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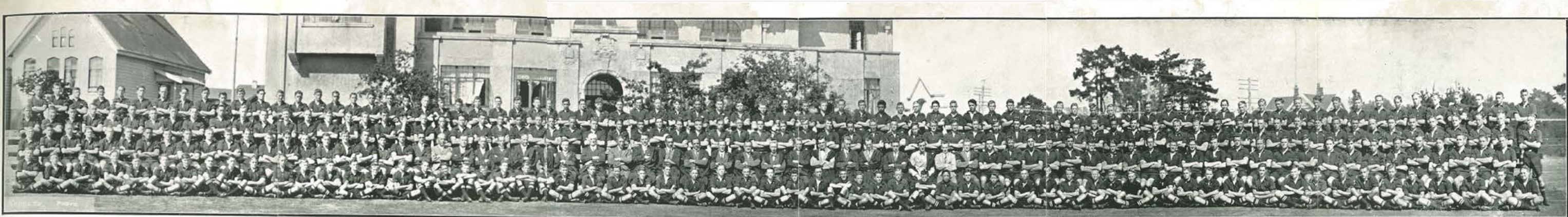
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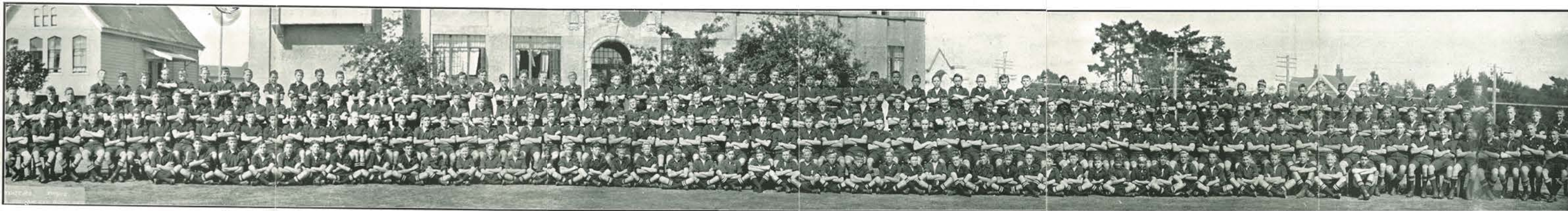
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Day Boys.—H. Fookes (head), G. L. Ewart, P. Allen, B. Bell, C. Stace, C. McNeill, A. H. Andrews.

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SCHOOL CADET CONTINGENT.

Officer Commanding.—Major G. F. Bertrand.

Second in Command.—Captain A. L. Moore.

Contingent Sergeant-Major.—G. S. Anderson.

Acting-Contingent Q.M.S.—B. Bell.

Orderly Room Corporal.—P. Greenlees.

"A" COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Captain V. E. Kerr.

Company Sergeant-Major.—C. McNeill.

Acting-Company Q.M.S.—V. Duff.

No. 1 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant J. Leggat.

Platoon Sergeant.—B. Grieve.

Section Commanders.—Corporals E. Allen, K. Staunton; Lance-Corporals W. Thomson, A. Shepherd.

No. 2 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant E. R. McKeon.

Platoon Sergeant.—W. Hayward.

Section Commanders.—Corporals J. Gibbs, D. McCallum, D. Stace; Lance-Corporal D. Dallison.

No. 3 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Mr. D. Menzies.

Platoon Sergeant.—L. Dickey.

Section Commanders.—Corporals G. Ewart, M. Magrath; Lance-Corporals R. Shepherd, K. Scott.

No. 4 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Sergeant H. Fookes.

Platoon Sergeant.—J. McDonald.

Section Commanders.—Corporal B. Trehey; Lance-Corporals J. Syme, I. Beckbessinger, G. McKenzie.

No. 5 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant H. H. Skelton.

Platoon Sergeant.—S. G. Dinniss.

Section Commanders.—Corporals W. J. Thomas, C. Griffiths, D. Phillips; Lance-Corporals C. Allen, J. W. Tate (spare).

No. 6 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Mr. J. D. Roulston.

Platoon Sergeant.—W. Watt.

Section Commanders.—Corporal R. Shaw; Lance-Corporals W. Sutton, C. Cave, J. Davies.

“B” COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.

Company Sergeant-Major.—R. Martin.

Company Q.M.S.—E. Edgecombe.

No. 7 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant R. C. Wilson.

Platoon Sergeant.—W. Thomson.

Section Commanders.—Corporals P. Miles, M. Good, J. Seoble, D. Papps.

No. 8 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant L. V. Bryant.

Platoon Sergeant.—C. Johnson.

Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Wynyard, R. McIver, T. Watt, B. Walsham.

No. 9 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant A. H. Blundell.

Platoon Sergeant.—A. Hutchen.

Section Commanders.—Corporals K. Gibbons, R. Cresswell, S. M. White; Lance-Corporal N. Gardiner.

No. 10 Platoon.

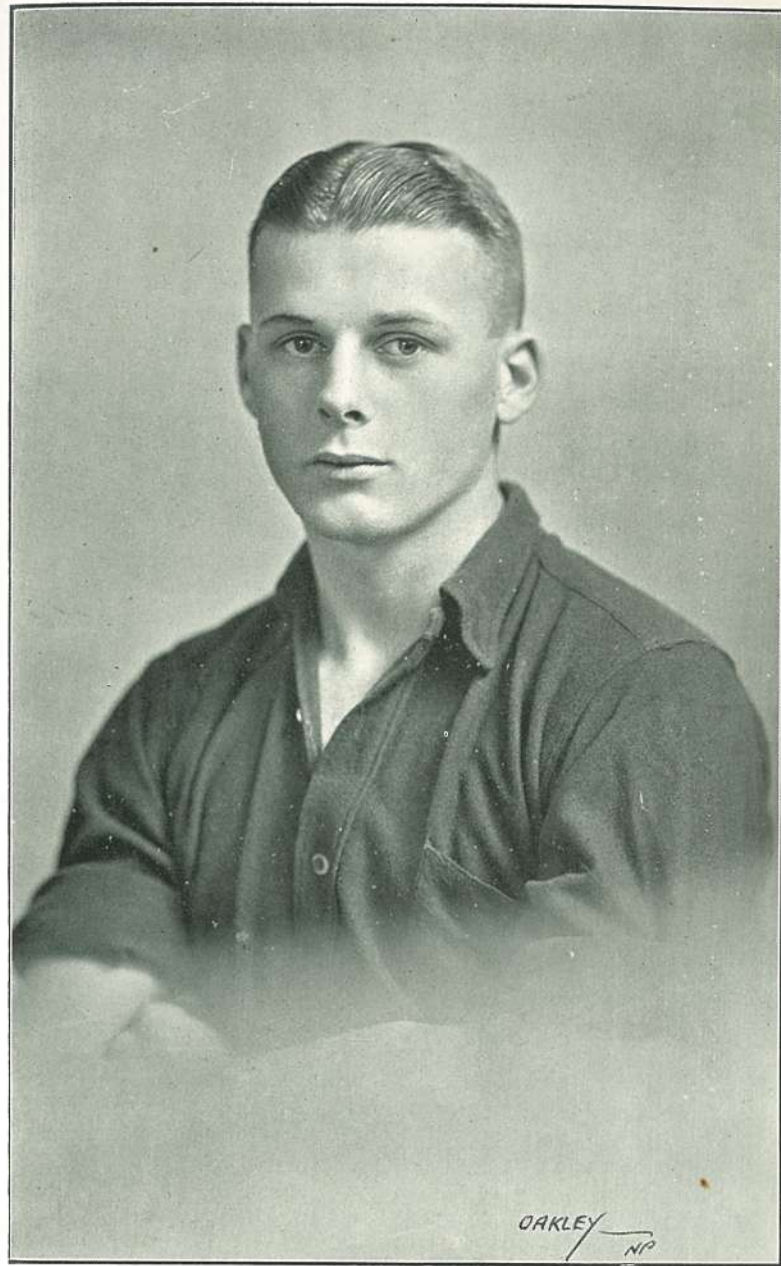
Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant W. I. Shrimpton.

Platoon Sergeant.—A. Andrews.

Section Commanders.—Corporals J. McLean, D. Ekdahl, C. Little, G. Shepherd.

Buglers.—J. McCauley, J. Fenton.

Drummers.—C. McKenzie, W. Brookman, R. White.



H. F. FOOKES,
Head Boy, 1928.

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EDITORIAL

(J. F. McDonald.)

Et comitate et virtute et sapientia.

N EARLY half a century has elapsed since these words were chosen as the motto of our School. During this period the buildings, the grounds, and the roll, have alike seen additions until, at the beginning of this year, the swelling roll flooded into its sixth hundred. To those who have gone before must go the credit of having helped the School to the position it now occupies; to us who are still here and to those who follow remains the task of keeping it there. Hundreds of boys have entered the School, dwelt awhile, and then scattered to the furthest corners of the earth, taking with them the many and varied lessons gained while they wore, upon their caps and in their hearts, "et comitate et virtute et sapientia."

What does the motto mean? Perhaps comradeship, moral strength, and wisdom is the most concise meaning that we are able to give it. But to deal with each in its turn . . .

"They seem to take away the sun from the world who withdraw friendship from life; for we have received nothing better from the Immortal Gods, nothing more delightful."—Cicero.

Those in whose company we pass our time and whose views we share, play a large part in the moulding of our characters, and thus friendships, formed on the playing fields and in the class-rooms, have a great influence on our

future lives. The school provides a common tie and affords a subject for keen conversation and pleasant memories between men who might otherwise never have met. Before the fact that they attended the same school, suffered the same penalties and shared the same joys, their condition and surroundings are forgotten. Some of the more fortunate are able to continue their friendship after having passed through the gates, as schoolboys, for the last time. Others, drawn to distant lands, must necessarily rely on somewhat scantier means of obtaining news of their old friends. Yet, wherever they may be, the memory of the old School and of the friendships formed within its walls, is one which will ever be treasured.

“Dependence upon the applause of the world is the root of all evil.”

In a big school it is inevitable that every type of boy should be found. People have therefore likened a school to a small world wherein are to be found the good and the bad, the toiler and the idler, the rich and the poor, just as in any outside community. Hence to a new boy all seems to be a jumble. He discovers things that he had never before thought of and, still more strange, finds that other boys expect his opinions on the different conversational topics. In some matters he finds himself alone. Two courses are open to him—he may say as he thinks or he may say as the majority say! It is easy to drift with the tide as we all know and it is in cases parallel to this that a boy's character is tested. To cling to what he thinks right and in doing so live up to his motto is the only honourable course that he can take. In the different school committees, in the responsible school positions, and in the debating room, reliability is developed but, before being elected to any of these, a boy must have shown certain strength of character. This is still further developed in the course of his duties, for here again he must continue to stick by his convictions or he inevitably loses the respect of his fellows.

“No pleasure is comparable to standing upon the vantage ground of truth.”—Bacon.

By “wisdom” we do not mean the mere acquisition of knowledge, in fact this meaning is of the least importance for, in after-life, it is not always the youngster,

crammed with facts, who gains most success. More often than not it is the practical worldly boy who reaches the goal of his ambitions.

We take “sapientia” to be rather the ability to gain a broadminded view of a problem; to regard it from all sides, and then calmly discuss the best means of solving it. The wisdom that banishes impetuosity and increases with age. Men who have never read Shakespeare and can hardly write their own names sometimes possess more real wisdom than any professor alive. It comes from personal experience, intuition, and a great deal of common sense; it is impossible to obtain enough of it, and the more we have, the better we shall be able to act when time demands a decision of us in the years to come.

So let every boy realize the full meaning and import of the words he bears on his badge. Let him fully understand that on entering the School he is expected to live up to its motto and, if he does this, much will have been done towards his own development, and towards the task of maintaining for the School the position to which it has been raised by the sterling efforts of those of the days gone by.

THE ROLL

The roll this year stands at 555, of whom 180 are boarders. In the Upper School there are 523 boys, of whom 167 are boarders, while the figures for the Lower School are 32 and 13 respectively. The complete roll is as follows:—

FORM VI.

Allen, C.	Gardiner, N.
†Allen, E. P.	†Good, M. W. T.*
†Anderson, G. S.*	†Grieve, B. W.*
†Andrews, A. H.	†Hayward, W.*
Beekbessinger, I. C.	Jackson, D'Arej
Bell, A. E.	Johnson, C. N.
†Bell, B. C.	†McDonald, J. F.*
Bolt, J. A.	McKenzie, G. F.
Bradshaw, R. C.*	McLean, J. S.*
Brookman, N. S.	Mackay, W. H.
Cave, C. T.	†Miles, P. C.*
Duff, G. V.	Neville, M. B.
†Ewart, G. L.	†Phillips, D. G.*
	Rawson, W.
	†Shaw, R. L.*

Shepherd, A. C.
 Stace, D. V.
 †Stace, C. J.
 †Syme, J. W.*
 Tate, J. W.
 Thomson, W. S.
 Truceman, R. C.
 Watt, T. N. S.*
 †Watt, W. J.*
 Wells, A. J.*
 White, S. M.
 †Wynyard, R. H.*

FORM V. A.

Andersen, R. P.
 Andersen, J. G.
 Avery, J. W.*
 Bennett, A. K.
 Billing, B. H.
 Clare, N. T.
 Clark, J. M. F.
 Clayton, R. L.
 Cooper, H. R.
 Cresswell, R. M.*
 Cullen, N. D.*
 Dallison, D. R.*
 Davies, E. J.
 Elliot, D. A.
 Evans, C.*
 Evans, D.*
 †Fookes, H. F.
 Ford, J. R.
 Greiner, D. A.
 Henderson, E. W.
 Henry, N. S.
 Howarth, P. F.*
 Hutchen, A. K.
 Jones, R. S.
 Kenny, G. A.
 Loten, E. G.*
 MacDiarmid, S. C.*
 Marshall, J. E.
 †McNeill, C. A.
 Middleton, H. B.*
 Morine, F. V.
 Rea, L. B.
 Richards, M. T.
 Silver, C. D.*
 Snedden, F. G.*
 Stace, V. R.
 Stewart, D. A.*
 Sutton, K. A.
 Tribe, M. G.
 Wilson, J. F.

FORM V. B.

Alleman, J.
 Allen, E. T.*
 Archer, J. G.
 Brown, D. A.
 Clow, M. R.
 Craig, J. A.*
 Dickey, L. G.
 Dinniss, L. G.
 Edgar-Gibson, G.
 Evans, J. C.*
 Fairbrother, E. H.
 Gardiner, N. F.
 Greig, W. M.
 Griffiths, C.
 Gunson, G. B.
 Hall, R. M.
 Harding, G.*
 Harper, J. F.
 Jenkin, M. J.
 Lee, D. H.
 Little, C. L.
 Magrath, M. R.
 Martin, R. C.*
 Maunder, A. M.*
 Palmer, M. T.
 Peake, H. de L.*
 Schultz, G. A.
 Schultz, E. A.
 Seoble, J. U.
 Shepherd, G. W.
 Short, H. F.*
 Snell, W.*
 Staunton, K. J.
 †Sutton, W. G.*
 Thorne, A.
 Wallace, I. W.

FORM V. C.

Bullot, R. O.
 Budd, D. H.
 Chick, W. C.
 Court, R. H.*
 Edgecombe, E. M.
 Ekdahl, J. D.*
 Evans, H. R.
 Evans, L. C.*
 Featherstone, D. A.
 †Gibbs, J. T.*
 Greenlees, P. D.
 Harbutt, W. S.*
 Honeyfield, E. R.*
 Kenrick, D. M.*

Latham, D. C.*
 Maciver, D. E.*
 McIndoe, L. A. J.*
 Nicholls, A. G.*
 Rule, I.*
 Shepherd, R. O.
 Syme, D. M.*
 Thomas, W. T.
 Thynne, S.*
 Trehey, B. P.
 White, F. M.
 Wilson, S. P.
 Wright, T.

FORM V. D.

Andrews, M. R.
 Barrow, O. J.*
 Birch, J. H.
 Bird, J. S.
 Brown, C.
 Chapman, A.
 Coplestone, W. G.
 Deare, K. H.
 Dickie, A. J.*
 Fenton, J. D.
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Davidson, P.*
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 Kenny, C.
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 Palmer, J.
 Perica, A.
 Rea, K.
 Reid, B.
 Richards, R.
 Smith, D.
 Wakelin, N.
 Watt, L.*
 West, J.*
 Whitcombe, D.
 Wood, E.
 Wylde-Brown, A. W.*

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 Barkla, G.*
 Blanchett, D. H.
 Bowie, P. T.*
 Brewer, L. A.*
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 Fenwick, H.
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 Harper, R. G.*
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 Lobb, R. V.
 MacGregor, H. L.*
 Mackinder, H. T.*
 Marriott, K. C.
 Morton, W. J.
 Ridgley, S. J.
 Rouse, K. A.*

Sloman, E. D.*
Telford, W. F. D.*
Veale, J. W.

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Alsop, S. H.
Barnard, F. M.
Booker, L. P.
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Adams, M.
Anderson, R. E.
Baddeley, C. V.
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Palmer, F. M. M.*
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Tate, A.
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Wallace, J. S.
Wiley, M. M.
Zemba, M.

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Browning, F. W.*
Budd, B. H.
Burr, A. J.
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Gray, H. A.
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McKee, D. B.
Moore, R. G.*
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Rennie, N. H.
Scott, I. G.
Shaw, R. A.
Thomson, T. A.

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Arms, A. K.
Atack, J.
Barnitt, B. H.
Bourke, K. J.*

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Cooper, N. J.
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 Mace, A. L.
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 Moffitt, J. T.*
 Niven, M. G.*
 Oliver, L. V.
 Parish, A. R.
 Price, G. M.*
 Pretty, W. J.
 Rankin, A.
 Roberts, L. A. K.
 Rowe, D. L.*
 Rowe, H. H.
 Seown, L. R.*
 Shoemark, J. C. W.
 Sutherland, D. V.
 Thomas, G. C.
 Tippins, G.
 Turner, A.
 Walkinton, J. B.*
 Walsham, R. B.
 Watson, K.*
 Young, R. C.

FORM III. E.

Bayley, J. C.
 Burrows, R. T.
 Burton, P. B.*
 Cooke, F. V.
 Des Forges, I. H.
 Diffey, R. H.
 Egarr, K. D.
 Harrison, C. J.
 Hutchins, T. D.

Julian, F. R.
 Kahu, F. W.
 Kendall, R. H.
 Loeke, D. F.
 Lucas, F. U.
 Lynch, J.
 Mace, E. W.
 McLean, D. P.
 Mockett, C. F.
 Morine, L. J.
 Nicholson, W. G.
 Nicoll, S. H.
 Phillips, K.*
 Richards, S. L.
 Roberts, E. W.
 Sisson, P. C.
 Shogren, M. E.
 Thomson, S. A.
 Wood, H.

FORM III. F.

Barry, A. W.
 Bradford, C. R.
 Cates, L. W.*
 Clarke, N. S.
 Clegg, D. H.
 Courtney, W. C.
 Ellis, S. C.
 Gayton, R. H.
 Hariss, I. J.
 Hay, W. L.
 Irving, L. A.
 Jones, R. S.
 Keenan, M.
 Mackay, G. M.
 Molloy, E. S.
 Pizzey, W. H.
 Revell, B. M.
 Riley, L. W.
 Robb, M. H.
 Saunders, G. B.
 Thompson, R. S.
 Turner, A. T.
 Tunbridge, V. A.
 Weatherley, N. L.
 Woolridge, L.

PREPARATORY.

STANDARD VI.

Blackley, D. I.
 Callaghan, A. G.*

Clemow, D. I.*
 Crush, R. H.
 Kemp, G. R.*
 McKenzie, H. A.*
 Robison, R. D.*
 Saunders, W. B.
 Wallace, F. M.*
 Weston, G. C.

STANDARD V.

Allen, D. W.
 Andrews, S.
 Blundell, G.
 Browning, B.*
 Browning, D. C.*
 Davies, I. W.
 Hatherly, D. M.*
 Nolan, H. B.
 Ward, R. F.*

The following boys entered the School this year:—

Anderson, I. D.
 Andrews, S.
 Arms, A. K.
 Astley, L. A.*
 Atask, J.
 Baker, L.
 Barnitt, B. H.
 Barnden, S. C.
 Barry, A. W.
 Bayley, S. N.
 Bayley, J. C.
 Blundell, G.
 Boddie, J. A. W.*
 Bounsell, J.
 Bourke, K. J.*
 Bradford, C. R.
 Browning, F. W.*
 Browning, D. C.*
 Browning, B. N.*
 Brown, K.
 Bryant, J. V.*
 Bullot, B. R.
 Burgess, W. A.
 Burrows, R. T.
 Burton, P. B.*
 Cameron, I. D.
 Carter, D. C. R.*
 Cates, L. W.*
 Cattley, R. J.
 Catran, A. K.*
 Christie, W. H.*
 Chittenden, A. J.*
 Clarke, E. W.

STANDARD IV.

Blundell, J. C.
 Saunders, W. D.
 Smith, C. P.

STANDARD III.

Beale, B.
 Bowie, P. T.*
 Jackson, H. R.
 McDonnell, P.*
 Power, P. G.

STANDARD II.

Arthur, R. M.
 Bewley, J. D.
 Quilliam, P. J.
 Richards, D. H.
 Yarndley, A.*

Clarke, N. S.
 Clegg, P. H.
 Cloake, F. V.
 Coleman, E. P.
 Colson, W. H.*
 Cooke, B. R.*
 Cooke, F. V.
 Cooper, N. J.
 Corney, R. J.*
 Court, R. H.*
 Courtney, W. C.
 Davidson, N. A.*
 Davidson, G. L.*
 Davidson, M. G.*
 Dearnley, E. R.
 Dickie, E. C.*
 Diffey, R. H.
 Edgecombe, D.
 Egarr, A. D.
 Elder, C.
 Ellis, S. C.
 Elmes, J. G.
 England, H. F.
 Evers-Swindell, A. W.
 Ewart, M.
 Falvey, T. J.
 Farmer, R. C.
 Finch, R. H.*
 Fussell, F. J.
 Flavin, A. J.
 Gamlin, R. W. D.
 Gannoway, J.
 Gardiner, R. C.

Garmonsway, A. E.	Menzies, I. N.
Gayton, R. H.	Molloy, G. S.
Geary, W. J.*	Molloy, P. P.
Geary, W. S.*	Mockett, C. F.
George, F. E.	Moore, R. G.*
Gilbertson, B. N.	Morine, L. J.
Gillespie, H. P.*	Morrison, M. C.
Goldsbury, L.	Mortlock, J. R.*
Grace, R. D.	Murdoch, G. B.*
Gray, P. H.	Murray, L. A.
Gruszning, R. F.	Musker, L. McK.*
Hammon, D. J.	Nicholson, W. G.
Harnish, H. K.	Nicoll, A. A.
Harriss, I. J.	Nicoll, D. W.
Harrison, C. J.	Nicoll, S. H.
Hay, W. L.	Niven, M. G.*
Haselden, W. R.*	Oliver, L. V.
Henderson, J. T. D.*	Palmer, M. H.
Honeyfield, K. T.*	Parkes, H.*
Hooper, W.	Parish, A. R.
Hoskin, C. W.*	Pepper, G. A.*
Hoskin, T. W.	Phillips, K.*
Hookham, D.	Pizzey, W. H.
Hunger, A.*	Pretty, W. J.
Ingle, M. A.*	Price, G. M.*
Irving, L. A.	Purser, H. M.
Jackson, C. R.	Rankin, A.
Jackson, H. R.	Revell, B. M.
Jenson, O.	Richards, S. L.
Jones, R. S.	Riley, L. W.
Julian, F. R.	Roberts, A.
Jupp, G. A.*	Roberts, L. A. K.
Keenan, M.	Roberts, E. W.
Kendall, R. H.	Robison, R. D.*
Kerrisk, G. R.*	Robb, M. H.
Kahu, F. W.	Rowe, D. L.*
Langston, N. B.*	Rowe, H. H.
Larsen, F. R.*	Rule, I.*
Lindsay, M. T.	Ryan, T. J.
Locke, D. F.	Saunders, P. I.*
Lucas, F. V.	Saunders, C. B.
Lynch, J.	Savage, R. S.
Mace, A. L.	Seown, L. R.*
Mace, G. W. V.	Scott, I. G.
Mace, E. W.	Shoemark, J. C. W.
Mackay, C. A.	Shogren, M. E.
Mackay, G. W. M.	Silson, R.
Mallon, T. A.	Simpson, R.
Marshall, A. B.	Sisson, P. C.
Marshall, E. E.	Smith, R. S.
Martin, A. J.	Smith, C. P.
McIndoe, L. A. T.*	Snedden, F. C.*
McLean, D. P.	Stafford, D. C.
McLean, T.	Street, D. H.
McKay, T.*	Stevenson, P. F. L.
McKenzie, H. A.*	Sutherland, D. V.

Tarrant, A. E.*	Wagstaff, N. B.
Therkleson, L. G.	Walkinton, J. B.*
Thompson, R. S.	Watson, I. D.*
Thomson, S.	Watson, K.*
Thomas, G. C.	Watson, J.*
Thomason, S. A.	Weatherly, N. L.
Tippins, G.	Wilson, R. W.*
Toms, F. E.	Wilson, W. W. P.
Tunbridge, V. A.	Whitaker, F. J.
Turner, A.	Wood, H.
Turner, A. T.	Woolridge, L.
Ulenberg, J. J. M.	Wright, W.
Upson, A. J.	Yarndley, A.*
Van-de-Water, F. T.	Young, R. C.

*Indicates Boarder. †Indicates Prefect.

The following boys left the School at the end of last year:—Abbott, A. G.; Andrews, R. N.; Atchley, E. W.; Allen, D.; Burfitt, J. R.; Boulton, P.; Boulton, D.; Beck, W. A.; Brown, H. M.; Bell, C. H.; Cole, R. A.; Davidson, L.; Eaddy, A. S.; Eaves, P. H.; Edgecombe, L. M.; Fookes, N.; Fogden, H.; Fama, H. S.; Feehan, J. P.; Goldsbury, A.; Gray, H. K.; Gorringer, H. H.; Grace, G. C.; Gibson, G.; Hetherington, J.; Harris, A. B.; Holland, W. P.; Hassall, M. E.; Haw, T.; Heggie, R. N.; Halligan, J.; Heslop, E. J.; Harvey, J.; Haines, R. L.; Harman, E. G.; Hudson, N.; Hardecastle, J.; Haime, E.; Innes, A.; Jury, F.; Jones, M.; Kerrisk, S.; Linklater, G.; Luxton, S. L.; Lysaght, F. H.; List, T. R.; Ladbrook, E.; Luxton, D. N.; Morris, M.; McInnes, P.; Mills, A. A.; Moverley, A.; Murray, J. T.; McLean, R. G.; O'Dea, R. J.; Rees-Jones, G. W.; Symes, I.; Stewart, D. C.; Spencer, E.; Standish, M. L.; Sutton, R. E.; Stewart, R. J.; Sinclair, A.; Stronge, J. S.; Tarrant, J. S.; Thomason, R. W.; Treloar, A.; Waite, R. H.; Western, C.; Wetere, K.; Warner, J. E.; Ward, C. F.; Watkins, H. S.; Wood, E. A.; Webber, E. H.; Webber, I. B.; Yorke, E.

HOUSE NOTES

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

The year began as usual with a generous influx of new boys. After several lonely days of wandering about, these soon settled down in their new quarters and became as much a part of the School as the older boys. Small

boys are always very versatile, and able to adapt themselves to any conditions, and these new boys proved no exception to the rule.

On the night after the Swimming Sports the New Boys' Concert was held. Considerable talent was shown by some of the performers, but on the whole the concert was not up to the standard of last year's. Some suggest that they were weary after their aquatic exertions.

With the advent of the Christmas holidays came the very regrettable loss of Mr. W. Wickham, who, we understand, has now entered the farming profession.

It is our pleasant duty to welcome to the boarding staff Mr. P. W. Glover, formerly of Canterbury College. We hope his sojourn with us will be a long and pleasant one.

During the term the School was honoured by a surprise visit from Mr. Tayler, Director of Music for the Department. Mr. Tayler gave an impromptu talk on musical appreciation, illustrated by a selection of songs on the gramophone which were characteristic of varying national temperaments. The lecture was of engrossing interest from start to finish.

It is extremely gratifying to find that a race of hardy mountaineers is springing up within these walls. A pair of hobnailed boots, a pack of such things as are needed to sustain life at high altitudes, the indomitable spirit of Raleigh, Drake, etc., and there you are—the complete alpinist. Excelsior! It is said that puttees and riding "breeks" are being worn by the best people. At any rate, they lend an air of distinction quite "à la mode." Perhaps the formation of a tramping club would bring the average boy more in touch with nature. The members of such a club could range not only over the mountain, but also over all the other great wide open spaces of Taranaki, which, after all, are not the empty voids which seem to require such frequent filling down at the tuckshop.

We have cause for pride in the fact that two boarders, Snell and McGregor, shot so well in the competition for the Taranaki cadets' shooting trophies, that they were sent down to Trentham for the New Zealand cadet championships. The rumour that they were allowed to shoot with pea-rifles is indignantly denied.

The Library has lately acquired some new books, of which it still remains in great need. As the brightness of new covers seems to appeal to the readers of fiction, why not try an original colour scheme to awaken interest in the older books? For instance, covers of pink and yellow stripes would strike quite a new note and relieve the usual monotony of library shelves.

One of the brightest among the day boys has contracted a habit of coming up to School every night to do his preparation. He solemnly assures us that upon entering the hushed Assembly Hall and going to begin his work amidst the empty desks, he feels like a frivolous little grasshopper that has strayed by mistake into a Cabinet meeting. Personally we think that he has no chance of ever resembling a grasshopper, or, for that matter, of ever attending a Cabinet meeting, but his effort shows that the institutor of "Trehey's Original Nighthawks" (who, owing no doubt to jealousy in high quarters, were never recognised by the best musical authorities) really means business.

Some weeks ago there was a time when people in their diaries wrote: "This day there was a mighty earthquake." There are records even of flying chimney tops and houses falling down. And although it is not generally known, thereby hangs a tale: The General was sweeping autumnal leaves from an asphalt path, when a sudden shock made the earth tremble underneath his feet. Taken by surprise, he immediately leapt and held fast a branch of a nearby tree. And there he was found two minutes later, hanging betwixt earth and heaven. Certain things were feared, but at the present moment he seems unaffected by his terrible ordeal.

Speaking of earthquakes brings to mind the fact that some would-be prophet declared that on a certain day of the first term, Mt. Egmont was scheduled to blow up. Therefore, many were the lively discussions which ensued, as to whether it would be better to run rapidly in the direction of Auckland, thus braving the terrors of flaming rocks and burning debris, or to remain and face the lava flow!

The physical exercise of the boarders each evening in the Gymnasium has been thoroughly systematised with the ingenuity which is so characteristic of our capable

housemaster. Half have physical drill and the other half squad work on the apparatus one night and then change over the next night. For purposes of the Gymnasium work proper the whole contingent has been divided into small groups led by trained gymnasts. Each group performs on its piece of apparatus until Spencer blows his little whistle, when they move round to the next port of call; and so it goes on until they all feel like trucks shunted round by a superheated locomotive.

Once a verdant slope crowned with gorse in bloom and scented with the spicy tang of innumerable bluegum leaves; now the smoking ruins are all that is left of a prickly paradise. Ah, do not sigh, gentle reader, for the belching clouds of smoke and flame did but announce the dawning of a better day. In amidst the ashes may still be seen what must represent some earlier habitation on this blackened knoll; for underneath the spreading bluegum trees yawn great cavities scooped out by human hand, while out of the darkness appear many beams and sheets of iron. It is said that in the stone age when this School first began, these caves were dwellings of the Neolithic man. Here he ate his humble meals of bread and fried potatoes, here he shut his door against invading hordes of hungry schoolboys—but like the Phoenix from its ashes will rise another and more noble house of kitchen odours. For among new planted palms and promenading under green pergolas will muse the schoolboy of a year or so ahead.

See how free the sparkling liquid flows!
Soft ice-cream purveyed from Egmont's snows!
Cakes and buns and other precious freight
Are mixed with chewing bars and chocolate;
Tins of pine apple, peaches and jam,
Pots of marmite, sheep's tongue and ham.
Biscuits and oranges, apples and pears,
Pies and bananas, choc'late eclairs.

Upon a hill above this inspiring scene waits the hospital, ready to devour its patients as they come. Further down the valley lie the gymnasium and the swimming baths, as if in hate of this usurper of the sky. Between the two, the smiling tuckshop plies its busy trade.

"Alas! regardless of their doom,
The little victims play!
No sense have they of ills to come,
Nor care beyond to-day."

—Gray.

The usual tale of epidemics is to be found among a few stragglers who, so they say, "had a touch of flu." It is to be feared that they have been enjoying ill-health.

Several conscientious and painstaking members of the community having with much trouble rigged up reading-lamps in their dormitories, great excitement was occasioned when an electrical inspector paid a surprise visit. Much to the astonishment of the unlicensed electricians and the gratification of the inspector and ourselves, the lamps mysteriously seemed to vanish. We trust that the studious ones will suffer no harm other than the confiscation of their beloved and ingenious contraptions. One of the bereaved is absurdly proud of the fact that his wonderfully contrived switch has become the prized exhibit of an electrical museum.

WIRELESS NOTES

(P. C. Miles.)

Although not much progress has been made with the Wireless Club this year, the School set, with a five-valve King Neutrodyne fitted with Mullard valves, has now been repaired and stations from Japan, Australia and New Zealand have been received with good volume. Up till the present we have not troubled much about long distance reception, but now with the set repaired there is no reason why we should not hear America.

One recent afternoon, as a certain enthusiast was endeavouring to get America, he picked up a station that came in louder than Auckland. This distant station turned out to be 2AQ Taihape (the famous 2AQ short wave station). It was only being tested and was operating on no fixed wave length. When its wave length is fixed, 2AQ should be a particularly good station.

Next term, with the coming of winter and football, we hope for a large membership as great interest is taken in the broadcasting of football matches from other centres.

The static has been particularly bad this summer, but this will probably soon disappear.

When we lost our chief short-wave artist at the end of last year it was generally expected that short-wave work would be at a standstill, but our worthy secretary has now taken up the good work and is building a short-wave set. We hope he will make the sparks fly as well as his predecessor did.

PREPARATORY NOTES

The Preparatory Department commenced the year with a roll number of 32.

Owing to the retirement of Mr. Pope at the end of last year the Upper and Lower Divisions have been combined under one master.

Our cricket has shown considerable improvement this year with the entrance of several new players. We have played three matches this term against other schools, winning two and losing the third by the narrow margin of one run.

The Library, which originated in the Lower Prep. last year, has been added to considerably, and now contains over one hundred books.

The Swimming Sports, held towards the end of February, were a great success. A Prep. championship race, which was entered on the programme this year for the first time, was won by R. Ward.

During Easter some fourteen boys held a camp at Dr. D. Blackley's farm, and the experience was greatly enjoyed. We take this opportunity of thanking all those who gave us such great assistance in many ways.

We are now looking forward to the commencement of the football season, although this year we have no players of great size.

The Lower Division gave great help during the cricket season by making up teams for practice matches, and we trust they will enter with the same spirit into our football.

We have quite settled down to our work, and are looking forward to a happy and successful year together.



Agriculture Notes

(A. J. Dickie.)

PASTURE TOP-DRESSING TRIAL.

During 1925, on the Hobson Street plots, an experiment dealing with the top-dressing of pastures was started. The aims of the experiment were:—

- (a) To determine the best source of phosphoric acids.
- (b) To determine whether potash was necessary or not.
- (c) To determine whether lime was valuable or not.

An area of land was divided into eight strips, seven of which received different phosphate manures, while the eighth strip received no phosphates. Each strip was, in turn, divided into four plots, two of which received a dressing of potash, and two a dressing of lime. The phosphates were applied at the rate of 4 cwt. per acre, the potash (Kainit) at 2 cwt. per acre, and the one dressing of limestone (in 1925) at 10 cwt. per acre.

The results for the first two years have already been published. The pasture has recently been cut and weighed, and the results for 1927 are as follows:—

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
1.	Super and lime	40
2.	Super, lime and potash	43
3.	Super and potash	58
4.	Super	43

Total for super strip 184lbs.

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
5.	Slag and lime	55
6.	Slag, lime and potash	49
7.	Slag and potash	56
8.	Slag	47

Total for slag strip 207lbs.

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
9.	Basic super and lime	52
10.	Basic super, lime and potash	63
11.	Basic super and potash	50
12.	Basic super	51

Total for basic super strip 216lbs.

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
13.	Bone and lime	47
14.	Bone, lime and potash	53
15.	Bone and potash	69
16.	Bone	57

Total for bone strip 226lbs.

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
17.	Nauru phosphate and lime	56
18.	Nauru phosphate, lime and potash	40
19.	Nauru phosphate and potash	45
20.	Nauru phosphate	50

Total for Nauru phosphate strip 191lbs.

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
21.	Ephos and lime	35
22.	Ephos, lime and potash	41
23.	Ephos and potash	43
24.	Ephos	47

Total for Ephos strip 166lbs.

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
25.	Guano and lime	50
26.	Guano, lime and potash	44
27.	Guano and potash	46
28.	Guano	48

Total for guano strip 188lbs.

Plot.	Manure.	Yield in lbs.
29.	Lime	31
30.	Lime and potash	30
31.	Potash	36
32.	No manure	27

Total for no phosphate strip 124lbs.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

(1) All the phosphates gave an increased yield over the control strip.

(2) The strip which received potash gave a heavier yield than the strip which did not receive potash.

(3) The unlimed strip gave a heavier yield than the limed strip.

(4) The four plots that received bone-meal gave the heaviest yield as regards the phosphates; these were closely followed by the strips that received basic super and basic slag.

(5) The best individual plot was the one that received a dressing of bone-meal and potash.

(6) In 1925 and 1926 the best individual plots were the ones that received dressings of slag and potash. This year the same plot, top-dressed with slag and potash, came fourth.

ROOT CROPS.

On December 1, 1927, the following root crops were sown:—

Mangolds.—Barres-Stryno VI.; Long Red; Yellow Globe; Prize Winner; Jersey Queen.

Turnips.—Bangholm, Olsgaard VI.; Bangholm, Herning strain; Superlative; Monarch; Champion; Grandmaster; Magnum Bonum; Romney Marsh; Purple Top Mammoth; Hardy Green Globe.

Carrots.—Champion; Voldstrup V.

N.B.—The turnips suffered severely from the attacks of the larvae of the Diamond Back Moth. The larvae, which develop from eggs laid on the underside of the leaves, greedily eat away the under surface of the leaf; if frightened they drop to the ground by a silken thread, which they use in regaining the leaf when the cause of the fright is past. We attempted to control the pest, by dragging leaves through the crop to destroy the thread, and thus prevent the larvae returning to the leaves.

FORESTRY.

As a result of the continued dry spell, the seeds of several varieties of Eucalypts, pines and macrocarpas failed to grow. However, the Eucalypts that were lined out last season have made excellent growth and will be ready for planting out in their permanent position this autumn. The Eucalypts that were planted out on the rough hillside last season, have also done well.

COUCH AREA.

Last December the paddock badly infested with English couch (*Agropyrum repens*) was sown in maize. Although it received no rainfall for two months, it did unexpectedly well. The "seed" was first soaked, then broadcasted on the ground and ploughed in. This seems to be a satisfactory treatment during a dry season. A good deal of the couch was "smothered," and its growth checked.

At the beginning of the term we had an opportunity of gaining experience in some valuable practical work. The new woodwork room required match-lining and painting on the inside, and this work was allotted to the Senior Agricultural Class.

