in from the leg. Petty was not quite up to his usual form, but nevertheless frequently disconcerted the batsmen. Beck, who took three for 35, bowled very consistently.

The match was continued the following day, when New Plymouth were faced with the task of scoring 173 to catch Collegiate School's first innings score.

In their second innings they were well on the way to staving off defeat, but three wickets went cheaply.

Beck and Gibbons, the opening pair, played on a wicket that certainly was of assistance to the bowlers, but, as the day wore on, the pitch improved. Barton and McDougall were entrusted with the bowling, and McDougall immediately got to work. With the total at nine Gibbons was clean bowled and, six runs later, Beck followed.

Wickets then fell with monotonous regularity to the bowling of McDougall. The total was 29 at the fall of the eighth wicket, when Moverley and Ewart became associated.

The pair batted cautiously and slowly, the total rising by singles to 40. Ewart then hit out and, at 51, was well caught by Bunny at mid-off. The last wicket fell with the total at 54.

McDougall and Hornabrook bowled really well. Assisted by a cross breeze McDougall swung dangerously from the leg side, and his consistently good length proved disconcerting. Hornabrook, a medium slow leg break bowler, adopted the very successful tactics of tossing the ball well up. Herein lay his success, as the visiting batsmen tried to punch him. Each bowler came out of the ordeal with five wickets for 14 runs, McDougall, with six maidens in 12 overs, being the more consistent.

Ewart and Moverley, the two top scorers of the first innings, opened New Plymouth's second venture, but things did not go well. With only three byes on the telegraph both batsmen were dismissed.

Beck and Gibbons then became associated in a careful partnership, which carried the score to 34 before Gibbons was smartly caught by Bunny off Barton. Palmer was caught off the same bowler a few balls later.

Beck and Allen carried the score to 58, when Barton got a good one past Beck. Allen was joined by Larkin and the score mounted slowly. At 79 Allen was very foolishly run out. He had played a fine uphill innings. Larkin lifted an easy ball into the safe hands of Giesen, and Petty was run out a few minutes later.



THE DRAWING OFFICE AND ENGINEERING LECTURE ROOM.



THE WOODWORK ROOM,

The telegraph was altered from 74 for six to 84 for nine when C. Brown was clean bowled by Mason. The innings closed for 85 runs, or 34 short of the Collegiate first innings score.

The scores are:—

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Bunny, c. Allen, b. Petty	13
Hudson, c. Andrews, b. Allen	3
Cato, c. Ewart, b. Allen	11
Mason, c. Beck, b. Allen	20
Giesen, b. Allen	30
Hornabrook, b. Petty	6
Barton, c. Palmer, b. Beck	17
Gaddum, c. Beck, b. Larkin	26
McDougall, c. Brown, b. Beck	14
Burke, b. Beck	15
Adams, not out	8
Extras	10
Total	173

Bowling analysis.—Petty took two wickets for 63 runs; Allen, four for 35; Andrews, none for 25; Beck, three for 35; Larkin, one for 5.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

First Innings.

Beck, b. McDougall	5
Gibbons, b. McDougall	3
Palmer, c. Hornabrook, b. McDougall	2
Larkin, b. McDougall	0
Allen, c. Bunny, b. McDougall	2
Petty, b. Hornabrook	4
H. Brown, st. Gaddum, b. Hornabrook	3
Ewart, c. Bunny, b. Hornabrook	15
Andrews, c. McDougall, b. Hornabrook	1
Moyerley, not out	17
C. Brown, c. Burke, b. Hornabrook	1
Extras	11
Total	54

Bowling analysis.—Barton took no wickets for 8 runs; McDougall, five for 14; Hornabrook, five for 14; Mason, none for 2; Hudson, none for 3; Andrews, none for 2.

Second Innings.

Ewart, c. Gaddum, b. McDougall	..	..	0
Moverley, c. Mason, b. Hornabrook	..	..	0
Beck, b. Barton	..	..	17
Gibbons, c. Bunny, b. Barton	..	..	13
Palmer, c. Gaddum, b. Barton	..	..	0
Allen, run out	..	..	20
Larkin, c. Giesen, b. Hudson	..	..	1
Petty, run out	..	..	1
H. Brown, b. Hornabrook	..	..	3
Andrews, not out	..	..	4
Brown, b. Mason	..	..	1
Extras	..	..	17
Total	..	..	85

Bowling analysis.—Hornabrook took two wickets for 24 runs; McDougall, two for 15; Hudson, one for 13; Bunny, none for 7; Barton, two for 7; Mason, one for 1.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

V. Old Boys (October 16 and 23).—Won by 59 runs. Old Boys, first innings, 113 runs (Petty seven wickets for 42, Ewart two for 29, H. Fookes one for 29); second innings 19 runs (Petty six for 12, H. Fookes two for 7). School, first innings 106 runs (Petty 35, Larkin 13, Medley 10, Allen 12), second innings 85 (H. Fookes 21, Hayward 19, Larkin 11).

V. Old Boys A (November 4 and 6).—Won by six runs on first innings. Old Boys, first innings 103 runs (Petty four for 28, H. Fookes four for 35, J. Ewart one for 12). School, first innings 109 runs (K. Fookes 11, Fletcher 22, Galbraith 13, Larkin 37); second innings 158 for nine wickets (Beck 16, K. Fookes 22, Fletcher 28, Petty 23, Ewart 35, H. Fookes 11).

V. Urenui (November 13).—Won by 20 runs on first innings). Urenui, first innings 25 runs (Petty four for 9, H. Fookes six for 14); second innings 58 runs (Petty two for 20, H. Fookes two for 17, Ewart five for 5). School, first innings 45 runs (Fletcher 10).

School v. New Plymouth (December 11).—Unfinished on account of Nelson match. Finally School defaulted. New Plymouth, first innings 235 runs (Fookes two for 53, Beck two for 15, Ewart two for 39). School, first innings 63 for two wickets (K. Fookes 20 not out, J. Ewart 17, Beck 16).

V. Western Park (January 8).—Lost by an innings and 86 runs. Western Park, first innings 262 for six wickets (Petty two for 97, Hetherington three for 32). School, first innings 57; second innings 119 (Petty 44, Larkin 27, Hetherington 27).

V. Old Boys B (January 29).—Lost by four wickets and 89 runs. Old Boys, 185 runs for six wickets. School, first innings 96 runs (Ewart 29); second innings 62 for four wickets.

V. Old Boys A (March 5).—Drawn. Old Boys, 41 for five wickets (Petty three for 14, Fookes two for 20). School, 208 for nine wickets (Beck 81, Gibbons 51, Larkin 27, Palmer 14 not out).

V. Western Park (March 26).—Lost by 13 runs. Western Park, 111 runs (Petty two for 24, Fookes three for 29, Beck three for 14, Palmer one for 13). School, 98 runs (Beck 35, Petty 15, Palmer 13, Hayward 10).

V. New Plymouth (April 2).—Lost by 91 runs. New Plymouth, 141 runs for five wickets (Petty one for 36, Fookes two for 30, Larkin one for 4). School, 50 (Beck 13, Hayward 15, Brown 9 not out).

On December 4 a match was played against Country B, which was won by an innings and 128 runs. Country B, first innings 25 runs (Fletcher four for 11, H. Fookes six for 10); second innings 63 runs (Beck three for 26, J. Ewart five for 20, Harris two for 1). School, first innings 216 runs (Beck 58, Fletcher 48, Galbraith 26, H. Fookes 29, Batger 15, Larkin 12).

During November a friendly match was played against Waverley. School won by an innings and 178 runs. Waverley made 61 in each innings, while School made 300 (Beck 78 retired, K. Fookes 71, Fletcher 59, Galbraith 31, Ewart 18).

BATTING AVERAGES.

Batsman.	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
Fletcher, R.	10	0	131	324	32.4
Beck, A.	7	0	78	212	30.3
Fookes, K.	8	1	71	190	23.8
Fookes, H.	8	1	33	153	19.1
Ewart, J.	10	1	60	180	18.0
Petty, L.	9	0	44	140	15.6
Hayward, W.	8	0	36	99	12.4
Larkin, M.	10	0	23	85	8.5
Allen, E. P.	6	1	12	45	7.6
Galbraith, J.	9	0	26	48	5.4
Batger, R.	10	2	15	53	5.3
Ewart, G.	6	1	11	30	5.0
Medley, J.	10	2	10	40	4.0

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowler.	No. of Runs.	No. of Wickets.	Average.
Ewart J.	199	24	8.3
Fookes, H.	248	24	10.3
Beck, A.	73	5	14.6
Petty, L.	363	24	15.1
Allen, E. P.	118	5	23.6
Ewart, G.	96	4	24.0

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

(R. W. O'Neill.)

Since the last Magazine was published there have been many changes in connection with the Agricultural Course. In the first place the boys taking Agriculture are now in special forms for different years—that is to say, there are third, fourth and fifth form Agricultural Classes. Then the syllabus of instruction has now been extended to include such subjects as Woodwork, metal-

work, Electricity, and Magnetism and Internal Combustion Engines. As regards Agriculture itself, we have been very busy this term with outside work. The sowing of 14 packets of seed obtained from the Royal Danish Agricultural Society, the lining out of 2200 Eucalypts and 700 Cupressus Lawsoniana and 500 Pinus-radiata, and the sowing of a couch-infested area in oats and tares, all kept us busy for some considerable time. During March we pulled and weighed the soft turnips (Danish seed) and carried out a palatability trial with them. Early in the same month we attended the Agricultural Society's Show and a number of us competed in the cow-judging competition. On the occasion of Mr. John Hale's dispersal sale of his famous Pedigree Jerseys, the fourth and fifth form boys were allowed to visit Holly Oak and spent a pleasant and instructive day there.

ROOT-CROP EXPERIMENT AT HOBSON STREET PLOTS.

With Seeds Supplied by the Royal Danish Agricultural Society, Copenhagen.

The following account is taken from the Herald:— Altogether 14 packets of seeds were supplied, consisting of seven varieties of soft turnips, three of Swedes, two of mangolds, and two of carrots. So far only the soft turnips have been pulled and weighed. The swedes, mangolds and carrots are still making growth, and the results of their trial will be published later. It is interesting to note that for one variety of swede—Bangholm, Herning Strain—the Royal Danish Agricultural Society claims that it possesses great capacity for resisting club-root (*Plasmodiophora brassicae*), but that it is only to be recommended where the soil is much infected by club-root. On land where the soil is not infected by this disease it gives a much smaller yield than other good varieties. However, at the School plots it has made very satisfactory growth and promises to give a very fair yield of well-shaped roots.

The following is the result of the Soft Turnip Trial:
N.B.: The foliage was removed before weighing.

Name.	Yield in tons per acre.		Remarks.
	Tons.	Cwt.	
1. Yellow Tankard, Pajbjerg V.	28	11	Green-headed with yellow flesh, rather long, smooth and with high percentage of dry matter.
2. Greystone, Amagergaard V.	22	9	Reddish-grey heads, white flesh and almost globular with large foliage. Quick growing.
3. White Tankard, Roskilde V.	20	17	Red heads, white flesh, rather long and bulky at the root point; easy to lift; foliage very large.
4. Ostersundom, Amagergaard V.	19	17	Red heads, white flesh, rather long and somewhat conical in shape. Quick growing.
5. Fynsk, Bortfelder Hundslev VI.	18	0	Long yellow, almost cylindrical and with yellow flesh.
6. May Turnips, Marienlyst V.	15	7	Green heads, white flesh, flat rounded in shape and very easy to lift. Very quick growing. The yield is small, but the percentage of dry matter is high.
7. Dales Hybrid, Amagergaard V.	12	11	Green-headed, yellow flesh, globular, smooth and easy to lift.

PALATABILITY TEST WITH SOFT TURNIPS.

In connection with the soft turnips, a palatability test was carried out, the dairy herd on the School farm being used for the purpose. The turnips were pulled and carted out to a pasture field and one cow was let in at a time. Observations were taken as to the choice made by each cow and to the amount eaten. The turnips in order of palatability are:—

- 1—White Tankard Roskilde V.: Very quickly eaten.
- 2—Yellow Tankard Pajbjerg V.: Quickly eaten.
- 3—Greystone, Amagergaard V.: Fairly well liked.
- 4—Ostersundom, Amagergaard V.: Fairly well liked.
- 5—Fynsk Bortfelder Hundslev VI.: Not very palatable.
- 6—Dales Hybrid, Amagergaard V.: Not very palatable.
- 7—May Turnips, Marienlyst V.: Hardly touched.

COW-JUDGING.

The following appeared in the Taranaki Herald, March 30, 1927:—

BOYS' AND GIRLS' COMPETITION.

SHOW RESULTS.

The awards in the boys' and girls' cow-judging competitions held in conjunction with the recent show of the Taranaki Agricultural Society have been made by the judge, Mr. E. Griffiths, as follow:—

Class 172.—For Primary School Pupils (boys or girls).

Two Jersey cows to be judged. Prizes donated by the proprietor of The Taranaki Herald and Budget.

David Blackley and Monty Harvie (equal)	1
J. Fairbrother	3
M. Honeyfield	4

All pupils of the preparatory division of the New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Class 173.—For Secondary School Pupils (boys or girls).

Three Jersey cows to be judged. Prizes donated by the proprietor of The Taranaki Herald and Budget.

Jack Poole (New Plymouth Boys' High School)	1
Cyril Palmer (New Plymouth Boys' High School) ..	2
George Burwell (New Plymouth Boys' High School)	3
C. Walker (Stratford Technical High School) and A. J. Dickie, Claude Barrow, S. E. Downard and C. H. Bell (of New Plymouth Boys' High School), equal	4

Mr. E. Griffiths makes the following comments:—

Junior Competition.—The cards put in by the two boys who tied for first place indicate remarkable ability in boys so young; the boys not only understand their subject, but have expressed themselves clearly and concisely.

Senior Competition.—Whilst 75 per cent. of the cards placed the cows correctly, about eight were so good that they required repeated examination before they were

finally placed in order of merit. The cards were surprisingly good and showed that the boys and girls have taken a keen interest in the subject—an interest which must prove profitable to those who become dairy farmers later.

THE SPORTS DINNER.

(G. S. Anderson.)

On November 26 the Annual Sports Dinner was held in the dining hall. Besides Mr. Moyes and the staff, there were present all sports champions, school prefects and sixth-formers.

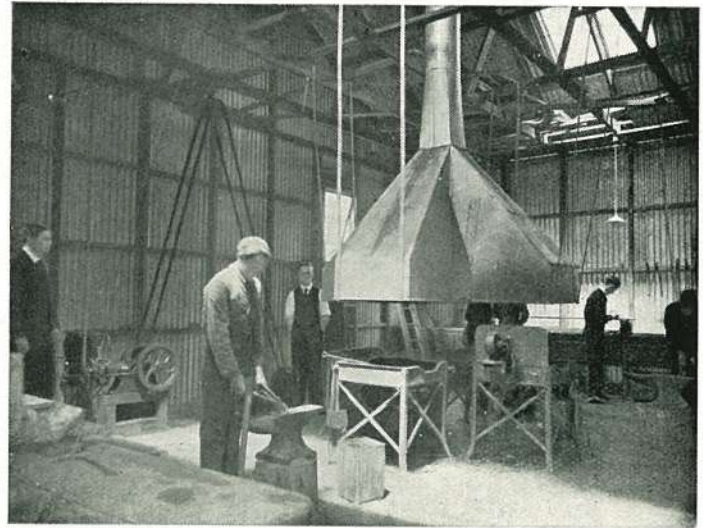
The tables were gaily bedecked with flowers and streamers, and the menu left nothing to be desired in both quality and quantity. Ample time was given for the repast before the toast-list was commenced.

The toast-list was opened by the proposal of the Royal toast by Mr. Moyes. The next toast, "The School," was proposed by T. Bailey, who pointed out the influence of school life and environment on a boy's character. This toast was responded to by F. Read, the Head Boy, who confirmed the remarks of the proposer, and stressed the importance of old boys keeping up their connection with the School.

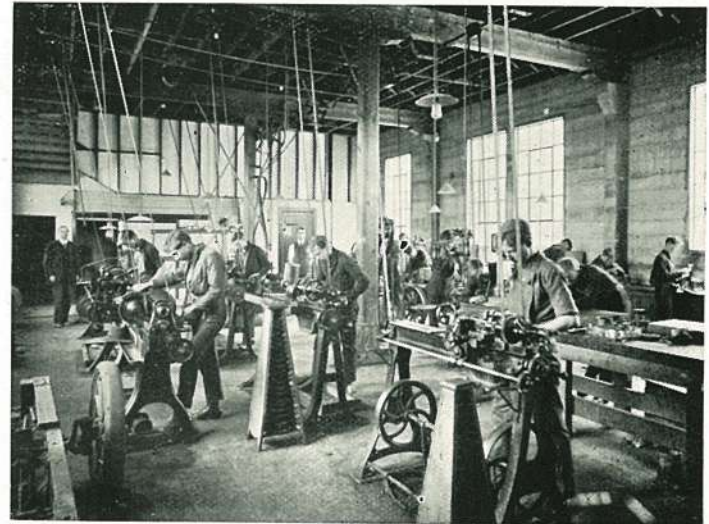
In proposing the toast of the staff, K. Wetere, in a brilliant and humorous speech, outlined the work of the staff and their connection with the boys as regards outdoor recreations. On behalf of the staff Mr. Johnson suitably replied.

"The First Fifteen" was proposed by J. Moore. He said that the fine standard of football in the team was due mainly to the untiring efforts of their coach, Mr. Papps. F. Read, as captain of the team, responded and expressed the hope that the traditions of the team would be carried on in years to come.

Next followed the toast of the "First Eleven," proposed by S. Anderson, who emphasised the fact of the masters giving up their own time to the coaching of the teams. K. Fookes, on behalf of the team, responded with a very fine speech interspersed with many witty remarks.



THE FORGE SHOP.



THE MACHINE SHOP.

J. Galbraith then proposed "School Institutions," remarking on the importance of the Magazine as an advertisement for the School. He also pointed out the necessity of a good library and hoped that it would soon be forthcoming. Mr. Earl, as chairman of the Magazine Committee, reminded the boys leaving that news of their whereabouts was always welcome, and Mr. Shrimpton, in a very witty speech, spoke on behalf of the Library Committee.

The toast for "The School Champions" was then proposed by J. Beaven, who remarked on the fine performances put up by the boys of that year. J. Buckeridge replied on behalf of the champions.

In proposing the toast of "Cadets and Shooting," B. Pease outlined the shooting record of the School, F. Davis replying on behalf of the committee.

"The Orchestra" was the next on the list. J. Medley, in proposing the toast, said that, although it was well down on the toast-list, it was one of the most important, as the orchestra was a very valuable asset to the School. He thanked Mr. Dobson for his untiring efforts as conductor of the orchestra. A. Moverley suitably responded, at the same time thanking Mr. Dobson on behalf of the orchestra.

K. Wetere proposed the toast of boys leaving, stressing the necessity of these boys joining the Old Boys' Club. E. Tonks, in reply, said that, although they were leaving the School, they would endeavour to keep up their connections with it.

F. Read then proposed a toast not actually on the list—that of Mr. and Mrs. Moyes—and made particular mention of their hospitality to visiting teams. Mr. Moyes replied on behalf of Mrs. Moyes and himself and said they were always glad to be of assistance whenever they could.

This concluded the toast-list. During the evening, interspersed between the items given by the orchestra, were songs rendered by J. Buckeridge, S. Anderson and B. Grieve.

In Memoriam.

MR. ERNEST PRIDHAM, M.A.

The news of the death of Mr. Ernest Pridham, M.A., at his residence in Shepton Mallet, England, on April 11, will be received with very deep regret by his many old friends and former pupils. As the first Principal of the New Plymouth High School, a position he held for nearly thirty years, Mr. Pridham became the teacher and friend of a long succession of girls and boys, the School being a combined one during his headmastership. Scattered though they now are throughout New Zealand and to the far ends of the earth, the memory of their former master is a closely uniting bond.

Though belonging to a Devonshire family, the early years of Mr. Pridham's youth were spent in Ireland, where also later he obtained his degree of M.A. at Dublin University. Early in the 'eighties he came to New Zealand with his wife and little daughter, and in 1882 became Principal of the New Plymouth High School, of which he may be said to be the founder in the academic sense. It is interesting to note, however, that this was not his first connection with Taranaki and its affairs, for in 1880 he held in Wellington the position of secretary to the Minister for Defence, the Hon. John Bryce, and in that capacity issued instructions to the late Major Paris to suppress the action of the Maori chief, Te Whiti, at that time engaged in directing from Parihaka his "passive resistance" campaign against the settlers.

Mr. Pridham's next appointment was as Mathematical Master at the Wellington Boys' College, and from that position he came to take the one at New Plymouth. A man of commanding presence, he was also a born teacher, one gifted with an intellect of more than ordinary keenness and clearness. His lesson-periods were so intensely interesting that it was next to impossible to forget what he taught, especially in mathematics, while through the whole of his teaching there played the wit that somehow wonderfully lit up and revealed the road

called "education." He could be stern when necessary, but it is certain that from first to last he held the absolute respect of every pupil during his thirty years' headmastership. But better memories even than these are of the exceeding fineness and nobility of his character, the high ideals he held up, and though he was both shy and reserved, his gentle and understanding sympathy. He was indeed a Head who well and truly laid the foundations of the School in wisdom and integrity.

Soon after his retirement in 1911 he and Mrs. Pridham returned to England, where they lived in Somerset. To Mrs. Pridham and the members of his family—Mrs. F. W. Reston, of New Plymouth, and Mr. Charles Pridham, of Wanganui—the sympathy of all who knew the late Mr. Pridham will be tendered.

THE PAST.

OLD BOYS' SECTION.

To maintain a link between past and present and to make these pages as complete and accurate as possible, Old Boys are invited to send to the Editors of this section, paragraphs or any information concerning the location or doings of their old school fellows or any news or literary articles of interest to their Alma Mater.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION—1927.

President:

A. R. Standish.

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L. W. Lovell and J. H. Boon.

Hon. Treasurer:

C. Smart.

Hon. Auditor:

F. N. Whitcombe.

Executive:

R. J. Howell, H. Brown, P. Pope, G. Morey, F. J. Corkill, J. Palmer, H. C. Newell, J. Leggat, M.A.

Editors of Old Boys' Section:

H. C. Newell and J. H. Boon.

Active branches of the Association are arousing keen interest amongst Old Boys both in Wellington and Auckland, while a strong branch has now been formed in Christchurch. The Aucklanders have in view a big reunion when the School team visits the northern city later in the year, and hope as many Old Boys from here as can, will make the trip north.

The suggestion from Wellington branch to hold a triennial reunion at the School during the Easter holiday commencing in 1929 appears to contain the solution of a great difficulty that has arisen in regard to these functions. The executive has been on the horns of a dilemma to satisfy the great number of local Old Boys as well as those scattered to the four corners of the Dominion. Gatherings such as reunions necessitate a great deal of preparation to ensure their success, and we would like to point out to Old Boys elsewhere who have been concerned over this question the difficulties which confront the holding of an annual Easter function. Most Old Boys who reside in New Plymouth all the year round look forward to Easter as a brief respite for a jaunt abroad or a game of golf and it is hard to ask them to sacrifice this every year to assist in preparation for reunion functions. Some would willingly do it but many not actively connected with the Association go off on holiday with the result that the yearly functions are almost wholly dependent upon visitors for support and can't be made a financial success. Concentration upon a triennial function, however, would overcome these difficulties. All Old Boys would have plenty of notice and with the co-operation of all a universal effort could be made to hold a big function which held less frequently could be planned upon a more elaborate scale. At any rate the jubilee of the old school cannot be allowed to pass without fitting honour and we feel sure no effort will be spared by the local Association to make it an occasion remembered 40 years on.

SOCIAL CLUB.

Our Club has been a valuable institution in bringing Old Boys together socially and it is gratifying to be able to state that the committee has come through the first year very satisfactorily. As is the case with most social clubs, the summer months are the leanest, and it is for this reason that it has been proposed to hold a series of

social evenings during the winter in order to provide a little surplus for this period. The Club has proved itself an ideal meeting place for Old Boys, especially for those actively interested in all games of sport, and a special appeal is made to all members of the Association, town or country, to join up and help it along. Country members are admitted at a greatly reduced rate and for them the Club has many advantages.

SURF CLUB.

A progressive step was taken at the beginning of the swimming season in establishing the Old Boys' Surf Club upon a sounder basis and a high position has been maintained in aquatic sport, with the distinction of retaining the Tabor Memorial Shield and practically representing Taranaki at the New Zealand Surf Championships at New Plymouth.

There was a difficulty in getting sufficient members to fill the vacancies in the teams, but when the personnel was finally settled members evinced a keen interest in the sport and did credit to their club. Their success was due in no small measure to the energetic coaching of Mr. R. G. Howell, who also coached the Taranaki team.

At the annual meeting held at the Old Boys' Club the officers for the year were elected as follows:—President: G. W. Palmer, Esq. Club captain: R. G. Howell. Vice-captain, J. H. Boon. Hon. auditor: L. Lovell. Hon. secretary and treasurer: H. J. Anthony. Delegates to North Taranaki Royal Life-Saving Society: R. G. Howell and L. Freethey. Executive Committee: Messrs. L. Abbott, J. H. Boon, H. W. Brown, R. G. Howell and H. J. Anthony.

The Club was represented by the following at the Tabor Shield Competition:—F. J. Corkill (captain), F. Newell, H. Weston, H. W. Brown, H. J. Boon, O. Evans, K. Taylor, W. Penman. This team successfully retained the shield, leading by a substantial margin of points from the Fitzroy Surf Club—the only other competing team.

The Pennant team was less successful, losing the Pennant to Opunake with a difference of 2½ points. The team lined out as follows:—H. J. Anthony (captain), L. Abbott, L. Freethey, S. Bellringer, M. D. Clarke, J. Galbraith, G. Gayton.

