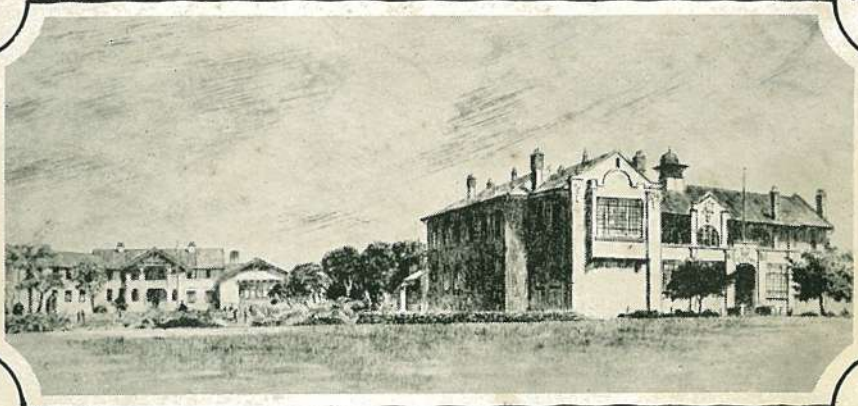


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No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: H. D. Short. Corporals: J. B. Woodward, D. A. Valentine.

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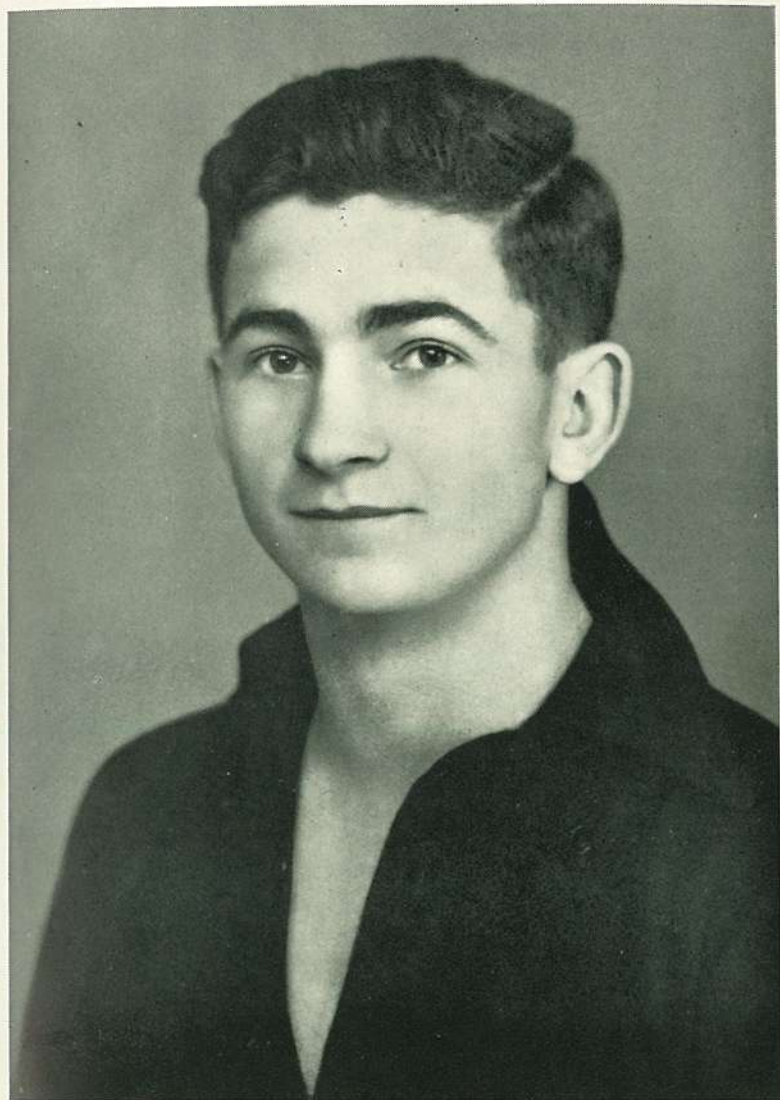
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Head Boy, 1939.

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EDITORIAL

(Q. Thompson.)



DURING the last months, the unmistakable tension existing between rival powers in Europe, and the disquieting rumours of impending war arising from such an unsettled condition, have had a profound effect on the minds and outlook of all

members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. There is no one of its members who has not watched with anxiety the efforts of the British Cabinet to maintain peace among the nations. All have admired the work of Mr. Chamberlain in the same direction, especially when it is realised that once again Europe is a mighty armed camp, and that very little is required to set vast armies marching against each other. His is a task difficult and dangerous in the extreme, and deserves our active sympathy and co-operation.

The great armaments race of the past few years has drawn heavily on the pockets of the British taxpayer, who, once again, has had to bear the brunt of the financial requirements. Among all the conflicting reports reaching us concerning the preparedness or otherwise of British armaments, it is comforting to read that Lord Nuffield, our greatest modern philanthropist, has made an unofficial statement to the effect that England is now ready. This comforting assurance that the armed might of England is prepared for any emergency has not reduced the desire for peace among British peoples, but has perhaps increased the effects of such a desire, as diplomats and statesmen can now deal with foreign crises and threats with the confidence arising from a knowledge of the security which adequate armed forces alone can supply.

Defence is not only a vital problem in England, the heart of the Empire. Each individual unit is considering seriously the part it must play in Empire defence. Defence not only includes the safe-guarding of territory and lives, but the upholding of the principles of freedom as the democracies know it. Such a complex problem as the defence of the Empire as a whole will be difficult in the solving, but the greatest factor, and decidedly the most necessary, is the will to defend. This desire, and the tendency to move towards a definite policy of unified effort, has been greatly accelerated by various peace conferences, and, much more so, by the recent actions of our beloved Royal Family.

The visit of the King and Queen to Canada and the United States may be regarded as the greatest work of unification and co-ordination of defence undertaken in recent years. The Royal Family, the visible head and link of all the varied countries comprising the Empire, by visiting the oldest colony, strengthens the ties which bind Canada to the Homeland. Besides this gesture of the desire for unity with England, there is the suggested tour of Australia and New Zealand. If this were to become an accomplished fact, the impetus given to defence measures and active patriotism would be immediate

and immeasurable. The Royal Family quietly living their own life at home, is to the far distant peoples owning allegiance to them, a certain object of faith and love in uncertain and troubled times. They are regarded as a steady and sure rock, to which the far-flung colonies may look for an example of unfaltering faith in God, and in the power of England to uphold and protect her old-established principles of liberty and democracy.

“Virtue is like precious odours, most fragrant when they are incensed or crushed.” The virtue of faith in the personal ability of King George to help to steer a straight course for England through the turbulent seas of diplomatic Europe, is certainly most apparent when we are beset by doubt and fear of war, and know not which way to turn for the solution of our difficulties. A tour of Australia and New Zealand by the King and Queen, and the appointment of the Duke of Kent as the next Governor-General of Australia, will indeed bring us much nearer to the Mother Country in sentiment and action.

The appeal of the British Government to the Dominions to do their share in the defence of the Empire has been answered everywhere by increased activity in armament manufacture and the training of men. The precise function of this Dominion in a all-Empire scheme has not been revealed to the man in the street but the Government has decided to concentrate on home defence by means of an increased Territorial Force and a National Reserve.

This decision must affect the secondary schools, the members of which will be in two or three years time of military age and we feel that a Government which neglects to take advantage of the facilities already available in the schools for training for defence would be missing a great opportunity. The first step should be in our opinion, an effort to make the individual aware of his duties in respect of the defence of his country, which should give an immediate stimulus to recruiting in the

Territorial Force. At present the type of training provided is regarded more as a training in discipline and order than a preparation for service in defence. But in the schools much more could be done. A more liberal allowance of ammunition would provide a more complete course in musketry. There are many schools who have adopted their own uniform for official military parades because the uniform provided is often badly cut and of a material so uncomfortable to wear that the hours spent in it are like a penance in sackcloth and ashes. The provision of a uniform of a suitable material and of becoming design would increase the interest of the boys in their own appearance on official occasions. The ideal would be a system of subsidy to the school which would then see that each boy was provided with a uniform which fitted him. Then the average secondary school boy knows little of modern weapons or methods of defence. It should be neither difficult nor expensive to make available material and men to provide instruction in these things in institutions which should be ideal training grounds.

Most school cadet corps are organised by keen and efficient cadet officers whose interest in military training, however, must be only one of many of their normal activities in connection with their profession as schoolmasters and they cannot be expected to provide expert instruction. Any increase in the size of the Territorial Force must be followed by an increase in available instructors and we would like to see some provision made out of these numbers for definite allocation to secondary schools to put into effect a syllabus specially drawn up to suit these schools throughout the Dominion. In this way the potentialities of the secondary schools as factors in the defence of New Zealand would be most fully developed and we feel we can guarantee, in spite of many recent charges of apathy against modern youth, that the response of the boys would more than justify any efforts to make them efficient units in the defence of their country.

THE BREAKING-UP CEREMONY

(I. H. Kerr.)

Every available seat in the Gymnasium was occupied when the 58th annual prize-giving ceremony was held on December 15th, 1938.

The guest of the evening was Professor A. W. Sewell, Professor of English at the Auckland University College, who delivered one of the best closing day addresses heard at the School.

On the platform were Mr. H. R. Billing (presiding), Mrs. Billing, Mr. W. H. Moyes (Principal), Professor A. W. Sewell, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour, Mrs. Gilmour, Mr. F. L. Frost, M.P. for the district of New Plymouth, and members of the staff. Mrs. Billing and Mrs. Gilmour were presented with bouquets.

A feature of the evening were the items given by the School Orchestra conducted by Mr. J. Dobson, and the Third Form Choir, conducted by Mr. H. C. Gatland.

The past year was one of still further progress, notwithstanding the great difficulties with which the staff had to contend, said Mr. Billing. This was an epidemic of measles, which disorganised the school work and made it difficult for the staff to carry on.

The duties of the Board had not been very onerous, he continued. There had been considerable progress in the development of the School, especially in regard to buildings and equipment. In addition to the library, the Minister for Education had given a grant for a refectory, and the plans for that were already prepared and in the course of being approved.

Referring to the staff changes, Mr. Billing said that while Mr. A. L. Moore, director of the technical department, was in England, Mr. Skelton had carried on the duties efficiently and satisfactorily.

The work of the School had been interfered with through sickness and a consequent irregularity in attendance, said Mr. Moyes, the Headmaster, in presenting his report. For the greater part of the first and second terms

from 80 to 100 pupils were absent each day. The roll number was 652. Of those in attendance, 626 were in the Upper School and 26 in the Preparatory Department; 214 boys were in residence as boarders.

The vacancy caused by the temporary absence of Mr. Moore was filled by the appointment of Mr. Leith Watt, M.A. Mr. Watt, who was an old boy of the School, after spending two terms with the School, received an appointment in the Colonial Office, and is now at Oxford University, whence he would go to Northern Nigeria. On Mr. Watt's departure another old boy, Mr. Donald Fraser, M.A., was appointed to the staff and other appointments made necessary by the increased roll were those of Mr. C. S. Brenstrum, M.A., to the academic and Mr. L. J. Slyfield to the vocational side of the School.

Mr. Moyes acknowledged the help of the Old Boys' Associations throughout the North Island. The latest gift to the School from the Old Boys was the honours board in the Assembly Hall.

Of the distinctions won by Old Boys during the year, two were outstanding. Crowley Weston, who was head of School House in 1934, was recently selected as one of New Zealand's Rhodes Scholars for 1938. The other distinction was the award of the Chester Beattie Scholarship of London University to Dr. Peter Allen.

Singing had been given a definite place in the School time-table, said Mr. Moyes. Instruction in the latter subject had been confined to the third forms, but he hoped next year to extend this to the fourth forms and ultimately to the whole School.

Congratulations were extended to J. Vale, a pupil of the School, whose pluck and resourcefulness recently prevented a double drowning fatality on the Fitzroy Beach. Vale had been highly commended by the New Zealand Life-Saving Association for his meritorious services.

Mr. Moyes concluded by acknowledging the help he had had from his staff. He specially mentioned F. D. Moran, head boy, and the prefects and Mr. Lash, formerly secretary of the High Schools Board.

Mr. H. Skelton, acting-director of the technical department, reported that more than 50 boys took the agricultural course. Only a small proportion intended to leave school and there was every indication of a considerable increase in the number of boys taking this important subject next year. Several boys took the agricultural paper in matriculation and other public examinations.

The general woodwork classes had pursued their usual programme and in addition had done much useful work in farm carpentry and in making and repairing apparatus connected with the School's equipment.

Additional machinery for the engineering and woodwork workshops was due to arrive early in the New Year.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour, said that for some of the pupils the breaking-up ceremony means the end of one educational process and the beginning of another. All of them were fortunate to have received the foundation of their education in such a fine school. He urged them to uphold the fine traditions of the School and always to do their best in whatever sphere of life to which they might be called.

Mr. Billing presented the following School prizes:—

General Excellence Cup.—F. D. Moran.

Dux Prize.—I. D. Morton.

Head Boy's Prize.—F. D. Moran.

Senior Debating Cup.—A. B. H. Howes and W. M. McLeay.

Junior Debating Cup.—A. A. Duff.

Music Prize.—T. A. Lewis.

Drawing Prize.—G. Reilly.

Bendall Memorial Prize.—K. F. Diprose.

White Memorial Prize.—I. D. Morton.

Higher Leaving Certificates.—J. B. Annand, D. C. Baldwin, J. M. Brightwell, G. N. Caldwell, E. E. Denne, I. E. Gilbert, A. B. H. Howes, P. W. Humphries, I. H. Kerr, M. J. Murray, H. D. Short, A. N. Thompson, Q. A. Thompson, C. Wood, W. K. Webster.

Form VI B.: M. J. Murray (1). **Sen. Agr. and 4 Ag.:** C. F. Cramp (1), R. Newland (2). **V Cl.:** P. J. Gallagher (1), B. W. Shaw and D. I. Hall (equal) 2. **V Cl.2:** R. G. Wood (1), K. K. Jones (2). **V G.1:** B. A. Beaven (1), B. M. Jayes (2). **V G.2:** J. S. Hotter (1), C. H. Coldicutt (2). **V E.V.:** H. Wipiti (1). **IV Cl.:** G. O. Bartrum (1), D. B. McGiven (2). **IV G.1:** C. Potts (1), C. F. Raill (2). **IV G.2:** C. Proffit (1), C. W. A. Barden (2). **IV G.3 and E.P.:** J. J. Caldwell

(1), J. E. Ettershank (2). **IV E.V.:** E. J. O'Carrol (1), A. G. Johnston (2). **III Cl.:** L. F. Palmer (1), A. H. Robb (2). **III G.1:** A. A. Skinner (1), B. D. G. Lawlor (2). **III G.2:** J. Sherwen (1), S. V. Shotter (2). **III G.3:** W. G. Hughes (1), L. G. Stott (2). **III E.P.:** E. C. Gatland (1), B. S. Brown (2). **III Ag.:** P. A. Batchelor (1), R. Seymour (2). **III E.V.:** R. A. Eccles (1), R. Davidson (2). **Standard 6:** B. B. Crowley. **Standard 5:** N. Brown. **Standard 4:** R. Tyler. **Standard 3:** B. Burmester.

Mrs. Gilmour presented the numerous sports prizes.

CRICKET NOTES

Season 1938-39.

(F. J. Duncan and W. R. Baunton.)

The Wanganui College match rang down the curtain on one of the most successful seasons the School has had for some years. The lack of success in club games was offset by extraordinary wins against our old rivals, Nelson College and Wanganui Collegiate. Last season's team was probably unique in that every player right down to No. 11 possessed definite batting capabilities, outstanding performances being registered by Moran, Diprose and Miller, who batted consistently throughout the season, and W. Broughton, whose two college matches produced 97 and 59. A feature of the season was the variety of the School attack. The team possessed a fast bowler, a left hander, a right hand spinner and a swing bowler, each of a fair standard, without sacrificing anything in batting strength.

Although the loss of Moran after the Nelson College match was a severe blow, Broughton, Hill, Miller, Gould and Edwards formed a great bowling combination and when one failed another usually took wickets. The Wanganui match was an outstanding example of their ability in this respect. On this wicket, which was against Broughton and Hill, Miller and Gould came into their own and proved a highly formidable combination.

The fielding, particularly in College matches, was excellent. One very hot chance was dropped during the Nelson match, but the XI. did not miss a chance in the course of the Wanganui game. The ground fielding and returns to the wicket were very good, Duncan in this respect setting a fine example at cover point.



FIRST XI. v. NELSON COLLEGE, 1938.

Back row: L. W. Edwards, E. B. Anderson, L. S. Miller, V. E. Hill, W. H. Gould, J. Vale.

Front row: F. J. Duncan, R. W. Baunton, R. N. Leigh ton (vice-capt.), F. D. Moran (capt.), K. F. Diprose, W. J. Broughton.

The performance of the team in the two College matches was exceptional. In the Nelson game School declared with 402 runs on the board for the loss of only seven wickets. This is the largest score compiled by a school team. The winning margin was the largest achieved by the School in any game, and many other wicket partnership records must have been broken in the progress of the innings. In such a large score it is truly remarkable that no centuries were recorded, although both Moran and Broughton were extremely unlucky. School's victory is all the more meritorious when it is recalled that owing to a late start, due to the soppy state of the wicket, a declaration on the first day was impossible. The bowlers were thus set the task of dismissing the strong Nelson side twice in the one day, a seemingly impossible task which they achieved in a burst of glory.

In the Wanganui match, in spite of losing three stars in Moran, Diprose and Leighton, the team again performed well, compiling the total of 259 runs in the first innings, which is, we believe, a record for the fixture at Wanganui. The foundations of this score were laid by Baunton and Broughton in a bright second wicket partnership which produced 93 runs.

The performances of the XI. in the senior competition were on the whole rather poor. Several individuals, however, performed well, while School players took high places in the local Robertson Cup averages. Diprose was second and Miller fourth and five School batsmen filled places in the first sixteen players. Moran and Broughton finished high in the bowling averages.

School enjoyed good representations in the various representative fixtures, Diprose securing a place in the Taranaki side, where both his batting and fielding were features of the match, while Moran performed creditably in the North Taranaki team. Broughton, Miller and Leighton represented the School in the annual Town v. Country game, while Duncan, Miller, Leighton, Baunton and Broughton all gained places in the North Taranaki Colts team, which played an Auckland Colts team to a draw.

During the course of the season friendly matches were played against Urenui Old Boys, Tararutangi and New Plymouth Old Boys, all of which were fully enjoyed by those participating.

The centre wicket, after being ploughed and resown last year, responded well with the result that the XI. enjoyed the advantages of a good wicket throughout the season.

A disappointing feature of the season's play was the lack of success attended upon the efforts of the junior teams. Although on some occasions they performed well, their general form was below the usual standard of previous years.

An innovation this year was a Day Boy v. Boarders cricket match. The Boarders, owing mainly to a fighting innings by Dunn and to a lesser extent Anderson and Murray, managed to hold the Day Boy's XI. to a draw. Miller, for the Day Boys, was outstanding, scoring a fine 90 with nicely-placed shots all round the wicket.

Our congratulations are again extended to East House for yet again annexing the Bates Cup. The first round saw the elimination of West House and School House, leaving Carrington House to contest the final with East.

The School was again divided into houses for the season, thus allowing every boy a chance to prove his capabilities in this direction. After a season of close and interesting games, a bat awarded by Mr. F. J. Eggleton for the highest individual score was won by G. Mount with an undefeated 104 to his credit.

Our thanks are once again due to the Umpires' Association, the Cricket Association and the Press for their freely given assistance.

We wish also to thank Mr. Gilligan and our hosts and hostesses of Wanganui for all they did to make our visit there such an enjoyable and pleasant experience.

COLLEGE MATCHES.

v. Nelson College.

(Played at School December 17th and 19th. Result: Won by an innings and 208 runs.)

Heavy rain fell during the night of the 16th and the soft wicket delayed the start until 1 p.m. School won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket which remained easy all day.

School.—First Innings.

Leighton and Baunton opened to the bowling of Derham and McFarland. Derham was somewhat erratic, while McFarland was steady but slightly short of a length. Baunton was out to a good one from Derham before settling down, 11—1—3. Diprose following, scored freely off loose balls until he mishit a full toss from Derham fifty feet into the air and Baigent took a good catch. 32—2—15. Broughton joined Leighton and began rather shakily to Heaps, the left-hander. He skied several balls on the leg side but they luckily fell clear of the fieldsmen. Leighton reached his half-century and soon afterwards attempted to pull a ball from Bowers, but failing to connect was bowled after a perfect opening innings. 3—126—56. Moran came next and started confidently, treating all bowlers with scant respect. Despite frequent bowling changes, both batsmen remained complete masters of the Nelson attack. Several of Moran's shots, particularly on the off side, were a delight to watch. Broughton then became very aggressive and scored freely all round the wicket. Unfortunately when within three of the coveted century, in attempting to drive a ball well outside the off stump he mistimed it and was cut to a good catch at deep point. 4—210—97. Duncan followed, resuming after tea to Derham and McFarland, both batsmen showing confidence. Short singles to a tired field became the order of the day and the score mounted rapidly. Duncan in attempting a glance to leg was out leg before wicket, the partnership having realised 99 runs. 5—309—41. Miller joined Moran and delighted the spectators with a fine display of off and cover driving. Runs continued at the same rate, but the strain appeared to be telling on Moran, who when within five of his century, lost his wicket to Bowers after a most aggressive innings. 6—324—95. Gould was next to the wicket and he and Miller continued to play sound cricket, both batsmen going well down the wicket to meet the ball. Gould was eventually dismissed with the total at 389. 7—389—33. Anderson joined Miller and at the end of the day's play, with the total at 402, both batsmen were undefeated, Miller having compiled 41 and Anderson 11.

The Nelson attack appeared to be lacking somewhat in the hostility usually associated with the Nelson team. This can no doubt be accounted for by the state of the wicket, which favoured the batsmen at all stages. Of the bowlers tried Bowers was probably the most impressive. Derham possessed considerable pace and swerve, while Heaps, the slow left-hander, would have been dangerous on a dry wicket. McFarland and Wilde bowled well but were not assisted by the wicket.

Nelson.—First Innings.

On a wicket which was somewhat faster than during the first day's play, Wilde and Heaps opened to the bowling of Moran and Broughton. Both batsmen were very restrained and with the total at two, Wilde was bowled by Broughton. 1—2—2. McFarlane was next man in and shaped fairly confidently. At this stage the School attack was very accurate both in length and direction. Heaps, who had been uncomfortable throughout his stay at the wickets, was bowled by Moran. 2—11—7. Lumsden followed, but with the addition of one run was caught and bowled by Diprose. 3—12—1. Nelson were hard pressed and the loss of McFarland, who was run out, was a severe blow to their hopes. J. Thorpe and Bowers then became associated in the best partnership of the innings. Runs came very slowly, both batsmen being content to wait for loose deliveries. Diprose, turning the ball sharply from the off, repeatedly beat both batsmen. J. Thorpe, in an attempt to restore his team's confidence, attacked the bowling with fine cover drives but was finally beaten by Diprose. 5—73—27. T. Thorp came next and with the approach of lunch, both batsmen were on the defensive. The fielding of the School XI. at this stage was very good. In the last over before lunch, Bowers unwisely swung at a straight ball from Diprose and was bowled. 6—80—15. Parker and Thorp resumed after lunch but Thorp was out almost immediately to Broughton. 7—82—3. Parker was then joined by Baigent, both batsmen defending resolutely. Edwards, a slow right-hander, was tempting Baigent with innocent looking balls, until he eventually attempted to swing him away to the leg side and offered an easy chance to Anderson which was accepted. 8—122—23. Loveridge joined Parker but lost him almost immediately to Diprose. 9—124—20. The Nelson innings closed soon afterwards, Loveridge making Diprose's fifth victim. 10—129—2.

Nelson.—Second Innings.

Nelson followed on. Wilde and Heaps again opened to Moran and Broughton. Requiring 274 runs to avert an innings defeat, Nelson wisely decided to try to play out time. Unfortunately in Moran's first over Heaps was well caught behind the wickets. 1—0—0. McFarlane joined Wilde only to see his partner bowled by Moran almost immediately afterwards. 2—3—1. Lumsden following was never comfortable. Both Moran and Broughton were making some pace off the wicket, which had dried out somewhat, but which was still giving little help to the bowlers. Moran then claimed McFarlane's wicket with a good ball. 3—14—9. Sensation followed when J. Thorpe, the incoming batsmen, was dismissed the first ball, caught at silly leg off Moran. 4—14—0. Bowers partnered Lumsden and runs came very slowly until Lumsden stepped in front to a straight one from Broughton. 5—24—3. T. Thorp came next but saw little of the bowling, leaving it to Bowers to secure runs. Eventually he was bowled by Moran. 6—31—0. Parker was next man to the crease but at no stage was he comfortable, finally succumbing to Diprose. 7—42—3. Bowers meanwhile had been playing a splendid fighting innings and Nelson were most unfortunate to lose him at such a critical stage. 8—51—24. Baigent did not remain long, Edwards, as in the first innings, proving his undoing. 9—57—6. With half an hour of play left, School's chances of a victory were most rosy. Loveridge and Derham, however, provided a staunch fighting last

wicket partnership which defied the School bowling for thirty minutes. With two minutes to go Moran took the ball and Derham snicked his fourth ball on to his wicket. Thus concluded a match even more exciting than any previous one in a fixture which is now famous for providing close finishes.

The School attack in both innings was of a very high standard. After lunch, particularly, there was scarcely one loose ball delivered. Diprose in the first innings bowled really well and was supported by Moran, Broughton and Edwards. Moran, in Nelson's second strike, bowled like one inspired, his figures, seven for 30, revealing his accuracy. Broughton bowled splendidly without luck in both innings, while Edwards took wickets at extremely critical stages.

School.—First Innings.