Useful work is being done in the woodwork and metal-work classes. In the former we have made ladders, troughs, gates, tank stands, fire-screens, fenders, cabinets, medicine chests and other articles likely to be of use on the farm and in the home; while in the latter, we have made such articles as pipe-vices, nail and staple-drawers, nail-punches, cold chisels, strap-hinges, gate-latches, padlock-hinges, screw drivers and funnels.

BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

(W. J. Watt.)

The Assembly Hall presented a crowded appearance on the evening of Wednesday, December 14, on the occasion of the annual prize-giving and breaking-up ceremony. Mr. H. R. Billing, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and on the platform also were Mrs. Billing, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. H. V. S. Griffiths), Miss Douglas, Mr. N. R. McKenzie (Senior Inspector of Primary Schools), Dr. E. F. Fookes, Mr. E. Lash (Secretary of the Board), Messrs. A. G. Johnson (first assistant), and A. L. Moore (Director of Technical Branch), and members of the staff.

Apologies for absence were made for the Principal (Mr. W. H. Moyes) on account of illness, Mr. P. J. H. White (Chairman of the Technical School Board of Governors), Mr. S. G. Smith (Chairman of the Education Board), Mr. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., and for several members of the High School Board of Governors.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

In referring to matters affecting the School during the past year, the Chairman mentioned the deaths of Mr. Pridham (the first Principal of the School), Mr. E. Dockrill, and Mr. F. E. Wilson, all of whom had done much

for the School. He then mentioned the especial work done in the building and equipping of the gymnasium, and the progress made in preparing the gully as a playing ground. For this accomplishment the Board were greatly indebted to the Old Boys' Association, to the citizens of New Plymouth, and to the residents of the surrounding district, without whose help the work could not have been done. Mr. Billing referred to the retirement of Mr. G. H. Pope from the charge of the Preparatory Department, and expressed the Board's appreciation of Mr. Pope's services to the School.

In conclusion, he wished the boys the best of luck for the coming season and for their holidays. He hoped that those who were leaving School would make it their aim to do their best, as they had done at School, and to conduct themselves in such a way that the School would always be proud of them.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

In his report on the School Mr. Moyes said that the roll number for the year was 500, 41 being in the Preparatory Department and 459 in the Upper School.

With one exception the staff remained unchanged. The vacancy created by the departure of Mr. Earl, who had accepted a position on the staff of Christ's College, had been filled by Mr. L. V. Bryant, M.A., a graduate of the Auckland University College. Mr. Bryant had entered with enthusiasm into all branches of School activity, and would, Mr. Moyes hoped, remain with the School for some years to come.

The successes gained in the annual examinations held in December of the previous year were very gratifying. The results were as follows:—

Taranaki Scholarship.—E. W. Tonks.

Second Section of B.A. Degree.—A. W. Moverley, T. L. Bailey.

First Section of B.A. Degree.—J. Galbraith.

First Section of LL.B. Degree.—R. J. O'Dea and H. J. Thomas.

Diploma in Journalism.—J. S. Stronge (three subjects).

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

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

Thirty boys had passed matriculation, three had passed the accountants' preliminary examination, and five had gained partial passes in the same examination.

Sixteen had been successful in passing the Public Service Entrance examination.

In the Preparatory Department 16 boys had gained proficiency and two competency.

During the year, 101 boys had been granted senior free places and six boys had been awarded higher leaving certificates.

In connection with these results, Mr. Moyes pointed out that the success achieved by A. W. Moverley and R. J. O'Dea was worthy of special mention. The former, while still 19 years of age, sat during the year for the final of the B.A. degree, and also gained the Education Department's 'B' Certificate. The latter, while still only 16 years of age, had passed his section of the LL.B. degree in Constitutional History, Jurisprudence, Roman Law, English, and Latin, and had sat during the current year for his second section.

Mr. Moyes next dealt at some length on the valuable work being done in the School in connection with agriculture.

Referring to outdoor activities, he said that the First Fifteen had again proved itself equal to the best in New Zealand, going through the season unbeaten and defeating Auckland Grammar School, Te Aute College, Wanganui Technical College, Hamilton High School, and the Wanganui Collegiate School.

In shooting, the School had again won the Weekly Press Challenge Shield, coming top for New Zealand with the possible score of 680.

The School Eleven had played two school matches since the last report. The match against Nelson College was drawn, but the team were badly beaten by Wanganui Collegiate School.

As in previous years, the Orchestra under Mr. J. Dobson had played an important part in the social life of the School. On many occasions throughout the year it had given assistance to outside organisations.

Special recognition was due to the work of Mr. Strong who, despite his multifarious duties in connection with the parish of St. Mary's, still continued to devote as much time as ever to the School.

The announcement of the retirement from active service of Mr. G. H. Pope, who had for seven years been in charge of the Preparatory Department, was received by all with very real regret. Needless to say Mr. Pope took with him the School's best wishes for many years of happiness and prosperity.

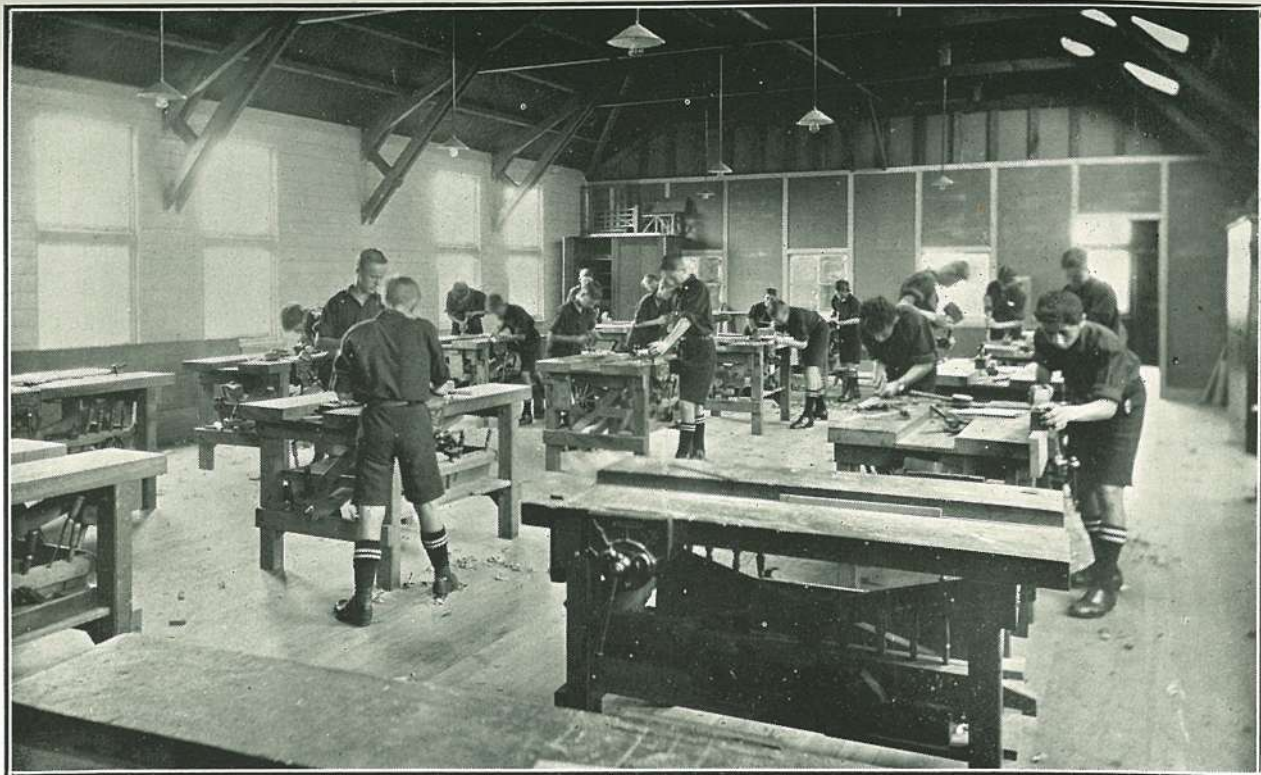
In conclusion, Mr. Moyes said that he wished to place on record the debt of gratitude he owed to all who had assisted the School in various ways throughout the year.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. A. L. Moore, in presenting his report, said that the numbers in the vocational forms were as follows:—VI., engineering 2; V., agricultural 10, engineering 6, industrial 4, total 20; IV., agriculture and industries 26, engineering 19, commercial 18; III., agriculture and industrial 28, engineering 23, commercial 25. Other hand-work classes: Vb, 30; IVb, 14; IIIa, 11; IIIb, 27; IIIc, 29.

The following were the passes for the engineering examinations (City and Guilds of London): Mechanical engineering, grade I, division I.: Three passes. Electrical engineering, grade I.: One pass. Electrical engineering, grade II.: One pass. Motor engineering, grade I.: One pass.

Mr. Moore went on to say that evening classes had been steadily developing in the town, and that facilities were offered to all boys who wished to continue their studies after leaving school. A wide choice of subjects was offered. Not only were they catering for those desirous of sitting for the general school examinations, but also for those specialising in Law, Accountancy, Teaching, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, etc. He concluded by remarking that with the staff at their disposal there was no reason why the work in any subject should not be carried on up to University degree standard.



INTERIOR OF NEW WOODWORK ROOM.

Oakley Studio.

THE MAKING OF MEN.

Mr. N. R. McKenzie, Senior Inspector of Primary Schools, said he was very pleased to be present and to express his appreciation of the splendid work the School was doing, not only in the matter of scholarship, but in the making of men. He was a great admirer of a scholar, but he had a greater admiration for a man. He congratulated the prize-winners and hoped their success would encourage them in the greater sphere of life. He wished rather to address those who had not won prizes, but who had worked well during the year. If a boy did not win a prize he would have as much chance of success as if he went away with the whole table of prizes.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

In a short address the Mayor, Mr. H. V. S. Griffiths, expressed his pleasure at being present at such a happy prize-giving ceremony. He regretted the absence of Mr. Moyes, but hoped he would speedily be restored to health and with the boys, be able to enjoy to the full the well-earned holiday after their strenuous year's work. He urged the boys to play the game always, and reminded them that honour was to be preferred before honours. He then wished them a pleasant and happy holiday.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Mrs. Billing then presented the form prizes, and the Mayoress those for the sports.

The form prizes were as follows:—

Ic.—R. Arthur and P. Quilliam (first equal).

Ib.—P. Power.

Ia.—W. Saunders.

IIc.—D. Allen.

IIb.—D. Blackley.

IIa.—J. Fairbrother (Mr. G. Fraser's prize).

III f.—M. B. Shaw, first in form, first in mathematics and science; K. Gibbons, second in form, second in mathematics and science, first in woodwork.

III e.—C. H. Tyrrell, first in form, first in mathematics and science, first in steam, first in applied mechanics; W. A. Thomas, second in form; R. J. Walker, first in workshop practice.

IIIId.—H. R. Dingle, first in form, first in building construction, second in magnetism and electricity; P. W. Robertshaw, first in form; G. A. Duke, first in woodwork, first in metalwork.

IIIc.—D. McKee, first in form, first in mathematics, second in languages; I. Aylward, second in form, first in languages, second in mathematics and science; L. Muller and J. McCauley, first (equal) in woodwork.

IIIb.—P. Bowie, first in form, first in mathematics and science; D. Blanchett, second in form, first in languages; H. Mackinder, first in workshop practice.

IIIa.—F. B. Reid, first in form, first in languages, first in mathematics and science; A. H. Gorringer, second in form, second in languages, second in mathematics and science; D. W. Whitcombe, first in woodwork.

IVe.—D. M. Kenrick, first in form; D. E. Maciver, second in form.

IVd.—K. R. Gray, first in form, first in electrical engineering, first in mechanical drawing; I. Lawrence, first in form; T. Thomas, first in applied mechanics, first in workshop practice; R. J. Stewart, first in woodwork; J. D. Fenton, special progress prize.

IVc.—A. J. Dickie, first in form, first in languages, first in mathematics and science, first in metalwork; S. Kerrisk, second in form, second in languages, second in mathematics and science; C. J. Barrow, first in woodwork, second in metalwork; W. G. Copplestone, first in electrical engineering, first in building construction.

IVb.—E. H. Fairbrother, first in form; G. W. Shepherd, second in form; A. Thorne, first in workshop practice.

IVa.—R. Clayton, first in form; R. S. Jones, first in mathematics and science; D. A. Stewart, first in languages.

Vd.—M. Wickham, first in form, first in electrical engineering, first in motor engineering; T. Haw, first in woodwork, first metalwork, first in building construction.

Ve.—J. A. Bolt, first in form; R. C. Bradshaw, second in form.

Vb.—A. A. Treloar, first in form, first in mathematics and science; W. S. Thomson, first in languages; F. H. Lysaght, second in form, second in mathematics and science; R. Waite, first in woodwork.

Va.—A. J. Wells, first in form, first in languages (Mr. R. H. George's prize); C. T. Cave, second in form, first in mathematics and science.

VI.—E. P. Allen, second in form.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Music Prize (presented by Mr. Collier).—D. G. Phillips.

Daily News prizes for essays on Taranaki History.—Senior: First, B. C. Bell; second, G. L. Ewart. Junior: First, S. Kerrisk; second, J. Jenkin.

White Memorial Prize for Literature.—E. P. Allen.

Bendall Memorial Essay Prize.—D. G. Phillips.

Debating Prizes.—Senior (presented by Wellington Old Boys' Association): B. W. Grieve. Junior: D. A. Stewart.

Head Boy's Prize.—A. W. Moverley.

Dux Prize and Buick Challenge Cup.—B. C. Bell.

General Excellence Cup (presented by Dr. Fookes).—A. W. Moverley.

Higher Leaving Certificates.—A. G. Abbott, A. Mills, J. T. Murray, M. L. Standish, C. J. Stace, R. H. Wynyard.

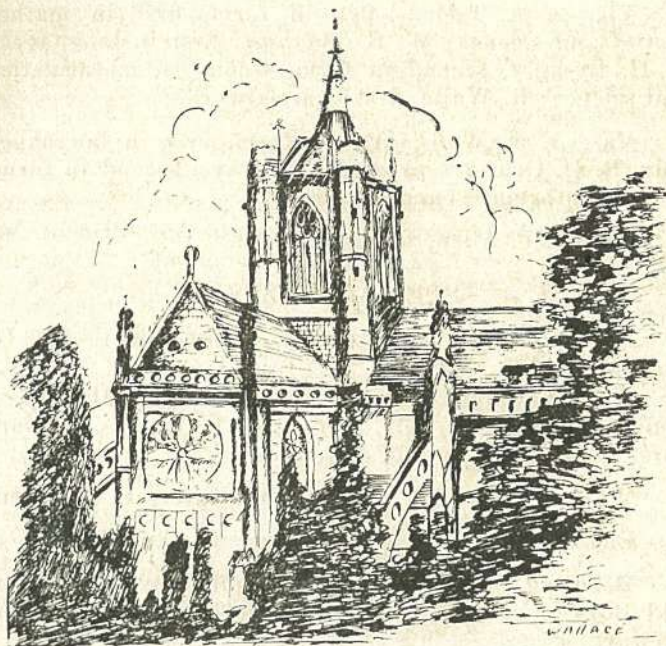
LIST OF CERTIFICATES.

Engineering Course.—Second year: Arthur Chapman, John Fenton, Keith Gray, Peter Griffey, Thomas Thomas, George Schultz.

Industrial Course.—Third year: Thomas Haw, Maurice Wickham. Second year: Allan Eaddy.

Agricultural Course.—Third year: Jack Alleman.

Commercial Course.—Second year: John H. Birch, Ronald A. Cole, Arthur Gore, Walter Gore, Frank Harlow, Ivan Lawrence, Ernest Webber, Ivan Webber.



Chapel

Chapel services resumed on Sunday, February 12, and have been maintained regularly throughout the term. Fortunately a great many of the old members of the choir returned this year, and that made all the difference to the services. These did not take long to get into the accustomed swing, and we venture to think that the 9.30 service on Sunday morning will compare favourably with those held in regular school chapels. It certainly is a very different affair from what some of us remember when we made a beginning, far back in 1922. So far as we are able to judge the singing and responding are better than usual this year, and that is not to say there is not room for considerable improvement. Most marked improvement, however, is shown in the reading of the Lessons. It is a great pleasure to find so many boys who read with expression, but above all with a sense of reverence for the contents of the Scriptures.

During the absence of the Chaplain at the General Synod in Wellington, during the latter part of April, the service on the 22nd was taken by Mr. Wilson, and that on the 29th by our old friend Archdeacon Evans. We are grateful to these gentlemen for coming to our assistance.

Confirmation classes will begin shortly after Easter, and we hope that those who wish to attend will make up their minds without delay. We cannot state the actual date of the Confirmation yet, but it will probably be held in the third term.

SWIMMING NOTES

(B. Grieve.)

Ideal weather prevailed for our annual swimming sports on Thursday, February 23. There was a good attendance of the public and many close finishes were witnessed. As usual the entries in all events were very large, as many as 18 heats being necessary in one of them. However, the programme was completed without a hitch, the officials responsible for the success of the gathering being as follows:—

Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; marksman, Mr. G. Bertrand; call steward, Mr. A. J. Papps; judges, Messrs. V. Kerr, J. Leggat, E. McKeon; rope stewards, Messrs. W. Shrimpton, L. V. Bryant, A. Blundell, P. Glover; official recorder, Mr. A. W. Diprose; championship points, Mr. R. C. Wilson; seating stewards, Messrs. A. G. Johnson and C. Bottrill; timekeepers, Messrs. A. L. Moore, J. Bennett and V. Dalglish; stewards, Messrs. J. Dobson, W. G. Wilkie, J. D. Roulston, D. Menzies, H. Gatland, J. Connell and H. Skelton; judges of diving, Messrs. G. Jago and C. Brown. An energetic committee comprised H. F. Fookes and G. S. Anderson (joint secretaries), C. McNeill, W. Hayward, A. Hutchen, J. McDonald and Mr. F. J. Eggleton (chairman). We are indebted to the Taranaki Herald for their account of the events.

Detailed results are:—

33 1-3 Yards Open.—First heat: J. Thomas (1sec.) 1. Time, 26 1-5sec. Second heat: R. L. Shaw (1sec.) 1. Time, 25sec. Third heat: R. A. Shaw (1sec.) and T. Watt

(4sec.) dead heat 1. Time, 23sec. Fourth heat: G. Pepper (4sec.) 1. Time, 21 2-5sec. Fifth heat: M. Good (1sec.) 1. Time, 22sec. Sixth heat: D. Edgecombe (5sec.) 1. Time, 28 1-5sec. Seventh heat: D. Dallison (2sec.) 1. Time, 22 4-5sec. Eighth heat: J. F. Harper (4sec.) 1. Time, 25 1-5sec. Ninth heat: D. Ekdahl (2sec.) 1. Time, 22 2-5sec. Tenth heat: Court (4sec.) 1. Time, 22 4-5sec. Eleventh heat: MacIver (3sec.) 1. Time, 22 2-5sec. Twelfth heat: Insull (2sec.) 1. Time, 23 1-5sec. Thirteenth heat: K. Gibbons (2sec.) 1. Time, 24 4-5sec. Fourteenth heat: H. Law (4sec.) 1. Time, 23 4-5sec. Fifteenth heat: Hammon (4sec.) 1. Time, 22 4-5sec. Sixteenth heat: G. Sutton (2sec.) 1. Time, 24sec. Seventeenth heat: McDonald (2sec.) 1. Time, 24 3-5sec. Eighteenth heat: L. Peake (2sec.) 1. Time, 24sec. The majority of the heats, all comprising seven or eight competitors, were closely contested, only a touch separating the winner from the second man.

Semi-final.—First heat: G. Pepper (4sec.) 1, M. Good (1sec.) 2, J. Thomas (1sec.) 3. Won by two yards. Time, 21 4-5sec. Second heat: MacIver (3sec.) 1, Court (4sec.) 2, J. P. Harper (4sec.) 3. Touches separated the three placed men. Time, 22 3-5sec. Third heat: Hammon (4sec.) 1, H. Law (4sec.) 2, G. Sutton (2sec.) 3. Won by a touch. Time, 23sec.

Final.—G. Pepper (4sec.) 1, MacIver (3sec.) 2, M. Good (1sec.) 3. Time, 22 3-5sec.

Preparatory Race, 33 1-3 Yards.—First heat: R. Ward (scr.) 1, D. Browning (5sec.) 2, Blackley (4sec.) 3. A close finish. Time, 33 4-5sec. Second heat: D. Allen (4sec.) 1, P. McDonnell (1sec.) 2, Arthur (6sec.) 3. Won by a yard. Time, 33 3-5sec. Final: D. Allen (4sec.) 1, R. Ward (scr.) 2, P. McDonnell (1sec.) 3. Time, 32 1-5sec.

50 Yards Breast-stroke.—First heat: S. Anderson (scr.) 1, G. Duff (5sec.) 2. Won by three yards. Time, 44sec. Second heat: H. Mackay (4sec.) 1, Ekdahl (2sec.) 2. Won by two yards. Time, 47 1-5sec. Third heat: Dallison (2sec.) 1, W. Watt (3sec.) 2. Won by three yards. Time, 47 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Ever-Swindells (4sec.) 1, H. Cooper (5sec.) 2. Won by several yards. Time, 47 3-5sec. Final: Dallison (2sec.) 1, S. Anderson (scr.) 2, H. Mackay (4sec.) 3. A close finish. Time, 45 1-5sec.

25 Yards, under 14 years.—First heat: Elms (scr.) 1. Won easily. Time, 20sec. Second heat: Stephenson (2sec.) 1. Won by a touch. Time, 23 1-5sec. Third heat: W. Hay (scr.) 1. Won easily. Time, 19 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Henderson (2sec.) 1. Won by a yard. Time, 19 3-5sec. Fifth heat: Hammon (scr.) 1. Won by two yards. Time, 19 3-5sec. Final: Hammon (scr.) 1, Henderson (2sec.) 2, W. Hay (scr.) 3. Won by a narrow margin. Time, 18 4-5sec.

100 Yards Open.—First heat: S. Anderson (scr.) 1, H. Fookes (4sec.) 2, M. Good (5sec.) 3. Won by three yards, with a touch between second and third. Time, 1min. 24 4-5sec. Second heat: R. L. Shaw (2sec.) 1, N. Gardiner (6sec.) 2, Hutchen (4sec.) 3. Won by three yards, with a yard between second and third. Time, 1min. 27 1-5sec. Third heat: N. Johnson (3sec.) 1, R. Gayton (5sec.) 2, McKay (10sec.) 3. Won easily. Time, 1min. 24sec. Final: N. Johnson (3sec.) 1, H. Fookes (4sec.) 2, S. Anderson (scr.) 3. Won by about two yards, with the third man five yards away. Time, 1min. 22 3-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Back-stroke.—A. C. Shepherd (1sec.) 1, R. L. Shaw (scr.) 2, Finch (4sec.) 3. Won comfortably. Time, 32 4-5sec.

Long Plunge.—Staunton (scr.), 46ft., 1; Griffiths (15in.), 45ft. 3in., 2; MacIver (15in.), 43ft. 3in., 3.

66 2-3 Yards Open.—First heat: S. Anderson (scr.) 1, N. Johnson (2sec.) and M. Good (2sec.) dead heat 2. A great go, five finishing almost in line. Time, 49 1-5sec. Second heat: R. A. Shaw (scr.) 1, Walsham (4sec.) 2. Won by several yards. Time, 49sec. Third heat: H. Fookes (2sec.) 1, P. Allen (5sec.) 2. Won by a yard. Time, 41 3-5sec. Final: R. A. Shaw (scr.) 1, P. Allen (5sec.) 2, Walsham (4sec.) 3. A good race. Time, 50 4-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards New Boys' Race.—First heat: R. Gayton (scr.) 1. Won easily. Time, 27 3-5sec. Second heat: I. Anderson (5sec.) 1. Won by a yard. Time, 28sec. Third heat: G. Pepper (2sec.) and J. Evans (2sec.) dead heat 1. Time, 24 4-5sec. Fourth heat: R. Court 1. Won by four yards. Time, 26 1-5sec. Fifth heat: I. Rule (5sec.) 1. Won easily. Time, 24sec. Sixth heat: W.

Colson (1sec.) 1. Won easily. Time, 28 4-5sec. Seventh heat: Hammon (1sec.) 1. Won by a yard. Time, 25sec. Final: J. C. Evans (2sec.) 1, G. Pepper (2sec.) 2, I. Rule (5sec.) 3. A close finish. Time, 23 2-5sec.

Corfu Dive (24 competed).—The following six gained the right to contest the final on the championship night:—Gayton, Walsham, Staunton, Harper, McDonald, Gibbons.

220 Yards Open.—R. A. Shaw (scr.) 1, R. L. Shaw (4sec.) 2, K. Staunton (4sec.) 3. Shaw, who was conceding up to 14 seconds, made up the leeway early in the race and went on to win very comfortably by over 20 yards. A great struggle saw R. L. Shaw get second place by a touch from Staunton. Time, 3min. 16 2-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards Preparatory Race.—R. Ward (scr.) 1, Allen (8sec.) 2, D. Browning (10sec.) 3. Won by two yards, with several yards between second and third. Time, 1min. 8 3-5sec.

Learners' Race (across baths).—First heat: Mahar 1, R. Bowen 2, C. Mace 3. A close finish. This caused some amusement, as most of the competitors in their eagerness beat the starter and had to swim the race again. Second heat: K. Roberts 1, Brookman 2, McIntyre 3. Won by a yard. Third heat: Blackmore 1, Rennie 2, J. Palmer 3. Won by a yard. Fourth heat: Lynch 1, Nolan 2, Arthur 3. Won by a yard. Final: Mahar 1, Blackmore 2, Roberts 3.

Inter-form Relay Race.—First heat: Form IVd (4sec.) 1, Va (1sec.) 2. Won by five yards. Time, 1min. 33sec. Second heat: Vlb (scr.) 1. Won by two yards. Time, 1min. 30sec. Third heat: Vc (1sec.) 1, IIIf (5sec.) 2. Won by about 15 yards. Time, 1min. 34 1-5sec. Fourth heat: VIa (1sec.) 1, IIIb (9sec.) 2. Won by a yard. Time, 1min. 35sec. Final: Vlb (scr.) 1, IVd (4sec.) 2, VIa (1sec.) 3. Won by five yards. Time, 1min. 30 4-5sec.

Diving for Plates (33 competed).—S. Smith and Griffiths were equal with seven plates, and in diving off Smith picked up eight plates and won.

Junior Dive (17 competed).—The following six qualified to dive in the finals.—A. Bell, R. Ward, Rea, R. Gayton, McFarlane and Marshall.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Unfortunately, owing to the prevalence of influenza, the championships had to be postponed until March 14. Even then, however, the ranks were somewhat depleted. Nevertheless the swimming and diving were of a high standard and sufficiently exciting to rouse the large crowd on frequent occasions.

The brilliance of the diving was especially outstanding, the judges remarking that the exhibitions were the best seen at the baths this season.

The School v. Old Boys relay race also aroused great enthusiasm. It was a neck and neck struggle all the way, Old Boys winning by about a yard.

Another event which caused much excitement was the water polo contest between Fitzroy and New Plymouth. It developed into a good exhibition of the game, New Plymouth eventually proving victorious by a small margin.

THE 1928 CHAMPIONS.

The senior championship was won by G. S. Anderson with 18 points. N. Johnson was a close second with 14 points, R. L. Shaw being third with four points.

R. A. Shaw captured the junior championship with 15 points, G. Insull with seven points being second and R. Gayton with four points third.

With 15 points to his credit W. Hay won the under 14 championship; E. Henderson was second with three points.

The Preparatory championship fell to R. Ward with five points; D. Allen was second with three points, and D. Browning third with one point.

The results were as follow:—

33 1-3 Yards Senior Championship.—N. Johnson 1, S. Anderson 2, R. L. Shaw 3. Time, 19 4-5sec. Anderson started a few seconds after the others, but he swam a good race to finish second.

33 1-3 Yards Junior Championship.—R. A. Shaw 1, Insull 2, Dallison 3. Time, 19 4-5sec. All three starters showed good form, but Shaw won by about three yards.

33 1-3 Yards Under 14 Championship.—W. Hay 1, Grace 2. The only starters.

Awkward Entry.—J. Thomas 1. Also competed: P. Greenlees, P. Burton, R. Ward, D. Ekdahl. This event provided a great deal of amusement.

50 Yards Senior Championship.—S. Anderson 1, N. Johnson 2, R. L. Shaw 3. Time, 31sec. The placed men were the only entrants, Anderson winning by three yards.

50 Yards Junior Championship.—R. A. Shaw 1, Insull 2, R. Gayton 3. Time, 32 1-5sec. Shaw won by about three yards.

50 Yards Under 14 Championship.—W. Hay 1, Henderson 2. Time, 39sec.

100 Yards Senior Championship.—Anderson 1, Johnson 2. Time, 72 1-5sec. At the first turn Anderson and Johnson were level and they kept together until the last length was entered, when Anderson put on a spurt to win by two yards.

75 Yards Under 14 Championship.—W. Hay 1. Hay possesses a free, easy style and from the start assumed the lead, quickly increasing his advantage.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—R. A. Shaw 1, R. Gayton 2, Insull 3. Time, 71 2-5sec. Shaw took the lead in the first length and increased his advantage until he was eight yards ahead at the end of the second lap. This he maintained, and won comfortably.

220 Yards Senior Championship.—S. Anderson 1, N. Johnson 2, R. L. Shaw 3. Time, 3min. 14 3-5sec. Anderson and Johnson, both swimming well, kept together until towards the end of the second lap. Anderson fell slightly behind, though he was swimming well. Both were together at the end of the third lap, but Anderson went ahead a little in the turn on the fourth lap. Again they were even in the next lap, but Anderson went ahead at the turn and put on a spurt to win by about a yard and a-half.

33 1-3 Yards Old Boys' Handicap.—Lyall (1sec.) 1, V. Walshe (scr.) 2, Parkinson (2sec.) 3. Time, 22 2-5sec. Also competed: Henderson and A. Hetherington (scr.), J. Henderson (1sec.), McGinty (2sec.), Moorhead (3sec.).

Relay Race, 133 1-3 yards.—Old Boys (Lawrence, Trueman, Petty, Penman) 1, High School (R. A. Shaw, R. Trueman, N. Johnson and S. Anderson) 2. Time, 1min. 17 2-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Preparatory.—Ward 1, Allen 2, Browning 3. Time, 26 1-5sec.

Senior Diving.—Staunton 1.

Junior Diving.—A. Bell 1.

Ribbon Dive.—McCallum (6in.) 1.

Corfu Dive.—K. Gibbons 1.

LIFE-SAVING

(C. N. Johnson.)

During the past two years, owing to lack of time, life-saving classes have not been continued. This year, however, has been a very successful one, a large class having been formed. Our thanks are due to Mr. Eggleton, who has given up a great deal of time for the class, and also to Mr. Bertrand, who gave us some valuable lectures on the physical structure of the body.

The following awards have been made:—

Hon. Instructors' Certificates.—A. Hutchen, N. Johnson.

Bronze Medallions.—Andrews, B.; Bradshaw, R.; Craig, J.; Cresswell, R.; Churton, P.; Dinniss, S.; Ekdahl, D.; Gayton, R.; Good, M.; Grieve, B.; Gardiner, N. F.; Henderson, E.; Hutchen, A.; Insull, G.; Johnson, N.; Law, H.; Marshall, J.; McCauley, J.; McLean, J.; Molloy, P.; Maciver, D.; Peake, L.; Rea, K.; Rea, L.; Stevenson, P.; Shaw, R. A.; Shaw, R. L.; Staunton, K.; Sutton, G.; Trueman, R.; White, S.; Wynyard, R.; Watt, W.

Proficiency Certificates.—Andrews, B.; Bradshaw, R.; Craig, J.; Cresswell, R.; Churton, P.; Dinniss, S.; Ekdahl, D.; Gayton, R.; Good, M.; Grieve, B.; Gardiner, N. F.; Henderson, E.; Hutchen, A.; Insull, G.; Johnson, N.; Law, H.; Marshall, J.; McCauley, J.; McLean, J.; Molloy, P.; Maciver, D.; Peake, de L.; Rea, K.; Rea, L.; Stevenson, P.; Shaw, R. A.; Shaw, R. L.; Weatherley, N.; White, S.; Wynyard, R.; Watt, W.

Elementary Certificates.—Andrews, B.; Bradshaw, R.; Craig, J.; Cresswell, R.; Churton, P.; Dinniss, S.; Ekdahl, D.; Gayton, R.; Good, M.; Grieve, B.; Gardiner, N. F.; Henderson, E.; Hutchen, A.; Insull, G.; Law, H.; Marshall, J.; McCauley, J.; McLean, J.; Molloy, P.; Maciver, D.; Peake, de L.; Rea, K.; Rea, L.; Stevenson, P.; Shaw, R. A.; Shaw, R. L.; Staunton, K.; Sutton, G.; Truman, R.; White, S.; Watt, W.; Watt, L.; Wynyard, R.; Weatherley, N.

It is worthy of note that the Fitzroy C team, which won the Pennant for Taranaki junior surf teams at Opunake, had five members out of the seven from School. Judging from this, we see no reason why a good School surf team could not easily be formed.

The Smith and Easton Cup was judged in conjunction with the Bronze Medallion examination, and was won by N. Johnson.

This year was not so successful with regard to the number of swimming certificates gained, owing to the late date on which the swimming was held. However 150 certificates were gained, the distances ranging from 50 yards to five miles.

We must congratulate K. Staunton on his fine performances in distance swimming. In the Taranaki Championships he came second in the 440 Intermediate Championship; he won the Flannagan Cup (an open race of nearly two miles); and also broke the School distance record of four and a-half miles by swimming five miles.



Cricket Notes

(Bruce C. Bell.)

The past cricket season has been, without doubt, the most successful that the School has yet experienced. Although the First Eleven lost its match with Nelson College at the end of last year, it succeeded in defeating Wanganui College in a most exciting match which was very illustrative of the changing fortune of cricket. It also won the town championship and the Robertson Cup. In the play-off with Bell Block, the country winners, for the North Provincial Championship, School again demonstrated its superiority by easily defeating the country team by over a hundred runs on the first innings. However, in the final for the Taranaki Championship, which has never before been reached by a School eleven, we were somewhat ingloriously beaten by Midlands, the Southern winners. We take this opportunity of heartily congratulating them upon their success.

Three of the School eleven obtained places in Taranaki elevens. A. Beck, who compiled a magnificent 62 for North Taranaki against South Taranaki, was chosen by the Wellington selectors to play for Country in the annual match against Town. We believe this to be a distinction never before conferred upon a secondary schoolboy. H. Fookes represented Taranaki in a match against Mr.

Beale's Auckland eleven at Hawera, and W. Hayward kept wickets against the same team in a representative match at New Plymouth. In an eighth wicket partnership he succeeded in scoring 23, and was largely instrumental in averting the follow-on.

The School has been very fortunate this season in obtaining the services of Mr. B. B. Wilson, of Yorkshire, as coach. By his forceful personality, his example both on and off the field, his personal interest in the aspiring cricketers of the School, and the ability and perseverance he displayed while coaching, he made himself justly popular throughout the School. During the holidays, when it was difficult for School to obtain an eleven, Mr. Wilson played for the team and assisted it with many high scores, including a century, his sole hundred in Taranaki. Beck also made a fine century in a match against New Plymouth. This is the second century to be registered by a High School boy in the North Taranaki cricket competitions.

School practice at the nets has been aided by the regular appearance of masters, who have given up their time to coach and assist the boys. Regular matches were arranged between the third forms, and masters have very kindly umpired on these occasions. In this respect we particularly thank Mr. Bottrill and Mr. Kerr, who, until the arrival of Mr. Wilson, were the sole coaches of the first and second elevens respectively.

THE NELSON MATCH.

The team left New Plymouth on December 15 and on arriving at Wellington were kindly entertained to tea by the Wellington branch of the Old Boys' Association. After a very rough trip the team arrived at Nelson and, according to the usual custom, were billeted out privately. We would like to take this opportunity of conveying our sincere appreciation of their efforts to make our stay a pleasant one.

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

The annual cricket match between New Plymouth Boys' High School and Nelson College commenced this morning under ideal weather conditions. The wicket was good, but the outfield was rather slow. The batting on neither side was of a high standard, but the bowling was

good and the fielding was excellent, two smart returns by New Plymouth boys being responsible for the loss of two College wickets. School were unlucky in having four l.b.w. decisions given against them during the day, Gibbons losing his wicket in both innings in this manner.

Fookes won the toss and elected to bat, sending Beck and Gibbons in. The former opened to A. Newman, the College captain, who bowled from the east end, while his brother, R. Newman, bowled from the other end. Both batsmen were rather cautious at the beginning, and in the third over of the match Beck was bowled off his pads by A. Newman, after making only four runs; 4—1—4. Hayward was the next batsman, but, after compiling eight runs in a brisk manner, including a nice square cut to the boundary, he was bowled by R. Newman with a leg break; 13—2—8.

Matters looked dull for School, but Gibbons and Ewart became associated in a fruitful partnership which yielded 41 runs. A change of bowlers had the batsmen in difficulties, Shuttleworth replacing R. Newman, while Buddle went on instead of A. Newman. After surviving an appeal for l.b.w. to Shuttleworth, Ewart was bowled by Buddle; 54—3—23.

The wickets now began to fall rapidly. Palmer tried to stonewall, but went l.b.w. to Buddle without scoring; 64—4—0. Allen and Gibbons carried the score to 77 before Allen went l.b.w. to A. Newman. In the next over, the last before the adjournment, Buddle secured two wickets, getting Gibbons l.b.w. and clean bowling Watson. Gibbons had played a particularly useful innings for 32. The score at the luncheon adjournment stood at seven for 77.

In the afternoon the School team carried the total to 108. The last partnership between Fookes and Gibbs was particularly bright, and added 28 runs.

The College team opened very aggressively. Hooper and Nightingale attacked the bowling of Allen and Fookes vigorously. Neither bowler could find a length. With the score at 25, Nightingale was run out as the result of a smart return by Andrews to Hayward, and, without any addition to the score, Allen clean bowled Hooper. A. Newman and Shuttleworth were the next batsmen. Newman batted very vigorously, but could not get anyone to stay with him. With the score at 44, Fookes

bowled Shuttleworth. Sutherland was next, and was unlucky to be run out after making only six runs. A change of bowling produced good results, Beck clean bowling both A. Newman and R. Newman.

At the tea adjournment College had lost eight wickets for 94, and matters looked bright for School, but the last two College wickets were productive and added 57 runs, bringing the total to 151.

Faced with a deficit of 43 runs on the first innings, School started the second innings at 5.15 p.m. Beck and Gibbons faced the bowling of Newman and Buddle. Gibbons was unfortunate to lose his wicket to an l.b.w. decision when he had made only seven runs. Beck continued to bat brightly until the drawing of stumps, but Ewart in the meantime was clean bowled. Beck's 37 not out was a great effort, and included five boundaries.

The school match was concluded this morning (Monday) and resulted in a win for Nelson by eight wickets. New Plymouth continued their second innings from Saturday's score of 67 runs for two wickets. Beck, to his over-night score of 37 not out, added only four runs, and after his departure the remainder of the team collapsed. The only other batsman to make a stand was Fookes, who made 13. School were all out for 103, leaving Nelson 60 runs to get in their second innings, which they did for the loss of two wickets.

Following are the scores:—

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

Beck, b. A. Newman	4
Gibbons, l.b.w., b. Buddle	31
Hayward, b. R. Newman	8
Ewart, b. Buddle	23
Palmer, l.b.w., b. Buddle	0
Allen, l.b.w., b. A. Newman	6
Fookes, b. Buddle	16
Watson, b. Buddle	0
Andrews, c. Shuttleworth, b. A. Newman ..	4
Brown, b. Buddle	0
Gibbs, not out	8
Extras	8
Total	108



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Back Row: C. Brown, A. Moverley, L. Petty, R. Watson, A. Andrews, G. Ewart, W. Hayward.
Middle Row: H. Brown, A. Beck (vice-capt.), H. Fookes (capt.), C. Palmer, K. Gibbons.
In Front: J. Gibbs, P. Allen.