The New Zealand Surf Championship for the Nelson Shield, Four Men Championship, and March Past Championship were held this year at New Plymouth. The Taranaki team was successful in winning the March Past Championship and acquitted itself well in the other events. The following members of the Club gained representative honours at this meeting:—F. J. Corkill (captain), J. H. Boon, H. W. Brown, O. Evans, W. Penman, H. Weston, and F. Newell.—H.J.A.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

Officers.—Patron: Mr. W. H. Moyes. President: Mr. A. R. Standish. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. A. Bennett, A. E. Sykes and Dr. Fookes. Club captain: D. Doile. Sole selector: G. Bertrand. Team manager: C. H. Wynyard. Delegates to Taranaki Rugby Union: F. M. Whyte and G. Bertrand. Hon. secretaries and treasurers: F. Clarke and E. Thompson. Executive Committee: R. G. Howell, H. W. Brown, C. Smart, D. Sykes, C. H. Wynyard. Hon. auditor: L. Lovell. Team managers: R. G. Howell and W. Moorhead.

The Club again experienced a successful year financially in spite of the heavy expenses incidental to the Gisborne trip. Our first fifteen did not attain the success anticipated at the commencement of the season and, although the main trouble could again be traced to the absence of hefty forwards, yet by steady and more earnest training individually the team could certainly have taken a much higher place on the ladder. Further, it is interesting to note that through extensive injuries in the team over 30 members played in the senior team, thus mitigating largely against fixed combination.

The junior teams were more successful, and all occupied high positions on their respective 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.

The congratulations of the Club are due to Handley Brown (who again represented New Zealand in Australia), to C. Stevens and J. H. Boon (who were selected in the Taranaki representative teams), and to C. Drader and Gillespie (who played for North Taranaki in the trial match at Stratford).

The thanks of the Club are due to all those who have in any way assisted the Club actively or financially, to those ladies who so energetically assisted in the running of the Club's dances, to Messrs. F. J. Eggleton, A. Humphries, C. Campbell, C. Brown, and C. Kingstone for their services in coaching the teams.

The following Old Boys were elected members of the Club:—K. Fookes, F. Reid, A. Campbell, P. Webster, K. Riley, J. Thomas, N. Smith, A. Mills, A. Fraser, J. Brodie, P. Grover, A. Bennett, T. Pankhurst, R. Harris, A. Hetherington, H. Olsen, Smale, Robertson, Hayton, C. Morley, and J. Abraham.

THE GISBORNE VISIT.

This Easter the Gisborne Old Boys' football team paid us a return visit, when we were successful in wiping out last year's defeat, New Plymouth winning the match by 20 points to 8.

The visitors arrived on Good Friday, and that night were entertained privately. On the following morning they indulged in a short practice, after which they were taken to see the sights of the town.

The Herald's comment upon the game, which was played at Pukekura Park before a large crowd of spectators and on a glorious day, credited both teams with having promising material and providing flashes of brilliant Rugby.

VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

After the match the Gisborne visitors were entertained by the Old Boys' Football Club to dinner. Good feeling and jollity predominated throughout the function which, after appetites had been satisfied, concluded with a short toast list and the presentation of the Balcock Cup.

Subsequently the hall was cleared and a most enjoyable dance occupied the evening until midnight.

On Sunday, following a church service at St. Mary's, the visitors were motored to Opunake, via Parihaka, and early on Easter Monday morning they commenced their 450-mile journey homewards.

The arrangements for the tour necessitated a great deal of time and work, and the Executive is to be congratulated on the fine manner in which the programme was carried out. A special word of praise is due to Reg. Howell and Frank Clarke for their able supervision.

CRICKET CLUB.

The season just finished has been an eventful one in the history of the Old Boys' Club. The decision of the executive of the Association to admit six senior teams made it possible for the club to use its membership to the best advantage by playing two teams. This has done away with the old complaint that boys leaving school could not get admission to the senior grade and remain associated with the School. The B team, formed mainly of young players, had a very successful season, and finished well up on the list. The A team had the hardest of luck in losing the championship of the division by only one point.

During the season a number of players have been successful in gaining Taranaki representative honours in Hawke Cup and other matches. It is hoped that, if the suggested coach should materialise, the standard of play will improve to such an extent that the club will be one of the strongest of its type in the country.

WELLINGTON BRANCH.

The Wellington branch had a splendid attendance at its annual meeting, held on April 13, 1927. Mr. W. E. Rawson occupied the chair.

The report stated that the activities of the association during the past year had been more or less confined to a reunion, which was held on the departure of the School's first Rhodes Scholar, Mr. M. Barak. The function, in combining both a reunion and a farewell, was an unqualified success, if the enthusiasm of the participants could be regarded as a reliable test. It took the form of a dinner, followed by a somewhat lighter form of amusement at a theatre. There were 28 members present, Mr. Rawson presiding. At dinner the guest of the evening was presented with a gold-mounted fountain pen as a parting gift

from the association. The usual toasts were honoured and, in particular, the toast of "Our Guest" was replied to in the form of a bright and witty speech.

Owing to the generous response made by members of the association, the committee was enabled to present the old School with a handsome cup as a trophy for debating. The expressed desire of last year's annual general meeting of encouraging debating at the old School was thus satisfied, and it is understood from reports received from Mr. Moyes that the trophy is already bearing good fruit.

The chairman remarked on the enthusiasm shown by members during the past year.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Moyes; president, Mr. W. E. Rawson; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. L. Hempton, G. E. Beckett, F. G. Harle, E. W. Hursthouse and R. E. Pope; committee, Messrs. T. N. Foden, A. C. Fookes, L. B. Dinniss, M. Osborne, A. R. Bothamley; secretary, Mr. I. McIvor; assistant secretary, Mr. E. Lash.

A circular from the parent association in regard to the annual reunion was discussed.

A motion was proposed and carried: "That, in view of the approach of the jubilee of the School, it be a recommendation to the parent association to hold a general reunion of Old Boys at Easter, 1929, and every three years thereafter, so that the following reunion would thus fall in the jubilee year, viz., 1932."

It was resolved to hold a reunion of the Wellington members this year, the form it is to take to be left in the hands of the committee.

The secretary was instructed to forward a letter of greetings and goodwill to the newly-formed branches in Auckland and Christchurch.

A resolution of sympathy with Dr. Fookes, a prominent Old Boy, in the recent loss of his wife was passed, the members standing in silence.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A. Brackebush is in practice as a masseur in Auckland.

Brian Scanlan, who for some months past has been in England with his parents, is now visiting the Argentine. He expects to return to London at the end of May. Brian is studying journalism, having commenced his experience with the Taranaki Herald.

J. Palmer is taking up a position as overseer on a sheep station in Northern Queensland, and is to undertake a series of experiments for the Queensland Government.

We are pleased to hear of the continued success of Arthur Huse, formerly of Fitzroy. At Otago University, Dunedin, in 1922, he completed his second year of medical studies, and also secured his B.Sc. and teachers' B certificate. In 1923 he sailed for America, 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, he 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 home land in the course of another two years.

Les. Dimmiss was recently admitted at Wellington as a solicitor of the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice, Sir C. P. Skerrett. Les. paid us a visit at Easter.

Another Easter visitor we were all pleased to see was Lionel O'Halloran, from Auckland. He tells us that his brother Kev., who is married, is teaching at Matamata.

Ron. (Hongi) Ward is managing his father's drapery business in Hawera. Ron. recently became the father of twins, a son and daughter. His schoolday friends are delighted with the news and offer him and his wife their heartiest congratulations.

Dan. Rawson, remembered as a good shot with the rifle, is back in New Plymouth, having been transferred from the Wellington office of the Lands and Deeds Department.

Many Old Boys have been attracted to the field of journalism, and are doing well. In Auckland we have Les. Jillett, who is now a senior reporter on the New Zealand Herald; in Hamilton, Clayton Shaw is with the Waikato Times; while at home we have Frank Kelly, H. C. Newell, G. Wells and D. Hetherington on the literary staff of the Taranaki Herald, and D. Saxton, J. Brodie (New Plymouth), Williard Ewing (Stratford) and L. Inch (Hawera), with the Taranaki Daily News. Allan Brodie, who until recently was with the News, is now at Canterbury College, where he will continue his studies and at the same time keep a connection with one of the city papers. Brian Scanlan, who was with the Herald, is abroad, while Hector Garner, who was with the same paper, is now studying for his diploma at the Auckland University.

W. Healy has thoroughly settled down to sheep farming and was recently seen working a dog at the Awakino trials with the practised eye of an old shepherd.

Congratulations to Gerald Chong, who has won the golf championship of Taranaki for 1927. Mike had a doughty opponent in another Old Boy, Phil. Grey, in the final, and both played excellent golf. We also have to congratulate Gerald upon his marriage, which took place in October last.

Don. Sutton, who completed his course at the University last year, is now agricultural master at Wanganui College. Don thinks he will like the teaching life.

W. Berridge, who for some years has been a member of the New Plymouth branch of the Public Trust Office, has recently been transferred to Christchurch.

Don. Grant is now in practice as a solicitor at Petone. We are pleased to hear that business is brisk, and wish him every success.

N. F. Little, B.A., LL.B., formerly of New Plymouth, and now in the legal division of the Public Trust Office in Wellington, has passed the examination for the degree of LL.M., with the equivalent of honours (second class).

G. Newell, the original "Froggie," recently joined the ranks of the benedicts and is living in Stratford, where he is with the Union Bank of Australia. E. Colson is with the same bank in Wellington. He was recently back in New Plymouth on holiday.

Lieutenant F. N. Whitcombe, of the First Battalion of the Taranaki Regiment, has been appointed Captain and Quartermaster as from March 24, 1927.

Old Boys at Rolleston House, Canterbury College, are L. G. Loveridge, M. Thomson, R. Noonan (engineering), M. Hughson (engineering research), H. Mason (Training College), E. W. Tonks, J. Wright (Arts), R. G. Webb (Arts and Training College), V. Barak (Science). College House: W. E. Alexander (Arts), D. G. Grant, J. Galbraith (Arts and Training College), M. C. Lysons (Arts and Theology), S. F. Fookes and H. S. Weston (Law), W. A. Brodie (Journalism), G. S. Walker (Medicine). Among those in digs are: J. H. Buckeridge, A. Brodie (engineering), G. Lomas (Law Office); at Training College: Curtis, Kidson and F. Davis.

Sid. Fookes tells us that Old Boys play a leading part in athletic sports at Canterbury. D. G. Grant is the welterweight champion of the College, H. S. Weston the middleweight, and F. Davis the lightweight champion, while Alexander (first five-eighth), Grant (five-eighth or full-back), Loveridge (right wing) and Fookes (side row) have been nominated by Canterbury College for the New Zealand Varsity Rugby team to visit Sydney. In addition, many Old Boys are filling executive positions. Sid. Fookes is a member of the athletic committee and secretary of the football club, Alexander is a member of the football committee, while D. G. Grant and F. Davis are members of the boxing committee.

The annual swimming relay race between teams representing College House and Rolleston House at Canterbury College was won by the College House team, which was composed of four Taranaki boys: P. B. Grant, J. Galbraith, G. E. Walker and H. S. Weston. Weston swam first and gained about a yard, and Grant, Galbraith and Walker followed, the team finally winning by about four yards.

OBITUARY.

SYDNEY EDWARD WHITE.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death at New Plymouth Hospital, on January 4, of Sydney Edward White, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. White, of New Plymouth. Sid., who was at School during the 'teens, was 24 years of age and had been in poor health for some little time, but hopes were entertained for his recovery until a few days before his death. He was a clerk in the Lands and Survey Office at New Plymouth. He had been prominent in the young men's work connected with Whiteley Church, having been secretary of the Bible class, and also for some years secretary of the Sunday school. He was also interested in music, and as a violinist was a member of the New Plymouth orchestra, and gave his services in that capacity to many other local musical undertakings. In sport he devoted himself to tennis, and was for several years secretary of the Pukekura Park Club. The sympathy of all his old school-fellows and a large circle of friends will be extended to his parents and relatives in the bereavement they have suffered.

"MONTY" YATES.

All Old Boys will learn with deep sorrow of the death of "Monty" Yates, which occurred at Waipukurau after a tragic illness a short time ago. Twenty-six years of age, he was the son of the late Mr. Harry Yates, formerly well known in New Plymouth, where his father and mother were highly respected old settlers. About five years ago, Monty sustained severe injuries in a football match in Pukekura Park, and has been an invalid ever since, spending something like three years in hospital. At Waipukurau he appeared to be improving in health, but the nature of his injuries—his ribs were crushed and penetrated a lung—was such that no great or permanent improvement could be expected. He was a popular lad, and his untimely death is greatly regretted.

The death of Douglas McLean, aged 20, who left School at the end of 1925, occurred under tragic circumstances at Auckland on December 27, 1926. While riding on the running board of a motor-car, which swerved to avoid a motor-bus, he was thrown off, sustaining head injuries and a fractured thigh. He was admitted to the hospital and died shortly afterwards. Douglas was a Training College student attending the University, and was a capable athlete and cricketer. The sympathy of all Old Boys is extended to his relatives in their bereavement.

Very great sympathy is extended to Dr. E. F. Fookes and his family in the loss they sustained by the death of Mrs. Fookes, which occurred early in January. A few weeks before Mrs. Fookes, whose health for some time had not been very good, scratched her hand, and blood poisoning followed. Her condition became so bad that her arm was amputated, and it was hoped that the trouble was arrested and that complete recovery would follow. It was not to be, however. Mrs. Fookes was the second daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Capel, and was greatly loved on account of her gentle and kind disposition.

TO ALL OLD BOYS.

The School Magazine depends largely for its existence on the support of the Old Boys. An endeavour is made to give in the Old Boys' column a full account of the activities of the Old Boys' Association, together with such personal news of Old Boys as comes within our knowledge. We therefore appeal to Old Boys to join the list of subscribers to the Magazine if they have not already done so; to send us news of their doings in other centres; and to notify us of any change of address. With the active support of Old Boys, the success of the Magazine is assured.

EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges since the last issue:—Canterbury College Review, Auckland Grammar School Chronicle, St. Cuthbert's Girls' College Magazine, Southlandian, Otago Boys' High School Magazine, Timaruvian, Palmerstonian, Te Karere, Melburnian.

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Board ... £21, „ „ £19 „ „ „

Weekly Boarders } £18 10s. „ £17 „ „ „

Dinner for Day Boys, £3

Music (including practice fee)—Seniors, £3 3s.

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Boxing, 10/-

Dancing (Winter term only) 15/-

Subscriptions (per term)—

Games—Upper School, 4/-

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Library ... 1/6

Magazine ... 1/6

Tennis ... 1/-

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School Terms—

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

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Second Term—May 19th to August 19th.

Third Term— September 13th to December 16th.

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Weekly Boarders	\$18 00	\$17
Dinner for Day Boys	\$3	
Music (including practice fees)—Singers	\$3 50	
		Instrumental \$2 50
Printing	10¢	
Laundry (Winter extra cost) 25¢		

Subscriptions (per term)—

Games—Upper School	\$4
Lower School	\$4
Library	10¢
Magazines	10¢
Tennis	10¢

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School Terms—

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- Second Term—May 17th to August 15th.
- Third Term—September 13th to December 15th.

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Boarders.—G. S. Anderson (head), E. Harman, K. Wetere, A. Beck, W. Hayward, A. Abbott, M. Standish, R. O'Dea, W. Watt, J. Murray, H. Brown, J. Stronge.

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Company Sergeant-Major.—J. Stronge.

Company Q.M.S.—D. Phillips.

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Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.

Platoon Sergeant.—C. McNeill.

Section Commanders.—Corporals R. List, R. Thomason, T. Rawson, A. Andrews.

No. 2 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant J. Leggat.

Platoon Sergeant.—S. Anderson.

Section Commanders.—Corporals D. McCallum, J. Tarrant, J. Murray, A. Sinclair, Lance-Corporal J. McDonald.

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Platoon Sergeant.—H. Fookes.

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Section Commanders.—Corporals W. Thomson, G. Ewart, P. Allen,
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EDITORIAL

(G. L. Ewart.)

OF late years many interested in education have complained that our post-primary schools failed to meet the requirements of modern life. The Technical Schools have emphasised vocational studies while the aim of our Secondary Schools has tended to be purely scholastic. To supply the need for a school combining these two branches of education, the amalgamation of the two post-primary schools in New Plymouth was proposed. After much preliminary work, the system was inaugurated at the beginning of this year. Since the commencement of the scheme, sufficient time has elapsed for its success to be accurately gauged.

The detailed list of courses available has already appeared in the May number of this magazine.

That there was need for this wider curriculum has been fully shown by the fact that of the boys attending the School, 160 are now taking the vocational courses. This proves that the wider choice of subjects was justified in that we are enabled more easily to meet the varying educational needs of each boy.

When it is realised that we now have a school offering greater facilities than those provided by any other Secondary School in New Zealand and of a type which will probably be adopted in other centres, it will be seen that a great advance has been made on the old type of school with its comparatively narrow scope and limited equipment.

(J. F. McDonald.)

This intangible force which makes or mars a school in the eyes of the world, this easy camaraderie which lowers social barriers, this moral support which endows Old Boys of Public Schools with courage to carry out their convictions and in so doing enhance the reputations of their schools—what is it? It is difficult beyond measure to find other opinions on this elusive subject. Therefore we hope that this will be only a stepping stone for others.

We know that the true spirit is hard to gain. We know also that it does not come in a season, nor yet in many seasons. Therefore it is partly tradition. Lest this should trouble, let it be pointed out that what is done to-day becomes tradition to-morrow—

“To set the Cause above renown,
To love the Game beyond the prize;
To honour, while you strike him down,
The foe that comes with fearless eyes.”

Newbolt touches the finer chords of our innermost soul in these lines. Under his deft touch all that is honourable and clean stands out above the mediocrity of the commonplace. True school spirit shines out even as this, and, before claiming possession of the right spirit, we must live up to the first two lines and, having done that, the rest will follow “as the night the day.”

In his school-books Kipling reveals this spirit as he revealed the Army and the Navy—with such originality, such depths of keen observation, such a complete knowledge of the complex soul of a boy, that what can we do but believe him? But he reveals it in story form and, even then, only little glimpses here and there.

Spirit can be recognised in numerous ways. Dress, manners, carriage, customs, and the way the game is played, all go to show the tone of the school. It rests with the pupils whether this tone is of a high or low standard, and they must realize it. And then come the Old Boys. At the end of every year hundreds of boys join their ranks, and, if the wonderful spirit which has carried so many through hardships and dangers were to show any signs of diminishing, they could, if they so

willed, soon restore the former tone. It is imperative, for the welfare of their schools that they remember, though they discard cap and badge, they have not absolutely dropped us. What they do, whether it be good or bad, reflects back on the honour of their school, and that, above all, they must not snurch. In keeping it clear they would find that they had established higher standards, which would invariably be sought by the Old Boys of to-morrow.

Every gripping story is an account of how someone has played the game! Thus some school is proud of every success and the subconscious feeling that something big and clean is ready to smile encouragement, should be a moral support throughout the life of every old schoolman. That it should sorrow for him should he fail would be an additional spur towards the goal of his ambitions.

“Then here’s to the long white road that beckons,
The climb that baffles, the risk that nerves;
And here’s to the merry heart that reckons
The rough with the smooth, and never swerves.”

SCHOOL NOTES

(A. Moverley and E. P. Allen.)

On April 25 both companies of the School Cadets paraded as usual for the commemoration of Anzac Day. After marching past the Cenotaph the parade proceeded via Devon Street to Pukekura Park, where an impressive service was held before a large crowd of people.

The term holidays commenced on May 6, and we returned to school on May 19, after a seemingly all-too-short break.

The principles of afforestation are now receiving increased attention, especially in the schools of the Dominion, and consequently a lecture on this subject, delivered in the Assembly Hall on May 24 by Mr. Maxwell, of Rahotu, who has made a study of the subject, was well received.

On May 25 we were granted a half-holiday to witness the "Soccer" match between a Canadian touring team and the Taranaki representatives. Although practically all of us are Rugby enthusiasts we managed to grasp the fundamentals of the sister code, and the scorer of Taranaki's single goal received some hearty applause from our more enthusiastic barrackers.

The first Saturday of July was the occasion of the annual School excursion to Hawera. A special train was chartered, and as usual the demand for seating accommodation exceeded the supply, but we are getting used to these conditions. A visit to the Winter Show occupied the morning, but the afternoon held more important business in the shape of a football match between School and Wanganui Technical College. After a hard-fought game New Plymouth eventually proved victors by 13 points to 11.

In connection with this match we learn that at least one person in the School is not "suspicious" at being associated with the number "13."

For the first time a match against Hamilton High School was played this year on July 30, in Pukekura Park. The visitors were of a somewhat unknown quality, but School won rather easily by 36 points to 5.

This year New Zealand has been confronted with an unemployment problem. To alleviate the distress in New Plymouth a relief fund was inaugurated, and a controlling committee was formed. With the dual object of assisting to provide work and of completing the formation of a recreation ground in the School gully, the High Schools' Board subscribed liberally to the fund, so that, together with the other money raised locally and the Government subsidy, a sum of nearly £1700 has now been spent upon this work. A considerable amount of filling-in had been done by the boys in previous years, and many a blister had been raised by navvying in the gully. Some of us had despaired of seeing the work completed for this generation, but, with the assistance of the Public Works Department, matters have so progressed that only a small sum is needed to complete the essential part of the work.

In an attempt to augment the relief funds the Taranaki Hunt Club arranged a point-to-point meeting on August 6, at Mr. Street's farm, Bell Block. As the proceeds were to be devoted to the work in the School gully, we were allowed a half-holiday to attend, and, after traversing the intervening five miles on bicycles or on foot, we were rewarded by some interesting races.

A further means of raising money was the annual match versus Te Aute College, played before a very large crowd of spectators at Pukekura Park on August 6. Again School proved victorious by 22 points to nil.

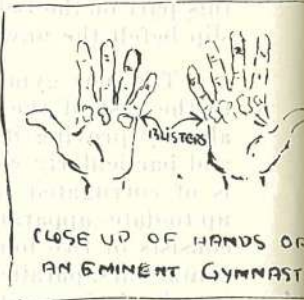
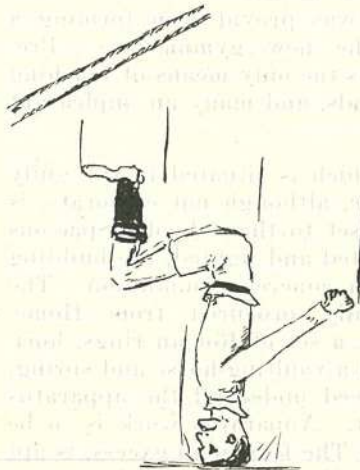
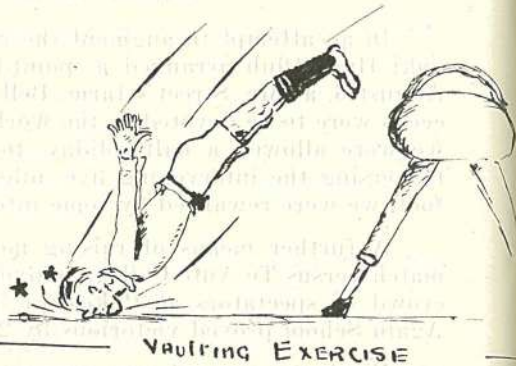
Work for several men was provided in forming a road to provide access to the new gymnasium. Previously a steep clay track was the only means of reaching this part of the School grounds, and many an unpleasant slip befell the unwary.

The new gymnasium, which is situated in the gully to the east of the new house, although not elaborate, is already proving itself an asset to the School. Spacious and particularly well ventilated and lighted, the building is of corrugated iron with a concrete foundation. The up-to-date apparatus, specially procured from Home, consists of two long ladders, a set of Roman rings, horizontal bars, parallel bars and a vaulting-horse and spring-board. Large mats are placed under all the apparatus to avoid all risk of accident. Apparatus work is to be blended with physical drill. The former in excess, is apt to have a slowing effect, but the value of the latter has been amply demonstrated in the past when the present facilities did not exist.

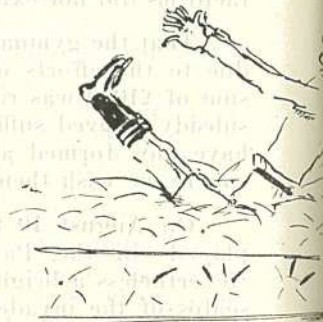
That the gymnasium is no longer a shadowy myth is due to the efforts of the Old Boys' Association. The sum of £1000 was raised, and this, with the Government subsidy, proved sufficient for the work. The Old Boys have now formed a Gymnastic Club, and in their new sphere we wish them all success.

On August 10 the Wanganui College match was played in the Park under unfavourable conditions. Nevertheless a bright game resulted, and once again the scalps of the invaders were hung from the belts of the local fifteen. The score was 17 points to nil. This was rather better than our expectations, for, apart from the

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other members of the Wanganui College team, the full-back had been described by the Te Aute boys as "a barb-wire fence across the field."

We are indeed fortunate in retaining the services of a person so interested in our welfare as the Rev. Canon Strong. We wish to congratulate Mr. Strong on his appointment as Vicar of St. Mary's and as Canon of St. Peter's Cathedral. We hope that this is but a prelude to further promotion; but we are not as sanguine as one young hopeful who informs us that Mr. Strong has been "canonized."

On August 11 the Long Night Dance was held in St. Mary's Hall. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable gathering broke up at midnight.

The School concert took place in the Assembly Hall on August 13. The items were all of a high standard, a humorous sketch by Phillips and Grieve being especially appreciated. The Orchestra supplied sweet music in its usual capable manner.

On August 15 we were honoured by a visit from the Rev. Mr. Wickham, who delivered an instructional lecture on the "Evil Effects of Alcohol." Although some of the younger boys took scant interest in the proceedings, most of us were greatly impressed—especially by the statistics.

The whole School attended the Confirmation service at St. Mary's on August 17, when about sixty candidates were presented to Bishop Cherrington, who delivered an impressive sermon, taking for his text "Defend, O Lord, this thy child."

On August 17 the final competitors for the Debating Cup, donated last year by the Wellington branch of the Old Boys' Association, spoke before the School. The contest was won by B. Grieve (VI. Form). Mr. Moss, who kindly acted as judge, congratulated the speakers on their very fine efforts.