Leighton, b. Bowers	56
Baunton, b. Derham	3
Diprose, c. Baigent, b. Derham	15
Broughton, c. Bowers, b. Thorp	97
Moran, b. Bowers	95
Duncan, l.b.w., b. McFarland	41
Miller, not out	40
Gould, b. Heaps	33
Anderson, not out	11
Hill	
Edwards	
Extras	11
Total (for seven wickets, declared)	402

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McFarland	20	4	71	1
Derham	11	0	66	2
Wilde	6	0	43	0
Heaps	12	0	67	1
Bowers	14	0	98	2
Thorp, J.	7	0	40	1

First Innings—	NELSON COLLEGE.	Second Innings.	
Wilde, b. Broughton	2	b. Moran	1
Heaps, b. Moran	7	c. Leighton, b. Moran	0
McFarland, run out	13	b. Moran	9
Lumsden, c. and b. Diprose	1	l.b.w., b. Broughton	3
J. Thorp, b. Diprose	27	c. Baunton, b. Moran	0
Bowers, b. Diprose	20	c. Leighton, b. Moran	24
T. Thorp, l.b.w., b. Broughton	3	b. Moran	0
Baigent, c. Anderson, b. Edwards	23	b. Edwards	6
Parker, b. Diprose	20	b. Diprose	3
Loveridge, l.b.w., b. Diprose	2	not out	7
Derham, not out	0	b. Moran	6
Extras	11	Extras	6
Total	129	Total	65

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Moran ..	11	6	15	1	17.375	3	30	7
Broughton	16	4	41	2	14	6	12	1
Diprose ..	12	2	45	5	3	2	1	1
Miller ..	2	1	3	0				
Edwards ..	2.375	1	14	1	5	1	12	1

v. Wanganui Collegiate School

(Played at Wanganui March 22nd and 23rd. Result:
Won by two wickets.)

School.—First Innings.

Having won the toss, School decided to bat on a hard wicket, Baunton and Gould opening to the bowling of Alexander and Hockin. Both bowlers, specially Alexander, were making the ball swing rather disconcertingly. School suffered an early reverse losing Gould very quickly 1—15—4. Broughton joined Baunton and opened very quietly being content to hit only loose balls. Baunton was rather fortunate in that he was dropped by Wanganui before settling down. With both batsmen set, runs came at a faster rate, Broughton in particular being very severe on anything loose. He was out l.b.w. to Alexander after a very free and attractive display which included many good shots, particularly on the leg. 2—108—58. Miller partnered Baunton only to see him caught by Marshall off Hockin shortly afterwards. for a very patient 37. 3—112—37. It was a very sound opening knock. Duncan joined Miller but could not accustom himself to the wicket, eventually falling a victim to Hockin. 3—142—8. Miller, who was joined by Anderson, was playing very sound cricket, his off shots being particularly effective. With the total at 147 Anderson was bowled by Hockin. 5—147—2. Caldwell stopped the rot which had set in, until failing to get over a ball from Sim he was well caught by Nairn. 6—189—12. Miller was next to go, falling to Sim. He had stroked well and hit the ball hard particularly in front of the wicket. 7—191—52. Dunn was out in rather an unusual manner. In playing a defensive shot facing Sim, he stepped back into his wicket. Hill and Ridland then became associated, both batsmen, particularly Hill, scoring freely. It was a bright interlude in a sound display of cricket. Hill, with his total at 33, was out to Newman and Ridland succumbed to Sim, leaving Edwards undefeated with six to his credit. The innings closed with the total at 259.

Wanganui.—First Innings.

Nairn and Gibbons opened to Hill and Broughton, both batsmen being very cautious. Runs came very slowly. The wicket, which did not suit Hill or Broughton, was more suited to spin. Edwards, who had been troubling both batsmen finally beat Gibbons. 1—31—18. Renshaw joined Nairn and this pair continued steadily, raising the side's total to 46 when Renshaw let one through from Broughton. 2—46—10. Marshall followed and he and Nairn appeared set when the latter was out to a catch by Broughton off Hill. 3—64—24.

Marshall, with the addition of only one run, was run out when attempting a short single. 4—65—7. Mackie, after a somewhat shaky start, settled down, and with the help of Alexander raised the total to 90 when Mackie was bowled by Miller, ending a good defensive innings. 5—90—19. Miller at this stage was proving most troublesome to the Wanganui batsmen and soon had Newman in trouble, eventually bowling him without addition to the score. The School bowlers were definitely on top and Wanganui were fighting desperately for runs. Broughton then bowled Alexander, the board reading 7—90—2. Smith made a determined stand being undefeated with 20 to his credit, but the remainder of the team could not cope with Miller, the innings closing with the total at 125.

Wanganui.—Second Innings.

Wanganui followed on requiring 134 runs to catch School's first innings total, Nairn and Gibbons again opened to Hill and Broughton. Wanganui suffered an early loss when Nairn was caught and bowled by Hill with the first ball of the innings. 1—0—0. Renshaw joined Gibbons and opened quietly. With the score at 20, Gibbons was caught off Broughton 2—20—6. Marshall followed and after a shaky beginning was out to Miller, the board then reading 3—34—8. Mackie joined Renshaw, who at this stage was still rather subdued and this pair appeared to be well set until with the total at 71, Mackie was completely beaten by a good ball from Gould. 4—71—13. Smith after his showing in the first innings had been promoted in the batting list, followed, but the addition of one run saw him out to Miller. 5—72—1. Wanganui still required 65 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Alexander joined Renshaw. This pair, however, altered the entire complexion of the game. Lacking the striking ability of Renshaw Alexander compensated by hitting anything loose with great power. At no stage did the School attack waver and supported by excellent fielding presented a formidable combination. Renshaw's innings was a delight to watch. Crisp, penetrating drives finding gaps in a deep field. After surviving two very confident appeals, Renshaw went on and passed his century before falling to Broughton 6—170—110. Alexander was bowled by Gould shortly afterwards after contributing a valuable 47. 7—196—47. The remaining batsmen again failed to withstand Miller, the innings closing with the total at 211.

The School bowling throughout both innings was of a high standard. Although Hill and Broughton could not get any lift from the wicket, both performed well, and were deserving of more success than they actually obtained. Miller proved to be a highly destructive bowler once he found a wicket to his liking and his figures at Wanganui proved his ability to spin a ball. Edwards was a trifle disappointing his form falling short of his displays prior to the match. Gould proved to be a good change bowler and took wickets at a very critical stage. It is noteworthy that School's fielding was first-class throughout the match.

School.—Second Innings.

Wanting 77 runs for a win, Baunton and Gould opened slowly, being content to score off loose balls only. With the total at 16 Baunton was bowled by Sim. 1—16—8. Broughton joined Gould, but the addition of one six runs saw the dismissal of Gould by Hockin. 2—22—6. Miller then became associated with Broughton and this pair put on runs at a brisk rate, revealing their form of the first innings. The Wanganui attack took a new lease of life and the wickets of Broughton and Duncan fell in fairly quick succession, the board then reading 4—55—5. Although there was yet no sign of panic runs were becoming hard to get and the School batsmen were making the mistake of being over cautious. When Anderson, Caldwell and Dunn were out in quick succession the position was serious but Hill saved the day by swinging his bat and driving anything well-tossed. He and Ridland shaped well, Hill finally putting the result beyond doubt with a big four off Hockin, leaving School the victors by two wickets.

The Wanganui bowlers were very steady. They were all capable of fighting the ball a good deal and Alexander's early swing was very dangerous. Hockin and Sim were very impressive. Hockin with his deceptive action troubled most of the batsmen, while Sim's effort in both innings was praiseworthy.

Our first inning's total was most pleasing as was our steady bowling and excellent fielding, but the feature of the match was undoubtedly Renshaw's fine century.

Details of the play are:—

First Innings—		SCHOOL.		Second Innings.	
Baunton, c. Marshall, b. Hockin	37	b. Sim	..	..	8
Gould, b. Alexander	4	l.b.w., b. Hockin	..	..	6
Broughton, l.b.w., b. Alexander	58	c. Mackie, b. Sim	..	..	14
Miller, b. Sim	52	c. Gibbons, b. Hockin	..	..	19
Duncan, b. Hockin	8	b. Hockin	..	..	5
Anderson, b. Hockin	2	run out	..	..	2
Caldwell, c. Nairn, b. Sim ..	12	b. Hockin	..	..	0
Dunn, hit wicket, b. Sim ..	4	st. Marshall, b. Hockin	..	..	0
Hill, b. Newman	33	not out	..	..	13
Ridland, b. Sim	21	not out	..	..	1
Edwards, not out	6				
Extras	27	Extras	..	..	11
Total	259	Total for 8	..	..	79

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Alexander ..	16	5	38	2	7	1	9	-
Hockin ..	26	5	98	3	14	7	28	5
Sim ..	15	3	50	4	10	2	20	2
Gibbons ..	3	-	22	-				
Newman ..	6	-	29	1	2	-	11	-



FIRST XI. v. WANGANUI COLLEGE, 1939.

Back row: L. W. Edwards, J. R. Dunn, D. N. Caldwell, V. E. Hill, J. D. Ridland, W. J. Broughton.

Front row: L. S. Miller, R. W. Baunton (vice-capt.), F. J. Duncan (capt.), W. H. Gould, E. B. Anderson.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE.

First Innings—				Second Innings.			
Nairn, c. Baunton, b. Hill	..	..	24	c. and b. Hill	..	..	0
Gibbons, l.b.w., b. Edwards	..	..	18	c. Baunton, b. Broughton	..	..	6
Renshaw, b. Broughton	..	..	10	c. Baunton, b. Broughton	..	..	110
Marshall, run out	..	..	7	c. Baunton, b. Miller	..	..	8
Mackie, b. Miller	..	..	19	b. Gould	..	..	13
Alexander, b. Broughton	..	..	2	b. Gould	..	..	47
Newman, b. Miller	..	..	0	c. Gould, b. Miller	..	..	2
Smith, not out	..	..	20	l.b.w., b. Miller	..	..	1
Jordan, l.b.w., b. Hill	..	..	4	b. Miller	..	..	6
Hockin, b. Miller	..	..	4	b. Miller	..	..	2
Sim, b. Miller	..	..	0	not out	..	..	4
Extras	..	..	17	Extras	..	..	13
Total	..	..	125	Total	..	..	211

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Hill	..	11	0	26	2	7	1	31	1
Broughton	..	13	1	37	2	9	2	32	2
Edwards	..	6	0	28	1	6	0	41	0
Gould	..	2	0	6	0	7.25	0	27	2
Miller	..	5	1	11	4	15	2	67	5

ROBERTSON CUP.

First XI. Matches.

October 22 and 29: v. Old Boys.—Old Boys: First innings, 174; second innings, 38 for two. School: First innings, 104; second, 103. Lost by eight wickets.

November 12 and 19: v. Western Park.—Park: First innings, 151; second innings, 152 for three wickets declared. School: First innings, 147; second innings, 144 for six. Lost by four runs on first innings.

November 26 and December 3: v. New Plymouth.—New Plymouth: First innings, 145; second innings, 105 for seven wickets declared. School: First innings, 56; second innings, 151 for six. Lost by 89 runs on first innings.

December 10: v. Old Boys.—Old Boys: First innings, 77 for six. School: First innings, 165. Drawn on account of rain.

January 7 and 14: v. Western Park.—Park: First innings, 203; School: First innings, 99 for five. Drawn on account of rain.

January 29 and February 4: v. New Plymouth.—New Plymouth: First innings, 306. School: First innings, 109; second innings, 109. Lost by an innings and 88 runs.

February 11 and 18: v. Old Boys.—Old Boys: First innings, 144; second innings, 69 for seven. School: First innings, 128; second innings, 73. Lost by three wickets.

February 25 and March 4: v. Western Park.—Park: First innings, 365; second innings, 106 for five. School: First innings, 135; second innings, 115 for two. Lost by 230 runs on first innings.

March 29: v. New Plymouth.—New Plymouth: First innings, 102. School: First innings, 75; second innings, 66 for six. Lost by 27 runs on first innings.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1938-39.

Name.	No. of Innings.	Times N.O.	Highest Score.	Total Aggregate.	Average.
Miller ..	16	5	52	362	32.9
Diprose ..	9	1	57	215	26.9
Moran ..	8	0	95	214	26.8
Leighton ..	11	1	59	203	20.3
Baunton ..	19	1	49*	310	17.3
Broughton ..	17	1	97	272	17.0
Duncan ..	19	2	61	255	15.0
Hill ..	9	1	33	106	13.2
Gould ..	15	3	33	122	10.2
Ridland ..	6	2	21	38	9.5
Anderson ..	13	3	11*	62	6.2
Caldwell ..	10	1	13*	38	4.2
Edwards ..	10	3	9	29	4.1
Vale ..	4	0	12	12	3.0
Dunn ..	7	1	5*	15	2.5

*Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES, 1938-39.

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Moran ..	95	11	255	21	12.14
Broughton ..	145	20	511	42	12.16
Vale ..	18	2	77	6	12.8
Miller ..	66	4	343	25	13.7
Gould ..	42	1	226	14	16.1
Diprose ..	68	10	266	15	17.6
Hill ..	69	1	343	11	31.2
Edwards ..	34	0	194	5	38.8

Number of Catches Taken.—Baunton 11, Broughton 7, Duncan 6, Anderson 4, Moran 3, Diprose 3, Leighton 3, Caldwell 2, Hill 2, Miller 2, Gould 1, Edwards 1.

Number of Stumpings.—Leighton 1, Anderson 1.

SECOND XI. COMPETITION MATCHES.

October 22: v. Inglewood.—Inglewood: First innings, 122 for six wickets. School: First innings, 50; second innings, 34. Lost by an innings and 38 runs.

October 29: v. Waitara.—Waitara: First innings, 86. School: First Innings, 80 (Martin 22, Masters 17, Everiss 10). Lost by six runs.

November 12: v. Okato.—Okato: First innings, 163 for six wickets. School: First innings, 30 (Beaven 12); second innings, 77 for six wickets (Beaven 42). Lost by 133 runs on first innings.

November 19: v. Old Boys.—School: First innings, 131. Old Boys: First innings, 77. School: Second innings, 63 for one wicket. Old Boys: Second innings: 61 for four wickets. Won by 54 runs on first innings.

November 26: v. Old Boys.—School: First innings, 138 (K. Martin 19, B. Beavin 22, McCulloch 12, J. Dunn 41, Hawes 12). Old Boys: First innings, 77. School: Second innings, 63 for 1 (Hawes 50 not out). Old Boys: Second innings, 61 for 4.

December 3: v. Western Park.—Park: First innings, 171. School: First innings, 169. Park: Second innings, 75 for three wickets. Lost by two runs on first innings.

December 10: v. Kia Ora.—Kia Ora: First innings, 119. School: First innings, 86 (Martin 21, Pellet 21, Wood 18, Hawkins 11). Lost by 33 runs on first innings.

February 13: v. Kia Ora.—Kia Ora: First innings, 129. School: First innings, 72 (Martin 16, McCulloch 24, Short 14). School: Second innings, 132 for three wickets (McCulloch 81, Short 26, not out, Martin 18). Lost by 47 runs on first innings.

February 20: v. Waitara.—Waitara: First innings, 221 for nine wickets. School: First innings, 40 (Weir 10). School: Second innings, 26. Lost by an innings and 155 runs.

THIRD XI. COMPETITION MATCHES.

October 22: v. Old Boys A.—Old Boys: First innings, 102. School: First innings, 24; second innings, 68 (Webster 25, Baldwin 14). Lost by an innings and 10 runs.

October 29: v. Western Park.—Park: First innings, 105. School: First innings, 101 (Baldwin 33, Hill 11, White 15); second innings, 103 for four (Hill 43, Butt 38). Lost by four runs on the first innings.

November 5: v. School B.—

November 19: v. Old Boys B.—School: First innings, 179 (Caldwell 60*, Novak 28, Ridland 25, Granger 14); second innings, 93 for five (Caldwell 45*, Hill 32). Old Boys: First innings, 132 (Hill nine for 43); second innings, 131 for seven. Won by 47 runs on the first innings.

November 26: v. New Plymouth.—School: First innings, 26. New Plymouth: First innings, 105. School: Second innings, 195. New Plymouth: Second innings, 61. Won by 55 runs.

December 10: v. Western Park.—Park: First innings, 302 for eight. School: First innings, 81 (Short 36); second innings, 93 (Fleming 20, Gilbert 14). Lost by an innings and 128 runs.

December 17: v. Old Boys A.—Old Boys: First innings, 157. School: First innings, 137 (Martin 33, Baldwin 24, Butt 22, Kay 18, Beatty 11). Old Boys: Second innings, 98 for seven. Lost by 20 runs on first innings.

January 7: v. New Plymouth.—New Plymouth: First innings, 243. School: First innings, 53. Lost by 190 runs on first innings.

January 21: v. Old Boys B.—Old Boys: First innings, 73. School: First innings, 62 (Butt 26*). Old Boys: First innings, 159. School: Second innings, 97 (Martin 37, Butt 27). Lost by 73 runs.

February 4: v. Waitara.—Waitara: First innings, 112. School: First innings, 65 (Baldwin 17, Hill 13, Beattie 13). Waitara: Second innings, 26 for one. School: Second innings, 67 (Butt 15, West 15, Shaw 10). Lost by nine wickets.

February 11: v. Inglewood.—Inglewood: First innings, 43. School: First innings, 28. Inglewood: Second innings, 68. School: Second innings, 33. Lost by 50 runs.

February 18: v. Western Park.—Park: First innings, 327. School: First innings, 209. Lost by 118 runs on first innings.

March 4: v. School B.—School B: First innings, 112. School A: First innings, 76 (Beattie 12, McLeod 27*). School B: Second innings, 89. School A: Second innings, 76 (Beddingfield 22, West 31). Lost by 50 runs.

FOURTH XI. COMPETITION MATCHES.

October 29: v. Waitara.—Waitara: First innings, 174. School: First innings, 107 (Granger 38, Old 20); second innings, 82 for five (Webster 13, Gilbert 38, Old 10). Lost by 67 runs on first innings.

November 5: v. School A.—Lost.

November 12: v. New Plymouth.—New Plymouth: First innings, 113. School: First innings, 58. New Plymouth: Second innings, 120. School: Second innings, 102 for eight. Lost by 55 runs on first innings.

November 19: v. Old Boys A.—School: First innings, 64 (Simmons 18, Moss 12, Webster 12). Old Boys: First innings, 122. School: Second innings, 195 for eight (Davies 54, Anmand 19, Stringfield 33, Simmons 18, Moss 18, Fleming 13). Old Boys: Second innings, 134. Won by two wickets.

November 26: v. Old Boys B.—School: First innings, 134; second innings, 120 for seven. Old Boys: First innings, 120; second innings, 53 for seven. Won by 14 runs on first innings.

December 3: v. Inglewood.—School: First innings, 75 for eight (Simmons 22, Fleming 20). Drawn game on account of rain.

December 11: v. New Plymouth.—School: First innings, 81 (West 12, Butt 11, Baldwin 11, Kay 13). New Plymouth: First innings, 35; second innings, 77. Won by 46 runs on first innings.

March 6: v. School A.—School A: First innings, 76. School B: First innings, 112 (Weston 22, Wilks 10, Quickfall 30, Abraham 14, Mount 20*). School A: Second innings, 76. School B: Second innings, 89 (West 31, Davies 19). Won by 50 runs.

*Not out.

SCHOOL NOTES

(F. J. Duncan.)

School reopened this year with a still further increase in the roll number, which severely taxed the somewhat limited block of class-rooms. It is hoped that the extensive new buildings which are projected will relieve the cramped accommodation at present existing.

After a somewhat mediocre beginning, the First Eleven settled down to a really formidable combination and concluded the season in a burst of glory with decisive defeats over both Nelson College and Wanganui Collegiate School.

The usual week of barracks this year was not confined solely to military training, a pleasing variation of mass physical drill being introduced. In view of the fact that the "Keep Fit Week" campaign was raging the School, along with our Sister School presented a much appreciated display in Pukekura Park. Full credit for the excellent showing made by the boys must be given to Mr. A. R. Lucas, to whose tireless efforts to still further improve an already good display we all are very much indebted. We wish to offer to the Girls' High School our congratulations upon a very fine display on their part.

In pursuit of the elusive imp of physical fitness, a party consisting of approximately two hundred and fifty boys were transported to the mountain and there divided into three parties. Few would recognise the light-hearted trampers who so blithely left the house to return hours later spattered with extremely liberal quantities of that mud which is so peculiar to Taranaki, as the same people, yet beneath all the dirt, and, of course, blisters, there still flickered the same indomitable spirit, or did there?

We welcome back to our midst once again Mr. A. L. Moore, who has just returned from a trip embracing the Continent and England. We sincerely hope that his stay abroad was an extremely enjoyable and pleasant experience.

Among certain desirable customs which have come to be associated with the first term, there invariably flocks

in their wake a sequence of equally less desirous occurrences. This year has proved to be no exception. Once again the School has been badly disorganised by a severe epidemic of influenza, causing a serious reduction in the attendance. One outstanding effect was the cancellation of the School's part in the Anzac Day service, much to the disappointment of the great majority of the boys.

Shooting has been resumed this year, the battalion going to the range by platoons and not, as in previous years, by selected groups. This system has proved to be very efficient, and his born fruit in the reawakened interest in shooting throughout the School.

An innovation this year is the inauguration of weekly sports meetings, run and controlled solely by Mr. Lucas and an enthusiastic committee. The meetings up to date have proved to be outstanding successes, and our congratulations are extended to Mr. Lucas for taking this step towards the improvement of athletics.

The swimming sports, favoured with perfect weather conditions, were held on February 28th and resulted in some truly exceptional performances. Our congratulations are due to R. Sheppard for his victory in the senior championship, and to K. Watt, who annexed the intermediate championship. Special mention must be made, however, of L. Wanklyn, who smashed all junior records by such wide margins that it is extremely doubtful if the School can again produce a swimmer of this calibre in the under 14 championship.

This term again saw the visit of a photographer, and accordingly once again the traditional vanity of women was seriously rivalled by certain meticulous sticklers for detail. However, the final result was a very fine collection of photographs of the School, taken by forms. A group taken of the members of the staff proved to be surprisingly popular with the boys.

A week prior to the ending of the term the School was organised into football groups for the year and members of the first fifteen, with last season's glorious record behind them, are eagerly anticipating the commencement of the current season.

HOUSE NOTES

Carrington House.

House Master: Mr. C. G. Bottrill.

Assistants: Messrs. W. F. Tett and A. R. Lucas.

Prefects: Q. Thompson (head), R. E. Mason, E. B. Anderson, A. L. Rae, G. E. W. Boon, N. King.

The leaves of the creeper which adorns the main entrance of Carrington House have again faded and fallen, leaving the bare trailing branches clinging to the warm roughness of the stone in poignant anticipation of the rough winter days which so surely lie ahead. To those of us who have seen this transformation more than twice, it is a matter for serious thought. In so little time has the last year flown, yet even so the House has not changed very greatly. New prefects have filled positions vacated at the end of last term, and the Third Form dormitory rings to new voices, as the flow of boys continues unabated. All are imbued with the spirit of faith in the House, and all have thus far worked together, and we hope will continue to do so, for a very happy year.

Every new boy is now reconciled to some small degree to the heady fumes of the famous pipe, which is reported to have not become any milder. Even while suffering under such a major disability, the House is confident of yet another successful year.

A very valuable addition to the staff was made at the beginning of the year in the person of Mr. A. Lucas. We particularly welcome his decision to become a boarding master in this House, and we extend to him our best wishes for a long and enjoyable stay with us.

The last year saw the House taking a leading part in all School activities, and again we are confident of all the best traditions being ably upheld. We are well represented in all branches of sport, particularly at the weekly athletic meetings.

We congratulate those successful in the recent examinations, and sincerely condole with those who succumbed to the wily machinations of the crafty examiner. Our congratulations are also due to F. Novak on his appointment as Head Boy; J. Irvine on his appointment of Head Boarder; Q. A. Thompson as Head of this House;

E. B. Anderson, G. E. W. Boon, J. N. King and A. L. Rae on attaining positions as prefects; W. M. McLeay on his appointment as Head of School House; and I. R. Grant on his appointment to Pridham House.

Our bow-legged banger inadvertently betrayed in his sleep that he had a midnight rendezvous in the cemetery with the hairy monster, who, however, is completely intimidated by the threat of six inches of cold steel wielded by either of our fencers, Mad Mike, or the lovable Molly.

We are sincerely sorry to hear that the House mascot, a very popular and harmless rabbit, has contracted lung trouble as a result of continually losing itself in the weeds of the piggeries and experimental plots.

Our platinum blonde has provided much amusement during the term by his marked antipathy for large insects, as shown by his many wonderful feats of escape from their vicinity. Lately, however, he has been soothing his jangled nerves in more pleasant occupations, though even here he has keen competition. Even so, we are sure that his proverbial luck will hold, and that good old Snow will win the toss again and eventually come out on top.

The recent Fitness Week has inspired two prominent members of our personnel to great endeavour, as proved by their notorious bicycle riding escapades. Following the theories of one member of this combination, they selected a hunting ground, pitched their tents and commenced operations. After much beating about the bush, lack of suitable equipment led to the abandonment of the projected peg-driving, whereupon the other member rashly deserted his companion, who though willing to carry on in the rain, had not the courage of his convictions. They're not tough!

School House.

(D. L. Wilks).

Housemaster: Mr. R. C. Wilson.

Assistants: Messrs. T. N. S. Watt and D. M. Fraser.

Prefects: W. M. McLeay (Head), D. L. Wilks, P. C. Rose, W. H. Gould, R. C. Riley, C. W. Weston, R. G. Wood.

This year opened with the usual avalanche of new boys, who, having survived the first few weeks of hardship and homesickness, are now settling down and show



CARRINGTON HOUSE PREFECTS.

Back row: G. E. W. Boon, N. King, E. B. Anderson.
Front row: R. E. Mason, Q. A. Thompson, A. L. Rae.



J. IRVINE,
Head Boarder, 1939.

every sign of becoming good boarders. We hope that they will have a happy and contented life at school.

The annual New Boys' Concert took place in the gymnasium and many and various, both in colour and design, were the make-ups applied by our local experts. We feel sure that despite a little stage fright, the new boys enjoyed the evening as much as we who had witnessed it before.

Early in the year we lost R. Bell and R. Granger, who went to swell the ranks of the Prefects in Pridham House. While sorry to lose them we congratulate them on their rise in life and hope that they enjoy bungalow-dwelling.

At present we are rather plagued with the rehearsals of an unofficial orchestra, consisting of two pianos, two violins, a flute and a cornet. While welcoming so much musical talent in the House we would like to point out that if they put aside their personal jealousies and all played the same tune it would make much more pleasant listening. We would, of course, prefer some popular tune but are forced to veto the anthem of our rival House, "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

We take this opportunity of congratulating:

F. J. Novak, on becoming Head Boy and J. Irvine on being appointed Head Boarder.

W. M. McLeay, Q. Thompson and J. Grant, on becoming Heads of School, Carrington and Pridham respectively.

W. H. Gould and D. Caldwell, on gaining their First Eleven Caps for the match against Wanganui College.

J. Marsh, for winning the Junior Tennis Singles and also the Doubles with D. Scrimshaw.

L. Wanklyn, for winning the Under 14 Swimming Championship and breaking all existing records, and K. Watt for winning the Junior Swimming Championship.