Bowling Analysis.—Buddle took six wickets for 29 runs; Shuttleworth, none for 15; A. Newman, three for 37; R. Newman, one for 19.

Second Innings.

Beck, c. Buddle, b. A. Newman	41
Gibbons, l.b.w., b. A. Newman	7
Ewart, b. Shuttleworth	15
Fookes, c. Hawksworth, b. A. Newman	13
Hayward, c. Griffin, b. A. Newman	0
Gibbs, b. Buddle	5
Allen, run out	1
Watson, b. Buddle	0
Andrews, c. Paton, b. A. Newman	4
Palmer, l.b.w., b. A. Newman	2
Brown, not out	6
Extras	9
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Total	103

Bowling Analysis.—A. Newman took six wickets for 55 runs; Buddle, two for 24; Shuttleworth, one for 8; R. Newman, none for 7; Hooper, none for 0.

NELSON COLLEGE.

First Innings.

Hooper, b. Allen	12
Nightingale, run out	12
A. Newman, b. Beck	32
Shuttleworth, b. Fookes	9
Sutherland, run out	6
R. Newman, b. Beck	11
Hawksworth, b. Allen	1
Knight, b. Fookes	5
Buddle, b. Allen	10
Griffin, b. Andrews	23
Patton, not out	18
Extras	12
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Total	151

Bowling Analysis.—Allen took three wickets for 54 runs; Fookes, two for 48; Andrews, one for 21; Beck, two for 16.

Second Innings.

Hooper, c. and b. Beck	23
Nightingale, not out	3
A. Newman, b. Fookes	19
Shuttleworth, not out	6
Extras	10
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Total (for two wickets)	61

Bowling Analysis.—Fookes took one wicket for 19 runs; Beck, one for 5; Ewart, none for 19; Andrews, none for 7.

THE WANGANUI MATCH.

The Wanganui Collegiate team was met by the members of the first eleven on Tuesday, March 20. They stayed at Marsland View, and were entertained at the Opera House on Thursday evening.

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

Unusually low scoring characterised the commencement of the annual match between New Plymouth Boys' High School and Wanganui Collegiate School at Pukekura Park, New Plymouth, yesterday. Batting first, on a good wicket, School were dismissed for the modest total of 75, Hornabrook securing the splendid average of eight wickets for 31 runs. Wanganui's reply was, however, a much more modest one, the team being all out for 41 runs, after having nine wickets down for 26 at one stage. H. Fookes, the School captain, performed the remarkable feat of taking eight wickets for 10 runs. At the end of his ninth over, his average was eight wickets for 4 runs, six of the nine overs being maidens.

In their second innings School had lost eight wickets for 101 runs when stumps were drawn. They are, therefore, 135 runs in the lead, and have still two wickets in hand.

As may be expected, in view of the bowling averages, the number of successful batsmen was very limited. The outstanding performances, as far as runs are concerned, were those of Hayward (School), who made 39 in the first innings, and Gibbons (School), who made 30 in the second innings. Both contributions were very meritorious at a critical stage.

The only other pleasing features about the batting were the two valuable last wicket partnerships between Hudson and Kirkecaldie (Wanganui) and Allen and Andrews (School). In Wanganui's innings, when the team was in the disastrous position of having nine down for 26 runs, Hudson and Kirkecaldie added 15 runs for the last wicket, the former playing right through the innings for 15 not out. A still more valuable partnership was established in School's second innings, when Allen (18 not out) and Andrews (13 not out) added 31 runs for the eighth wicket. Allen was playing very sound cricket when stumps were drawn. Ewart opened well for School in both innings, just reaching double figures on both occasions. Palmer (School), with 11 not out in the first innings, was the only other player in either team to reach double figures.

Fookes won the toss and elected to bat, sending in Ewart and Gibbons, who faced the bowling of Hornabrook from the north end and Hudson from the other. In Hornabrook's second over he took Gibbons' wicket with an off break; 3—1—0.

Hayward was the next batsman, and opened carefully, but soon cut Hornabrook through the slips for four. Hudson was keeping a good length, but Hayward was scoring steadily off Hornabrook, and soon reached double figures. Ewart reached 10, but, opening out, he tried to lift Hornabrook and was well caught by Kirkecaldie at mid-on; 36—2—11. Fookes followed, and in Hornabrook's next over played forward to an off ball and lifted it into Innes' hands at point; 40—3—0.

Gibbs followed and opened carefully. Hayward seemed set and, regardless of a double change of bowlers, reached 30 by solid cricket. Gibbs made two nice strokes on the leg side, but in attempting a second run was run out; 58—4—8. Palmer joined Hayward, and the scoring slowed down. Hayward, in attempting to drive Hornabrook, who came on again, played over the ball and was bowled; 62—5—39. Papps followed, but fell a victim to the first ball; 62—6—0.

Palmer, who was playing carefully, was joined by Anderson. The scoring was very slow. Anderson had not opened his account before he was caught by Innes at

point; 64—7—0. Allen followed, but snicked Hornabrook's first ball to Bullock-Douglas in the slips; 64—8—0. Andrews, the next batsman, pulled Hornabrook for four, but cocked his next ball up into point's hands; 72—9—4. McLean, the last man, played out the over and stumps were drawn for lunch.

After the adjournment, McLean scored a single and Palmer two before McLean was run out, and the innings closed for 75.

Giesen and Hudson opened Wanganui's innings to the bowling of Allen and Fookes. In Fookes' first over Giesen lifted the ball to Ewart at mid-on; 3—1—3. Hornabrook was next, but Fookes dismissed him two balls later; 3—2—0.

Bullock-Douglas followed, and Hudson brought up 10 with a snick off Allen. Two boundary byes brought the score to 20. Bullock-Douglas, in attempting to square cut Fookes, gave Allen a hot one at second slip, which was accepted; 21—3—2. In his next over Fookes clean bowled Bunny, the next man, who had not scored; 21—4—0.

Allen followed, and forced a fast one to leg, and in attempting a second run was smartly run out by Ewart; 23—5—1. Innes was next, but could do nothing with Fookes, and was given out l.b.w. to that bowler; 26—6—0. Glendinning's stay was short, Fookes' first ball taking his wicket; 24—7—0.

Andrews took the ball from Allen. Pomare, in playing forward to Fookes, put the ball into McLean's hands at mid-on; 26—8—0. Fookes, in his next over, yorked Horrocks; 26—9—0.

Hudson showed a sound defence, and Kircaldie, the last man, played confidently. At 41 Kircaldie put the ball, off Andrews, into Allen's hands at short leg, and the innings closed. Hudson had played a patient innings for 15 not out.

At 3.45 p.m. Gibbons and Ewart opened School's second innings to the bowling of Hornabrook and Hudson. Gibbons drove Hornabrook for two fours in succession, and then cocked one up towards mid-on, but it was safe. Ewart pulled Hudson to the leg boundary, and Gibbons again drove Hornabrook for four and reached double figures.

After the adjournment, Gibbons drove Hudson for four, and Ewart drove Hornabrook to the leg boundary. Then Hudson took Ewart's wicket with a yorker; 35—1—10.

Hayward came in, but after cutting Hudson for four was run out owing to a misunderstanding; 49—2—4. Gibbons attempted to hit Hornabrook's next ball, but was clean bowled. He had reached 30 by forceful shots; 49—3—30.

Fookes and Palmer were in next. Fookes brought the score to 50 with a snick to leg. He then lifted Hornabrook for four, was dropped by Glendinning, and then held by Hudson from a big hit off Hornabrook; 60—4—7. Gibbs followed, and cover-drove Hornabrook to the boundary, but returned the next ball to the bowler, who took a sitter; 65—5—4.

Papps, the next man, tried to force the bowling, but trying to pull a full toss from Hornabrook he mishit it, and was caught at mid-on; 69—6—0. Anderson followed, but went first ball to Hudson; 69—7—0.

Allen, the newcomer, played out the over, and a single to Palmer in the next over brought 70 up on the board. Palmer, who had played patiently for seven, succumbed to an l.b.w. appeal from Glendinning, who had relieved Hudson; 70—8—7. Allen opened out and hit Hornabrook to the leg boundary. Andrews repeated the dose two balls later. In the next over Allen drove Glendinning to the on boundary, and 80 came up. Kircaldie took the ball from Hornabrook, and the over produced three. In his next over Allen pulled his third ball to the boundary. Andrews reached 10 with a pull off Glendinning. Hudson relieved Glendinning, and Allen, who was playing confidently, snicked his second for a single, and the century appeared on the board, after an hour and 50 minutes' play. Stumps were drawn at 5.50 p.m., after an appeal against the light. School had then made 101 for eight wickets, the not out batsmen being Allen and Andrews.

When play recommenced the New Plymouth team had made 101 runs for eight wickets. The remaining two wickets fell after 18 runs had been added. Andrews played an aggressive innings for 27 not out, and his eighth wicket partnership with Allen proved to be invaluable to

his side. Hornabrook again bowled well for Wanganui to get four wickets for 59, but Hudson's four wickets were obtained at the cost of only 29 runs.

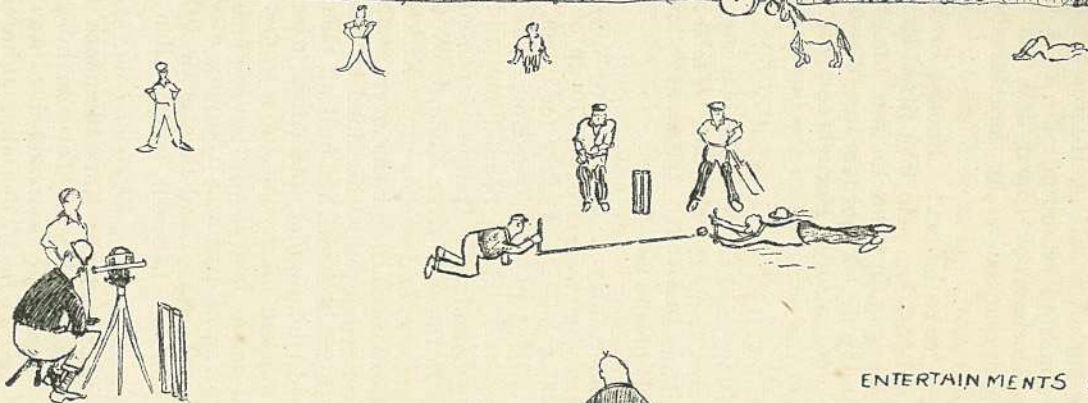
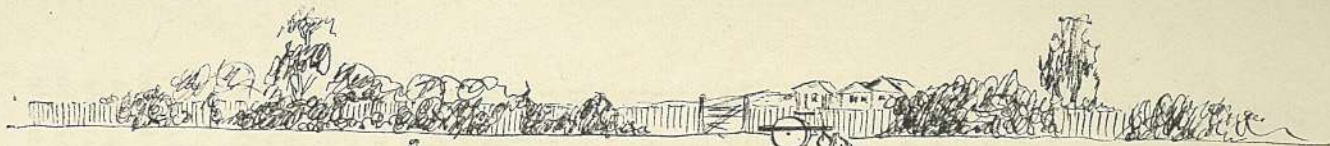
Wanganui went in to bat requiring 154 runs to win. A remarkable incident occurred when Giesen, the Wanganui captain, was given out to a fast one from Fookes. The ball apparently hit his toe and, after striking his bat, went up into the slips. The slip man appealed and Giesen was given out by the umpire. An appeal was made to the other umpire, who was not in a position to see, and states as much. Thus the first decision had to stand, but the New Plymouth captain did the only possible thing under the circumstances and called the batsman back. It might have proved the losing of the game, for Giesen went on to make 62. He gave a sound display of batting, the best during the match, and showed a solid defence, but did not hesitate in hitting anything loose.

Bullock-Douglas was rather lucky in getting 24. He gave several chances in the slips early in his innings and was finally bowled by Fookes. Bunny was aggressive for his 19, which he hit up in quick time.

During the morning the School bowling seemed to lack sting and did not trouble the batsmen. After lunch, however, Fookes and Ewart both bowled splendidly. Fookes was bowling better than he did to get his wickets in the first innings. He came out with the good average of four wickets for 44. Ewart, the slow left-hander, struck his length after lunch and the batsmen had to watch his breaks carefully and found it hard to score off him. He took five wickets for 49 runs. Andrews and Allen also did useful work with the ball.

The not-out batsmen, Allen and Andrews, resumed New Plymouth's second innings at 11 a.m., Andrews taking strike from Hornabrook, who bowled from the north end. Hudson took the ball at the other end and, with his fourth ball, got under Allen's bat with a yorker; 105—9—18.

McLean, the last man, scored a single off Hudson and played out a maiden from Hornabrook. Andrews brought 110 up with an off drive to the bank. In the next over he pulled Hornabrook twice for four, but Hudson, with his first ball of the over, clean bowled McLean, and the innings closed for 119 runs.



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Requiring 154 runs to win, Giesen and Hudson opened Wanganui's second innings at 11.35 a.m. Hudson took first strike from Allen, the fast bowler, whose first over was of splendid length and produced no runs. Fookes, the School left-hander, took the ball at the other end. His swinging deliveries were troubling the batsmen and they took care with anything on the off stump. Giesen survived an appeal for l.b.w. from Fookes in his third over, which was a maiden. Both batsmen showed solid defence and, scoring in singles, brought the score to 10. When the score had reached 20 Fookes brought Ewart on at the north end. Giesen turned his second ball neatly to leg for four. Andrews took the ball from Allen at the south end and sent down a maiden to Hudson.

Ewart was keeping a great length with his breaks, but the last of the over was loose and Giesen banged it past point for four. The total was then 30. With the last ball of the next over Andrews tossed one outside the off stump and Hudson touched it into Anderson's hands at first slip; 32—1—11.

Bunny followed and drove Andrews to the off boundary, and 40 came up. Bunny treated Ewart's high deliveries with respect, but hit hard anything that was loose. Bunny brought 50 up by lifting Andrews to the on boundary, and cut his next for three. Bunny became aggressive and hit Ewart to the boundary, but two balls later he mishit a slow into Allen's hands; 59—2—19.

Bullock-Douglas was the next man, and played out a maiden from Andrews. Giesen was playing steadily and was versatile but not aggressive. He brought 60 up with a cover drive. Andrews was keeping a good length and varying his deliveries. Ewart's length was not consistent, but his breaks required playing. Bullock-Douglas brought 70 up with a late cut off Andrews. Fookes relieved Ewart at the north end. Off his second ball Bullock-Douglas gave a chance in slips, but it was not accepted. He gave another chance off Andrews just out of reach of first slip. Giesen brought 80 up with a cover drive from Andrews.

The scoring quickened, Giesen opening out. Palmer relieved Andrews, and Bullock-Douglas snicked his first ball into the slips, but another chance was missed. Giesen, who appeared set, drove Fookes to the on boundary, and two balls later brought the century up with a square cut.

Giesen gave his first chance in the slips off Palmer, but it was out of reach. At the luncheon adjournment Wanganui had 108 up for two wickets.

Wanganui's chances of reaching the total required seemed very bright when the game resumed after lunch. Bullock-Douglas took strike from Fookes. With the last ball of the first over Fookes beat Bullock-Douglas with a well-tossed leg break before he had scored; 108—3—24.

Hornabrook came next and opened with a cover drive off Fookes. Ewart, at the south end, was bowling with better length than before lunch. Hornabrook was not confident against Fookes, and cocked the fourth ball of the next over into Ewart's hands at mid-on; 112—4—1.

Allen, the next man, played out the over. Giesen was still solid, and waited for the loose ones. Fookes was bowling better than at any stage during the match. Giesen brought 120 up with a single off Fookes. Runs came slowly, testifying to the good length and accuracy of the bowling. With the total at 129, and with Giesen's total at 62, the Wanganui captain fell into Fookes' leg trap and was neatly caught by Ewart at silly mid-on; 130—5—62. Giesen, who had opened, had played an invaluable innings for Wanganui. He is a versatile player, with scoring shots all round the wicket, but he relied upon a beautifully timed cover drive for most of his runs.

Innes was next man, and opened with a single off Fookes. Wanganui still required 24 runs to win, and New Plymouth had a fighting chance. Allen survived a confident appeal for l.b.w. off Ewart, but in Fookes' next over was given out l.b.w.; 136—6—6.

Glendinning was next, and Wanganui were fighting for every run. Glendinning, in attempting to lift Ewart, skied the ball to Palmer, who took a high one; 137—7—1.

Pomare came in and survived an appeal for l.b.w. The batsmen were playing with extreme care and the School men toiled in the field to keep the runs down. Pomare could restrain himself no longer and stepped out to Ewart, only to be well caught by Allen in the long field; 142—8—3.

Three balls later Innes stepped in front to a straight one from Ewart; 142—9—0.

Wanganui now required 12 runs, with one wicket to fall. School's hopes rose, and the air was electric with excitement. Kirkcaldie, the last man, played out the over. Horrocks placed Fookes to fine leg for two. Kirkcaldie pulled Ewart's second ball for four, and Wanganui required six to win. Ewart's next ball proved to be the end. Kirkcaldie, playing back to a leg break, put it to Gibbs at silly point, and the fieldsman took a splendid catch low down. This left School the winners by five runs.

Details are:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.

G. Ewart, c. Kirkcaldie, b. Hornabrook	11
K. Gibbons, b. Hornabrook	0
W. Hayward, b. Hornabrook	39
H. Fookes, c. Innes, b. Hornabrook	0
J. Gibbs, run out	8
C. Palmer, not out	11
D. Papps, b. Hornabrook	0
S. Anderson, c. Innes, b. Hornabrook	0
P. Allen, c. Bullock-Douglas, b. Hornabrook	0
H. Andrews, c. Innes, b. Hornabrook	4
J. McLean, run out	1
Extras	1
Total	75

Bowling Analysis.—Hornabrook took eight wickets for 31 runs; Hudson, none for 9; Innes, none for 17; Kirkcaldie, none for 9; Glendinning, none for 8.

Second Innings.

G. Ewart, b. Hudson	10
K. Gibbons, b. Hornabrook	30
W. Hayward, run out	4
H. Fookes, c. Hudson, b. Hornabrook	7
C. Palmer, l.b.w., b. Glendinning	7
J. Gibbs, c. and b. Hornabrook	4
D. Papps, c. Innes, b. Hornabrook	0
S. Anderson, b. Hudson	0
P. Allen, b. Hudson	18
H. Andrews, not out	27
J. McLean, b. Hudson	1
Extras	11
Total	119

Bowling Analysis.—Hornabrook took four wickets for 59 runs; Hudson, four for 29; Glendinning, one for 6; Kirkcaldie, none for 8; Innes, none for 6.

WANGANUI COLLEGE.

First Innings.

E. Giesen, c. Ewart, b. Fookes	3
B. Hudson, not out	15
J. Hornabrook, b. Fookes	0
Bullock-Douglas, c. Allen, b. Fookes	2
Bunny, b. Fookes	0
D. Allen, run out	1
B. Innes, b. Fookes	6
Glendinning, b. Fookes	0
Pomare, c. McLean, b. Fookes	0
Horrocks, b. Fookes	0
Kirkcaldie, c. Allen, b. Andrews	10
Extras	10
Total	47

Bowling Analysis.—Fookes took eight wickets for 10 runs; Allen, none for 11; Andrews, one for 10.

Second Innings.

E. Giesen, c. Ewart, b. Fookes	62
B. Hudson, c. Anderson, b. Andrews	11
R. Bunny, c. Allen, b. Ewart	19
Bullock-Douglas, b. Fookes	24
J. Hornabrook, c. Ewart, b. Fookes	1
D. Allen, l.b.w., b. Fookes	0
B. Innes, l.b.w., b. Ewart	5
R. Glendinning, c. Palmer, b. Fookes	1
Pomare, c. Allen, b. Ewart	3
Horrocks, not out	2
Kirkcaldie, c. Gibbs, b. Ewart	4
Extras	10
Total	142

Bowling Analysis.—Allen took no wickets for 11 runs; Fookes, four for 44; Ewart, five for 39; Andrews, one for 27; Palmer, none for seven.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

v. Old Boys A (October 22 and November 10).—Won by eight wickets. Old Boys, first innings, 17 runs (Fookes took three wickets for 4 runs, Allen seven for 12); second innings, 142 runs (Fookes six for 58, Andrews two for 25, Allen two for 38. School, first innings, 124 runs (Palmer 28, Fookes 20); second innings, two wickets for 40 runs (Beck 16, Allen 10 not out).

v. Old Boys B (November 5).—Won by default as a suitable date for finishing the match was unable to be arranged. School, first innings, 95 runs (Beck 60). Old Boys, first innings, 65 runs (Fookes took four wickets for 19 runs).

v. New Plymouth (November 19 and 26).—Won by 67 runs. School, first innings, 57 runs (Beck 23, Ewart 14); second innings, 226 runs (Beck 122, Hayward 35, Moverley 23). New Plymouth, first innings, 110 runs (Andrews five for 49, Beck two for 16); second innings, 116 runs (Ewart five for 38, Watson two for 0). An exciting match in which Beck made a splendid century.

v. Western Park (December 3 and January 7).—Lost by six wickets. School, first innings, 196 runs (Palmer 29 not out, Allen 29, Watson 26, Gibbons 26, Fookes 25, Ewart 23, Andrews 22); second innings, 130 runs. Western Park, first innings, 122 runs (Allen four for 39, Beck two for 8, Fookes two for 45); second innings, 212 runs for four wickets.

v. Borough Council (January 14 and 21).—Won by nine wickets. Borough Council, first innings, 92 runs (Ewart took five wickets for 28 runs, Fookes two for 20); second innings, 40 runs (Allen five for 22, Ewart four for 40). School, first innings, 78 runs (Fookes 19); second innings, 57 runs (Ewart 14 not out).

v. Old Boys A (January 28 and February 4).—Won by three wickets. Old Boys, first innings, 142 runs (Fookes took four wickets for 30 runs, Ewart three for 23, Allen three for 47); second innings, 139 runs (Ewart seven for 37). School, first innings, 234 runs (Papps 62, Moverley 36, Fookes 20); second innings, 33 for 7 (Ewart 14, Papps 11).

v. Old Boys B (February 11 and 18).—Won by 107 runs. School, first innings, 227 runs (Gibbons 38, Mr. Wilson 126); second innings, 76 runs (Gibbons 18, Fookes 13). Old Boys, first innings, 101 runs (Fookes took four wickets for 22, Allen four for 46); second innings, 95 runs (Fookes three for 24, Allen three for 29).

v. New Plymouth (February 25 and March 3).—Won by 121 runs. School, first innings, 193 runs (Papps 29 not out, Gibbons 31, Mr. Wilson 74); second innings, 160 runs (Hayward 57, Gibbons 34). New Plymouth, first innings, 152 runs (Palmer six for 62, Ewart two for 29, Gibbons one for 7); second innings, 80 runs (Ewart five for 9, Andrews four for 15).

v. Western Park (March 10 and 17).—Won by four wickets. Western Park, first innings, 119 runs (Ewart took four wickets for 15 runs, Fookes three for 48, Andrews three for 53); second innings, 96 runs (Andrews six for 24, Ewart four for 35). School, first innings, 112 runs (Ewart 14, Palmer 11, Mr. Wilson 55); second innings, 104 runs for six wickets (Ewart 13, Gibbons 10, Mr. Wilson 58 not out). An exciting finish, School, who were behind on the first innings, playing against time. With this match School won the town championship and the Robertson Cup.

v. Bell Block (March 25 and 29).—Won by 111 runs on the first innings. School, first innings, 195 runs for nine, declared (Ewart 45, McCallum 39 not out, Hayward 30, Gibbons 25); second innings, 120 runs for eight wickets (Ewart 30, Andrews 23 not out). Bell Block, first innings, 84 runs (Andrews took five wickets for 12 runs, Ewart four for 21). School, by defeating Bell Block, the country winners, won the North Taranaki championship with this match.

v. Midlands (March 31).—Lost by 27 runs. Midlands, first innings, 54 runs (Fookes took four wickets for 22 runs, Andrews four for 26, Ewart two for 0); second innings, 99 runs (Ewart took five wickets for 42, Andrews two for 17, Fookes two for 32). School, first innings, 63 runs (Fookes 10, Ewart 10); second innings, 63 runs (Hayward 14). This was the final for the Taranaki championship.

NON-COMPETITION MATCHES.

v. Staff (November 24 and December 8).—Lost by 26 runs on the first innings. Staff, first innings, 129 runs (Mr. B. B. Wilson 52); second innings, 54 runs for six wickets (Mr. J. Leggat 27 not out). School, first innings, 103 (Watson 41).

v. s.s. Westmoreland (March 28).—School won in a one innings match by 141 to 41.

AVERAGES.**BATTING.**

	Inn.	N.O.	Total.	H.S.	Average.
W. A. Beck	9	0	285	122	31.67
K. H. Gibbons . .	20	0	289	38	14.45
G. L. Ewart	25	2	320	45	13.91
D. Papps	16	2	173	62	12.36
R. G. Watson . . .	7	0	77	41	11.00
W. Hayward	23	1	234	57	10.64
H. F. Fookes . . .	21	0	223	42	10.62
A. Moverley	9	1	77	36	9.62
C. D. Palmer . . .	16	3	123	29*	9.46
E. P. Allen	23	3	176	40	8.80
A. H. Andrews . .	19	2	127	27*	7.47
H. M. Brown	6	3	20	9*	6.67
J. T. Gibbs	13	0	76	18	5.85
G. S. Anderson . .	9	2	28	9*	4.00
J. McLean	7	1	18	6	3.00
Budd	8	2	16	9	2.67

Also batted: McCallum, 4—1—50—39*; C. Brown, 2—0—15—15; C. J. Stace, 1—0—1—1.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Md.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
W. A. Beck	28	7	58	10	5.80
G. L. Ewart . . .	106.6	11.6	429	62	6.92
C. P. Palmer . . .	14	0	89	9	9.88
H. F. Fookes . . .	168.7	27	623	58	10.74
A. H. Andrews . .	121.5	22	486	42	11.57
E. P. Allen	148.1	15	591	37	15.97

Also bowled: K. H. Gibbons, 4—0—27—2; R. G. Watson, 1—1—0—3; Budd, 5—0—27—1.

Hayward took 15 catches; Ewart, 14; Allen, Gibbons, 10; Fookes, 9; Beck, 6; Palmer, 5; Andrews, 4; Papps, Moverley, 3; H. Brown, C. Brown, Budd, Watson, Anderson, 2; McCallum, Gibbs, McLean, 1.

CADETS

(G. S. Anderson.)

Owing to the amalgamation of the Technical College and our own School, the strength of both companies has been considerably increased. The total strength is now 520, which means that we require more rifles and further armoury space for 150 rifles. This increase in size of the Cadet Companies, and lack of range facilities in the gully, will compel us to march out to Waiwakaiho Range for musketry this year.

Unfortunately we will not be able to hold a camp this year, as the Defence Department states that, owing to lack of funds, units can hold camps every other year only. The usual week's instruction in camp enables us to obtain a high standard of efficiency, and we hope that the standard this year will not suffer too greatly because of the absence of that week under canvas.

There have been extensive alterations to the timetable this term. Instead of having three parades each week between morning and afternoon school we now have one parade, which is held on Monday after school. By doing this we are having the minimum number of parades required, and in the event of a boy being absent from drill on Monday he will have to attend extra parades later on in order to comply with regulations. Also, we have physical drill four days per week, instead of one as formerly. This is taken during the morning interval, which has been increased from ten minutes to twenty. On two occasions this term we have given physical drill displays in the Park and, judging from the glowing newspaper reports, they were both greatly appreciated.

During the Christmas holidays about twenty of our N.C.O.'s attended an Instructional Course at Trentham and they received very fair reports. It is very gratifying to see that so many are keen enough on drill to attend these camps, because drill is a very important factor in School life.

EXAMINATIONS

The successes obtained at the annual examinations of last year were very gratifying. The results are as follows:

Final B.A.—A. W. Moverley (subject, Adv. History).

First B.A.—A. Mills (subjects, English and History).

Second LL.B.—R. J. O'Dea (subjects, Contracts, Torts, Property, Criminal Law).

Diploma of Journalism.—J. Stronge (subjects, English and History of Political Ideas).

Professional Accountant's Examination.—J. Warner (subjects, Bankruptcy, Economics, Book-keeping, Mercantile Law).

Taranaki Scholarship.—E. P. Allen qualified, but was unable to hold the Scholarship as he had not fulfilled the residential qualification.

Matriculation and Allied Examinations (M., Matriculation; P. Medical Preliminary; S., Solicitors' General Knowledge; E., Engineering Preliminary; Comp., Completed).—A. G. Abbott (Comp. M.E.); C. C. Allen (M.S.); A. E. Bell (M.); J. A. Bolt (M.); R. C. Bradshaw (M.); W. Brookman (M.S.); C. Cave (M.S.); G. V. Duff (M.); H. A. Golding (M.S.); M. T. Good (M.); W. Hayward (M.); D'A. Jackson (M.); T. R. List (M.S.); F. H. Lysaght (M.); H. McKay (M.S.); P. C. Miles (M.S.); J. F. McDonald (M.); G. McKenzie (M.S.); M. B. Neville (M.); W. Rawson (M.); A. C. Shepherd (M.); D. Stace (M.S.); M. L. Standish (Comp. E.); J. Stronge (Comp. M.); J. Syme (M.S.); J. W. Tate (M.S.); W. S. Thomson (M.); A. A. Treloar (M.); R. C. Trueman (M.); R. H. Waite (M.); T. N. Watt (M.S.P.); A. Wells (M.S.P.); S. M. White (M.); R. H. Wynyard (Comp. M.S.).

Accountants' Preliminary (A., full pass; P.P.A., partial pass; Comp., completed partial pass).—Beckbessinger, I. (P.P.A.); Bolt, J. A. (P.P.A.); Bradshaw, R. (A.); Gardiner, N. (P.P.A.); Johnson, C. N. (A.); Lander, A. W. (Comp. A.); McLean, J. S. (P.P.A.); Tarrant, J. S. (A.); Ward, C. J. (P.P.A.).

Public Service Entrance.—Bradshaw, R.; Murray, J.; Allen, C.; Duff, G.; Ford, J.; Stace, D. V.; Craig, J. A.; Halligan, J.; Edgecombe, E. M.; White, M. B.; Harding, G.; Chick, W. E.; McLean, R. G.; McGrath, M.; Lee, D. H.

Senior National Scholarship.—Allen, C.; Andrews, A. H.; Clayton, R.; McKenzie, G.; Watt, T. N.; Wells, A. J.

Junior National Scholarship.—Billing, B. H.; McKee, D. C.; Morton, W. J.; Smith, D. A.

The following gained Proficiency:—O'Halloran, B.; Fitzgerald, N.; Weston, R.; Outred, M.; McCallum, D.; Lindsay, M.; Henderson, I.; Chatfield, F.; Carroll, J.; Palmer, M.; Andrew, B.; Saunders, G.; Fairbrother, J. Competency: McKenzie, A.

SCHOOL NOTES

(E. P. Allen and G. L. Ewart.)

The beginning of the School year witnessed a considerable increase in the total roll number, which now stands at 555 (523 in the Upper School and 32 in the Preparatory Department).

At the end of last year we were very sorry to hear that we were losing two members of our staff, Mr. H. G. Dyer and Mr. G. H. Pope. The former has taken up a position on the staff of the Hutt Valley High School, while the latter has retired from the teaching profession. Both gentlemen take with them our very best wishes for future happiness and prosperity.

Mr. Dyer's place has been filled by Mr. P. W. Glover, of Canterbury College, to whom we take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome.

With the departure of Mr. Pope, the duties of head-mastership of the Preparatory Department have passed into the capable hands of Mr. A. H. Blundell. We wish Mr. Blundell every success in his new position.

A small brass tablet has recently been erected in the Assembly Hall in memory of Michael Fletcher, who died on August 15, 1925, while he was still attending the School. The tablet was put up by his school-fellows as a mark of esteem.

We wish to convey our thanks to E. Gibson, of the R.A.F., Risalpur, N.W. India, for the aircraft magazines which he so kindly sent us.

A new woodwork block has been erected on the ridge between the gymnasium and the gully to the north of the New House. It is excellently equipped, and, although it is some distance from the main school block, it serves its purpose excellently.

There is now a good metal road leading to the gymnasium, but there are some who still prefer to climb down the banks, in spite of the frequent warnings against the practice.

Soon after Easter, the time-table was revised so as to allow the boys to work for a few periods a week in the gully. Nothing much had been done in the previous six months, and the need for our own football ground is becoming more acutely felt. We hope that with two months' work, the ground will be ready for sowing. The terraces will have to wait.

As in past years, the work of the Cadets is good. Owing to the departure of Mr. Dyer, Mr. Kerr has taken command of A Company, while Mr. Eggleton fills the vacancy in B Company. With but one drill day a week, we cannot afford to miss parades, and a most rigid system of detecting defaulters has been started. About twenty N.C.O.'s attended the special camp at Trentham during the Christmas holidays. The Defence Department announces that, owing to lack of funds, it cannot see its way clear to permit us to hold our annual camp this year. There was a suggestion that one school week should be entirely devoted to military training to make up for this, but the idea seems to have been abandoned.

Early this year the time-table underwent some minor alterations. We now have a twenty-minute interval in the morning, during which, weather permitting, we do physical drill on the cricket ground. The lunch hour has been shortened by twenty minutes, and school is thus able to end at 3.45 p.m. instead of 4. We have now only one drill day a week—on Monday afternoons from 3.30 to 4.15.

Some difficulty was experienced at the beginning of the term in arranging a Sixth Form time-table, owing to the fact that the class now contains nearly forty boys. This is by far the largest Sixth that the School has yet had.

The drought that has afflicted Taranaki this year has seriously interfered with our activities. We were late starting cricket because the wickets could not be got ready, and now we are late starting football because the grounds are too hard. The Racecourse has been ploughed, levelled, and re-sown, so that those entrancing dips and hillocks, which were formerly so conspicuous a feature, will now, it is hoped, be absent.

In the degree examinations at the end of last year, several candidates were successful. A. Moverley passed in Advanced History in the final section of his B.A. A. Mills passed the first section of his B.A., and R. J. O'Dea the second section of his LL.B. J. S. Stronge passed in History of Political Ideas and English, for Diploma of Journalism. J. Warner passed the Professional Accountants' Examination. E. P. Allen gained a place on the New Zealand University Scholarship Credit List, thus qualifying for a Taranaki Scholarship, which he was debarred from holding through not having fulfilled the residential qualification.

The great success of the Longburn wicket laid down in the Park last season has induced the School authorities to have our own wicket similarly treated. The papa wicket that has been used for many years, besides having distinct dips in various parts, has a tendency to break up badly in dry weather. The new wicket was laid down early in April.

The annual cricket match with Nelson College was played last year at Nelson, and resulted in a win for the home side by eight wickets. The team left on Thursday, December 15, and arrived at Nelson the following morning after a rough trip. The Wellington branch of the Old Boys' Association kindly entertained the team to tea upon its arrival in the capital. According to the custom, the team was billeted out privately while in Nelson. On Sunday they were taken for a motor trip over the Whangamoia Hill and after the match on Monday to Moutere. The match itself was rather disappointing, the team showing a lamentable lack of confidence. They finally left by the boat on Monday evening, after a very pleasant stay. The sea decided not to add insult to injury and was comparatively calm.

The swimming sports were held at the Municipal Baths on February 23. The entries, as usual, were large, but the programme was carried through without any delays. The form relay was won by VI. B., who, in spite of a heavy handicap, clearly showed their superiority. It had been intended to hold the championships on the night of February 25, but, owing to an epidemic of colds, they were postponed until March 14. Although the entries were small some splendid races were seen. The senior championship was won by G. S. Anderson and the junior by R. A. Shaw.

On the night of February 18 School took part in a sports meeting at Pukekura Park, Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons giving a physical drill display.

Four hundred of us gave physical drill displays on the nights of March 8 and 10 in Pukekura Park as a prologue to an historical pageant organised in aid of the Park funds. We were somewhat intrigued by rumours that we were to march about carrying candles in perforated jam tins, or perform some similar evolution, but the matter died a natural death.

On March 14 and 15 an Australian Eleven, which included such well-known players as Woodfull, Ponsford, Grimmett and Oldfield, played Taranaki at Pukekura Park. In recognition of the presence of these demi-gods,

School was allowed some time off to see them in action, and, if possible, to pick up some of the finer points of the game. This, needless to say, was much appreciated. Taranaki, in spite of a splendid 80 by Mr. Wilson, were soundly beaten by an innings and 177 runs. For the tourists Alexander made 127, Kippax 101, and Ponsford 81. The First Eleven, in the hope that the sight of such inspired batting would be instrumental in helping them to muster 50 against Wanganui, were allowed off some extra time.

On March 20 Mr. Tayler, who is in charge of music instruction in the schools of the Dominion, gave us a very interesting address on music. The spirited interpretations of the lecturer, and the novelty of the gramophone records that were used as illustrations, made the address very interesting. Although at the time we were too bashful to join in the choruses, several of the songs have since become very popular. In fact, at the present time, the moment one enters the School grounds one seems to be almost in an atmosphere of sea-chanties and old English folk-songs.

The Wanganui match was played on March 21 and 22. Owing to the dry summer, and the restrictions on the use of water, the match was played in Pukekura Park, which had been kept in good condition for the Australians. The School was let off to see the match on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. The match was extremely exciting, and fortunes constantly changed. At lunch time on the second day School seemed to be in a hopeless position, as Wanganui required only 40 runs to get with eight wickets in hand. Splendid fielding, accurate bowling and a good lunch, however, caused them to be dismissed for 148, five runs short of School's total. We owe our victory chiefly to the captaincy and fine bowling of Fookes, who captured eight wickets for 10 and four for 44. After the match both teams were entertained at the Opera House.

On March 28 a team of cadets from the s.s. Westmoreland played the First Eleven, at School. A very pleasant game resulted in a win for School by 141 to 41, in a one-innings match.

A photograph of the School and Staff was taken on March 28 for the "Sporting and Dramatic." Owing to

the limited number of forms, the School was divided into two groups, the senior boys and masters being taken first and the juniors afterwards.

Thanks largely to the help of Mr. B. B. Wilson, the North Taranaki coach, School has for the first time succeeded in winning the senior competition in the North. Intense interest prevailed at the final match with Western Park, whom we defeated by four wickets. School then disposed of Bell Block, the winners of the country competition by 110 runs on the first innings, thus qualifying to play Midlands in the provincial final. This match, however, was scarcely a triumphant one, and we were defeated by 28 runs, the batting failing miserably in both innings. The Second and Third Elevens have done quite well, but they have not shown so much promise as in former years.

As usual, the five days at Easter were much appreciated. Many day boys went out caddying at the golf tournament at Waiwakaiho, while others of us—energetic boarders for the most part—went for a tramp to the Mountain.

The First Term Examinations are in progress as we go to press, and, from the rumours that have already reached our ears, it seems as if quite a number of new and startling discoveries have been made. Those who study History and Civics will no doubt be interested to know:—

That a ballot-box is a concrete box built in the trenches, and that it is the only thing which a tank cannot capture.

That (for the enlightenment of those who do not quite follow the recent naval troubles) the Royal Oak is really the name of an hotel in Wellington.

That the Hon. A. D. McLeod is Prime Minister of Canberra.

That Wolsey was the man who invented the first cannon, which was made of wood.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

RONDEAU OF VILLON.

With each Awakening comes another day;
 From listless Sleep we rise to greet anew
 The World refreshed in early morning dew.
 If night's Oblivion had dissolved away
 The burdens which beset our Yesterday,
 How happy could we be!—Would this were true
 With each Awakening!
 And yet the Sorrows of our Yesterday
 Are not without their happy mem'ries too,
 For what with Pain we sought not to renew
 We now recall, and bid Remembrance stay
 With each Awakening.