On the day before we broke up, the First Fifteen left by train for Auckland to play their annual match with the Grammar School. Unfortunately the weather was bad, and the ground at Eden Park was a quagmire.

School won a hard-fought game by three points (a penalty by Gibbons) to nil. The team arrived back on the 23rd, rather cramped after a night in a crowded railway compartment and accompanied by a considerable quantity of Main Trunk smuts and dust, but still cheerful nevertheless.

Term holidays have an unpleasant habit of coming to an end, and consequently September 13 saw us once more at our accustomed posts.

Mr. Priestley, Dominion secretary of the Sudan Mission, visited us on September 16 to deliver an address on the objects of his Society. As the result of his lecture several compatriots of the Dinka tribe of Sudanese have been recognised amongst us.

As usual the term examinations produced a crop of "howlers," of which the following will bear repetition:—

"After the accident, the man's body was carried to the mortgagee."

"'Embarrassed' means something put round you."

"After the fire relics lay scattered in all directions."

On September 27 a half-holiday was granted for us to attend Allan Wilkie's production of the "Tempest." The "Taranaki Herald," in a facetious mood, notes that on this occasion the members of the Girls' High School filled in the time before the rise of the curtain with their homework, but that similar diligence was not noticeable among the boys. The far-reaching effects of the recent Shakespearean revival, caused by these plays, are illustrated by one boy's essay on Shylock; he states, inter alia, that Shylock "wanted his pound of meat."

Now that the gymnasium has been built and that the football ground in the gully is progressing favourably, we have been able to turn our attention to the question of baths, for which excavations have already begun.

The annual Day Boys—Boarders football match for the Pease Cup was played as a benefit game in the Park on September 24. The game proved highly exciting—for the players at least—but Boarders, who seemed to have adopted several black cats, finished with a 15 points to nil lead.

The annual steeplechase was held at the golf links, Waiwakaiho, on October 6. For some time, organized training runs and paperchases had been held, and consequently most of the competitors proved in good condition. This year there were three races, Junior (under 14), Intermediate (under 16), and Senior, won respectively by Davies ii., Cook and Budd i.

The recent additions to the Auckland Zoo were apparently in the mind of a Fifth Form student, who, when asked by the English master for the meaning of the word "imagery," quickly answered: "A place where animals are kept."

The knowledge of historians has been but slowly gained, but every now and again interesting discoveries are made whereby fresh light is directed upon debatable points. To those interested in historical research we recommend the authors of the following decisive statements in the recent examination papers:—

"Queen Elizabeth was rather unfortunate in having Anne Boleyn for a mother."

"The reign of Queen Elizabeth was famed for colonizing and expectorating."

"The main cause of the French Revolution was the tax on tea and tobacco. The pheasants in France at that time lived a life of misery."

"Sir John Moore retreated to Moscow, where he died of frostbite."

Classfiring was concluded rather earlier than usual this year. A Company shot in August and B Company in October. At the annual area meeting the School was well represented both in competitors and prizewinners. School trophies competed for during the year are Lady Godley Cups (senior and junior for classfiring), MacDiarmid Belt and Kelly Cup (long range), Searle Cup (senior, 25 yards), Hamblyn Cup (under 16), Loveday Cup (under 15), McLeod and Slade Cup (under 14).

The 1927 football season proved in every way a very successful one. Apart from being unbeaten in their five school games, the First Fifteen was undisputably the best team in the local First Junior competition, when the

strenuous programme of inter-collegiate matches caused their withdrawal. This high standard is not confined to the First Fifteen alone. The Second Fifteen, although forced every week to furnish players to fill vacancies in the First Fifteen, was nevertheless a force to be reckoned with in the Third Grade competition, in which they finished third-equal. After an inauspicious start the Third Fifteen proved a very good team, and in four games with Old Boys, the winners of the Northern Division Fourth Grade competition, they lost one, drew two, and won one, but the term holidays prevented their completing their programme of matches. The fourth and fifth teams also gave a good account of themselves and sustained interest in the competition.

This school has done much for local sporting circles. For instance there were ten old boys with the Taranaki Rugby touring team, old boys were well represented in the provincial cricket eleven, they are to be found in local swimming and life-saving circles, while the Amateur Athletic Club almost owes its existence to them. It is to be hoped also that they will soon be more prominent in the other spheres of public life.

The task of handicapping for the steeplechase is not like falling off a log. Where dark horses make a habit of coming to light, and where a large number of the competitors are almost unknown to the handicappers, inconsistencies are bound to appear, as perhaps the following will show:—

Scene: The terms room, where the Sports Committee is busily engaged in handicapping.

No. 1, who is wielding somebody else's blue pencil, reads out the first name from the list of competitors before him.

No. 2 (excitedly): "Oh, he's been running with the harriers all the winter; he's as fit as a fiddle; put him on scratch!"

No. 2 reads out another name.

No. 3: "He's no good. He never trains."

No. 4: "Put him with the back-markers. It'll serve him right."

No. 1: Another name.

No. 5: "He's a dopy little beggar, as cheeky as can be."

No. 6: "He won't have much cheek left when he finishes if we put him on twenty seconds."

No. 1: Another name.

No. 2: "He's a big fat lazy lump. Put him on twenty seconds; it'll get his fat down!"

No. 1: Another name.

No. 4: "Oh, I think he's a dark horse, though I don't know for certain. Better not give him too much!"

No. 1: Somebody else.

No. 6: "Don't know him—suppose he's a new kid—may as well give him a fair start—we haven't anyone on the hundred seconds mark yet."

No. 1: One more name.

No. 7 (who so far has not been displaying an intelligent interest in the proceedings): "Give him a good start: I know his sister!"

After some rather forcible encouragement, the Tennis Committee has proved very energetic of late. The grass courts have been weeded, and every Saturday morning a fatigue party is employed in rolling. Asphalt courts at the head of the gully have now been definitely promised to us.

The Orchestra, under the control of Mr. Dobson, has for some time past been labouring under difficulties owing to lack of space in the music room, but a dormitory in the old house has now been cleared for a practice room. In conjunction with the concert party there will be the usual concert this term, and visits will be paid to the Hospital, the Old People's Home and, if possible, the Gaol.

The class was asked to supply the missing words in the following:—

"The man escaped by the of his"

One answer was: "The man escaped by the 'hair' of his 'breath.'" No doubt this would have resulted in a close shave!

The evil effects of the amalgamation, so confidently predicted by many people, have failed to make an appearance. Indeed, the very term "amalgamation" is now unheard of here and may be classed in the list of obsolete words as far as we are concerned.

The Wireless Club has now been regenerated. In fact, everything is sparking well. We listened with great interest to the broadcasting of the All Black trials—after 4 p.m. of course.

In our Cadet work a high standard of proficiency has been attained. This is no doubt due to our training in camp. An inter-section competition is now in progress. The programme includes extended-order work, battle manoeuvres, and a field day. There is also an N.C.O.'s cup to be competed for.

The Library has apparently at last found a permanent abode, and is now comfortably housed in the old "Knee" House of last year. A large number of books, ranging from fiction to more serious matter, are enclosed in glass-fronted cases around the walls, side tables are provided for letter-writing, and for newspapers, and on the tables which fill the centre of the room is to be found a wide selection of attractive periodicals. Moreover the building is very well lighted and ventilated, while a large open fire tends to promote warmth and cheerfulness during the winter months.

Chess was all the rage during the winter, and for a time the Chess Club enjoyed a meteoric career, but, with the advent of summer, kings and queens with all their courts have been relegated to a dark corner of the Sixth Form cupboard until the return of the craze.

An institution of which we now hear but little is the Mountaineering Club. With such an attraction as Mt. Egmont so close at hand, it is difficult to account for its lack of activity. Week-ends are almost invariably dull, and what better way of breaking the monotony could be found than a few days' tramping in such rugged country as that to be found near the Curtis Falls and in the Maungonui Gorge or near Bell's Falls, for example? Let us hope for a revival next term.

During a science test the class was asked to define "density." One boy wrote: "When we speak of 'density' we mean the thickness or stupidity of a thing."

Favoured by a Taranaki drought cricket recommenced on September 12. By the following week net practices were in full swing, and keenness to get into form was everywhere in evidence in view of the official opening of the season on September 22.

The visit of R.M.S. Mataroa to New Plymouth, an important event in the history of the port, evoked much interest throughout the district. In response to Captain Kershaw's invitation, a party of senior boys visited the vessel on the evening of September 12, and, after being escorted over the ship, were entertained with a cinema show.

Throwing the cricket ball was held on September 13, and was won by A. Shepherd. In connection with one throw one of the stewards remarked that if the ball had gone as far as it went high it would have had icicles on it.

The renovations to St. Mary's organ being finished, Mr. Renaud very kindly invited the pupils of both High Schools to attend a recital. This resulted in a pleasant afternoon's entertainment.

Most of the school attended the Opera House on the occasion of Mr. Clement May's portrayal of characters from Dickens, Shakespeare and various other authors.

Sports Day, the one occasion during the year upon which we realize that we are not as good as we might be, fell on October 29. The weather did not appear too promising in the early morning, but fortune smiled upon us, and conditions improved marvellously by the afternoon, so that as usual we were favoured with the presence of a large number of parents, relations and friends. Despite the heavy track good events resulted, and three records, hundred yards and half-mile senior and the quarter-mile junior, were broken. We understand that another record, that of 9 4-5sec. for the Old Boys' Race, has not yet been recognized by the authorities. The starting officials have ever since been congratulating themselves upon having four heats of the 220 yards event on the track at once. Incidentally, this constitutes another record. The officials at the finishing tape, however, did not seem to appreciate the fact.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

(G. S. Anderson.)

Although heavy rain fell overnight and during the early morning we were able to start the first race of our annual sports at the scheduled time on Saturday, October 29. The weather improved and at the commencement of the afternoon's programme it was brilliantly fine and the numerous visitors witnessed many closely contested events.

The rain had made the tracks slower than usual, but a moderate westerly breeze counterbalanced this in the sprint events, although it was not conducive to record-breaking in the longer distances.

Considerably more than 400 boys competed, but the 52 events were run off without the slightest hitch, and in the 220 yards there were as many as four heats running on the track at the same time.

The organizing of such sports as these is a stupendous task and the committee and officials are to be commended for the manner in which the sports were conducted.

In spite of the dull track three records were lowered. The first of these was J. Whittle's 100 yards record of 10 3-5 seconds. R. Watson, the winner of the Senior Championship, ran the distance in 10 2-5 seconds, which was a very meritorious performance.

In the championship heat of the Senior 880 yards Beck succeeded in covering the distance in 2min. 11 1-5sec., which is 2-5 of a second better than J. D. Mackay registered in 1923. By winning the 440 Yards Junior Championship in 58 1-5sec. W. J. Thomas lowered the previous record, established by P. G. Grover, by 1-5 of a second. Thomas ran magnificently and finished well ahead of the next competitors. D. Blackley equalled J. J. Pease's record of 7sec. for the 50 yards under twelve both in the heat and in the final.

The result of the Senior Championship is as follows:

1. R. Watson (21 points).
2. A. Beck (19 points).
3. H. Brown (9 points).
4. H. Fookes (8 points).
5. J. Warner (6 points).

The above-named competitors provided some great races and the many close finishes were greatly appreciated by the spectators. The 440 yards was one of the most interesting of these races. Brown, from a perfect start, speedily took command with the other competitors lying handy. On entering the straight Brown still had the lead, but with a spectacular burst of speed Watson passed Brown a few yards from the tape and won by two yards, with Beck a further five yards back third. In the jumping, also, there was keen competition. H. Fookes, with a fine jump, cleared the bar at 5ft. 3in., and so won the high jump. Beck gained the five points for the long jump with a leap of 20ft. 3in., which is also a very creditable performance.

The other championship winners were as follows:—

Junior Championship Cup.—W. J. Thomas.

Under 14 Championship (Mr. Bennett's Cup).—
C. A. Calvert.

Under 12 Championship (Mr. C. Carter's Cup).—
D. I. Blackley.

Under 10 Championship (Mr. W. H. Moyes' Cup).—
J. C. Blundell.

By winning the Senior Championship Watson won the cup presented by Mr. E. Olsen, of Moascar, and also the Old Boys' Challenge Cup.

Afternoon tea was provided for the visitors in the Assembly Hall by Mrs. Moyes and her willing helpers, and the tastefully decorated tables and the programme of music by McNeill's Orchestra afforded much enjoyment.

The officials for the day were:—Judges: Mr. W. C. Weston, Dr. E. F. Fookes, Dr. T. A. Milroy, Mr. E. Jackson, Mr. E. P. Webster, Mr. S. G. Smith, Mr. A. L. Humphries, Mr. R. J. Deare. Starters: Mr. W. H. Moyes, Mr. A. L. Moore. Marksmen: Rev. E. H. Strong, Mr. A. J. Papps. Ground stewards: Mr. C. G. Bottrill, Mr. A. G. Johnson, Mr. W. G. Wilkie, Mr. J. D. Roulston, Mr. G. H. Pope, Mr. H. G. Dyer, Mr. J. Dobson, Mr. E. R. McKeon, Mr. W. I. Shrimpton, Mr. H. H. Skelton. Stewards: Mr. J. W. Connell, Mr. G. F. Bertrand, Mr. V. E. Kerr, Mr. A. M. Bradbury, Mr. F. J. Eggleton, Mr. J. Leggat, Mr. D. Menzies, Mr. R. C. Wilson, Mr. A. H. Blundell, Mr. L. V.

Bryant. Timekeepers: Mr. J. Bennett, jun., Mr. V. Dalgleish, Mr. L. B. Webster. Committee: Mr. A. W. Diprose (chairman), W. A. Beck, A. M. Moverley, E. G. Harman, H. F. Fookes, J. S. Stronge. Hon. Secretaries: H. M. Brown and W. Hayward.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

SENIOR CUP.

100 Yards (record, 10 3-5sec., by J. Whittle in 1920).—First heat (championship heat): R. Watson 1, J. E. Warner 2, H. M. Brown 3; time, 10 2-5sec.—a record. Second heat: H. Watkins (4yds.) 1, P. Eaves (scr.) 2, J. W. Syme (2yds.) 3; time, 11sec. Third heat: C. Little (2yds.) 1, A. Treloar (5yds.) 2, M. Good (2yds.) 3; time, 11sec. Fourth heat: D. R. McCallum (1yd.) 1, F. Lysaght (2yds.) and I. Symes (2yds.) dead heat 3; time, 11sec. Final: Watson 1, Little 2, Eaves 3; time, 10 2-5sec.

440 Yards (record, 54 1-5sec., by J. D. Mackay in 1923 and F. C. Gilmour in 1924).—R. Watson (scr.) 1, H. M. Brown (scr.) 2, W. A. Beck (scr.) 3. Time, 55 2-5sec.

880 Yards (record, 2min. 11 3-5sec., by J. D. Mackay in 1923).—W. A. Beck (scr.) 1, H. M. Brown (scr.) 2, R. Watson (scr.) 3. Time, 2min. 11 1-5sec.—a record.

Long Jump.—W. A. Beck (scr.), 20ft. 3in., 1; R. Watson (scr.), 19ft. 11½in., 2; H. M. Brown (scr.), 19ft. 1in., 3.

High Jump.—H. F. Fookes (scr.), 5ft. 3in., 1; W. A. Beck (scr.), 5ft. 2in., 2; McNeill (1in.), 5ft., 3.

120 Yards Hurdles.—First heat (championship heat): R. Watson (owe 7yds.) 1, H. Fookes (owe 7yds.) 2, H. M. Brown (owe 7yds.) 3; time, 17 2-5sec. Second heat: Tarrant (scr.) 1, McCallum (scr.) 2; time, 18 3-5sec. Final: Tarrant 1, McCallum 2; time, 18 1-5sec.

JUNIOR CUP.

100 Yards.—First heat (championship heat): W. J. Thomas 1, D. J. Ashley 2, A. J. Burr 3; time, 11 3-5sec. Second heat: R. O. Shepherd (3yds.) 1, G. Newell (3yds.) 2, C. Allen (2yds.) 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Third heat: J. Ford (2yds.) 1, R. Cook (5yds.) 2, Oxenham (1yd.) 3;



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Back Row: P. Miles, W. Watt, H. Gorrings, L. Petty.

Third Row: C. Stronge, J. Hatherley, J. McCauley, J. Ford, D. Phillips, H. Law, J. Stronge.

Second Row: H. McGregor, S. MacDiarmid, A. W. Moverley, G. Sutton, J. Gibbs.

In Front: E. Edgecombe, T. Avery, L. Watt, B. O'Halloran, D. Syme.

time, 12sec. Fourth heat: L. Hains (4yds.) 1, I. Lawrence (4yds.) 2, W. Snell (2yds.) 3; time, 11 1-5sec. Fifth heat: E. J. Davies (1yd.) 1, R. N. Hall (3yds.) 2, A. E. Bell (3yds.) 3; time, 12sec. Final: Thomas 1, Hains and Lawrence (dead heat) 2; time, 11 3-5sec.

440 Yards (record, 58 2-5sec., by P. G. Grover in 1924).—W. J. Thomas (scr.) 1, D. J. Ashley (scr.) 2, D. E. Maciver (scr.) 3. Time, 58 1-5sec.—a record.

880 Yards.—W. J. Thomas 1, D. J. Ashley 2, G. W. Shepherd 3. Time, 2min. 19 4-5sec.

Long Jump.—W. J. Thomas (scr.), 17ft. 11in., 1; J. Ford (5in.), 17ft. 1½in., 2; Kerrisk (12in.), 16ft. 9in., 3.

High Jump.—G. W. Shepherd (scr.) and J. Ford (1in.), 4ft. 8½in., equal, 1; T. Death (scr.), 4ft. 7½in., 3.

120 Yards Hurdles.—First heat (championship heat): A. J. Burr (owe 7yds.) 1, D. E. Maciver (owe 7yds.) 2; time, 21sec. Second championship heat: G. W. Shepherd (owe 7yds.) 1; time, 22sec. Third heat: Henry (scr.) 1; time, 22 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Innes (scr.) 1; time, 21 3-5sec. Final: Innes 1, Burr 2, Shepherd 3; time, 20 4-5sec.

UNDER 14 CUP.

75 Yards.—First heat (championship heat): C. Calvert 1, J. Birch 2, J. Carroll 3; time, 9 3-5sec. Second heat: K. A. Hamilton (2yds.) and R. S. Jones (1yd.) dead heat 1, O'Grady 3; time, 10 1-5sec. Third heat: H. R. Cooper (2yds.) 1, D. McKee (2yds.) 2, Morton (1yd.) 3; time, 9 2-5sec. Final: Cooper 1, Morton 2, McKee 3; time, 9 3-5sec.

100 Yards.—First heat (championship heat): C. Calvert 1, J. Carroll 2, J. Birch 3; time, 13sec. Second heat: H. R. Cooper (4yds.) 1, D. McKee (4yds.) 2, Morton (3yds.) 3; time, 12sec. Third heat: K. Rouse (4yds.) 1, L. Ellis (5yds.) 2, K. A. Hamilton (4yds.) 3; time, 13sec. Final: Cooper 1, McKee 2, Morton 3; time, 12sec.

220 Yards.—First heat (championship heat): C. Calvert 1, Carroll 2, Birch 3; time, 30 2-5sec. Second heat: H. R. Cooper (7yds.) 1, Rouse (8yds.) 2, McKee (5yds.) 3; time, 29 3-5sec. Final: Rouse 1, McKee 2, C. Calvert 3; time, 30sec.

UNDER 12 CUP.

50 Yards (record, 7sec., by J. J. Pease in 1919, H. L. Thomson in 1923 and E. Callaghan in 1926).—First heat (championship heat): D. Blackley 1, P. MacDonnell 2, G. C. Weston 3; time, 7sec.—equal to the record. Second heat: J. W. Davies (3yds.) 1, Nolan (3yds.) and W. Saunders (2yds.) dead heat 2; time, 7sec. Final: Blackley and Davies (dead heat) 1, P. MacDonnell 3; time, 7sec.

100 Yards.—Blackley (scr.) 1, I. W. Davies (4yds.) 2, P. McDonnell (scr.) 3. Time, 13 3-5sec.

150 Yards.—I. W. Davies (6yds.) 1, Blackley (scr.) 2, G. C. Weston (scr.) 3. Time, 20 2-5sec.

UNDER 10 CUP.

50 Yards.—Blundell (scr.) 1, D. J. Bewley (scr.) 2, A. B. Beale (2yds.) 3. Time, 8sec.

75 Yards.—Blundell (scr.) 1, Bewley (scr.) 2, Beale (4yds.) 3. Time, 12sec.

100 Yards.—Blundell 1, Bewley 2, Quilliam 3. Time, 15 1-5sec.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

50 Yards, under 11.—G. C. Weston 1, V. T. Bowie 2, W. D. Saunders 3. Time, 7 2-5sec.

75 Yards, under 13.—K. Rouse (2yds.) 1, J. Carroll (scr.) 2, R. G. Jones (1yd.) 3. Time, 10sec.

100 Yards, under 15.—First heat: A. Thomason (2yds.) 1, R. Richards (4yds.) 2; time, 12sec. Second heat: Wiley (3yds.) 1, Insull (1yd.) 2; time, 12 2-5sec. Third heat: P. Bowie (4yds.) 1, Kerrisk (1yd.) 2; time, 12sec. Fourth heat: Outred (5yds.) 1, Lynch (2yds.) 2; time, 12 3-5sec. Fifth heat: R. Shepherd (1yd.) 1, McKee (4yds.) 2; time, 12sec. Sixth heat: A. Wells (2yds.) 1, N. Wakelin (4yds.) 2; time, 12 3-5sec. Final: Shepherd 1, Bowie 2, Thomason 3; time, 11 4-5sec.

150 Yards Open.—First heat: C. Little (3yds.) 1; time, 15 4-5sec. Second heat: M. Good (4yds.) 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Third heat: A. Abbott (6yds.) 1; time, 17sec. Fourth heat: J. W. Syme (4yds.) 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Fifth heat: W. Hayward (5yds.) 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Sixth heat: R. J. Stewart (7yds.) 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Seventh heat: A. H. Andrews (7yds.) 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Eighth

heat: F. Lysaght (4yds.) 1; time, 17sec. Ninth heat: H. Watkins (7yds.) 1; time, 16sec. Final: Little 1, Watkins 2, Syme 3; time, 15 4-5sec.

220 Yards Open.—First heat: F. Lysaght (6yds.) 1, P. Eaves (scr.) 2; time, 25sec. Second heat: H. Watkins (6yds.) 1, J. Stronge (1yd.) 2; time, 26 1-5sec. Third heat: J. Syme (3yds.) 1, A. Hutchen (7yds.) 2; time, 27sec. Fourth heat: C. Little (4yds.) 1, I. Symes (3yds.) 2; time, 26sec. Fifth heat: A. Mills (10yds.) 1, E. J. Davies (6yds.) 2; time, 26 1-5sec. Sixth heat: R. J. Stewart (6yds.) 1, A. Harris (8yds.) 2; time, 26 4-5sec. Final: C. Little 1, P. Eaves 2, A. Mills 3; time, 26 1-5sec.

440 Yards Senior.—C. McNeill (5yds.) 1, R. L. Shaw (10yds.) 2, C. Little (10yds.) 3. Time, 58 2-5sec.

440 Yards Junior.—T. Oxenham (30yds.) 1, R. Cook (25yds.) 2, McCauley (30yds.) 3. Time, 60 2-5sec.

880 Yards Senior.—G. S. Anderson (scr.) 1, H. Gorrington (10yds.) 2, B. Walsham (scr.) 3. Time, 2min. 16 1-5sec.

880 Yards Junior.—K. Scott (scr.) 1, L. G. Dickey (scr.) 2, P. Donohue (30yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 24sec.

Mile Senior.—B. Walsham (scr.) 1, T. W. Rawson (scr.) 2, H. Gorrington (scr.) 3. Time, 5min.

Mile Junior.—L. G. Dickey (scr.) 1, J. Davies (10yds.) 2, Marshall (20yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 23 4-5sec.

Old Boys' Race (Pridham Cup).—S. Black 1, A. H. Blundell 2, H. W. Brown 3.

Sack Race (75yds.).—First heat: Fox (20yds.) 1, J. Anderson (5yds.) 2. Second heat: J. Hetherington (scr.) 1, D. Boulton (5yds.) 2. Third heat: W. Martin (20yds.) 1, F. Read (15yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Law (scr.) 1, Maunder (5yds.) 2. Fifth heat: Silver (scr.) 1, E. H. Fairbrother (5yds.) 2. Sixth heat: Bullot (scr.) 1, Beckbessinger (scr.) 2. Final: Martin 1, Hetherington 2, Boulton 3.

Potato Race, over 14.—First heat: Grieve 1. Second heat: J. McLean 1, Beckbessinger 2. Third heat: Fairbrother 1, L. Rea 2. Fourth heat: Atchley 1, Sloman 2. Fifth heat: Whitecombe 1, A. Gorrington 2. Sixth heat: Fox 1, T. Watson and Insull (dead heat) 2. Seventh

heat: Simpson 1, Gibboney 2. Final: Grieve 1, J. McLean 2, T. Watson 3.

Potato Race, under 14.—First heat: Berryman 1, H. Cooper 2, Morris 3. Second heat: Alsop 1, West 2. Final: Alsop 1, Cooper 2, Morris 3.

Three-legged Race (75yds.).—First heat: Avery and Middleton 1. Second heat: Maunder and Rees-Jones 1. Third heat: Field and C. Verry 1. Fourth heat: F. White and Cleland and Briggs and Whitcombe (dead heat) 1. Fifth heat: Good and J. Syme 1. Sixth heat: P. Bowie and E. Calvert 1. Seventh heat: Boulton and K. Calvert 1. Final: Maunder and Rees-Jones 1, Syme and Good 2.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—A. C. Shepherd, 89yds. 2ft. 2in.

CONCERT CLUB AND ORCHESTRA NOTES

(A. Moverley.)

On June 15 the Orchestra played at the farewell to Rev. F. G. Harvie at St. Mary's Parish Hall and received a good hearing.