W. H. Gould on becoming Senior Tennis Champion and also for winning the North Taranaki Junior Tennis Doubles with D. Caldwell.

"Olly," on turning respectable or, as some would say, on becoming a boarder.

We wonder:

If one of the Prefects in our neighbouring House will recover from his latest heart attack, which we understand was caught whilst rowing on a glassy lake 'neath the light of the silvery moon. Smaxwell of romance—or does it?

Pridham House.

(J. J. Barnicoat, J. R. Grant)

House Master: Mr. J. Dobson.

Assistant House Master: Mr. C. Brenstrum.

Head Prefect: J. R. Grant.

Prefects: R. H. Granger, H. D. Short, J. J. Barnicoat, R. J. Bell, A. D. MacLennan, N. I. MacLeod.

As the first term draws to a close we in Pridham House feel justified in making a complacent and pleased survey of the last three years, during which the House has made gargantuan strides until it has reached its proper position of being as important in all spheres of school activity as any one of the other Houses. In 1936 an insignificant bungalow containing two dormitories, disused except for the storage of orchestral material and mixed paraphenalia, it is now an imposing two-storied building which, if not conforming to any definite architectural style, is as pleasing in appearance outside as it is within. The lower story has been modified and renovated to make it as comfortable and pleasant as the upper floor, which is bright, airy, and in a pleasing yet simple modern style, so much favoured in to-day's up-to-date schools. We are proud to have a clean and well-lit locker room, containing additional smaller lockers for the storage of sports gear, which gives the boys of the House much more room for other possessions in their private lockers. From either wing of the House we are favoured by a pleasant view, on one side Mt. Egmont with its snowy cap in winter backing the pleasant foreground of the green fields and trees of the Racecourse enclosure, and on the other the School tower and football field carved in the earth itself, a fine flat expanse of turf where in the summer junior cricket, and in the winter football are played. On either side of the terraces as long as the field itself are carved in the steep banks, a tangible reminder of the energy and school spirit of our old boys. So does the House carry on the lead again given us by our predecessors.

In every branch of school life our House is proving and has proved itself. We are in a position of which we are justly jealous and proud.

At the beginning of the year we suffered the usual inundation of new boys, whom we wish to welcome in the hope that they may be happy during their time as boarders here. We can sympathise with them in their difficulties, remembering how we ourselves suffered this same difficult period in our school career. They have, however, settled down well and have quickly learnt the rules of the House and the daily routine, all of which are necessary for the smooth running of an establishment of this kind. We all appreciate the way they are pulling their weight to forward the interests of the House.

Following is a brief selection of the terms news and satire:—

We wish to congratulate R. H. Granger and R. J. McL. Bell upon their appointment as Prefects in this House, and welcome them from our rivals—School House. Also we wish to congratulate F. J. Novak upon his appointment as Head Boy, and J. Irvine, who is now Head Boarder. Although J. Irvine began this year with us, he has now gone to School House, and we hope his stay there will be a happy one.

Already this year the House has produced a member of the first eleven, J. R. Dunn, and we wish to congratulate him on his success. Also we wish to congratulate R. F. Sheppard on adding the senior swimming championship to his already long list of successes.

The House is unanimous in congratulating:

J. R. Grant upon his appointment as Head Prefect in Pridham House.

Q. A. Thompson and W. M. McLeay upon their appointment as Heads of Carrington and School Houses respectively.

J. J. Barnicoat, R. J. McL. Bell, H. D. Short, R. Granger, A. D. MacLennan and N. I. Macleod upon their appointment as Prefects in Pridham House.

J. R. Grant and H. D. Short for being appointed School Prefects.

These are not confirmed, but merely rumoured:

That a certain yellow tartan may be seen shining through the congregation of two churches on Sunday mornings.

That our House has the honour of harbouring the present farm manager. "Killer," we believe, was an aspirant for this position.

That the "unofficial prefect" nearly made a wireless of his own, using spare parts from a well-known car.

That "Alexander's Ragtime Band" was unceremoniously dumped in the dirty clothes basket.

That the "athletic-coach-cum-music-instructor" has originated a set of rules to be broken only by himself.

The whole House is asking:

— Why Someone persists in going on fasts of different natures—none having any connection with food.

— How to pronounce "Come-In."

— Why skipping ropes are the vogue and why Squirrel began a "poultry farm."

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

Tennis Notes.

(W. H. Gould.)

Owing to coaching classes after school and brilliant weather throughout the term, the standard of play, especially among the younger enthusiasts, has shown a marked improvement. The courts have been very popular and there is scarcely a moment out of school hours when they are unoccupied.

From the School some 80 competitors (a record number) entered for the North Taranaki Junior Hard Court Tournament this year. The field was a particularly strong one, including besides the School competitors a number of outstanding Club juniors. Consequently play

of a high standard was witnessed in the closing stages. Of the School players, Broome, Dunn, Short and Duncan Caldwell reached the quarter-finals of the singles. In the final R. Winstanley defeated R. Payne. The latter incidentally won the Taranaki Junior Championship at Christmas. Both are very recent Old Boys of the School and we extend our hearty congratulations to them on their successes. The doubles event of the hard court tournament was won by the School pair, W. Gould and D. Caldwell, who defeated R. Winstanley and G. Allen 6—4, 6—4 in the final.

On March 25 Gould, Duncan Caldwell and Allen were selected to represent North Taranaki Juniors in the annual match against the South-Central combined representatives. North scored a comfortable win.

Shortly after the North Taranaki Junior Tournament, the School Championships were begun. As usual, a large number of entries were received in both the senior and junior events. They were played off in perfect weather with many exhibitions of good tennis.

In the final of the Junior Singles Marsh beat Don Caldwell 6—2, 7—5. In the second set of this match Caldwell made a commendable effort but Marsh's strong forehand and net play proved too good for him. Marsh and Scrimshaw won the junior doubles, beating Wills and Caldwell 6—2, 6—3.

In the senior singles, after a series of close and hard-fought matches, Gould and Duncan Caldwell met in the final. Gould took the first set without difficulty, but in the second set Caldwell, playing much better tennis, with excellent net play and hard driving, managed to win the set. In the third set the tennis was not of such a high standard owing to both players tiring and also becoming a little too cautious. The match eventually went to Gould 6—2, 3—6, 6—3.

Gould and Caldwell met Irvine and Duncan in the final of the senior doubles. The first set went to Gould and Caldwell, but a determined effort by Irvine and Duncan gave them the second. In the third set, however, steady play on the part of Gould and Caldwell was the deciding factor and they won the match 6—3, 1—6, 6—2

In the third term, in the absence of so much championship and tournament play, it is hoped to make an early start on inter-house competitions, ladder play and perhaps, if time and stress of examinations permit, a handicap competition.

Athletic Notes.

(J. Woodward.)

A great revival in athletics, owing mainly to the foundation of the New Plymouth Boys' High School Athletic Club, has made itself apparent in the last few months.

Instead of the whole athletic side of school life being crammed into two days of the year, it is now extended to weekly meetings, which give athletes full chance to display their talent and gain some knowledge of athletic style and technique.

The first meeting of the newly-founded Athletic Club took place on Thursday, March 9, with a large field of athletes and a full array of officials, and with the exception of Mr. A. Lucas, the chairman of the Club committee, and Club captain, the meeting was run entirely by the boys themselves. A Club committee consisting of Mr. A. Lucas, chairman, Q. A. Thompson, R. Riley, G. L. Watt, R. E. Mason, I. H. Kerr and J. B. Woodward was set up.

A record-sheet giving the name of the record-holder in each event in the three classes of Junior, Intermediate and Senior was arranged in order to create keener competition.

During the athletic season just closed our Club has entered boys to participate in the weekly meetings of the N.P.A.A. and C.C., and has at times, we fear, almost swamped the club's programme with track and field events.

A handicapping committee consisting of Q. A. Thompson, A. D. MacLennan, G. L. Watt and J. B. Woodward was set up to supervise the Park events.

In the sprints R. Mason, G. L. Watt and W. James were outstanding; in the distance events Q. A. Thompson, A. D. MacLennan and J. B. Woodward; while in the field events R. J. Walls and A. D. Lewis were prominent.

Woodward won the Club's trophy for the highest number of points, defeating Lewis by the narrow margin of one point. Two meetings at the Park will probably stand out in our memory. Firstly, the meeting at which Pullar and Sharpley appeared; and secondly, the "final carnival meeting" put on by the boys, who, mounted on old "crocks" and speedy racing machines, rode a memorable half-mile cycle race much to the amusement of the spectators. Altogether the meetings were a great success.

As to individual athletic achievement we have to congratulate Wanklyn on winning the Bailv Scholarship. Also R. J. Walls, G. L. Watt and J. B. Woodward on being chosen for the Taranaki Sub-Centre championships, and the West Coast (N.I.) championships. Watt and Woodward represented the School at the Athletic Coaching School in Timaru last year, and gained valuable experience from the famous American coach, A. L. Fitch.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to Mr. C. H. Croker, the president, and the officials of the N.P.A.A. and C.C. for giving us great assistance and for making available special opportunities to allow a large number of boys to compete in their weekly meetings.

Surf Life-Saving

(R. Riley).

Last year saw the revival of interest in Surf Life-Saving at the School. Under competent instruction, 18 boys were coached for the Surf Medallion, and all were successful.

It is with much regret that we here mention the loss of Mr. L. S. Watt, who is now at Oxford University, and who did so much in furthering the cause of life-saving in the School.

Seven of the boys successful in the Medallion last year are with us again, together with two boys who procured their Medallions this year.

The School team secured second place in the Penant B, fixed position competition, held at Oakura Beach on the 25th of February.

The team was as follows:—

J. Mason (patient), **H. Stringfield** (beltman), **R. Riley** (first linesman and captain), **K. Taylor** (reelsman), **D. Lightbourne** (third linesman), **F. Novak** (second linesman).

Owing to the heavy sea running the buoys could not be brought in under a distance of 200 yards, an arduous swim for the patient and beltman.

The Taranaki Junior Championship, for which School had also entered, was to have been held at Oakura, but the surf conditions were such that it was postponed until the 1st of March, when the competition was held at the Fitzroy Beach. In the draw for positions competition, School secured third place. The draw results in the following team:—

O. Thompson (patient), **R. Riley** (beltsman), **J. Mason** (first linesman), **H. Stringfield** (reelsman), **A. MacLennan** (third linesman), **D. Lightbourne** (second linesman).

In conjunction a Junior Surf Race was held at Fitzroy, two School swimmers, J. Mason and H. Stringfield filling second and third places respectively.

The School Club takes the opportunity here, in expressing its thanks to the Old Boys for the use of their shed and reel during the swimming season.

Alpine Club Notes.

(R. J. M. Bell)

At the commencement of "Get Fit Week" the Taranaki Alpine Club organised a day on the mountain for the whole school. Buses left the School at 7.30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock a service was held at Mr. Ambury's Monument. The Rev. F. Hart preached a very impressive sermon.

The boys were then divided into three parties, one to go to the top, one to Dawson Falls and one to Bells Falls.

While the Bells Falls party succeeded in reaching their objective after encountering a lot of mud, the Dawson party got only as far as the Manganui Hut, as lack of time prevented them from completing the journey.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1939.

Back row: G. N. Caldwell, Q. A. Thompson, W. K. Webster, J. R. Grant, W. M. McLeay, I. H. Kerr.
Middle row: B. W. Broome, J. Irvine, F. J. Novak (head), F. J. Duncan, R. W. Baunton.
In front: J. B. Woodward, H. D. Short.

The summit party with Messrs. Broad and Rawson as guides accomplished the climb in about three hours and obtained an excellent view of the surrounding country.

The members of the School branch of the Club would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Taranaki Alpine Club for the valuable coaching in ski-ing and climbing given to them last year.

School Library.

(J. R. Lang and D. L. Wilks.)

Towards the end of last year work was at last begun on the new library building. The old wooden building was taken down in sections to make room for the new one and re-erected beside the tuck-shop.

Owing to the scarcity of classrooms, however, it was found necessary, at the beginning of the term, to convert half of the building into a classroom, but despite the limited space boys have made full use of the books and of the magazines and papers which have, as before, been placed on the tables.

The new library is approximately seventy feet long and thirty feet wide. The style is school Gothic and it will be finished in freestone. The interior will be panelled to a height of six feet in stained rimu and all beams will be boxed. Light will be admitted by thirteen large windows between which will be set the bays containing the books. Half-way along the ridge of the roof, the high pitch of which adds much to the dignity of the building, is a conical outlet for air ducts. In addition to the library proper there will be a porch and a work-room at the northern end. When completed this dignified and beautiful building will fulfil a long-felt want in the cultural amenities of the School.

Naturally we have at present nothing like the number of books required to fill a building of this size and we would be very grateful for any donations of volumes from old boys, parents or friends.

The School is very grateful to the Honourable the Minister of Education for the interest he has shown and the very practical help he has given.

Cadets.

(W. K. Webster.)

The annual instruction course, at Trentham, for Cadet Officers and N.C.O.'s, in the last week before the recommencement of school, was attended by Major V. E. Kerr, Captains R. C. Wilson and W. E. Alexander, Lieutenant W. F. Tett and about twenty N.C.O.'s. All the boys enjoyed their stay in camp and returned much benefited by the instruction received there.

The usual week of barracks in the first week of school was not held this year. This was replaced by the daily practice, under Mr. Lucas, of a course of physical drill for a display which was given in Pukekura Park on February 25th, in conjunction with the National Fitness Week. Considering the limited time at its disposal, the Battalion performed very well indeed and was more than a credit to Mr. Lucas.

This year the work of the Battalion has been very well organised, the cadets receiving instruction first in elementary and later in more advanced squad drill and musketry, while on Monday and Wednesday afternoons Sergeaant W. E. Grogan has instructed the Corporals and Lance-Corporals in Morse Code Signalling.

This year marked the retirement, after several years of hard and much-appreciated work, of Major Kerr from the command of the Battalion. He has been succeeded by Captain Wilson while A, B, C and D Companies are now under the command of Captain W. I. Shrimpton, Captain W. E. Alexander, Lieutenants W. F. Tett and A. H. Blundell respectively.

Once again, under the very able instruction of the Rev. F. Hart, the Band, although losing several of its members at the end of last year, is improving rapidly and has already attained its usual high standard.

On Anzac Day the annual remembrance ceremony before the Memorial Gates took place but the sadly depleted ranks, owing to the number of boys away from school, necessitated that the Battalion take no part in the service at Pukekura Park.

Shooting.

(N. King.)

During the third term of last year, a meeting of long range shooting enthusiasts was called to discuss the arrangements for .303 firing. A gratifying attendance resulted and the following committee was elected:—F. D. Moran, J. Grant, K. Kirk-Jones, W. C. Weston. Mr. Bertrand, the chairman, impressed on the members that their responsibilities were by no means light, as markers had to be found and transported, and rifles kept in order. Lorry transport was provided for the participants.

The enthusiasts had many enjoyable shoots at the Rewa Rewa Range. Weather conditions permitting, these trips were held on Saturday mornings. One competition was to have been held in school time as the proximity of the Sports' Dinner rendered it necessary to determine the winner, but bad weather conditions intervened. The marksmanship was of the usual high standard and the competitions were keenly contested.

The fact that there has been no .303 class firing in the School Cadets since 1936 is having a marked effect on the standard of long range shooting. The time set apart for shooting has to be devoted mostly to actual range work. It is reasonable to expect that boys interested in shooting should come to the long range practices with some preliminary training as a result of their Cadet work. The cessation, then, of the .303 class firing and its accompanying musketry training makes it very difficult to maintain the high standard of past years. 1937 saw good shooting on the part of some but the average was low. Many of those taking part in long range work in 1937 kept going in 1938 and then commenced to find their feet, or rather to find the bull. The standard of 1938 was higher than that of 1937 although conditions were not so favourable. The newcomers, however, still had great difficulty in settling down. Those boys who were well forward in 1937 did still better in 1938 and gained practically all the honours.

After school every day last year, miniature range rifle practice was carried out. The masters gave up much of their free time supervising and coaching, for which the boys were very grateful. The shooting was of a high

order as shown by the fact that one marksman found the orthodox target too commonplace and selected another further afield with excellent results. Early last year the range was improved by lengthening and planting the mounds. This year the miniature range practice is being carried out by platoons. This is an innovation that has proved very convenient up to date. The results of the various competitions are as follows:—

MacDiarmid Belt and Long Range Championship:—First, Lambert, W. B., 37; Second, King N., 36; Third, Jones, K., 35.

Kelly Cup, Long Range Match:—First, Tocker, L., 38; Second, Lambert, W. B., 37; Third, Henry, P., 35.

Searle Cup, .303 Miniature Range Championship:—First, Jones, K., 60; Second, Gilbert, I., 57; Third, Abrahams, T., 56.

The thanks of the School are again due to Sergeant-Major Bell, N.Z.P.S., for his very able assistance in the butts.

Miniture Range.

Loveday Cup, under 15, .22 Championship:—I. G. Field.

Hamblyn Cup, .22 Miniature Range Championship:—B. W. Shaw.

McLeod and Slade Cup, under 14, .22 Championship:—F. L. Cheshire.

Tuckshop Notes.

(F. J. Duncan.)

Many are the long-felt amenities which have been filled in the social and cultural side of school affairs recently, outstanding of course being the projected enlargement of that supplier of home comforts, the tuckshop.

Amid the erection of such lesser contemporaries as the construction of a fabulously costly library, the building of a new dining block, and the appearance of the "whizzer" among the cars of the masters, the tuckshop

still rises triumphantly from the general slough of these commonplace things.

Undeterred by the remarks of certain prejudiced members of our worthy staff, the committee of this most important institution have continued to uphold, and indeed further enhance the splendid tradition which has become to be associated with the tuckshop.

With years, I beg your pardon, months of faithful service behind them, the members of the tuckshop committee might well apply the school motto "Et comitate et virtute et sapientia" to their activities. Staunch un-failing comradeship in the face of criticism, stout-hearted valour in combating the wiles of several allegedly "senior" members of the school, and last but not least, the most profound wisdom in diplomatically dealing with the disgruntled inquiries of a certain school prefect for "any Passiona please."

SWIMMING NOTES

(G. N. Caldwell.)

The baths proved very popular during the dry spell experienced for most of the first term, many a heated brow being cooled in their depths. Even apart from the annual sports, the swimming season was a very successful one, many boys gaining certificates for the various distances and many passed the life-saving examinations for the Bronze Medallion, Instructor's Certificate and Award of Merit. The certificate for 25 yards was gained by 29 boys, for 50 yards by 107 boys, for 220 yards by 133 boys and for 880 yards by 93 boys. This result was very gratifying, proving that most of the pupils of the School are proficient swimmers. For the few learners a special class was formed and able instruction was given during the term. The life-saving examinations were held one afternoon after school just before the Easter vacation. Mr. Eggleton once again very kindly consented to act as examiner. The following boys qualified for the following awards:—

Bronze Medallion.—B. J. Brown, L. H. Wanklyn, N. J. Heal, J. M. Black, G. R. Bertrand, I. B. Handley, R. E. Twiname, M. D.

Hennah, W. B. Murray, A. M. Veale, M. N. King, J. F. Friend, D. J. Mount, D. L. Luxton, J. J. Marsh, R. B. Kay, J. B. Donald, R. J. Scott, H. O. Moffitt, H. E. Fowler, G. Power, A. H. Robb and G. Boon.

Bar to the Bronze Medallion.—P. E. Henry and L. D. Carthew.

Instructors' Certificates.—C. W. Weston, P. E. Henry, L. D. Carthew, R. E. Mason, A. C. Pepperell and G. N. Caldwell.

Award of Merit.—H. A. Stringfield, J. J. Mason, L. D. Carthew and S. D. McClymont.

During the "learn to swim week" held at the close of last year, the School baths were a scene of much activity. The smaller children of a New Plymouth primary school were given a course in the art of swimming, being instructed by a willing band of senior boys. The results attained by the end of the week were most gratifying. Quite a few youngsters became proficient enough to swim the length of the baths.

The Annual Sports.

The School baths presented an animated spectacle on the occasion of the annual swimming sports, which were held on February 28th under perfect conditions. The sports were an outstanding success, the standard of the swimming being exceptionally high throughout. A special feature was the swimming of the champions, who between them, broke no less than eight existing records. The entries for all events were large, and the efficient manner in which they were run off reflects the utmost credit on all those officials responsible.

The senior championship was won by R. Sheppard, who broke one record. Sheppard has now held all three championships from the under 14 to the senior. K. Watt swam brilliantly to win the junior championship from a strong field. He was responsible for the creation of two new records in the sprint events, while J. Caldwell, who was runner-up to him, accounted for the 100 yards record. The under 14 champion was L. H. Wanklyn who, for the second year in succession, broke all three records by substantial margins. It is doubtful whether the School will ever again see such remarkable times registered in the under 14 championship. R. Wells, winner of the Preparatory School championship, broke the record for the length and also holds the record for the 66 2-3 yards, introduced only this year. The most exciting events of

the day were the relay races. The inter-form relay was an exciting contest, while much enthusiasm was aroused by the spirited finish of the masters' team, which emerged victorious in a special challenge relay between the staff and the boys.

We wish to extend our thanks to Mr. Eggleton, who once more consented to judge the diving events, and also to the New Plymouth Combined Clubs for their generosity in permitting us the use of their lanes.

The New Records (with old times in brackets):—

Senior.—50 yards: R. Sheppard. Time, 29 3-5sec. (29 4-5sec.).

Junior.—33 1-3 yards: K. Watt; time, 18 1-5sec. (19sec.). 50 yards: K. Watt; time, 29 4-5sec. (30 3-5sec.). 100 yards: J. Caldwell; time, 70 1-5sec. (70 4-5sec.).

Under 14.—33 1-3 yards: L. Wanklyn; time, 19sec. (19 4-5sec.). 50 yards: L. Wanklyn; time, 31 2-5sec. (32 4-5sec.). 66 2-3 yards: L. Wanklyn; time, 43 1-5sec. (49 4-5sec.).

Preparatory: 33 1-3 yards: R. Wells; time, 22 1-5sec. (23 1-5sec.). 66 2-3 yards: R. Wells; time, 51 1-5sec.

Championship Winners.

Senior.—R. Sheppard, 20 points, 1; F. Novak, 9 points, 2; J. Mason, 4 points, 3.

Junior.—K. Watt, 13 points, 1; J. Caldwell, 10 points, 2; R. Lagor, 3 points, 3; D. Sykes, 1 point, 4.

Under 14.—L. Wanklyn, 15 points, 1; D. Moffitt, 9 points, 2; B. Simpson, 2 points, 3; K. Leighton, 1 point, 4.

Preparatory.—R. Wells, 10 points, 1; W. Jones, 6 points, 2.

Championship Events.

Senior Championship:

33 1-3 Yards Final.—Sheppard 1, Novak 2, Mallet 3. Time, 18 3-5sec.

50 Yards Final.—Sheppard 1, Novak 2, Mason 3. Time, 29 3-5sec.

100 Yards Final.—Sheppard 1, Novak 2, Mallet 3. Time, 1min. 11 1-5sec.

220 Yards Final.—Sheppard 1, Mason 2. Time, 3min. 1 4-5sec.

Junior Championship:

33 1-3 Yards.—First heat: Lagor 1, J. Caldwell 2, Hennah 3; time, 19 1-5sec. Second heat: K. Watt 1, D. Sykes 2, Luxton 3; time, 18 1-5sec. Final: K. Watt 1, Caldwell 2, Lagor 3; time, 18 3-5sec.

50 Yards.—First heat: Lagor 1, Sykes 2, Bedingfield 3; time, 32 1-5sec. Second heat: Watt 1, Caldwell 2, Harkness 3; time, 29 4-5sec. Final: Watt 1, Caldwell 2, Lagor 3; time, 30 2-5sec.

100 Yards.—First heat: Caldwell 1, Sykes 2, Hennah 3; time, 1min. 13 2-5sec. Second heat: Watt 1, Lagor 2; time, 1min. 13sec. Final: Caldwell 1, Watt 2, Sykes 3; time, 1min. 10 1-5sec.

Under 14 Championship:

33 1-3 Yards.—First heat: Wanklyn 1, Reilly 2; time, 19sec. Second heat: Moffitt 1, Young 2; time, 21 3-5sec. Third heat: Simpson 1, Leighton 2; time, 22 1-5sec. Final: Wanklyn 1, Moffitt 2, Simpson 3; time, 19sec.

50 Yards.—First heat: Moffitt 1, Simpson 2; time, 35 2-5sec. Second heat: Wanklyn 1, Beamish 2; time, 31 2-5sec. Third heat: Leighton 1, Johnson 2; time, 38sec. Final: Wanklyn 1, Moffitt 2, Leighton 3; time, 31 2-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—First heat: Moffitt 1, Pentecost 2; time, 48 3-5sec. Second heat: Wanklyn 1, Simpson 2; time, 47 4-5sec. Third heat: Twomey 1, Young 2; time, 60 1-5sec. Final: Wanklyn 1, Moffitt 2, Simpson 3; time, 43 1-5sec.

Preparatory School Championship:

33 1-3 Yards.—Final: R. Wells 1, Jones 2, Ropiha 3. Time, 22 1-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards.—Final: Wells 1, Jones 2, Bright 3. Time, 51 1-5sec.

Senior Dive.—Valentine 1, Draper 2, Novak 3.

Junior Dive.—Swayne 1, Gredig and Wells 2 (equal).

Under 14 Dive.—Crow and Barnes 1 (equal), Jackson 3.

Open Events.

33 1-3 Yards Open.—First heat: Granger 1; time, 26 4-5sec. Second heat: Taylor 1; time, 30sec. Third heat: Somerton 1; time, 26 4-5sec. Fourth heat: Grant 1; time, 26 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Valentine and Edwards 1 (equal); time, 26sec. Sixth heat: G. King 1; time, 25sec. Seventh heat: Lees 1; time, 25 1-5sec. Eighth heat: K. Adams 1; time, 25 1-5sec. Ninth heat: Bartrum 1; time, 25 4-5sec. Tenth heat: D. Sheat 1; time, 26sec. Eleventh heat: Ewing 1; time, 24sec. Twelfth heat: J. Mason 1; time, 26sec. Thirteenth heat: R. Okey 1; time, 26sec. Fourteenth heat: Carthew 1; time, 24 1-5sec. Fifteenth heat: W. James 1; time, 26 4-5sec. Sixteenth heat: Macfarlane 1; time, 26sec. Seventeenth heat: Clark 1; time, 26 2-5sec. Eighteenth heat: Papps 1; time, 28sec. Nineteenth heat: Beamish 1; time, 27 4-5sec. Twentieth heat: Stringfield 1; time, 24 2-5sec. Twenty-first heat: Wood 1; time, 26sec. Twenty-second heat: Jackson 1; time, 28sec. Twenty-third heat: B. Harkness 1; time, 25 1-5sec. Twenty-fourth heat: Baunton

1; time, 24sec. Twenty-fifth heat: Abrahams 1; time, 22 2-5sec. Twenty-sixth heat: Hotter 1; time, 32sec. Twenty-seventh heat: D. Smith 1; time, 23 4-5sec. Twenty-eighth heat: Robins 1; time, 25sec. Twenty-ninth heat: Friend 1; time, 21 2-5sec. Semi-finals—First heat: Granger 1; time, 25 2-5sec. Second heat: Ewing 1; time, 22 3-5sec. Third heat: Carthew 1; time, 24 3-5sec. Fourth heat: Baunton 1; time, 23 4-5sec. Fifth heat: Friend 1; time, 20 4-5sec. Final: Ewing 1, Friend 2, Baunton 3; time, 22sec.