D.G.P (VI. A.)

REFLECTIONS

On the Beauty of Nature.

There's a grey sandy beach where green thundering waves
 Roll white from the sea,
 And I love to sit lone mid the sand-heaps and think
 That they roll in for me.

There's a tall shapely mountain, pure snow-capped with
 pearl
 Rears its peak to the sky,
 And it yearns me to dream that for me that bold mount
 Holds its proud head so high.

Murm'ring streamlets, moss-strewn, set in gullies of gold,
 Shades of green dark and dim,
 Bell-mouthed birds of the bush, stately trees, orchids rare,
 Nectar-filled to the brim.

Do these things live for me, and for you, and for Man
 For some demi-god's mirth?
 No! they're part of a whole, mighty Nature's great plan
 For a heaven on earth.

R.L.S. (VI. A.)

"GAME BAG."

When skies are dull and grey,
 Wintry winds are wailing,
 Take your gun and cheerily say:
 Though the light is failing,
 Game I'll get to-day.

Step out o'er the reedy moor,
 Where are pheasants whirring;
 Follow up the wild duck's spoor.
 When the game is stirring
 Your reward is sure.

Never heed the biting blast;
 Think of joy returning
 When the dying day is past,
 For the bright fire yearning,
 Game bag full at last.

D.A.S. (V. A.)

TO A WINE-JAR.

(Horace; Odes iii., xxi.)

O jar beloved of men and gods
 Whose age doth not mine own exceed,
 To downcast mien or merry nods,
 Thou dost provoke us in our need.
 Though by thine art thou canst induce
 Sweet slumber to the brow of Care,
 Or drive with thine o'erpowering juice
 The youth to love fair Chloe's hair.
 For whosoe'er thou'rt bound to tend
 The chosen nectar of the vine,
 Now, when Corvinus bids, descend
 And let me pour the drowsy wine.
 Not even he whom Science holds
 Can thee neglect so barbarously,
 For e'en old Cato, we are told,
 Was wont to fire his heart with thee.
 Thou dost the spur to flagging mind
 And tongue apply with gentle touch:
 Thou both the troubles of mankind
 And secret plans reveal as such

To Bacchus and his jovial mates.
 To men worn out by toil and strife
 And weary of a world of hate,
 Inspiring hope thou bring'st and life.
 Unto the poor a new-born sense
 That they need now no longer fear,
 The angry look of kings incensed
 Or might of arms to soldiers dear.
 So with Bacchus and the Graces,
 Tardy the cherished pot to quit,
 And Venus, if with peaceful face,
 Shall we surround the torches lit,
 Till Phoebus in his glowing ear
 Shall put to flight the lingering star.

E.P.A. (VI. A.)

A TRAGEDY.

She quietly sat beside the fire,
 Gazing as though she'd never tire,
 Into the coals so red,
 As though she wished to read and know
 Her future in that blazing glow,
 But ne'er a word she said.
 Her glossy tresses shone like gold,
 For she was lovely to behold,
 Her mouth a Grecian bow,
 And yet her heavy eyes were sad,
 It almost seem'd as if she had
 Sustain'd some heavy blow.
 A tear rolled down her rounded cheek,
 But even then she would not speak
 To tell us what she felt.
 Yet she was in a sorry case—
 This waxen doll whose lovely face
 Had just begun to melt.

S.G.D. (V. B.)

OCEAN SCENES.

The billows of the ocean
 Roll monotonously on,
 The ceaseless roar of foaming tide,
 The whirling sea-gulls shrill deride,
 While on the foam the sea-mews ride
 With ever-rolling motion.

But yet again the lowering clouds
 Darken the deep waters,
 Heavenwards the foam flecks fly,
 Reaching to the darkening sky,
 Whistling winds so fiercely cry,
 Whining through the shrouds.

And yet again in drowsy calm
 The deep blue ocean lies.
 The azure waters, like a crystal pond,
 As if some elfin fairy with her wand
 Had calmed the heaving seas beyond,
 Reflect the nodding palm.

G. McK. (VI. A.)

“MANY THINGS.”

A coward? Yes, for many things I fear:
 All things that slimy crawl, or creep, or fly;
 And ants, and beetles black of awesome leer,
 But cruel;
 Mosquitoes small, and spiders, cruel, sly.

A hater? Yes, for many things I loathe:
 All parlour pets and an unmanly man;
 And poodles soft, and cats that bask in sloth,
 And stoats,
 And weasels fierce, and rats and mice, I ban.

A lover? Yes, for many things I love:
 A gun, a sporting dog, a hunter keen;
 And fishing rods and lines. And trout, I love
 And quail;
 And tramping hills, and finding spots unseen;

And the dank smell of dying autumn leaves
 And moaning pines, and grass crisped by the frost;
 And the soft squeelch of sodden shoes that weaves
 A spell;
 And dying echoes in the haze just lost.

D.A.S. (V. A.)

THE DREAM.

There fell a day when roaming through the woods
 I found a dell wherein pale violets bloomed,
 And bright-eyed daisies hid amongst the grass,
 All ringed about with leafy, vine-crowned trees.
 And through it flowed a wanton, errant stream
 That gushed from out the hollow of an oak
 To flash and chatter in the summer sun,
 Between low banks, o'erhung with mistletoe.

While lying there, strange fancies took my brain,
 And I did seem to stand within a shrine
 Whose vasty pillars of grey stone upheld
 The very vault of heaven: a gloomy aisle
 Of granite, worn by passing thousands' feet:
 And in the distance gleamed a sanctuary.
 Soft I approached that inmost mystery,
 With fearful foot and awe-struck countenance.
 Then soon perceived a chamber of pure white
 Wherein did sit a wondrous female form,
 Who the long night beguiled with sweetest song.
 Her hair was flaxen and her child-eyes blue,
 Whence angel innocence did seem to shine.
 Dumbly I gazed on such divine perfection,
 Till, looking up, she saw, and blushed full deep
 To see me stand in such enthrall.
 I turned to go: she only smiled thereat,
 And with one rosy finger beckoned me
 To sit beside her on the yielding couch.
 Then from a jewel-encrusted table near
 She took a rustic, oaken flute and sang
 Words of deep love, thrilling with ecstasy,
 That bade me look, and feast both eye and lip.
 Adonis fair, that chastely Venus fled,
 Could not methinks have kept his stony heart.
 What fate had I, poor man, but to obey?
 I clasped her slender body in my arms,
 And fondly would have pressed her lips to mine:
 But at my touch, she melted quite away
 And I saw nought but that fair mocking face,
 Cold, pale, passionless, yet triumphant,
 A wraith-like figure in the swirling mist,
 Which inky gathering clouds insensibly
 Hid from my eyes, till all was gone.

Then I awoke to find the pouring rain,
 And air and elements so wildly mixed
 That they themselves did seem to sympathise,
 And in their clamour, image my despair.

E.P.A. (VI. A.)

At length on Egmont's lofty peak
 The sun's last rays reposed,
 From pink they change to darker grey;
 Another day has closed.

And so, as life we travel through,
 Our paths by rays are lighted,
 And each pursues his different ray
 Until the top is sighted.

R.C. (V. A.)

"TAINU."

The day was dull and drear, and raindrops droned
 Monotonous o'er all the lonely plain
 By Tainu's shore, where rotten logs had lain
 Untouched by man; where kauris cracked and groaned.
 Unheard; where spent leaves fell; and all things toned
 In melancholy drab. And trees in pain
 Did scream; but soon to moaning died again;
 And slow, and sighing soft, the west wind moaned.
 Up sprang a deer! Then all was motion quick:
 The hunters dashed through fern and leafy brake,
 Not heeding e'er the supplejack's swift flick,
 Nor stopping in their race; yet keen to take
 Advantage of the buck's short halt. One kick—
 He died. The wind moaned on around the lake.

D.A.S. (V. A.)

THE BEST OF LIFE.

Have you ever heard the patter of the rain among the
 trees,
 Or the sighing of the wind among the pines?
 Have you ever found a spot where there's room to pitch
 a camp,
 And just a cosy spot beneath the tangled vines?
 Though you may have been a beggar with no home to
 rest at night,
 You've seen the best of life, the best of life.

Have you ever staggered home with a rifle in your hand,
 And a bag of rabbits slung upon your back?
 Have you ever felt the joy of a day spent in the hills,
 And heard the shotgun's boom, the rifle's crack?
 Although you have been lonely, with a rifle in your hand
 You've seen the best of life, the best of life.

I have shot among the mountains; I have fished around
 the lakes;

I have followed up the wild bear to its den;
 I have camped by roadside brooks; I have slept beneath
 the stars;

I have lived the life so envied by most men.
 Though I've often been so hungry that I've wished that
 I could die,

I've seen the best of life, the best of life.

Though I've been alone for days where none has been
 before,

I've seen the best of life, the best of life.

S. McD. (V. A.)

A MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.

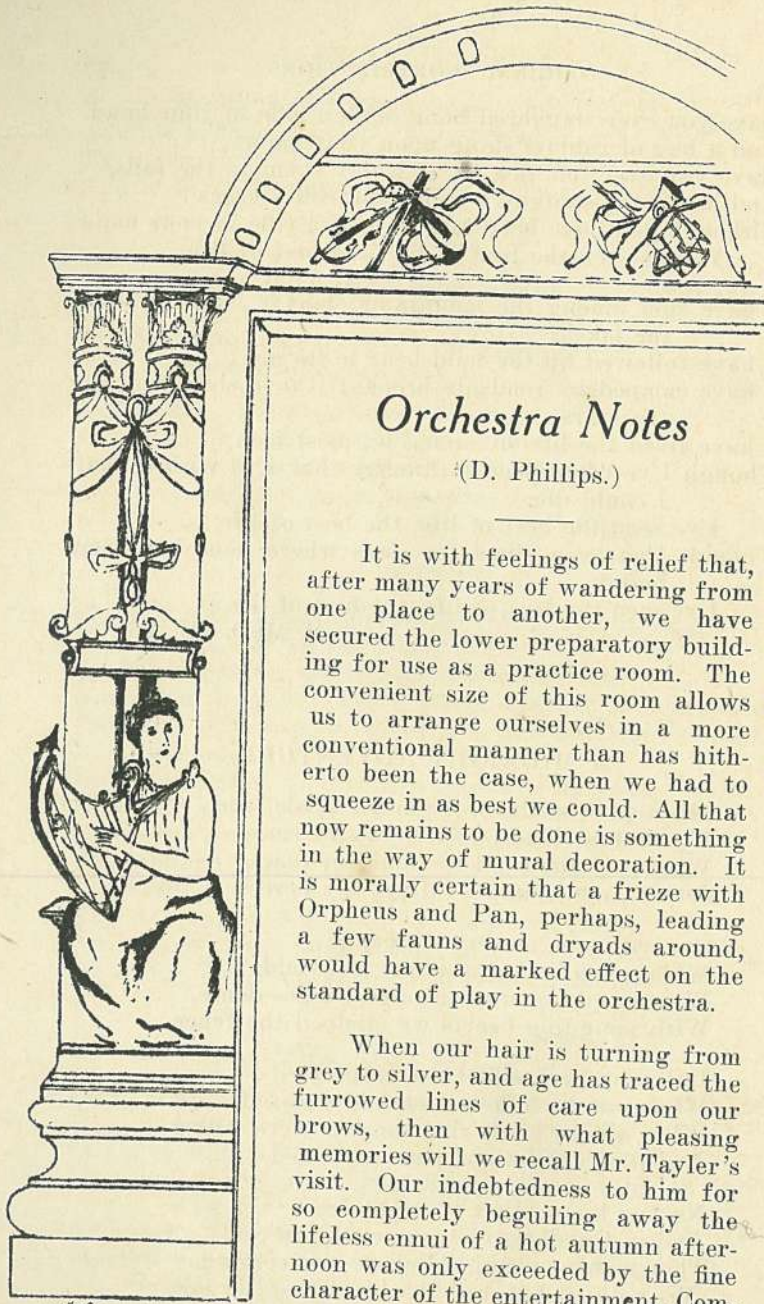
The night was dark, the moon's pale face
 Was hid in clouds. Such was the case
 When we, unmoved by doubt or fear,
 Set out, and found—I'll not say here.

Our way took us across a field,
 Where men in flannels bats oft wield;
 We pushed our way through bushes dense,
 With pounding hearts we climbed the fence.

Half-way across had we progressed—
 What was to follow none had guessed—
 When all our chatt'ring tongues were stilled:
 A shadowy form our pathway filled.

No one knew what it might be,
 And in the darkness none could see;
 Then someone said, "Pursue our course;
 'Tis nothing but an old white horse!"

F.B.R. (IV. A.)



Orchestra Notes

(D. Phillips.)

It is with feelings of relief that, after many years of wandering from one place to another, we have secured the lower preparatory building for use as a practice room. The convenient size of this room allows us to arrange ourselves in a more conventional manner than has hitherto been the case, when we had to squeeze in as best we could. All that now remains to be done is something in the way of mural decoration. It is morally certain that a frieze with Orpheus and Pan, perhaps, leading a few fauns and dryads around, would have a marked effect on the standard of play in the orchestra.

When our hair is turning from grey to silver, and age has traced the furrowed lines of care upon our brows, then with what pleasing memories will we recall Mr. Tayler's visit. Our indebtedness to him for so completely beguiling away the lifeless ennui of a hot autumn afternoon was only exceeded by the fine character of the entertainment. Commencing with a stately old English

folk song, he passed on to a rousing sea-chanty, while his audience joined lustily in the choruses. As each item issued from the gramophone Mr. Tayler delighted the more juvenile section of the beholders by acting a silent drama up and down the stage in a manner which left no doubt as to his sense of humour. A blood-curdling ballad of Hungary contrasted strongly with the well-known Swiss yodel. That old favourite, "Just pickle my bones in alcohol," very suitably preceded a Red Indian drinking song. Evil spirits were also the predominant feature of the last record, a Chinese duet, the existence of which might perhaps be pardoned on account of the unsettled state of that country.

Our visitor afterwards attended a practice of the orchestra, and commented very favourably on the standard of music in the School. It is only fair to say that the success of the orchestra throughout the past years has been wholly due to the tireless efforts of Mr. Dobson, who sacrifices much of his leisure and peace of mind for this end.

We have been unfortunate in losing the services of the following, who left last year: A. Moverley (1st violin), J. Stronge ('cello), H. Gorringer (1st violin), L. Petty (1st violin) and C. Stronge ('cello). New members are: Therkeson (1st violin), White (2nd violin), Stafford (2nd violin) and Parkes (2nd cornet).

The junior orchestra continues to do good work, both in providing experience for its members and in supplying recruits for the larger orchestra. The value of the orchestral work to those taking up the instrumental branches of music cannot be too strongly emphasised.

It is interesting to note that many boys are taking advantage of the opportunity offered by the scope of the orchestra to take up more than one instrument. This practice is one which should be encouraged, for besides giving them a versatility which is invaluable in later years it may find them the instruments most suited to their individual requirements. In the strings several changes have been made. T. Avery (2nd violin) has taken up the 'cello. McGregor, who played the viola, has joined the 1st violins, and MacDiarmid (2nd violin) now plays the viola. Several members are exponents of the piano as well as of the instruments with which they lead the orchestra.

A concert committee was elected on April 13. The following Saturday evening, from 7.30 to 9, was occupied with the first of the entertainments which are to be held for the boarders once a fortnight. Impromptu performances are welcomed, and are, in fact, necessary for the support of the movement, which should prove very beneficial in brightening up the winter evenings. Although at first the nature of the performances cannot but be rather mixed, if only to arouse the interest of the boys, the idea is gradually to raise the standard so that they will learn to appreciate really good music. The first night was taken up with community singing. The first item on the song list was entitled "Mustard Club." This was sung several times with great gusto, and was followed by the more pathetic little ballad, "House Hunting." A spirited rendering of "Three Blind Mice," interpreted in various ways, was next on the programme. It was finished off in the form of a round, which led up to a "grand finale," due to the contestant vigour of those who were singing the different parts. When the excitement had subsided, another little thing of heart-rending pathos, "Turned Up." The meeting dispersed with expressions of regret.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION—1928.

President:

A. J. Papps.

Vice-Presidents:

H. W. Kirkby and R. G. Howell.

Hon. Secretaries:

J. H. Boon and F. L. Read.

Hon. Treasurer:

K. Fookes.

Hon. Auditor:

L. W. Lovell.

Executive:

R. J. Brokenshire (Auckland Association), J. Brodie (Wellington Association), H. W. Brown (Cricket Club), P. F. Atkinson (Football Club), D. Sykes (Gymnasium Club), H. J. Anthony (Surf Club), H. C. Newell and D. F. C. Saxton (Association), W. I. Shrimpton (School representative).

Editors of Old Boys' Section: H. C. Newell and J. H. Boon.



JUNIOR ORCHESTRA, 1928.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: H. Parkes, C. R. Silver, H. McGregor, J. Johnson, S. MacDiarmid, S. Geary.

Middle Row: W. Geary, J. Hatherley, B. O'Halloran, E. Edgecombe, J. Atack, R. Edgecombe, F. White, T. Avery.

In Front: D. Stafford, L. Watt.

Since our last number was issued a very important change has been made in the constitution of the Association—one which it is hoped will not only stimulate the lagging local interest in domestic affairs, but also broaden the scope of the executive and establish it upon a much firmer basis than before. In the past the Association executive has always been elected from the enthusiastic few who attended our annual meetings, but, without overlooking the splendid results that have been achieved, some members conceived the idea that, with the growth of the branches in the other centres and the increasing prominence of the various Old Boys' sports clubs in New Plymouth, it would be a splendid thing if they could be given representation upon the executive, thus bringing into direct touch and supervision all organisations resting upon the reputation and prestige of Old Boys generally. The idea was a good one and appealed to the clubs concerned, with the result that it was adopted and a representative executive elected this year. At the time of writing the new machinery has not yet had time to run itself in, so to speak, but everything is working perfectly and the Association is looking forward to one of the best years of its history.

During the last six months the Association has been able to give further aid to the School. Those who have seen the old swampy gully lately have been greatly impressed with the vast amount of work which was done there last year, with unemployed labour. Funds, however, ran out when there still remained a considerable amount of work to be done, and, realising that it would not be wise to leave the earthwork in a state of partial completion, a number of gentlemen interested in the welfare of the School gave a guarantee for £250 upon the Association's agreement to endeavour to liquidate the debt in the future. This guarantee made a further £250 Government subsidy available, and as a result the gully has been transformed into a very fine ground, which will ultimately surpass anything of its kind in the Dominion. The executive had earlier decided to hold a gala day to provide funds for the Social Club, but it was agreed to the day yielded a satisfactory sum out of which the Association was able to make a substantial contribution towards the gully.

Unfortunately, our Social Club, probably in keeping with many other institutions, has experienced lean times, and the support during the summer has not been as great as was hoped for. A rearrangement made with the R.S.A. considerably reduced overhead expenses, and over a trial period satisfactory returns were obtained, with the result that it has been decided to carry on for another year. It would be a pity if such a useful and convenient institution had to be given up, but unless more members take a greater interest this course must ultimately follow.

ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS.

GREATER INTEREST SOUGHT.

An apparent lack of interest on the part of a great number of Old Boys was commented upon at the annual meeting of the Association on Monday, December 12, when a notice of motion to amend the constitution and give all Old Boys' organisations representation on the Association executive was given. The president (Mr. A. R. Standish) occupied the chair, the attendance numbering 17.

"It is with regret that expression must be given to the fact that the spirit with which the members enter into the activities of the Association is not what it should be. This has been most noticeable throughout the year," stated the annual report. "The Social Club has proved itself to be an excellent institution; it has been an ideal meeting place and in this respect full advantage has been taken. Unfortunately the number of financial members has decreased somewhat, which is most disappointing and at the same time exemplary of the lack of that spirit which is essential for the welfare of an institution of this nature. It is just a question whether the club will be carried on next year.

"The annual ball was held on May 24, 1927, in the School Assembly Hall, and was attended with its usual success both socially and financially, a profit of £1 18s 8d being made. The attendance was about the same as that of the previous season.

"Both the Auckland and Wellington branches have proved in more ways than one that they are very much alive. At the annual reunion dinner held by the Auckland branch on August 20 last over 70 Old Boys were present, and the function was consequently a great success in every way. Wellington, too, had a large gathering at their reunion. Both branches are very keen and keep in close touch with the parent body and even are in favour of inter-faculty sports. They are very fortunate in having two energetic secretaries.

"The Old Boys' Surf Club was reorganised at the beginning of the year and is doing good work. The membership is quite a large one and the teams are more than holding their own in the local competitions. This coming year should see an even higher standard, as a great deal was learned about the finer points of competition work during the visit in February last of many champion teams from all parts of New Zealand.

STRONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

"The Football Club still ranks as probably the strongest in the province. This year in so far as the senior fifteen is concerned has been perhaps the most successful. They held an important position in the competition up to near the end, and have the satisfaction of having defeated every team with the exception of Stratford. The junior teams have also done well.

"Yet another branch of sport has been introduced into the Association in the form of the Old Boys' Gymnasium Club. Convened by two or three keen gymnasts, a meeting which was largely attended was held in the club rooms. New members are being enrolled each week, and already the club is one of the strongest in the Association. Practice nights are held every Tuesday and thanks are due to the Schol for the use of the apparatus now installed in the gymnasium. This no doubt will be a popular pastime during the winter months.

"The Old Boys' Column still appears in the Taranakian and is interesting to all Old Boys. The editors would be pleased to hear of the movements of any Old Boy who has left New Zealand. We are indebted to the secretary of the Wellington branch for information of almost every member of that association.

"From the accounts it will be seen there is a credit balance of £36 16s 9d to the general fund, compared with £31 13s 6d, an increase of £5 3s 3d on last year.

"The attendance at all executive meetings has been good. During the year a vacancy on the executive occurred with the resignation of P. Pope. This position was filled by the appointment of S. Rowlands.

"It is pleasing to be able to state that another satisfactory year has been experienced and it has also been a fairly busy one, as is evidenced by the number of functions which have been held. The membership has maintained its usual average standard, but at the same time an increase of members is very much desired. It has been suggested that a general reunion of all Old Boys throughout New Zealand take place every three years, the first meeting to be held at Easter, 1929.

"It was decided to assist the Board of Governors in their guarantee of sufficient funds with which to complete operations in the School gully. With this in view a series of functions, viz., a cabaret, bridge party, mart day, and a gala day were held. Each was a success and the fund will benefit materially in consequence. In all these affairs the assistance rendered by the ladies' committee was invaluable.

"Two senior cricket teams and one junior team were entered in the local competitions, and all teams acquitted themselves creditably. The senior A team played ten two-day matches, out of which six were won and one drawn. The senior B team also did well, winning six two-day matches out of ten. The junior team also did well, winning all but two or three of their matches and just missed gaining the championship.

"We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. F. Davis, who recently gained a Military Scholarship entitling him to a course of military training at Sandhurst, England. Mr. Davis is now on his way Home, and he takes with him our best wishes for a successful career.

"The thanks of the Association are due to the ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. A. R. Standish, who so ably assisted both at the ball and at the functions undertaken for the gymnasium fund. It is no exaggeration to say that without their help none of these functions could have been attempted. Thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs.

Moyes and the masters of the School for the assistance they have given at all times."

The president congratulated the Association upon the success which attended its efforts during the year. The membership, he felt, was disappointing, and he would like to see a keener interest among a great many more of the younger Old Boys. He urged that the incoming committee should use its greatest endeavours to increase the Association's membership.

THE REMEDY SUGGESTED.

In seconding, Mr. A. J. Papps said that the only thing wrong in the Association was the apparent lack of interest of those not actively associated with its affairs, which was probably by no means as great as it appeared on the surface that evening. In the last few years the Association had been devoting its entire energies in causes for the sake of the School. It had to do that, but he felt if efforts were concentrated this year upon their own organisation they would soon be on a firmer footing. If they did that and left other matters for a year things would soon correct themselves.

Following the adoption of the report, the president moved, in accordance with notice of motion sent out, that the present system of the election of the executive committee be abolished and that the constitution of the executive in the future comprise the president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer ex officio, two delegates to be elected at the annual meeting, one delegate from each affiliated sports body or club, such delegate to be an Old Boy of the School, one delegate from each affiliated branch association, and one representative from the School, to be nominated by the headmaster.

This was seconded by Mr. H. C. Newell and amendment made, on the motion of Mr. A. J. Papps, seconded by Mr. L. W. Lovell, removing the limitation which appeared in the original notice in order to provide for other Old Boys organisations that might be formed.

The president commended the proposal, because he felt it would link Old Boys closer together and bring them more frequently in touch with one another's activities.

As nominee of the Auckland branch, Mr. R. J. Brokenshire moved an amendment providing for the addition of the following clause: "That on the said branches

and sports bodies and other branches and sports bodies which may hereafter be formed, respectively, first nominating or electing a member of the executive committee, they, respectively, shall be deemed to be irrevocably constituted branches of this Association and they and the members thereof, respectively, shall be subject to the exercise by this Association of such degree of control as this Association shall from time to time think fit to impose."

This led to a long discussion. While a section of the members agreed on principle that clubs resting on the reputation and prestige of Old Boys and the School should be part of the Association, they felt that it was not right to adopt such a clause, even though it might have been implied, without first notifying the clubs concerned. On being put as an amendment it was defeated by a narrow margin, and the original motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brokenshire was then given permission to reintroduce the matter, and it was finally decided to adopt the clause for submission to the clubs concerned and that a special meeting be held in a fortnight's time to consider their views. Subsequently the proposal was unanimously adopted.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Officers under the new constitution were elected as follows:—President, Mr. A. J. Papps; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. W. Kirkby and R. G. Howell; treasurer, Mr. K. Fookes; auditor, Mr. L. W. Lovell; hon. secretaries, Messrs. J. H. Boon and F. Read; Association's delegates to executive, Messrs. D. F. C. Saxton and H. C. Newell.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Standish for their invaluable aid during the year, the retiring secretary (Mr. L. W. Lovell), and the press.

A recommendation was made to the new executive that the Association should be incorporated.

Colours were adopted for registration comprising wide white and black bands with red and blue stripes. Four colours were necessary for registration and steps were decided upon to procure Association blazers and ties.

Mr. S. Fookes said that it was hoped to form an Old Boys' branch in Christchurch at the beginning of next year.

ENJOYABLE GISBORNE TRIP.

"One of their number," has supplied us with the following version of the Football Club's Gisborne trip at Easter time:—

"The Old Boys' first fifteen and nine enthusiastic supporters made a happy party which left New Plymouth in a 'through' car on the evening of April 4. The first night we journeyed as far as Wanganui, and proceeded to Napier the next day. We left Napier at 8 a.m. on Good Friday and arrived at Gisborne at 4.30 p.m., where we were met by the Gisborne boys and allotted our billets.

"Our match was played before a large and enthusiastic crowd on Saturday afternoon. The weather was perfect, though a little too hot, and the ground was a trifle too hard. The game was hard, tough and clean, the score at half-time being eight all. Gisborne, however, being the home team, were fitter and lasted out better than we did, finally winning by 17 points to eight.

"Our hosts left nothing to be desired in the manner of entertainment, for at 6.30 on Saturday night we were given a dinner, after which we were the guests of honour at a very enjoyable dance. On Sunday we were taken to different picnic spots, and on Sunday night we were left to our own resources, which, from all reports, were wide and varied.

"The homeward journey commenced on Easter Monday, when it appeared as if half Gisborne was out to see us off. We all arrived home on Tuesday night, after spending Monday night at Napier."

SURF CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Old Boys' Surf Club was held on December 9, 1927, the following officers being elected:—President, G. W. Palmer; vice-presidents, C. Brown, D. Sykes; club captain, F. J. Corkill; vice-captain, J. H. Boon; honorary auditor, L. Lovell; honorary secretary, H. J. Anthony; delegates to North Taranaki Royal Life-saving Society, F. J. Corkill, H. W. Brown; representative on Old Boys' Association, H. J. Anthony; executive committee, F. J. Corkill, J. H. Boon, H. J. Anthony, H. W. Brown, M. D. Clarke.

The competitions for the Tabor Memorial Shield (senior) and the Pennant (junior) were held on March 3, 1928, at Opunake. The seniors retained the shield for the fourth time in succession, after giving a good display. There was a margin of seven and a-half points between Old Boys and the nearest competitors. The team was as follows: R. G. Howell (instructor), H. W. Brown (support), J. H. Boon (belt), F. Newell (second line), F. J. Corkill (reel), A. Hetherington (first line), H. J. Anthony (third line, resuscitator), O. Evans (patient).

The juniors gave an excellent exhibition, but were narrowly defeated by Fitzroy C by a margin of one and a-half points. The team was: Laurence, Gayton, C. Cook (captain), M. D. Clarke, P. Grover, B. Hoby, McCartney.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

The past season was, at least in one respect, a notable one. Not one Saturday was lost to competition cricket as the result of bad weather.

As in the previous season, two teams were entered in the senior competition. Though neither was successful in winning the championship, both managed to put up quite good performances. The junior teams had plenty of enthusiastic members and, when better wickets are found for them, they will be a valuable nursery for the senior teams.

The figures available show the leading batting averages to have been:—A team: Papps, 193 runs, 10 innings, average 19.3, highest score 57; H. Brown, 300 runs, 16 innings, average 18.7, highest score 89. B team: Lash, 476 runs, 16 innings, average 34, highest score 125; Alexander, 179 runs, 10 innings, average 17.9, highest score 46.

THE WELLINGTON BRANCH.

KEEN ACTIVITY DISPLAYED.

I. McIvor, secretary of the Wellington branch, has been good enough to send us a copy of their annual report, which indicates the keen enthusiasm evident amongst Wellington Old Boys.

The report states:—"Your committee has much pleasure in presenting to you the fifth annual report of the Association. Following that inscrutable guide, Tradition, your committee decided that the Reunion held during the past year should take the form of a dinner. The function was held on September 2, 1927, under the roof of that worthy structure known as Barrett's Hotel, and we were fortunate enough to have with us Mr. W. H. Moyes, our present headmaster. Your committee was unable to come to any other conclusion than that such function was a great success. The dinner was followed by a no less worthy form of entertainment than a theatre party at Fuller's. Your committee is also of the opinion that the efforts of the players were much appreciated by those members of the Association who were present.

"Your committee has also pleasure in reporting that the funds of the Association were slightly impaired by your Association entertaining the School Eleven to tea en route to Nelson on December 15. Those members of the Association who were present on that occasion were able to renew their acquaintance with those members of the team who were travelling, and also with Mr. C. G. Bottrill. We judge from the letter received from Mr. Bottrill that our efforts were appreciated.

"Despite the apparent extravagance of your committee, it nevertheless has pleasure in reporting that the bank balance stands at £7 17s 8d. There are some outstanding subscriptions, which our worthy secretary will be pleased to receive at the earliest possible convenience, and your committee would also much appreciate any member who is aware of an Old Boy who has recently come to Wellington if he would report such fact to the secretary, so that such Old Boy might be enrolled as a member.

"This concludes our report."

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Cecil Fookes, too, did not forget the needs of "The Taranakian," and we are indebted to him for the following excellent report of the annual meeting:—

The annual general meeting of the Wellington Branch of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association was held in the R.S.A. rooms, Panama Street, Wellington,

on March 19. There was an excellent attendance of over 40 members, and the meeting was most enthusiastic; in fact it was easily the best meeting in the history of the Wellington branch. The president, Mr. W. E. Rawson, was in the chair.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and balance-sheet the chairman congratulated the Association on the good work accomplished during the past year, and also on the good credit balance shown. The financial side was in a very healthy condition, and the subscriptions received easily constituted a record. Mention was also made of the fact that the Association had the privilege of entertaining the School Eleven when they passed through Wellington en route to Nelson.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, W. H. Moyes, Esq.; president, W. E. Rawson, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. Hursthouse, Pope, Osborne and Donald Grant; committee, Messrs. Ted Foden, L. B. Dinniss, A. C. Fookes, R. I. M. Sutherland and D. J. Mackay; joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. I. McIvor and W. Nash.

A letter from the parent Association was read agreeing to the proposal of the Wellington and Auckland branches that a reunion be held at New Plymouth at Easter every third year, and stating that the matter would receive the hearty support of the executive at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Foden expressed gratification at the sentiments contained therein, and general discussion ensued.

The chairman urged members to co-operate with the Auckland branch to secure a good attendance of outside Old Boys at the New Plymouth reunions. Mr. Grant also spoke in the same strain.

Mr. Pope moved that the Auckland branch be communicated with accordingly, and the motion was carried.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Papps, president of the Old Boys' Association, conveying greetings and a general account of the activities of the School during the past year, which was listened to with great interest. The news of the success of the School eleven in winning the

final of the North Taranaki cricket championship was received and created great enthusiasm. It was unanimously resolved to send a telegram congratulating the team on its performance and wishing the boys success against Wanganui College.

The question of a reunion at Wellington this year was left in the hands of the committee.

Mr. E. G. Waterson, the secretary of the Auckland branch, was present, and congratulated the local branch on the excellent attendance and the general enthusiasm shown by the members.

At the conclusion of the meeting supper was served and a short toast list honoured. The health of the Auckland branch was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr. Waterson responded on their behalf.

This concluded a most successful meeting.

ON HIS WAY TO SANDHURST.

AN OLD BOY'S EXPERIENCES.

F. Davis, who is now at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, sends us an interesting account of his trip Home.

“It was Sunday, November 27, 1927,” he writes, “when I left New Zealand, filled with mixed feelings and wondering what I should encounter before I once more set foot on Aotea-Roa. As we had only a very light passenger list in the saloon, we soon knew everyone quite well. We had been told that we were calling at Pitcairn Island and we were looking forward to the visit keenly, for this quaint little settlement has a remarkable history. We arrived off the island in the late afternoon of December 6 and were met by three boat loads of natives, who clambered aboard with fruit and souvenirs and bartered keenly for a couple of hours. Then on again into the blue with no more land until the Panama Canal. Early one morning we sighted a long low islet, Henderson Island, which was the original landing place of the mutineers, but which they were forced to leave owing to the scarcity of water and to the rats which infest the island. . . .

"On December 19 we sailed past the Pearl Island into the Canal zone, and after having been granted 'pratique,' berthed for the night at Balboa, the American garden city of the Canal. Balboa is mainly comprised of Canal authorities and is not very interesting from a tourist's point of view. Close by, however, is Panama, capital of the Republic. Here one finds almost every race in Christendom. . . . Within about half-an-hour's run by car are the historic ruins of old Panama, sacked by Morgan about three hundred years ago. They are really fine ruins, and are well worth visiting. Having seen the ruins and had a motor tour around the towns we returned to the ship to dine, and then off once more to spend a hilarious evening in Panama. The streets swarm with people, negroes drive about furiously in their numerous taxis, for there is no traffic control whatsoever, and what with arguing shopkeepers and a huge cabaret of the true Oriental style, the evening soon slips by.

"At six next morning we started our Canal journey, which lasted until about two o'clock in the afternoon, when we reached Colon and berthed for coal. It is a really fine journey from ocean to ocean and one which must be experienced to be appreciated. Everything works so smoothly that one finds it hard to comprehend how much labour, money, and engineering skill have been spent on its construction. We saw the huge partially artificial Gatun Lake, through which vessels steam for four hours, during which time the fresh water completely cleans them of barnacles. The three sets of locks with their electric mules, their huge retaining gates, and their flood pumps are really most interesting.

"The only other point of interest in the Canal is the huge coaling station at Colon. It is a special wharf and by means of automatic trucks, about twelve hundred tons of coal can be loaded into a vessel from it within an hour if need be. . . . We left our ship to go ashore at Colon for about three hours, but did not find that end of the Canal so interesting as the other. There the shopkeepers are much more used to tourists than is the case in Panama, and 'see you coming' as the saying goes. There are any number of taxis, and a drive round old and new Cristobel (the latter being the American quarter) is most interesting and quite cheap.

"Then back to the ship and off once more on what is generally a fifteen or sixteen days' run to Southampton. With us, however, this was varied a little by circumstances, and we took twenty days. All went smoothly and we were progressing quite favourably until on December 26 we ran into a north-easter—the same storm that did so much damage in England, and brought so much snow. The next day we had our bridge badly battered in by a terrific sea which swept the vessel from stem to stern. The storm was then at its height and we were practically hove-to in a 12,000-tonner, as we were doing only about one knot in four hours. We did only seventy knots in twenty-four hours, and seventy-one the next twenty-four—less than half an ordinary day's run in two days. New Year's Eve saw the turning point, and New Year's Day broke beautifully fine and clear, and was a great day on board. The storm had so eaten into our reserve of coal that our skipper finally decided to put in at Fayal, in the Azores, for more. . . .

"Early on January 4, the day we were originally due at Southampton, we ran up between Pico and Fayal and were piloted to anchor off the town of Horta, a quaint old Portuguese village which had been practically ruined by a severe earthquake about 18 months previously. It is extremely old and very primitive, but has the largest cable connections in the world. . . . Coaling here was by basket and lighter, so that it took us twice as long to take 300 tons on board as it did to load 1300 at Colon. . . . We sailed again at three in the afternoon, and from then on had a good, steady run all the way to port, which we reached on January 9. We had run up the Channel all night, a beautiful starlit night, with all the lighthouses flashing their warnings and occasionally the lights of a coastal town showing up. At six in the morning we were off the Needles Light, and soon, on a beautiful morning, which, though rather chilly, was very welcome, we picked up our pilot and ran up Southampton Water past the Isle of Wight and waited for a tender, for the Corinthic was going to London, and we were to go on shore by tender. Thus the end of a long voyage of 44 days. . . .

"We had received instructions to proceed to Waterloo and so, after passing the Customs, we boarded the train and a little while later set off for our destination.

We were met by Mr. Housden, from the High Commissioner's, and Captain Hall, with an army wagon and car, to take us to our lodgings.

"We had arrived just after the serious and fatal flooding of the Thames, and as we passed over Waterloo Bridge we saw huge crowds anxiously watching the river, which was brimming the embankments. . . .

"We had not to join the College until February 3, so after we had spent a few days in London, fully occupied, and two or three days in the Midlands, Lady Frances Ryder arranged for us to go to Devon on January 19 as guests of Sir Ian and Lady Amory Knightshayes, Court Tiverton, until the 30th. . . . Our hosts and their two sons were charming, and gave us a really wonderful time, so that we were reluctant to leave to go back to London and come down to College.

"As I have been here only a fortnight I cannot as yet say much regarding the College. . . . There are approximately 600 here and, of course, it is a huge establishment, with everything right up to the mark. As juniors we have plenty to do for a while, and are kept on the move, but it is a grand place, where everyone pulls together and where one can really enjoy life."

PERSONAL NOTES.

R. Syme is continuing his brilliant work at Oxford. He has now won the Senior Scholarship at Magdalen College, also the University Derby Scholarship for classical work. He intends to carry out research abroad on the later Roman Imperial period.

L. Avann, accountant in the New Plymouth office of the Lands and Survey Department, before his recent marriage was presented by other members of the staff with an inscribed oak bureau. Mr. B. C. McCabe, Deputy-Commissioner of Lands, made the presentation, and he and Messrs. J. A. Redman (chief clerk) and C. G. S. Ellis (chief draughtsman) conveyed the good wishes of the staff to Mr. Avann, who suitably replied.

R. G. Webb has been appointed to the staff of the Rotorua High School.

B. Scanlan, who has been seventeen months abroad visiting Europe and the Argentine, returned to New Plymouth before Christmas and is back at his old job on the literary staff of the Taranaki Herald.

A. W. Moverley sends the following personal notes from Dunedin:—

H. Bellringer and J. K. O'Dea are at Medical School.

G. MacDiarmid passed the Medical Intermediate Examination.

H. George, T. Bailey, M. Geddes, A. Sampson, and myself are at Training College and are all attending 'Varsity lectures.

B. Davies is in the local Bank of New South Wales.

Haydn Smith, an early member of the Old Boys' Football Club, is with the Sun Insurance Company.