The second term concert was held on August 13 in the Assembly Hall before a packed and very appreciative audience. The following programme was presented:—

1. March, "Messidor" (Fulton), Orchestra.
 2. Chorus, "When the Sergeant-Major's on Parade," Company.
 3. Recitation, "The Sea is God's," Grieve.
 4. Song, "The Village Band," Anderson.
 5. Selection, "Indian Love Lyrics," No. 1 ("The Temple Bells"), Orchestra.
 6. Song, "The Heart Bow'd Down," Birch.
 7. School Parodies, Anderson.
 8. Monologue, "The Bus Conductor," Yorke.
 9. Chorus, "Let's All Go to Mary's House," Clegg and Company.
 10. March, "Doge's March" ("Merchant of Venice"), Orchestra.
 11. One Act Farce, "Box and Cox"—John Box, a printer, Grieve; James Cox, a hatter, Phillips; Mrs. Bouncer, a lodging-house keeper, McDonald.
- "God Save the King."

On August 17 the Orchestra played during the intervals for the Girls' High School play, "The Admirable Crichton," staged in the Opera House. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the actors in this production upon the high standard of their work.

Since the last issue of "The Taranakian" the Orchestra has lost the services of L. Petty (violin) and C. Stronge ('cello). The place of the latter, however, has now been filled by R. Shaw.

Until lately the Orchestra has been handicapped by being forced to practise in the confined space of the music room, where defects in harmony were difficult to correct. This naturally prevented us from being at our best when suddenly called upon to perform in a large hall. Fortunately this defect has now been remedied by the clearing of a large dormitory in the Old House for our exclusive use.

The third term concert, which we always try to make the event of the year, was staged in the Assembly Hall on November 8, when as usual the hall was packed to overflowing. The programme was as follows:—

1. March "Napoleon's Last Charge" (Paul), Orchestra.
2. Pianoforte solo, "Moods and Fancies," No. 5 (Adam Carse), L. Watt.
3. Violin solo, (a) "Intermedio" (Giovanni Putti), (b) "Minuet" (Adam Carse), J. Hatherley.
4. Selection, "Schon Rosmarin" (Kreisler), Orchestra.
5. Pianoforte solo, (a) "The Call of the Sea" (Palmgren), (b) "Toccata in A" (Paradies), W. Watt.
6. Song, (a) "Morning" (Oley Speaks), (b) "O Thank Me Not" (Mallinson), Anderson.
7. Pianoforte solo, "Sous Bois" (Edgar Barratt), Silver.
8. Trio, (a) "Autrefois" (Percy Elliot), (b) "Sumer is Ie-cumen in" (arrangement of a Thirteenth Century Song), Gorringe, Stronge and Ford.
9. Pianoforte solo, (a) "Rosemary" (Frank Bridge), (b) "Scenes from an Imaginary Ballet," No. 3 (Coleridge Taylor), Good.

10. Selection, "Indian Love Lyrics," Nos. 1 and 2 (Amy Woodforde Finden), Orchestra.
11. Trio, "Larghetto aus der Zweiten Symphonie" (Beethoven), Miss Coleman ('cello), Miss Ross (violin), Mr. Dobson (piano).
12. Song, "Two Grenadiers" (Schumann), Mr. Kerr.
13. Pianoforte solo, "Légende," No. 1 (Paderewski), Miss Coleman.
14. Violin solo, "Sonata, No. 5, A Major" (Handel), Adagio, Allegro, Largo, Allegro; Miss Ross,
15. Pianoforte solo, "Schergo in B Minor" (Sydney Rosinbloom), Mr. Dobson.
16. Trio, (a) "Schergo from Trio in G," Op. 1, No. 2 (Beethoven), (b) "Indian Dawn" (arrangement of song), (Zamecnik), Miss Coleman, Miss Ross, Mr. Dobson.

"God Save the King."

We wish to convey our thanks to Mr. Avery for presenting the Orchestra with a 'cello bag, and to Mr. Collier for various donations.

Before the end of the year we have to play at the Old Boys' Gala Day. We are also practising for visits to the Hospital and Old People's Home, for the sports dinner and the breaking-up ceremony.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON, PRACTICAL.

Higher Local.—D. Silver, J. Ford.

Senior.—M. Good, D. Phillips.

Intermediate.—H. Short, J. Avery, D. Lee.

Junior.—A. Wylde-Brown.

Advanced Intermediate Harmony.—J. Ford.

Intermediate Harmony.—M. Good.

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Agriculture Notes

(E. R. Sutton.)

This term a good deal of time was devoted to forestry work. Over 500 1½-year-old gums—*Eucalyptus Viminalis*—were planted out on rough ground on the Hobson Street plots. The trees were grown from seed sown in the nursery plots on November 10, 1925, and lined out in May, 1926. The trees having been well wrenched, transplanted readily and are making good growth. *E. Viminalis* appears to be one of the best *Eucalypts* for Taranaki soil and weather conditions.

During May about 6000 seedlings grown from seed sown in November, 1926, were lined out. They comprised the following:—*Eucalyptus Botryoides*, *Eucalyptus Eugenioides*, *Eucalyptus Viminalis*, *Eucalyptus Macarthuri*, *Eucalyptus Obliqua*, *Eucalyptus Gunnii*, *Cupressus Lawsoniana*, *Cupressus Macrocarpa*, *Pinus Muricata*, *Pinus Maritima*.

Several rows of "cuttings" were planted, including: *Ake-ake* (*Olearia Fosterii*), *Pohutukawa* (*Metrosideros tomentosa*), *Cupressus Lawsoniana*.

On the hillside below the School Hospital several varieties of Eucalyptus have made very satisfactory growth. They were raised from seed sown on November 25, 1924, planted out the following year, and some are now over 23 feet high. The only really unsatisfactory ones are Eucalyptus Gunnii.

PASTURE TOP-DRESSING TRIAL.

THIRD YEAR TREATMENT.

Since the hay crop was taken off last December, the paddock has been alternately shut up and grazed throughout the year. In June (1927) the following manures were applied:—

- Strip 1: Superphosphate, 4 cwt. per acre.
- " 2: Basic Slag, 4 cwt. per acre.
- " 3: Superphosphate, 4 cwt. per acre.
- " 4: Bone Meal, 4 cwt. per acre.
- " 5: Nauru Phosphate, 4 cwt. per acre.
- " 6: Ephos, 4 cwt. per acre.
- " 7: Walpole Guano, 4 cwt. per acre.

Control strip, no phosphate.

In addition, half the area received a dressing of Kainit (Potash Salt) at the rate of 2 cwt. per acre. Before the manures were applied the pasture was closely grazed and chain harrowed. The paddock was shut up for hay the first week in September and the crop will be cut and weighed in December.

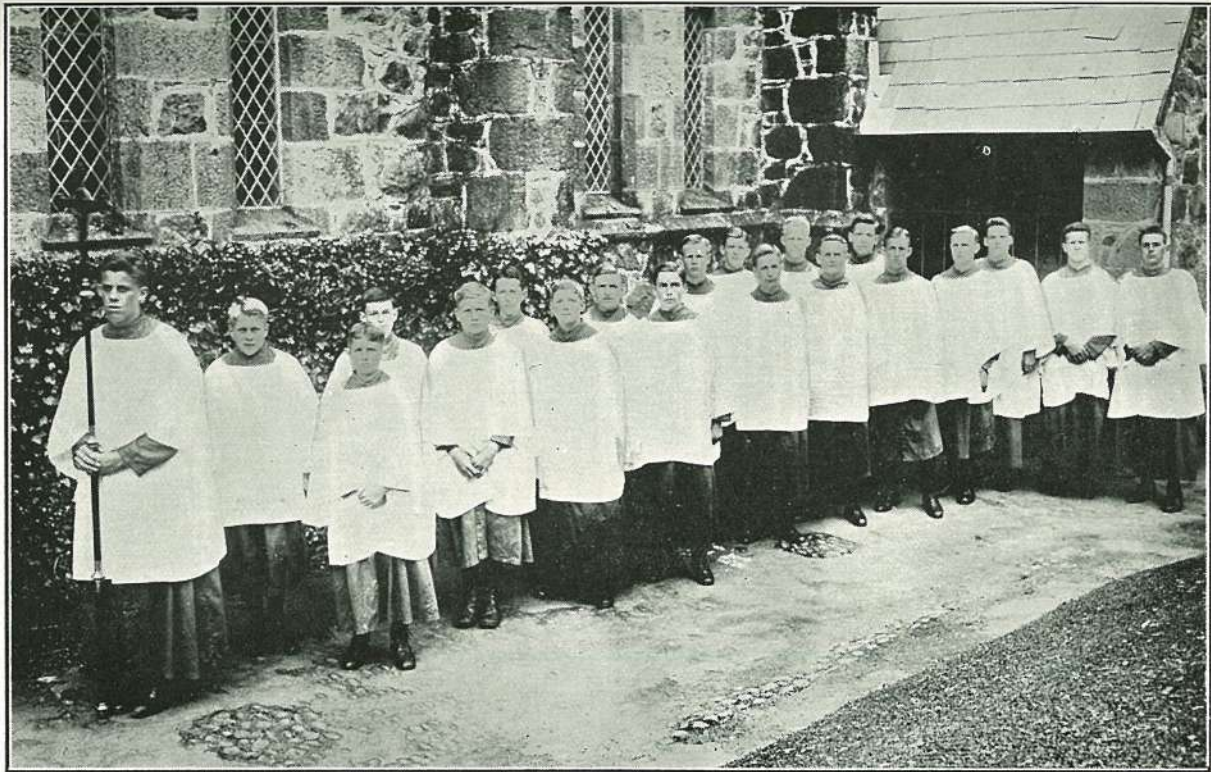
GRASS SEEDS FROM THE ROYAL DANISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

An interesting addition to our collection of grasses has been made possible by the gift of two packets of seed from the Royal Danish Agricultural Society. One is Meadow Fescue (*Festuca pratensis*), Strain No. 9. It is claimed to be very capable in resisting rust (*Puccinia*). The other is Cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*), Olsgaard strain. It is said to resemble American Cocksfoot in appearance and earliness, and to be suitable for permanent land.

WIRELESS NOTES

(F. Lysaght and J. Murray.)

Since the last issue of this magazine activities in the Wireless Club have been progressing quite satisfactorily.



CHOIR, 1927.

Our portion of the proceeds of the last School concert enabled us to purchase a new set. The one decided upon was a five-valve King Neutrodyne. This set is of the ordinary Neutrodyne type and is fitted with Mullard valves. It gives considerable volume and fairly selective tuning. No long distance reception has been obtained yet as the summer barrage of static has set in, and this renders the reception of faint stations well nigh impossible.

The membership of the club has increased considerably during the last term owing to the popularity of the new set and also the reception of various big football matches.



Very little has been done as regards short wave work until lately. A two-valve short wave set is now under construction. It is to be hoped that more boys will take an interest in this field of wireless. The chief obstacle at present is the cost of obtaining a new set of batteries, but we hope that this will soon be overcome.

Short wave work, besides being extremely interesting, has its lighter side as in listening to broadcasts from all over the world. These it may be stated can be received quite well on two or three valves on the short waves. This demonstrates the long-range merits of the short waves over those of the long waves.

In conclusion we should like to take the opportunity of thanking all those who have helped the club during the past months.



Chapel

Most of the newly-confirmed candidates made their first Communion during the early Sundays of this term, after having been prepared for a few weeks on their return from the holidays. It will be better in the future so to arrange the Confirmation as to make it possible for all the preparation to be finished before the end of the second term.

School service has been carried on as usual, the Chaplain's new duties not having interfered in the least with this work. We think that never before has the service gone with such a good swing. It is now just over five years since the change was made, and boys came down to St. Mary's instead of having the service up in the school hall. And in that time we feel certain that the various generations of boys have come to enjoy and

appreciate what has been possible through the goodness of the parish authorities. Certainly no one would wish to return to the service in the school hall.

Everyone was glad when the work of renovating the organ at last came to an end, and the "groan-box" was finally put on one side. We have quite enough of that variety of instrument at practice on Friday nights. Mr. Renaud kindly arranged a recital of organ music one afternoon for the benefit of the Boys' and Girls' High Schools. He gave a representative selection of good organ music, prefacing each number with a short explanation. We are sure that everyone appreciated the chance of hearing what is by common consent a very fine instrument.

Confirmation preparation went on regularly till the end of the second term. The Confirmation was fixed for August 16, a Tuesday evening. The Bishop of the Diocese officiated for the first time. He takes the service with slight variations from that to which we have hitherto been accustomed, but he was good enough to allow us to follow most of our customs. There were sixty candidates in all, but various diseases and afflictions laid several of them low on the actual date, and three were confirmed on the following Thursday evening. One who had not sufficiently recovered was confirmed by the Archbishop at Ellerslie parish Church during the holidays. Our own service was most impressive, and the Choir carried out its duties without a hitch. A large congregation filled the Church and listened attentively to his Lordship, who gave useful and practical advice to the candidates. Possibly his exceedingly gorgeous apparel struck various people in various ways, but after all a Cope and Mitre are the very ordinary vestments of a Bishop; and though we are unused to them, they are used day by day in other branches of our Church.

Previous to the Confirmation, on July 6, a service was held, when the Chaplain was solemnly instituted and inducted as Vicar of the Parish of New Plymouth. The Bishop and the Archdeacon both attended to carry out the formal and legal parts of the ceremony. The new Vicar was greatly delighted to see so many of his old friends from the School present that evening.

Football Notes.



(J. Stronge and K. Wetera.)

We have again experienced a most successful football season. With the unbeaten record of last year's team confronting them, the members of the 1927 Fifteen got down to solid training at the beginning of the season, and with six old "caps" to provide the stiffening, soon developed into a first-class combination. The forwards, though not generally as heavy as last year, were faster and quicker off the mark, and their tackling throughout was of the deadliest character. The backs were inclined to be a little erratic in their handling, but at their best were about the equal of any set of backs of the past, both on attack and defence. The great speed of the three-quarter line rendered it always dangerous when in possession of the ball.

The first inter-school match was that played early in the season at Hawera against Wanganui Technical College. The game was spoilt by a heavy gale blowing straight down the ground. New Plymouth started brilliantly, but after the backs had scored two tries, the forwards lost their initial advantage, with the result that the remainder of the game was of a scrambling nature. In the end we emerged victorious by 13 to 11.

We were pleased to welcome the Hamilton High School team to New Plymouth for the first time. They arrived by bus on the Friday evening and were billeted out by parents and friends of the School. The Fifteen by this time had developed better combination, and although our lighter opponents put up a game fight and tackled well, they had not sufficient pace to prevent our wing-three-quarters from piling up the score.

Then came Te Aute, always a very popular team in New Plymouth. This year our visitors were lighter and less experienced than usual, and our forwards dominated the game to such an extent that the backs, even though erratic at times, put on 22 points, while Te Aute failed to penetrate our defence, which had tightened up considerably by this time.

Wanganui Collegiate were our next visitors, and as they had been doing so well we expected a particularly close game. A heavy ground and pouring rain unfortunately spoilt what would undoubtedly have been a most spectacular match. As it was Wanganui seemed greatly hampered by the conditions, whilst our forwards revelled in them and gave the backs numberless opportunities. Handling brilliantly under such conditions the backs scored three brilliant tries and penalty goals brought the score to 17. This game is generally considered to be the best wet-day game the School has ever played.

At the end of the term the Fifteen journeyed by train to Auckland to meet Auckland Grammar School, and at Eden Park on a water-logged ground the team failed to rise superior to the conditions and gave but a moderate showing. The deep mud was a new experience for the team, as the local grounds though often wet, are not sticky. Victory went to New Plymouth by a penalty goal, and thus the Fifteen completed the season with the most creditable record of 5 games, 5 wins, points for 91, against 16.

During the season the Fifteen played in the Taranaki Junior Cup fixtures and won all its games by comfortable margins until a succession of inter-school games rendered it necessary to abandon all further matches in the local competition. The practice obtained in these games, however, proved of great value in welding the team together into one of the most formidable combinations the School has had.

The Second Fifteen contributed largely towards the success of the First by turning out regularly to give them practice. Their lot is always rather a hard one in this respect, and a special word of praise is due to this team for the manner it tackled the First in practices. In the Third Grade competition, as will be seen by detailed results further on, the team did very creditably.

The Third Fifteen was at the beginning of the season on the weak side, but built up into a good team. At the end of the season it played off for the North Taranaki Fourth Grade championship twice against Old Boys, drawing on each occasion, and holidays then intervening the team was forced to abandon further participation in this competition.

The Fourth Fifteen and Fifth Fifteens also played in this grade with varying success. The remainder of the School was divided up as usual into groups each under a master, and later in the term, competitors were indulged in, Clifton winning the A grade and Wanderers the B grade. Altogether it has been a very pleasant football season for everyone.

We wish to thank the masters for the great interest they have taken in their work of coaching the various teams, the parents and friends who have kindly billeted visitors, the Rugby Union for its generous entertainment, and Mr. and Mrs. Moyes, upon whom falls a large burden of the entertainment when visiting teams come to New Plymouth.

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

On July 2 the team, with the rest of the School, travelled to Hawera to play the annual match with Wanganui Technical College. The two teams were entertained at lunch by the Rugby Union. A biting gale which swept across the ground from corner to corner made conditions unpleasant for both players and spectators.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Wanganui (Dark Blue).—J. Hair (full-back); S. Natuna, L. Tilley, E. Renz (three-quarters); R. Weir, J. Kerr (five-eighths); Y. Irwin (half-back); S. Knight (rover); H. Tasker, J. Rogers, F. Peli, E. Thakobau, J. Farley, J. Powell, C. Fowler (forwards).

New Plymouth.—A. Sinclair (full-back); R. Watson, H. Fookes, H. Brown (three-quarters); L. Petty, K. Gibbons (five-eighths); C. Brown (half-back); P. Eaves (rover); E. Harman, J. McDonald, C. McNeill, K. Wetere, captain, J. Stronge, W. O'Neill, A. Abbott (forwards).

School won the toss and decided to play with the wind the first quarter. Petty sent H. Brown with a rush down the touch-line; then from a line-out the backs raced away. H. Fookes cut in neatly and with a good turn of speed he beat three men to swerve sharply in and score under the bar within three minutes of the opening of the game. H. Brown converted.

School	5
Wanganui	0

Within a couple of minutes the movement was all but repeated, but Fookes was held up when a pass to Watson might have meant a try. H. Brown punted over the line, but was beaten by Hair in the race for the ball. C. Brown dived through from a scrum near the posts, but was held up on the line. Wanganui punted from a free-kick and Gibbons sent his backs away on a try-crowned expedition. Fookes beat his man nicely, and handed to Watson, who sped down the line and cork-screwed infield past a prostrate full-back to score under the bar. H. Brown's shot at goal struck the upright and bounced back.

School	8
Wanganui	0

School continued to hammer away at Wanganui's line. First H. Brown raced away on the wing and crossed the line, but he had stepped into touch on the way. Then in a passing rush Petty cut in, but was held up. The first spell ended with School still on the attack.

Wanganui took up the attack with the change of ends, and play still remained for the most part at the south end of the ground. Indecision on the part of several School players let Wanganui through on the run. Sinclair failed to clear and was penalised for lying on the ball. Although in a handy position Tilley's shot was just wide. Soon after School were again penalised, and from two yards past half-way Thakobau's magnificent kick sailed just outside the post. Working down with the wind, Wanganui hooked smartly from a scrum, and Irwin side-stepped neatly through the opposition and passed at the right moment to Renz, who came up fast.

The winger left School standing and crossed the line to register Wanganui's first try. Taking careful aim, Thakobau landed a fine goal.

School	8
Wanganui	5

For the remainder of the spell Wanganui kept attacking and secured the ball consistently from both scrum and line-out. There was no further score by half-time.

In spite of the fact that the wind was against them, Wanganui set up a hot attack as soon as the spell opened. Their way was made easy for them by a pack of forwards who were at that stage appreciably superior to the New Plymouth vanguard. For ten minutes Wanganui were within an ace of scoring and a hot contest for a yard or two of ground raged along the entire length of School's goal-line. After several brief respites for School, Kerr made a piercing run that was nearly crowned with points. A moment later the Wanganui backs sprang into their stride from a line-out, and poor tackling let Tilley through between Fookes and Watson to score. Thakobau could not goal and with the scores even the game suddenly developed a new element of keenness.

School	8
Wanganui	8

School started away from the kick-out with a tremendous rush, and Petty was temporarily incapacitated in sternly tackling Hair. From a loose scrum in School's territory C. Brown whipped the ball out to Gibbons, and away went the line of backs. H. Brown gathered in his pass and sped down the line to score near the corner as he was tackled. From well out Gibbons landed a perfect goal.

School	13
Wanganui	8

Fighting hard in grim defence Weterere broke away. When he was pulled down, Eaves and McNeill continued the rush and gained an advantage of half the length of the field. Hair, in trying to save, received an injury, and had to be replaced by Saywell. The rush proved to be

the turning point in the game, for it marked the commencement of a School attack that was sustained until the sounding of the bell. Once from the loose C. Brown crossed in the corner, but he had stepped into touch. Almost on time Wanganui backs were given the ball like a cannot-shot from the line-out. Kerr tried to dive through, but Gibbons held him up, made ground with a spurt and a short punt, and opened the way for a piercing run, which ended when Watson was well tackled in the corner by Natuna. School were penalised in a dangerous position and Thakobau goaled. The bell sounded immediately with the score:

School	13
Wanganui	11

Mr. H. J. Whittington refereed.

SCHOOL v. HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL.

On July 30 we played the Hamilton High School at Pukekura Park. Hamilton arrived by service car and were billeted out with friends of the School. We take this opportunity of thanking those who acted as hosts during their visit.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Hamilton High School (Red and Black).—Yarry (full-back); Morgan, Pratt, Skelton (three-quarters); Mills, captain, Green (five-eighths); Collier (half-back); Tassel (rover); Stevens, Thomson, Innes, Robbie, Somervell, Willoughby, Bowling (forwards).

School.—Petty (full-back); Beck, Watson, H. Brown (three-quarters); Fookes, Gibbons (five-eighths); C. Brown (half-back); Eaves (rover); Abbott, Stronge, McNeill, Weterere, captain, McCallum, O'Neill, Harman (forwards).

Securing from the initial scrum, Hamilton backs got going and Pratt kicked into School's twenty-five, but with a useful kick Petty found touch past half-way. School dominated the line-out. Hamilton were penalised and Gibbons essayed a resultless shot at goal, which, however, placed School in an attacking position. From a scrum Eaves kicked through, and after smothering

Green's return Harman dived on the ball. Gibbons' kick went wide.

School	3
Hamilton	0

On resuming Hamilton attacked, and from a scrum Collier sent Mills and Green away to be well tackled. Though the ball was greasy both sides were making the game as open as possible and play remained for a while in neutral territory. A Hamilton pass was dropped and Eaves seized the opportunity to kick through. Tassell, however, went down gamely. Next moment the visitors were penalised and Beck just managed to goal.

School	6
Hamilton	0

Soon afterwards Beck had another penalty shot, but the ball failed to rise. The visitors swept down the field in promising style and just at School's twenty-five Skelton cleverly sent the ball infield, but the opportunity was lost. The Hamilton forwards were putting vim into their work and attacked hotly, whilst Pratt also cut through strongly, and School's line was in trouble till Petty cleared with a useful line-kick. School backs swung away down field, but Watson failed to hold a pass. Next moment C. Brown worked them into their stride again, but man after man was mowed down by their plucky assailants in deadly fashion. Then the visitors were penalised right in front of their goal and H. Brown added another three points.

School	9
Hamilton	0

During the next two minutes School were penalised twice, but Hamilton failed to improve their score. After a School bout had broken down, the visiting backs, handling nicely, shot the ball along the chain, but ran across the field and Petty, snapping up, sent Beck into neutral territory as the first quarter ended.

The second quarter opened with a pretty bout of passing by the visitors, eight of whom handled before the movement was checked. The School forwards charged back and from a loose scrum in midfield C. Brown sent the

ball via Gibbons to Fookes, who left his opponents standing with a spectacular cut through, making it easy for Watson to send H. Brown over to score by the posts. He also goaled.

School	14
Hamilton	0

Again School attacked, but the defence was too solid and Mills brought H. Brown down. Blocked again on the same wing, C. Brown, from the next scrum, sent the ball travelling evenly along the line to Watson, who sent Beck away past Morgan to score. Gibbons failed to convert.

School	17
Hamilton	0

A long kick by Pratt changed defence into attack as Stevens and Willoughby charged down; but Petty saved gamely and was momentarily incapacitated. From the scrum C. Brown passed to H. Brown on the blind side and the latter used his great pace to beat all but the full-back (Yarry), who brought him down. Tassel and Mills were responsible for a pretty burst by Hamilton, but the School tackling was too solid to penetrate and next moment Watson had broken through, and, punting over his opponents' heads, he went on to dribble over the line and score in a good position. H. Brown's kick failed.

School	20
Hamilton	0

Wetere led School in a great burst but a well-judged penalty kick by Pratt brought Hamilton into a great attacking position. School cleared and Gibbons, breaking through, removed the venue to neutral territory where, from a scrum, the ball again sped along the backs to Watson, who cut through and passed to Beck, who just got over as Yarry tackled him. Fookes' kick failed as half-time sounded with the score:

School	23
Hamilton	0

On resuming Hayward replaced Petty, who was feeling the effects of his injury in the second quarter. Somervell and Bowling led the visiting pack to School's ter-

ritory, but they failed to take full advantage of a penalty kick. School attacked and twice C. Brown sent his backs away. Hayward, fielding a high kick, ran his backs into position and Watson raced away. He beat two men, but slipped when a score seemed likely. Hamilton's fine tackling kept their line intact, until Brown shot the ball across to Gibbons, from whom it went crisply along the line to Watson, who sent Beck away to score as he was tackled. H. Brown converted.