33 1-3 Yards Backstroke.—First heat: Russell 1, Florence 2; time, 31sec. Second heat: Hennah 1; time, 34 4-5sec. Third heat: Moore 1, Mount 2; time, 30 3-5sec. Fourth heat: Wanau 1; time, 40sec. Final: Sheppard 1, Mount 2, Moore 3; time, 29 1-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards New Boys' Race.—First heat: W. Jones 1; time, 27sec. Second heat: Yates 1; time, 31sec. Third heat: Steele 1; time, 26 4-5sec. Fourth heat: M. Young 1; time, 25sec. Fifth heat: Mills 1; time, 29 1-5sec. Sixth heat: Bova 1; time, 25sec. Seventh heat: Rowston 1; time, 28sec. Eighth heat: Whitne 1; time, 30sec. Ninth heat: Barnes 1; time, 34 2-5sec. Tenth heat: Badley 1; time, 25 3-5sec. Eleventh heat: Monaghan 1; time, 30 2-5sec. Twelfth heat: R. Young 1; time, 28sec. Thirteenth heat: Harkness 1; time, 29sec. Fourteenth heat: Samson 1; time, 29sec. Fifteenth heat: Milne 1; time, 27 1-5sec. Sixteenth heat: Moffitt 1; time, 25 3-5sec. Semi-finals—First heat: Bova 1, M. Young 2; time, 24 4-5sec. Second heat: Badley 1, R. Young 2; time, 25 1-5sec. Third heat: Moffitt 1, Milne 2; time, 24sec. Final: Bova 1, Young 2; time, 24sec.

50 Yards Open.—First heat: Hennah 1, Hammond 2; time, 46 2-5sec. Second heat: Baunton 1, Jackson 2; time, 40sec. Third heat: Abraham 1, Bertrand 2; time, 41 4-5sec. Fourth heat: R. Okey 1, Butler 2; time, 38 4-5sec. Fifth heat: Friwhata 1; time, 41 2-5sec. Sixth heat: D. Smith 1, Riley 2; time, 36sec. Seventh heat: Carthew 1, Leighton 2; time, 37 4-5sec. Eighth heat: Duncan 1, Jones 2; time, 40 4-5sec. Semi-finals—First heat: Jackson 1, Abraham 2; time, 39sec.; second heat: D. Smith 1, R. Okey 2; time, 36 3-5sec. Third heat: Carthew 1, Duncan 2; time, 36 2-5sec. Final: Carthew 1, Smith 2, Okey 3; time, 35 2-5sec.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—First heat: McLeay 1; time, 51 1-5sec. Second heat: D. Mount 1; time, 47sec. Third heat: Macfarlane 1; time, 49 4-5sec. Fourth heat: R. Miller 1; time, 49sec. Final: D. Mount 1, Miller 2, McLeay 3; time, 45 4-5sec.

Learners' Race, one width.—Moverley 1, Burmester 2, Lawrence 3.

220 Yards Open.—W. James 1, Black 2, G. Boon 3. Time, 3min. 51sec.

Inter-Form Relay Race.—First heat: Preparatory School 1, 3 EV 2; time, 1min. 40sec. Second heat: 4 EP 1, 4 Cl. 2; time, 1min. 32 4-5sec. Third heat: 5 G 1, 5 Cl. 2; time, 1min. 36 4-5sec. Final: 4 EP 1, 5 Cl. 2, 5 Cl. 3; time, 1min. 37 4-5sec.

Challenge Relay.—Masters (Messrs. Lucas, Brenstrum, S'vfield and Watt), 10sec., 1; Boys (Mason, Grant, Anderson and Novak), scr., 2.

The Farm.

The end of the 1938-39 season comes with the farm in good order, the stock in excellent condition, and what appears to be an ample supply of winter feed. True, what might be almost described as an autumn drought brought about a very sharp drop in the milk yield, but present day figures compare well with those of recent years.

Slightly over 4.5 inches of rain fell in the first three months of the year, compared with about 16 inches in each of the same periods of the previous two years, figures that tell their own tale.

The map of the farm has been considerably altered by inroads made into the cemetery paddocks by a new approach road with a turn-table in the centre of No. 19. This has meant the abandonment of the small but useful No. 18. Fence lines had to be altered to keep stock off the new road, this giving excellent practice in fencing to the various classes. The change has brought at least one improvement—all the frontage of the farm being remade and what was formerly a muddy, if picturesque, lane is now a fine wide metalled road.

The delaying of hay and ensilage making proved to be justified and a much heavier harvest resulted. No. 17 yielded a large crop of hay, Nos. 19 and 20, good ensilage stacks, and the ensilage from No. 4 has well filled the pit.

Manuring was more or less completed during the May holidays, the work being completed by extra labour. The manures used were as follows:—Sterling, at 4 cwt. per acre on Nos. 4, 6, 7a, 11, 17 and 19; Slag, at 5 cwt. per acre, on 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15; while Super, at 3 cwt. per acre was used on 1, 2, 21, and the far side of 12, and Basic Super at the same rate on the near side of 12. In addition, Potash Salts will be used experimentally on 1, 2, 3, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 20, this being made easier through the generosity of the Pacific Potash Company.

A trial aimed at demonstrating the value of Potash manures in connection with hay and ensilage production will take the form of equal areas of extra Potash in rates varying from 1 to 3 cwt. per acre, in the cutting pad-

docks. Weighings of sample areas will be made at harvesting.

Finally, No. 23 is to be marked out in square chain blocks for manurial experiments aimed at the encouragement of early spring and late autumn growth, and the effects of lime when used with the standard manures on our soil.

During the summer No. 21 was closed to stock and used for growing a mixed crop of pumpkins and marrows, from which there was a fair yield in spite of the lack of rainfall. The only other cropping was that of an area of carrots of about half an acre in No. 26. The yield from this looks to be low owing to attacks of aphid earlier on and other hungry visitors later.

The poultry section established last spring is now in full working order and the foundations for another unit have been laid.

Stock.

As mentioned before, the yield for the testing season has declined rapidly towards the end due to nearly three months of dry weather. Worked out on the graph system this season shows a much more abrupt rise and fall than for some time past. Final figures are not yet published of the season's produce, but it seems that it will be an improvement of recent years. More care is being taken with dry and in-calf stock especially in the matter of feed, and there should be a steady improvement.

The culling programme has been followed and three more poor cows have gone off, to be replaced by good cows coming into profit. Most of the first season milkers are showing promise, while certain mature cows have put up exceptional figures for the type of country, especially Bess.

From the piggeries there is little to report, except that the old boar was pensioned off and duly executed, his place being taken by a younger boar who has yet to prove his worth. So far, the two Canadian Tamworth sows have proved unprofitable. The usual lots of store pigs have been purchased and sent off as baconers.

Later it is hoped to remove cross fences and renovate one-half of the runs, preferably the newer section. The Berkshire sow has continued to breed good litters, her last being especially fine and already one has found a buyer for stud purposes.

Shearing and dipping having been finished before the end of last year, there was little left except routine work to keep us busy this term. Fortunately there was no evidence of facial eczema this season, but there has been a fair amount of footrot, due to the wet weather in the spring. This has been more marked in the case of the rams. Lessons in judging and in wool classing also added to the interest of this part of our work.

The horses have kept fit, especially the colt, which has grown well. The mare, Lady, has been out of harness for some time, most of the work being carried out by Nugget.

Plots.

The main feature of the plots during the past season was a mangel variety trial. From this it is hoped to pick out a full entry for the Winter Show, with, we trust, at least, as much success as we had last year. Generally, compared with last season, the roots have been especially free from disease, this probably being due to the use of clean ground as well as a cooler season. Although it is still some time before harvest when a comparison can be made of yields, certain aspects of the trial are apparent.

First, the benefit of heavy manuring at sowing time was strikingly demonstrated in the almost complete failure of the unmanured rows. Secondly, the relative merits of sowing versus transplanting were very obvious, this being made all the more clear by the hot dry weather at transplanting time. The same conditions of lack of manure and dry weather were responsible for a poor result in the carrot variety trial.

Just before the first holidays another complete set of grass and clover trials was laid down and is now well established, demonstrating certain marked differences. Meanwhile the autumn sown plot of the same varieties

and strains has been used to compare such features as rust-resistance, bulk of autumn feed and recover after grazing. This programme is to be continued until we have plots covering three whole seasons, both autumn and spring sowing.

The soybean trials, though on a small scale, showed the seed producing properties of a number of varieties from several sources, including Japan, South Africa and Canada, in a season that varied very much from the preceding two.

Improvements in the plots included the establishment of a tree lucerne boundary and the raising of a good stock of Lawsonianas for hedge replacement. In addition a grass walk has been sown along the whole length of the plots. The native tree triangle by the Gymnasium has been well tended and the trees are all healthy and will form interesting material for growth studies. A second crop of trees transplanted from the bush will be established this winter.

Omata Field Day.

On March 15, the Senior boys attended a field day at Omata, held on the farm of Mr. A. J. Luxton. This was promoted by the New Plymouth Jersey Cattle Club, and during the day demonstrations were given on pigs, sheep and Jersey cattle. Mr. Grant outlined the points of the various classes of wool and the effect on quality of various factors.

Later in the day the boys took part in the judging of three Jersey cows, winning the first three prizes in the junior section, as follows:—Hone 1, Newland 2, Ivor Field 3. A sumptuous luncheon and afternoon tea did their part in making the day one that will be easily remembered.

The Show.

As usual, the Agricultural classes were present in full force to take their part as stewards at the Taranaki Agricultural and Pastoral Association annual show at Waiwakaiho, held a month after we returned for the first term. As competitors our efforts were concentrated on

the School bull and sheep, from both the School and the racecourse. Well prepared by Stringfield and Newland, Woodlands Anchor was in good shape, but was beaten by three other bulls of outstanding merit, his ring behaviour again perhaps having some influence in the final placings.

In the sheep section we were more successful. With the School farm sheep second and third places were taken in the Farmers' Class for three Romney ewes, and first for three Romney ewe lambs, while we took second prize in the class for three long woolled ewes. With sheep from the racecourse, prizes were won as follows:—First and third for three fat lambs, first for three Romney ewe lambs, third for three ewes or wethers down or short wool, third in special class for three ewes, two-tooth or over, most suitable for breeding of fat lambs for export.

Owing to the shortness of the time for preparation we did not this year enter any pigs or any of the horses. Generally the experience of handling stock in the show ring, of watching the judges, and preparing the award cards, was very valuable, especially in view of the high standard of the entries, while the handling of the prize-winning stock in the parade was a new experience to many of the younger boys.

WINTER DUSK.

Unseen hands divine
Have laid a chaste white mantle
O'er the range, once tinged
With mellow autumn's flame.
No more the thrush at twilight lifts
To heaven his gay impulsive hymn,
Nor field-mice flee in fear.
Still gently falls the snow
In silence, holy, deep.
Wrapped in purple dark
The night descends,
Shrouding the gaunt, snow-laden trees,
And dropping slow,
Until the day has passed.

R. J. M. Bell, VI.b.

MOUNTAIN TOP.

Austere and barren,
Lone ethereal peak,
Scourged by the blizzard,
Seared by the lightning blast.
Unearthly earth,
Kin to the cindered moon,
Star-halo'd crag;
Beauty and Terror wed,
Symbol of ambition's dreams
And summit of my hope.

—J. B. Woodward.

BLACK OCEAN.

Let black waves in the deep night rock me,
Hushed by the sweet, sighing breeze,
High tossed in the spray of the foam flecks,
To be drowsed in the depths of thy swell,
Black Ocean.

Dance me in the vales of thy billows,
Snatch me in the foam of thy crest;
O, clutch me when storm clouds are rolling,
And the pale moon reels dim in the sky,
Black Ocean.

Rocked to the song of a mermaid,
As cradled I lie in thine arms,
The ripple of wind in the palm fronds,
My tangled locks will caress,
Black Ocean.

Let the moonbeams dance on my pillow,
As cradled I lie in thine arms,
Let the night that we share be eternal
In the fold of thy billowing grip,
Black Ocean.

O waves! I could ne'er be without thee,
The beat of thy spray in my face.
O, take me! Thy son and thy loved one,
To dwell in thy depths till the end.
Black Ocean.

—J. B. Woodward.

THE POET.

Pale wanderer, upon the lonely shore,
 The whispering winds, the ocean's roar
 Sing thee a song of the frenzied deep,
 Lulling thee into the depths of sleep.
 God loosed thy bonds, and thus spoke He,
 "Hasten and seek the moonlit sea,
 Where bluish in the calm lagoon,
 Sleep tropic isles, afire in the moon.
 And silver ripples glide and break
 In sparkling folds of light and shade
 Cascades of diamonds through the haze,
 Shimmering, dancing in the silver rays.
 Or watch the seething ocean rise,
 Dash the moon from the Arctic skies.
 When tired of roaming, seek dark watery caves,
 In placid depths, beneath the angry waves,
 Beware the ghosts of the lampless deep,
 Hovering over thy dreams in sleep;
 Lest they who roam the ocean's floor,
 Lock on thee the pearl-set door,
 And through the oozy labyrinth's shadowy gloom,
 Echoes the dread dull thunder of thy doom.
 But lo! To thee I give the key of Heaven,
 Divine be thou midst mortal men,
 Silver thy head with star-dust shine,
 And golden on Aurora's couch recline.
 Spuru other men! They know not these;
 On their dumb faces blows the breeze
 My Heaven sends them. Their dull eyes,
 To the rain-bow, to the star-lit skies,
 Become at last accustomed, dull and uninspired.
 To thee, Immortal Poet, by my glories fired,
 This universe is bathed in golden light,
 Radiant as sunset seen from Heaven's height.
 Long after other men the mocking dust interns,
 Thy golden lines run on, thy spirit burns.
 Through fall of empires, ruin and decay,
 Out of the ashes of chaotic Judgment Day,
 Rise the burning strains of that sweet song
 Apollo singeth to an angel throng.

—J. B. Woodward.

EVENING.

Stealing down the blue-hazed hills,
 Creeping down the chattering rills,
 And pausing 'neath the golden oak,
 Casting o'er the tinted earth
 The purple glory of her cloak,
 Comes Evening, like a spirit loath to leave
 The realms above, but not daring to defy
 The dread commands that come from high.
 So comes Eve with dragging steps and slow.
 Whilst on each side her guardian zephyrs blow,
 And when at length they go at Morning's call
 To meet the gentle-flushing dawn,
 The mists slip out of Neptune's hall
 And drape the shiv'ring sprite in chilling folds,
 Then close o'er all the land she draws her starry robe
 And clasps it fast with Dian's silver globe.

—D. L. Wilks (VI B)

A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," wrote Keats in "Endymion." Beauty was a vital necessity to Keats, who sought it all his life, and from it gained the enthusiasm and inspiration which turned his life from drab weariness and dullness into vivid emotion and poetic fervour. To Keats beauty was his life-blood, without it he could not have lived; he would have rather died than listen to the nightingale's song with indifference, or watch the stars wheel by without a thrill of joy.

Keats and many other poets are at their saddest when describing the ethereal, transitory nature of beauty.

Keats cries in bitter anguish:

"Ah, happy, happy boughs that cannot shed
 "Your leaves, nor ever bid the spring adieu."

Shelley sadly writes of the beauty that has faded away:

“When the lamp is shattered,
 “The light in the dust lies dead—
 “When the cloud is scattered,
 “The rainbow’s glory is shed.

Herrick laments the swift passing of the daffodils:
 “Fair daffodils, we weep to see
 “You haste away so soon.”

Wordsworth turns his thoughts back to the beauty of life as children see it, and attempts to regain some of the glamour of childhood. Beauty to the young is a mystical, vague spirit, tinged by the memories of some far-off life before this earthly life. It is a dim picture of mountains running down to the sea, off fleecy clouds swiftly flying across the sky, of the golden glory of dawn, all mingled indistinguishably with some old melody, which has escaped from the hidden springs of distant memories. But the child is unconscious of the presence of that beauty, and cannot describe it, until in later years on looking back upon it, a fleeting memory flashes out of the depths of his mind, and he covers it with the cloak of his own imagination, draws the dim picture on paper, and preserves it as evidence that beauty, although unable to be interpreted by the child, does exist in early childhood. The fading of child immortality is well described by Wordsworth:

“—But there’s a tree, of many, one,
 “A single field which I have looked upon;
 “Both of them speak of something that is gone.

The essential difference between poet and common man lies in the poet’s ability to see and appreciate more beauty in life than the man. But beauty does not belong solely to the poet, for it sings through the hearts of us all, making our lives like sparkling streams, in which are reflected God’s face, and which flow on forever unwearied.

The great fiery sun dips down over the ocean, and we turn our eyes away sadly—the beautiful vision has faded, but the memory will live on forever, and the beauty can never die!

J. B. Woodward, VI.a

CHOPPING WOOD.

There was I pushing furiously at the lid of my bag mouthing curses of impotent fury. Then for the third time I flung back the lid, grabbed something from the top of the pile of clothes inside and threw it into a drawer. Then with a bang I shut the lid, pushed the catch into place, and locked it. Yes, there was just ten minutes to reach the station. Then my wife’s voice piped from the adjoining room. “I say, dear, will you chop me a little wood before you leave for the excursion?” she said.

“Oh, all right!” I managed to grind out, for I was almost choking with wrath from my attack on the bag. In my three months of married life I had tried to become accustomed to the queer times my wife chose for me to do something. As sure as there was a train to catch there was something I could do for her. Flinging my bag down with great violence I marched out to the woodshed. There in the corner of the shed was one solitary log which had been the cause and victim of my wrath two days previously. With a kick I sent it spinning into the middle of the shed. I determined to settle this log once and for all, even if it was a mass of knots. Taking the axe with a firm grasp, I swung it with all my might. Thud! With a curse I flung the broken axe handle from me, and viewed the head embedded in the log. Well, I would borrow an axe. Next door they armed me with a newly-sharpened axe of considerable weight. With this it would be no trouble, I thought. Marching into the shed I gripped the axe, and, straining every sinew, swung it in a great arc. With a mighty bound the log leapt at me and with a sickening thud sent me reeling across the shed. Doubled up, I lurched into the house, grabbed my bag and was just about out of the door when my wife’s sweet voice again piped up. “I say, dear,” she said, “you’ll be late for the train!” I looked at my watch. It was a minute after time. For the first time since I had been married, I agreed with my wife, so I stayed at home and chopped wood.

—P. Davidson (IV Cl.)

SCHOOL ROLL

The complete roll is as follows:—

UPPER SIXTH.

Caldwell, G. N.†
Duncan, F. J.†
Kerr, I. H.†
Short, H. D.†*
Thompson, Q. A.†*
Webster, W. K.†
Woodward, J. B.†

LOWER SIXTH

Allen, G. B.
Baunton, R. W.†
Bell, R. J. M.†*
Boon, G. E. W.†*
Church, J. E.
Fleming, H. A.
Gallaher, P. J.
Gould, W. H.†*
Irvine, J.†*
King, J. N.†*
Lewis, T. A.
Lewis, A. H. D.
Mathieson, W. T.
McLeay, W. M.†*
Millar, R. S.*
Paterson, J. K.*
Rae, A. L.†*
Rose D. C.†*
Royse W. M.
Weston, C. W.†*
Wiggins, C. A.
Wilks, D. L.†*

FORM VI. Acc.

Anderson, E. B.†*
Annand, G. W.
Barnicoat, J. J.†*
Granger, R. H.†*
Grant, J. R.†*
Lang, J. R.†*
MacLennan, A. D.†*
Mason, R. E.†*
Novak, F. J.†
Roberts, A. D.
Warren, F. R.
Wood, R. G.†*

SENIOR
AGRICULTURE.

Batchelar, E. G.*
Bowman, C. R.*
Corbett, A. R.
Cramp, C. F.*
Dean, W. H.
Field, I. G.*
Hone, B. C.*
Le Fleming, A. E.*
Newland, R.*
Stringfield, H. A.*

FORM V Cl.

Attrill, S. R.
Bartrum, G. O.*
Bell, P. G.*
Brown, B. J.
Burrows, D. M.
Caldwell, D. N.*
Davies, E. B.
Drake, D. W.
Hawkins, G. C.*
Hunter, R. R.
Isaacs, H.*
Kahu, I.
Kay, L. H.
Lagor, R. H.
Lander, O. R.
Lightbourne, D. D.*
Mander, D.
Marsh, J. J.*
McGiven, D. B.
McIntyre, F. R.
Monaghan, D. P.
Mount, D. J.*
Murray, W. B.*
Pringle, G. D.
Scott, R. J.*
Sheat, D. E. G.
Sheppard, R. F.*
Slade, A. T.
Smart, M. G.
Sutherland, C. R.*
Sykes, M. H.
Thomson, D. N.*
Watt, G. L.*

FORM V. Cl2 & E.P.

Beresford, A. M.
Burgess, D. J.

Caldwell, J. J.
Cannell, W. M.*
Cartwright, K. R.
Crew, A. W.*
Cummins, S. C.*
Dorgan, J. P.
Friend, J. F.*
Garcia, S.
Gillespie, B. V.
Heskett, J. A.*
Hodder, E. D.
James, H. P.*
James, W.*
Lattimer, R. J.
Mason, T. J.*
McClymont, D. S.*
McLean, R. J.
Mathieson, R. T.
Morris, D. A.*
Petersen, P. G.
Peach, L. F.*
Pepperell, A. C.*
Scrimshaw, L. N.*
Standish, A. H.*
Swayne, R. E.*
Taylor, K. R.*
Tingey, R. E.
Turner, N. F.
Walls, R. J.
Washer, G. W.*
Webster, H. P.
Service, N. C.*

FORM V G.1.

Bertrand, G. R.
Caldwell, D. R.*
Carthew, L. D.*
Chadwick, R. G.
Coldicutt, C. H.
Croke, R. J.*
Duncan, V. N.
Edwards, L. W.
Ewing, B. W.
Florence, S.
Gadd, J. E.
Henry O. C.*
Henry, P. E.*
Herbert, T. C.
Hill, V. E.
Hirstich, B. M.*
Jensen, N. W.*

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FORM V G.3.

King, E. G.*
Lambert, W. B.
Macleod, N. I.†*
Mitchell, A. R.
Moore, O. G.
Okey, R. P.
Papps, M. J.
Penn, J. R.
Potts, C.
Raill, L. F.
Raynor, R. W.*
Ridland, J. D.
Riley R. C.†*
Roberts, T. A.
Roper, R. A.
Shakes, B. R.*
Vodanovich, G. A.*
Wallis, A. O.*
Wilson, J. R.
Winchcombe, B. F.

FORM V G.2.

Adams, F. K.
Adlam, W. D.
Attrill, D. G.
Barclay, J. R.*
Barden, T. W. A.
Bedingfield, J. D.
Davidson, J. M.
Fenton, T. M.
Fitzgibbon, E. M.
Grange, F. C.
Hibberd, K. N.
Huggard, D. A. R.
Jenvey, A. E.
Johnstone, W. C.*
Jones, M. E.
Kearns, W. R.
King, W. T.
McKenzie, S. A.*
McCulloch, R. C.
Marsh, F. A. B.
Martin, R. L.
Miles, B. B.
Panckhurst, G. G.
Paul, R.
Payne, R. G.
Pentecost, S. D.
Proffit, C.
Quickfall, B. R.
Shepherd, L.
Shotter, M. J.
Smart, D. R.
Thomson, O. M.*
Weir, D.*
Wyllie, L. R.

Broughton, W.
Donald, J. B.*
Draper, A. B.
Dunn, J. R.*
Ellis, A. S.
Ettershank, J. E.
Jacka, G. D.
Kay, A. C.*
Kea, T. M.*
Mallett, J. G. G.
Macleod, W. S.
Sattler, F. H.
Simmons, E. J.
Strickland, J. R.*
Twiname, R. E.*
Wilson, P. C.
Wilson, R. H.*

FORM V E.V.

Andrews, D. E.
Cartwright, M. A.
Corney, M.
Johnston, A. G.
Mackinder R. A.
O'Byrne, A. F.
Price, R. A.
Rowe, C. M.
Scott, B. I.*
Weston, B. O.
Wharepouri, N. G.

FORM IV Cl.

Ball, D. J. D.
Bates, S. L.
Bridger, B.
Cox, R. J.
Craig, P. B.
Crow, M.
Davidson, D. L.
Dent, P. N.
Dunkley, B.
Duxfield, A. J.
Eriwala, A.
Glasgow, H. W.
Hall, D.
Jury, O. S. T.
Karena, D.*
Kay, R. B.*
Kurta, A. V.
Lewis, K. J.
Lithgow, T. S.*
Louisson, T. L.
McKeon, S. R.
Moss, A. M.
Mount, G. J.*

Palmer, L. F.*
Pellett, W. R.*
Quay, C. B.*
Robb, A. H.
Shakes, D. B.*
Simpson, B. C.*
Sirett, E. H.
Smith, B. S. M.
Sutherland, G. L.*
Sykes, D. E.
Tocker, L. G.*
Tuson, H.
Veale, A. O.*
Wanklyn, L. H.*
Warren, R.
Wilson, P. C.
Watt, H. K.*

FORM IV G.1.

Barlow, E.
Bint, L. A.
Blanchett, H. A.
Bone, A. G.
Brabant, A.*
Charlesworth, J. J.
Cooper, D. E.
De Jardine, R. G.
Fookes, M. C.
Frank, M. D.
Heal, N. J.*
Hennah, M. D.*
Hunter, S. A.
King, M. N.*
Langdon, S. B.*
Lawlor, B. D.*
Lenton, A. N.
Lovegrove, C. F.
MacLennan, V. G.*
Mills, A. A.
Moverley, N. H.
Nodder, J. L.
Robertson, D.
Rocbuck, B. W.
Shaw, L. J. G.
Sherwin, J.*
Shotter, S. V.
Skinner, A. A.*
Smelling, J. D.
Strawbridge, M. M.
Taylor, G. E.
Thomson, T. W.
Thompson, R. L.*
Wilkie, W. M.
Wright, J. W.