OLD BOYS IN WELLINGTON.

I. McIvor, who is on the staff of the Bank of Australasia, has passed in five subjects for his diploma in bookkeeping and three in the Accountancy Examination. He kindly sends the following personals regarding members of the Wellington branch:—

W. G. Buchanan is now in the Public Works Department.

V. Barak is in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

R. Blundell has just recently been transferred to the Wellington branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

C. Collins and R. Cottier are on the staff of the Commercial Bank.

W. Cato is with E. W. Mills and Co., Ltd., hardware merchants.

N. McK. Forbes is at present assistant-purser on s.s. "Maunganui."

M. Hassall is in the Wellington office of the South British Insurance Co., Ltd.

G. M. Hughson is working at the Dominion Laboratories, carrying out research work in connection with smokeless fuel on behalf of the Department of Scientific Research and Investigation.

W. Hooker is on the staff of the Shell Company of New Zealand, Ltd.

R. J. Muir is an all-day student at Victoria University College.

C. W. Nash is now with Findlay, Hoggard, Cousins and Wright, and in addition to being joint secretary of our branch he is hard at work as hon. secretary of the 'Varsity Hockey Club.

C. J. Stace is in the Death Duties Office of the Stamp Duties Department.

J. D. Willis has recently come to Wellington and set up in practise as a solicitor in partnership with J. Nicolls.

Allan Brooker is New Zealand representative for Sands and MacDougall, Ltd., large manufacturing stationers of Melbourne.

Clayton Shaw, who has recently been home on extended leave, was married before he returned to duty with the Waikato Times at Hamilton.

Old Boys will learn with regret of the serious accident to A. Petty while playing football at the Territorial Camp at Waiwakaiho during April. He received a nasty kick in the face, breaking his nose and causing other complications. At the time of writing he is well on the road to recovery, but he has, wisely perhaps, decided to give up Rugby for keeps.

Among the Old Boys who have recently joined the ranks of the Benedicts are: R. Howell, H. Johnson, L. Avann and R. McLean. Their schoolday friends offer their heartiest congratulations.

C. Drader has again made a successful appearance in the fistic ring as a light-heavyweight, defeating R. Smith, of Cardiff, at the big tourney in Stratford recently. Smith is a fighter who at one time had a remarkable record for ending his fights by the short-cut in the first round, but this time he found Charlie's straight left a very steady influence.

E. Atehley has commenced work at the Taranaki Daily News.

W. E. Alexander has finished his studies at Canterbury College and has been appointed to a position on the staff of Christchurch Boys' High School.

J. Hetherington has joined the staff of the Phoenix Assurance Company.

His brother David is now working with a newspaper in Matamata.

P. W. Neild is in the Lands and Survey Department, Napier.

R. Buick is farming out of Wanganui.

B. H. Horner, who is now in the Malay States, has kindly offered to send us an account of his experiences since leaving New Zealand. He is looking forward to meeting Dr. B. Johns, who has gone to Malaya to join the Medical Department there.

T. York is farming in the Wairarapa.

J. Law has been, for the past six months or so, assistant-purser on the s.s. Niagara. Jack recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, but we are pleased to hear that he is now progressing very favourably. He will spend a few weeks' convalescence in New Plymouth before resuming his duties.

OLD BOYS IN AUCKLAND.

L. Jillett kindly sends us the following personal notes from Auckland:—

J. Willis, secretary of the Auckland branch of the Old Boys' Association, left Auckland at the end of April to enter into business as a solicitor on his own account in Wellington. At an informal gathering of Old Boys on the eve of his departure good wishes were extended to him in his new venture.

O. Bayly has temporarily undertaken the secretarial duties. Owen was the first president of the branch. He is practising as a solicitor in the city, and generously places his office at the disposal of the committee for its meetings.

J. Terry is president of the branch this year. He is on the staff of Nicholson, Gribbin, Rogerson, and Nicholson, solicitors, and his voice is frequently heard in the halls of justice.

T. Simpson and Hugh Fraser wield blue pencils on the sub-editorial staff of the New Zealand Herald.

G. Waterson, who has been on the local staff of Gollin and Co. for the past two years, is expecting to be transferred south shortly.

T. Merron is still on the staff of the Public Trust Office, while Ian Renaud is with the Deeds Office.

A. Wheeler has left Auckland to tempt fortune in Australia. At latest advice he was in Sydney, having secured a position as commercial traveller.

B. Noakes is with the National Insurance Company. He is an enthusiastic yachtsman, and never treads dry land between noon on Saturday and early on Monday morning. Now that summer has gone, however, he will probably be seen packing a scrum at Eden Park on Saturday afternoons.

J. Clemow is on the staff of Nicholson, Gribbin, Rogerson, and Nicholson, solicitors, while Lionel O'Halloran is still with the legal firm of Jackson, Russell, Tunks and West.

E. Smart is now chief engineer on a Public Works roading contract at Coromandel.

R. Sinclair, who recently visited England and the Continent, has commenced practice as a solicitor on his own account.

K. Duckworth has a car-painting business at Parnell.

E. Jeffries, ex-half-back in the Tukapa and Taranaki representative teams, is on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand. It is understood he will play Rugby this year for Manukau Rovers.

E. Boulton recently arrived from Nelson College to join the teaching staff of the Mount Albert Grammar School. Ted, who was married recently, will have an old schoolfellow in Henry Calder to keep him company in his new sphere. C. Noble is on the staff of the Auckland Grammar School.

L. Jillett is on the literary staff of the New Zealand Herald and recently made the trip to Sydney and Melbourne.

K. Taylor, with the Bank of New Zealand, and L. Abbott with Macky, Logan, Ltd., are now resident at Auckland.

R. Tait recently arrived from Hawera to join the staff of Wilkinson and Campbell, accountants.

C. Hamblyn is now stationed at Whangarei as agricultural instructor for the North Auckland district.

G. Salt, who was lecturer in physics at the Auckland University College, is now a member of the staff of the Auckland Grammar School. A keen wireless enthusiast, he is prominently identified with the local listeners' league.

S. Hayden recently returned from a brief spell in Wellington to resume duty as station director at 1YA, the local broadcasting station.

NOTES FROM CHRISTCHURCH.

For the following notes from Christchurch we are indebted to S. Fookes and D. Grant:—

The following Old Boys are stationed in Christchurch this year: At Rolleston House, L. G. Loveridge, E. Tonks, J. Wright, M. Thomson; at College House, W. Brodie, S. Fookes, J. Galbraith, D. Grant, R. List, G. Lomas, M. Lysons, H. Weston.

The senior fifteen contains the names of S. Fookes, J. Galbraith, D. Grant (vice-captain) and L. G. Loveridge.

D. Grant and F. Davis represented Canterbury College at boxing in the Easter tournament.

D. Grant, H. Weston and J. Galbraith represented Canterbury College at cricket v. Otago University.

W. Brodie is secretary of the football club.

In the inter-house swimming contest, H. S. Weston and J. Galbraith swam for College House, the winners.

J. Wright won one of the College prizes for Languages.

The majority were successful in the Degree examinations.

Fred Davis has left Christchurch and is now teaching in the Ashburton district.

J. A. Curtis has left Training College and is now attending Canterbury University College.

A new recruit to the ranks in Christchurch is Mr. Frank Whyte, late club captain of the New Plymouth Old Boys' Football Club.

Don Somerville paid us a visit recently, while on holiday.

J. Buckeridge is now in Hawera.

Eric Lomas has given up the study of Law and is now joining M. Lysons as a Theological student.

In swimming, D. Grant is captain of the club, H. Weston vice-captain, and J. Galbraith is also on the committee.

D. Grant is on the boxing committee.

S. Fookes is on the football committee and H. Weston on the cricket committee.

S. Fookes is captain of the football at College House, and H. Weston captain of the swimming.

EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following following exchanges since last issue:—Brisbane Grammar School Magazine, Ipswich Girls' Grammar School Magazine, Melburnian, Cheltonian, Southlandian, Collegian (Wanganui), Christchurch B.H.S. Magazine, Te Karere, White and Blue, Waitakian, Hamiltonian, Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine, Ashburtonian, Wellesley College Register, Palmerstonian, Nelsonian, Marlboroughian.

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Tuition ...	£4, reducible to £3 10s. if paid within 30 days
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Library ...	1/6
Magazine ...	1/-
Tennis ...	1/-

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

School Terms—

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

First Term— February 7th to May 4th.

Second Term—May 22nd to August 17th.

Third Term— September 11th to December 19th.

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THIRD TERM, 1928.

PREFECTS.

Head Boy.—H. Fookes.

Boarders.—G. S. Anderson (head), W. Hayward, W. Watt, J. Syme, J. McDonald, P. Miles, G. Sutton, D. Phillips, R. Wynyard, B. Grieve, R. Shaw, C. Palmer, J. Gibbs, J. S. McLean.

Day Boys.—H. Fookes (head), G. L. Ewart, E. P. Allen, B. Bell, C. McNeill, A. H. Andrews, A. Hutchen, R. Watson.

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Football Committee.—Mr. Papps (chairman), H. Fookes, G. S. Anderson, K. Gibbons, R. Watson, C. McNeill, W. Hayward.

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Camera Club.—P. Loten, W. Watt, W. Hayward, C. Palmer.

SCHOOL CADET CONTINGENT.

Officer Commanding.—Major G. F. Bertrand.

Second in Command.—Captain A. L. Moore.

Contingent Sergeant-Major.—G. S. Anderson.

Acting-Contingent Q.M.S.—B. Bell.

Orderly Room Corporal.—P. Greenlees.

A COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Captain V. E. Kerr.

Company Sergeant-Major.—C. McNeill.

Acting-Company Q.M.S.—G. V. Duff.

No. 1 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant J. Leggat.

Platoon Sergeant.—B. Grieve.

Section Commanders.—Corporals E. Allen, K. Staunton, M. McGrath, A. Shepherd.

No. 2 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant E. B. McKeon.

Platoon Sergeant.—W. Hayward.

Section Commanders.—Corporals J. Gibbs, D. Dallison, W. S. Harbutt, A. McGregor.

No. 3 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Mr. D. Menzies.

Platoon Sergeant.—L. Dickey.

Section Commanders.—Corporals G. Ewart, R. Neville, B. Shepherd, W. Snell.

No. 4 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Sergeant H. Fookes.

Platoon Sergeant.—J. McDonald.

Section Commanders.—Corporals M. Palmer, J. Syme, G. McKenzie, J. Bolt.

No. 5 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant H. H. Skelton.

Platoon Sergeant.—S. G. Dinniss.

Section Commanders.—Corporals W. J. Thomas, C. Griffiths, D. Phillips, C. Allen, J. W. Tate (spare).

No. 6 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Mr. J. D. Roulston.

Platoon Sergeant.—W. Watt.

Section Commanders.—Corporals R. Shaw, W. Sutton, C. Cave, J. Davies.

B COMPANY.

Officer Commanding.—Lieutenant F. J. Eggleton.

Company Sergeant-Major.—R. Martin.

Company Q.M.S.—E. Edgecombe.

No. 7 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant R. C. Wilson.

Platoon Sergeant.—W. Thomson.

Section Commanders.—Corporals P. Miles, J. Ford, B. Trehey, D. Papps, J. Avery (spare).

No. 8 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant L. V. Bryant.

Platoon Sergeant.—R. Wynyard.

Section Commanders.—Corporals D. Maciver, N. Brookman, T. Watt, R. Bradshaw.

No. 9 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant A. H. Blundell.

Platoon Sergeant.—A. Hutchen.

Section Commanders.—Corporals H. Short, K. Gibbons, R. Cresswell, S. M. White.

No. 10 Platoon.

Platoon Commander.—Lieutenant W. I. Shrimpton.

Platoon Sergeant.—A. H. Andrews.

Section Commanders.—Corporals J. McLean, C. Little, D. Ekdahl, G. Shepherd.

Buglers.—J. McCauley, H. Parkes.

Drummers.—R. Brookman, C. McKenzie.



PREFECTS, 1928.

Back Row.—J. Gibbs, R. Shaw, A. Andrews, C. McNeill, R. Wynyard, P. Miles, G. Ewart, B. Bell.

Middle Row.—J. Syme, C. Palmer, W. Watt, G. Anderson, H. Fookes (head), G. Sutton, W. Hayward, J. McDonald, B. Grieve.

In Front.—P. Allen, D. Phillips, A. Hutchen, M. Good, J. McLean.

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EDITORIAL

(D. G. Phillips.)

Henceforth the School and you are one
And what you are, the race shall be.

WHAT does the average boy think of his school? Is it just a pile of buildings where he works each day so that in time he may be able to command an adequate income? Does the Old Boy regard it merely as the stage before he entered into the hard competition of life; a youthful episode, to be thrust aside and forgotten, of which the memory must give place to realities confronting one who has risen to man's estate?

The school is something more than a place to learn things. It offers more than opportunities of friendship, prowess in sport, or worldly success. The conquests of Elevens and Fifteens alone are not enough to make for pride of school; neither should a boy feel intensely proud of his school merely because it happens to be the one he attends. His faith must be built on something deeper and more lasting, and still more intimately connected with himself.

When a boy enters the school he becomes a part of it, and when he leaves he represents the school and carries its traditions with him. It is for each boy to realise that everything the school means is contained in himself. In his own small sphere he has the power to make or mar it. The motto should be more than a suitably moral formula placed on the distinguishing badge. It should become a

matter of personal importance, and the lesson it teaches should have a vital meaning for him throughout his days.

The school does not make its reputation on the shape of the crest or the nature of its buildings. The credit for that must belong to the architect who designed them. And the name of the school is due to the architects who have built it up, who sustain it. Those who pass through the entrance gates, who fill the assembly hall day after day through the year are the architects who have the power of creating a structure more lasting than stone. Theirs too, is the responsibility of using this power. When their race is run, succeeding generations follow in the selfsame path; whether or no the way leads to the heights is something which has been determined by their forbears. And as Time rolls on, the trail of the pioneers becomes a highway over which thousands pass. The work of those who have gone by is perpetuated, and the curse or the blessing of posterity will follow.

The school is a great training ground for struggles later on. Though the way may at times seem hard, in the end the scheme of things will reveal itself. The law of school life is not contained in the numerous regulations, though even the smallest of these has its just purpose, but in the spirit of them. The restraining influence of discipline is to help, not to hinder. For him who goes his own way without thought of others penalty will not suffice. He must realise that in the community his obligations require that he work for the well-being of all. Otherwise he forfeits his right to any consideration. The fame of the school may be shared only by one who has helped in his own way to carry on the ideas of manliness it represents. If he shall have served his school in the way that common decency demands, he will derive benefit more than he can, and certainly more than he ever will repay. In acknowledgment of his debt it is but fair to receive its teachings and attempt to put them into practice.

For such an institution to be strong, all the members must be strong in their faith towards it, and he can have no faith whose association with it does not justify such faith. Let every boy, therefore, cherish this precious heritage, and be jealous of the honour which is his to guard.

And when the years have taken their relentless course, the man may look back upon the days when life meant truth and sincerity, when strife was undertaken never but in a spirit of give and take, when the game of living was hard and clean. Youth is the Springtime of life, and for man there are only four seasons. Pity it would be, then, to squander the time when the blood runs free in the veins and the buffets of the wind have no power to harm. School is a time of preparation for severer things, but yet it is a part of the whole span, and just as irretrievable. The only way to bring back the shade of the earlier existence is to keep alive the flame of its traditions and teachings. Then, and only then, will its true importance be realised.

SALVETE

The following boys entered the School during the year:—McGregor, A. D.; Larkin, L. M.; Glenie, I.; Hughes, R.; Wynyard, J.; Cato, C. L.; Gray, K. H.; Sadler, C.; Lewis, L. A.; Clarke, K. J.; Blundell, G.; Pacey, C. G.; Way, J.; Young, T. G.; Johnson, K.; Auld, I. D.

VALETE

The following boys left during the year:—Beckbessinger, I.; Jackson, D'A.; Johnson, C. N.; Mackay, W. H.; Rawson, W. T.; Trueman, R. C.; Stace, C.; Anderson, R. P.; Allen, E. T.; Wallace, I.; Bullock, R.; Budd, D. H.; Scoble, J.; Andrews, M.; Chapman, A.; Gore, A.; Gore, W.; Gray, K. R.; Perry, J.; Oliver, R.; Roebuck, B.; White, R. A.; Calvert, C.; Calvert, K.; Barkla, G.; George, L. B.; MacGregor, H. L.; Ridgley, S. J.; Field, P.; Max, R.; Oxenham, G. T.; Scott, K.; Thomason, A. J.; Murphy, E. G.; Verry, T. H.; Wellington, S. P.; Holmes, A. J.; Randall, P. N.; Tyrrell, C. H.; Churton, P.; Burr, J.; Matthews, K.; Gillespie, H.; Hammon, D. J.; Gilberton, B. N.; Baker, L.; Bounsall, J.; Falvey, T.; Young, R. C.; Bayly, B.; Turner, A.; Diffey, R.; Lucas,

F. W.; Mockett, C.; Richards, S.; Irving, L. A.; Mackay, G. M.; Tubbridge, V. A.; Duke, G.; Stanley, R. W.; Yarndley, A.



Football.

(J. F. McDonald and D. R. Dallison.)

For the third year in succession the Fifteen has completed its Rugby season without a loss either in the Taranaki junior club fixtures or in inter-school games, and therefore has the satisfaction not only of maintaining the standard of the past, but also of adding a fresh page to the football record of the School. The beginning of the season found some seven old "caps" available, and as these contained last season's four inside backs, we confidently looked forward to a successful season. A new forward line had to be formed, but there was no lack of material here, and it was with some difficulty that the best arrangement of the vanguard was finally fixed. The first few inter-club games at once indicated that the backs were a particularly dangerous combination, and as the new forwards gradually learned the art of obtaining the ball for them, so did the scores mount up each game.

Hopes were therefore running high, when but a few days before the first inter-school game Gibbons unfortunately broke an arm in practice, and the loss of our experienced first five-eighth was keenly felt almost to the end of the season, by which time, however, the injured player was sufficiently recovered to play again.

We therefore took the field against a reputed strong Wanganui Technical College team with some misgivings, which were intensified when Fookes, the second five-eighth and captain, was injured in the first minute. The forwards, however, rose to the occasion in fine style, and although our opponents played the much-debated three-two-three formation, they were no match for our vanguard, who controlled the game throughout and gave us a somewhat easy victory.

There soon followed the fixture with Te Aute, played this year in Napier. A strong wind blowing down field made this game somewhat one-sided, for playing with it in our favour, our backs quickly ran up a sufficient number of points to hold Te Aute in check during the second spell, when they made a great attempt to pull the game out of the fire. Our defence, however, maintained the strain and we had five points to the good at the finish.

Next came the trip to Hamilton, where a huge crowd had gathered to see the New Plymouth School team make its first appearance in the Waikato. For half the game the Hamilton forwards dominated the situation, but towards the end our backs began to get the ball and were too fleet for the opposition.

The team then journeyed to Wanganui to play its fourth consecutive match away from home against Wanganui Collegiate. A very hard and enjoyable game was played on the school ground, where the spoiling tactics of the Wanganui forwards upset the working of our back machine to a very great extent. Beaten in the forwards we had sufficient superiority in the back division to give us a victory by eight points.

A fortnight's rest before the arrival of the Auckland Grammar School team considerably freshened up the Fifteen, which took the field against our northern friends in perfect condition and in full strength. The young Grammar team was no match for our experienced side, and although they put up a plucky fight they were unable to prevent our backs running up a record score.

Considering therefore that the team played all but one of its games away from home, it is to be congratulated upon its record, and at its best it is probably the equal of any School team of the past.

The Second Fifteen had an enjoyable season playing in the Third Grade Competition. The forwards were about as heavy as those of the First Fifteen and could always stand up well to them in practice, but the backs were on the weak side.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Fifteens played as usual in the Fourth Grade Competition with varying success. The talent offering for these teams, however, was not nearly as promising as we have sometimes had, and those teams were generally well over-matched in regard to weight. The remainder of the School was divided into groups in the usual way under different masters and also had an enjoyable season.

We have been most fortunate this year in having such splendid playing grounds on the racecourse. By the kind co-operation of the Jockey Club, Rugby Union, and the Board of Governors the School has been provided with six first-class practice grounds, with the result that each boy in the School has been enabled to have at least two practices a week under ideal conditions. Our thanks are due to these bodies for their interest in our football, to the Masters who have again devoted much time to coaching the various groups, and to those gentlemen who kindly offered their cars to help in the transportation of the Fifteen both to Napier and to Hamilton.

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

On June 30 the team, accompanied by the rest of the School and a large following from town, travelled to Hawera to meet Wanganui Technical College in the annual fixture. Ideal weather conditions prevailed. Gibbons, who had unfortunately sustained arm injuries earlier in the week, was absent from the School five-eighth line, but his place was admirably filled by Ekdahl.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Wanganui (Dark Blue).—A. Dingle (full-back); D. Barton, J. Dovi, J. Hair (three-quarters); J. Kerr (capt.), J. Welsh (five-eighths); J. Blythe (half-back); K. Bassett, E. Denz, M. Granville, E. Thakabau, R. Till, E. Farley, J. Wilkie, E. Walker (forwards).

New Plymouth.—W. Hayward (full-back); S. Anderson, R. Watson, A. Hutchen (three-quarters); H. Fookes (captain), Ekdahl (five-eighths); C. Brown (half-back); J. Gibbs (rover); J. McDonald, A. Andrews, D. McCallum, R. Shaw, C. McNeill, J. Thomas, L. Diekey (forwards).

School won the toss and played from the north end. Within a minute of starting Fookes was injured in stopping a Wanganui rush. He continued, but a fine run renewed his injury and medical attention was called. After a brief suspension of play he moved to the full-back position, Hayward taking his place at five-eighth.

From a line-out near Wanganui's twenty-five McCallum burst away alone and, evading a couple of tackles, dashed over to score a sensational try. Anderson converted from well out with a splendid kick.

School	..	..	..	..	5
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	0

Shortly afterwards School hooked from the scrum, Brown shot the ball out and on it went to Watson, who received at top speed. With a glorious run he outstripped the opposition and scored in the corner. Anderson's kick missed by a fraction.

School	..	..	..	..	8
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	0

From two penalties in School territory Thakabou made fine attempts to goal, but the distance was too great. School were hooking the ball and the backs, splendidly served from the scrum by Brown, swung away in perfect stride for Anderson to be magnificently tackled by Dingle when nearing the line. Brown and Ekdahl penetrated the defence and the latter cut in smartly to be felled by Hair. The Wanganui forwards indulged in offside play and from the resulting penalty Anderson added another three from well out.

School	..	..	..	..	11
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	0

Receiving from the scrums the School backs embarked on run after run and only Wanganui's dogged tackling kept them out. Eventually from a scrum near Wanganui's line Brown worked the blind side beautifully, passing at the right moment for Anderson to dive over. The kick failed.

School	..	..	..	..	14
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	0

Wanganui attacked desperately and Hair burst down the line. The School forwards were penalised and Thakabou landed a great goal from the side-line. Half-time sounded immediately afterwards with the score:

School	..	..	..	..	14
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3

Fookes did not appear in the second spell, his place at full-back being taken by McLean. The game changed to a battle between the forwards, with honours fairly even. For the first time the Wanganui backs attacked and Kerr was almost over. Following the scrum on the line School heeled to Brown, who lined. The forwards heeled again, Brown broke through, sent to Ekdahl, to Watson, who staved off Dingle's tackle to score in the corner. Anderson's kick was unsuccessful.

School	..	..	..	..	17
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3

School attacked again, giving the opposition no respite; Watson kicked infield for the forwards to storm the Blue line; the ball trickled out and Hutchen dived across. Hayward missed with the kick.

School	..	..	..	..	20
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3

With two minutes to go School tried again, but in a loose scramble in Wanganui territory Dickey was injured and had to leave the field. The final whistle sounded with the scores unchanged.

School	..	..	..	..	20
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3

Mr. H. C. Johnson refereed.

SCHOOL v. TE AUTE.

For the first time the School team travelled to Hawke's Bay to play the popular fixture with Te Aute College at Napier on July 7. To the friends who so willingly offered their cars, to the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Loten, the masters and boys of the College, we tender our deep appreciation and thanks for all that was done to make the first trip one of most pleasant memories.



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1928.

Back Row.—J. Gibbs, W. Harbutt, J. McDonald, A. Andrews, R. Wynyard, R. Shaw, D. Ekdahl, A. Hutchen.

Middle Row.—C. Brown, K. Gibbons, C. McNeill (vice-captain), H. Fookes (captain), R. Watson, D. McCallum, G. Anderson.

In Front.—J. Thomas, L. Dickey, W. Hayward.

Gibbons and Dickey were unavailable for this match owing to injuries. Ekdahl remained at five-eighths, while Harbutt went into the front rank of the scrum. Beyond a stiff breeze which blew straight down the field, the conditions were ideal.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Te Aute (Red and Black).—P. Himona (full-back); J. Ruru, O. Piper, J. Rei (three-quarters); R. Durie, N. Kihi (five-eighths); P. Gemmell (half-back); H. Hokianga (rover); K. Lawson, T. Tinirau, W. Turei, P. Paenga, N. Te Kawa, J. Greening, J. Keretene (forwards).

New Plymouth.—Hayward (full-back); Anderson, Watson, Hutchen (three-quarters); Fookes (captain), Ekdahl (five-eighths); Brown (half-back); Gibbs (rover); McDonald, Andrews, McCallum, Shaw, McNeill, Harbutt, Dickey (forwards).

After Te Aute had given a spirited haka, School kicked off with the wind behind them. Almost immediately Te Aute were penalised for handling in the scrum, but Anderson just missed the posts with a fine kick. Fookes gained ground with a kick well down the field and from a loose scrummage School gained possession. Brown sent the ball out and Fookes cut in to send Watson away for a good try, which Anderson found no difficulty in converting.

School	..	..	..	..	5
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	0

School, returning to the attack, forced the Reds to their line, where a force resulted. A minute later Brown received from a loose scrum and sent to Ekdahl, to Fookes, who cut through to score beneath the posts. Te Aute charged the kick.

School	..	..	..	..	8
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	0

The Red forwards broke through, but Hayward saved. The School backs returned in attacking position, but grim tackling held them. Receiving from their forwards School attacked again, the ball travelling to Anderson, who capped a brilliant movement by scoring as he was tackled. His kick failed.

School	..	..	..	..	11
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	0

Rei received injuries which necessitated his retirement, his place being taken by Heperi. Brown picked up from the loose and burst through cleverly, passed to Anderson, who centred, but Himona raced across and kicked to touch. Faulty handling by School let the Red forwards through, but Hayward sent them back. School opened play up, but Ruru tackled Anderson on the line. Shortly afterwards Hutchen received on the wing and passed infield nicely for Watson to gather in and race over. Anderson converted with a fine kick.

School	..	..	..	..	16
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	0

Back to the attack went School and a rush saw Hutchen downed on the line. Te Aute tore upfield in a desperate rally and in stemming the rush a School man was penalised. From just over half-way and against a strong wind, Gemmell kicked a great goal. Half-time sounded with the scores:

School	..	..	..	..	16
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	3

Following the interval Te Aute attacked; Hutchen miskicked and the Red forwards stormed the defence for Lawson to pick up and dive over as three men tackled him. Gemmell converted.

School	..	..	..	..	16
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	8

The School forwards continued to hook from the scrum, but were getting beaten in the loose. A rush by the School rearguard saw Watson set sail for the line with a clear field, but he tripped and fell. Te Aute were using the wind and playing with great dash. With a high kick they launched a determined attack and School defended desperately. Hayward put in some fine work and McCallum made a sensational burst. Another lofty punt drove School to their line and from a scrum Te Aute heeled. Gemmell received and nipped across on the blind side. The kick failed.

School	..	..	..	..	16
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	11

The excitement was intense as Te Aute came again. Back to the School twenty-five they forced the play, and there they held it despite the desperate rallies of the

School forwards. A free kick gave temporary respite, but back they came again and Brown stemmed a dangerous rush by hurling a Red man into touch. Te Aute continued to hammer away, but the bell sounded with the scores unchanged and a great game ended:

School	..	..	..	..	16
Te Aute	..	..	..	..	11

Mr. C. Lonergan refereed.

SCHOOL v. HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL.

It was the good fortune of this year's team to be the first from New Plymouth to travel to Hamilton to play the High School there. Once again we are indebted, this time to the kind people who billeted us during our short stay, and we would take this opportunity of expressing our thanks for the good times that were given us. To our friends who so generously placed their cars at our disposal also goes our appreciation and thanks.

The game, which was fast and open, was played on Rugby Park in glorious weather. For the first time this season the School team took the field at full strength.

The teams were:—

Hamilton High School (Red and Black).—Davies (full-back); Westwater, Mills, Skelton (three-quarters); Tassell, Collins (five-eighths); Miller (half-back); Innes (rover); Bowling, Tombs, Hubbard, Perry, Duxfield, Troutbeck, Taylor (forwards).

New Plymouth.—Hayward (full-back); Anderson, Watson, Ekdahl (three-quarters); Fookes (captain), Gibbons (five-eighths); Brown (half-back); McCallum (rover); McDonald, Andrews, Wynyard, Shaw, McNeill, Thomas, Dickey (forwards).

Gibbons kicked off for School and Mills mulled it badly. Packing together the School forwards hooked the ball, which sped swiftly from Brown, Gibbons and Fookes to Watson, who crossed well out. Gibbons' kick from the side-line hit the post and within half a minute of starting the score read:

School	..	..	..	..	3
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	0

Hamilton attacked sternly and Hayward allowed a high kick to bounce. Fookes came round and saved with a kick into touch. McCallum burst through, but Tassell intercepted and returned the ball to Hayward. Receiving from a scrum Brown worked the blind side and passed to Anderson, who beat two men but passed forward. Soon afterwards Anderson again secured and lined well down the field. From the throw-in School secured and Brown sent the backs away in a brilliant rush which was only stemmed by desperate tackling. The Hamilton boys returned to attacking position through the medium of penalties and their backs opened out. Tassell shot through and was felled brilliantly by Hayward as he was sailing for the line. The School forwards took play back again, but Hamilton kicked high to find Hayward out of position and a passing rush was begun in great style for Innes to race over in the corner. Taking the kick himself he made no mistake and Hamilton led:

Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5
School	..	..	..	..	3

McCallum broke up a Hamilton back attack, but Anderson failed to take a return kick. McCallum again broke through, but his kick went too far and was forced. The School backs swung into position; Watson short-punted and, following up fast, tackled a Red man in possession. There was some loose scrummaging on Hamilton's line and School hooked to Brown. Gibbons received and sent to Watson, to Ekdahl, who scored in the corner. A fine kick by Anderson just missed.

School	..	..	..	..	6
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5

The Hamilton forwards went through to the line in a great rush, but a force resulted. Watson kicked well down and School again attacked. A passing rush, in which the ball flashed out to the wing and then in again for Fookes to score, delighted the crowd. Gibbons failed with the kick and half-time sounded.

School	..	..	..	..	9
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5

After the spell Hamilton took play to School's line, but the forwards drove them out. A few minutes later

Innes just failed to goal with a great pot from near half-way. Brown then sent his backs away in a sparkling run for Anderson to cross the dead ball line. A great forward rush ended in McCallum picking up, shaking off Tassell and scoring in a handy position. The kick missed.

School	..	..	..	..	12
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5

The School backs were now handling with greater precision and the ball was coming out cleanly. Anderson lined well in Hamilton territory and a forward battle followed. Westwater was tackled in possession and Gibbons raced into the gap and sent Ekdahl over. Anderson's kick was a good one.

School	..	..	..	..	17
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5

Watson broke away brilliantly and sent on to Fookes, who took a sky-rocket pot and landed a beautiful goal.

School	..	..	..	..	21
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5

A heady kick by Gibbons and School were once more on the attack. The forwards were playing a dashing game and the rearguard indulged in sparkling movements. Brown ran through practically the whole of the opposition and passed to McCallum, who ran round the full-back and scored. Anderson landed a fine goal.

School	..	..	..	..	26
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5

With but a few minutes to go Hamilton attacked hotly and Fookes miskicked, the game going to School territory. Playing with vim the forwards took play again to Hamilton's line, where Tassell intercepted and kicked through. Hayward fielded and lined and the bell sounded the end of a willing and fast game.

School	..	..	..	..	26
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	5

Mr. S. A. Mannering refereed.

SCHOOL v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

On August 9 School met Wanganui Collegiate on the College ground in Wanganui. The conditions were ideal and the team at full strength.

During our stay we were treated most cordially and now tender our heartiest thanks to those who billeted members of the team and otherwise made our trip a pleasant and memorable one. On the night of the game we were treated to an entertainment and take this opportunity of thanking the College authorities.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Wanganui Collegiate School (White).—Mackenzie (full-back); Rainbow, Pomare, Kemp (three-quarters); Giesen (captain), Taylor (five-eighths); Ramsay (half-back); Barron (rover); Scott, Blythe, Bethell, Hudson, Macfarlane, Glendinning, Robertson (forwards).

New Plymouth.—Hayward (full-back); Anderson, Watson, Ekdahl (three-quarters); Fookes (captain), Gibbons (five-eighths); Brown (half-back); McCallum (rover); McDonald, Andrews, Wynyard, Shaw, M'Neill, Thomas, Dickey (forwards).

School attacked from the kick and Fookes secured to stab-punt to Mackenzie, who failed to field cleanly. Kemp came across and found touch. Tight play in midfield saw School receive and challenge the defence. Wanganui rushed play with their forwards and Fookes marked. His kick missed and Wanganui forced. The White forwards attacked and Barron fielded a rolling ball. Bethell took his pass and transferred to Robertson, to Kemp, who dashed over in the corner. Pomare missed with the kick.

Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3
School	..	..	..	..	0

The School pack gained possession from the tight play that followed, the backs went swiftly to the attack, but faulty passing nullified three movements. Brown secured once more and set his fast-moving line in action. Gibbons, Fookes, Watson and Anderson handled for the last-named to race across. The kick failed.

School	..	..	..	..	3
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3

At this stage Pomare received injuries to his elbow and unfortunately had to leave the field. Ludbrook came on to full-back and Mackenzie moved up to centre.

School attacked, but a faulty pass let Kemp intercept and race through. With only Hayward in the way he kicked and the ball rolled into touch. New Plymouth swung into line and all the backs handled for Anderson to set sail for the line. Ludbrook came across and Anderson passed to Fookes, to Shaw, but the Collegiate pack rallied and kept School out. From a five-yard scrum Ramsay cleared. Scrambling play with the Collegiate forwards gaining the ascendancy marked the end of the first spell.

In the second half the honours were with the Wanganui forwards, but their backs lacked speed and finish. New Plymouth tackled low and handled well, but could not beat the Whites for the ball. Lob passing saw Watson race through and bear down upon Ludbrook. His well-timed pass was taken by McCallum, who came up fast in support, and the forward scored in a good position. Anderson converted.

School	..	..	..	..	8
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3

Collegiate returned with great dash and Mackenzie sent Kemp away on the wing, but Ekdahl's tackle was clean and low. Ramsay, Taylor and Giesen then handled in a likely rush and a short punt saw Hayward in trouble. Fookes relieved the tension by clearing to half-way. School heeled from a loose scrum and the ball sped out to Anderson, who burst down the line. Beating several men with pace and swerve the winger transferred to Thomas and the speedy forward outpaced the defence to cross well out. Anderson made no mistake with the kick.

School	..	..	..	..	13
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	3

Barron dribbled through and Hayward missed the ball in flight. The Collegiate forwards packed round and Barron sent to Giesen, to Mackenzie. Hayward fielded nicely, but his kick was charged down by Rainbow, who followed on to score a spectacular try. Giesen added the extra points.

School	..	..	..	..	13
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	8

Brown received from a scrumage and sent his backs away in a lightning attack. From Gibbons it went to

Fookes, Watson and Ekdahl, but the tackling was sound. Gibbons marked off the toe of Bethell. With a great kick from just inside half-way he hoisted the flags.

School	..	..	..	..	16
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	8

Strenuous efforts by the Collegiate forwards tried the defence. Kemp and Rainbow endeavoured to break through, but deadly tackling held them. A hard game was brought to an end with play in midfield and the scores still read:

School	..	..	..	..	16
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	8

Mr. J. King refereed.

SCHOOL v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Grammar Fifteen arrived from Auckland on Thursday, August 16, and were taken to the homes of the people who were to billet them. We desire to thank those people heartily for coming to the assistance of the School once again. On the Sunday the visitors were driven to the North Egmont Mountain House, where lunch was taken. Following that came a climb to the snow at Humphries' Castle. The boys returned to New Plymouth before dark and left on Monday's mail train for Auckland. To those who organised the Mountain trip and to those who lent their cars we extend our thanks.

The conditions were perfect and a huge crowd occupied the terraces when the teams took the field. They were:

Auckland Grammar School (Blue and Gold).—Milne (full-back); McFarlane, Stuart, Pollard (three-quarters); McKearney, Frankham (five-eighths); Newton (half-back); Mason (rover); Keane, Cooke, Slyfield, Cleghorn, Sanft, Robinson, Mulgan (forwards).

New Plymouth.—Hayward (full-back); Anderson, Watson, Ekdahl (three-quarters); Fookes (captain), Gibbons (five-eighths); Brown (half-back); McCallum (rover); McDonald, Andrews, Wynyard, Shaw, M'Neill, Thomas, Dickey (forwards).



Photo—J. R. Wall, Stratford.
SCHOOL v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
E. Watson puts in a great run.



Photo—J. R. Wall, Stratford.
SCHOOL v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
New Plymouth secure from the scrum.

Cleghorn kicked off facing a bright sun and Grammar attacked. Fookes intercepted and broke through, the School backs running into line. The same player cut through, but his pass was forward and Pollard saved. The School backs came racing down again and the ball travelled out to the wing and in again to Fookes, who took the pass well and dashed over. Anderson converted.

School were pressed, but Hayward saved well. Still Grammar attacked strongly and Frankham received from Newton to be collared short of the line. The Grammar backs again attacked, but School were tackling in deadly style. Fookes put School on attack with several judicious kicks and, following a penalty for hanging on, the ball was whipped out to Gibbons, who narrowly missed with a fine pot. The quarter ended with Grammar forwards attacking and the score:

School	..	..	..	..	5
Grammar	..	..	..	..	0

Newton set his backs in motion, but Hayward and Gibbons broke up the movement. The School forwards began to hook cleanly and Brown initiated another bout of passing, which swept up to the Grammar twenty-five. A penetrating attack sped out towards the other flank and Fookes swerved inwards, raced for the corner and cut in again to cap a great run with a try near the posts. The kick presented no difficulty to Anderson.

Grammar now pressed and were almost over on several occasions, but Anderson and Fookes relieved the pressure. After a dazzling run Fookes handed on to McDonald, but the pass was missed. Newton, playing a great game, burst away thrice in succession, but the attacks broke down. The interval sounded with the scores:

School	..	..	..	..	10
Grammar	..	..	..	..	0

Flashing the ball out from a scrum Brown sent the rearguard off in a burst for the line, and Ekdahl received to swerve infield and send out again to Fookes, who ran round to score beneath the posts. Anderson goaled.

Grammar's respite was brief. In a penetrating passing rush School swept back and Fookes punted towards the posts. Watson with an amazing burst of speed touched down first. Anderson goaled with ease.

Gillies replaced Pollard, who had been hurt in a collision with Fookes. Under brilliant attacks the Grammar defence began to wilt, but they kept doggedly at it. Fookes took a rolling ball and raced through the Grammar five-eighths for Anderson to convert.

The next try came from a rush in Grammar territory, in which Watson received and battled across for Anderson to goal.