School	28
Hamilton	0

This only spurred Hamilton to renewed efforts and their forwards rushed play to the twenty-five before they were checked, and Green and Morgan carried on the attack. Mills was temporarily injured in stemming a counter-attack by School. H. Brown dashed along the side-line to half-way, where he was forced out by Skelton. School were penalised, but Mills gained little ground with the kick. Wetere burst through and the forwards carried on until Yarry marked and lined. School continued attacking and Fookes set his backs in action. A try looked a certainty as Watson raced for the line, but Pratt brought him down with a diving tackle, while Yarry cleared with a fine line kick. Hamilton only kept their line clear by solid tackling for the next few minutes. Their pertinacity was soon to be rewarded as Morgan, running round, gained ground with a grubber kick to touch. The ball then swung into midfield, where Mills snapped it up and shot it out to Yarry, who had moved up to centre. He shook off a couple of men and sent Morgan over to score a try just as the third quarter ended. Innes goaled.

School	28
Hamilton	5

Wetere and Eaves burst through, but the rush was stemmed by dogged tackling and Hamilton returned to neutral ground. Here Watson cut through, ball at toe. Beck kicked it infield for Watson to carry on with a great dribbling rush, and finally to beat his opponents in the dive and score. Brown goaled.

School	33
Hamilton	5

Almost from the kick-off C. Brown sent out a pass to Gibbons, who handed to Fookes and Watson, the latter scoring. Brown's kick failed.

School	36
Hamilton	5

School returned to the attack and bursts by Wetere, Gibbons and Watson looked promising, but intercepting, Tassel broke through to half-way, where School were penalised, thus giving Innes a shot that fell short. Morgan made a dash along the side-line, but he was forced out by Beck. Green started his backs moving, but they lacked crispness. School attacked and a promising movement was checked by Mills. Using the other side of the field Fookes cut through, but was held up on the line. Desperate defence, aided by a penalty, let the visitors clear and spirited following up had them attacking. Fookes was temporarily hurt. Hamilton were still attacking when time sounded with the score:

School	36
Hamilton	5

Mr. H. C. Johnson refereed.

SCHOOL v. TE AUTE COLLEGE.

On Thursday, August 6, the Te Aute team arrived by mail train and were billeted at Marsland View. We take this opportunity of thanking the Rugby Union, who so cordially entertained both teams during Te Aute's stay with us. This year the match, which is the most popular school fixture, was played as a benefit match for the unemployed.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Te Aute College (Red and Black).—King (full-back); Ruru, Thompson, Prebble (three-quarters); Hamiora, Piper (five-eighths); Wickeliffe (half-back); Green, captain (wing-forward); Bristowe, Paenga, Tinirau, Himona, Te Kawa, Keretene, Collier (forwards).

School.—Petty (full-back); Beck, Watson, H. Brown (three-quarters); Fookes, Gibbons (five-eighths); C. Brown (half-back); Eaves (wing-forward); Abbott, Stronge, McNeill, Wetere, captain, McCallum, Harman, O'Neill (forwards).

Te Aute won the toss, and played from the south end into the face of a light breeze. At the start School hooked the ball consistently, and several times the backs broke away. Near the twenty-five Te Aute were penalised for crowding offside around the scrum, but Gibbons could not goal. Chiefly because of the failure of their backs to handle with their usual precision, School pounded away for some time, without success, at the Te Aute goal-line. Then C. Brown whipped the ball far out from a tangled scrum near the touch line, and Watson, gathering it in neatly, made a strong run and handed it to Beck, who crossed in the corner. Gibbons failed to convert the try.

School	3
Te Aute	0

A moment later Beck failed to goal from a penalty kick. In a School passing rush Thompson neatly intercepted and dashed away in a sensational break. Hamiora Paenga and Te Kawa carried on the piercing attack, but the School backs overhauled them as the first quarter ended.

After the change over the Te Aute forwards hooked cleanly from the scrum for the first time and their backs raced away, but were overtaken. From midfield C. Brown sent the School backs away in a fine passing rush. Beck received and short punted along the ground and in a thrilling race for the ball Watson touched down first. Brown missed the kick. Green made a solo burst, but the triumph of the visitors was short-lived. School were penalised in a handy position, but Wickeliffe's kick was just wide. Wetere burst through from the loose and passed to Beck and he, in turn, shot the ball infield to Harman, who crossed the line and came round to score under the bar. Brown goaled. After sweeping up to a scrum under the visitors' goal, the School forwards held Te Aute in fierce conflict until the ball was hooked and Beck received at the gallop. A try seemed inevitable, but King, racing across the field, hurled himself at Beck and tackled him magnificently. During a scramble near the posts Wetere seized an opportunity, sent two or three

opponents sprawling on their faces, and bullocked his way over to score. Brown missed a comparatively easy kick, and half-time sounded with the points:

School	14
Te Aute	0

Owing to leg injuries Paenga did not appear in the second spell, so Awatere replaced him. Time and again, C. Brown, magnificently served by his forwards, sent his backs racing for the line, but they were held up by tackling equally as magnificent. On one occasion Watson sent Beck away on a strong bid for the corner, but within a few yards of his objective Thompson felled him like a tree trunk. From a titanic struggle in Te Aute's territory Piper made the mistake of a speculative kick, and paid the penalty, for with a fine burst of speed Watson and H. Brown sprinted away. Watson handed to the winger and receiving infield again he scored under the bar. H. Brown converted.

School	19
Te Aute	0

Te Aute's respite was brief. From a scrum near touch C. Brown sent Gibbons away on the blind side. The latter passed to Beck, and following a punt School stormed over the line en masse for McNeill to score near the dead-ball line. The quarter ended with School still attacking and the score:

School	22
Te Aute	0

The early part of the last quarter was desultory, but towards the end of the game Te Aute rallied fiercely with a wonderful show of determination. Scrum after scrum and line-out after line-out followed one another in School's corner and Ruru had hard luck in not being awarded a try. Finally after Te Aute had had two unsuccessful shots at goal, Fookes and Eaves broke away. The game ended with both sides attacking alternately and the score still:

School	22
Te Aute	0

Mr. W. Bridger controlled the game with efficiency and good judgment.

PREVIOUS MATCHES.

	School.	Points. Te Aute.
1916	9	3
1923	18	8
1924	3	3
1925	0	3
1926	18	0
1927	22	0
Totals	70	17

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI COLLEGE.

The Wanganui team arrived by the mail train on August 9 and were billeted with citizens of the town. We wish to thank all those who acted as hosts during the visit. On Wednesday, the 10th, the game was played at Pukekura Park. Rain fell during the day and throughout most of the match, with the result that the ground was very heavy and the ball greasy. However the game did not develop into a mud scramble. On the night after the match a dance was held for the two teams.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Wanganui College.—Bunny (full-back); Ellingham, Pomare, Donald (three-quarters); Burke, Giesen (five-eighths); McKenzie (half-back); Gaddum (rover), Robertson, Hunt, Barton, Gibbons, Macfarlane, Bethel, Ormsby (forwards).

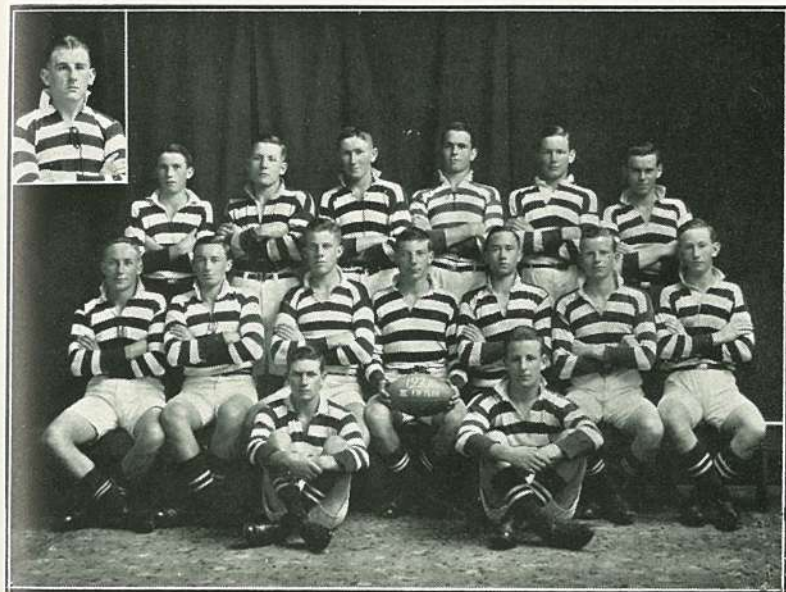
School.—Petty (full-back); Beck, Watson, H. Brown (three-quarters); Fookes, Gibbons (five-eighths); C. Brown (half-back); Eaves (rover); Abbott, Stronge, McNeill, Wetere, captain, McCallum, O'Neill, Harman (forwards).

Following on Wanganui's kick-off the School backs at once swung into action. Within striking distance Gibbons let the ball out, but Beck over-ran his pass. The next time H. Brown cut through, but Bunny grassed him. Play again swung to H. Brown, who kicked for the corner, but the ball reached the dead-line. Smart passing



SECOND FIFTEEN, 1927.

Back Row: R. List, A. Shepherd, B. Trehey, M. Standish, A. Beck, H. Gorringe.
Middle Row: E. Oldfield, G. Burwell, A. Sinclair, A. W. Moverley (captain), G. Anderson, J. McDonald, A. Hutchen.
In Front: C. Palmer, C. Stronge, J. Warner, W. Hayward.



THIRD FIFTEEN, 1927.

Back Row: R. A. Shaw, R. L. Shaw, W. Thomson, R. Sutton, R. Wynyard, L. Simpson.
Middle Row: J. Gibbs, D. Ekdahl, J. Tarrant, D. Papps (captain), K. Scott, L. Dickey, J. Thomas.
In Front: C. Little, M. Good. Inset: G. Grace.

and straight running by the backs saw H. Brown again tackled close to the line by Donald, while from the scrum Bunny temporarily cleared. Desperate defence saw the visiting forwards, led by Barton, Macfarlane and Hunt, sweep out of danger, and a penalty let Bunny line at half-way. However, School were not to be denied, and, keeping up the pressure, Brown and Watson smothered Bunny, who had to line hurriedly. Again a bright bout of passing saw Beck dive for the ball at the corner, but he missed. The School backs kept moving, but Beck could not pass Ellingham or Burke. After a few minutes School were penalised, and Bunny lined past half-way. It was not long before H. Brown, following up fast, smothered Bunny, who was slow to get rid of the ball. Gibbons failed to goal. Ellingham intercepted and again sent School back past half-way. Wanganui forwards asserted themselves, but the School pack retaliated and their backs got moving, but Beck was downed by Ellingham a few yards from the line. Gaddum led his pack past half-way. Then Eaves, Harman and McNeill with pretty footwork swept right back, but they lost the ball at touch-in-goal just over the line. School kept up the pressure and fast following up by Eaves and Beck had Bunny in difficulties, but he recovered cleverly and lined. Using the blind Mackenzie sent Ellingham away again, but he was well taken by C. Brown. Cutting through Gibbons had School in a good position where, from an infringement, he goaled with a beautiful kick.

School	3
Wanganui	0

Wanganui received from the next scrum and Giesen got away on the blind. After some tight play in neutral territory a rebound put School again on the attack, but the slippery ball eluded their backs and Ellingham speculated to touch, whilst Bunny marked a high kick from Gibbons. A moment later Fookes lined at Wanganui's twenty-five. School backs were throwing the ball about, but the tackling was too deadly, for Watson was brought down by Pomare when he tried to cut through. Next moment from midway between twenty-five and half-way Beck landed a fine penalty.

School	6
Wanganui	0

A beautiful movement followed the kick-off when Fookes, receiving through Brown and Gibbons, sold the dummy neatly to his vis-a-vis and cut through before handing to Watson. The latter fell to Bunny, but Beck took his pass and raced over in the corner. Gibbons failed to convert.

School	9
Wanganui	0

Wetere and O'Neill broke away, but an infringement let Wanganui back to half-way. From a scrum Giesen speculated to School's line, but Petty was safe and, from the ensuing line-out, McNeill, Fookes, Watson and Brown came to the attack again. Although he missed his pass Fookes dribbled through and tackled Bunny beautifully; the movement ended in the ball going out at the corner. Good work by Gaddum and a free kick by Bunny brought Wanganui back to half-way, where Eaves and Abbott were prominent in stemming the rush. The ball swung to the wing, where Brown smothered Donald, but after a tight period Wanganui, led by Gaddum and aided by a free-kick, took play to neutral territory. Eaves and Stronge led the School pack, but the visitors went down gamely, and by fast smothering tactics just kept play in the centre. Just as half-time was called C. Brown sent the ball via Gibbons to Fookes, who cut in and, beating Burke, passed to Watson. Bunny tackled the latter and left Beck with a clear run in. H. Brown converted.

School	14
Wanganui	0

On resuming the School backs at once swung into their stride, but Fookes' pass went wide. Beck punted to an open space and, following up, smothered Ellingham. Fine dashes by Gibbons and Beck kept Wanganui defending until a speculator reached neutral territory. Wanganui prevailed in the tight work, but School rallied and kept them back. Gaddum broke through and Mackenzie tried to set his backs going, but a dropped pass let School swoop through. From a line-out Wetere sent Eaves away, and next moment Fookes snapped up in the ruck and made an opening for Watson who, after shaking off Bunny, sent Beck galloping over. Gibbons failed to goal.

School	17
Wanganui	0

Donald streaked down the line and when tackled by Eaves sent the ball in to Macfarlane. Play was hanging near the School twenty-five, but by securing in the line-out Wetere gained a few yards. From a line-out Wanganui backs swung into line, but Watson tackled Pomare. The Wanganui pack, led by Barton, Bethel and Gaddum, swept down in a rush that was only checked within ten yards of School's line, where Eaves saved by lining. Next came a neat bout on the blind side by C. Brown, H. Brown and Fookes, but the last-named was collared by Burke. School forwards swept on, ball at toe, till they were checked by Pomare and Bunny. School started some good bouts that looked very promising till the greasy ball was dropped. Then followed some long interchanges of kicks and finally Petty lined near the College twenty-five. A desperate rush by the School pack culminated in a scramble near the line, where C. Brown nearly forced his way over. Here Gibbons retired injured; Petty took his place, while Hayward went to full-back. The Wanganui forwards, with Gaddum in the van, swept play to half-way, but the School backs soon swung into action again. Watson was well taken by Pomare and his pass to Beck was wide. The Wanganui forwards led by Bethel profited by the dropped pass and swept through again. A few yards from the line Bethel tried to pick up and School were able to line. Roused by this escape the School pack swept play to neutral territory. After some solid forward play on both sides the School forwards, led by McNeill, Eaves and Wetere, attacked again, but their backs, opening out, let Wanganui through.

Then Wanganui started some quick passing, which resulted in Donald passing in-field to Burke. Bethel and Gibbons were prominent in a dangerous forward rush. Like a flash School changed defence into attack, but mishandling let Donald snap up the ball. He had not gone far before H. Brown and Fookes had grassed him. Next moment C. Brown tried a pot, which went wide and was forced. Eaves, Harman and Watson were associated in some pretty footwork that took the ball over the line, but it went into touch as C. Brown dived for it.

Almost immediately afterwards a good passing bout ensued. Beck in-passed to Watson, who was well tackled. In the ensuing play the ball was forced. Wanganui

returned to the attack and their forwards rushed down-field. Their backs, however, could not handle the greasy ball and Watson cleared with a long kick. Petty lined past half-way and Watson cross-kicked, but Ellingham snapped up, galloped down the side-line and beat a couple of men before Hayward brought him down on the twenty-five line. From a penalty Bunny's kick failed, but Petty's kick rebounded off Gaddum, who made a great dash. As he was collared he passed to Bethel, but Petty marked the latter's pass forward. Next moment Bunny had another shot that was forced. Wanganui were now doing better and Gibbons made a dash that put them in a good position, where the ball shot along the backs. Burke sent a wide pass to Pomare, who knocked on, and School removed play to neutral territory as time sounded.

School	17
Wanganui	0

Mr. H. C. Johnson refereed.

SCHOOL v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR.

On August 18 the team left by the mail train for Auckland. On Friday we were billeted out with parents and friends of the Grammar team. After the match both sides were invited to a dinner by the Auckland Rugby Union. The team left by train for New Plymouth on Monday night. We take this opportunity of expressing our heartiest thanks to all those who entertained us during our visit to Auckland.

The teams were:—

Auckland Grammar (blue).—Dickey (full-back); Lee, Gladding, Garlick (three-quarters); Fraser, Cashmore (five-eighths); Frankham (half-back); Hamilton, captain (rover); Wilson, Batty, Sturt, De Rungs, Cleg-horn, Brennan, Robinson (forwards).

School.—Petty (full-back); Beck, Watson, H. Brown (three-quarters); Fookes, Gibbons (five-eighths); C. Brown (half-back); Eaves (rover); Abbott, Stronge, McNeill, Wetere, captain, McCallum, O'Neill, Harman (forwards).

Soon after School kicked off, Beck tried a shot from a penalty, but it was short. The Grammar forwards swept play to School's quarter, but Wetere made an opening for his backs, who raced off in a bright passing bout. School were winning the ball from the serum, but the thick mud prevented the backs from getting off the mark quickly and the slippery ball was difficult to handle. C. Brown cut in well at midfield and put School hot on the attack. The School backs carried on the rush, which ended in Beck racing hard for the corner, but Lee caught him. Cashmore retired injured and Haddrill replaced him. The Grammar backs adopted close-up tactics, and were quickly down on School when the latter tried passing bouts. Fraser made a good run, which placed Grammar on the offensive, and Brennan led a dangerous Grammar rush to within ten yards of the School line. From a resultant serum Frankham slipped round on the blind side, but was stopped in time. Lee and Hamilton initiated a passing bout, which looked dangerous, but an offside pass checked the movement. A School back attack opened in a promising style, but H. Brown kicked the ball into the hands of Dickey, who marked. The first quarter ended without score.

Fortunes fluctuated in the early part of the second quarter. Once H. Brown came up fast, but knocked on when prospects were bright. Grammar pressed hard and lost a good chance when Petty failed to find the line. Lee could not get through, although he made a good effort. Garlick tried a kick from a fair position, but the ball went wide and was forced. Shortly afterwards H. Brown made a fine run, but Gladding came across and caught him. By this time both sets of forwards bore a close resemblance to the All Blacks, and their mud-covered jerseys were hard to distinguish. The Grammar forwards, led by Hamilton, were playing well. McNeill caught Fraser in possession in the Grammar twenty-five, but Grammar extricated themselves from the difficulty. The School backs, handling the greasy ball well, opened out in a fine bout which again carried play to Grammar territory. Frankham marked and, with a fine kick, drove School back to half-way. A minute later Frankham tried a kick at goal from a penalty, but it fell short. There was still no score at half-time.

The game had been fairly even, and Grammar had held the heavier School pack in good style, while a par-

ticularly watchful eye was kept on Weterer. The Grammar backs scarcely saw the ball, but concentrated on up-ending the School backs, whose usual crisp, fast-moving game was considerably upset by the wet ball and the slippery ground, which, by half-time, was churned into a sea of mud and water.

After half-time School had the better of the opening exchanges and Grammar had to force twice. On one occasion Petty kicked hard and H. Brown, who followed up fast, was narrowly beaten by Garlick on the force-down. Then Gibbons had a free-kick from a difficult position and the ball dropped neatly over the bar amid wild excitement among the small Taranaki army of supporters.

School	3
Grammar	0

This reverse livened the Grammar team, who rushed play to the School twenty-five line. Following a strenuous forward tussle the ball was dribbled out and Frankham made a determined effort to score, but H. Brown forced. The third quarter ended with School three points in the lead.

The School backs again tried to handle the ball in the last quarter, but the passing was a little erratic and the movements yielded no material gain. There was general amusement when the referee led Stronge to a bucket of water on the side-line and helped him to wash his face, which had become covered with mud. Neither side could do much with the heavy ball, although both sets of backs were doing their best to open out the game. Gibbons' eye attracted a portion of Eden Park's mud, and the game was again held up while he was attended to. Grammar missed a kick and the position was momentarily very dangerous for School, but a save was made. Grammar were unlucky a minute later. When H. Brown failed to pick up a rolling ball Garlick was upon him and Brown dribbled over the line and forced. A five-yard serum followed, but School hooked and forced. Then after five minutes of defence School came away in a fine burst. Time came as School lined the ball at Grammar's twenty-five.

School	3
Grammar	0

Mr. C. Stretton refereed.

FIRST FIFTEEN COMPETITION MATCHES.

v. Star A; won 23-6. Scorers were Boswell, H. Brown, Watson and Gibbons. H. Fookes kicked a penalty goal and H. Brown converted four.

v. Star A, at Western Park; won 27-0. Scorers were Watson (3), Eaves, C. Brown and Beck. H. Brown converted three and kicked a penalty goal.

v. Okato, at Pukekura Park; won 9-0. Scorers were MacDonald, Harman, H. Brown. This match was played in mud and water.

v. Rahotu, at Rahotu; won 14-3. Scorers were Watson (2), Harman and Petty. H. Brown converted one.

v. Old Boys, at Western Park; won 15-0. Scorers were H. Brown (2), Watson, Fookes, Petty.

v. Old Boys, at Pukekura Park; won 25-0. Scorers were Watson (2), H. Brown, Petty and Eaves. Gibbons kicked two penalties and converted one try. H. Brown also converted one.

v. Star A, at Western Park; won 23-3. Scorers were H. Brown (2), Watson (2) and Fookes. H. Brown converted four.

The First Fifteen then withdrew from the competitions. They had played seven games and had won seven. Points for, 136. Points against, 12.

PEASE CUP.

Saturday, September 24, saw the Day Boys and Boarders of the School assembled in full force at Pukekura Park, barracking for their respective teams in the contest for the Pease Cup. This cup, now in its third year of competition, was presented by Mrs. Pease, of Hawera. The first two matches played were won by the Day Boys, but in this one the Boarders emerged victorious by 15 points to nil.

The game was very keen and was much more even than the score indicated. Boarders had the advantage in the forwards, having practically the First Fifteen pack. The Day Boys played a fine game, but just failed to complete their back movements.

The teams were:—

Day Boys.—Fookes, Watson, Petty, C. Brown, Stronge, McNeill, List, Moverley, Papps, Gorringe, Dickey, Thomas, Thomson, Grace, Hutchen.

Boarders.—Eaves, Abbott, Harman, Standish, McCallum, McDonald, Tarrant, McLean, Gibbons, Hayward, Anderson, Beck, H. Brown, Sinclair, Wetere.

Play fluctuated in the opening stages, Day Boys doing most of the attacking. A fine piece of work by Abbott took play to midfield, where McLean opened play on the left by transferring to Anderson, who handed to Brown. With a strong run, the winger beat Petty and fending Watson and McNeill scored near the posts. He failed with the kick.

Boarders	3
Day Boys	0

Soon afterwards the Day Boys made a strenuous effort on Watson's wing. The speedy three-quarter made several fine runs, but was always upended before he could reach the line. On one occasion he passed infield to Moverley, who crossed but could not ground the ball. Then events took a sensational turn. Eaves and Harman, rallying the Boarders, broke through the opposing backs with the ball at toe. The movement was finished by Beck, who came up the field in great style, kicked infield, dribbled over and scored. Gibbons kicked a good goal.

Boarders	8
Day Boys	0

On resuming the Day Boys worked strenuously and brought off some crisp movements. Once, while defending, they got into trouble through a rebound. C. Brown, however, made several nice runs that took them out of danger. A little later Fookes was unsuccessful at goaling from a free kick. After that, Boarders took the offensive. A nice run by Hayward, with a well-timed pass to Beck, gave Boarders a third try. Gibbons failed to add the extra points.

Boarders	11
Day Boys	0

Boarders kept attacking. Securing from a line-out McCallum set the backs moving, the ball travelling to Beck, who just failed to get over. A while after the winger narrowly missed a drop-kick. From a loose scrum the ball travelled to Hayward, who kicked a beautiful field goal. Time sounded shortly afterwards with the score:

Boarders	15
Day Boys	0

Mr. Eggleton was referee.

SECOND FIFTEEN GAMES.

v. Old Boys; lost 9-3. School put up a great fight against a much heavier and more experienced team. Whitehead scored.

v. Star; lost 8-0.

v. Okato, at Okato; won 30-3. School fielded a strong team, which played a hard game. The scorers were: Beck (3), Anderson (2), List and Standish. Burwell converted two and Beck one. Hayward kicked a penalty goal.

v. Clifton, at Waitara; won 29-0. The scorers were: Warner (3), Burwell (2), Standish and Spenser. Burwell converted four.

v. Tukapa B, at Racecourse; won 8-6. The scorers were Standish and Hayward. Burwell converted one. The game was played in slush.

v. Old Boys, at Tukapo ground; lost 3-0.

v. Tukapa A, at Tukapo ground; won by default.

v. Star; lost 5-17. Sinclair scored and Beck converted.

v. Okato; won by default.

v. Clifton, at Western Park; won 38-0. The scorers were: Beck (3), Shepherd (2), Sinclair (2), and Anderson. Beck converted seven of the eight tries.

v. Tukapa B; won by default.

THIRD FIFTEEN GAMES.

v. School Fifth Fifteen, at Racecourse; won 35-0. The scorers were: Symes (3), Simpson (2), Dickie, Williams, Grace, Ekdahl (1 each). Symes converted four.

v. Old Boys; lost 3-6. Williams scored.

v. School Fourth Fifteen, at Racecourse; won 12-0. The scorers were: Simpson (2), Ekdahl, Poole (1 each).

v. Tukapa, at Racecourse; won 14-0. Scorers were: Gibbs (2), Tarrant, Little. Dickie converted one.

v. Star, at Western Park; lost 16-0.

v. School Fifth Fifteen, at Racecourse; won 21-0. Scorers were: Grace (3), Thompson, Williams, Tarrant, R. Sutton (1 each).

v. School Fourth Fifteen; won 13-0. Scorers were: Grace (1), Little (2). Grace also drop-kicked a goal.

v. Tukapa, at Tukapo ground; won 27-0. Scorers were: Little (2), Gibbs, Thomas, R. A. Shaw, Ekdahl and Grace. Sutton converted two and Tarrant one.

v. Star; won 3-0. Ekdahl scored.

v. Old Boys; won 6-3. Scorers were: Little, Thomas. This game put Old Boys and School level in the competition. The first play-off resulted in a draw, 3-3. Little kicked a penalty. The second play-off resulted in another draw, Little kicking another penalty.