FORM IV G.2.

Baker, H. L.
Bellringer, D. C.
Bint, P. C.
Butler, R. R.
Crocker, D. A.
Davidson, A. E.
Easton, W. T.
Finlay, C. M.*
Griffith, D. J.
Hamilton, C. H.
Hardgraves, D. L.
Henshaw, K. W.*
Hughes, H. G.
Jarvis, G. A.
Joyes, B. E.*
Knight, R. G.
Logan, A. J.
Mander, M. R.
MacLeod, H. D.
Meuli, A. C.
Miller, L. S. M.
Moorcock, F. J.
Morgan, J. P.
Perrott, E. B.*
Power, G.
Prentice, L. R.
Reynolds, H. W.*
Ryburn, K.*
Somerville, E. A.
Stott, L. G.
Vincent, H. E.
Walsh, F. M.
Waters, E. J.
Waters, R. J.
Whittaker, G. C.

FORM IV E.P.

Abrahams, M. J.*
Armstrong, J. G.
Barnes, I. G.
Beatty, G. E.
Black, J. M.*
Boys, R. A.*
Bremer, C. S.
Browne, B. S.
Dee, B. V.
Duff, A. A.
Fowler, H. E.
Gatland, E. C.
George, R. P.
Gundesen, D. R.
Hancock, R. W.
Handley, I. B.*
Harkness, G. H.*

Holswich, R. B.
Hone, L. T.*
Hopkins, B. N.
Hopkins, H. R.
Lightband, P. L.
Manning, B. H.
McCracken, R. G.*
Martin, L. S.
Nicholas, J.
Okey, P. R.*
Price, A. C.*
Reid, J. D.
Robins, R. C.*
Rowlands, M.
Smith, D. E.
Vickery, J. F. J.
Wharepouri, D.
Whitwell, R. A.

FORM IV. AG.

Batchelar, P. A.*
Blair, A. J.*
Burns, A. R.*
Ford, K. M.*
Hansen, L. A.
Horrocks, L.*
Kendall, G. G.*
Kurth, A. J.
McCaul, W. A.
Nowell, D. A.*
Phillips, H. J.*
Revell, C. E.
Seymour, R. H.*
Spence, L. B.
Tatham, W.*
Walsh, E. M.
West, L. C. N.
White, G.
Williams, W. A.*

FORM IV E.V.

Baillie, C. A.
Benton, L.
Bielshi, R.
Carter, P. J.*
Clark, A. J.
Davidson, R.
Eccles, R. A.
Edwards, W. J.
Feek, W. G.
Fitzpatrick, D.
Gardner, H.
Gredig, K. N.
Holmes, S. R.
Jackson, D. A.
Jury, D. H.

Lawrence, R. J.*
Lees, G. P.
Leighton, K. H.
Macfarlane, R. C.
McCartain, D. J.
McCullum, T. R.
McEwen, F. C.
Pollock, F. S.
Reesby, N. J.
Rook, R. W.
Skellern, G. E.
Thomson, A. G.
Welsh, D. D.
White, K. M.
Whittaker, A. E.
Williams, D. A.
Wright, D. N.

FORM III Cl.

Antunovic, M. I.
Barrington, J. G.*
Borland, K. J.
Cleary, F. V.
Crowley, B. B.*
Daigleish, I.
Dunbar, C. D.*
Erikson, C. G.*
Gilbert, J. D.
Gordon, O. E.
Grant, R. D.*
Hamilton, D. H.*
Harris, P. D.*
Harrison, R. F.
Hooker, P. F.
Hunt, T. E.*
Jennings, E. J.
Lambert, K. N.*
Matangi, D.
McDonald, D. R.
McDougall, A. B.*
Meuli, E. M.
Monaghan, J. P.
Peach, I. R. C.*
Petersen, H. A.
Pryme, S. J.
Rielly, C. H. A.
Scott, W. I.*
Scrimshaw, D. M.*
Sellers, J. B.*
Sheat, A. J.
Tingey, S. N.
Turnbridge, W. A.
Twomey, M. K.
Weston, H. J.
Wilson, D. G.

Witten-Hannah, A.
Wooffinden, R. F.
Young, R. E.

FORM III G.1.

Armstrong, W. B.
Bailey, P. A.*
Barnes, K. V.
Boyd, J.*
Brown, N. N.*
Carr, R. C.
Corbett, D. I.
Corbett, N. W.
Corrigan, J. R.*
Dorgan, M. J.
Dutton, G. E.
Eggers, C. K. D.*
Fuler, G. B.*
Gilmer, L. S.
Haylock, H. W.
Kay, J. M.*
Kitchingman, O. A.
Lawrence, T. E.*
Lewis, G. R.
McLean, N. J.
Melhose, R. F.
Millman, W. J. D.
Mills, J. A.
Morrison, M. L.
Murley, D. I.*
Poynter, J.
Roulston, K.*
Smith, A. G.*
Sole, D. L.
Watkins, L. V.*
Wells, P. D.*
Wheeler, J. C.
Wills, B. B.*

FORM III G.2.

Adamson, I. D.
Adlam, L. N.
Andrews, M. C.
Brown, M. H.
Brown, I. R.*
Frost, E. G.
Gilbert, T. R.
Harkness, B. T.*
Hine, D. H.
Hughes, G. H.
Jackson, K. M.
Jeans, B.
Jones, D. C.
Mackay, A. W. G.
McGiven, C. R.
Moral, G. W.
Oliver, G. D.*

Paul M.
Riordan, W. J.
Ross, A. M.
Shoemark, H. M.
Simpson, R.
Smee, W. G.
Smith, J. G.
Smith, E. M.
Upson, N. A.
Wanau, H.
Wilcox, P. F.*
Wipiti, E. T.

FORM III G.3.

Chew, N. R.
Cotter, U. L.
Finch, R.
Gardiner, N. R.
Grace, K. I.
Hotter, D. A.
Jury, D. C.
Kibby, K. J.
Lobb, R. J.
Miine, A. R.
McLeod, G. J.
Martin, O. T.
Mosen, E. G.
Old, P. W.*
O'Neill, P. J. S.
Parker, R. A.
Pruden, L. C.
Rowe, D. T.
Sandford, J. B.
Scrivener, B. A.
Smeaton, D.
Shepherd, R. J.
Symes, H.
Whiting, C. R.
Williams, J. G.

FORM III E.P.

Adam, G. P.
Barden, P. R.
Brightwell, E. E.
Butler, A. J.
Campion, C. M.
Cheshire, F. L. J.
Evans, J. W.
Farquhar, G. B. G.*
Fitzgibbon, B. E.
Fraser, C. C.
Goodin, D. E.*
Grundy, N. F.
Guise, R. B.*
Hodgson, K. A.
Jenkins, I.
Johnston, E. A.*

Jordan, F. J.
Lobb, N. S.*
Marx, O. E.*
McEwan, T. P.*
Mehrtens, R. R.*
Milne, E. D.
Moffitt, H. O.
Morgan, L. L.*
Munro, M.*
Pellet, R. H.*
Peters, T. G.
Rutherford, E. L.
Samson, C. H. J.
Shannon, W. T.
Somerton, T. J.
Still, W. E.
Svendsen, L.
Tatham, F.*
Taylor, K. A.
Thomas, H. R. E.*
Williams, P. G.
Wilson, K. S.
Wright, H. S.

FORM 3a G.

Burson, B. H.
Cole, C. N.
Cole, R. S.*
Fagan, J. D. C.*
Gray, E. P.
Honeyfield, T. S.
Kerrisk, C. W.*
Lambert, L. W.*
Lawrence, J. C.*
Potter, C. R.
Smith, R. F.
Steele, B. M.*
Whithead, M. H.*
Wills, B. B.*

FORM III E.V.

Beamish, M. W. J.
Bell, C. J.*
Blyde, M. O.
Bolton, M. L.
Burgess, W. C.
Caldwell, S. L.*
Carley, R. C.
Chamberlain, M. O.
Chapman, D. H.
Collins, R. S.
Giddy, R. H.
Grey, W. J.
Gyde, R. V.
Hammond, J. J.
Hartley, L. J.
Hughes, B. D.

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Hunt, B.	Smith, H. R.	Cooper, J. T.
Johns, M. H.	Tancred, R. S. A.	Fisher, T. J.*
Kindberg, R. G.	Thomas, P. A.	Hawke, W. S.
Larking, F.	Vinnicombe, W.	Jones, H. I.*
Lobb, G. G.	Ward, N. R.	Jones, W. P.*
Lobb, M.	Watty, W. D.	Julian, K. S.*
Luxton, D. L.*	Weir, D.	Keay, I. C.*
May, L. A.	Wood, C. G.	McCracken, J. D.*
McKain, S.	Yates, J. M.	Murray, H. E.
Morgan, M.	Young, M. E.	Ropiha, B.*
Pickering, J.		Tyler, R. B.*
Pipe, A. E.		Warhaft, G. D.*
Press, R. J.		Wells, R.*
Price, B. T.		
Russell, D. J.		
Simpson, D. H.		
Smith, F. D.*		

PREPARATORY
SCHOOL.

Bottrill, C. E.	
Bright, F. J.*	
Burmester, J. C.*	†Prefect
Burton, W. R.*	*Boarder

SALVETE

The following boys entered the School this year:—**Via:** Jackson, N.W. Senior Agr.: Dean, W. H. L. **V Cl.1.:** Murray, W. B. **V Cl.2 & E.P.:** Crew, A. W.; Cummins, S. C.; James, W.; Peach, L. F. **V G.1.:** Caldwell, D. R.; Croke, R. J.; Raynor, R. W.; Shakes, B. R.; Vodanovich, G. A.; Wallis, A. D. **V G.2:** Kearns, W. R.; Weir, D. **V G.3:** Kea, T. M.; Strickland, J. R. **IV Cl.:** McKeon, S. R.; Shakes, D. B.; Veale, A. M. O. **IV G.1:** Thompson, R. L. **IV E.P.:** Boys, R. A. **IVa G.:** Blair, A. J.; Burns, A. R.; Nowell, D. A. **IV E.V.:** Jackson, D. A. **III Cl.:** Antunovic, M. I.; Barrington, J. G.; Borland, K. J.; Cleary, F. V.; Crowley, B. B.; Dalgleish, I.; Dunbar, C. D.; Erikson, C. G.; Gilbert, J. D.; Gordon, O. E.; Grant, R. D.; Hamilton, D. H.; Harris, P. D.; Harrison, R. F.; Hooker, P. F.; Hunt, T. E.; Jennings, E. J.; Lambert, K. N.; Matangi, D.; McDonald, D. R.; McDougall, A. B.; Meuli, E. M.; Monaghan, J. P.; Peach, I. R. C.; Petersen, H. A.; Pryme, S. J.; Rielly, C. H. A.; Scott, W. I.; Scrimshaw, D. M.; Sellers, J. B.; Sheat, A. J.; Tingey, S. N.; Tunbridge, W. A.; Twomey, M. K.; Weston, H. J.; Wilson, D. G.; Witten-Hannah, A.; Wooffinden, R. F.; Young, R. E. **III G.1:** Armstrong, W. B.; Badley, P. A.; Barnes, K. V.; Boyd, J.; Brown, N. N.; Carr, R. C.; Corbett, D. I.; Corbett, N. W.; Corrigan, J. R.; Dorgan, M. J.; Dutton, G. E.; Eggers, C. K. D.; Fuller, G. B.; Gilmer, L. S.; Haylock, H. W.; Kay, J. M.; Kitchingman, O. A.; Lawrence, J. E.; Lewis, G. R.; McLean, N. J.; Melhose, R. F.; Millman, W. J. D.; Mills, J. A.; Morrison, M. L.; Murley, D. I.; Poynter, J.; Roulston, K.; Smith, A. G.; Sole, D. L.; Watkins, L. V.; Wells, P. D.; Wheeler, J. C.; Wills, B. B. **III G.2:** Adamson, I. D.; Adlam, L. N.; Andrews, M. C.; Brown, M. H.; Brown, I. R.; Frost, E. G.; Gilbert, T. R.; Harkness, B. T.; Hine, D. H.; Hughes, G. H.; Jackson, K. M.; Jeans, B.; Jones, D. C.; Mackay, A. W. G.; McGiven, C. R.; Moral, G. W.; Oliver, G. D.; Paul, M.; Riordan, W. J.; Ross, A. M.; Shoemark, H. M.; Simpson, R.; Smee, W. G.; Smith, J. G.; Smith, E. M.; Upson, N. A.; Wanau, H.;



SCHOOL HOUSE.

Back row: C. W. Weston, R. C. Riley, D. L. Wilks, R. G. Wood.
Front row: D. C. Rose, W. M. McLeay, W. H. Gould.



PRIDHAM HOUSE.

Back row: H. D. Short, R. H. Granger, I. D. Macleod, R. J. M. Bell.
Front row: A. D. MacLennan, J. R. Grant, J. J. Barnicoat.

Wilcox, P. F.; Wipiti, E. T. **III G.3:** Chew, N. R.; Cotter, U. L.; Finch, R.; Gardiner, N. R.; Grace, K. I.; Hotter, D. A.; Jury, D. C.; Kibby, K. J.; Lobb, R. J.; Milne, A. R.; McLeod, G. J.; Martin, O. T.; Mosen, E. G.; Old, P. W.; O'Neill, P. J. S.; Parker, R. A.; Pruden, L. C.; Rowe, D. T.; Sandford, J. B.; Scrivener, B. A.; Smeaton, D.; Shepherd, R. J.; Symes, H.; Whiting, C. R.; Williams, J. G. **III E.P.:** Adam, G. P.; Barden, P. R.; Brightwell, E. E.; Butler, A. J.; Campion, C. M.; Cheshire, F. L. J.; Evans, J. W.; Farquhar, G. B. G.; Fitzgibbon, B. E.; Fraser, C. C.; Goodin, D. E.; Grundy, N. F.; Guise, R. B.; Hodgson, K. A.; Jenkins, I.; Johnston, E. A.; Jordan, F. J.; Lobb, N. S.; Marx, O. E.; McEwan, T. P.; Mehrtens, R. R.; Milne, E. D.; Moffitt, H. O.; Morgan, L. L.; Munro, M.; Pellett, R. H.; Peters, T. G.; Rutherford, E. L.; Samson, C. H.; Shannon, W. T.; Somerton, T. J.; Still, W. E.; Svendsen, L.; Tatham, F.; Taylor, K. A.; Thomas, H. R.; Williams, P. G.; Wilson, K. S.; Wright, H. S. **III Ag.:** Burson, B. H.; Cole, C. N.; Cole, R. S.; Fagan, J. D.; Gray, E. P.; Honeyfield, T. S.; Kerrisk, C. W.; Lambert, L. W.; Lawrence, J. C.; Potter, C. R.; Smith, R. F.; Steele, B. M.; Whitehead, M. H.; Wills, B. B. **III E.V.:** Beamish, M. W.; Bell, C. J.; Blyde, M. O.; Bolton, M. L.; Burgess, W. C.; Caldwell, S. L.; Carley, R. C.; Chamberlain, M. O.; Chapman, D. H.; Collins, R. S.; Giddy, R. H.; Grey, W. J.; Gyde, R. V.; Hammond, J. J.; Hartley, L. J.; Hughes, B. D.; Hunt, B.; Johns, M. H.; Kindberg, R. G.; Larking, F.; Lobb, G. G.; Lobb, M.; Luxton, D. L.; May, L. A.; McKain, S.; Morgan, M.; Pickering, J.; Pipe, A. E.; Press, R. J.; Price, B. T.; Russell, D. J.; Simpson, D. H.; Smith, F. D.; Smith, H. R.; Tancred, R. S. A.; Thomas, P. A.; Vinnicombe, W.; Ward, N. R.; Watty, W. D.; Weir, D.; Wood, C. G.; Yates, J. M.; Young, M. E. **Preparatory:** Hawke, W. S.; Julian, K. S.; Keay, I. C. Ropiha, B.; Wells, R.

VALETE

The following boys left at the end of last year:—**VIa:** C. Allen, J. B. Annand, D. C. Baldwin, L. J. Calman, E. E. Denne, K. F. Diprose, W. J. Gatland, J. E. Gilbert, A. B. Howes, D. F. Huggett, B. J. Hurlie, R. K. Logan, I. D. Morton, A. J. Moss, M. J. Murray, A. N. Thompson, C. Ward. **VIacc.:** M. B. Calman, A. O. Masters, F. D. Moran, C. G. Patrick, D. H. Price, P. A. Taylor. **Sen. Agric.:** G. L. Barnard, R. J. Field, L. R. L. Fraser, A. M. Horneman, W. L. Jeans, A. P. MacDonald, J. M. MacDonald, R. W. Turner, R. A. Winstanley, R. S. Whitehead. **R. S. Anstis. V Cl.:** D. S. Butt, F. B. Cuming, R. E. Everiss, D. J. Hall, T. H. Jones, J. B. Philpott, B. W. Shaw, J. Witten-Hannah. **V Cl. 2 and E.P.:** K. K. Jones, K. R. Kircher, G. A. Rielly, A. M. Smith. **V G1.:** B. A. Beaven, H. R. Cattley, S. L. Chong, G. D. Cook, J. L. Cran, L. W. Dutton, E. K. Hickson, B. M. Joyes, A. S. Macleod, A. G. Moffitt, R. C. Pickering, L. J. Ryan, D. H. Sandford, R. B. Seldon, D. R. Self, H. A. Service, A. W. Smith, A. W. Wagstaff. **V G2:** O. W. Adam, B. L. Autridge, A. O. Burke, J. G. Duggan, K. T. Hetet, C. C. Kjestrup, L. A. Selby, G. O. Tyler, F. N. Wey, D. A. Wilson, R. N. Leighton. **V EV.:** R. Kopu, C. R. O'Brien, M. Stringfield, H. Wipiti. **IV Cl.:** J. D. Carlson, C. F. Francis. **IV G1.:** N. L. Hare, S. A. Mackenzie, J. H. Stott, H. Taylor, J. C. Hawke, T. Willcox. **IV G2:**

M. F. Brown, J. W. Dumbell, D. Johnstone, C. Shaw. IV G3 and E.P.: S. L. Bagnall, B. H. Brewer, G. N. Horrocks, G. I. Julian, A. D. Topping, I. H. Franks, I. K. Cameron, F. Corbett, R. J. Moore. IV EV.: R. T. Bell, A. K. Donaldson, J. A. Huggett, T. J. Jeffery, R. B. Langley, E. J. Lewis, E. J. O'Carroll, O. K. Oliver, J. C. Vale, K. F. Winstanley, N. C. Garner. III C1: D. Blackburn, W. E. Gardner, B. N. Hopkins, G. B. Mackay. III G1.: G. L. Gower, G. J. Hanover. III G2: A. F. Collins, W. G. Surridge. III G3: W. Ramsdale, H. W. Reynolds. III EP.: D. G. Graham, M. J. Julian, G. H. Tremlet. III AG: G. R. Grey, L. F. Grey, A. G. George, G. M. Martyn, D. McInyre, N. A. McEldowney, R. H. Ward, G. S. Wright, A. S. Marx, E. W. Bell. III EV: O. J. Devery, N. A. Prestney, R. W. Smith, K. C. Petty. Prep.: E. J. Cameron, M. S. Chadwick, J. K. Davis, N. R. Butler, B. Burmester.

The following boys have left during the present year:—Via: N. W. Jackson. VI Acc.: E. F. Burrowes. V C1: R. Payne. V G1: D. A. Valentine. V G2: D. M. Brown, D. G. Riding, L. B. Wyllie, A. B. Draper. V EV: V. J. Kurta, C. M. Rowe. IV G1: S. V. Shotter. IV G2: R. G. Knight. IV Ag.: L. C. West. IV EV: C. A. Baillie, J. M. Bennoch, T. G. Somerton. III C1: D. Johns. III G2: H. M. Shoemark. III EV: E. McKain, N. R. Ward.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1938

B.A. (Second Section).—D. F. Huggett (English II, Latin II, History).

B. Com. (Section).—K. A. Martin (Commercial French), A. O. Masters (Book-keeping, Mercantile Law II, Commercial French), P. A. Taylor (Mercantile Law I, Commercial French), D. H. Price (Book-keeping II, Mercantile Law II, Commercial French), B. M. Calman (Book-keeping I, Mercantile Law I, Economic History), T. M. Crone (Book-keeping I, Economic History), F. J. Novak (Book-keeping I, Economic History).

Accountants Professional.—B. M. Calman (Book-keeping I, Mercantile Law I), T. M. Crone (Book-keeping I), F. J. Novak (Book-keeping I), P. A. Taylor (Mercantile Law I), A. O. Masters (Book-keeping I, Mercantile Law II), C. G. Patrick (Book-keeping II, Mercantile Law II), D. H. Price (Book-keeping II, Mercantile Law II).

Taranaki Scholarships.—I. D. Morton, W. J. Gatland, M. J. Murray, J. B. Woodward.

Higher Leaving Certificates.—C. Allen, J. B. Annand, D. C. Baldwin, J. M. Brightwell, L. G. Calman, G. N. Caldwell, E. E. Denne, K. F. Diprose, I. E. Gilbert, W. J. Gatland, A. B. H. Howes, P. W. Humphries, B. J. Hurle, I. H. Kerr, R. K. Logan, I. D. Morton, M. J. Murray, A. J. Moss, H. D. Short, A. N. Thomson, Q. A. Thompson, C. Ward, W. K. Webster, J. B. Woodward.

University Entrance.—G. B. Allen (M), G. W. Annand (P), D. S. Baldwin (E), J. J. Barnicoat (M), R. W. Baunton (M), B. A. Beaven (P), R. J. Bell (M), G. E. W. Boon (P), B. W. Broome (P), E. F. Burrowes (P), D. S. Butt (P), H. R. Cattley (P), S. L. Chong (P), J. E. Church (P), G. D. Cook (P), H. A. Fleming

(M), P. J. Gallahar (M), W. H. Gould (P), R. H. Granger (M), J. R. Grant (P), D. J. Hall (M), P. W. Humphries (E), J. Irvine (P), K. K. Jones (P), B. M. Joyes (P), N. J. King (P), J. R. Lang (M), T. A. Lewis (M), A. D. MacLennan (P), A. S. Macleod (P), W. T. Mathieson (M), R. S. Millar (M), W. M. McLeay (P), J. K. Paterson (M), A. L. Rae (M), G. A. T. Reilly (P), D. C. Rose (P), W. M. Royse (P), L. J. Ryan (P), D. R. N. Self (P), H. A. Service (P), B. W. Shaw (M), A. W. Wagstaff (P), C. Ward (E), F. R. Warren (M), C. W. Weston (M), C. A. C. Wiggins (M), D. L. Wilkes (M), J. Witten-Hannah (M), R. G. Wood (P).

(P) Denotes Pass. (M) Denotes Medical Preliminary. (E) Denotes Engineer Preliminary.

School Certificate (full pass).—G. B. Allen, G. W. Annand, J. J. Barnicoat, R. W. Baunton, B. A. Beaven, R. J. Bell, G. E. W. Boon, B. W. Broome, B. J. Browne, D. M. Burrowes, D. S. Butt, H. R. Cattley, S. L. Chong, J. E. Church, G. D. Cook, H. A. Fleming, J. E. Gadd, P. J. Gallahar, W. H. Gould, R. H. Granger, J. R. Grant, D. J. Hall, J. Irvine, H. A. Isaacs, K. K. Jones, B. M. Joyes, N. J. King, J. R. Lang, T. A. Lewis, A. H. D. Lewis, N. J. Macleod, A. S. Macleod, A. D. MacLennan, W. T. Mathieson, R. S. Millar, O. G. Moore, W. M. McLeay, J. K. Paterson, A. L. Rae, G. A. T. Reilly, A. D. Roberts, W. M. Royse, L. J. Ryan, D. R. N. Self, H. A. Service, B. W. Shaw, M. G. Smart, A. W. Wagstaff, F. R. Warren, C. W. Weston, C. A. C. Wiggins, D. L. Wilkes, J. Witten-Hannah.

Partial Pass.—S. Florence, G. C. B. Hawkins, B. Lambert, D. S. McClymont, J. W. T. B. Philpott, A. T. Slade, C. R. Sutherland.

Public Service Entrance.—R. G. Chadwick, V. N. Duncan, J. E. Gadd, K. T. Hetet, G. W. Washer, B. Winchcombe.

City and Guilds of London Institute.—Passes in Electrical Engineering, 1938: C. Adams (Grade I D.C.), P. W. Humphries (Grade I D.C.), C. Ward (Grade I D.C.), G. Waters (Grade I D.C.).

OLD BOYS' SECTION

EDITORIAL.

As this is the first issue of the Magazine in 1939 I desire, on behalf of the Executive of the Association, to take the opportunity of extending greetings to all Old Boys, not only to those living in New Zealand, but also to those who "for better or for worse" have migrated to "the four corners of the earth" and where "The Taranakian" also seems to find its way. No doubt, to those Old Boys living in distant countries, the receipt of the School Magazine, giving as it does items of interest concerning the School and of Old Boys generally, is even more welcome than it is to those Old Boys living within New Zealand who maintain an interest in the school, and to those Old Boys who are living in distant countries, and who possibly have not been in New Zealand for many years, I should like to say that we, for our part, are equally pleased to hear from you and correspondence from Old Boys living abroad giving their experiences in, and impressions of countries in which they may live is always an interesting addition to the Magazine. As a matter of fact the Editors of the Magazine are always only too pleased to hear from any Old Boys, whether living in New Zealand or elsewhere. With the great number of boys now passing through the school each year, it is practically impossible for any one person to keep track of them all and a note from time to time to "The Editor, Taranakian, c/o The School," giving odd scraps of information such as appears later in this section is always appreciated.

In the June issue of the Magazine last year, full information was published regarding the proposed amendment to the Rules of the Association which provided, among other things, for an Annual Subscription of five shillings, this amount to cover subscription to the Magazine and to the Association as well. This system of subscriptions has now been inaugurated and I earnestly wish to appeal to all Old Boys to give their wholehearted support to this scheme. Five shillings a year is not a very large sum for any one member to pay, when it is considered that for this sum a member receives his Magazine and pays his subscription to the Association as well—a subscription which is sorely needed, as up to

the present the Association has had no regular source of income. With the inauguration of the new scheme, however, it is hoped that this hitherto rather embarrassing state of affairs will be alleviated. The subscription may be paid to Branch Secretaries or to the General Secretary of the Association, New Plymouth.