The School pack was playing above itself and continued to heel to Brown who, ever and anon, sent his fast moving line away. Watson, with great speed, ran almost half the length of the field and from a resulting line-out the forwards shot the ball to Brown, thence to Gibbons, Fookes, Watson and Ekdahl, who scored. For the seventh time in succession Anderson placed the ball fairly between the uprights and the spell ended with the score:

School	..	..	..	..	35
Grammar	..	..	..	..	0

Still in happy mood School dashed away and a speedy rush saw Watson over in the corner. For the first time Anderson's kick went astray and the crowd clapped him to the echo for his remarkable run of success.

Grammar rushed play to School's twentyfive, where they held command for a short interval, but try as they would they were unable to pierce the defence. The School forwards carried play to the other end and thrusting first one side and then the other, they heeled to Brown. Gibbons gathered in his pass at top and hurtled over. The kick missed.

In a desperate effort to open their account Grammar hammered and stormed the School line. Turning defence into attack Fookes, Watson and Anderson provided a most sensational run that only determined tackling stemmed. The School forwards attacked in loose formation; Brown received and sent on to McDonald, who scored an unconverted try.

Emmanuel replaced McKearney, whose ankle necessitated his retirement. Another sparkling School attack saw Watson across and Anderson converted with a good kick. A minute before the final whistle Ekdahl crossed,

but he had stepped into touch a yard or so from the line. The game ended with Grammar defending desperately. The final score read:

School	..	..	..	..	49
Grammar	..	..	..	..	0

Mr. G. Hooker refereed.

PATEA JUNIOR SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

Two teams from School made the trip and the A seven succeeded in annexing the trophy after a good game against Stratford A in the final. Mr. Finlayson, the Mayor of Patea, presented the Morse Cup to Fookes, the School captain, and medals to individual members of the team.

FIRST ROUND.

School B v. Stratford.—Lost 9-3. Thomas scored.
School A v. Ohangai B.—Won 25—0.

SECOND ROUND.

School A v. Ohangai A.—Won 23-3.

SEMI-FINAL.

School A v. Patea A.—Won 16-0. Scorers were Fookes (2), Anderson and Watson. Gibbons converted two.

FINAL—SCHOOL A v. STRATFORD.

Stratford put the ball well up for Gibbons to receive and kick into touch. After scrambling play near half-way a Stratford man was penalised, but a fine kick by Gibbons fell short. Stratford took the play well up-field, but were held by good tackling. From a School passing rush Anderson scored in a good position, Gibbons being unsuccessful with the kick. A minute after half-time Fookes scored from a fine bout of passing. The kick again missed. Stratford now took a hand and weak tackling let their wing over. A beautiful kick took Stratford within one point of School. Play now became very fast. From a loose scrum McCallum took the ball to the Stratford twenty-five, where he picked up and, running strongly, outstripped the opposition. Soon after time was called—

School	..	..	..	..	9
Stratford	..	..	..	..	5

FIRST FIFTEEN COMPETITION MATCHES.

May 26, v. Clifton, at Waitara.—Won 24-9. Scorers were Watson (3), McCallum, Hutchen and Fookes. Gibbons converted three.

June 2, v. Lepperton, at Lepperton.—Won 31-6. Scorers were Watson (2), McCallum, Fookes, McDonald, Gibbons and Little. Gibbons converted five.

June 9, v. Urenui, at Urenui.—Won 32-3. Scorers were Watson (4), Fookes (3) and Anderson. Gibbons converted three and Fookes one.

June 23, v. Clifton, on Racecourse.—Won 25-0. Scorers were Watson (2), Fookes, Anderson, Hutchen, McDonald and Andrews. Anderson and Gibbons converted one each.

July 14, v. Clifton, at Waitara.—Won 25-3. Scorers were Watson (2), Anderson (2), Fookes, McCallum and Andrews. Hayward converted two.

July 21, v. Urenui, on Racecourse.—Won 37-0. Scorers were Watson (4), Fookes (3) and Hutchen (2). McNeill converted two and Anderson kicked two penalties.

PEASE CUP.

The Day Boys regained the Pease Cup on Saturday, September 17, when they defeated the Boarders by 8 points to 3 on Pukekura Park. The teams were:

Day Boys (White).—Morris (full-back); Ewart, Little, Davies (three-quarters); Fookes (captain), Papps (five-eighths); Thompson (half-back); McNeill (rover); Shepherd, Andrews, T. Thomas, Telford, Thompson, Dickey, J. Thomas (forwards).

Boarders (Black and White).—Sutton (full-back); Anderson (captain), McLean, Syme (three-quarters); Hayward, Ekdahl (five-eighths); Watt (half-back); Gibbs (rover); McDonald, Grieve, Wynyard, Shaw, Harbutt, Good, Dallison (forwards).

The game was very fast, the forwards chased the ball with remarkable endurance, and the backs used their

feet well. In the first spell the Boarders defended for the greater part and but for brief excursions into the White territory they were held in their own half. On one occasion Papps crossed, but was unfortunate in losing the ball. Shortly after this Little attempted a pot and just missed. Penalties drove the Day Boys out and the Boarders attacked with their backs, fumbling and uncertainty spoiling the movement. The Whites drove them back and from a nearby scrum the ball trickled over the line for Thompson to dive and touch down. Little's kick was a great effort and the Day Boys led by five points.

The Boarders attacked hotly, but Fookes came through to put the Whites in a good position. Thompson shot the ball out and Fookes drew the defence and passed to Little, whose speed carried him round for a try well out. The kick missed and half-time sounded with Boarders attacking and the score:

Day Boys	..	..	..	..	8
Boarders	..	..	..	..	0

The Boarders again attacked and the forwards heeled for McLean to send to Watt. The winger scored as he was tackled, but the kick missed. Strenuous forward play with the game now one end, now the other, continued till the final whistle.

Day Boys	..	..	..	..	8
Boarders	..	..	..	..	3

Mr. Eggleton refereed.

SECOND FIFTEEN COMPETITION GAMES.

May 26, v. Clifton, on Pukekura Park.—Won 16-9. Scorers were Little (2), Wynyard and Shepherd. Little converted two.

June 2, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Lost 41-0.

June 9, v. Old Boys on Racecourse.—Lost 13-5. J. Syme scored and Little converted.

June 23, v. Star, on Racecourse.—Lost 5-0.

July 7, v. Clifton, at Clifton.—Won 10-8. Scorers were Syme and Wynyard. Little converted both.

July 14, v. Tukapa.—Lost 22-0.

July 21, v. Star, on Racecourse.—Won 6-3. Syme scored two fine tries.

July 28, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Lost 18-7. Papps dropped a field goal and Little scored.

THIRD FIFTEEN COMPETITION GAMES.

May 26, v. Star.—Lost 9-0.

June 2, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Lost 5-3. R. Shaw kicked a penalty goal.

June 9, v. Fourth Fifteen, on Racecourse.—Won 26-0. Scorers were Morris (2), Phillips, Shaw, Davies, Parkes, Palmer and Clay. Shaw converted one try.

June 14, v. Fifths, on Racecourse.—Drew 3-3. Palmer was awarded a penalty try.

June 23, v. Fifths, on Racecourse.—Won 9-3. Scorers were Davies (2) and Court.

June 20, v. Fourths, on Racecourse.—Won 14-0. Scorers were Death, Davies, Curtis and Morris. Death converted one.

July 7, v. Star, on Racecourse.—Lost 11-0.

July 14, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Lost 3-0.

FOURTH FIFTEEN COMPETITION MATCHES.

May 12, v. Star, on Racecourse.—Lost 11-0.

May 19, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Won 6-3. Morris and Davies scored.

June 7, v. Fifths, on Racecourse.—Won 5-3. Cato scored and Parkes converted.

June 9, v. Third Fifteen.—Lost 26-0.

June 23, v. Star, on Racecourse.—Lost 28-0.

June 20, v. Third Fifteen, on Racecourse.—Lost 14-0.

July 14, v. Fifths, on Racecourse.—Lost 6-0.

July 21, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Lost 12-11. Scorers were Allen (2). Death converted one try and kicked a penalty.

FIFTH FIFTEEN COMPETITION MATCHES.

May 26, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Lost 25-0.

June 2, v. Star, on Racecourse.—Lost 11-3. They played a great game against much heavier opponents. Parkes scored after a brilliant dash.

June 7, v. Fourth Fifteen, on Racecourse.—Lost 5-3. A. Thomason kicked a penalty.

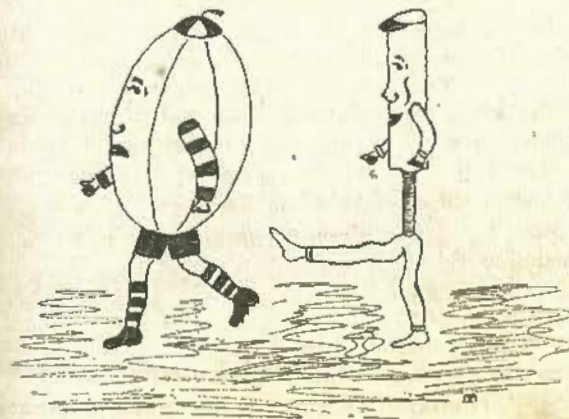
June 14, v. Third Fifteen, on Racecourse.—Drew 3-3. Thomason kicked a fine penalty.

June 23, v. Thirds, on Racecourse.—Lost 9-3. Snell kicked a penalty.

July 7, v. Tukapa, on Racecourse.—Lost 11-3. Snell kicked a penalty.

July 14, v. Fourths, on Racecourse.—Won 6-0. Ewart scored two fine tries.

July 21, v. Star, on Racecourse.—Lost 11-3. Parkes kicked a penalty.



HOUSE NOTES

(D. A. Stewart and S. MacDiarmid.)

Sound of vernal showers
On the twinkling grass,
Rain-awaken'd flowers—

Shelley.

Spring with its tuis in the golden kowhai trees, and its warm rains, and its brief sunshines, welcomed us to the third term. The majority of us, while appreciating the beauty of Spring, feel that we could exchange some of it for a little fine weather. We hear that one wit declares that, out of three weeks' holiday, he experienced twenty-two days of rain.

We notice fishing and swimming enthusiasts grinning like the Cheshire cat in "Alice" with the advent of warmer days. Glorious "First of October!" . . . Budding cricketers, too, are happy, but those who are going to take the place of Tilden and the vivacious Suzanne have been until quite recently rather downcast. Certainly the prospects for tennis were not very bright when we had only three weed plots to play on. Although squads of criminals were sentenced every morning to "parade on the tennis courts with knives," it was feared that if they did their work conscientiously the courts would soon be bereft of any herbage whatsoever. Now, however, we are pleased to be able to say that owing to the work of those who made Labour Day a real "labour day" the courts vie with Wimbledon.

"Lady in loveliness arrayed,
I'd like to dance with you."

So spoke the beaux of the School every Friday night in the winter term: at least, they would have if they'd thought to. The more retiring ones, we think, were afraid to; while the cavaliers disdained it; a careless nod, or a knowing wink being sufficient to engage them partners. The following may be taken as a typical conversation between the infatuated couples:

"May I— (mumbles)? Thank you. (Pause.) Isn't it crowded?"

"Yes." (Pause.)

Isn't it hot?"

"Yes." (Longer pause.)

"Are you going to the dance on Saturday?"

"No." (Collapse of conversation until music ceases.)



SECOND FIFTEEN, 1928.

Oakley Studio, N.P.

Back Row.—W. Greig, D. Dallison, W. Thomson, B. Trehey, A. Shepherd, F. Telford, M. Good.
Middle Row.—D. Maciver, L. Larkin, D. Papps, J. McLean (captain), G. Sutton, J. Syme, T. Thomas.
In Front.—N. Johnson, C. Little.



THIRD FIFTEEN, 1928.

Oakley Studio, N.P.

Back Row.—S. White, A. Wyde-Browne, M. Clay, H. Peake, C. Curtis, H. Thomson, N. Nelson.
Middle Row.—H. Parkes, D. Morris, R. Shaw, B. Grieve (captain), J. Davies, D. Phillips, N. Johnson.
In Front.—M. Palmer, C. Cato.

"Thnkyvrymch."

"Yes."

We wish to thank Miss Bedford for the able manner in which she conducted the class.

Our thanks are due to the Concert Club for organising fortnightly entertainments to brighten up the long Saturday nights of last term. The performances were well attended, the Prep. room being packed almost to overflowing on every occasion, and the community singing in particular was always characterised by the utmost enthusiasm. We hope that these concerts will be continued as they will undoubtedly raise the standard of our singing and should in time inculcate throughout the School an appreciation of really good music.

The contests for the Debating Cup took place during the second term. We congratulate the winners: Junior, L. Riley; senior, D. Phillips. The latter gave us a fine harangue on Mussolini, the predominant turn of speech being sarcasm. The injustice of Mussolini's "Minister of Justice," although not appreciated by the non-Fascist Italians, certainly amused us.

We are pleased to see the gully football ground nearing completion. We hope to be able to say the same some day of our baths, tuck-shop and asphalt tennis courts.

As usual, training for the Steeplechase commenced when we returned for the third term. Boys with watches calculated eagerly the respective times of likely winners training on the racecourse, while the keeper of the tuck-shop waited in vain for purchasers of his comestibles.

We congratulate J. McLean, R. Watson and A. Hutchen, who have recently been appointed as prefects. We are sorry to hear of the departure of D. McCallum and M. Good, but wish them every success in their future careers.

"Swot, swot, swot in poverty, hunger and dirt." You know the poem? We know the swot. It's 10 o'clock every night for the fifth formers, and all hours for the sixth. Re swotting: Why did the prefects miss the chance of making the sewing room their common room? Sowing the seeds of brilliant careers sit a select few in the room where the representatives of law and order

might have gathered many an evening in harmless conviviality.

Echoes:

That, when a deluge of gravel descended upon a peaceful form-room, the culprit explained that he had merely kicked at a stone and performed a Bennie Osler.

That bay rum has taken the place of vaseline in the making-up box of the modern schoolboy.

That in examinations recently "Full many a gem of purest ray serene" came from the dark unfathomed brains of our scholars.

Question: Give a word to convey the meaning of "wanting foresight."

Answer: "Broken gun."

Q.: French for "Give it back."

A.: "Donnez-il-dos."

Q.: Give the common metaphor for "He saw thousands of faces."

A.: "He was intoxicated."

The third form boarders defeated the third form day boys! The fourth and fifth form boarders carried into their matches the Spartan-like spirit which characterises all boarder efforts, but alas this year both matches proved "new Thermopylae." Reversing the usual order, the day boys defeated us in the annual Pease Cup match at Pukekura Park on the first Saturday of the term. It is whispered darkly that our opponents had been "kidding on" with Dame Fortune during the holidays.

We read in an exam. paper that "John Wesley attempted to cut Napoleon's lines of communication on the Peninsula." And "Sir John Moore preached three thousand sermons in one year?"

"Slowly and sadly we laid him down,
From the field of his fame fresh and gory;
We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone,
But we left him alone with his glory."

Triumph, Wesley! Martial triumph and immortal glory!

Squeal like a locomotive run amuck,
A weary panting; and a blow is struck.
A squeal more squeals; a groan, more groans, and more.
What is it? Say. The death of some great boar
Or bullock fat to feed a multitude?
Nay, rather 'tis a roller-squad denude
Of any glamour, any joy. A bed
Bad made, a jury and a judge—'tis said.
The wretched criminal doth trembling haste
To doom, with hair awry and boots unlaced.

"Now farewell light, thou sunshine bright,
And all beneath the sky!
May coward shame distain his name,
The wretch that dares not die."

—Burns.

We notice a new element growing up in the school-boy's repertoire of slang; a kind of Pidgin French. In connection with this, we may remark that the pieman who was asked for "Deux de ces, please garcon" has now recovered. If you ask a boy his opinion on anything, he will invariably say, "Traze bell." If the movement increases to any extent, we may notice a smattering of English creeping in amidst the schoolboy's slang.

Valedictory.

After a long sojourn in our midst, a familiar figure is about to depart. Hustled by one, bustled by another, our companion is departing for other climes, Farewell, Easy, Thursday Afternoon! No more wilt thou remind us that the week-end is near. Rude reformers, caring naught for thy traditions, have put in thy place a time of revelry and sport. Masters have sprung upon thee, and put thee to flight. Leading legions of scantily-clad figures they desecrate thy hallowed laziness. Truly "the old order changeth yielding place to the new."

Pro Bono Publico.

Welcome to the Athletic Club! This sturdy youngster is already showing his vitality and has shouldered his way to supreme importance amidst his rival clubs. Biceps are increasing, and waist-lines decreasing proportionally. All thanks are due to Mr. Bryant and Mr. Blundell for so fostering the desire in the school to be physically fit. Hail the Athletic Club!



Agriculture Notes

(A. J. Dickie.)

Although the weather has been unfavourable for outside work, good progress has been made at the Hobson Street plots. Many alterations are noticeable and the general appearance of the area has been greatly improved. New gates, hedges, fences and painted wooden labels have been largely responsible for this. Some of the important trials and demonstrations are set out below.

FORESTRY.

During the term some hundreds of Eucalypts and pines were planted out on steep slopes and waste ground on the School property. The percentage of failures has been very low—not more than 2 per cent. with the Eucalypts. Since planting, most varieties have made good progress, and the growth of Eucalyptus Botryoides, in particular, has been excellent. On the rough slope behind the proposed "tuck shop," E. Viminalis, E. Macarthuri and E. Botryoides, and on the Hobson Street

plots E. Viminalis and Pinus Radiata were planted during the winter. Near the gymnasium 50 Mamaku (Cyathea Medullaris), which were obtained from the forest, were set out on the slope.

Excellent growth has been made by some varieties of Eucalypts, which were planted out on a sheltered slope in 1925. In less than three years from the time of planting E. Botryoides has made a growth of 31 feet. E. Gunnii, on the other hand, has been an absolute failure under similar conditions.

Thanks are again due to the State Forest Service for gifts of seeds, trees and shrubs.

The nursery propagation work has been a decided success, and several hedges of Cupressus Lawsoniana and Golden Ake Ake have been established on the School grounds.

Through the courtesy of the management of the Taranaki Forests, Ltd., the agricultural classes visited the Forest plantations and nursery at Oakura. There, they were met and shown round the plantations by Mr. Maxwell, Mr. V. C. Davies and Mr. R. Davies. An enjoyable and instructive time was spent.

PASTURE TOP-DRESSING.

The top-dressing pasture experimental area, established in 1925, received its annual application of phosphates and potash during the winter. It has been shut up for hay, and already satisfactory growth has been made on most of the strips. It will be cut and weighed by the agricultural boys early in December.

SEED TRIALS.

A comprehensive trial has been arranged with mangolds, swedes, turnips, carrots and general fodder crops. For donations of seeds for the trials, thanks are due to Newton King's, Ltd., New Plymouth (Sutton's seeds), to M'Neill's, New Plymouth (Cooper's seeds), and to the Royal Agricultural College, Copenhagen (Danish seed). Altogether 52 trials will be made with root crops and 11 with other fodder crops.

Trials have been arranged with mangolds to determine:—

- (a) The best time of sowing.
- (b) The best depth to sow seed.
- (c) Whether thinning is advantageous or not.
- (d) Whether transplanting is desirable.
- (e) Whether potash is valuable for mangolds.
- (f) Whether salt is valuable for mangolds.

GRASS PLOTS.

This area has been re-arranged and instead of having rows of grasses and clovers as formerly, individual specimens have been established in small square plots. The aim is to have as comprehensive a collection of grasses, clovers and other pasture plants as possible. Already some 40 specimens have been planted. The woodwork shop has been of great assistance in providing over a hundred wooden labels for use on the plots. All the grasses and clovers have been labelled, and the advantages of this are obvious.

Demonstration plots have been established to show the beneficial effect of clovers in conjunction with grasses.

One plot contains a pure sowing of cocksfoot, and the next cocksfoot and white clover, and similarly with Perennial Ryegrass and red clover.

A plot of Marlborough Lucerne has been sown, and another of permanent pasture consisting of: Cocksfoot, Perennial and Italian rye, Crested Dogstail, Meadow Foxtail, *Poa pratensis*, Cowgrass, Alyske, and white clover, the total seeding being at the rate of 50lb. per acre.

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE

(T. Watt.)

On Thursday, October 4, the annual Steeplechase was held at the Waiwakaiho Golf Links in the presence of a fair crowd of parents and friends. During the early part of the afternoon the sun was shining, but later it clouded over and a fresh sea-breeze kept the competitors cool.

The distance for the senior event was a little under three and three-quarter miles, and the course exactly the same as last year. It led across the links, along the beach, back along the top of the sandhills, and then zig-zagged round to the left of the golf-house, finishing on the flat near the road.

The intermediate course was just under three miles, being the same as the senior course, except that the last long upward ridge was cut out. The junior was about one and a-half miles in length, this course also being the same as last year.

In all about 420 competitors faced the starter, there being about 200 in the intermediate event, and the fact that everyone finished running shows that training was earnestly carried out in the few weeks of fine weather before the day.

In the junior event the three limit men started off fairly fast, and soon the field was well strung out. About half a mile from home K. Watson took the lead and kept it, to finish two hundred yards ahead of W. Liley. K. Rouse, who started from scratch and gained fastest time, was placed fifth.

The finish of the intermediate was closer. Half a mile from home Stace took the lead and held it, to win by 30 yards from Bradford, with Robison ten yards back third. Stace, who started from scratch, lowered last year's time by 36 seconds.

In the senior contest the limit men started off at a steady pace, but those from scratch set the pace right from the start, and had worked to the middle of the string by the time the sandhills were reached. When the runners again came into view about half way round Walsham, the first scratch man, was being paced by three middle-markers, but finding the pace too slow he forged ahead. Three-quarters of a mile from home he led by 50 yards from Cato, Watson, Cook, Robb, Curtis, Rea, Moore, Hall and Fox, with another interval before Harding, Watt, McLean, Shepherd, and Pepper. In great style Walsham took the last hill and passed the post a good furlong ahead of Cato, who was 75 yards ahead of Curtis.

Details are as follows:—

JUNIOR EVENT.

K. Watson (60sec.), 12min. 57sec.	1
W. Liley (50sec.), 13min.	2
F. Gruszning (50sec.), 13min. 1sec.	3
F. Van de Water (50sec.), 13min. 40sec. ...	4
K. Rouse (scr.), 12min. 55sec.	5
S. Andrews (80sec.), 14min. 20sec.	6
A. Tarrant (scr.), 13min.	7
J. Watson (70sec.), 14min. 10sec.	8
A. Callaghan (scr.), 13min. 4sec.	9
T. Hoskin (40sec.), 13min. 45sec.	10

Next in order were: B. Barnitt (60), N. Saunders (40), Wagstaff (50), S. Bayly (50), E. Clarke (30), W. Wilson (40), B. Revell (40), J. Bewley (120), J. Elmes (scr.), I. Aylward (70).

Fastest Times.

K. Rouse, 12min. 55sec.	1
K. Watson, 12min. 57sec.	2
A. Tarrant and W. Liley, 13min. 0sec. (equal)	3

INTERMEDIATE EVENT.

V. Stace (scr.), 19min. 16 4-5sec.	1
C. Bradford (50sec.), 20min. 14sec.	2
R. Robison (100sec.), 21min. 7sec.	3
E. Dickie (40sec.), 20min. 10sec.	4
D. Morris (scr.), 19min. 55sec.	5
D. Hookham (60sec.), 21min.	6
J. Marshall (10sec.), 20min. 17sec.	7
J. Wilson (20sec.), 20min. 33sec.	8
I. Cameron (20sec.), 20min. 46sec.	9
A. Turner (50sec.), 21min. 25sec.	10
L. Murray (30sec.), 21min. 6sec.	11
K. Rea (50sec.), 21min. 40sec.	12
L. Dickey (scr.), 20min. 53sec.	13
P. Burton (30sec.), 21min. 25sec.	14
J. McCauley (10sec.), 21min. 8sec.	15
F. Toms (70sec.), 22min. 10sec.	16
N. Rennie (60sec.), 22min. 6sec.	17
R. Gardiner (70sec.), 22min. 18sec.	18
A. Wells (10sec.), 21min. 21sec.	19
J. Ulenberg (90sec.), 22min. 42sec.	20



WATCHING THE PROGRESS OF THE STEEPLECHASE.



COMPETITORS IN THE INTERMEDIATE STEEPLECHASE.

Then followed: L. Cates (50), K. Hamilton (70), Powell (40), Fussell (30), D. Lynch (50), J. Bayly (10), I. Watson (100), G. Murdoch (90), R. Jones (60), J. Fairbrother (80).

Fastest Times.

V. Stace, 19min. 16 4-5sec.	1
D. Morris, 19min. 55sec.	2
E. Dickie, 20min. 10sec.	3
C. Bradford, 20min. 14sec.	4
J. Marshall, 20min. 17sec.	5

SENIOR EVENT.

B. Walsham (scr.), 21min. 48 2-5sec.	1
C. Cato (50sec.), 23min. 20sec.	2
C. Curtis (40sec.), 23min. 25sec.	3
T. Watson (30sec.), 23min. 28sec.	4
R. Cook (40sec.), 23min. 53sec.	5
W. Watt (scr.), 23min. 22sec.	6
A. Shepherd (scr.), 23min. 25sec.	7
L. Rea (40sec.), 24min. 6sec.	8
J. S. McLean (10sec.), 23min. 38sec.	9
R. Hall (60sec.), 24min. 30sec.	10
J. F. McDonald (scr.), 23min. 31sec.	11
G. W. Shepherd (30sec.), 24min. 10sec.	12
M. Robb (50sec.), 24min. 31sec.	13
L. Fox (60sec.), 24min. 44sec.	14
R. Moore (70sec.), 25min. 14sec.	15
B. Grieve (10sec.), 24min. 16sec.	16
C. Griffiths (scr.), 24min. 7sec.	17
R. Cresswell (30sec.), 24min. 44sec.	18
W. J. Thomas (scr.), 24min. 18sec.	19
G. Harding (60sec.), 26min. 28sec.	20

Then followed: R. Bradshaw (50sec.), W. Hayward (20), R. Wynyard (10), P. Donohue (50), J. Veale (70), A. Andrews (10), J. Davies (20), H. Short (50), J. Fenton (60), G. Pepper (70), H. Fookes (scr.).

Fastest Times.

B. Walsham, 21min. 48 2-5sec.	1
C. Cato, 23min. 20sec.	2
W. Watt, 23min. 22sec.	3
A. Shepherd and C. Curtis, 23min. 25sec.	4
T. Watson, 23min. 28sec.	6

J. McDonald, 23min. 31sec.	7
J. S. McLean, 23min. 38sec.	8
R. Cook, 23min. 53sec.	9
L. Rea, 24min. 6sec.	10

Points for School championships were scored as follows:—

Senior.—R. B. Walsham, 5 points; W. J. Thomas, 3; H. F. Fookes, 1.

Junior.—D. Morris, 5 points; L. Diekey, 3; R. Ward, 1.

Under 14 years.—K. Rouse, 5 points; A. Tarrant, 3; A. Callaghan, 1.

Under 12 years.—C. Weston, 5 points; P. Smith, 3; R. Arthur, 1.

Under 10 years.—J. Bewley, 5 points; A. Beale, 3; P. Quilliam, 1.

The School desires to acknowledge its indebtedness to the Golf Club for placing the course and its appointments so unreservedly at its disposal.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS

(A. H. Andrews.)

Our annual sports were held on Saturday, October 27, on a fine but windy day. A light drizzle overnight had somewhat deadened the track and a strong southerly wind further militated against fast times, in most of the events. In the morning it was slightly chilly, but in the afternoon the sun shone brilliantly and perhaps this accounted for the presence of a large crowd of parents, friends and Old Boys, who witnessed many exciting and closely contested events.

The organisation of sports in which there are over 500 competitors, and 51 events, is a stupendous task and the committee and officials are to be commended for the way in which the sports were conducted.

Two records were broken. In the Senior 120 Yards Hurdles, H. F. Fookes reduced the time by 4.5sec. From seven yards behind scratch in the Senior Championship heat, he equalled J. D. Mackay's record of 16 4.5sec. established in 1923. Fookes ran from scratch in the final of the Junior Hurdles, and hurdling brilliantly covered the distance in 16sec. His performance was distinctly meritorious and he justly deserved the great ovation given him by the spectators.

A. C. Shepherd threw the cricket ball 101yds. 1ft. 10½in., thus breaking the former record by about five yards. He is to be congratulated on his great throw.

The results of the other championships are as follows: H. F. Fookes (25 points) 1, R. Watson (17 points) 2, W. J. Thomas and R. B. Walsham (10 points each).

The result of the other championships are as follows: Junior Championship Cup, D. Morris and D. Carter (equal); Under 14 Championship (Mr. Bennett's Cup), K. Rouse; Under 12 Championship (Mr. C. Carter's Cup), G. C. Weston; Under 10 Championship (Mr. W. H. Moyes' Cup), A. B. Beale.

Perhaps the best event of the day was the High Jump, in which some fine performances by both seniors and juniors were witnessed. In the junior event E. Johnston with a fine jump cleared the bar at 4ft. 10½in., which was particularly good for a boy from the Preparatory School. Ekdahl, Shepherd and Fookes jumped well in the senior event, but Fookes again demonstrated his superiority by clearing 5ft. 3in. in good style.

The afternoon tea arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Moyes and a band of willing helpers.

The officials for the day were:—Judges: Mr. W. C. Weston, Dr. E. F. Fookes, Mr. E. Jackson, Mr. C. H. Weston, Mr. E. P. Webster, Mr. S. G. Smith, Mr. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., Mr. A. E. South. Starters: Mr. W. H. Moyes and Mr. A. L. Moore. Marksmen: Canon E. H. Strong and Mr. A. J. Papps. Ground stewards: Mr. C. G. Bottrill, Mr. A. G. Johnson, Mr. W. G. Wilkie, Mr. J. D. Roulston, Mr. J. Dobson, Mr. E. R. McKeon, Mr. W. I. Shrimpton, Mr. H. H. Skelton, Mr. H. C. Gatland, Mr. R. J. Horrill. 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, Mr. P. W. Glover. Timekeepers: Mr. V. Dalgleish and Mr. L. B. Webster. Committee: Mr. A. W. Diprose (chairman), C. A. McNeill, K. H. Gibbons, H. F. Fookes, R. L. Shaw, G. L. Ewart. Hon. secretaries: W. Hayward and J. F. McDonald.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

SENIOR CUP.

100 Yards.—First heat (championship): R. Watson 1, H. F. Fookes 2, W. J. Thomas 3. Time, 11sec. Won by two yards. Second heat: Little (scr.) 1, Hayward (4yds.) 2. Time, 11 1-5sec. Third heat: J. W. Syme (1yd.) 1, F. M. Palmer (4yds.) 2. Time, 11sec. Fourth heat: G. L. Ewart (4yds.) 1, A. C. Shepherd (2yds.) 2. Time, 11 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Giboney (7yds.) 1, C. McNeill (2yds.) 2. Time, 11 1-5sec. Final: Watson 1, Syme 2, Little 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. A great finish, inches separating the placed men.

440 Yards (Old Boys' Shield).—H. F. Fookes 1, R. Watson 2, Walsham 3. Time, 56 2-5sec. Won by ten yards.

880 Yards (Mason Memorial Cup).—W. J. Thomas 1, R. Walsham 2, H. F. Fookes 3. Time, 2min. 13 2-5sec. Won by about ten yards.

Long Jump.—H. F. Fookes (scr.), 19ft. 1in., 1; D. Ekdahl (6in.), 19ft. 0½in., 2; R. Watson (scr.), 18ft. 11½in., 3.

High Jump.—H. F. Fookes (scr.) and A. C. Shepherd (3in.), 5ft. 3in., 1; D. Ekdahl (2in.), 5ft. 1in., 3.

120 Yards Hurdles (Mr. Noakes' Cup).—H. F. Fookes (owe 7yds.) 1, R. Watson (owe 7yds.) 2, C. McNeill (owe 3yds.) 3. Time, 16 4-5sec.

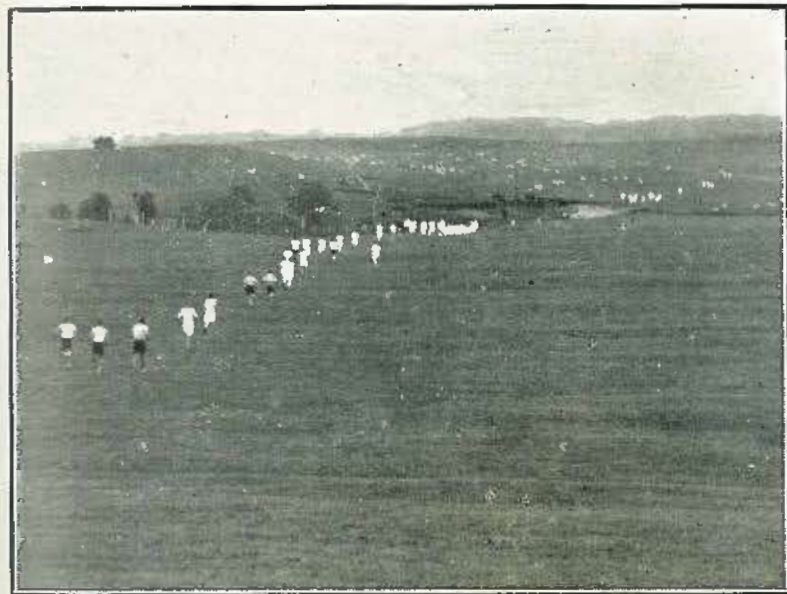
Fookes ran from scratch in the final of the junior hurdles and covered the distance in 16sec., thus clipping 4-5sec. off the previous record.

JUNIOR CUP.

100 Yards.—Championship heat (Mr. Beckbessinger's Cup): Carter 1, D. Morris 2, G. Newell 3. Time, 11 3-5sec. Second heat: P. Davidson (2yds.) 1, R. J. Courtney (3yds.) 2. Time, 12 2-5sec. Third heat: P. Bowie



R. B. WALSHAM WINNING THE SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.



SCRATCH MEN IN THE SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

(5yds.) 1, Dickson (2yds.) 2. Time, 12sec. Fourth heat: Insull (1yd.) 1, P. Moyes (2yds.) 2. Time, 12sec. Fifth heat: J. Outred (3yds.) 1, S. F. Smith (3yds.) 2. Time, 12 3-5sec. Sixth heat: C. T. Cave (2yds.) 1, Hamilton (4yds.) 2. Time, 12 4-5sec. Seventh heat: A. Maunder (2yds.) 1, J. F. Wilson (2yds.) 2. Time, 12 2-5sec. Final: Carter (scr.) 1, P. Bowie (5yds.) 2, A. Maunder (2yds.) 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

440 Yards (Mrs. Bothamley's Cup).—D. Morris 1, L. G. Dickey 2, D. Carter 3. Time, 61sec.

880 Yards (Mr. Gilmour's Cup).—D. Morris 1, L. G. Dickey 2, R. Ward 3. Time, 2min. 22sec.

Long Jump.—D. Carter (scr.), 16ft. 11½in., 1; J. Bayly (8in.), 16ft. 8in., 2; H. Cooper (12in.), 16ft. 7in., 3.

High Jump.—E. Johnson (2in.), 5ft. 0½in., 1; J. Davidson (1in.), 4ft. 11½in., 2; J. Bayly (2in.) and Insull (1in.), 4ft. 9½in., 3.

120 Yards Hurdles.—Championship heat: D. Carter (owe 7yds.) 1, R. Ward (owe 7yds.) 2, L. Dickey (owe 7yds.) 3. Time, 19 3-5sec. Second heat: Bowie (scr.) 1, Lynch (scr.) 2. Time, 20 1-5sec. Third heat: Insull (owe 3yds.) 1. Final: Carter 1, Bowie 2, Insull 3. Time, 19 3-5sec.

UNDER 14 CUP.

220 Yards.—Championship heat: K. A. Rouse 1, R. Wilson 2, H. Purser 3. Time, 31sec. Second heat: K. Watson (8yds.) 1, Gruszning (6yds.) 2, Goldsbury (5yds.) 3. Time, 31sec. Final: K. Watson 1, Rouse 2, Purser 3. Time, 31sec.

75 Yards.—Championship heat: R. Wilson 1, K. Rouse 2, Hoskin 3. Time, 9 4-5sec. Second heat: K. Watson (2yds.) 1, T. W. Hoskin (2yds.) 2, T. E. Young (5yds.) 3. Time, 10sec. Third heat: G. Davidson (1yd.) 1, Tate (1yd.) 2, F. Hoskin (2yds.) 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Van-de-Water (4yds.) 1, Bourke (2yds.) and Gruszning (2yds.) dead heat 2. Time, 10 1-5sec. Final: Hoskin (scr.) 1, K. Watson (2yds.) 2, Van-de-Water (4yds.) 3. Time, 10sec.

100 Yards.—Championship heat: R. Wilson 1, K. Rouse 2, Hoskin 3. Time, 12 4-5sec. Second heat: Van-de-Water (5yds.) 1, G. Davidson (2yds.) 2, Molloy (2yds.)

3. Time, 13 2-5sec. Third heat: Bayly (1yd.) 1, K. Watson (3yds.) 2, Bourke (2yds.) 3. Time, 13 2-5sec. Final: R. Wilson 1, K. Rouse 2, Bayly 3. Time, 13sec.

UNDER 12 CUP.

50 Yards.—G. C. Weston 1, V. Bowie 2, P. C. Smith 3. Time, 7 3-5sec.

100 Yards.—G. C. Weston 1, V. Bowie 2, W. D. Saunders (3yds.) 3. Time, 13 4-5sec.

150 Yards.—G. C. Weston 1, V. Bowie 2, P. C. Smith 3. Time, 20 4-5sec.

UNDER 10 CUP.

50 Yards.—Beale 1, Bewley 2, Quilliam 3. Time, 8 2-5sec.

75 Yards.—Beale 1, Bewley 2, Quilliam 3. Time, 12sec.

100 Yards.—Beale 1, Bewley 2, Quilliam 3. Time, 16sec.

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50 Yards, under 11.—Bewley (2yds.) 1, Blundell (scr.) 2, Quilliam (scr.) 3. Time, 7 4-5sec.

75 Yards, under 13.—P. McDonnell (scr.) 1, R. Wilson (scr.) and Blackley (2yds.) dead heat 2. Time, 10 1-5sec.

100 Yards, under 15.—First heat: Henry (2yds.) 1, Hamilton (4yds.) 2. Time, 12 2-5sec. Second heat: McKee (3yds.) 1, Finch (5yds.) 2. Time, 11 4-5sec. Third heat: Murray (3yds.) 1, Marriott (2yds.) 2. Time, 12 2-5sec. Fourth heat: H. R. Cooper (scr.) 1, Therklason (3yds.) and H. McKenzie (6yds.) dead heat 2. Time, 12 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Morton (1yd.) 1, Courtney (2yds.) 2. Time, 12sec. Sixth heat: Robison (4yds.) 1, Grace (1yd.) 2. Time, 12sec. Final: McKee 1, Cooper 2, Morton 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

150 Yards Open.—First heat: Little (scr.) 1. Time, 16 1-5sec. Second heat: J. W. Syme (1yd.) 1. Time, 16 1-5sec. Third heat: F. Palmer (6yds.) 1. Time, 16 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Maciver (3yds.) 1. Time, 16 4-5sec. Fifth heat: J. Davies (4yds.) 1. Time, 16 3-5sec. Sixth heat: Court (5yds.) 1. Time, 16 2-5sec. Seventh heat: Laurence (4yds.) 1. Time, 16 2-5sec. Eighth heat: D. Ekdahl (4yds.) 1. Time, 16 3-5sec. Final: Little (scr.) 1, Ekdahl (4yds.) 2, J. W. Syme (1yd.) 3. Time, 16 2-5sec.