Owing to the School vacation a third play-off was impossible and the game was awarded to Old Boys, who were narrowly defeated by the Southern winners.

FOURTH FIFTEEN GAMES.

v. Star; lost 8-3. Treloar kicked a penalty.

v. Old Boys; lost 30-0.

v. Tukapa, at Racecourse; won 6-3. Scorers were Good and Burr.

v. School Fifth Fifteen; won 14-0. Scorers were R. Sutton (2) and Wynyard (2). Sutton also converted one.

v. Old Boys, at Tukapo; lost 6-9. The scorers were Wynyard and Wallace.

v. Third Fifteen; lost 13-0.

v. Fifth Fifteen; won 6-0. Scorers were Fama and Lysaght.

v. Tukapa; drawn 8-8. Treloar scored and G. Sutton kicked a penalty goal and converted one.

v. Star; lost 14-0.

FIFTH FIFTEEN GAMES.

v. Old Boys; lost 31-0.

v. School Third Fifteen; lost 35-0.

v. Tukapa; lost 16-8. They played a hard game against a heavy team. Davies scored for School after a fine run from near half-way. Perry kicked a penalty goal and converted the try.

v. Star; lost 22-0.

v. Old Boys; lost 46-0.

v. School Fourth Fifteen; lost 14-0.

v. School Third Fifteen; lost 21-0.

v. Star; lost 23-0.

v. School Fourth Fifteen; lost 6-0.

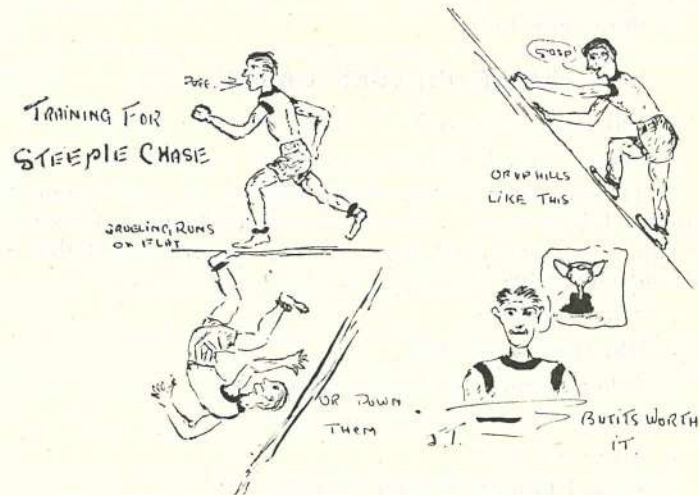
ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE

(J. F. McDonald.)

On Thursday, October 6, the annual steeplechase was decided at the Waiwakaiho Golf Links. The races not only provided keen competition, but set the runners tasks which tested to the utmost their powers of endurance and their stamina.

The distance for the senior event was just under three and three-quarter miles, shorter by some hundreds of yards than previously, owing to an alteration in the position of the dividing fences. The course extended across the golf links, along the beach, back along the face of the cliffs, inland through the links again, making a wide detour, swinging round in front of the pavilion, and

finishing on the flat near the main road. For the junior race the course remained as in other years, its distance being about one and a-half miles. An innovation this year was an intermediate event for boys between the ages of 14 and 16. This was necessary owing to the steady increase among senior competitors in recent years, and especially this year, owing to the amalgamation of the



two schools. In other years scratch men had found difficulty in getting through, as may well be imagined when the intermediate competitors alone numbered over two hundred. In distance it was short of the senior by about three-quarters of a mile, while its course, except for the omission of the last long ridge, was the same. The Technical College Steeplechase Cup has been awarded to the winner of this event, and we have to thank Mrs. Easton and her son George for donating, in memory of the late Mr. Easton, a handsome challenge cup for the fastest time.

It is pleasing to note that, of the eighty who started in the junior race, the two hundred in the intermediate, and the hundred in the senior, practically every boy finished—the majority with great dash and the others without appearing unduly distressed. This was probably due to the increased number of paperchases, as full advantage was taken of the fine spell of weather prevailing for some weeks before the steeplechases were held.

The junior race proved very exciting. I. Davies, a very small boy, gained and held the lead until the last gate, when Calvert, a scratch man, drew up on him. Davies sprinted, drew away, and won comfortably by some thirty yards, with Calvert, who gained fastest time, second.

In the intermediate run R. Cook took the lead half a mile from home and, running strongly, won by fifty yards from D. Allen, with J. McCauley third. Then came D. Stace and V. Stace, both off 20 seconds, to gain fastest and second fastest times respectively, a bare two seconds separating them.

D. Budd, off 10 seconds in the senior event, went to the front about a mile from home and held his lead to win by over fifty yards from C. Griffiths, who was just ahead of W. Rawson. The fourth man was R. List, off scratch, who by meritorious running gained fastest time.

Details are as follows:—

JUNIOR RACE.

I. W. Davies (80sec.), 13min. 39sec.	1
C. Calvert (ser.), 12min. 30sec.	2
S. Alsop (10sec.), 12min. 45sec.	3
T. Thomson (ser.), 12min. 38sec.	4
A. Callaghan (ser.), 12min. 52sec.	5
B. Berryman (20sec.), 13min. 13sec.	6
H. Cooper (20sec.), 13min. 22sec.	7
L. Watt (30sec.), 13min. 38sec.	8
K. Fairbrother (60sec.), 14min. 10sec.	9
R. Crush (90sec.), 14min. 55sec.	10
K. Rouse (20sec.), 13min. 50sec.	11
D. Clemow (ser.), 13min. 32sec.	12

Then followed J. Morton (30sec.), N. S. Saunders (50sec.), D. Blackley (50sec.), W. Liley (30sec.), N. Griffith (30sec.), L. Brewer (60sec.), D. Latham (10sec.), J. West (ser.), P. Powell (ser.), N. J. Gilbert (ser.), A. Field (10sec.), R. Lobb (20sec.), P. McDonnell (50sec.).

Fastest Times.

C. Calvert, 12min. 30sec.	1
T. Thomson, 12min. 38sec.	2
S. Alsop, 12min. 45sec.	3
A. Callaghan, 12min. 52sec.	4

INTERMEDIATE RACE.

R. Cook (70sec.), 20min. 1sec.	1
D. O. Allen (80sec.), 20min. 25sec.	2
J. McCauley (70sec.), 20min. 35sec.	3
D. Stace (20sec.), 19min. 53sec.	4
V. Stace (20sec.), 19min. 55sec.	5
W. Richards (100sec.), 21min. 26sec.	6
M. Gore (100sec.), 21min. 44sec.	7
A. Wells (40sec.), 20min. 46sec.	8
E. Webber (60sec.), 21min. 7sec.	9
M. Morris (10sec.), 20min. 17sec.	10
R. Anderson (40sec.), 20min. 50sec.	11
J. Fenwick (70sec.), 21min. 28sec.	12
K. Rea (70sec.), 21min. 29sec.	13
L. Rea (40sec.), 21min. 21sec.	14
E. J. Davies (scr.), 20min. 25sec.	15
R. Veale (50sec.), 21min. 22sec.	16
A. Dickie (40sec.), 21min. 13sec.	17
I. Lawrence (50sec.), 21min. 23sec.	18
D. Pitt (120sec.), 22min. 34sec.	19
A. Wylde-Brown (60sec.), 21min. 35sec.	20

Then followed L. Dickey (scr.), W. J. Thomas (scr.), F. B. Read (90sec.), Dingle (70sec.), J. W. Johnson (70sec.), J. Archer (60sec.), R. A. Gibbons (70sec.), G. W. J. Shepherd (scr.), D. McCallum (60sec.), P. Loten (60sec.), M. Honeyfield (70sec.), J. F. Wilson (40sec.).

Fastest Times.

D. Stace, 19min. 53sec.	1
V. Stace, 19min. 55sec.	2
Cook, 20min. 1sec.	3
M. Morris, 20min. 17sec.	4
D. O. Allen, 20min. 25sec.	5
E. J. Davies, 20min. 25sec.	6

SENIOR RACE.

D. Budd (70sec.), 23min. 18sec.	1
C. Griffiths (40sec.), 23min. 7sec.	2
W. Rawson (10sec.), 22min. 38sec.	3
T. R. List (scr.), 22min. 35sec.	4
B. Walsham (scr.), 22min. 48sec.	5
J. F. McDonald (10sec.), 23min. 7sec.	6
A. C. Shepherd (20sec.), 23min. 18sec.	7

J. Fogden (60sec.), 23min. 59sec.	8
G. S. Anderson (scr.), 23min. 14sec.	9
C. Stace (20sec.), 23min. 37sec.	10
W. A. Beck (scr.), 23min. 20sec.	11
G. Ewart (10sec.), 23min. 41sec.	12
T. Watson (70sec.), 24min. 55sec.	13
R. Waite (10sec.), 24min.	14
W. J. Watt (10sec.), 24min. 3sec.	15
G. C. Grace (10sec.), 24min. 10sec.	16
I. Symes (30sec.), 24min. 38sec.	17
R. Wynyard (30sec.), 24min. 41sec.	18
R. Sutton (20sec.), 24min. 32sec.	19
J. Tate (40sec.), 24min. 54sec.	20

Then followed R. Stewart (20sec.), D. R. McCallum (20sec.), B. Grieve (50sec.), N. Gardiner (40sec.), W. Thomson (20sec.), Ladbrook (100sec.), J. A. Sinclair (20sec.), M. Palmer (50sec.), G. Tyrrell (50sec.), R. L. Shaw (40sec.).

Fastest Times.

T. R. List, 22min. 35sec.	1
W. Rawson, 22min. 38sec.	2
B. Walsham, 22min. 48sec.	3
J. F. McDonald, 23min. 7sec.	4
C. Griffith, 23min. 7sec.	4
G. S. Anderson, 23min. 14sec.	6
A. C. Shepherd, 23min. 18sec.	7
D. Budd, 23min. 18sec.	7

Points for School championships were scored as follows:—

Senior.—W. A. Beck 5 points, J. E. Warner 3 points, R. Watson 1 point.

Junior.—W. J. Thomas 5 points, G. W. C. Shepherd 3 points, T. Death 1 point.

Under 14 Years.—C. A. Calvert 5 points, T. Thomson 3 points, A. Callaghan 1 point.

Under 12 Years.—N. S. Saunders 5 points, D. I. Blackley 3 points, P. McDonnell 1 point.

Under 10 Years.—J. C. Blundell 5 points, P. Quilliam 3 points.

The School desires to acknowledge its indebtedness to the Golf Club for placing the course and its appointments so unreservedly at its disposal, and to Mr. Blundell for so carefully keeping the sheep off the track.

HOUSE NOTES

(R. L. Shaw and D. G. Phillips.)

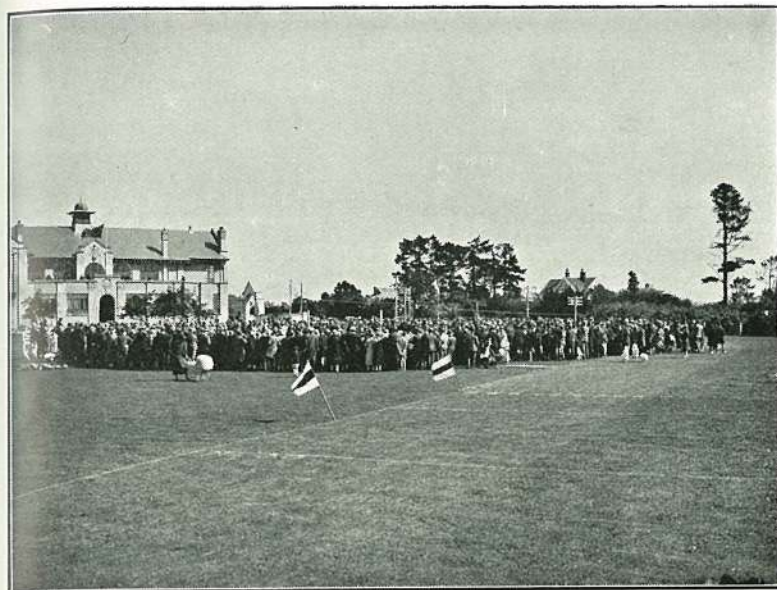
The third term started off well with a record spell of fine weather, which was all the more acceptable after the continual rains which we had experienced during the holidays.

On the second Saturday of term, the ownership of the Pease Cup for the year 1927 was decided in the annual football match versus the Day Boys, played this year on the Pukekura Park ground. The Day Boys put up a most creditable performance, but were outclassed by the speed and combination of the Boarders, and the hotly-contested game ended with the score at 15-0 in favour of the latter. We hope that the Pease Cup may long remain in the capable hands of its present holders.

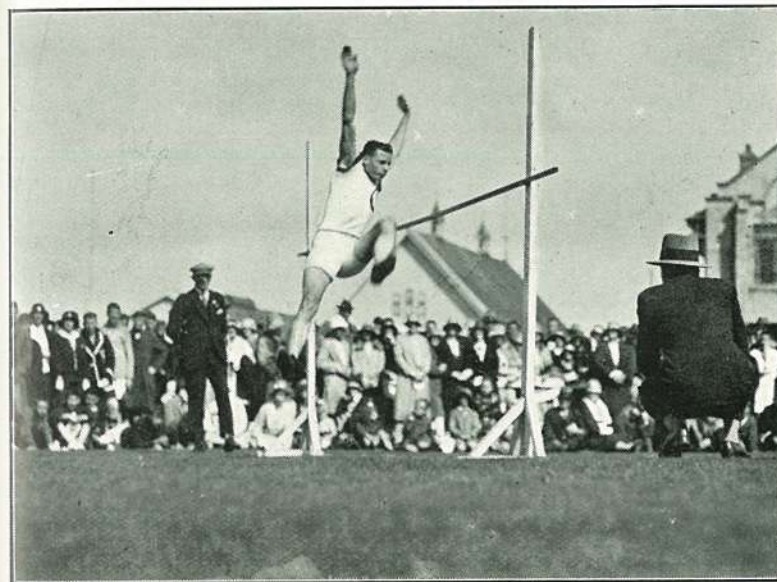
The period since our last issue has unfortunately not been without its tale of woe as regards epidemics. Towards the end of last term, many of the boarders developed mumps, from which disease not even the members of the boarding staff were exempt. During the third term, the measles took a heavy toll. This was most unlucky, especially in view of the fact that many of those who caught the disease were to sit for examinations at the end of the year. So bad was the infection, indeed, that it was impossible to go to bed at night without the feeling that one would rise spotted in the morning.

During the year it was found necessary to increase the accommodation for the large number of boarders, and for this purpose were built the two new dormitories opposite the dining-room. The building, which was opened for use at the beginning of the second term, consists of two fine large dormitories, a drying-room, shower-room, and masters' rooms.

The idea of daylight saving has been received with somewhat mixed feelings by all of us. Opposed to the fact that it gives great opportunity for continuation of sports later in the day, is the lurking thought that, however much we may try to deceive ourselves, we are actually rising and taking our cold showers an hour earlier each morning.



SPORTS DAY.



H. FOOKES OVER THE BAR. SENIOR HIGH JUMP.

Quite a new departure in the way of School institutions was the introduction of the Chess Club early in the second term. From a small beginning, the membership rose rapidly to considerable proportions; even masters joined. The levying of a small subscription enabled several new sets to be purchased; a ladder and several tournaments put it on a secure footing, and soon the game became quite an obsession with the followers of the checkered board. On one occasion, a Saturday night, a grand Chess Festival was held (in the Sixth Form room) with prizes for the tournament winners. The first heat of fascination cooled after a while, however, and now, after a short epidemic of "pontoon," chess has become the recognised dinner-time game.

Much to the chagrin of a few "rag-time" enthusiasts, "jazz" music has recently been forbidden, owing to the fact that its discords and monotony caused mental anguish to those in authority. The ban, we trust, will be lifted some time in the near future; meanwhile we must continue to exist in an atmosphere of hopes—and classics.

Since the new gymnasium has been fitted up, we have been spending much of our spare time practising down there on the apparatus. Those of the more agile boarders who are coming back next year have been divided into three groups, each consisting of about fifteen prospective gymnasts. One of these is taken by Mr. Sykes from 6.30 till 7.30 on Tuesday evenings, while Mr. Blennerhassett instructs the other two on Monday and Wednesday mornings respectively, between the hours of half-past six and half-past seven. We wish to express our gratitude to these gentlemen for so unselfishly sacrificing their own time to instruct us in gymnastic work.

At first it was somewhat dangerous to reach the Gym. in wet weather on account of the slippery state of the track, but since the new track has been finished, this difficulty has been overcome.

On October 17, Mr. Renaud, organist at St. Mary's Church, was kind enough to give a recital for the benefit of the pupils of the two high schools. Needless to say, we all went along, and were afterwards truly glad we had done so, in view of the quality of the music. Mr. Renaud played excellently, his interpretations of Chopin's

"Prélude in D flat major" and of Boccherini's "Minuet" being exceptionally good. His rendering of Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," a prime favourite with all, was wonderful. Such a recital is doubly acceptable, combining as it does sheer pleasure with the chance of widening one's knowledge of music. Since its recent restoration, the organ in St. Mary's is one of the finest in the country.

We might as well state that the former disappearance of the morning paper, hitherto blamed on the dog, has been conclusively proved to have been due to the keenness of the prefects in following the cricket results.

On October 9 there entered the port of New Plymouth the "Mataroa," the largest passenger vessel that has yet been berthed here. Accordingly, a party of thirty senior schoolboys was invited on board on the following Wednesday evening, so that they might have a chance of seeing "the works" of a big ocean liner. It was noticed that the invitation was accepted with alacrity, this, perhaps, because a party from the Girls' School was also invited. After being shown over the vessel, and gaining some idea of her size and luxuriance, we adjourned to the "picture palace" on board, and were shown some movies, then returned to School at about 9.30. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the officers and crew of the vessel for their hospitality.

We wish to offer our congratulations to Mr. Blundell on his recent engagement.

Owing to the fact that several boys have left recently, it has been found possible to clear one entire dormitory of its beds, their occupants going to fill the places vacated by those who had left the School. The empty room thus formed serves admirably for a music-room, and, a piano having been moved in, it is used regularly for orchestra practice.

During the winter term, as usual, Miss Bedford and Miss Humphries held their dancing classes, which proved as popular as ever. The extended evening, held in St. Mary's Hall on the last Thursday of term, was a complete success, and all those who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The brightness of the decorations, the gay fancy costumes, and the excellent music supplied by Orr's orchestra all combined to make the evening delightful, and when we finally broke up at midnight it was with feelings of regret.

Comment was aroused when one of our illustrious prefects appeared one morning with a sadly blackened eye. On being questioned, he showed a tendency towards evasion, but since, there have been formulated three theories regarding the origin of the blemish. We publish them; they are, that it was—

- (1) Due to an accident in the laboratory—(possibly.)
- (2) That he was throwing himself about too wildly while playing "Napoleon's Last Charge" on the long-suffering piano—(probably.)
- (3) Nobly received in the execution of his duty—(we wonder!)

We hear—

That the prefect who ran someone else's motor-bike into a car, finding it even harder than his head, is getting along quite nicely, thank you.

That there were several fireworks let off in the town on Guy Fawkes' night.

That He-who-must-be-obeyed has seen our modern Don Juan, John, doin' much damage while fiddling round in the laboratory.

That the prefects' clock must be made of indiarubber, as it frequently makes short but violent journeys down the corridors.

That the song "Rose Marie," once so popular with a certain occupant of the Old House, has now (like the golf instruction given in the Racecourse by the same worthy) been relegated to the dim past. We sigh for a brother whose fond hopes have been so rudely shattered.

Our English master being interested in the etymology of the schoolboy "patois," we here offer him some examples in everyday use. They are: Derrio, corfer, sturt'un, catsmeat, sulphate (nothing to do with sulphur), hotty, nord. We feel sure that he will be amply repaid for any hours of research that he might spend on them.

SHOOTING NOTES

(E. Harman.)

Owing to various other attractions this term, we have so far been unable to hold our annual shoot for the long-range championship. Most of the other trophies are decided on the annual class-firing results.

It is to be regretted that the School has had to withdraw from the Weekly Press competition this year. The conditions of this competition have been changed considerably, and notice of this fact was not sent to us in time to give a reasonable chance of putting up a fight. The conditions now are the same as those for the Imperial Challenge Shield competition, from which we had to withdraw a few years ago. The firing positions and size of targets are so altered as to render it impossible to reach anything like efficiency in three weeks, the time at our disposal. With all due respect to Defence, we question the wisdom of doing away with the only competition based upon the musketry course as laid down. The competition now is not based upon anything as laid down, not even the rifles. There can be no question that to secure a good all-round efficiency in musketry, competitions should be based on the musketry course, and such contests as the District Rifle Meetings be encouraged.

At the annual Area Rifle Meeting for Cadets, held on October 21 and 22, members of the School Contingent did well, some of them making quite a substantial amount of pocket-money. In fact, the majority of the prize-money was won by School Cadets. On account of the record entries received, it was found necessary to extend the meeting over two days, instead of the customary one. This fact goes to show that the musketry training is becoming more of a subject of interest among the Cadets than merely a boring necessity. The order and scores of School competitors in the various matches were as follow:—

MATCH No. 1 (under 16 years; .22 rifles).

Cadet N. Fookes	65
Cadet A. Dickie	64
Cadet G. Duff	63
Cadet A. Bennett	62
Cadet R. Robertshaw	62
Cadet H. Martin	62
Cadet D. Syme	61

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MATCH No. 2 (under 16 years).

Cadet J. Anderson	60
Cadet A. Bennett	60
Cadet A. Dickie	60
Cadet N. Fookes	60
Cadet H. Short	60
Lance-Corporal J. McLean	60
Cadet R. Bradshaw	59
Cadet R. Gibbons	59
Cadet L. MacGregor	59

MATCH No. 3 (under 16 years).

Cadet N. Fookes	79
Cadet J. Birch	79
Lance-Corporal J. McLean	79
Cadet A. Dickie	79
Cadet J. Bird	78
Cadet L. Jackson	77
Cadet A. Bennett	76
Cadet Rees-Jones	76
Cadet P. Dickson	75
Cadet R. Wylde-Browne	75

MATCH No. 1 (over 16 years; .303 rifles).

Corporal A. Mills	64
Cadet D. Ashley	60
Corporal A. Andrews	61
Cadet W. Snell	60

MATCH No. 2 (over 16 years).

Corporal A. Mills	59
Sergeant M. Standish	55
Cadet C. Palmer	54

MATCH No. 3 (over 16 years).

Corporal A. Mills	74
Cadet C. Evans	67

AGGREGATE FOR HIGHEST SCORE IN
MATCHES 1, 2 and 3.

Cadet N. Fookes	204
Cadet A. Dickie	203
Cadet A. Bennett	198
Lance-Corporal J. McLean	198

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CADET NOTES

(By "Stand Easy.")

Since the camp held in March both A and B Companies have been mainly on routine work, completing and revising the syllabus for the year. Both companies paraded on Anzac Day and took part in the march past the Cenotaph and to the service at Pukekura Park. The marching was splendid and those boys who paraded are to be congratulated.

The syllabus of work for Cadets does not go beyond parade ground work, so it tends to become monotonous even to the keenest N.C.O. Consequently last year we held a field day, when a small tactical scheme was attempted. One profits by one's mistakes, so that this year we are much better off. A Company has extended its work to battle drill, and lurking panther-like forms have been seen of late prowling among the gullies and hedges of the School grounds. It is rumoured that these were belated platoon commanders searching for their "Lost Legions." On next field day A Company intends to take the key position with elan. B Company are equally determined to defend to the last man.

It is to be regretted that there will be no camp next year. Camp offers a splendid opportunity for trying out all ranks in their respective jobs. There the growlers, workers and shirkers inevitably find their level. New boys too get a chance of meeting those already at School and a much more companionable spirit prevails as a result. "The powers that be," however, say that they have no money, so that camps can be held on alternate years only.

Those boys who competed at the District Meeting must be congratulated on their fine shooting.

We take this opportunity of wishing Captain L. Andrew, V.C., success in his tour of duty in India, and

also of welcoming his successor, Captain Dykes. We wish also to congratulate F. Davis on gaining a cadetship at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, England. After a two years' course he will receive his commission on the New Zealand Staff Corps.

It is pleasing to note that a number of boys have decided to go to the refresher course held at Trentham in January, 1928. This helps N.C.O.'s considerably and keeps us up-to-date in our training methods.

Our thanks are due to the Defence staff for the assistance they have so freely given us during the year.



BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(W. Hayward.)

The boxing championships this year took place in the School Gymnasium on Thursday, November 10. There was a very large attendance, and all enjoyed the excellent programme provided.

The tournament as usual was splendidly controlled, the arrangements leaving nothing to be desired. We were fortunate this year in having a well equipped gymnasium in which to train, and under the capable supervision of Mr. Eggleton the boys acquired a thorough knowledge of ringcraft.

Mr. T. Thompson officiated as referee and his decisions always gave entire satisfaction.

The other officials were: Judges, Mr. W. H. Moyes, Mr. A. L. Moore, Mr. J. W. Connell, and Mr. H. G. Dyer; timekeeper, Mr. G. F. Bertrand; announcer, Mr. A. J. Papps; medical examiner, Dr. Wilson; glove stewards, Mr. A. Blundell and Mr. W. Shrimpton; official recorder, Mr. A. W. Diprose; finals steward, Mr. R. C. Wilson; official seconds, E. Harman, C. McNeill, T. List and A. Beck.

The committee comprised: Mr. F. J. Eggleton (chairman), R. Wynyard, R. Shaw, K. Gibbons, D. Ashley, J. Wallace and D. Latham (joint secretaries).

Boxing instructor, Mr. F. J. Eggleton.

All are to be heartily congratulated on the manner in which they carried out their duties, and the success of the tournament generally.

The results of the preliminary fights (held on November 3) were as follows:—

Under 5st. 7lb.—S. Henderson drew with F. B. Reid; J. Anderson a bye.

Under 7st.—J. McCauley beat T. Thompson; F. Hunter beat R. Griffiths; D. Latham beat C. Calvert. Semi-final: J. McCauley beat F. Hunter.