During the last two or three years the Association has been endeavouring, by holding Old Boys' Days at School each year and by other means, to bridge the gap between Present Boys and Old Boys with a view to obtaining the interest of boys whilst at School in the affairs of the Association, as an inducement for them to take an interest in the Association when they leave school. This policy of closer relationship between Present Boys and Old Boys is proving a wise one and one that has already produced results, for last year a number of the younger Old Boys formed a Junior Committee for the purpose of keeping contact through social activities and sports fixtures with their fellow members. This Committee is doing good work and has thoroughly justified its formation.

Towards the latter part of last year members of the local Association gathered at the School and various games and sports were organised, and later members were entertained at afternoon tea by Mr. Moyes. The day was a very enjoyable one and one which is eagerly anticipated again this year, when it is hoped that more local Old Boys will endeavour to be present. Later in the year again members of the Urenui Branch of the Association visited the School and were similarly entertained at afternoon tea by Mr. Moyes, after a friendly game of cricket between the visitors and the School Eleven.

During Easter of this year a Reunion was held at the School, but in spite of the fact that many hundreds of circulars were sent out notifying members of the Reunion and of the various functions to be held thereat, and although a large sum was spent on advertising, attendance at the Reunion was most disheartening and unless your Executive can feel that similar functions in the future will receive better support, they will have to seriously reconsider the advisability of holding periodical Reunions of this nature.

F. L. READ, President.

GENERAL PERSONALS.

Once again we have to congratulate Ronald Syme, who has been awarded the Conington Prize for Latin for 1939 at Oxford University. In 1936 he was appointed Dean of Trinity College, Oxford, and in November, 1937, Fellow and Tutor of the same college.

George Brabyn has left for Hobsonville to take up an Air Force commission.

W. R. Geddes, who is senior demonstrator in experimental psychology at Otago University, has been awarded a research scholarship on that subject.

R. S. V. Simpson was admitted as a barrister and solicitor at the Supreme Court at Wellington.

J. Ibbotson, a member of the New Plymouth Aero Club, made his first solo flight this term.

M. Marsden was presented with an engraved cigarette case by the Old Boys senior A cricket team before he left for Wellington.

We extend our congratulations to L. Hannan on being chosen to represent the West Coast Athletic Centre at the New Zealand championships, held at Napier.

We congratulate C. Nodder on beating A. Dickie in the finals of the South Taranaki tennis championships. They are both Old Boys.

Murray Geddes was recently appointed Director of the Carter Observatory at Wellington.

We extend our congratulations to C. Strombom and G. Ewart on winning the North Taranaki tennis doubles championship.

We extend our congratulations to J. C. W. Davies on holding his 220 yards breaststroke title at the New Zealand swimming championships, held at Invercargill.

H. F. Fookes and D. N. Allen have completed the first section of the third professional examination for the degree M.B., Ch.B.

We extend our congratulations to M. P. Donnelly on making top score for Canterbury against Sir Julien Cahn's team, and also for retaining his position in the New Zealand team.

Our congratulations are due to Jack Spedding on his selection in the first New Zealand badminton team to leave our shores on a tour of Australia. He has played consistently well and thoroughly deserved all the luck on the tour we can wish him.

Old Boys at School during 1920-21 will be glad to hear news of Charles now Sir Charles Burdett. In a very interesting letter he describes his wanderings over half the globe since leaving School. He has had many strange occupations and after exciting adventures, including hair-breadth escapes from man-eating wild animals, is now content to settle down as manager of a chain of stores for the Ashanti Goldfields Corporation Ltd., at Obuasi, Gold Coast, West Africa.

G. L. Mandeno has been sent by his firm to England, to specialise for two years in Diesel engines, at the works of Ruston and Hornby. He writes that he has seen several Old Boys' signatures in the visitors' book at New Zealand House, London.

Among those who have gone to England with Royal Air Force commissions are C. N. Whittington, H. Keller and W. L. Rae.

J. G. Short, who has been studying for a year at the Botanical Gardens, Berlin, has now returned to Kew Gardens, London.

H. R. (Peter) Finch paid a visit to School in April. He is on 10 weeks' holiday in New Zealand, on leave from Fiji, where he is with the Colonial Sugar Company's mill at Rarawai, Ba River.

W. J. Watt, who has been Superintendent of the Rotorua Hospital for the last year, has arrived in London. He intends to study for his F.R.C.S. and gain further hospital experience in England and on the Continent.

L. S. Watt, who has been in England studying special subjects for the Colonial Service at Oxford University, has received notification that he will be required to proceed to Northern Nigeria in July. After his vacation in Cumberland he writes that no literary appreciation yet written has done full justice to the beauty of the Lake District.

A recent visitor to School is W. Hayward, who is at Hunterville. In common with other Old Boys who have visited the School recently he was greatly struck by the great changes which have taken place in the last few years.

A note from Wanganui tells us that Jack Halligan is engaged to be married. He is with C. F. Millward and Co., shipping agents, Wanganui.

A. H. Brackebush, who is manager of the Institute of Massage in Helensville, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace. As chairman of the Town Board he is the leading citizen of the district. We hear he has two sons, whom we hope to see at the School in the future.

T. M. Crone is with Bayly and Lovell. He is playing for Old Boys seniors and is secretary of the club.

B. Calman is now in the Gas Company's office.

K. Hoben has transferred to the staff of the Bank of N.S.W.

T. Jones and G. Tremlett are with Messrs. Burch and Co., general merchants.

R. N. Leighton has recently discovered that Goodrich tyres are the acme of perfection. He is playing for Old Boys' seniors this year.

R. Seldon is in the office of the N.Z. Insurance Company.

J. Ryan is in the State Fire Insurance.

G. S. Bowen is with L. H. Johnson Motors.

D. H. Price is in the office of Walkley, Lawrence and Watts, public accountants.

D. Sandford has started work in the firm of Jones and Sandford, builders.



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K. A. Martin and J. Cattley have started in the Customs Office.

H. Smith has been teaching in the Central School, and turns out for Old Boys' seniors.

J. Vale has joined numerous other Old Boys on the staff of the Cambrian Engineering Company. He is also playing for Old Boys' seniors.

V. Kurta, who is with Smith and Smith, paint merchants, is yet another of last year's fifteen who is playing for Old Boys' seniors this year.

M. Marsden, who is in the same firm, has been transferred to the Wellington branch.

R. Payne is in the office of the South British Insurance Co., and E. Everiss is with Phoenix Insurance.

R. Urry has commenced new duties in the firm of Black and Jacka, Ltd.

G. Waters is on the garage staff of Newton King, Ltd.

T. Somerton is working in Phillips Motors.

S. Chong is in the Railway Department at Ohakune.

D. Cook, G. Walsh and B. Falk are busy with the problems involving Social Security measures.

J. Aburn has returned to New Plymouth in the Lands and Survey Department.

J. O'Carroll and C. Ward are on the electrical staff of the Borough Council.

R. S. Shewry is on his father's farm at Whangamomona.

H. Gold is in the grocery department of the Farmers' Co-op.

A. W. Wagstaff is now on the staff of A. H. Blennerhassett, chemist.

H. Wipiti has commenced work in the Frigidaire Refrigerator Service.

B. L. Autridge and J. G. Duggan are both working in the "Economic."

K. MacDonald is working in C. Swanson's, Ltd.

D. Froggatt is in the P. and T. Department.

A. Draper has started work in the office of Firestone Tyres.

L. Wyllie and J. Dumbell are with the Daily News, and J. Hotter with the Herald.

WAIKATO.

D. Le Pine is still the efficient secretary of the branch.

A. Betts, J. V. Bryant, E. M. Kay and H. A. Grigg are farming in the Te Awamutu district.

Among those who have left School recently and who have been in touch with the secretary are P. Finis, M. Stringfield, A. Taylor and B. Joyes. The last named is working with Dennis Allen, formerly head of Carrington House, at L. G. Godfrey's, Taumarunui.

A. Smith and J. Carroll are with Burgess, Fraser, Ltd.

C. E. Pearson is with the P.W.D. at Te Kuiti.

R. Brien is on the staff of H. and J. Court, Ltd.

Ray Smith is teaching near Opotiki and represented Bay of Plenty against Waikato for the Hawke Cup, and against Sir Julien Cahn's team.

A. B. Matthews is a land agent in Hamilton, in partnership with his brother.

A. McHardy has a farm at Tehoe, near Morrinsville.

J. St. Paul is with Messrs. A. M. Bisley and Co., Ltd., Hamilton, and completed his Accountancy Professional last November.

W. Berridge is on the accountant's staff of the Public Trust Office in Hamilton.

D. Grant and K. Hamilton are with the State Advances Corporation.

B. Matthews is teaching at Marakopa, in the King Country.

L. I. Day is teaching at the Hamilton Technical High School.

G. Kear, who is with Gerham, Larsen and Co., Ohakune, is contemplating a trip to England.

WELLINGTON.

Two of our vice-presidents joined the ranks of the benedicts during 1938. They are J. D. Willis and R. I. M. Sutherland, and we wish them the best of luck.

The following members are connected with the legal world:—J. Eaves, T. N. Foden, W. Grant, R. E. Pope, R. S. V. Simpson, R. I. Sutherland, J. D. Willis, J. W. Tate.

The following are practising accountancy or in accountants' offices:—R. C. Bradshaw, T. G. L. Buxton, G. Rawson, E. Tarrant.

Members in banks are:—A. Bell, G. R. Forbes, W. H. McKay, N.S.W.; M. Clay, J. Ford, A. L. Hempton, T. King, C. Kingdon, Bank of N.Z.; R. Crawshaw, A. B. Shaw, W. F. Sutton, National Bank of N.Z.

R. Rogers recently left Wellington to study for the ministry in Knox College, Dunedin.

G. Hayton has recently been selected for the New Zealand R.A.F. for training in England, and leaves New Zealand shortly.

Four Old Boys took part in the 'Varsity Extravaganza: R. S. V. Simpson as "Nev the Peacemaker," R. Corkill as "The Mad Hatter," W. Bradshaw and D. Fitzpatrick in the chorus and ballet respectively.

In University football we are well represented. Larkin and Ekdahl are in the seniors; Corkill (capt.) and Papps are in the second fifteen, and McLeod, Masters and Taylor are in the colts' team. Jim Garner is playing second division football for the Onslow Club.

R. C. Bradshaw, who is a partner in the firm of Wilberfoss, Harden and Co., is Warden of Weir House.

R. J. Corkill is again President of Weir House. He is also on the Executive of the Victoria College Students' Association, represented the College in the tournament at shooting, is captain of the second fifteen, played the part of "Mad Hatter" in the Extravaganza, and passed his final B.A. Not a bad year's work.

R. S. V. Simpson, who completed his LL.B. 1st year, has been admitted to the Bar. He is on the Victoria College Students' Association Executive and the representative on the Council.

Other Old Boys in residence at Weir House include J. Halpin (sec. Weir House Association), T. Larkin (sports sec.), L. Papps, H. Moss, A. Masters, P. Taylor, A. McLeod, F. Whitwell and I. Morton.

The following graduated this year:—M.A.: E. R. Dearnley. B.A.: M. O. Ekdahl, R. Corkill, T. Larkin. LL.B.: R. S. V. Simpson.

R. Edgley is President of the Victoria College Students' Association. R. Corkill and R. S. V. Simpson are on the Executive.

L. Hannan and R. Mander are in the Union S.S. Company.

Both Gary and Hornby Evers-Swindell are with the General Insurance Corporation.

A. B. McIntyre has joined the Air Force and is to put in a year's training in New Zealand before proceeding to England.

H. Whittington is reporting for the Sporting Life.

G. Youngs, D. Fitzpatrick and W. Cook are with Symington Ltd.

A. Masters and P. Taylor are with Wilberfoss, Harden and Co., accountants.

W. Bradshaw is in the office of Dominion Motors, Ltd.

H. Kershaw is with a company of motor-car constructors at Petone.

R. Crompton is with the Te Aro branch of the Commercial Bank.

T. R. Ryan is with Geagle Smith's motor firm.

The following members of the Association are in Government Departments:—L. Avann, Lands and Survey; A. H. Andrews, Defence; P. E. Aldous, External Affairs; J. L. Batten, Broadcasting; T. Bigwood, Customs; W. G. Buchanan, Public Works; L. Cottier, Marine; E. Dewdney, Railways; M. Edgecombe, Agriculture; M. Evans, P.T.O.; E. Ferry, Treasury; A. Goringe, P.T.O.; L. G. Goss, Army; S. Hayden, Broadcasting; M. Hicks, Land and Income Tax; D. N. Hull, Scien-

tific and Industrial Research; A. Hunger, Land and Income Tax; J. Halpin, Navy; N. Johnson, P.W.D.; C. Leighton, Land and Income; T. R. C. Muir, Railways; W. Mart, G.P.O.; P. Meiklejohn, Police; A. McIndoe, Native; W. Nicholson, Lands and Survey; D. Nichol, Customs; G. O'Halloran, Tourist; J. Read, Labour; R. Simpson, State Advances; C. J. Stace, Native; D. V. Stace, Reserve Bank; W. Squire, Railways; E. Smart, P.W.D.; L. E. Smith, Navy; F. Tuck, P.W.D.; J. Wilson, P.T.O.; N. Waters and F. Whitwell, Air Dept.; W. Burrows and A. McLeod, Social Security; J. Garner, P. and T.; J. Annand, Public Works; Bevan, Customs; Witten-Hannah and Butt, State Advances; N. Hull, New Zealand Standards Institute; R. Hyslop; Meteorological Dept.; E. Smart and R. Jordan, Railways; S. Fleming, Land and Income Tax.

CHRISTCHURCH & DUNEDIN.

Martin Donnelly writes that there is a strong feeling down here for an Association Branch, and the numbers certainly warrant its formation.

D. N. Allan and H. F. Fookes are doing final year medicine at the Christchurch Hospital.

L. Loveridge is still coaching 'Varsity seniors and has high hopes of his team winning the championship for 1939.

The teaching profession boasts of three Old Boys:

A. H. Insull, recently appointed to the headmaster of the Cathedral Grammar School.

Don Grant at West Christchurch Boys' High School.

R. Jones at the Christchurch Boys' High School.

F. D. Moran, K. M. Tilley, A. W. Lindup and G. P. Keller are at Rolleston House and we must congratulate Moran on début in 'Varsity cricketing circles—six wickets against Otago University.

B. Hurlle and M. P. Donnelly are at College House. The latter is to be congratulated once again on his splendid cricketing season.

R. Smaill, M. Gannaway, N. Chatfield, G. C. Weston and L. Petty are with Christchurch firms, and P. Meiklejohn is in the Police Force.

M. G. Hunter and K. Rutherford are at Wigram.

Alan Ewart is on the staff of the Timaru Herald, and we must congratulate him on his century for the Timaru Herald against the Christchurch Star-Sun and also for his fine club performances.

Don Grant has joined the ranks of the benedicts since last issue.

Pleasant memories still linger with the Dunedin Old Boys as a result of last year's XV's performances, and Dunedinites are still amazed at the brilliance shown by the back line. They judge the team—the best school fifteen ever—thanks Otago.

Those at University include:

John Steven, fourth year med., 'Varsity C's and Otago junior rep. He was in good form over tournament and ran the boxing very ably.

Bill Faris, Selwyn College, fourth year med.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

HAWERA BRANCH.

The ninth annual meeting of the South Taranaki Branch was held at Hawera, M. Good presiding. Several of the older members had left the district, stated the annual report, but every effort was being made to secure the membership of boys who had recently left School. The Annual Dinner was held on the night of the annual match between School and St. Patrick's College, Silverstream. Mr. W. H. Moyes was presented with a cheque for ten guineas towards the Scholarship Fund. The annual ball was not held, a smaller dance being held instead. A loss was shown on the year's working, due to contributions and the replenishment of supplies of stationery and badges. Officers elected were:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Moyes; president, J. Riddle; senior vice-president, S. McKay; junior vice-president, K. Riley; secretary and treasurer, J. Webster; hon. auditor, J. D. Anderson; executive, M. Good, J. Shaw, R. Clayton; district representatives, A. Dickie (Waverley), H. Betts

(Okaiawa), E. P. Riley (Opunoke), B. H. Pease (Manaia); representative on parent body, C. S. Evans.

The annual subscription was fixed at 5/-, to include 3/- for the annual subscription to the Magazine. The meeting did not agree with the suggestion that, of the 2/- remaining, 1/6 should be forwarded to the parent body for the purposes of the Association. It was decided to forward, as usual, whatever surplus the branch accumulated.

It was decided to hold the Annual Dinner on the night of the New Plymouth-St. Patrick's match, when held in May or June.

Personals.

Don. Latham, who has long been a prominent figure in South Taranaki football, has been elected chairman of the committee supervising junior football.

W. Rowlands is playing for Athletic seniors this year. D. O'Dea is the energetic secretary of the same club.

L. George is playing for Hawera seniors.

Gordon McDonald was recently in Hawera for a brief spell on leave. He is now sailing the Seven Seas as a marine engineer.

Jack Webster has added to his other labours the secretaryship of the branch.

Congratulations are extended to Eric Dickie on his engagement.

EASTER RE-UNION.

As usual the start of the reunion saw a gathering of Old Boys in the Assembly Hall for roll call on Saturday morning. After roll call Mr. Moyes, in welcoming the Old Boys, traced the growth of the School during the past few years. He thanked the Old Boys' Association for the interest it had taken in the welfare of the School and for its generous gift of the honours board in the Assembly Hall. Morning tea was served in the dining-room, after which a group photograph was taken. For the remainder of the day cricket and tennis matches were played against the present pupils of the School.

The Annual Re-union Smoke Concert, held in the evening in the Workers' Social Hall, was attended by a great crowd which was representative of many decades of Old Boys. The function was a very happy one, all the usual toasts being honoured, and artists giving several enjoyable items between toasts. The toast to kindred associations was responded to by representatives of the Associations of Auckland Grammar, Wanganui Collegiate, Nelson College, Christ's College, and Otago Boys' High School.

On Sunday morning it was very pleasing to see such a large attendance at St. Mary's for the church parade. Thanks are due to the Rev. F. Hart, who so kindly conducted the service.

In the afternoon there was a dispersal, some going for a climb or tramp on the well-remembered slopes of Egmont.

The annual ball, a function which has always been one of the most popular and well-attended of the New Plymouth dances, was held in the Agricultural Hall on the Monday evening. The full attendance, combined with the novel mode of decoration of the new Queen's Hall in the Association's colours and the greenery of the lounge, made the ball one of the most successful ever held. The debutantes were presented, according to custom, to Mrs. F. L. Read, wife of the President.

MARRIAGES.

BRIDGER—VICKERS.—At New Plymouth on December 28, 1938, Rebecca Agnes (Reba), youngest daughter of Mrs. C. I. Vickers, New Plymouth, and the late Thomas Vickers, Tuna, to Errol William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bridger, New Plymouth.

FOOKES—MOYES.—At St. Mary's, New Plymouth, on December 23, 1938, Katherine Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moyes, to Harold Faber, the younger son of Dr. E. F. and the late Mrs. Fookes, of New Plymouth.

GIFFORD—COLES.—At Feilding, in February, 1939, Kathleen Hutton, daughter of Mrs. A. Coles, Inglewood, and the late Mr. W. R. Coles, to Alan, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Gifford, of Feilding.

HALLIGAN—BLACK.—At Wanganui on December 20, 1938, Dora Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Black, Gonville, Wanganui, and Jack, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Halligan, Wanganui.



Jack Fairbrother

Died on March 2nd, 1939.

A large body of Old Boys, who had been associated with him over his long period of years at the school, learned with the deepest regret that another young life was tragically cut short when Jack Fairbrother, after a very short illness, died in the Auckland Hospital at the age of 24 years.

Jack entered the Preparatory School in 1923. He at once established himself a reputation for intelligence well above the average. He entered the Upper School in 1928 and continued his brilliant

scholastic career, carrying off many of the principal form prizes. He entered the sixth form in 1931 and in his last year he specialised in drawing and won the drawing prize. He was made a Prefect in the same year. He entered into all the activities of the School with great enthusiasm and there were many who predicted for him a brilliant future when he finally left after 10 years in the School. During his stay he had made many friends and had endeared himself to everyone with whom he had come into contact.

In 1934 he entered the School of Architecture at the Auckland University College, where he continued to do brilliant work. He was admitted as an associate of the New Zealand Institute of Architects and his fifth-year thesis for the degree of Bachelor of Architecture, a design for low-rental flats in a congested area of Parnell, won him fame in his profession. He was employed at his death by the Public Works Department at Auckland.

While at University Jack continued to take an interest in all aspects of University life. He served on the executive of the Students' Association, was secretary of the University Rowing Club, the cox of its eight, and a member of its crews in a number of regattas. He will be deeply mourned and greatly missed by members of the Auckland branch of the Old Boys' Association, of which he was a very keen and efficient secretary.

We feel that the world is worse for the passing of one whose brilliant beginnings promised so well and there is a gap in the lives of all those many boys who knew Jack and had come to love him during his long association with the School. To his friends, and particularly to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fairbrother, we extend our very sincere sympathy.

L. C. Sladden, Esq.

Died on March 17th, 1939.

The death took place suddenly at his home in Kowhai Street, Fitzroy, New Plymouth, of Mr. L. C. Sladden at the age of 71 years. The late Mr. Sladden was widely known and respected throughout Taranaki, where he was engaged in survey work in partnership with Mr. A. H. Palmer for many years.

His passing is a cause for deep regret by the School and its Old Boys and friends because we feel we have lost a friend who gave long and valuable service on the Board of Governors.

Mr. Sladden joined the Board in 1916 and thereafter gave to the affairs of the School 12 years of faithful and unstinted service. His

ability as an administrator was recognised in 1921 when he was elected Chairman. He occupied this important position for two years and remained on the Board until 1928. After he retired he continued to take a very real interest in the work of the School, and with his passing we feel that the School has lost one of its oldest and staunchest friends. We wish to join with their very wide circle of friends in extending our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement to Mrs. Sladden, her son and daughter.

Peter Imlay Frederick Saunders.

Killed in an accident May 14th, 1939.

Many Old Boys and friends were shocked by the tragic death of Peter Saunders at the age of 25. He was killed when the car in which he was returning from Wanganui to Wellington via the Pahautanui Road left the road and crashed into a rock face.

Peter was with us for three years from 1928 to 1930, but during that short time he became one of the acknowledged leaders of the School. This was not achieved by outstanding athletic prowess or brilliant scholarship, but by sheer force of character and charm of personality.

He left us in 1930 to join the National Bank of New Zealand at Wanganui, where he assisted in the organisation of the strong branch of the Old Boys' Association then in existence there. Two years ago he left the bank to join the accountancy firm of Mr. Paul S. Gillingham, of Wellington, where he was employed at the time of his unfortunate death.

Since he left School we had come to regard Peter as our most frequent and most welcome visitor drawn by a real affection for the School. On our side that affection was reciprocated. Much as we admired his sterling qualities as a boy, as we watched him grow to manhood, we fell more under the spell of his gentleness and charm and were proud to think that the School had had some influence in moulding the character of one so near the 'beau ideal.' Of him we can truly say that he was a gentleman.

Not the least of Peter's admirable qualities was the divine gift of friendship and there are a host of devoted friends who feel with us as we write, that his passing has left a gap in our lives that never can be filled.

To his father, Mr. Imlay Saunders, one of the School's greatest friends, to his brother George and to his sorrowing relatives we offer our deepest sympathy.

Neville John Grant

Died 23rd December, 1938.

It is with a sense of shock that we record the death of Neville Grant after a long illness in the New Plymouth Hospital at the age of 21 years. Many friends and Old Boys of the School who by long acquaintance had come to love his bright personality and happy disposition and to cherish his friendship as one of their most precious human contacts, mourn him with a very deep sense of personal loss. To the School his death is the tragedy of a life cut off when on the very threshold of a manhood that would have left an enduring mark on the life of the community. Neville entered the School in 1931 from the West End School, where he had already made himself popular with masters and fellow pupils and had won for himself a fine reputation for keenness, particularly on the cricket field.

He had already captained the North Taranaki Primary School's cricket eleven with great ability. He remained at School for three years, where he was most popular. He won his cricket cap in 1933 and represented the School against both Wanganui and Nelson Colleges.

When he left School he was apprenticed to P. F. Burrows, Ltd., Printers. He continued to be outstanding at games, playing cricket for the Western Park and New Plymouth Clubs and football for the Tukapa Club. He was an outstanding member of the New Plymouth Cricket Club team which won the Taranaki Championship in 1936-37. His cricket continued to improve and after representing North Taranaki on several occasions he had come to be regarded as the most promising young batsman in New Plymouth.

When he entered the New Plymouth Hospital there seemed no possibility whatever of a serious illness, but he was unfortunate in contracting infectious diseases then prevalent which gradually weakened his resistance until we heard with dismay that he was dangerously ill and finally that, exhausted by his heroic fight, he had succumbed.

He will be sadly missed from the sports fields of the town, not only for his marked ability but for the splendid example he set by his unassuming modesty and by the keen spirit of sportsmanship with which he entered into all games he played.

To his sorrowing family we extend our deepest sympathy.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

Gentlemen,—

Your executive has pleasure in presenting the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Association.

In addition to its normal functions during the past year your executive has concentrated on the improvement of the Association's organisation for the purpose of strengthening its financial position, and, at the end of a full and busy year, is pleased to report that great progress has been made, and looks forward to the year 1939 as one of great growth as a result of the work of the past two or three years.

Constitution and Rules.

After some years of work by this and other executives we can report that with the new year we shall be working under a fixed constitution, the need for which has been long felt. A draft set of rules has been approved by all the branches except one, which we have not had an opportunity of consulting. The principal changes from the past methods of administration are a re-organisation of the executive committee to provide for a small management committee and the provision of a universal five-shilling subscription to include the "Taranakian." We hope that this will provide an annual income sufficient at least to provide running expenses for which, in the past, we have had to rely upon ephemeral profits from the annual ball. We ask for the co-operation of this meeting to assist us by approving the draft set of rules and in giving all its support to the subscription schemes, which will not only benefit the Association but will also allow for a great expansion in both sections of the "Taranakian."

Insurance Scheme.

In conjunction with the Old Girls' Association your executive has finalised arrangements with the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society whereby parents may make provision for the future education of their children at the New Plymouth High Schools. The parent may take out an Endowment Policy on his own life to mature

at the time when the child will be commencing his or her secondary education. The total insurance will be of such an amount as will cover the cost of boarding and school fees for as many years as the parent desires. In addition provision is made for the establishment of an Education Endowment fund, to be administered by the trustees for the purpose of education at either school. The trustees appointed by your executive are: Messrs. H. R. Billing, G. Fraser, and W. E. Alexander. Every Old Boy may become an agent of the scheme by informing his friends of its existence and its purpose.