220 Yards Open.—Laurence (5yds.) 1, Little (scr.) 2. Time, 26 1-5sec. Second heat: J. Syme (1yd.) 1, R. Court (6yds.) 2. Time, 26 3-5sec. Third heat: D. Ekdahl (4yds.) 1, Dinniss (7yds.) 2. Time, 26 1-5sec. Fourth heat: McNeill (4yds.) 1, Robertshaw (8yds.) 2. Time, 27sec. Fifth heat: Maciver (4yds.) 1, F. White (13yds.) 2. Time, 26 1-5sec. Sixth heat: K. Sutton (1yd.) 1, D. Whitcombe (14yds.) 2. Time, 26 4-5sec. Final: Little 1, Ekdahl 2, Maciver 3. Time, 26 1-5sec.

440 Yards Senior.—R. L. Shaw (5yds.) and W. Hayward (15yds.) dead heat 1, R. E. Anderson (30yds.) 3. Time, 58sec.

440 Yards Junior (Mr. Harman's Cup).—H. Cooper (25yds.) 1, Lynch (30yds.) 2, D. Hookham (30yds.) 3. Time, 59sec.

880 Yards Senior.—P. Donohue (35yds.) 1, R. L. Shaw (15yds.) 2, B. Grieve (15yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 17 4-5sec.

880 Yards Junior.—J. Marshall (scr.) and Bradford (30yds.) dead heat 1, Morton (35yds.) 3. Time, 2min. 24sec.

Mile Senior (Dr. Fookes' Cup).—R. B. Walsham (scr.) 1, W. J. Watt (20yds.) 2, C. Curtis (60yds.) 3. Time, 4min. 58sec.

Mile Junior.—Marshall (10yds.) 1, McKay (30yds.) 2, Bradford (30yds.) 3. Time, 5min. 21sec.

Old Boys' Race (Pridham Cup).—S. Black 1, Lealand 2, H. M. Brown 3.

Sack Race, 75yds.—First heat: W. P. Martin (25yds.) 1, R. C. Moore (15yds.) 2. Second heat: K. Phillips (20yds.) 1, Crush (25yds.) 2. Third heat: A. S. Thompson (20yds.) 1, Van-de-Water (25yds.) 2. Fourth heat: Fairbrother and Rennie dead heat 1. Fifth heat: I. Davidson (5yds.) 1, Astley (15yds.) 2. Sixth heat: Cameron (20yds.) 1, Aylward (25yds.) 2. Seventh heat: Stafford (25yds.) 1, P. Moyes (5yds.) 2. Final: Martin 1, Stafford 2, P. Moyes 3.

Potato Race, over 14.—First heat: Hookham. Second heat: Moffitt. Third heat: T. D. Watson. Fourth heat: R. G. Moore. Fifth heat: Sloman. Sixth heat: T. Watson. Seventh heat: Fenton. Eighth heat: H. Cooper. Ninth heat: A. H. Andrews. Final: Sloman 1, Moffitt 2, R. Moore 3.

Potato Race, under 14.—First heat: Van-de-water 1, B. R. Cooke 2, Gruszning 3. Second heat: Purser 1, K. Clarke 2, Barnden 3. Third heat: Rouse 1, Jones 2, Mallon 3. Final: Jones 1, Van-de-Water 2, Rouse 3.

Three-legged Race, 75yds.—First heat: Wood and Wakelin (10yds.) 1. Second heat: Rouse and McKenzie (10yds.) 1. Third heat: Carter and Haselden (5yds.) 1. Fourth heat: R. Anderson and Purcival (10yds.) 1. Fifth heat: M. Robb and Bedford (5yds.) 1. Sixth heat: Clegg and Gardiner (15yds.) 1. Seventh heat: Chittenden and M. Palmer (15yds.) 1. Final: Carter and Haselden 1, Clegg and Gardiner 2.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Senior: A. C. Shepherd 1. Distance, 101yds. 1ft. 10½in. (a record).

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Junior: C. D. Silver 1. Distance, 83yds. 0ft. 7in.

PREPARATORY NOTES

Since the last publication of the magazine our roll number has increased to 37.

On Friday, October 12, Mr. McKenzie made his annual inspection. Although comparatively early in the term, six boys were granted their Proficiency Certificates, and two others were given the opportunity of sitting again on November 16.

After the mid-term we bade farewell to the class room which has served us so long and removed to a class room in the "New Building." This change was greatly appreciated by master and pupils alike.

During the football season our team played with but moderate success. Since the commencement of cricket, however, we have been much more fortunate, and are looking forward to a very successful season.

Next year some of our members will have entered the Upper School. With new interests and new work to occupy them, it is hoped by all those they leave behind, that occasionally a thought will be spared for the department which first set their feet on the roadway of learning.



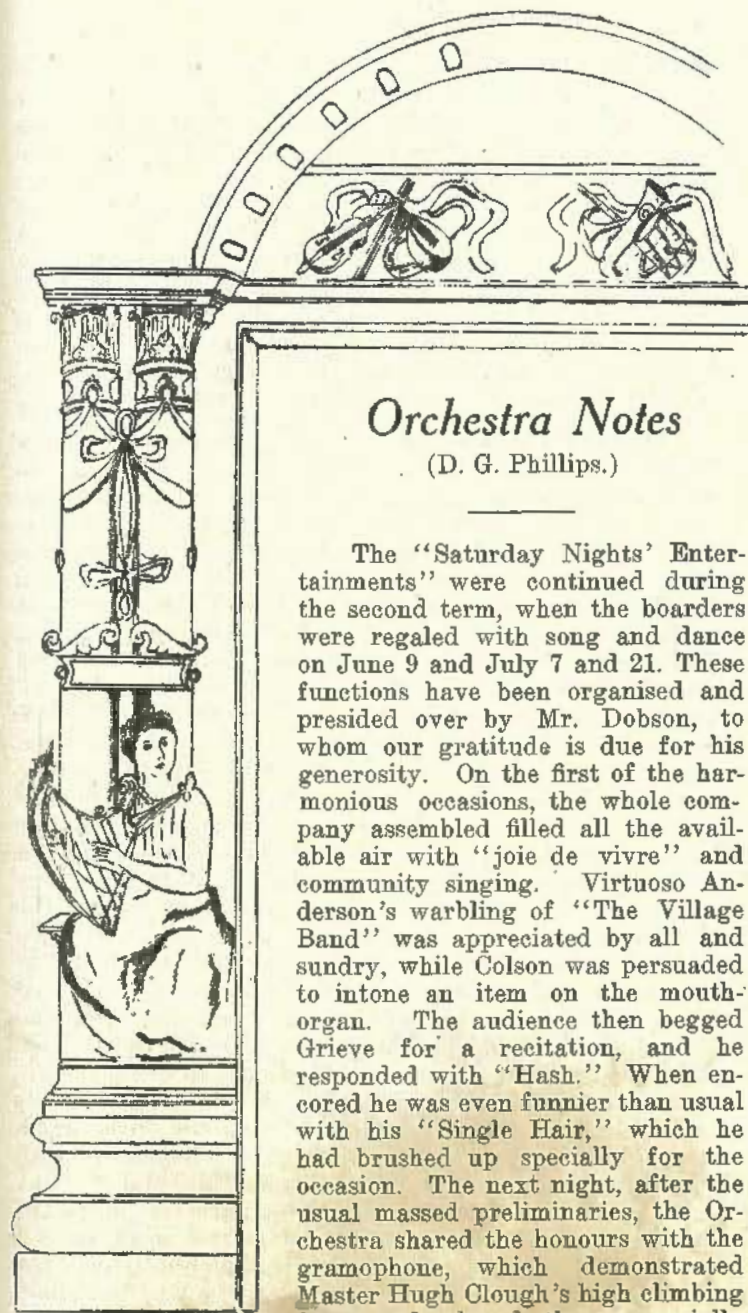
ORCHESTRA, 1928.

Oakley Studio, N.P.

Back Row.—J. Ford, S. MacDiarmid, L. Therkleston, F. White.

Third Row.—T. Avery, E. Edgecombe, G. Sutton, P. Miles, S. Geary, J. Hatherley, J. Atack.

Second Row.—H. Law, J. McCauley, W. Watt, H. Parkes, D. Phillips. In Front.—L. Watt, B. O'Halloran.



Orchestra Notes

(D. G. Phillips.)

The "Saturday Nights' Entertainments" were continued during the second term, when the boarders were regaled with song and dance on June 9 and July 7 and 21. These functions have been organised and presided over by Mr. Dobson, to whom our gratitude is due for his generosity. On the first of the harmonious occasions, the whole company assembled filled all the available air with "joie de vivre" and community singing. Virtuoso Anderson's warbling of "The Village Band" was appreciated by all and sundry, while Colson was persuaded to intone an item on the mouth-organ. The audience then begged Grieve for a recitation, and he responded with "Hash." When encoered he was even funnier than usual with his "Single Hair," which he had brushed up specially for the occasion. The next night, after the usual massed preliminaries, the Orchestra shared the honours with the gramophone, which demonstrated Master Hugh Clough's high climbing feats and played three especially

enjoyable sea-chanty records. The third meeting featured a performance of the "Children's Overture" on the gramophone. Thanks are due to O'Halloran and Hatherley for violin solos, and to Avery and Langston for recitations. During the third term the concert party have been putting in some fine work at sea-chanties. The rollicking rhythm, the strong salt seafaring air, and the swashbuckling swing of these ditties as sung by these past-masters almost makes one feel the pitching and heaving of tarry planks under the feet, the wet sea spray in the face, until that state is reached when one feels too full for speech and just longs to sit very still and listen to the wild sea waves beating upon the rockbound shore.

On the afternoon of May 25 the School was fortunate in the visit of Miss Dawne Assheton and Herr Laszlo Schwartz. Their repertoire was entertaining and instructive. Mr. Schwartz engaged our interest with a sparkling lecturette on Folk-Music, particularly as found in Hungary. The warlike whiskers of our military men bristled with wrath when the wailing of the violin sent forth a bitter complaint against the barbarities of war, a "Rhapsodie Impromptu," composed by Mr. Schwartz himself. "Caprice," another of the player's own composition, followed "Eili, Eili," a traditional Hebrew lament. Hurriedly we left the depths of despair and climbed to the sunshine above, the Folk-Songs of the temperamental Magyar, "So They Say," "Love Song," "Hungarian Phantasy." Miss Assheton's items were sung in costumes of modish Oriental and Slavonic cut, set off with gorgeous trimmings. The head-dresses alone were objects of marvel to a male eye as they framed the piquant features of this soprano, whose acting was no less delightful to behold. To the rhythmic throbbing of the accompaniment we had the "Ghanza Drums" of India, the Persian "Djoulas Song," and the intriguing "Ma Lay Lay" of the languorous little Burmese girl. Then the swaying princess vanished, and in her place appeared the radiant Magyar maiden, with eloquent hands and feet, who turned the visitors from the Girls' High School a permanent green with rage. "Liliomszal," with the highly amusing "Oj Dana," and "My Mate," Slav Folk-Songs, were greeted with even greater gasps of admiration. The irrepressible songstress next gave a weird interpretation of some Negro Spirituals, and not content with that, added a rather pathetic Ghetto ballad,

"Children, Children," also by Mr. Schwartz. However, the drooping spirits of the audience were revived by the flighty Irish "Santry Fair." Among the encores were "Waiata Poi," the melodious Russian Cuckoo" and the very tasteful "Three Chestnuts." The round was brought to a conclusion by "Ave Maria." During the entertainment Mr. Eric Bell provided some excellent accompaniments and played two piano solos, "Romance" by Jean Sibelius, and "Poupée Valsante" by Poldini.

Successes were attained at the last Trinity College examinations as follows:—Practical: Senior Division, H. Short and D. Lee; Intermediate Division, A. Wyld-Browne. Harmony: Intermediate Division, M. Good.

Since the last issue the Orchestra's valuable services were requisitioned for the Red Cross Benefit in the Workers' Social Hall. We were also fortunate in seeing the Girls' High School play, "To-morrow," in the same manner. On November 10 the Orchestra and concert party visited the Hospital, while on the 12th "Lord Richard" in the dressing room changed his trousers to the accompaniment of sweet sounds from the orchestral well between the acts. On November 24 our itinerary included St. Mary's Hall, where the ladies' committee very kindly entertained us to refreshment after our labours. If time allows, the Gaol will also be included on the visiting list.

During the latter portion of the term a very successful concert was held, when the usual high standard was maintained in the performance. The programme was as follows:—

1. Orchestra, "Colonel Bogey" March (Alford)
2. Opening Chorus, "Comradeship, Valour and Wisdom"
3. Sea Chanties Anderson and Coy.
4. Violin Solo (a) Bourrée (Handel), (b) Minuet (Gluck) O'Halloran
5. Recitation, "If" (Kipling) Grieve
6. Orchestra, "In a Monastery Garden" (Kétélby)

7. Pianoforte Solo, (a) Prelude in A flat major
(Chopin), (b) Island Spell (John Island) .. Silver
8. Songs (soprano), "The Minstrel Boy" and
"Cherry Ripe" .. Menzies
9. Violin Duet, (a) Allegro Maestoso Op. 38
(Mazas), (b) Polonaise (Campagnoli)
Hatherley and O'Halloran
10. Orchestra, "Londonderry Air" (O'Connor-
Morris)
11. Song, "The Old Brigade" (Weatherley) Anderson
12. Song and Monologue, "Le Masque du Couffon"
Grieve
12. Sea Chanties Grieve and Coy.
14. Song, "Drum Major" (Newton) Mr. Menzies
15. Violin Solo, (a) Canyonetta (Dambrosio),
(b) Russian Danse Miss Ross
16. Song, "The Village Blacksmith" (Weiss) Mr. Kerr
17. Piano Quartette (Mozart),
Miss Dowling (violin), Miss Ross (viola), Miss
Coleman ('cello), Mr. Dobson (piano)

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

*Let budding Shakespeares shed their works
These pages on,
For in their dreary whiteness lurks
The muse of song.*

*This paper blankly stares at me,
While I do think what there shall be
Writ on its clear, smooth white.
But I with you will be quite frank
For like this sheet my mind is blank
And can not think nor write.*

K.S.V.A.

RESPICAMUS.

The cheerful rays of fading day
Tint the Abbey walls with a rose-red hue;
O'er its nest there hovers a lark so gay,
Its grassy nest all bathed in dew.

But lo!
The ruins standing gaunt and bare
Are wrapped in gloom, a solemn cowl;
The lonely cry of the moping owl
Rings clear and loud in the chilly air.
The whining wind moans round the eaves
And whistles through autumnal leaves,
Then up against the straggling pile
The cold moon rises.

And then I see the crumbling walls
Grow firm and gray, rebuilt again.
The bell re-echoes through the halls,
And black-cowled monks take up the strain
While sacred choirs their solemn lay
Are chanting. Hark! the music stay!
For oaken doors resound with knocks
Of men impatient.

The monks, their manly spirit raised
Fling ope the massive portals wide;
In pour the Vikings, axe upraised!
No cravens are the monks, nor hide,
And blood of martyrs stains the ground,
While all the air doth hold the sound
Of curses loud, and dying prayers
Of slaughtered saints.

The vision fades,
One by one the twinkling stars appear;
Slowly the lonely aisles sink in the shades;
And there the ruins lie, silent and drear.

G. McK. (VI.)

THE CLIPPER.

On before the blast, on before the gale
With the ship aplunging madly.
On before the wind from the west we sail
With our hearts rejoicing gladly.

O'er the curling crests, o'er the foaming spray
With the tight'ned ropes amoaning,
And the straining spars, and the quickened sway
Of the arched masts agroaning.

On before the trades, on with twanging sheets
 With the jibs and trees a creaking
 And the high pitched squeal of the rusty cleats
 And the battered bows aleaking.

Thro' the tropic calm, 'neath the azure skies
 With the gulls a wildly crying,
 And the salty air, and the gentle sighs
 Of the evening breeze adying.

On the sparkling bay, near a sandy beach
 With the sails afaintly flapping,
 With the surf's dull roar and the shingle's screech
 And the swell asoftly lapping.

C.E. (V. A.)

BEAUTY: SONNET.

Things that I loved have moved me oft to write,
 Such things as these: the thrill of fish, the chase;
 The calm, high, fearful beauty of the night;
 Hills distant, dying blue; a lonely place
 Full of the damp of salt and cries of gulls;
 And dipping prows; and well-lined, stately ships;
 The loneliness of bush that surely lulls
 The tireddest eyes to sleep; the fragrant chips
 Of new-cut pines; the noise and rush of towns;
 The eyes of babes; the joyous, liting songs
 Of birds; the mysteries of winds on downs
 And hills; the love of women; fights 'gainst
 wrongs;
 And dawns and sunsets red like shaking flames;
 And thousands more. All beautiful their names!
 D.A.S. (V. A.)

THE EGOTIST.

An Operatic Tragedy in One Act.

Scene I. (A Regimental Taproom. The rank and file of the Army are disposed at decent intervals round the stage. The Barman is assiduously polishing his glasses. As curtain rises, all burst into song.)

Soldiers' Chorus:

A pint of ale! A pint of ale!
 A bitter end to care and trouble,
 Come drown it in a glass of ale!
 For life is only froth and bubble—
 A foe to fight, and a wench to kiss,
 An hour to live, and it's gone—like this!

(to the accompaniment of a roll on the bass drum
 they blow the froth from their ale and drink deep)

Voice (tremolo):

She was my last and only love!
 I'm just a little lo-onely, love!
 (enter poet)

I met her by the babbling pool,
 'Twas on a gentle summer's morn.
 Her hair was black, her eyes forlorn,
 Her cheeks were very red.

Chorus: Her lips were also red.
 But soon we met a silly fool,
 Who came that way on dalliance bent,
 And sighed with amorous intent—
 I shot him through the head!

Chorus: He—shot—him—dead!

Barman: You know that's absolutely ghastly!
 Poet: Yes,
 It is most tragical.

Barman: I cannot guess
 Why people let you write such stuff.

Poet: I say,
 I'll sing a song of—

Chorus: Prithee spare us!

Poet: Nay!

When I my first manuscript took
 To the Editor's odorous den,
 He puffed at his poisonous pipe,
 He nibbled his virulent pen.
 With a supercritical look,
 He leered at my lines and then—

Barman: He saw they were nothing but tripe.

Poet: He leered at them over again.

Chorus: Rotten!

Poet: Yes, the man was quite illbred.
(His audience simultaneously collapse. He takes
advantage of their silence)

My soul is strong within me and my head
Forever holds an incandescent mass
Whose fiery impulse moves me and compels
This spirit soaring upwards like a gas.
Into the cerulean blue it swells,
And scatters wide through all the universe
Until the vasty void of space repels
It dancing madly trying to traverse
The Milky May, which weaves its potent spells
Like cobwebs round my dizzied brain. I hear
Afar the frosty tinkling of the bells.

Chorus: The breezes waft his garments thin and sere,
His hands are shaking like the asphodels.

Poet: Alas! I am in pain! I am in pain!

Chorus: Oh no! You are insane! You are insane!
(They impale him on the points of their daggers)

Loquacious Verbosity!
Pride and Pomposity!
Hide thee to Hades with headlong Velocity!
Loathsome Monstrosity!

(Exeunt, bearing the body)

D.G.P. (VI.)

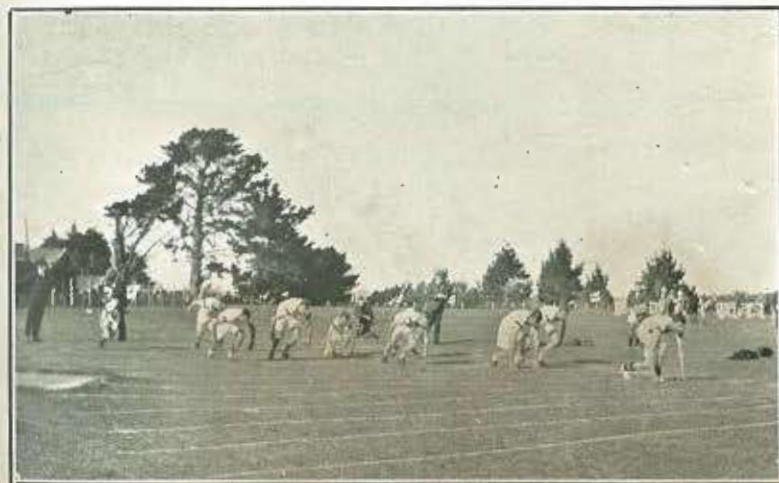
SO SPEAKETH GOD TO EVERY MAN, SWEETLY,
INWARDLY, SILENTLY:—

Consider man, the lilies of the field;
The ripening corn—the warm earth's moist yield;
The stubble fields of Autumn, rough with stumps
Of gnarled, yellow dried-up gorse; the clumps
Of straggled brambles, and the flight of birds.

Consider, too, the crispen frosty grass
Of Winter nights; and ice as clear as glass;
And bleak, cold hail; and feath'ry falling snow;
The lonely tufts of grass like flaxen tow;
The pale moon's light, the scanty cropping herds.



H. F. FOOKES CLEARING THE BAR—SENIOR HIGH JUMP.



START OF THE 220 YARDS OPEN.

Consider, too, the bleat of lambs in Spring;
 The warm, soft-drizzling rains that budding bring
 To flower the primroses, the daffodils;
 The leaping, rainbow joy of flooded rills;
 The air's keen tang; the mating of the birds.

Consider, too, the drowsy Summer-sun;
 The murmuring of streams that mossy run;
 The dusty dryness of the sleepy roads;
 The humming song of bees with honeyed loads;
 The rich, full, liquid lilt of the birds.

So speaketh God to every man, sweetly, inwardly, silently.
 And man then loveth God.

D.A.S. (V. A.)

THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

(From an unprinted manuscript by A. A. Milne.)

In many a mighty city, in many a mighty town,
 The citizens need highways and Councils lay them down;
 And then the drains need fixing and workmen dig them
 up.
 They build a fence around the hole and people watch
 them sup
 On bacon cooked with eggs in the Middle of the Road.

In every mighty city, in every little town,
 The householders have gas laid on to cook t _ _dding
 brown,
 So when the mains have broken, and gas is everywhere,
 The workmen come into the road and dig a tunnel there,
 And pitch a little tent in the Middle of the Road.

There's hardly any city, there's hardly any town
 But somewhere there's a house with water pipes laid
 down,
 And where is there a waterpipe that didn't sometimes
 leak?
 So then the workmen come again the damages to seek.
 There's never any peace for the Middle of the Road.

G. McK (VI.)

THE WINTER SEA.

The heavy mist hangs like a pall
Above the ocean deep;
While underneath, the sullen waves
Moan themselves to sleep.

There's a low wind wailing sadly
Along the lonely strand,
There's only the sound of the sea gull's cry
O'er mournful sea and land.

But one by one the shadows fly,
Swept by the sun's warm rays,
The clouds depart and the ocean wide
Shines bright through a glittering haze.
D.G. (V. A.)

MEN.

Now God, being omnipotent, may not
Be questioned; but I often wonder why
He made us men. Was God then lonely, high
Above the rolling clouds? Or with His lot
Was tired? Or did He long for the wild, hot-
Breathed manly rage? The lover's sigh,
And human weaknesses which God not nigh
Might come? Or were men but to gladden God?

Nay, I do think that God must always love
And He, alone with His own Beauty could
Not love: and therefore as His loves above
He made us men. But that we never would
Feel His aloofness dread, He gave us Life,
And Love, and Hate, and Strength, and Peace, and
Strife.

D.A.S. (V. A.)

LATE AFTERNOON.

The day was hot, the leaden sun hung high
And sent its rays from out a cloudless sky.
The air was hushed, save where the Presence spake
"And what if A should then no profit make?"
The boy moved not, his midday meal was o'er,
He thought awhile—and answered with a snore.

Thereat uprose the master stern and straight,
And oped his mouth, and spoke these words irate,
"Who is that boy?" And still they spake no word.
With heavy heads upon their hands they heard
Him not. "The heat is most intense, 'tis true,"
He said—and then the master slumbered too!

D.G.P. (VI.)

SPRING.

"All ye vast host, who claim with pride to be
Subjects of Ceres' realm, awake! and see
Around each one of you a glittering tide
Of dewy freshness—your beholder's pride."

A wave high and roaring, clothes the beach
With suns reflected, far as eye can reach.
So wakes the Spring, and rousing wraps the world
First soft with green and then refulgent gold.

Spring deems it not enough to charm our gaze.
The care-free birds their tuneful voices raise;
The playful breezes through the trees must sing,
That we may see and hear and know 'tis Spring.

H.C. (V. A.)

A WORD OF ADVICE TO THOSE WHO PURPOSE
BATHING.

Hot baths are necessary to the happiness of our present state. It is a singular fact that the routine of such becomes as well-marked as that of any drill movement.

First, it is necessary to cleanse the bath, or at least to remove some of the more obvious indications of previous occupants. This is done by first turning on the tap and then swilling the water up and down with a sweeping rotary motion of the hand. When the porcelain has taken on a hue satisfying to the degree of particularity of the bather, the plug, of rubber or some bright metal, is inserted in the hole at the bottom of the bath, underneath the taps (H and C). Then the hot tap is turned on gradually at first, so that the heat of the issuing liquid may be ascertained by a cautious use of the hand. When satisfied that the heat of the water is sufficient, it is well

to turn on the cold tap as well. This has the double advantage of filling the bath more speedily and keeping the temperature within more moderate limits. When the bath is half full, or thereabouts, it is usual to feel the water with the right or left hand to ascertain whether it is in a fit state to enter. If it seems so, one foot should be slowly advanced, keeping the other rooted firmly on the linoleum, until it enters the water. Great care should be taken by beginners at this stage since the human skin is susceptible to the influence of hot liquids to a remarkable extent. If the water seems excessively hot the foot should be withdrawn and more cold water added until the requisite temperature is reached. On no account should a bath which is giving off large quantities of steam be entered upon with a hop, skip and jump. It is usual to remove the plug and allow the water to escape when the bath is finished. A cold shower is optional, resting with the personal taste of the partaker.

D.G.P. (VI.)

PRIMA LUX.

The slow mists rise and the soft snow drops
On the mantle laid.
Drops like the feathers from moulting flocks,
And a downy winding-sheet is made,
Soft and fleecy. It covers the rocks,
And their outlines fade.

Sun sinks down and their shadows fall,
Creep o'er the snow.

Mist-men rise like phantoms tall
And an eerie echo, soft and low,
Wails through the drifts like a spirit-call
Of long ago.

Mist-wreaths whirl through a breathless night
Till a silent dawn,
When slow in the East grows a rising light.
In the crimson glow of day new-born,
The mists disperse and the snow-glare bright,
Greets a Mountain-morn.

R.L.S. (VI.)

NEW ZEALAND.

Land of the open southern seas,
Land of the morepork's call;
Land of the freshening southern breeze,
Land of the kauri tall.

Land of the open fertile plains,
Land of the wild wind's sigh;
Land of the frequent winter rains,
Land of the mountains high.

A country given by God to man,
Under the southern stars;
A land of pure and honest hearts,
And free from all that mars.

R.D. (III. A.)

ALARIC.

Down in the bed of the river
They carried the Goth to his grave,
On the shackled shoulders of suffering serf,
Sullen servant and slave.
Snuffed is the flame of existence,
Broken the weaver's loom,
The Parcae have won, the mightiest Hun,
Alaric, goes to his tomb.

Gone are the days of his glory,
Past is his pitiless power,
And the days when he shattered the Roman arms,
The Fabian freedom and flower;
When he swept like a scourge from the northward
Like a pestilence gloomy and grey,
And raged in his wrath, magnificent Goth,
Down the Flaminian Way.

When he stormed through the Apennine passes,
Over the Umbrian plains,
And the fertile fields he ravaged and rent
Like a rose that is crushed by the rains;

When he rode to the ramparts of Rome,
 With tocsin and brazen gong,
 With nodding plume, with his drum of doom,
 With his merciless Scythian throng.

His sepulchre lies 'neath the torrent,
 The waters pass over his head;
 While jewels bedeck his body,
 And jasmine bedrenches his bed.
 Undisturbed by the passage of ages,
 Undescried by the patience of man,
 He rests in his grave, ever mighty and brave,
 Masked by some mightier plan.

B.C.B. (VI.)

A LETTER HOME.

Dear Mum and Dad: I write to-night,
 To tell you all the news.
 But first of all before we start,
 Will you send out some chews?

Or, if you can't supply the tuck,
 A 'ten-bob' note would do—
 The tuck shop's just down Eliot Hill,
 And all its wares are new.

We're all engaged in training now.
 At least, we ought to be;
 The door of training is hard shut,
 And eating's not the key.

I'm sorry no more news is round;
 And please excuse the scrawl:
 But don't forget about the tuck:
 And give my love to all.

P.S.—I hope you won't forget
 To send the tuck-box soon.
 As holidays are far away
 A tuck-box is a boon.

L.W. (IV. A.)



De Rebus Ecclesiasticis

For some months preparation for Confirmation has gone on regularly in spite of various difficulties. The date of the Confirmation was duly fixed for November 14, and we were looking forward to the usual school service with a large attendance of parents, friends and Old Boys. Suddenly the Government decided to annex our date for their General Election, a piece of thoughtlessness on their part which no doubt materially contributed to their defeat. By this time it was too late to secure another separate date, and so there was only one thing to be done, and that was to throw in our lot with the candidates from the parish, and take the next night, November 15. Of course that made the service very long, and there was not quite the same feeling about it as has always been associated with our Confirmation. School provided fifty-one candidates on this occasion, but four of them were for various reasons absent, and were presented at a

Confirmation at Hawera on the Sunday following. The service on the 15th was well attended, the music well rendered, and the advice and teaching from the Bishop of the Diocese helpful and stimulating. At Hawera the Bishop of Wellington confirmed our remaining four candidates.

We have not much else to record. School services have gone on with the usual lack of interest displayed in them by the day boys. It certainly seems a great misfortune that young gentlemen prefer to ignore the claims of religion and to spend every single moment of Sunday in advertising their opinions. Apart from this unfortunate attitude, the services have been the usual source of happiness and benefit to everyone concerned. Certainly the choir has improved out of all knowledge, both in its singing and in its attendance. It is quite a pleasure when someone is interested enough to take management of it on his own shoulders, and we are all delighted with the result. For this reason we were sorry that at the recent Confirmation it was not possible for the choir to function in their usual places. However, we judge from the volume of sound from the bottom of the Church, that they were doing their duty well and truly in another position. If we have such a good choir next year we shall indeed be fortunate. And we have also been lucky in our band of readers. Their standard has been indeed high, and we hope that it will be well maintained.

WIRELESS NOTES

(C. P. Palmer.)

During the last few months the Wireless Club has become an exceedingly popular institution. On the evening of the historic Tasman flight the little room was packed to overflowing by eager listeners to the progress reports of the airmen. A considerable audience remained till a comparatively late hour, one enthusiast in fact enduring the static till five the next morning. We hear, by the way that a very weary person occupied one of the pews of St. Andrew's Church that Sunday morning. His head began to nod, it sank slowly upon his chest, heavy breathing ensued, and he slept—till after the offertory.

On August 7, the whole school was deeply moved to hear of the death of Lance Evans, following upon an attack of pneumonic influenza. He had felt unwell on the Sunday and on Monday his condition became serious. He was taken to the Public Hospital, but with tragic suddenness died the same afternoon. The shock was such that those of us who knew him well could hardly realise that, in this life at least, we had seen his face for the last time.



It is only as the months pass by that we comprehend the full extent of our loss. Quiet and reserved, Lance was a youth who was highly esteemed by all his fellow-pupils. He possessed a warm, friendly disposition, and this, together with his real sincerity of heart and quiet geniality, made him a valued member of the school. Instinctively one knew that he was worthy of unbounded trust, a characteristic which must always bring with it success. His time with us was very short indeed, but it proved that Lance was a youth who showed great promise, and we who are left feel that there has been created a gap which will be hard to fill. We should like his family to feel that we share their sorrow, and offer to them our sincerest sympathy.

Then, too, during the winter term the set proved a great boon to followers of Rugby. Living as we do in a portion of the North Island which is rather off the beaten track, we do not enjoy the pleasure of witnessing many representative matches. Consequently the wireless room was always well patronised on the occasion of a big inter-provincial match, no matter in what part of New Zealand it was played.

Generally speaking reception up to now has been exceptionally good, but, with the rapid approach of the summer months, it is only to be expected that "Old Man Static" will resume his "jazz band concert programme."

The club intended to procure a short wave set this year, but unfortunately lack of funds has rendered impossible the purchase of this luxury. It is hoped that something will be done in this direction next year and that boys may have the opportunity of learning the Morse code, so that they will be able to sit for their amateur's certificate—a certificate which may in years to come prove a very valuable possession.

With regard to the question of short wave experimental work, we hear that one "wireless fiend" has built a three-valve set and so far has been successful in logging in a number of stations, namely 2XAD, KDKA, 2ME, WGY, 2XAF, 5SW, etc.

The forthcoming months will probably see some decrease in the number of members listening in, principally owing to the approach of the annual examinations. We sincerely hope that too much of their "swat" time has not been devoted to listening to the delightful programmes that are frequently broadcasted from the various stations.

SCHOOL NOTES

(E. P. Allen and G. L. Ewart.)

We broke up for the second term holidays on August 16 and returned to School for the last term on September 11.

Owing to the state of the grounds on the Racecourse, which had been ploughed and resown during the summer,

football was very late in starting this year. A very dry summer had parched the ground, which was practically unfit for play until the second term. The new grounds, however, are a great improvement. Our own ground in the gully, too, is now looking quite cheerful with its green-terraced banks.

The football season just past has been one of the most successful in the history of the School. The First Fifteen was leading in the first junior competition when the number of school matches forced them to withdraw. Four school matches were played away from home—at Napier, Hawera, Wanganui and Hamilton—and one on the home ground; all were won, some by large margins.

On June 12 the Governor-General paid a visit to New Plymouth, and we paraded for a reception in Pukekura Park. Unfortunately a strong wind blew the loud speakers over, and we could only catch a few stray sentences of what seemed a forceful speech. The consolation in the form of a holiday was well received.

The final speeches for the Debating Cup were heard in the Assembly Hall at the end of the second term. The standard of speaking was very high. The senior division was won by Phillips, who spoke on "Mussolini." Staunton, who spoke on "Napoleon," and Grieve, who spoke on "Caesar," were second and third respectively. A feature of these speeches was the epic nature of the subjects. The junior division was won by L. Riley. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Moss for judging these speeches and for his helpful criticism and advice.

The Day Boys—Boarders match took place on September 16 in Pukekura Park. The Day Boys won, 8—3, after a game made interesting by the friendly rivalry that the Press informs us is characteristic of these matches.

The steeplechases were run on October 4 over the golf links, which were kindly placed at our disposal by the club. The weather, for once, was excellent, and some very good running was seen. A fair gallery watched the events, which were capably controlled by the committee.

Favoured with perfect weather, though a somewhat dead track, the annual athletic sports on October 27 were very successful. A large crowd of parents and Old Boys

attended the function. A strong southerly blew all day and proved a considerable handicap in the longer races. The senior championship was won by H. F. Fookes, while the junior resulted in a tie between D. Morris and D. Carter. H. Fookes clipped 4.5sec. off the record for the 120yds. hurdles; and, in the throwing the cricket ball, A. C. Shepherd also established a new record with a magnificent effort of 101yds. 10½in.

Shortly after the sports an Athletic Club was formed, on the initiative of two of the masters. We regard this as a very-welcome addition to the School activities. While there has always been considerable enthusiasm for athletics at the time of the sports, little has been done in the way of systematic training at other times. This new movement will ensure that this keenness is not limited to a brief period in the school year.

The First Eleven has recently played two exciting matches. Playing against Western Park, after being 20 runs behind on the first innings we were in what appeared to be a winning position, as our opponents had 50 runs to make and had lost seven wickets. However, all our efforts failed to dislodge the batsmen who, aided by a little luck, made the runs and scored a well-deserved win by three wickets.

Against New Plymouth, we led on the first innings, but were given 130 to make in the second innings. Victory seemed certain when a rot set in, and the last four wickets fell with little addition to the score. We lost an exciting game by six runs. We feel sure that a little stiffening from the ranks of the "Old Contemptibles" would have assured our victory in both of these matches.

During the year several entertainers have very kindly favoured us with their presence. On April 30 Mr. Tate gave a juggling exhibition. He very generously gave back half the proceeds to the School institutions. A month later Schwartz, the famous violinist, and Dawn Assheton, the singer, gave a wonderful recital in the Assembly Hall. The novelty and excellence of this entertainment made it extremely popular. An exhibition of conjuring was also given in June. In addition to these treats, we have twice patronised educational pictures. The first of these, in May, concerned itself with the mechanism of the human voice, the life story of the spider, and other matters of import. The second, in September, was devoted to a trip

through the Southern Pacific, viewing the atolls, the "lone banana trees," and what not. Both, needless to say, were much appreciated.

On November 12 the School, assisted by five girls from the Girls' High School, staged the three-act farce "Lord Richard in the Pantry." This production, which is the first of the kind to be undertaken by the two schools in conjunction, was in every way a tremendous success.

The School boxing championships were held in the Gymnasium on November 16 and 17, before large attendances. The entries were numerous, and many exciting contests took place. The senior championship was won by Gibbons, who defeated McGregor in an interesting bout, in which the winner's aggressiveness was the deciding factor.



BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(G. F. McKenzie.)

This year saw a record entry for the championships, which were fought before a large crowd in the School Gymnasium on the nights of Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17. We wish to compliment Mr. F. J. Eggleton on the fact that with this increase in competitors there was also an improvement in the quality of the boxing. Our thanks are due to Mr. T. Thompson for his able and impartial refereeing, to the Taranaki Boxing Association for the loan of the ring and appointments, and to Dr. Fookes, who acted as medical examiner.

On Friday night, the results of the preliminaries were as follows:—

PREPARATORY DIVISION.

Flyweight, under 5st. 7lb.—Arthur beat Beale.

Paperweight, under 6st. 7lb.—McKenzie beat M. Hatherley; B. Browning beat Young; Blackley beat Weston.

Welterweight, under 8st.—D. Browning beat Nolan; McDonnell beat Kemp.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Flyweight, under 6st. 7lb.—G. Davidson beat W. Anderson; I. Watson beat E. Henderson.

Paperweight, under 7st.—Ryan beat Chittenden; K. Watson beat Van de Water.

Bantamweight, under 8st.—Gayton beat Molloy; Pepper beat Smith.

Welterweight, under 8st. 7lb.—Cato beat Latham; Field beat Outred.

Light-heavyweight, under 9st. 7lb.—F. Palmer beat Keenan; Haselden beat Jones; Turner beat Cresswell; Bradshaw beat Wylde-Brown.

Middleweight, under 10st.—Grieve beat Weatherley; Robb beat McLean; J. MacDonald beat Dickey, in the hardest bout of the evening.

On Saturday night the results were as follows:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Semi-finals.

McGregor beat R. Wynyard.—Both opened cautiously, but at the end of the first round McGregor connected with a hard right swing. Wynyard then attacked, placing a solid left and right to the jaw; McGregor retaliated with a left to the solar plexus. Wynyard made good use of his left, but M'Gregor's longer reach nullified his efforts.

K. Gibbons beat R. Shaw in a hard bout, in which flailing fists were prominent. Shaw had a brilliant left, but Gibbons attacked the whole bout with rights and lefts to the body. In the final round Gibbons rushed Shaw to the ropes and punished him badly. He proved the winner by a fair margin.

Final.

K. Gibbons beat McGregor by a strong attack. Gibbons was fiercely aggressive in the opening round and maintained a terrific pace, with a two-handed attack, although he lacked the judgment of his rival. To

McGregor must be given credit that, by clever ringcraft, he made his opponent's rushing attacks appear wild. After half-time he appeared weakened and more open to attack. The third round saw Gibbons rush again, and he almost settled matters with a double left-hand blow to the point and the body. McGregor gamely struggled on, but his rival's blows began to tell, so the referee stopped the bout, awarding Gibbons the championship.

PREPARATORY DIVISION.