Under 6st.—S. Smith beat H. Gray.

Under 9st.—A. Wylde-Brown beat F. Deighton; A. Nicholls beat K. Matthews; M. Shaw beat J. Johnson. Semi-final: A. Wylde-Brown beat A. Nicholls.

The results on the final night were:—

FLYWEIGHT.

Quilliam beat Bewley.—These two boys are cousins and they gave quite a good exhibition. There was very little difference between them all through, and it was only by the narrowest of margins that Quilliam won.

Neville beat Arthur.—Arthur was most aggressive, but he timed his blows badly, with the result that he very rarely connected. Neville, on the other hand, was always steady and time after time penetrated his opponent's defence and thus scored by the points, particularly with the left.

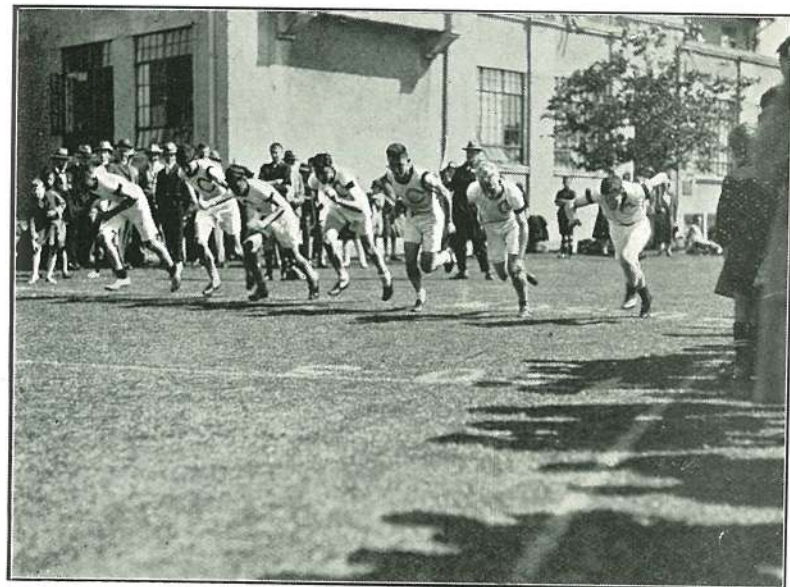
Final.—Neville beat Quilliam: Neville was the heavier of the two boys, and was too good for Quilliam. He won with something to spare.

UNDER 5st.

Nolan beat Power.—Nolan made most of the fighting in each round, but did not carry right through with his blows, with the result that while he was more versatile



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and used both hands his punches lacked sting. Power for the greater part of the bout only attempted to use his left and did not show a very impressive defence. Nolan won comfortably.

Final.—Nolan beat Allen: Nolan did not put up such a good display as in his contest with Power, but still he knew too much about the game for Allen and won fairly comfortably. He led all the way.

UNDER 5st. 7lb.

Final.—E. Henderson beat J. Anderson: Anderson did most of the attacking, but Henderson met the onslaught determinedly, and just before the gong ended the first round he landed a pretty right to the chin. Anderson again forced the fighting in the second round, but Henderson remained very steady and using both hands nicely, probably had a slight advantage at the end of the mix-up. In the last round he rushed in just as vigorously as Anderson had done in the two previous rounds, and leading with a useful left won the fight.

UNDER 6st.

Final.—Carroll beat F. Reid.—Carroll had an advantage in reach and did most of the leading in the first two rounds, displaying a very neat straight left, with which he scored to the body. This was particularly valuable in the first round. In the second round he varied his style somewhat and used the left to the head and face and followed up with the right to the body. The third was more or less a repetition of the other two rounds, but at the same time Carroll did not have matters his own way by any means. Reid on several occasions, in fact, scored well, but did not always follow up his advantage.

UNDER 6st. 7lb.

Final.—A. Dickie beat S. Smith: Dickie possesses a nice right hook, and while he had the best of the exchanges in the open, when it came to in-fighting Smith equalised the points. Dickie was putting all he knew into his blows, but Smith covered most of them, and in the last round he was particularly aggressive and wiped off most of the arrears in points, with the result that Dickie won by only a narrow margin.

UNDER 7st.

Final.—J. McCauley beat D. Latham: This bout opened very lively and both frequently connected with rights and lefts to the face all through the round. McCauley was the more aggressive in the second round, but both landed frequently with rights and lefts, hardly any attempt being made to cover. In the last round they stood toe to toe practically throughout, the crowd being worked up to a state of great enthusiasm. There was more finish in McCauley's efforts and he gained the verdict.

UNDER 8st.

Final.—Wallace beat E. Calvert: Wallace was the faster of the two boys and opened well, connecting in quick succession with right and left to the face, and generally he succeeded in taking his opponent's blows on his gloves. The first was a really good round. There was very little real work done in the second round, but honours were again slightly with Wallace. In the third round both boxed willingly and displayed a good knowledge of the game. Honours were, however, again with Wallace.

UNDER 9st.

Final.—M. Shaw beat Wyld-Brown: Shaw had the best of the contest practically all through, a left hook being among his chief stock in trade. There were some lively exchanges in each round, but Shaw was the stronger and better conditioned of the pair.

UNDER 9st. 7lb.

Final.—Hayward beat A. Hutchen: This was another very exciting contest. It was open all through and both fought with great determination, hard hitting being a feature of the encounter. Hayward's blows generally landed cleaner than did Hutchen's, who often connected with his opponent's shoulder instead of the face.

UNDER 11st.

H. Fookes beat Wynyard.—This was one of the best contests of the evening. Both were very fit and they were well matched so far as height and reach were concerned. Fookes, however, was the faster of the pair, and

in the first round used right and left with lightning-like rapidity. Wynyard displayed a good right, and once or twice connected very neatly to the chin. In the second round Fookes several times neatly penetrated Wynyard's defence, and while he also had the best of this round, towards the gong Wynyard landed a beautiful right and also scored with a left. Both opened vigorously in the third round and Fookes early connected with a left which made Wynyard groggy for a while. Fookes had the better of the closing stages, but Wynyard fought a good fight. At the close the referee congratulated both pupils on a very clean exhibition of boxing.

S. Anderson beat R. Shaw.—This too was a good contest. Shaw was the more aggressive in the opening stages, but Anderson covered nicely and scored with several clean hard lefts. He displayed better judgment all through and in the second round almost had Shaw in difficulties on the ropes. Early in the second round Anderson connected nicely several times to the face, and while Shaw tried hard to equalise matters Anderson's defence remained too sound.

Final.—Anderson beat Fookes: Both mixed matters freely in the first round, which ended with honours even. Fookes had scored with several rights and lefts and Anderson contented himself with good straight lefts. In the second round there was again little between the boys. Anderson made Fookes miss once or twice and landed a stinging left which shook Fookes, but he retaliated with a hard right and left just prior to the gong. The latter blow unfortunately damaged Fookes' hand, and he was not able to continue the fight, which therefore went to Anderson. It was a disappointment to all concerned. Anderson had a slight lead on points up to this stage and a sterling encounter was anticipated in the last round.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

H. M. Brown beat K. Gibbons.—Brown had the best of the opening exchanges, scoring nicely with right and left swings, but Gibbons showed to better advantage in the close work. In the second round Gibbons was inclined to rush in to make the fight close, but he invariably left it to Brown to score. In the third round Brown held his advantage and gained a popular victory over a worthy opponent.

PREPARATORY NOTES

(J. Fairbrother.)

During the course of the second and third terms, three new boys, Richards, Neville, and R. Crush, have entered the Prep. The roll now numbers 42, of which 17 are boarders and 25 are day boys.

This year we were not very successful in the national game of football, as the team that competed in the Primary Schools' Competition won only one game and lost the remainder—some by narrow, and sad to say, some by large margins.

Cricket is now in full swing. We are fortunate this season in having the valuable assistance of Mr. B. B. Wilson, the North Taranaki coach and Yorkshire professional. Mr. Gibson, also an old English player, has kindly offered to forfeit some of his leisure hours and take the Prep. for practice on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. So far we have won two matches and lost two. In the last one against Waitara, Prep. made their highest score (109), in which McKenzie (captain) contributed 45 runs and McCallum (vice-captain) 30 runs. Time prevented the Waitara boys from batting.

This year we have a peculiar specimen of a cricketer in the Prep.; he hits boundaries in practice and usually makes "ducks" in matches.

In the Annual Sports and Steeplechase we were moderately successful. W. I. Davies, of the lower Prep., won the Junior Steeplechase, while R. B. Walsham came fifth and secured second fastest time in the senior event. On Sports Day Blundell and Blackley won championships, while Carroll was just defeated in the under 14 championship. Walsham easily beat the other competitors in the senior mile by some sixty yards.

Although the educational work has been interrupted by mumps and measles, five boys have been granted exemptions from the Proficiency Exam., but their identities have not yet been publicly notified. The rest of Standard VI. hope to succeed in the examination that will be held at the Central School in the near future. Three boys have entered for the Junior National Scholarship.

The annual examination has been conducted by the Senior Inspector, Mr. N. R. McKenzie, and Prep. has again had a very successful year.

We are all very sorry to hear that the head of our department, Mr. Pope, has announced his intention of retiring at the end of the year. Ever since he came to our School, seven years ago, Mr. Pope has been a great favourite with both fellow-teachers and pupils. His loss will be felt not only in the class-room, but also in out-door activities, for he has sacrificed many of his leisure hours to come out and coach us in football and cricket. We wish him long life and happiness, and hope he will continue to be a frequent visitor to the old School.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

MIDNIGHT.

In silence deathly still as of the tomb,
 Alone in solemn commune with the dead,
 The air is hushed, the impenetrable gloom
 Grips fast the strongest soul in dread;
 No tremor save the beating of a heart
 Which seems as shaken as the quick drawn breath;
 The furtive step, the sudden guilty start,
 Betray the hour of darkness and of death.
 In shadow darker shadows dim appear;
 Grey scudding clouds obscure the pale moonlight,
 But through the darkness of the murky night
 There shines a star; as if to banish fear
 The clock strikes twelve, and with the echoes go
 These gloomy thoughts, and all is peace below.

D.P. (VIA.)

TO A LADY ON SUBMITTING TO THE DICTATES OF DAME FASHION.

Ye raven locks, that once this head adorned,
 That even Cupid's eye might joy to see,
 Oh ye whose once-proud mistress is suborned,
 O lie ye now forgot by all but me?
 For now, obeying Fashion's cruel behest,
 The roving winds thy beauty must receive,
 And now no more may golden beams caress,
 Or "bathe thy breathing tresses, meekest Eve."

That slender neck, those rosy, rounded ears,
That were in blackest night securely sealed,
Because of that one voice a woman fears
Are now to common vulgar folk revealed.

Such shame it is that I would fain
All women be themselves again.

E.P.A. (V.I.A.)

PARTING.

Lightly the breast of the ocean is heaving,
Wavelets caressing the shore,

Murmuring sadly for one who is leaving,
He who returneth no more.

Gently the breezes of heaven are sighing,
Moaning an endless refrain;

Over the tree tops the echoes are dying,
Numbing a heart with its pain.

D.P. (V.I.A.)

NOVEM SESTERTII PER DIEM.

One day as I was wandering by chance
Along a route so little known to men,
I saw a rock-bound valley there below
And the oily glistening of a dismal fen.

In that broad canyon, crowned by fern and palm,
Thousands of workers laboured 'neath the sun
While huge and sullen beasts drew to and fro
Wains laden with the labours of each one.

I stood and gazed awhile at this strange sight
Upon an eminence against the sky,
Whilst there below me puny man did seek
To transform nature; and I heaved a sigh.

A youth in vesture blue perceived I then
Watching with hawk-like eye the wondrous scene.
"What work of kings is this? What workers these?"
I cried, "Why toil they so in this ravine?"

What mighty project has the potentate,
For whom these myriads labour without rest?
Perhaps some mystic temple will they raise
Or some mausoleum build at his behest?"

"Or is this massive work to be the site
Of noble shrines of learning for the law,
Of colleges, and philosophic schools?
Pray tell me, boy, what all this work is for?"

The youth stared up at me with steady eye,
And for a moment looked me up and down.
Quoth he, "These are the former unemployed,
And this, 'tis hoped, will be a football ground."

C.J.S. (V.I.A.)

INSPIRED BY DOG RACING ON BEHALF OF HIS DOMESTICATED RIVAL.

The electrical hare has made itself dear
To greyhounds and all of their ilk,
So now we suggest for Selima's zest
The mechanical saucer of milk.

Every cat is lined up for the twenty lap cup
With a number adorning its rump,
At the gun everyone starts to run for the fun
Of tracking the milk to its dump.

A sly artful use of the lacteal juice,
By the movement of levers in rows,
Keeps the loved liquid treat, so seductive and sweet,
Regulated before the cat's nose.

The alluring white dish, like a sleek flying fish,
Flits at twelve yards per sec. o'er the ground,
While each feline well backed by the crowd closely
packed
Follows hard on it bound after bound.

Meritorious win! the victor's led in
By the owner, the trainer, the judge.
The crowd's plaudits ring out and—never in doubt—
To the totalisator they trudge.

B.C.B. (V.I.A.)

SPRING.

Mild Spring's with us;
Cold Winter's gone,
And Land and Sky
Fresh costumes don.

Gone, gone, the time
Of damp and cold;
Warm days, clear skies
Now we behold.

Oh! Tender Spring!
Thou bring'st to flow'rs
Fresh, pulsing life
In thy warm show'rs.

The lark soars high,
O'er dewy lawns,
And sings sweet songs
While Spring's day dawns.

F.B.R. (III.A.)

HIS FIRST TROUT.

"Won't you whisper, rippling river,
If a trout in thee doth quiver;
In this placid pool so deep
Where the mournful willows weep."

"Fish there may be in the sea,
Fish in me there none be,"

Said the river.

But with waywardness of youth,
Never heeding words of sooth,
Took his rod—cast—lost his trace.
Laugh'd the river for a space.

"Fish there may be in the sea,
Fish in me there none be,"

Said the river.

"Stream so treach'rous thou dost lie;
On thy sands a trout I spy."
Takes his tackle, makes a cast,
In the trout's mouth, hooks it fast.

"Fish there may be in the sea,
Fish in me there none be,"

Said the river.

Crept up to the waters whirling,
Pulled his rod up, wildly swirling;
Felt the line grow taut as wire,
Last attained his heart's desire.

"Fish there may be in the sea,
Fish in me there none be,"

Said the river.

Gasping on the sand it lay,
Fitting end to perfect day.
Novice came he—fisher went,
Wond'ring what the river meant.

"Fish there may be in the sea,
Now in me there none be,"

Said the river.

D.A.S. (IV.A.)

A SUMMER AFTERNOON.

(An Idyll.)

As if a noon eternal
Through all the land must be,
A summer sun in azure sky
Sheds golden warmth on me.

On grassy bank reclining
Beside the crystal stream,
With heavy eyelids drooping
I laze, and drowse, and dream.

The plashing of the river,
The palms stirred by the breeze,
The laughter and the shouting,
I wander far from these.

Among those airy mountains
So many leagues away,
Where sounds the ocean's murmur,
And babbling fountains play.

A fleeting cloud my chariot,
Across the blue sea wave,
I seek my destination,
I find the rest I crave.

And now the shadows lengthen,
A shiver shakes the fern,
Reluctantly day closes;
At last we must return.

Refreshed, we see in climbing
The dusty track of clay,
The crimson'd setting of the sun,
Last glory of the day.

D.P. (VI.A.)

SANCTUARY.

Roving briar and twisted tree,
Hold for me a mystery,
Joys so sweet and pleasures fair,
Hide in careless freedom there.
Bright-eyed birds of plumage gay,
Here unvexed do hold their sway,
O'er the quickly growing weeds
Which the rich stored hillside feeds.
Peace so deep the soul does hold,
Slumber deep and peace untold,
Till the tired heart lose the stress
Of a man-made wilderness.
Beauty lives without disguise
In an earthly paradise.

G.L.E. (VI.A.)

I-CHABOD.

The strong round sun casts down his fiery brands,
A folding veil of dust raised high by wheel
And pounding steed envelops throngs that kneel
And cringe before the monarch of the sands—
The bulder of a hundred cities, the terror of the outer
lands.

The scene has changed; the lonely watcher feels,
As silvery Io weaves her spells and steals
O'er rolling desert, roamed by shepherd bands
Who keep their silent vigil by the stars,
That all is mute and vain, and all must change
As these, the powers of East and West, derange
Their order; and the children of their fancies are all
marred.

The lust of life, the pride of conquering kings
Lie in the dust, from whence a new world springs.

J.S. (VI.A.)

A HYMN OF HATE.

In the beginning God made us the earth without form,
without void, without light,
Then made He the land, and created the sea and divided
the day from the night,
Then placed fish in the sea and fowls in the air after
setting the stars in the sky;
All things 'neath the sun He created save one—for Satan
created the fly.

When the great brontosaurus strolled over the land and
the dinosaur sauntered at ease,
When the tranquil triceratops trudging along made our
forefathers trip up the trees,
When the megalosaurus lay down for a snooze with a
stout soporiferous sigh,
The greatest offence to the anthropoid ape was that crim-
son incarnadine fly.

When the Conqueror sat very fearful and fat in the
springtime of ten-sixty-six,
When he made his artillery fire in the air to put his poor
foes in a fix,
The bagatelle brave of some nondescript knave would
never have pierced Harold's eye,
If he had not seen red and lifted his head to batter a
frivolous fly.

In these days of enlightenment, wisdom and wit, a ques-
tion perplexes the wise,
Embodied so plaintively in that sweet song—in the
winter-time where go the flies?
In battalions and cohorts and legion on legion they wait
while the winter wears by;
Then, torturing, teasing, tormenting they come, to the
last, final solit'ry fly.

B.C.B. (VI.A.)

THE OMINOUS RED STAIN.

In the middle of the big, lonely, windswept field, a big, lonely house stood, its bare brown stone walls standing out in the watery rays of the setting winter sun. Fitting gusts of cold wind ruffled the long grass, and occasional showers of rain beat against the brown stone walls, and rolled down, exhausted, to the ground; but always the sun kept gleaming in a vain attempt to dry up the rain and infuse warmth into the scene, which, save for an occasional impertinent sparrow hopping on the concrete path, and a few cackling hens, was entirely devoid of life.

Presently, however, a big, grim-faced man, wrapped in a long, thick overcoat, came hurrying along the road, up the footpath, and in at the back door, which slammed behind him; whereupon the district relapsed into its original calm. As the sun sank lower in the north-western sky, it sent four little inquiring rays through the four big panes in the window of a big room facing the rear, whence they crept, millimetre by millimetre, along the carpeted floor. Had those rays been equipped with ears, they would have heard, as the back-door slammed, someone hurry into the room, and commence hurrying to and fro as if in a frenzied attempt to escape from a prison, when the footsteps of the gaoler had been heard. If they had listened a little longer, they would have heard a faltering of the hurried steps, a crash, a scream of horror—then nothing more!

As the sun, however, sank lower in the sky, and the weak little sunbeams crept a few millimetres onward, into the most presumptuous one there slowly meandered a stream of ominous red liquid, which trickled slowly on, leaving a deep stain on the carpet as it did so. A sparrow flew past, twittering, as if in protest against the dreadful happening; a shower of rain beat against the windows in an attempt to blot out the awful red stain; but still the sunbeams crept on. Then, hurried footsteps came to the door, and, as they did so, the person who had rushed in at first, distractedly went to it, wailing as she went, "O George, come quickly. I've spilt the sauce, and broken the bottle, and I think I've spoilt the carpet. What shall I do? And the most ambitious sunbeam lit up the remains of the sauce-bottle as the sun sank to rest.

R.C. (I.V.A.)

OLD BOYS' SECTION

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION—1927.

President:

A. R. Standish.

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Editors of Old Boys' Section:

H. C. Newell and J. H. Boon.

SEVENTH ANNUAL BALL.

The seventh annual ball was held in the School Assembly Hall on Monday, May 25, and literally it was a huge success. Everybody who attended enjoyed the dancing, goodnatured jollity and light-heartedness prevailing. Many of those who attended expressed the belief that it was the best ball held yet. Certainly, when one considers that there must have been over 300 dancers present and everything went off as smoothly as could be, there is room for congratulation. The music, which was provided by Mr. H. McNeill's novelty orchestra, comprising six players, was excellent. The notable feature was the revival of interest by the younger Old Boys, while it was also pleasing to see so many present from more remote districts.

The decorations in the Assembly Hall were different from anything attempted in the past and were wonderfully effective. The whole scheme was carried out in paper, together with a little greenery, yellow, mauve and heliotrope being blended with charming effect.

Mrs. A. R. Standish was chairwoman of the ladies' committees which worked in conjunction with the executive of the Association. Supper was served in the dining hall, where Mrs. P. F. Atkinson was responsible for the tastefully decorated tables. The supper committee comprised Mesdames H. R. Billing, T. Fookes, D. Hutchen, T. P. Anderson, A. J. Papps, L. W. Lovell, H. Russell, A. Bewley, W. N. Stephenson, W. H. Moyes, R. H. George.

The ladies who assisted with the decorations were: Mesdames L. I. Rea, H. N. Seldon, M. Kirkby, L. W. Lovell, Misses H. Wilson, G. Stephenson, C. Stephenson, D. Clark, B. Taylor, M. Johnson, E. Johnson, M. Russell, B. Mander, R. Lovell, M. Lovell, K. Moyes, D. Brown, M. Hutchen, M. Boon.

Some little time later the Association Executive tangibly recognised the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Standish and her fellow workers, when a ladies' evening was held at the Club at which the ladies' committees were the Association's guests. The function was very successful and during the evening Mrs. Standish was presented with an engraved silver salad bowl crested with the School badge in appreciation of her great help.

AUCKLAND REUNION.

SCHOOL'S FINE RUGBY RECORD.

The visit to Auckland of the School fifteen on August 20 to play the annual Rugby match against Auckland Grammar was made the occasion of the second annual reunion of the Auckland branch of the Association. A dinner attended by about 60 Old Boys, including a small delegation from New Plymouth, was held at the Royal Hotel and subsequently the gathering adjourned to the Chamber of Commerce, where the conversazione took place. John Terry, as president of the branch, presided over an enthusiastic assembly.

In proposing the toast of the School, John traced with pride its rapid growth in recent years both in the realm of scholarship and sport. Old Boys were proud of the success of their School in football and shooting, but they remembered also that the School had produced scholars who had since made their mark in pursuing their studies abroad.

Mr. R. Wilson, a member of the staff, who responded, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the headmaster, Mr. W. H. Moyes. He gave an assurance that the old School spirit still lived, and traced recent developments in School life and institutions.

Responding to the toast of the First Fifteen, Mr. A. J. Papps, the coach, said that in the last six years the School had produced two All Blacks in H. Brown and J. Walter, and 20 former members of the fifteen had gained Taranaki representative honours. The fifteen had played 24 games in the past six years and had won 20, lost three, and drawn one. In those games it had scored 380 points, and only 128 had been scored against it, a match average of 16 to 5. Of five matches against Te Aute College, generally recognised as one of the hardest teams in New Zealand to defeat, the School had won three, lost one and drawn one. The School had also beaten Wanganui Collegiate School on four occasions in five matches, Auckland Grammar School on four occasions in five matches, Wanganui Technical College three times out of three, and Nelson College three times out of three. New Plymouth had also beaten Palmerston North Boys' High School and Mount Albert Grammar School in years when those colleges had had exceptionally strong teams. "I am disappointed the boys did not give you a better exhibition in their match against Auckland Grammar School to-day," said Mr. Papps, who gave an assurance that the team was capable of a much better display, as it had shown in recent games against Hamilton High School, Te Aute and Wanganui Collegiate School, in all of which cases New Plymouth had won by comfortable margins. The team was not the best that had represented the School—he considered the 1923 team which had beaten Auckland Grammar School and won the Moascar Cup held that honour—but this year's team was quite up to the average. In it were only five members of the previous year's combination.

Among other toasts honoured were the Old Boys' Association, responded to by J. H. Boon, on behalf of the parent body at New Plymouth, G. McB. Salt, Auckland branch, and J. D. Mackay, Wellington branch. An enjoyable musical and elocutionary programme contributed to the success of the evening's entertainment.

PERSONAL NOTES.**RON. SYME'S SUCCESS.**

Ron. Syme, who is at Oxford, continues to add to the scholastic achievements of Old Boys. Ron., who recently secured first-class honours in Greats, is probably the most brilliant classical scholar New Zealand has produced. While at School, he won a Junior University Scholarship, heading the list for 1921, and in the following year entered Victoria University College, where he at once attracted considerable notice with his work in languages under Professor Rankine Brown. After two years at Victoria College, Ron. went to Auckland College to act as assistant to Professor Dettmann. There he took his B.A. degree, and the following year the M.A. degree with first-class honours in Latin. He also gained senior scholarships in Greek, Latin, and French, and a post-graduate scholarship in arts. At Oxford Ron. has earned several distinctions. He won the Chancellor's prize for Greek prose and the Gaisford prize for Latin verse. At Oriel College he was awarded the Bishop Fraser scholarship for post-graduate work. It is probable that he will stay another year at Oxford.

Jim Shaw, who was recently on the teaching staff of the Waitaki Boys' High School, Oamaru, accepted a position on the staff of the Wanganui Collegiate School. Don. Sutton is also teaching on the staff of the same school.

Old Boys will learn with regret of the ill-health of John Brodie, who has had considerable trouble with a leg following upon a football injury. John has relinquished his literary work with the Daily News and is taking a rest cure up north.

Dick and Arthur Christie are at present on a trip to Sydney to meet their parents, who are returning from England.

Jack Ogle is in the Bank of Australasia at Maniaia.

Charlie ("Roman") Robb is in his father's mercery shop at Hawera.