Football Caps.

During the year we were glad to be able to assist in the revival of a ceremony which, for reasons of finance, had been discontinued by the School several years ago. Prior to the departure of the First Fifteen upon their trip to Dunedin, members of the executive visited the School and presented the team with football caps. The presentation was financed by a successful picture benefit at the State Theatre, which left a small margin of profit to the general fund after the purchase of the caps. We intend the provision of caps to be an annual charge on the funds of the Association.

Honours Board.

An honours board, towards the cost of which we assisted, has now been erected on the wall of the Assembly Hall at the back of the stage. The list of Old Boys who have won honours is now almost complete, and in the new year the names will be on the board.

Old Boys' Day.

The Saturday of Labour week-end was set aside for an Old Boys' Day at the School. Although lavishly advertised, the response was not encouraging, but those who did attend voted the function a success. If the function is to be made an annual fixture there will be need for greater support from local Old Boys and from those within easy distance of the School. In connection with this fixture we desire to thank Mr. Moyes for his hospitality during the afternoon.

Branch Associations.

In pursuance of its avowed policy to send representatives to the re-unions of all branches, members of the Parent Association visited the following:—Hawera, Manawatu, Hawke's Bay, Wellington, Waikato, Urenui. Owing to a misunderstanding we were unaware of the date of the Auckland Re-union and were not represented. At all branches we found a hearty welcome awaited us, which more than repaid us for the miles travelled. The re-unions were, without exception, well-attended and very successful functions.

Sports Clubs.

It is our pleasure to report that the Sports Clubs affiliated to the Association have continued to flourish. We ask for them the continued support of all younger Old Boys. We wish to congratulate the Cricket Club on the success of its Senior team which went through the season unbeaten and won the Taranaki Championship.

Annual Ball.

The Annual Ball was held on May 16th, and, although socially it was most successful, it was not as well attended as usual. We feel that the main reason for this was the abandonment of the traditional Easter date. We recommend that the 1939 functions be held at Easter, although it will necessitate a change of venue.

G. C. Weston.

All Old Boys will join in congratulating Crowley Weston and his parents on his selection as one of the Cecil Rhodes Trust Scholars for 1938. We appreciate the honour he has done to the School and offer him our best wishes in his great opportunity.

Finance.

The balance outstanding to the credit of the Association at the New Plymouth Savings Bank is £68/4/8, as against £81/12/8 at the end of last year. The loss on the year's working is accounted for entirely by a loss on the ball of £21/9/6. Considering that the normal

profit on the ball is between £20 and £30, to have finished the year with a loss of £13/8/- reveals a very satisfactory position. The running expenses of the Association have been provided by a series of special efforts on the part of the executive, including dances, competitions, and a picture benefit.

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Association.

As a result of a feeling of hostility to some sections of the proposed Education Bill, your executive took the initiative in organising in Wellington a committee representing the Old Boys of all Secondary Schools. They were given an opportunity to appeal before the Parliamentary Committee and give evidence. They received certain assurances and we have reason to be pleased with the results of our organisation.

As a result of this it was also suggested by us that the organisation of that committee might be retained permanently in Wellington and interest itself in the general welfare of Secondary Schools in the Dominion. This was done, and, as a tribute to his pioneer work in this matter, Mr. J. D. Willis, our own representative, was elected the first president.

The School.

We offer to Mr. Moyes and his staff our congratulations on the completion of another successful year, and in particular on the fine performance of the First Fifteen and First Eleven.

Thanks.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. W. S. Thomson, honorary auditor, for again auditing our accounts, to Mr. T. N. S. Watt, the editor of the Old Boys' Section of the "Taranakian," to Messrs. Baily and Lovell for the use of their rooms for meetings, to the Ladies' Committee, who helped to make the Ball a success, and to all those who helped with the decoration of the hall, particularly Mr. A. H. Blundell, who was responsible for the design.

ENGAGEMENTS.

STEPHENSON—THOMSON.—Doris Emma, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomson, Hawera, and Patrick Francis Lloyd, eldest son of the late Mr. G. H. and Mrs. Stephenson, Frankleigh Park, New Plymouth.

BIRTHS.

HOSKIN.—On April 20, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Hoskin, New Plymouth, a son.

PEASE.—On April 7, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pease, Oakura, a son.

READ.—On March 19, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Read, Ngamotu, a daughter.

SMITH.—On March 12, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Neimann Smith, Hawera, a daughter.

WALKER.—On March 24, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, New Plymouth, a son.

WILLIAMSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williamson, New Plymouth, a daughter.

WOOD.—On March 20, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wood, Eltham, twin sons; one still-born.

LILE.—On February 24, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Addie B. Lile, jr., New Plymouth, a daughter.

DEATHS.

GOODRICK.—On February 9, 1939, at New Plymouth Public Hospital, John Thomas, husband of Mary Goodrick, aged 63 years. Accidentally killed.

PRICE.—On April 18, 1939, at his residence, Sydney Henry, husband of Ruby Amelia Price, New Plymouth, aged 47 years.

FAIRBROTHER.—At the Auckland Hospital, on Thursday, March 2, 1939, Jack, second son of C. R. and E. H. Fairbrother, aged 24 years.

SLADDEN.—At New Plymouth on March 17, 1939, Lewis Coster Sladden, aged 71 years.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

The following is a list of Old Boys who were successful in the University Degree Examinations last year. We offer our due apologies for any omissions, for it is by no means an easy task to obtain a complete list of passes.

Honours and M.A.—E. R. Dearnley (second class).

Final LL.B.—C. S. Evans, R. S. V. Simpson.

Final B.Sc.—H. H. Francis.

Final B.A.—M. O. Ekdahl.

Sections B.A. and B.Sc.—Philosophy: M. P. Donnelly. Physics I: W. J. Weston. Chemistry: W. J. Weston.

Sections LL.B.—English I: L. M. Papps. Latin I: L. M. Papps, J. P. Quilliam. French I: L. M. Papps. Jurisprudence: J. P. Quilliam. Philosophy I: H. D. Moss. Law of Trusts, Wills, etc.: W. W. P. Wilson, F. K. Evans. Criminal Law: W. W. P. Wilson. Torts: W. W. P. Wilson, F. K. Evans.

Sections for MB., Ch.B.—I. D. Auld, I. B. Faris, J. W. Avery, S. R. Thompson, A. L. Lomas, D. N. Allen.

Medical Intermediate.—Biology, Physics and Chemistry: W. J. Weston.

Section M.Agr. Sc.—Field Husbandry I: G. H. Terry.

Section of B.Com.—Bookkeeping and Accounts I: T. M. Crone, W. M. Bradshaw, B. M. Calman, A. O. Masters. Bookkeeping and Accounts II: D. H. Price. Bookkeeping and Accounts III: F. J. Halpin, P. R. Fenton, D. M. Hatherly. Mercantile Law I: P. A. Taylor, W. M. Bradshaw, B. M. Calman. Mercantile Law II: D. H. Price, A. O. Masters.

Auditing.—D. M. Hatherly, P. R. Fenton.

Statistical Method.—T. R. Ryan.

Economic Geography.—F. J. Halpin, T. R. Ryan.

Economic History.—T. M. Crone.

Banking Diploma.—Commercial and Banking Law II: M. J. P. Glasgow. Currency and Banking: M. J. P. Glasgow. Bookkeeping and Accounts: R. McTavish. Bills of Exchange: J. H. Pearson.

Insurance Diploma.—Fire Insurance II: H. G. Hopkins.

Accountancy Professional (the subjects as indicated are as follows: Bookkeeping and Accounts I, 1; Mercantile Law I, 2; Economics, 3; Bookkeeping and Accounts II, 4; Mercantile Law II, 5; Auditing, 6; Bookkeeping and Accounts III, 7; Trustees, 8; Bankruptcy, 9; Joint Stock Companies, 10).—F. M. Barnard, 3, 5, 10; D. H. Blanchett, 6; B. G. Falk, 6, 7, 8; K. F. Fookes, 3; B. L. Hoskin, 4, 5, 8, 9; G. W. Henderson, 5, 8; T. M. White, 6, 8; G. E. Hodgson, 3, 4, 5, 9; S. W. Way, 2; R. C. Trueman, 5, 8, 10; R. G. Mills, 1, 2; M. B. Radford, 6; K. J. S. Bourke, 4, 9; C. G. Patrick, 4, 5; F. V. Morine, 7; D. R. Watt, 1, 2; H. W. Burchell, 6; E. M. Edgcombe, 7; K. Hamilton, 4, 8; P. E. Aldous, 1, 5; A. H. Andrews, 5, 6; C. H. Leighton, 8, 10.

HONOURS LIST.**Graduates of N.Z. University and other Universities.**

1893: Hunter, Irwin Walter William, M.A., B.Sc.

1896: Atkinson, Samuel Arnold, B.A.

1899: Fookes, Ernest Faber, M.B. (Lon.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

1900: MacDiarmid, Campbell Larnach, LL.B.

1906: Moore, William Ernest, LL.B.

1910: Osborne, Geoffrey Milbury Hart, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.), L.R.F.P.S. (Glas.).

- 1911: King, Truby, LL.B.
- 1913: Dockrill, John, B.A., M.B.B.Ch., B.A.O. (Dub.), '14, D.P.H., '22. MacDiarmid, Donald Neil, B.A.
- 1914: Faris, Irwin Eric, M.B., Ch.B. Serpell, Samuel Llewellyn, M.B., Ch. B.
- 1916: Grey, Philip Oswald, LL.B. Harle, Douglas Allen, LL.B. Little, Norman Fenwick, B.A., LL.B. ('20), LL.M. ('26).
- 1919: Quilliam, Ronald Henry, LL.B.
- 1921: Salt, Gordon McBride, M.Sc. Terry, John Joseph Kittson, LL.B. Shaw, John Holmes, M.B.B.S. (Melb.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.), '25, D.L.O., R.C.P.S. (Eng.), '25, F.R.A.C.S., '29.
- 1922: Lealand, Roy, B.D.S. Way, Leslie Innes, B.Sc. Rudd, Lawrence Frederick, LL.B.
- 1923: Bayly, Owen, LL.B., M.A., '26. Brokenshire, Kenneth Rex, M.B., Ch.B. Greiner, Ronald Charles, LL.B. Huse, Albert Arthur, B.Sc. MacDiarmid, Gordon Napier, M.D.
- 1924: Barak, Montefiore, B.Sc., Ph.D., '29. Calder, Henry Leslie, M.A. Clemow, Robert Keith, B.E. Denny-Brown, Derek Ernest, M.B., Ch.B., M.D., '28, D.Phil. (Oxon.), '28, M.R.C.P. (Lon.), '31. Hamblyn, Charles James, B.Agr. Sc. Mackie, Howard James, B.A. O'Halloran, Kevin Howard, B.A. Richardson, Henry Lorimer, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Lon.), '26, F.I.C., '35. Roberts, Kenneth Charles, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Lon.), '28. A. I. C. Sinclair, Robert Gemmell Burnett, M.B., Ch.B.
- 1925: Johns, Brian Maurice, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), '27, D.T.M. and H. (Eng.), '28. Pope, Russell Edward, LL.M. Syme, Ronald, M.A., M.A. (Oxon.), '27. Waddle, Norman, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), '27. Weston, Ivan Wingate, M.S.C.
- 1926: Aldis, Wilfrid Charles Arthur, M.A. Brodie, John, B.A. Noble, Charles Andrew, M.A. Sinclair, Robert Ormiston, LL.M. Sturtevant, Arthur Beresford, M.B., Ch.B. Willis, Jack Duddingstone, LL.M. Winfield, Cyril, LL.B.
- 1927: Hughson, Walter Gordon Mackenzie, M.Sc. Smart, Eric Copland, B.E. (Civil).
- 1928: Brodie, Alexander, M.Sc., B.E. (Civil), '29. Nicholson, James Herbert Murray, D.D.S. Wilson, Athol Bracken, LL.B.
- 1929: Adlam, Ronald Charles, B.A. Bellringer, Raymond Ward, M.B., Ch.B. Burton, John Vernon, B.A. Dolby, Richard Malcolm, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Lon.), '31. Griffin, Arthur William, M.A. Griffiths, Eustatius William Barton, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), '35, D.O.M.S., '38. Jillett, John William Leslie, B.A. Moverley, Albert Wadkins, M.A. Mackay, James Douglas, B.A., B.Sc., '33. Martin, William Bailey, B.Agr. Strombom, Claude Herbert, LL.B.

- 1930: Heycock, Murray Hamilton, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), '34. Nash, Clement Walter, LL.M. Webb, Richard Guy, M.A. Weston, Henry Stewart Thorngate, LL.B. Wright, John, M.A.
- 1931: Alexander, Wilson Elwell, B.A. Boulton, Edward, M.A. Calvert, Cyril Gordon, B.A. Mountjoy, William Joseph, B.A. O'Dea, Richard John, LL.M. Tonks, Eric Walter, M.A.
- 1932: Abbott, Alan Grant, B.E. Bellringer, Hedley Ernest, M.B., Ch.B. Mills, Arthur, M.A. Murray, John Theodore, M.Sc. O'Halloran, Desmond Crichton, B.Com.
- 1933: Bell, Bruce Cooper, B.Com. Grant, Donald Gordon, B.A. Herdman, Albert Lawrence, M.A. MacDiarmid, Graham Campbell, M.B., Ch.B. Mitcalfe, Henry Percy, M.A. Read, Alfred Earl, B.Sc.
- 1934: Bradshaw, Robert Colville, B.Com. Latter, Henry Brackenburg, B.For. Sc. Marshall, John Edward, LL.M. McKenzie, Graeme Fraser, M.A. Parrott, William Egmont, B.A. Syme, James Wincote, B.For. Sc. Watt, Thomas Newlands Stewart, M.Sc.
- 1935: Allen, Edmund Peter, M.B., Ch.B. Cachemaille, Lionel Morice, B.D.S. Clare, Norman Trevor, M.Sc. Henry, Neil Scott, B.D.S. Insull, Herbert Alexander Horace, M.A. Kedgley, Edwin George, B.A. Lysaght, James Frederic, B.For. Sc. McKee, David Coleman, B.A. Phillips, Douglas George, M.B., Ch.B. Smith, Donald Airth, M.A. Syme, Raymond Walter, B.Arch. Treloar, Arnold Aston, B.E. Watt, William James, M.B., Ch.B.
- 1936: Bailey, Theodore Lawrence, M.A. Bowie, Philip Trent, B.Com. Cooper, Howard Robert, B.A. Grieve, Bruce Walton, M.B., Ch.B. Holland, Albert Wallis, B.Sc. Hull, David Norman, B.A. Jones, Ronald Sydney, M.Sc. Miles, Phillip Chater, LL.B. McGregor, Andrew David, LL.B. Shaw, James Thomas, B.A. Snell, Wynne Arbuthnot, B.Sc. Wells, Arthur John Lefevre, B.Com.
- 1937: Dingle, Harry Rowe, B.Com. Henderson, Edward Westwood, LL.B. Hatherly, John Saynor, M.A. Loten, Ernest Going, M.B., Ch.B. Mathews, Bernard Douglas, B.A. MacDiarmid, Stuart Campbell, B.E. (Elec. and Civ.). Rogers, Rowlatt Matheson, B.Com. Schultz, Edward Arthur, B.E. (Civil). Tuck, Francis Eldridge Newall, B.E. (Mech.). Watt, Leith Simpson, M.A. Wright, Wilfred, B.Sc.
- 1938: Barnitt, Bruce Heslop, M.Sc. Dearnley, Ernest Ralph, B.A. Edgley, Robert Whaley, LL.B. Fraser, Donald Murray, M.A. Gruszning, Harold Keith, B.A. Geddes, William Robert, B.A. Geddes, Murray, M.A. Hayton, Gilbert McLean, B.Com. Keller, Alfred Julius, B.A. Kenrick, Douglas Moore, M.Com. Weston, George Crowley, LL.B.

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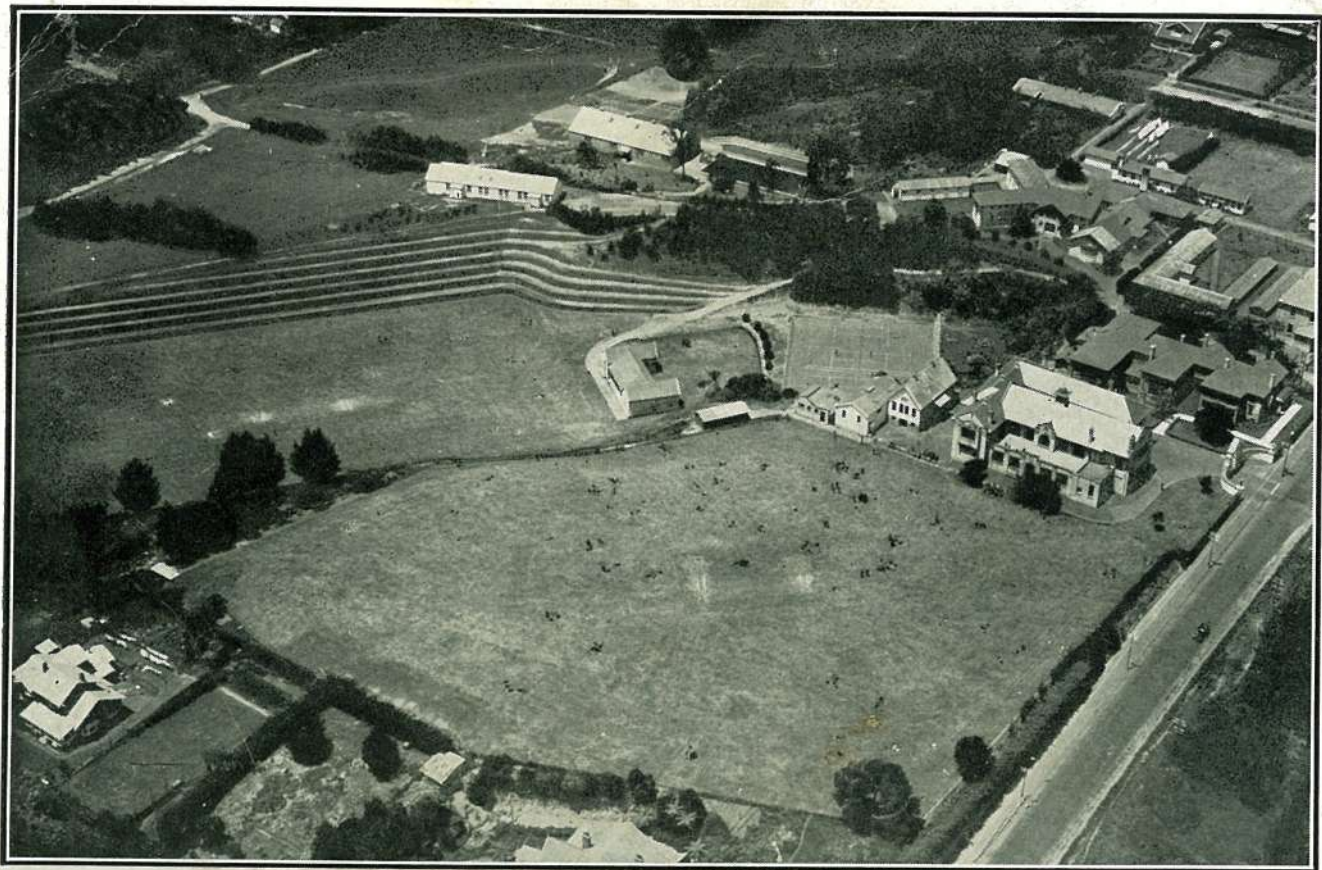
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B COMPANY.

Officer in Command.—Captain W. E. Alexander.

Company Sergeant-Major.—I. H. Kerr.

No. 5 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: R. E. Mason. Corporal: A. D. MacLennan.

No. 6 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: R. C. Riley. Corporals: D. Wilks, N. King.

No. 7 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: R. G. Wood. Corporals: W. Gould, P. Gallaher.

No. 8 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: W. K. Webster. Corporals: J. J. Barnicoat, D. Paterson.

C COMPANY.

Officer in Command.—Lieutenant W. F. Tett.

Company Sergeant-Major.—F. J. Duncan.

No. 9 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: R. H. Granger. Corporals: H. A. Fleming, G. Watt.

No. 10 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: J. E. Church. Corporals: H. P. Webster, D. C. Rose.

No. 11 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: Q. A. Thompson. Corporals: E. B. Davies, G. Boon, B. Hirstich.

No. 12 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: W. R. Baunton. Corporals: R. J. Bell, W. Royse, J. Gadd.

D COMPANY.

Officer in Command.—Lieutenant A. H. Blundell.

Company Sergeant-Major.—G. N. Caldwell.

No. 13 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: C. W. Weston. Corporals: V. E. Hill, R. J. Walls.

No. 14 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: A. D. Lewis. Corporals: M. J. Shotter, G. King.

No. 15 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: R. Warren. Corporals: G. Allen, O. Moore.

No. 16 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: E. B. Anderson. Corporals: N. W. Jensen, B. Lambert.

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Battalion Sergeant-Major.—J. Irvine.

Quartermaster-Sergeant.—R. S. Millar.

Band Sergeant.—R. F. Shepherd.

A COMPANY.

Officer in Command.—Captain W. I. Shrimpton.

Company Sergeant-Major.—B. W. Broome.

Quartermaster-Sergeant.—C. A. Wiggins.

No. 1 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: J. R. Grant. Corporals: I. N. Macleod, J. Mason.

No. 2 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: A. D. Roberts. Corporals: P. Henry, S. Florence.

No. 3 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: H. D. Short. Corporals: J. B. Woodward, D. A. Valentine.

No. 4 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant: W. M. McLeay. Corporals: W. T. Mathieson, W. James.



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Middle.—W. T. Mathieson, N. I. Macleod, T. R. McCullum, F. J. Novak (capt.), R. C. Riley, M. A. Cartwright, R. W. Baunton.
Front.—R. C. McCulloch, B. W. Broome, A. F. O'Byrne, T. M. Kea.

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EDITORIAL

(F. J. Duncan.)



PRIOR to the outbreak of the present European conflict, the thoughts of New Zealanders were centred largely around the celebration of their centenary. Unfortunately now that the grim ogre of warfare has cast his ominous shadow across the field of international affairs, the inhabitants of

this Dominion, torn by the knowledge bred of the 1914-18 disaster and fearfully apprehensive of the immediate future, are in some cases incapable of appreciating to the full, the celebrations of a century of glorious progress which has almost concluded.

The World War of 1914-18 was a war to end war. Yet, once again in this year of 1939, the entire British Empire has been plunged into a conflict the magnitude of which can scarcely be realised. At the beginning of 1914, the war was being fought to make the world safe for

democracy; to-day, the cry is, overthrow the brutal ruthlessness of Nazi tyranny. Is any combatant really victorious, however? 1919 found Britain beaten almost to her knees, and with unemployment rife throughout the length and breadth of the land. Her countless thousands of demobilised soldiers were set adrift in a world that could find no place for them. Heroes during the actual progress of the struggle, they were now just so many more unwanted men.

Surely after the bitter lessons of past struggles, man is no longer blind to the chaos that follows inevitably in the wake of modern warfare. Within the short space of a fortnight, the calm face of Poland was changed, proud industrial areas razed to the ground, defenceless women and children slain unmercifully, because of one man's lust for power. That is war. With Europe at the mercy of a megalomaniac, crazed by a sudden rise to power and totally oblivious to the sufferings of mankind, Britain and France, with the enormous resources of their mighty Empires at their disposal, have reluctantly entered the struggle to prevent aggression.

The Germany of to-day appears to the outsider a highly regimented nation, yet similar to a people of the most primitive type, following with blind and worshipful adoration, every whim and caprice of their beloved Fuehrer. Why such splendid and upright people as many Germans undoubtedly are, have allowed themselves to be moulded into one of the most heartless instruments of injustice, ready to attempt to enforce the most unreasonable demands of their fanatical leaders, must always remain a question of great interest to philosophers the world over.

It is extremely difficult to become reconciled to the fact that the country which has produced such men as Beethoven and Wagner, has degenerated to the extent of brutal Hitlerism. The transformation is of such a magnitude, that mankind, accustomed to withstand the shocks of this modern world of ours, cannot yet fully realise that the peace-loving German as we knew him, has become the most unregenerate homicide of all time.

War serves but one purpose. The gratification of some selfish whim, while on the other side of the picture is recorded an honest effort to avert the greatest calamity with which mankind can be threatened. Two inevitable results follow such conflicts as that in which we to-day are engaged. Firstly the undermining of morals and a consequent period of revolting license, and secondly, and in some respects more serious, the great blow struck at the teachings of religion, during those months of agonised effort which we shall have to make.

Already here in New Zealand we have been brought to face brutal realities with a suddenness that shocked the entire Dominion. With no large land operations in progress, our hopes of seeing names of New Zealanders figuring less prominently in casualty lists have been rudely shattered by the publication of the deaths of those gallant young men of this Dominion who have given their lives in aerial conflict.

In such a community as our own, there naturally arises the question as to the effect the present struggle will have on us. With the outbreak of war, a wave of enthusiasm swept through the School. As the Principal, however, has pointed out, those at present attending the School have their own particular section of work to apply themselves to. Remembering the amount to which they are indebted to their parents, it is the clear duty of each and every boy attending this School to exert every effort at his work to prepare himself to be as qualified and experienced as possible to take part in the inevitable reconstruction.

If, however, the duration of the 1914-18 cataclysm can be taken as a guide, the great majority of those senior pupils will no doubt be engaged in the conflict. Should that eventuality arise, each boy, with the example of others before him, should strain every nerve to prepare himself, morally, mentally and physically, for the ordeal through which he must pass. Until that time comes, the course of action of each boy attending this School is clearly defined and in no instances should he deviate from the path duty dictates.

SCHOOL NOTES

(F. J. Duncan).

The commencement of the winter term saw everyone preparing to enjoy the football season. With last season's outstanding performances behind them, the members of the XV. soon settled down, producing a team which fully upheld the traditions associated with School teams. A pleasing feature of the football in general was the success obtained by the junior teams, who will be the means of providing strong fifteens in the future.

The Annual Sports were held on November 4. Favoured with ideal conditions and a fast track, many notable performances were registered. Reviewing past years, one is struck by the fact that each year, the excellence of the grounds and surroundings appear to have reached their peak, yet, each successive year, the grounds seem to take on an added beauty of picturesque dignity and calm serenity. While on the subject of athletics, we must extend our congratulations to those members of the staff and boys, through whose tireless energy we have benefited by the formation of an athletic club, run and controlled solely by the boys of the School.