Flyweight, under 5st. 7lb.—Quilliam drew with Arthur in a merry bout, in which both competitors waded in and exchanged blow for blow.

Paperweight, under 6st. 7lb.—Blackley beat B. Browning in a fierce fight. Blackley landed some good blows to the body, while Browning often missed his blows to the head.

Final, Paperweight.—Blackley beat McKenzie in a lively bout by a slight margin. Blackley landed several straight lefts to the head. In the last round both went in with two hands.

Welterweight, under 8st.—D. Browning beat McDonnell. Browning proved much too good for his opponent.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Paperweight, under 7st.—Ryan beat Fairbrother, who did not use his advantage in height and reach. Ryan used a left to the face, followed by a right cross.

Bantamweight, under 8st.—Gayton beat Duff in a willing mix-up. Duff was rocked with solid rights to the head. Duff then rushed in and pummelled his man to the body, but Gayton retaliated and later dazed Duff with a right to the head.

Welterweight, under 8st. 7lb.—Cato beat I. Davidson, who started with a two-handed attack. Cato made good use of his left, and forced the pace in the second round, and kept it up till the end. He won by a narrow margin.

Light-heavyweight, under 9st. 7lb.—Haselden beat F. Palmer in a gruelling contest. Haselden was the heavier hitter, but this was nullified by the longer reach of Palmer.

Palmer sent in a hard left to the face, which roused Haselden's ire, and he bored in with flying fists. Palmer wilted under the fierce attack, and it soon became evident that he was a beaten man.

Turner beat Bradshaw, who opened cautiously. Turner rushed in, but received a left to the face, which disconcerted him. After an even struggle Turner again rushed in and notched the points which gave him the victory.

B. Grieve beat J. MacDonald in a hard struggle. Both opened furiously. A right swing to the face had MacDonald bleeding. Grieve attacked strongly and, although he hurt his thumb in the second round, he landed some effective blows.

FINALS—UPPER SCHOOL.

Heavyweight, under 11st.—W. Hayward beat S. Anderson. Anderson drew first blood with a solid right swing to the face. Hayward took the blow with a grin and landed home a few solid lefts to the body. Round two was noted for the number of terrific swings which missed. In the final round Hayward made a hot attack with his left leads, and came out the winner by a few points.

Paperweight, under 7st.—K. Watson beat Ryan in a great bout. Watson's fine footwork gained him the decision.

Bantamweight, under 8st.—Gayton beat Pepper in a hard struggle. In the second round Pepper connected with two rights to the chin, which worried his opponent, but Gayton attacked fiercely in the final round and came out the winner.

Welterweight, under 8st. 7lb.—Cato beat Field. Both opened cautiously, but set to in the second round. Cato received a solid blow to the plexus, but retaliated with two hands to his opponent's head, knocking him out.

Light-heavyweight, under 9st. 7lb.—Turner beat Haselden in a fast and furious fight. Turner waded in and rained blows to Haselden's head, and a heavy swing to his face roused him to a fierce attack. There were several hectic rallies in the second round. In the final round Turner rushed his man to the ropes and punched him hard. Haselden plied his fists, but could not connect.

Middleweight, under 10st.—Robb beat Grieve in a heavy-hitting bout. Robb landed several rights to the body and a hard one to the head. Grieve swung wildly and often missed, but his blows disconcerted Robb.

Flyweight, under 6st. 7lb.—I. Watson beat G. Davidson in a rare fight. Watson was extremely quick and flashed lefts to his opponent's head in a bewildering fashion. Davidson was quite unsuccessful in his attempts to corner Watson, who often was behind him.

SCHOOL PLAY

(J. F. McD.)

LORD RICHARD IN THE PANTRY.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Lord Richard Sandridge	B. W. Grieve
Arthur Thompson (his secretary)	E. P. Allen
Captain "Tubby" Bannister	D. G. Phillips
Carter (Lord Richard's man-servant)	T. N. Watt
Detective-Inspector Brown	D. R. Dallison
(of Scotland Yard)	
Evelyn Lovejoy	Lorna Marshall
Lady Violet Elliot	Margaret Moyes
Cook	Lois Fox
Rose	(Servants of
Bryan	Mrs. Gayford)
Gladys	Kath. Morey
Sylvia Gayford (a widow)	Royce Hore
	Molly Allen
	Alice Bell

An air of expectancy pervaded the packed Opera House as the public of New Plymouth and a sprinkling of visitors from other parts awaited the rise of the curtain on the night of November 12. The Boys' High School, assisted by pupils from the Girls' High School, were presenting a three-act farce, "Lord Richard in the Pantry." Judging from the gusts of mirth which swept the house and from the prolonged applause after each act, it was thoroughly enjoyed.



SCHOOL PLAY.

Alice Bell, Margaret Moyes, Royce Hore, Molly Allen, Kath. Morey, D. Dallison, B. Grieve, Lois Fox.



SCHOOL PLAY.

D. Phillips, Lorna Marshall, B. Grieve.



SCHOOL PLAY.

D. Phillips, P. Allen, T. Watt, B. Grieve.



SCHOOL PLAY.

Alice Bell, Lois Fox, B. Grieve.

Lord Richard as the central figure had a varied and difficult part. The play was his to make or mar. Beginning as a petulant nobleman he was forced into hiding through the failure of his company and passed to the post of butler. Despite his many blunders and his familiarity with those who were once his equals, he succeeded in keeping this post, but only because Sylvia had fallen hopelessly in love with him. His acting was a revelation. With a good voice, decisive and sometimes petulant, with a manner sometimes frenzied and sometimes bored, he completely won the audience. He was at home on the stage and his acting grew better as the play proceeded.

Sylvia championed Lord Richard from the very start. Possessed of a silvery voice and a tinkling laugh, together with an easy manner, she endeared herself to the public. Lady Violet, her friend, had a difficult though comparatively small part. In company with Sylvia she was continually on the stage and acted most naturally on all occasions.

Had nothing else pleased, had the people been in less happy mood, had Richard's wit fallen on barren ground, Cook would have righted matters. For a girl the part was a hard one. Yet it was so well done that the very sight of her tilted nose carried the people away and even the most reverend of clergymen and the most grave of doctors, perforce joined with abandon in the mirth. Her piqued manner over imagined injury was provocation itself! Her songs that issued from between mouthfuls of "spotted dog" were received with gusto especially from the School quarter. Evelyn Lovejoy, wont to wander on to mystical soul talks most repugnant to Richard, acted very well. She appeared later as a convert to "ideal celibacy" and caused a great deal of laughter.

Dapper, precise and entirely English, Captain Banister's part was played to perfection. With all the inherent traits of the English army officer allied incongruously with a great fear of scandal, the complexities of the part were brought out by clever acting. Carter, the impulsive man-servant with a vein of humour, was much appreciated. The part was really a hard one, but was played easily and naturally. Thompson as secretary had little

to do, but acted with decision. The part of Detective-Inspector Brown was only a small one, but he was a favourite with the School fellows.

The maids, Rose, Bryan and Gladys, were well chosen and played out their parts. Suspicious Rose and hungry Gladys had the most to do, the latter being especially pleasing.

When Richard finally took Sylvia into his arms and the curtain fell, prolonged applause signified that the play had been a success. The orchestra had whiled away what might have been tedious moments between the acts and now, as a fitting finale, it rendered the National Anthem. Despite expressed wishes that another night be given, press of school work would not permit. Current opinion has it that the production compared favourably with professional plays, and School must acknowledge the great debt it owes for the help received from the Girls' High School.

CADET NOTES

(G. S. Anderson.)

The fact that they have been in charge of their platoons and sections for physical drill every morning has given the N.C.O.'s more confidence in themselves, with the result that, although we were unable to hold a camp at the beginning of the year, our standard of drill is still as high as ever.

At the commencement of this term we had a visit from Staff Officer Lieut. A. J. King, who gave the N.C.O.'s three lecturettes on Musketry Training. These were made very interesting, and after the last lecture he proceeded to correct our methods of instructing those under us. The visit was an opportune one, as it allowed us to put the two companies through the course of instruction just before the commencement of class-firing.

Many Cadets from the School companies attended the annual area rifle meeting, held at the Rewa Rewa range, and, of those who fired, about thirty won prizes. The championship cup for the best aggregate score was won by P. Dixon, of B Company.

Owing to inclement weather, the competitions for the Kelly Cup and MacDiarmid Belt, and other School shooting trophies, have been late in starting. We have only one final result to hand, and that is for the junior competition for the Lady Godley Cup, which has been won by N. Davidson, of B Company.

On Anzac Day both companies paraded, and after marching from the School to the Cenotaph, proceeded to the special service held in Pukekura Park. The terraces were crowded with people, and the playing area was a mass of cadets, territorials, bands and returned soldiers, and the ceremony was a most impressive one.

It is pleasing to note that Defence have granted permission for a camp next year, and it is hoped that a week about the end of February will be available.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION—1928.

President:

A. J. Papps.

Vice-Presidents:

H. W. Kirkby and R. G. Howell.

Hon. Secretaries:

J. H. Boon and F. L. Read.

Hon. Treasurer:

K. Fookes.

Hon. Auditor:

L. W. Lovell.

Executive:

R. J. Brokenshire (Auckland Association), J. Brodie (Wellington Association), H. W. Brown (Cricket Club), P. F. Atkinson (Football Club), D. Sykes (Gymnasium Club), H. J. Anthony (Surf Club), H. C. Newell and D. F. C. Saxton (Association), W. I. Shrimpton (School representative).

Editors of Old Boys' Section: H. C. Newell and J. H. Boon.

Despite the enthusiasm that marked the opening two years ago, support for the Social Club, which was run in conjunction with the Returned Soldiers' Club became so meagre that steps had to be taken in July to wind it up before the Association was committed to heavier debt.

A special meeting of the Association was held for this purpose on July 30, and the chairman, Mr. R. J. Brokenshire, explained the position to the dozen who attended. At that time, he stated, the club had only nineteen financial Old Boy members, while the consistent support which had been received all along from the R.S.A. members was beginning to decline. In four months the administration had shown a loss of £35, and he felt it was useless attempting to carry on any further, as losses would simply be increased. As it was, they would have to find something in the vicinity of £70 to clear things up, and he was doubtful if their assets would cover that amount. Every effort had been made to popularise the institution with members, said Mr. Brokenshire, but the support received was spasmodic and there was no other course left but to close down. It seemed an extraordinary thing to him, because there was no other place in the town where young men could gather, and the only explanation that he could give was that there were too many outside attractions.

After discussion it was agreed to disband. Messrs. Brokenshire, R. Greiner and J. H. Boon were appointed a committee to place the position before the R.S.A. committee, and subsequently everything was sold up. The venture, however, has left the committee considerably in debt.

AUCKLAND BRANCH.

L. Jillett kindly sends us the following account of the activities of the Auckland branch:—

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Branch of the Old Boys' Association was held on July 9. The following officers were elected:—President, H. L. Calder; vice-presidents, J. J. K. Terry and O. W. Bayly; committee, L. O'Halloran, A. Osborne, E. W. B. Griffiths, J. Stronge,

E. Gibson; secretary, J. D. Clemow; treasurer, D. O'Halloran. Virtually the only business before the meeting was the arranging of the annual reunion, a report of which appears in this issue. With the increasing number of Old Boys coming to reside in Auckland, the membership of the branch is growing, and it is desired to enrol all those making the city their business headquarters. The Auckland branch is a thoroughly live one, and all boys leaving School and coming to Auckland are assured of a hearty welcome.

REUNION.

Representative of the life of the School over the past 30 years, the gathering of Old Boys at the third annual reunion at the Royal Hotel, Auckland, on Saturday evening, October 6, provided a happy opportunity for the revival of memories of the old school days. The function took the form of a dinner, after which a short toast-list was discussed. The newly-elected president, Mr. H. L. Calder, was at the head of the table, seated next to him being the two vice-presidents, Mr. O. W. Bayly and Mr. J. J. K. Terry. A place of honour was also accorded Mr. L. Horrocks, who entered the School in 1897 and was the oldest Old Boy present. The total attendance was about 35.

In proposing the toast of "The School," Mr. Calder told of the many changes he had noted on a recent visit to the School. The transformation in the gully had particularly impressed him, and he paid a special tribute to the parent association for the assistance it had given in the carrying out of that work. Mr. Calder recalled that the first sod in the gully scheme had been turned during his period at the School, and he told an amusing tale regarding the sixpenny inducements offered by the Headmaster to boys who were willing to toil there with shovel and barrow.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Terry regretted the inability of any member of the School staff to attend to make the response. Mr. Terry paid a tribute to the headmaster, Mr. W. H. Moyes, who had been mainly responsible for making the School one of the leading ones in the Dominion.

"Kindred Associations" was proposed by Mr. Horrocks, who attended the School during the regime of the late Mr. Fridham, before two separate institutions were established. His reminiscences of the School in the late

'nineties indicated that the pupils of that era were just as fond of their little jokes against those in authority as the boys of a later day. A brief response to the toast was made by Dr. E. W. B. Griffiths.

The hotel menu-lists were surreptitiously commandeered for the purpose of recording the names of those present, together with the years during which they attended School. The most reliable list, errors and omissions excepted, appeared to be the one bearing the following signatures:—H. L. Calder (1915-18), J. J. K. Terry (1912-17), O. W. Bayly (1915-17), L. Horrocks (1897-1900), A. H. Osborne (1906-10), E. Boulton (1915-18), R. O. Sinclair (1917-19), K. H. O'Halloran (1917-20), B. Noakes (1917-21), C. E. H. Patt (1911-14), L. Jillett (1916-20), E. W. B. Griffiths (1912-21), R. K. Clemow (1913-19), H. Grayling (1913-15), G. L. O'Halloran (1916-20), T. C. Simpson (1908-10), D. O'Halloran (1921-24), G. S. Bayly (1917-25), A. R. Cates (1927), D. J. Ashley (1927), G. Jenkin (1924-25), J. D. Clemow (1915-19), — Nagger (1923-26), — Southerby (1923-26), E. Chivers (1917-21), L. H. Abbott (1918-22), M. L. Standish (1924-27), E. Jeffries (1918-23), H. E. Winfield (1919-22), J. S. Stronge (1916-27), A. G. Abbott (1924-27), K. R. Taylor (1918-22).

PERSONAL NOTES.

Captain L. G. Goss, of the Defence Department, Wellington, spent a few days in New Plymouth recently prior to his departure for England to join the Staff College at Camberley.

D. McCallum, who is on his father's farm at Inaha, paid a short visit to New Plymouth for Sports Day.

J. Palmer, of the Fields Division of the New Zealand Agricultural Department, is now stationed in New Plymouth.

E. Harman is in the Commercial Bank of Australia at Wanganui.

Henry Brown is in the Bank of New Zealand at Inglewood. He played wing three-quarter for Inglewood seniors this season.

N. Johnson is in the Public Works Department at Stratford.

M. Neville, D'A. Jackson, H. Mackay, A. E. Bell and D. Budd are all in local banks.

W. Rawson is studying cryptology at the Pukekura Park Fernery.

W. O'Neill is farming about 20 miles from Wanganui.

R. Fletcher is farming at Kai Iwi.

K. Riley is with Johnston and Co., Ltd., Hawera.

B. Moore, who has been to sea, is at present in New Plymouth on sick leave.

P. Eaves is in the Farmers' Co-op., Hawera.

L. Abbott, K. Taylor, A. Stewart and E. Jeffries motored through to New Plymouth from Auckland for Labour Day week-end.

A. Trueman is in the Public Trust Office, Hawera.

E. Buist is on his father's farm at Tongahoe Valley, near Hawera.

W. Pitt is in the Post Office at Taihape. A. Fookes is in his father's pharmacy in the same town.

A. Sinclair is in the Dairy Factory at Opunake.

J. Pease is farming at Hawera.

B. Pease and C. Robb are on their father's farms at Mangatoki and Hawera respectively.

J. Law, who earlier in the year underwent an operation for appendicitis, has now returned to the s.s. "Niagara."

C. G. Calvert is completing his second year at the Auckland Training College. He represented the College in the inter-collegiate boxing tourney held at Wellington.

Clayton Shaw, after a brief rest from journalism in an Auckland confectionery business, has joined the staff of the Manawatu Evening Standard.

A. J. Healy is fruit-farming on Norfolk Island, and appears to be enjoying life there immensely.

E. Bleasel is in the Bank of New Zealand at Ohura. A. Williams is farming in the same district.

K. Wetere and R. Boddy paid a short visit to New Plymouth in August as members of the Pio Pio football team.

Harold Bayly left the Omata district in July last to continue farming at Toko.

A. C. Fookes, who spent some time in the Deeds Registry Office at Wellington, has joined the staff of Standish and Anderson, solicitors, New Plymouth. Cecil was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court at Wellington.

Jack Whittle, who was married some little time ago, is comfortably settled on a farm at Waitoa, near Te Aroha. M. Wybourne is in the same district.

OLD BOYS IN AUCKLAND.

For the following personals from Auckland we are indebted to L. Jillett:—

E. Gibson, who is with W. D. and H. O. Wills, has been transferred to the Hawera branch.

Alan Brodie has joined the reporting staff of the New Zealand Herald, following three years' attendance at the Canterbury University College.

C. Baunton and J. Stronge are at the Teachers' Training College, Epsom.

E. W. B. Griffiths and R. Bellringer are attached to the staff of the Auckland Public Hospital. The former recently passed his final medical examination.

C. Putt is attached to the town-planning department of the City Council. He was for a time a member of the New Lynn Town Board, but has now forsaken his interest in local politics.

Alex. Brodie is with the Public Works Department with headquarters at Hamilton. He is a frequent visitor to Auckland.



OLD BOYS' FIFTEEN, 1928.

Oakley Studio, N.P.

Back Row.—J. T. Prendergast, A. McPherson, K. Fookes, A. Adams, C. Drader, K. Perry, E. Luxton.

Middle Row.—C. Allen, G. R. Gray, R. Prior, C. Stevens, H. W. Brown (captain), B. W. Bayly, H. H. Olson, D. Von Sturmer, T. Bellringer.

Front Row.—C. Smart, G. Morey.

C. Noble has left Auckland to join the staff of Scots College, Wellington.

D. O'Halloran is in the office of his father, a public accountant in the city.

H. Grayling is on the staff of the Symonds Street branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

OLD BOYS IN WELLINGTON.

P. Sladden has returned from Australia, and is in the local branch of the Eastern Extension Cable Co., Ltd.

D. V. Stace has recently arrived in Wellington from New Plymouth, and has joined the Union Bank of Australia, Ltd., here.

T. Malt is working at the Railway Workshops at Petone to further his engineering studies.

C. Dinniss has been transferred here in the Commercial Bank of Australia, Ltd. He played for Oriental seniors, but owing to indisposition was unable to produce his fine Taranaki form on the football field.

Two Old Boys have recently come to Wellington to take unto themselves wives. They are Sid. Train and Percy Metcalfe. Sid. is farming just out of Waverley and Percy is teaching at Ohakune.

R. Christie is at present relieving at Staples and Co., chemists. His relieving duties took him to Motueka and Levin earlier in the year.

C. Noble is on the staff of Scots College at Miramar.

R. Hoby is an all-day student at V.U.C. and is taking a keen interest in harrier work.

D. Banks, who spent the August vacation here, is teaching somewhere in the Marlborough Sounds.

J. Shaw was also in the city during the last school vacation, and is teaching at Wanganui Collegiate School.

H. Read is teaching at Petone West School. He is a keen hockey enthusiast and gained senior "B" representative honours for Wellington in the past season.

W. J. Mountjoy, who is teaching here this year, won the Plunket Medal prize for the public speaking competition held annually by V.U.C. He was also awarded the Bowen University prize for an essay on an historical subject connected with the British Empire.

We are glad to welcome back to us G. Waterson, who returned recently from Auckland to take up a responsible position with Shell Company, N.Z., Ltd.

L. Case is with the D.I.C. in the capacity of window-dresser.

B. Hooper, when off his beat, still finds time to win fistic fame. He won the Wellington provincial heavy-weight championship after a bout which the press termed as the most exhilarating heavyweight contest seen here for many years.

D. Mackay, E. Foden and F. Grant were members of the champion Rugby team, 'Varsity, and all played a large part in the success of the team. D. Mackay represented Wellington several times with distinction, and to culminate a very successful season he was selected for the third test team against the Waratahs at Christchurch.

OLD BOYS IN CHRISTCHURCH.

S. Fookes kindly sends the following personals from Christchurch:—

W. A. Brodie did not return to College House for the third term, as he was successful in gaining a position on the staff of the New Zealand Herald.

J. Pease put in an appearance on a fleeting visit to our part of the world.

Four Old Boys played for Canterbury this year—D. Grant, L. Loveridge, J. Galbraith and S. Fookes. During the southern tour many Taranakians were met, notably in Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill.

Among others were C. Kyngdon in Timaru, L. Christie, H. Bellringer, M. Cachemaille, J. Ewart, M. Heycock,

A. Moverley, W. Roberts, and others in Dunedin, B. O'Dowda in Invercargill.

Efforts to procure materials for the Old Boys blazer have been successful, and the sample blazer is a distinct success. Material for about 30 blazers is already on hand and should soon be used up.

NOTES FROM DUNEDIN.

A very successful reunion dinner was held at the Excelsior Hotel on August 1. There were present Messrs. H. E. Bellringer, G. MacDiarmid, J. K. O'Dea (Medical School), M. Heycock ('Varsity), H. George, T. L. Bailey, M. Geddes, A. Sampson, A. Moverley (Training College), and J. Ewart (who is now in the Municipal Nurseries). After a short toast list, including the "School" and the 'Old Boys' Association," it was decided to form a branch of the association in this centre, and the following office-bearers were elected:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Moyes; president, Mr. A. W. Moverley; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. E. Bellringer.

L. Christie is at Dental School and has been playing in the pack for 'Varsity "A," the local champions, all this season.

Bowen Davies and J. Badeley are in local banks.

In the annual tournament with Christchurch Training College, A. Sampson (third row) and A. Moverley (front row) at Rugby, and T. Bailey at hockey, represented Dunedin, the winners.

At the 'Varsity capping ceremony this year, A. W. Moverley was admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Two ex-members of the staff are teaching in this district. Miss J. McLeod is English mistress at Training College, while Mr. Macdonald is at Mosgiel District High School.

NEW ZEALAND TO MALAYA

AN OLD BOY'S EXPERIENCES.

B. H. Horner (1916-1919) kindly sends us the following very interesting account of his journey to the Malay States and of life in that part of the world:—

We left New Zealand from Auckland aboard the t.s.s. "Marama" on March 18, 1927, in perfect weather, the sea as far as Cape Maria Van Diemen being almost mirror-like, and all on board entered with spirit into the music and dancing arranged by the officers for what was destined to be the only period of the trip when dancing and universal enjoyment was possible. Almost immediately on rounding the Cape, realisation came that we were truly at sea, for the old ship took its turn with the dance in real earnest, and from then till we sighted Sydney Heads on the morning of the 23rd, the majority of the large number of passengers failed to take any interest whatever in anything that did not resemble a bunk. One assumed that the Union Steam Ship Company showed a handsome profit on the trip, especially under the heading of "Passengers' Food Costs."

Sydney Harbour in all its morning glory naturally appealed strongly to those of us who were on our maiden visit—the dozens of ferry steamers, motor boats, yachts of all sizes and types; the numerous naval ships at anchor off Rose Bay; Government House and the Botanical Gardens seemingly distant but a stone's throw; and then as we neared our berth—the quantity of merchant shipping of all nationalities, and the mass of huge buildings which is the heart of Sydney, all contributed their share in restoring us to some semblance of our natural selves, after the far from comfortable process of crossing the Tasman Sea.

Sydney City with its rush and bustle, its mass of people and the clatter of trams, trains and motors in the narrow streets did not appeal to me, a lover of the quiet open spaces and fresh-air life of my profession, but the wonderful and numerous harbour trips, the beautiful bathing beaches, the Zoo, the Gardens, Manly, and the many fine motor tours in all directions made my 12 days'

stay seem unnaturally short. I was lucky enough to be shown over the various phases of work in connection with the new harbour bridge, which of course were very interesting and instructive, my photographs and notes on engineering work benefiting considerably. Several good musical comedies, including "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Sunny," "Tell Me More," "Tea for Three," etc., were attended, as well as two of the famous Paderewski's pianoforte recitals at the Town Hall. Thousands there were turned away nightly, the prices of seats seeming to rise in ratio to the demand.

On April 3 the t.s.s. "Marella" left Sydney for Singapore with a full complement of passengers. I arrived on board a couple of hours before sailing, and it was only then that I recognised signs of "the East." A swarm of Lascars were taking on cold storage supplies, Chinese servants (or "boys"), looking immaculate in their spotless white uniforms and black velvet slippers, grinned politely in welcome to the arriving passengers, and ship's officers as well as several of the passengers had already donned their white drill. To the most casual observer the beautiful ship was not going south. Before proceeding further, it may be of interest to say a little about the "Marella." Built by order of the German ex-Kaiser at Hamburg in 1911 for the purpose of Royal visits to the Colonies, she made but five voyages up to the time she was tied up at Kiel in 1914. The present owners, Burns-Philp and Co., Ltd., came into possession after the war, the company having lost a ship during the activities of the raider "Wolf" in 1915 or 1916. On making a tour of inspection through the ship one has little doubt as to the truth of the story on noting the luxurious apartments. The lounge and music room walls are of beautiful pink marble arranged in attractive designs, while the floors are laid down with heavy inlaid rubber of pleasing patterns. The furniture, the great central palm stand, the fine-toned German piano and the numerous general fittings of this part of the ship all tend to enhance one's first general impression. The smoke room and bar are similarly decorated, while the electrical gymnasium with its original instruction plates in German and the marble tiled and highly ornamented swimming bath on the boat deck all leave little room to dispute the ship's pet name "the Magnificent Marella." On the other hand the

ship is but a 7000-tonner and is absurdly slow, our longest run being a little over 300 miles.

On leaving Sydney Harbour we immediately struck heavy weather, which lasted until we were almost in sight of Brisbane. A long slow run up the muddy river to the Brisbane City wharves followed, and we tied up about 10 a.m. on the 6th. The six hours ashore left one with anything but a good impression of the city, the small number of prominent buildings, the dusty, narrow streets, ancient trams, etc., tending, together with the sultry weather, to leave a bad taste in anyone's mouth after so short a stay.

From Brisbane right through to Thursday Island one has the impression that the ship is steaming up a wide low-banked river. The whole way we were never out of sight of land, there being always the mainland on our left and numerous islets sprouting from the Great Barrier Reef (together with occasional glimpses of the reef itself) on our right. Not the slightest swell was at any time apparent to us on this section of the voyage.

As can be well imagined, this state of affairs made all types of ship's games very popular. Deck tennis, quoits, cricket and golf, as well as the ever popular rubber of bridge and numerous mild gambling games, absorbed everyone. The swimming bath was always "packed" during these days, as the intervals between games was spent cooling down in the rather too-salt water. The daily "sweep" as to the ship's mileage invariably drew many "gamblers," my one and only win being on an "outsider," the dividend being £5 17s for my shilling!

After leaving Thursday Island a series of deck game competitions roused much enthusiasm and the inevitable fancy dress ball took place the evening before reaching Darwin. Weird and wonderful were the costumes, probably owing to the stipulation that they must originate on the ship.

Darwin is better left alone, as my impression that there is but one hotter place makes description rather dangerous.

Our stay at Sourabaya, the first Javanese port, left but little time for sightseeing. A great deal of interest centred round the "wharfies" who were unloading 800

tons of flour. Perhaps 50 semi-naked Javanese workmen handled the whole of that 800 tons in about as quick time as one can imagine. What a contrast compared with Brisbane, Thursday Island and Darwin, where the "go slow policy" seemed to be worked to the finest point.

We had time for a four-hour motor trip round the city and if our "syce" (driver) was not brilliant, he was willing, for we saw about as much of the countryside in that four hours as a normal person would in a week! Beautiful bitumen roads lead everywhere, and on a ten-mile run one might pass through consecutively a rice-field, a tea and coffee plantation, a rubber estate, banana, coconut and orange groves, etc., etc. The roads are lined with a liberal number of stark naked pot-bellied kiddies, ice-cream, fruit and coffee vendors, and the usual array of men and women who apparently do nothing but eat and sleep. Quick visits to a 400-year-old Javanese temple and a rubber factory were included in the limited time. The city itself was interesting, though disappointing in that everything except motor-cars seemed absurdly out-of-date. Filthy canals wherein wash the whole populace run through the thickest area and judging by the odour, one opines that these waterways also act as a main sewage pipe!

Batavia, the capital of Java, was our last port of call before reaching Singapore, and as the ship was staying 2½ hours, a party of us made for the Nederlaander Hotel, where we had decided to sample the great Dutch dish, "Rice Estapell." I cannot possibly describe the ingredients of this "dish," but sufficient to mention that we counted 22 "boys" lined up in a queue and each bearing one or two different types of food. The basis of the meal is, of course, rice, together with which are all kinds of meats and game, fish variously prepared, many types of vegetables, fruits and spices, to which, after thoroughly mixing, is added a liberal quantity of sherry. All this sounds an atrocious concoction, but I can assure you that it is "food for the gods." It was lucky that a taxi was handy outside the hotel, otherwise most of the party would have dropped in their tracks! How we scrambled aboard the Marella five minutes before sailing is still a mystery to me, but after a good two hours' sleep and a game or two of deck tennis we seemed little the worse for our "tiffin."

On the morning of Sunday, April 24, exactly three weeks after leaving Sydney, we berthed in Singapore. That evening at 8 o'clock I left for Kuala Lumpur by the Penang express, but of course missed seeing much of the country, as the journey ended at 6 o'clock next morning.

Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federated Malay States, is a city which undoubtedly improves on acquaintance. The great railway station and other Government buildings are indeed picturesque, and with the dozens of European bungalows scattered about the surrounding hills make a charming and unmistakably Eastern picture. One is immediately struck by the great number of different Asiatic types, including Chinese, Tamils, Sikhs, Malays, Japanese, Hylams, Sakais, Javanese, etc., all dressed more or less in the European fashion and all having their respective jobs ranging from street sweepers up to the landowner, whose bank balance would give most of us a shock with its enormity. A large number of these people are Malayan born, and are very loyal to Malaya as their country, their European administrators, the Sultan rulers and the King Emperor under whose flag they enjoy liberty, justice and prosperity.

The Malays themselves are of poor physique and atrociously lazy as a whole, but have a very likeable sense of humour and wit and are perfectly content to eke out enough from their small "padi-fields" to exist. As in New Zealand with the Maoris we surveyors are looked upon with great respect, and an entry on to the land for the purpose of doing any work is the immediate signal for the locality to pour gifts of fruit, vegetables, cocoanut milk, basket work, etc., on to us. In fact we "Tuans" are apt to get an exalted opinion of ourselves during the first month or two.

One's opinion of Chinese must undergo an abrupt change when reaching Malaya, as a more industrious, thrifty yet generous, clean living, happy lot of people it would be hard to find in Asia. The higher castes of Tamils are good toilers, smart, clever and sporting, though apparently not so thrifty or satisfied with life as are the Chinese. Our department's best computers and field-men are Tamils, although the drafting and more artistic part of our profession leaves the Malays hard to beat. The Sikhs make quite excellent policemen.

Regarding population, the following may be of interest. Malays total about 650,000, Chinese the same, Indians (all types) 400,000, and Europeans about 7000, of whom about 95 per cent. are British. These figures exclude Singapore and Penang.

Malaya is divided into three divisions—the Federated States (4), which together comprise about two-thirds of the total area, the Unfederated States each with a British adviser and other Government officers, and the Straits Settlements comprising the Island of Singapore, Malacca, Penang and Province Wellesley.

A good system of railways and a network of wonderfully good roads provide easy access throughout the peninsula.

Rubber production is, of course, the chief Malayan industry, with tin mining a good second. Although rubber estates are very interesting to the new arrival here, one becomes rather sick of the sight of rubber trees lining the roadside for miles. A patch of jungle or a Malay "Kampong," or "padi field," is as good as a tonic on motor drives after the continual rubber. I should say that in this State, Negri Sembilan, one drives 85 miles out of 100 through rubber trees!

A white man's existence here is usually apt to spoil him for the more rigorous conditions of earning his living in a temperate climate. He is merely an administrator and is expected to live up to a high and rather artificial standard, the object being of course to assist in retaining the natives' respect, which, however, is seldom lacking.

We of the Survey Department as well as the Public Works Department usually do a spell of from six to nine months' actual practical field work in order to be able to understand local conditions as well as to learn the language of the country. Our departmental procedure is based on Australasian practice, which, considering that 90 per cent. of our European staff is either Australian or Maorilander, leaves little to be wondered at! Apart from a percentage of mining engineers from "down under" the balance of Government administrators and professional men are imported from Home. Unlike New Zealand, the Survey Department and the Public Works Department here do practically the whole of their respective work in the country.

I must, in justice to Malaya, write a little about the climate and health conditions in this country. In spite of the rather disheartening reports regarding health conditions here which I received in New Zealand prior to my leaving, I must say that the average person in Malaya is remarkably free from bodily ills. One is certainly liable to contract malarial fever, but most of the cases are mild, and provided one takes plenty of exercise and does not either sit under an electric fan after four sets of tennis (or such like), or drink water not thoroughly purified, one is quite easily able to spend 30 years here (with the "eight-months-full-pay-and-passage paid" leave every four years) without being any the worse. I have certainly had one spell of malaria, lasting five days, but of the whole of our Asiatic field and office staffs in this State there was but an average of four days' sick leave per man in 1927.

The climate is certainly rather hot and very enervating, but as the population does precious little physical toil between the hours of 11 and 3 p.m. the real heat is not felt much.

You must also bear in mind that every European has his own private bungalow and for about one-sixth of his monthly salary he can pay the following servants: Cook, personal "boy," "sais" (or chauffeur), "kebum" (or gardener), and sometimes a "tukan ayer" (or general rouseabout). These servants (usually either Hylam, Tamil or Malay) combine to make life very comfortable in the house, and the European has little to do but to feed himself and sleep. Everything else is automatically attended to by the "boy," who, apart from his own duties, sees that the other servants are doing their "job of work." I have seen the engine of my car only once in 12 months and I have not wound my gramophone up for a similar period!

This is all very well, of course, but we save ourselves from becoming unutterably lazy by entering into games of all sorts enthusiastically. Tennis, cricket, golf, hockey, Soccer and swimming are all-year-round sports, while Rugby is played between September and February.

Finally, the life out here is "A1." The conditions of Government service are excellent, what with very liberal salaries, long leaves (which offer every opportunity of

seeing the world), regular annual service increments apart from promotions, superannuations at 50 of between £600 and £1000 a year, free medical services, and many allowances. I miss New Zealand and appreciate her more since seeing a bit of the world, but with the long "leaves" and the early retiring age, I am rather inclined to think there are big incentives to stay in Malaya. . . .

OLD BOY'S CYCLING SUCCESS.

S. W. McCANN, NEW ZEALAND ROAD CHAMPION.

S. McCann, who was at School about 1922-23, has enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame in the cycling world. A few months before he was 17 he had never ridden in a cycling race. Fifteen months later he had won in big events and was classed amongst the top flight of the riders of New Zealand; to-day he holds the road championship of the Dominion.

He received his introduction to racing through the New Plymouth League Cycle Club in 1925 and finished up a highly successful first season by winning the classic North Island race of 98 miles around Mt. Egmont in a time only 12min. 7sec. outside that of the fastest rider (H. G. Watson), who lowered the record by 8min. 25sec. He started off the 30min. mark and won in 5hr. 6min. 50sec., gaining third fastest time and fastest time for Taranaki riders. During the same season he won four out of five sweepstake road races in his club and at his first appearance on the track in New Plymouth won the New Plymouth Labour Day Wheel Race (two miles), in which the leading riders of the Dominion competed. He also won many events throughout the province, including the Manaia Wheel Race, and finished third in the North Island track championship. His performances, which have won him a big sum in prize money as well as many cups, blue ribbons and medals, occupy a well-filled volume, which he keeps as conscientiously as he races, and are far too numerous to detail here. Wherever he

has raced he has earned the plaudits of the sporting writers and if he had achieved nothing else, his recent wonderful ride in the Timaru-Christchurch race merited the confidence they have placed in him. He has been a wizard on the road and but for the liberal measure of hard luck he has had might have added to his fame.

In 1926 he started off the 6min. mark in the Timaru-Christchurch race and despite the fact that he had three nasty spills on that treacherous route, finished fourth, gained third fastest time to R. Laskey and H. G. Watson, and secured fastest time for riders under 18 years. In the same year he secured fourth fastest time in the race around Mt. Egmont, bad luck dogging him at the finish. After riding all day with the four scratch men, of which he was one, he struck Parker's rear wheel when the latter wobbled in the final sprint and fell 10 yards from the post, finishing by carrying his machine over the line. On that occasion the four scratch men smashed the existing record completely, Watson winning fastest time in the sprint, covering the distance in 4hr. 37min. 37sec. and cutting 17 minutes off his own record, while McCann, owing to his fall, was three seconds longer. Next he won the North Island Championship and junior road championship in a 25-mile race at Wanganui, while this year he climbed to the highest pinnacle of cycling success in New Zealand, with fastest time in the Timaru-Christchurch race, which gained him the distinction of New Zealand road championship in cash cycling. His time for the 114 miles, a gruelling contest raced in heat and dust, was 5hr. 38min. 46sec. Going down the final stretch into Lincoln Road he amazed spectators with a final burst of speed reaching 27 miles an hour, which enabled him to ride in alone and collar the championship.

Soon afterwards McCann competed in his own province's race around Mt. Egmont again from scratch, and after riding all day met with a spill when endeavouring to avoid a car five miles from home. However, he and the other scratch men had lost four minutes on the men ahead and it was doubtful if he could have made up much, though he would have certainly been close to the phenomenal record made on that occasion by N. Bellringer (N.P.) of 4hr. 29min. 53sec.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Football Club, although not so successful as last year, has done well, ending up fourth in the competition. A good standard has been maintained, and the club has been, and always will be, a serious proposition for the other clubs. The juniors, although not brilliant, did well, and have some very promising young players who should go a long way if they train and listen to the advice given by their team coaches.

The senior team suffered two big losses from its ranks this year. C. Dinniss was transferred to Wellington and Ken. Riley went to Opunake. We miss both these players very much, and wish both of them every success in their new spheres.

The Football Club could easily be the leading team in Taranaki if only it was given the full support of the present boys as they leave school. The training and advice they get while at school makes the foundation for brilliant footballers, and if that extra strength came in each year the club would be able to run two or more senior teams, all of which would make a good name for themselves.

EXCHANGES

We beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following exchanges since last issue:—Christchurch B.H.S. Magazine, Otago B.H.S. Magazine (2), Christ's College Register, St. Andrew's Collegian (Christchurch), Otago University Review, Waitakian, Ashburtonian, Hamiltonian, Nelsonian, Canterbury College Review, Marlburian (Marlborough College, Blenheim), Knox Collegian (Dunedin), Manuka (Auckland Training College), New Plymouth G.H.S. Magazine, Albertian (Mt. Albert Grammar School, Auckland).

Overseas.—Onsel (Bedford School, Eng.), Rossallian (Rossall School, Eng.), Mill Hill School Magazine (Eng.), Devonport H.S. Magazine (Eng.), Matric Annual (King Edward H.S., Vancouver), Corian (Geelong Grammar

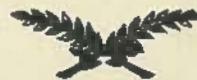
School, Aust.), Melburnian (Church of England Grammar School, Melbourne), Ipswich Girls' Grammar School Magazine (Aust.).

The following exchanges have also been arranged:—
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[ESTABLISHED 1882].

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Preparatory	£4 10s. „ £4 „ „ „
Board ...	£21, „ „ £19 „ „ „
Weekly Boarders } Boarders }	£18 10s. „ £17 „ „ „
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Dancing (Winter term only)	15/-

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Lower School,	2/-
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Tennis ...	1/-

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