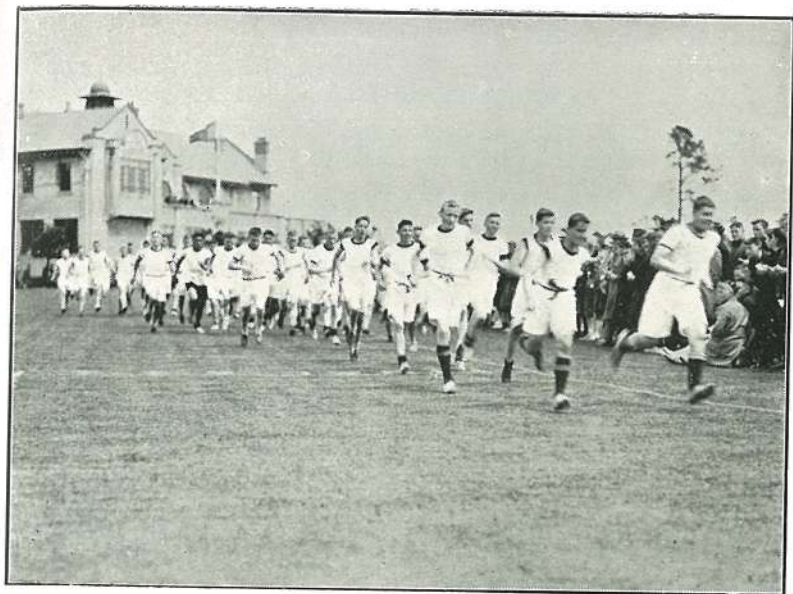
H. Lucena is assistant-engineer at the Arapuni hydro-electric works. He is always pleased to show an Old Boy over.



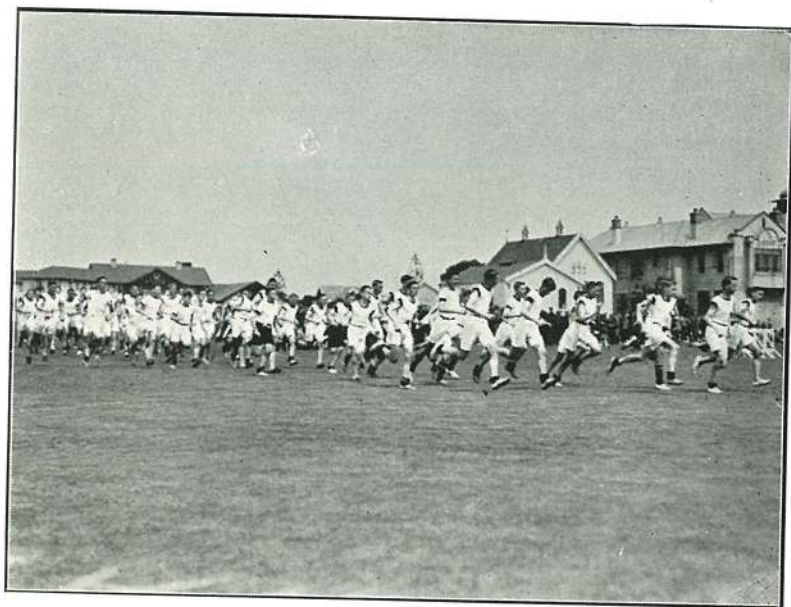
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Clayton Shaw is still reporting for the Waikato Times. He was in New Plymouth recently.

Clive Shaw and Denis Crapper are in the New Plymouth office of Burgess, Fraser and Co., Ltd.

C. G. Calvert is studying for the teaching profession at the Auckland Training College. His brother Gordon ("Inky Bill") is now working on his uncle's farm at Ahititi.

C. C. Lobb is working for his father at the building trade.

H. Garner is attending Auckland University College.

Don. Robertson is working at L. A. Nolan and Co.'s, while his brother Colin is with Messrs. Jones and Sandford.

Stewart Black is on the staff of L. H. Johnson and Co.

E. W. Tonks, who won a Taranaki Scholarship last year, is studying at the Canterbury College.

Ernie Bowen, who won the senior steeplechase in 1923, is on the commercial staff of the Auckland Sun.

Jack Innis is on the staff of Messrs. J. H. Cock and Co., New Plymouth.

Colin Campbell is a member of the office staff of Hy. Brown and Co., New Plymouth.

C. Dinniss, R. Carey and A. Hetherington are members of the staff of the New Plymouth branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia.

M. E. Parrott has entered upon a journalist's career with the Taranaki Daily News.

J. Palmer, C. Lash and A. Evans are workmates in the New Plymouth Savings Bank. We understand that C. Lash has been promoted to the position of manager of the Fitzroy branch.

Ken. Fookes is with Norman Bellringer, accountant, while Fred Read is also interested in accountancy, having started with the firm of Duff and Wynyard, New Plymouth.

P. Grover, W. Griffiths and J. Baddeley are with the New Plymouth staff of the Bank of Australasia, while G. Fookes and D. Bullock are on the local staff of the Bank of New South Wales. G. Duncan is on the local staff of the National Bank.

"Bill" Petty, last year's doughty full-back, is employed with Hunters, Ltd., New Plymouth. His big brother "Dump," who again represented Taranaki in the full-back position in the past season and played in the Taranaki-Wanganui trial team, is working with his father's old firm, Pettys, furnishers.

G. Wray is with Holm and Co., shipping agents, New Plymouth.

Jack Ewart has the idea of becoming a nurseryman and is at present working in Pukekura, New Plymouth.

Jack Walter still plays Rugger for Stratford and shone out well this season.

The Taranaki Herald and Budget has the following Old Boys on its staff:—Literary Department: Frank Kelly, "Froggie" Newell, George Wells and Dave Hetherington. Commercial Department: Syd. Rowlands and Alf. West. Composing staff: Tony Philpott. On the literary staff of the Daily News are: D. Saxton, L. Inch, M. Parrott (Hawera) and W. Ewing (Stratford). George Reakes is reporting on the Eltham Argus.

C. Boswell is on the staff of the New Plymouth branch of the Union Shipping Company, while Jack Law is on the sea staff of the same company.

"Wally" Jones is studying dispensing with the New Plymouth Friendly Societies.

Len. Lovell and Fred. Newell are clerking with Hugh Baily, accountant.

J. H. Thomas, J. Hutchinson and C. Strombom are on the staff of Messrs. Weston and Billing, solicitors, New Plymouth.

T. O. ("Buck") Jones visited New Plymouth recently and if looks count, is a fairly prosperous citizen of Auckland.

Harold Morey ("Sam") is in his father's drapery business, while "Bill" has taken to ironmongery and is employed with H. Ward and Co. "Bill" went on tour of the South Island with the Taranaki representatives during the Rugger season.

T. L. Bailey has taken up teaching and is a probationer at the West End School, while G. S. Bayly is teaching at Moturoa.

Syd. McCann, who has achieved a great deal of note as a track cyclist, is in Australia.

Stewart Hayton is employed with C. A. Wilkinson and Co., hardware merchants, New Plymouth.

Jack Medley, who played Rugby for Taranaki this season, is working in the office of his father, who is the Deputy-Official Assignee.

Stan. Billing is employed with Macky, Logan, Caldwell, Ltd., warehousemen.

Keith Clegg is in the New Plymouth Post Office.

Ted Jackson is working with his father in the land agency business.

Percy Wright, B. Collinge and Edwin Wright are working together in the local office of the State Fire Insurance. "Barney" O'Dowda is in the New Zealand Insurance Company's office, while in the Victoria Office are found R. Harris and Boyd Lash and in the United Jack Grey.

Charlie Harris has taken up architecture and is with Messrs. Duffill and Gibson at Hawera.

E. J. (Ginger) Insull and "Rat" Hammond, jun., are in the Hawera Bank of Australasia. Others in banks in the same town are Brian Winfield and "Birmingham" Burt (New South Wales), R. Blundell (New Zealand), and Ray Syme (National).

Allan Walker ("Ginger") is now farming near Hamilton.

W. C. (Nick) Carter is in his father's grocery shop, Hawera. Both he and "Roman" Robb are prominent rifle shots and often visit New Plymouth.

Alf. Walker is in the office of the Hawera Bacon Company.

Jim Hammond is still with Tate, chemist, Hawera.

Selwyn Cooper is on the Eltham staff of the Loan and Mercantile and spends most of his time "on the road."

F. Grant has been transferred from Hawera to the Wellington office of the National Bank of New Zealand.

"Jerry" Pease is with his cousin Brian ("Beery") on the latter's father's farm at Mangatoki.

Godfrey Hawken is managing his father's farm on Lake Road, while Peter is farming up the Wanganui River.

J. L. Simcock is with T. H. Irwin, chemist, Ponsonby, and passed his final exam. in Pharmacy at the end of last year.

Hugo Wall is in the National Bank, Wanganui.

H. A. Insull has recently been placed in charge of the secondary department of the Granity District High School, near Westport.

Ken. Lambie is school teaching near Blenheim.

Ted Olsen, who was for some time with the Flying Corps in Egypt, has recently been transferred to India. He is stationed at Risalpur, an isolated place near the Afghan border. He is frequently employed on dangerous work, having to fly over wild mountainous country, peopled by hostile tribes. He expects to be in India for about four years.

We wish to congratulate C. Yates on his appointment to the position of Registrar of the Massey Agricultural College, Palmerston North.

Ern. Jeffries, one of the School's best half-backs, was transferred in June from New Plymouth to the Auckland branch of the Bank of New South Wales. "Jeff" played for Tukapa and on behalf of his football friends Mr. J. McLeod presented him with a well-filled wallet before he left, remarking that in addition to his popularity, his personality and his influence among the men with whom he played, both in club and representative football, had made him a great asset to the district. "Jeff" played for Auckland Marists for the remainder of the season and twice played in the northern province's B representative team.

We have just heard that, out of 300 applicants for ten cadetships in the New Zealand Territorial Air Force, H. S. Weston and Jack Buckeridge have gained the distinction of being among the successful candidates. Congratulations to both.

NOTES FROM WELLINGTON.

Ivor McIvor, who is secretary of the Wellington branch of the Association, sends the following notes regarding members, for which we are grateful:—

Bob Ayling, who was formerly with T. and W. Young, is now in W. D. and H. O. Wills, Ltd., sales branch.

Bob Bothamley is still with Henry Berry and Co. Pty., Ltd., and is an enthusiastic member of the Old Boys Committee.

Doug. Banks is in his final year at Training College, for whom he has been playing in the First Fifteen during the past season.

G. C. Beckett is on the staff of N.Z. Truth and takes a very keen interest in the local branch of the Association.

W. G. Buchanan has been transferred to the Public Works Department.

W. F. C. (Baldy) Balham has returned to Wellington and is on the staff of Wellington College, and is also acting as assistant lecturer in French at Victoria University College.

Alan Brooker is frequently to be seen in the Empire City, which is his headquarters.

Gordon Brunette is now residing at Seatoun and is in the electrical business.

Bill Berridge has recently been transferred down to the local branch of the Public Trust Office.

A. J. Christie, who recently completed his Law Professional examination, has been working with P. Keesing as managing clerk.

N. M. Chappell is staff officer in the General Manager's office of the Bank of New Zealand.

Bob Caughley is on the staff of A. S. Paterson and Co., Ltd., and is studying hard for Accountancy.

J. Cattnach has recently sold his stationer's business in Cuba Street and has been in the employ of Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd.

Eric Colson is head ledgerkeeper in the Union Bank of Australia, Ltd.

R. Cottier is on the staff of the Commercial Bank of Australia, Ltd.

Dick Christie recently completed his pharmacy examinations and has been relieving in various pharmacies of late.

Les Dinniss is now with Izard, Weston and Stevenson, solicitors. He completed his Law Professional at the beginning of the year.

R. M. Dolby is still at Victoria University College, and we extend congratulations to him upon his success in gaining the Sir George Grey Scholarship.

Jack Eaves is with Alex Dunn, solicitor.

Ted Foden is now with his brother, N.A. Foden, who recently set out on his own as solicitor.

A. C. Fookes is in the Lands and Deeds Office.

N. Forbes is with the Union Steamship Company, Ltd., and is at present assistant purser on one of the Lyttelton ferry steamers.

A. Griffin is on the staff of Wellington College and is studying hard for honours in French this year.

Frank Grant is in the Advances Department of the General Manager's office of the National Bank of New Zealand, Ltd., and is studying for Banking Diploma.

L. G. (Chesty) Goss holds the rank of captain in the permanent Defence Force here.

E. W. B. (Peter) Griffiths is attached to the Wellington Public Hospital, where he is finishing his final year of his medical course.

Donald Grant is practising at Petone as a solicitor.

T. G. A. Harle was until quite recently inspector's accountant in the Union Bank of Australia, Ltd. He has been transferred to Ashburton as manager of the local branch of the bank.

A. L. Hempton has recently been promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager of the Bank of New Zealand. One of the oldest Old Boys, Mr. Hempton has proved himself to be a very keen supporter of the local branch of the Association.

E. W. Hursthouse is of the firm of E. W. Hursthouse and Co., engineers, and is another of our original Old Boys and a very keen supporter of the branch.

H. Honeyfield has been with Wright, Stephenson and Co., Ltd., but left that firm during the past week to take up a responsible position with the Kiwi Bacon Company, Ltd., at Palmerston North.

Basil Hooper is still holding up his hand as an arm of the law, and is frequently to be seen controlling the traffic in the busy thoroughfares of the City. During the recent Royal tour he was one of Mr. Mellveney's stalwarts who composed the special escort for the Duke and Duchess.

R. Hoby has been attending Victoria University College as an all day student and taking lectures in Agriculture.

W. J. Harris is with Evens' Pharmacy.

H. A. Insull has had an extra year at Training College this year.

Owen Johns is with the Eastern Extension Cable Company, Ltd., and his younger brother (Dummy Junior) is with the Wellington branch of the National Bank of New Zealand, Ltd.

Ray Jennings is with T. and W. Young in their shipping department.

Eric Lash was until a few months ago dispensing for the United Friendly Societies, but then he left on a trip to Canada and America.

Jack Leach is with the Alliance Assurance Company.

Jack Law is assistant purser on one of the Union Company's Lyttelton ferry steamers.

Norman Little is now in the legal division of the Public Trust Office here.

W. E. Monk is now on audit duty with the General Manager's office of the National Bank of New Zealand, Ltd., and is one of the keenest members of our branch.

G. Neville Morey has a pharmacy at Hataitai.

J. D. Mackay is on the staff of Wellington College and one of the house masters at Firth House. He had the misfortune to strain the muscles of his leg very badly and so was prevented from lending valuable assistance to the 'Varsity Fifteen during the latter half of the season.

J. Mountjoy is at the Teachers' Training College.

W. Nash is with Perry and Perry, solicitors.

M. Osborne is on the staff of the British Imperial Oil Company, Ltd.

R. E. (Teddy) Pope is still with Perry and Perry, solicitors, and as a vice-president of the local branch has been one of the keenest supporters of the Association in the City. He has taken a prominent part in amateur theatricals and during the past winter gave every other spare moment to the problem of reducing his handicap on the Hutt links.

Jack Penman is with the G. F. Wilson Company, and during the summer did well in the diving events at the local swimming championships.

Ken. Robinson is with Williamson's Pharmacy at Petone and is now studying hard for his optician's examinations.

W. G. Rawson, Native Trustee, has proved himself a worthy President of our branch of the Association.

Harry Read is teaching at Petone, and his brother Earl is on the staff of the Government Actuaries' Department.

R. I. M. Sutherland is managing clerk for Scott and Mellish, solicitors.

A. J. Sherwood is on the staff of the British Imperial Oil Company, Ltd.

S. G. Thompson is on the staff of the New Zealand Insurance Company, Ltd.

F. V. W. West is practising as a dentist in Riddiford Street, Newtown.

L. Waller is with the South British Insurance Company, Ltd.

Paddy Way has recently been transferred down to the local office of the Standard Insurance Company.

Jack Sutton is on the staff of E. W. Mills and Co., Ltd.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The season which has now drawn to a close has marked a very successful year in the annals of the Club, not only from a competitive point of view, but also from the fact that the members of the Club and the general public have responded so well to the necessity for a successful season.

The senior fifteen played good football throughout the season, and at the end of the competition were well up on the ladder; however, the main trouble was an old one, the absence of hefty forwards, and one marvels at the way they stood up to the heavier packs. The first and second juniors were not so successful, but we have the consolation of knowing that some good material is coming on. Our fourth grade team ran out winners of the Northern Division of that competition and met Waimate at Stratford for the final. After a fast and exciting game Waimate were successful in annexing the championship by one point, the scores being: Waimate 13, Old Boys 12.

A social evening was held at the Club Rooms on Thursday, November 24, to farewell Mr. F. M. Whyte, a member of the Executive Committee and delegate to the Rugby Union, who is on transfer to Christchurch. It is with regret that we have to report his departure from New Plymouth. Opportunity was taken to present trophies won during the season to the following players:

Mr. C. D. Dinniss: Most improved senior back.

Mr. K. Riley: Most improved senior forward.

Mr. F. Frethey: Most improved fourth grade player.

The annual match against Gisborne Old Boys was played in New Plymouth on Easter Saturday, and after a fast and exciting game we avenged our defeat of last year by 22 points to 9.

The future of all teams in the Club depends to a very large extent upon the support which boys leaving School accord. The Club has been formed for their benefit and we must ask that on leaving School they remember and endeavour to keep in existence on the playing fields of the world that spirit which has been instilled in them by their Alma Mater.

TO ALL OLD BOYS

The School Magazine depends largely for its existence on the support of the Old Boys. An endeavour is made to give in the Old Boys' column a full account of the Old Boys' Association, together with such personal news of Old Boys as comes within our knowledge. We therefore appeal to Old Boys to join the list of subscribers to the Magazine if they have not already done so; to send us news of their doings in other centres; and to notify us of any change of address. With the active support of Old Boys, the success of the Magazine is assured.

EXCHANGES

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges since the last issue:—Otago B.H.S. Magazine, Christchurch B.H.S. Magazine, Waitakian, Nelsonian, Hamiltonian, Palmerstonian, Fideliter (Whangarei High School), Christ's College Register, Victoria University College Review, Otago University Review, Melbourneian, Ashburtonian, King's Collegian, Auckland Grammar School Chronicle, Geelong Grammar School Quarterly, Albertian, Timaruvian, Sydney Church of England Grammar School Magazine, Scindian.

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Tuition ...	£4, reducible to £3 10s. if paid within 30 days
Preparatory	£4 10s. „ £4 „ „ „
Board ...	£21, „ „ £19 „ „ „
Weekly Boarders } Boarders }	£18 10s. „ £17 „ „ „
Dinner for Day Boys,	£3
Music (including practice fee)—Seniors,	£3 3s.
	Juniors, £2 12s. 6d.
Boxing,	10/-
Dancing (Winter term only)	15/-

Subscriptions (per term)—

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

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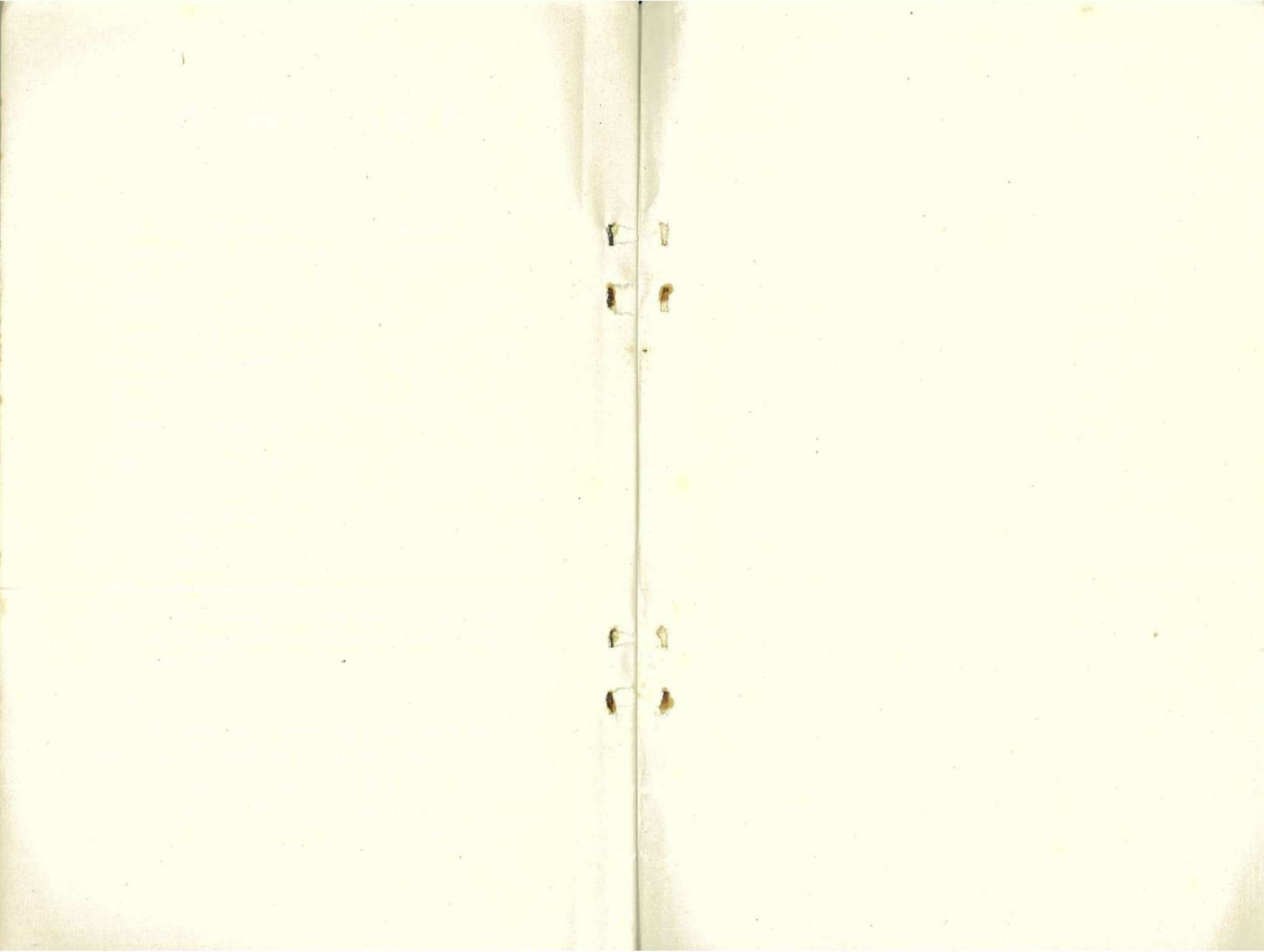
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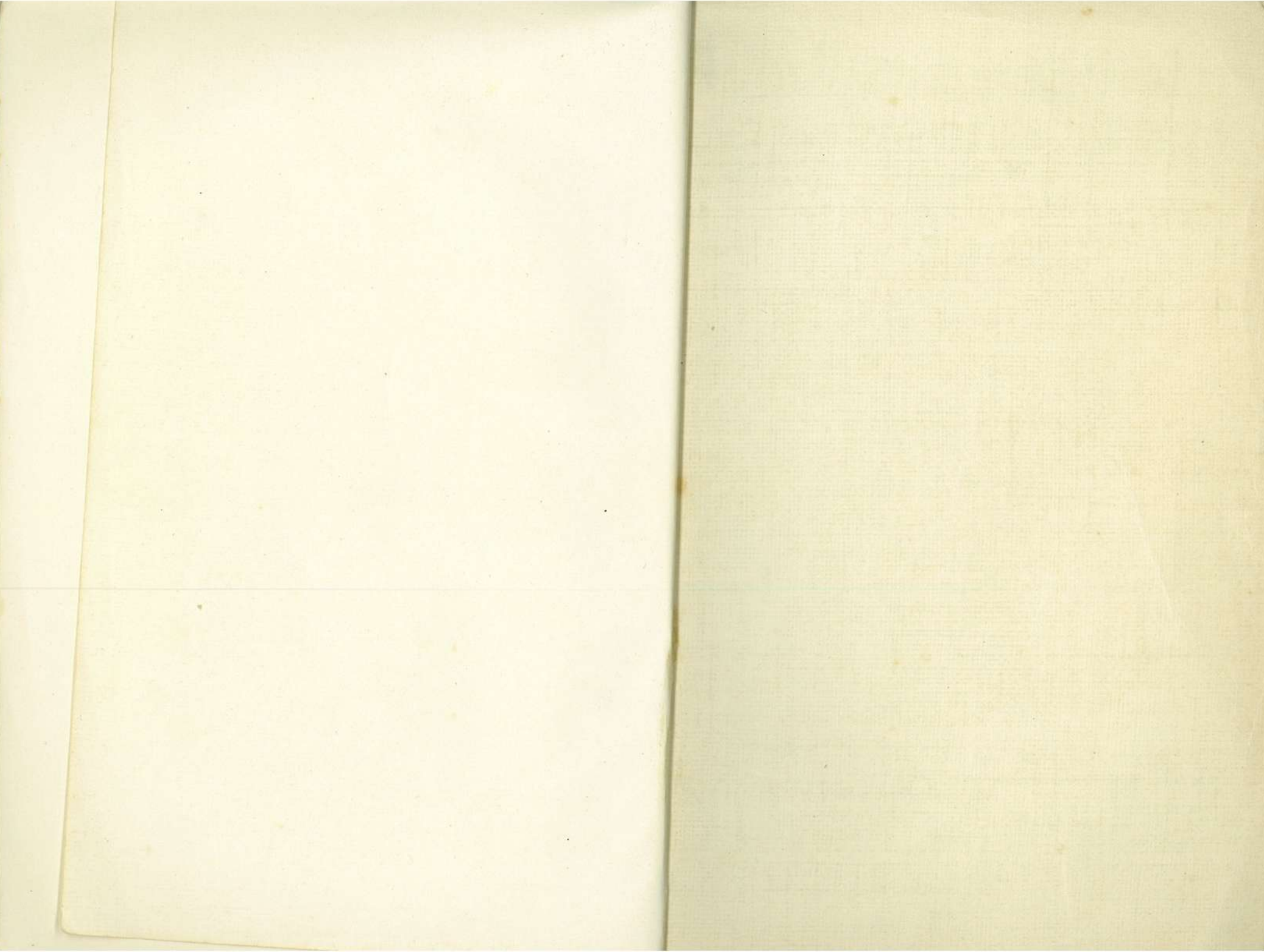
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First Term— February 8th to May 6th.

Second Term—May 19th to August 19th.

Third Term— September 13th to December 16th.





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