This year's steeplechase proved no exception to the general rule. To those boys who had experienced such trying ordeals in previous years, the sight of the flower of our gallant youth commencing their arduous journey so blithely, only to return crippled wrecks of humanity, was most harrowing. They'll know better next year. However, our congratulations are due to those successful competitors in the various events and especially to Q. A. Thompson and J. B. Woodward for their sterling performances in the senior steeplechase.

During the course of the year we have had the privilege of visits from our old friend Mr. Purdue, who entertained us with extracts from Shakespeare, and also Mr. Paul Schramm, who, accompanied by his wife, gave us a delightful rendering from his repertoire. Towards the close of the third term Mr. Williams, an English character-actor, presented some excellent characterisations of several of the better known characters of Dickens.

The gymnasium championships, held a little later than customary this year, were an outstanding success. It is to the credit of our instructor and boys that such a high standard has been obtained. When it is remembered that some few years ago, gymnastics were unknown in the School curriculum the change is remarkable. To convert a School of the strength of our own from a number of inexperienced pupils into a body of gymnasts capable of the standard of this year's championships is an outstanding achievement, and accordingly our congratulations to the various winners, are the more hearty and sincere.

The annual concert was held in the Gymnasium on the nights of November 2nd. and 4th. Of an entirely different nature from last year's memorable performance a new standard was set in acting, costuming, scenery, and more especially, lighting effects. It was a most finished performance and leaves the layman wondering what efforts must be made in the future by those concerned to reach this standard.

At the beginning of the second term a house system for the day boys was evolved. There had previously been two day-boy houses for the purpose of certain games. For these, three houses were substituted, divided by definite boundaries. Messrs. Johnson, Diprose and Papps were appointed housemasters and the other members of the staff were divided among the various houses to take charge of the sports and other activities of the house. The main purpose of the scheme was to facilitate the organisation and supervision of games and to improve the standard by promoting friendly competition between six houses approximately equal in strength. In addition, it was felt that the masters in charge of the houses would have some opportunity of getting to know the boys of their houses and therefore have a chance of encouraging them in their work and games and to inspire them to a greater interest in the school. So far the scheme has born fruit at least in providing some very interesting and closely contested inter-house games. It is yet early to judge if its more remote ideals have been attained but we have high hopes.

Towards the end of the football season the annual Day Boys v. Boarders match was played. With an apparently overwhelmingly superior team, the Day Boys suffered a complete reversal of form and were decisively beaten 19—4. Full credit for the Boarders' victory must however be given to R. Riley who played a game both inspired and inspiring.

The Boxing Championships held in the gymnasium this year were given added impetus by the presentation of a shield by Mr. T. N. Wallace for inter-house competition. During an evening of vigorous and exciting bouts some excellent displays of boxing were presented.

The Debating this year was of the usual high standard, the ogre of fast approaching examinations in no ways impairing the quality of the speeches. We wish to take this opportunity of offering our congratulations to the winners of the respective classes, and also to pass a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Moss for his kindness in judging the contest and for his much appreciated remarks.

The third term saw the commencement of cricket and those members of the first XI who were fortunate enough to visit Nelson in 1937 are eagerly anticipating the renewal of acquaintances this year.

The Badminton championships excited much interest throughout the School and resolved into a series of hard fought encounters. Our congratulations are due to the winners of the respective classes.

The reality of War was brought home most forcibly to us when we were distressed to hear of the death of four of our Old Boys. Those of us who were privileged to have known them can fully appreciate their sacrifice and condole with their families.

In the Assembly Hall on November 22nd., the members of the staff and the boys farewelled Mr. G. F. Bertrand on the eve of his departure for Trentham. It was with mixed feelings that we attended. We were proud of his selection to occupy an important military position and sorry that we realised the School was being deprived of one who has served faithfully and well for over 20 years. On behalf of the boys, Mr. Moyes presented Mr. Bertrand with a travelling rug, while the

members of the staff, as a token of their respect, presented him with a wrist watch. We all join in wishing Mr. Bertrand the very best of luck and devoutly hope to see him back with us again in the near future.

HOUSE NOTES

(D. L. Wilks).

School House.

House Master: Mr. R. C. Wilson.

Assistants: Messrs. T. N. S. Watt and D. M. Fraser.

Prefects: W. M. McLeay (Head), D. L. Wilks, D. C. Rose, W. H. Gould, R. C. Riley, C. W. Weston, R. G. Wood.

Once more we are coming to the end of a year, once more we look back on a happy term and now we must say goodbye to a score of familiar faces with whom we have flouted authority and supported authority, and above all, with whom we have tried to bring yet more honour and glory to the School. But those days are over, our comrades are leaving, some joyfully, some sadly, but all with the feeling, deep down in their hearts, that they are leaving for ever a home that has been more than home, a place to be cherished in their hearts, and which now will become but a shining memory to be carried untarnished in their minds, wherever they may travel. For here each one feels that he is an indispensable cog in the machinery of the school and it is this thought that comforts him in the first weeks of distress and that finally gives him confidence to face the onslaught of the world. Armed with this confidence, the cap of knowledge set firmly on his head, he wraps around him the cloak of motherly love which the spirit of the school hands out to those who leave her gates, and sallies forth, ready for all that life may have in store for him. So to those thus leaving, both from this house and from others, we wish every success in life and

“May their seed-time past be yielding
Year by year a richer store.”

To the mother and relatives of Geoff. Bartram we extend our deepest sympathy and to Geoff. himself we say, “May your recovery from that sad accident that so

shocked and surprised us all, be quick and complete and may you soon be back with us again to fill that place which none but you can fill."

The house has lately acquired a coat of arms which, for the benefit of those interested may be described in rather technical language as "a horse rampant gules on field argent." (If you can't understand it, look it up—I had to).

Turning to the field of sport in which the House has again more than held its own we feel we must congratulate:—

All those who helped to annex the boxing shield to the house, especially J. Sherwin, G. Vodanovic, J. Marsh and K. Boys for winning their weights and A. Kay for winning his weight and the Scientific Cup.

G. L. Watt and J. J. Marsh for winning the Senior and Junior Athletic Championships.

D. L. Wilks and J. J. Marsh for winning the Senior and Intermediate gym. championships.

The six members of the house who carried off the honours in the badminton championships.

R. Riley for being vice-captain of the 1st XV. and captain of the Boarders team.

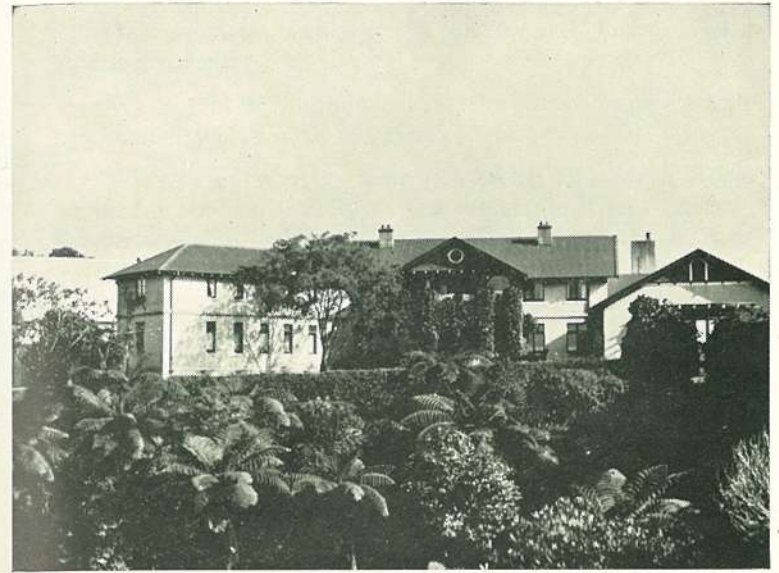
The Boarders' team for their glorious victory over the Day Boys.

Just by the way:—

We have two new devotees of the piscatorial art, Ian Keay and Mr. Wilson who, from the tales they are already swapping, bid fair to become expert in one branch at least of their new sport.

We are pleased to possess a boxing Romeo, but hope that the Juliets will not follow his example.

The Social Security scheme troubles us not at all here, for on the door of No. 2 dorm. may be seen a plaque announcing that Doktor Ike will receive patients any time after lights out.



CARRINGTON HOUSE.



THE SCHOOL HOSPITAL.

Our unofficial war cry "Ol, ol, ol etc.," has proved a howling success.

We regret to announce that the house dandy's hair has turned white with too much swot.

We are extremely disappointed in the Sixth Form dorm. for leading Godfrey from the straight and narrow, but between ourselves, we had rather suspected he was a dark horse for some time.

Finally, we beg to acknowledge the receipt of all the above scandal from the "Rat." Any complaints of more than 10 stone should be addressed to him.

Carrington House.

(Q. Thompson).

House Master: Mr. C. G. Bottrill.

Assistant: Mr. W. F. Tett.

Prefects: Q. Thompson (Head), R. E. Mason, E. B. Anderson, A. L. Rae, G. E. W. Boon, N. King.

As if to symbolise the coming of summer and all its attendant pleasures, the flourishing creeper, inevitably connected in the mind's eye with all views of the house, has returned to its pleasing state of vernal beauty, clothing the pillars and walls in luxuriant foliage, and producing a striking and colourful picture—rich in memories for those boys leaving—rich in promise for those to come—and rich in pleasant actualities for those continuing their school days here. The curtain is falling on another year in the life of the House, and all the inescapable hopes, fears and speculations are current. It has been a very successful year throughout, and particularly so far as internal harmony is concerned, even though one young firebrand, in his efforts to promote more house-spirit, has done his best to destroy all peace and quietness.

The introduction of the House system in the School has had marked effects on the life of this House, notably a great increase in the "esprit de corps" of a body never lacking in enthusiasm and spirit. The result of the wholehearted entry of a house small in numbers into all school activities is very gratifying to all concerned, and shows that the faith imposed in the House by its members was not misplaced.

On Sports Day the "Royal Blue" colours, chosen, after much consideration and argument, to represent the House, were particularly prominent. As usual, the Carlington team was victorious in that classic event—the Inter-House Relay, for which fine performance we congratulate Q. Thompson, W. James, K. Taylor and R. E. Mason.

Also our congratulations are due to:—

R. E. Mason, for his successes in the 120yds. Hurdles and the Broad Jump.

Q. Thompson and B. R. Kay, who won the Senior and Junior miles respectively.

In the football world the House was well represented by five members—G. Boon, J. Mason, B. Hirstich, E. B. Anderson and R. Mason—of the Boarders' team, and won the "B" grade inter-house contest.

In other fields we congratulate:

B. M. Hirstich and Q. Thompson on winning their weights in the Boxing Championships.

D. C. Lightbourne on his fine performance in the Annual Concert.

Q. Thompson, on recording fastest time and providing a new record for the Senior Steeplechase.

"Ed," on his fine record for church-attendance.

"Norm" and "Nance", on their continued felicity, in the true Scottish style, under the panoply of the "only" green tartan.

Since a confrere of ours was satirised by an eminent wit on the dress of the confidant(e) whom he was telephoning, he has made numerous attempts to humble his opponent, but, even though on the verge several times, he has not yet been successful. However, if the "coup de grace" is not forthcoming, he may console himself with

"Great wits are sure to madness near allied
And thin partitions do their bounds divide."

Contrary to all expectations, our Mac showed a definite dread of flaunting his yellow tartan at a popular sports meeting, for apparently the spread of his transitions, which once totalled three in a fortnight, had neutralised what was considered to be an all-powerful attraction.

Questionnaire:—

Why was "The Shark" called "The Shark," and why did he return with a black eye, allegedly the result of a collision with a clothes-line?

Why have the hard-working agricultural boys adopted the blood-curdling cry "Hi-Ho, Soya Beans"?

Why does "George" still think that the grapes he cannot reach, not for want of trying, are not sour?

Re-made reputations will not last long under the strain of combined dish-washing and crocodile hunting.

The end of the year is almost upon us, and the writers of these notes take this opportunity to wish the members and masters of the House all success in examinations, and a Merry Christmas to follow.

Pridham House. (J. J. G. Barnicoat and R. H. Granger).

House Master: Mr. J. Dobson.

Asistants: Messrs. C. Brenstrum and A. R. Lucas.

Prefects: J. R. Grant (Head), H. D. Short, R. H. Granger, J. J. Barnicoat, R. J. Bell, A. D. MacLennan, N. I. McLeod.

The Empire is at war again and although secondary schools in New Zealand would seem perhaps to be little interested there hangs over us a strained atmosphere which from time to time becomes a grim reality. Early in the term we learned with great sorrow of the death of Cedric Whittington whose memory we cherish as Head of the House in 1937. But pride mingles with our sorrow for we know that he died fighting for his Motherland, the finest sacrifice that a man can make.

Last term when writing these notes we were expecting the third formers to break out in rebellion at any moment but now in more confidence we review a happy and successful year. A whole year has passed without serious mishap, Matric. soon will be over, authority has triumphed over rebellion, and the holidays are in sight at last. The year has, for the house generally, been profitable, fortunate, and smooth. Peace in the house and goodwill towards men have been especially noticeable during the last ten days. And why? Well, our brave fifth formers have at long last realised that the time has arrived for some good solid swot, since Matriculation, at the time of writing, is exactly three and a-half days off.

The third and fourth formers, too, are suffering from exam. fever, but they, as yet, are innocent of the horrors of University examinations.

Inevitably, many of our comrades will be shaking the dust of the Old School from their heels at the end of the year to begin their lives as free men. Those leaving carry the best wishes of all with them and a splendid training to guide them on their way. To those carrying on, we who are soon to be Old Boys say "Good Luck."

The whole School has responded nobly to Mr. Moyes' appeal for co-operation in all things while the war lasts and we all realise now, more than ever before, to help our country, we, instead of shirking our studies should increase our efforts to the maximum.

We are proud to report that, since first writing we have shown all the other Houses that we have "what it takes" just as much as they have, and this we have proved in all school spheres.

Above all the House has excelled in football and we feel more than proud to have produced five members of this year's first XV. We congratulate J. Strickland, A. MacLenman, T. Kea, I. MacLeod, and R. Sheppard, especially Strickland for his consistent play throughout the season. At the same time we congratulate our junior fifteen on winning the inter-house competition.

Our congratulations are also due to:—

The boarders' team on their decisive victory over the day boys.

J. Grant and J. Barnicoat for carrying off the senior debating cup with an excellent display of oratory.

Those five members of our house who took part in the senior gym. championships and to I. MacLeod and L. Carthew in particular for taking second and third places respectively.

A. G. Smith for fastest time in the junior steeplechase, and second place in the junior athletic championship.

All who helped to place the House second in the boxing champs, and to J. Strickland and T. Kea for winning their weights.

J. Grant for proving the best shot-putter, and R. Granger for his win in the discus throw.

J. R. Grant for the fine way in which he has carried out his duty as head boy of Pridham House.

Let us thank the prefects at "Scotlands" for a most enjoyable dance.

You will be interested to hear that Pete has been adjudged "Heart-Throb" No. 1 for 1939, and has now been cured of his habit of asking "What did she say about me?"

We sympathise with one of our celebrated prefects for his failure to promote himself to form Six Accountancy. He has been also meddling in church affairs with like success.

A local pork butcher's spy is operating in No. 4 Dorm. We believe that he is attempting to discover what secret ingredient gives School sausages their superiority over other makes.

One of our resident prefects is interesting himself in the study of glow-worms. This fits in with his other activities for the lampyris splendidula—a species which abounds in a local park and flies actively about in the evenings (especially Tuesdays). A word about the habits of this creature would be appropriate here. The attracted males dance round about the female, who, after having captivated one suitor, proceeds to signal other rivals, till she is finally surrounded by a circle of devotees. (Short's Encyclopedia.)

We hear that "Brock" and the "Merry Peasant," not satisfied with our house master's cigars, were found laying about each other with his cane.

We congratulate:—

The head of a rival House for acquiring a much-sought-after Little Brown Mug.

Butch on his "big hit" at the boxing champs.

Olly of the Air Force for giving Twink of the Army a close run for his money.

Two of our kin for unselfishly surrendering their only joy in life.

By the way, did David slay Goliath or did Shorty slay the Butcher?

FOOTBALL NOTES

(F. Novak and I. Kerr.)

This year the School enjoyed a very successful Rugby season. The First Fifteen put up a meritorious performance by winning three of the four College games played. The team did not play this year for points in the First Junior Competition because College games would interfere with the ordinary fixtures and disorganise the local competition.

The junior teams entered by the School were successful to a considerable degree in the lower grade competitions. The Second Fifteen won a knock-out competition for the local third grade teams, defeating Tukapa in the final by 6 points to 3. The Fifth Fifteen repeated its success of last year by winning the Taranaki Fifth Grade Championship. The standard of football shown by these boys is very high and we need have no fears concerning the reputation of the School for its Rugby ability when the time comes for these boys to wear the First Fifteen jersey.

An innovation in the football routine was the establishment of Day Boy Houses. The matches played showed that there is no lack of talent among the younger boys.

The School wishes to avail themselves of this opportunity to extend their heartiest thanks to their hosts and hostesses in Wanganui and Auckland for the hospitality they extended to us.

An innovation in the season's fixtures this year was the trip to Te Aute. This is the first time since 1928 that the School Fifteen travelled to the East Coast to play its old rivals on their home ground. We have to thank the Old Boys in Hawke's Bay for arranging this trip and the Central Hawke's Bay Sub-Union for controlling the details of the match. We have to congratulate the Te Aute boys for their conquest of us, which was the only reverse we suffered in college football this year. The manner in which they obtained their victory was so sporting that

we were unable to feel disappointed at our defeat. May we take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Cook and MacCormack for the loan of their cars for the trip.

We left School after prayers on Thursday, 3rd August, and arrived in Waipukurau about 4.30 that afternoon. We assembled at the hotel and were allotted our billets by Mr. J. W. Palmer, secretary of the Hawke's Bay branch of the Old Boys' Association. Thursday evening we had free and most of the team attended the picture theatres. On Friday morning we had a practice on the Waipukurau football ground and in the afternoon we were entertained at afternoon tea at Te Aute College by the members of their First Fifteen. The match was played on the Waipukurau football ground on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. In the evening we attended a dinner provided for the team by the Central Hawke's Bay Sub-Union and later a dance arranged by the same body. We left Waipukurau for New Plymouth at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning after a most enjoyable trip.

May we assure our hosts and hostesses of our heartfelt gratitude for their many kindnesses while we were there and that the boys who were fortunate enough to make the trip will never forget the time we had in 'Waipuk.' "

The entire School wishes to thank all the masters who have devoted so much time in coaching the various groups, the Jockey Club for the use of its grounds, the Referees' Association, the Rugby Union and the St. John Ambulance Corps for their invaluable aid throughout the season.

The annual match for the Pease Cup was played on the gully ground two weeks after the commencement of the third term. It resulted in a well deserved win for the Boarders by 19 points to 4. The match was played in the keenest of spirits, every body being fit and in the best of condition. In the days preceding the match the House competitions were played, which in the senior division resulted in a win for West House. In the B grade Carrington were victorious and Pridham in the C grade.

SCHOOL MATCHES.**v. St. Patrick's College (Silverstream).**

Played at Hawera, July 1st—Won 8-6.

The teams were:—

St. Patrick's.—Kelly, Winchop, Butler, Taripo, Ransfield, Whittle, Gallagher, Taylor, Nicholson, Quickenden, Lumber, McKellar, O'Connor, O'Donnell, Karan.

School.—McCulloch, O'Byrne, Kea, Cartwright, Riley, Novak, McCullum, Lewis, Broome, Roberts, Strickland, Shepherd, Lander, Mathieson, Kerr.

After a little rain the afternoon cleared up for the game. School's backs played traditional college football, throwing the ball about and keeping the game moving at a fast pace. The Silverstream backs did not seem to be able to master the slippery ball, and the School defence was up very quickly.

The Play.

St. Pat.'s forwards swept away in a loose rush. Novak tried to clear, but his pass back to McCulloch went astray and Quickenden grasped the opportunity smartly to gather in the ball and dive over. Butler failed with the kick. (0—3.)

Within a minute of St. Pat.'s score McCullum whipped round the side of the scrum to send the ball along the chain to O'Byrne, who crossed in the corner. Novak's kick failed. (3—3.)

McCulloch raced up from inside his own half to send Riley away, and Novak carried on to score under the posts. McCulloch made no mistake with the kick. (8—3.)

Winchop cross-kicked to Butler, who gathered the ball and was pulled down a yard short. St. Pat.'s were not to be denied, and the forwards carried the ball to the other corner, where Karan scored, right on time. The kick missed and the game ended with the scores: School 8, St. Pat.'s 6.

v. Wanganui Collegiate.

Played at Wanganui, July 19th—Won 12—7.

The teams were:—

Wanganui.—Hockin, Fal'oon, Russell, Hammond, Jones, Renshaw, Wilson, Beauchamp, Mackie, Harris, Beetham, Austin, Farrer, Larner, Gibbons.

School.—McLeod, O'Byrne, Baunton, Cartwright, Novak, Riley, McCullum, Mason R., Broome, Roberts, Strickland, Lewis, Kerr, Lander, Mathieson.

It was an interesting match, in which a duel developed between two sets of backs. Both teams were anxious to use their backs at every opportunity. Time after time the Wanganui tackling, which was fast and deadly, cut the wings off from the ball and counter-attacks were launched.



SECOND XV, 1939.

Back.—D. L. Hardgreaves, M. J. Shotter, W. M. McLeay, W. K. Webster, J. R. Grant, R. Walls, L. S. M. Miller.
M'ddle.—G. N. Caldwell, J. J. Caldwell, Q. A. Thompson, F. J. Duncan, E. B. Anderson, B. M. Hirstitch, R. E. Mason, V. E. Hill.
Front.—J. D. Ridland, G. W. Annand, R. A. Roper, W. T. Broughton.



5th GRADE A, 1939.

Back.—D. J. Russell, M. L. Morrison, G. D. Jacka, V. N. Duncan, M. Paul.
Second.—B. R. Quickfall, A. C. Pepperell, K. Ryburn, C. Proffit, L. F. Peach.
Third.—I. R. Brown, B. T. Harkness, R. A. Roper, S. Florence, D. S. Sykes.
Front.—D. Mander, F. M. Walsh.

The Play.

The first score came to Wanganui. From a scrum the Wanganui forwards hooked the ball to Wilson, the half-back, who dived over on the blind side.. Mackie's kick failed. (0—3.)

From a scrum near the goal posts Wanganui hooked the ball to Wilson, who passed to Renshaw. Renshaw drop-kicked a neat field goal. (0—7.)

Just before half-time Wanganui played the ball illegally in a ruck and from the resulting penalty O'Byrne goaled. (3—7.)

From a scrum, soon after half-time, the ball came to McCullum and was passed through the chain of backs to O'Byrne, who scored. He just missed converting his own try. (6—7.)

A free-kick gave School a penalty, and O'Byrne made no mistake with the kick. (9—7.)

Late in the second spell Novak made an opening and gave the ball to O'Byrne, who scored. His kick failed, and shortly afterwards the game ended with the score-board reading: School 12, Wanganui 7.

v. Te Aute College.

At Waipukurau, August 5th—Lost 6—12.

The teams were:—

Te Aute.—Haraki, Rika, Christy, Taite, Mataira, Love, Whiti, Parata, Christy, Keepa, Haimona, Patterson, Aukaka, Parata, Anderson.

School.—McCulloch, O'Byrne, Baunton, Cartwright, Riley, Novak, McCulum, MacLennan, Roberts, Strickland, Broome, Lewis, Kerr, Mathieson, Lander.

There was little to choose between the two teams and the issue was in doubt until well into the second spell. Te Aute concentrated on getting the ball out to their Hawke's Bay representative wingers, Rika and Taite.

The first try came to School early in the first spell, Te Aute equalising with a penalty just before half-time. In the second spell Te Aute scored three tries in quick succession, School's final score coming right on the call of time. In the first spell play was generally hard and tight, though interspersed with a number of sparkling back movements. Later in the game both teams opened play up and kept the spectators on their toes. Had it not been for sound tackling on both sides the score would have been higher.

The Play.

School won the toss and played with a fresh breeze at their backs. There was a short period of up-and-down play until Riley cut through and passed to Cartwright, who scored. The kick fell short. (3—0.)

After a spell of tight play Te Aute, led by Christy and Rika, came down hard, but a good tackle by McCulloch save the situation. Shortly afterwards Haimona goaled from a penalty in a difficult angle. (3-3.)

Early in the second spell Rika took a pass and burst his way through to score in the corner. The kick missed. (3-6.)

From a melee following a determined run by Taite, Mataira secured and went over. The kick missed. (3-9.)

The next points were raised by Rika, who secured the ball on his own twenty-five yards line and with a determined run beat Baunton and McCulloch to score in the corner. Again the kick failed. (3-12.)

Right on the call of time Baunton received from a passing rush and passed to Cartwright, who grounded the ball in the corner. The kick failed, leaving the final score: Te Aute 12, School 6.

v. Auckland Grammar.

At Auckland, August 18th—Won 14-12.

The teams were:—

Grammar.—Thorne, St. George, Kay, Higgs, Stevens, Chandler, Bean, Ravlich, Gardner, Bavin, Cantwell, Tregoweth, McLachlan, Howie, Pring.

School.—McCulloch, O'Byrne, Baunton, Cartwright, Novak, Ri'ey, McCullum, MacLennan, Lewis, Broome, Roberts, Strickland, Kerr, Mathieson, Lander.

Baffled for the greater part of the game by the individual brilliance of the School side, Auckland Grammar were beaten but far from disgraced. In the last 20 minutes the result of the game was constantly in doubt. Following heavy rain the ground was particularly sticky, sand having been laid to bind the surface mud, this making it very hard for our speedy wingers to get into their stride.

The Play.

The first try came as the result of a forward rush, when School's defence was scattered, with the result that Gardner, after taking a pass, had a clear run in. The difficult kick missed. (0-3.)

Fumbling at the scrum base sent the ball to the School backs. Half a dozen handled, and time and again the movement looked like breaking down, until at the last minute O'Byrne took a lob pass and went over. The kick failed. (3-3.)

Soon after half-time Roberts broke through and from the movement McCullum secured and went over under the posts. McCullum converted. (8-3.)

Grammar were awarded a penalty, which Bean goaled easily. (8-6.)

Two minutes later Bean again goaled from another penalty. (8-9.)

From the scrum Novak dummied his way through and passed to Baunton, who went over. The kick failed. (11-9.)

Soon afterwards Baunton eluded his opponent by a last burst of speed and just got over in the corner. The kick failed. (14-9.)

Gardner crashed through to bring Auckland within two points. Bean failed with the kick and the final whistle sounded with the scores: School 14, Auckland Grammar 12.

Day Boys v. Boarders.

The match resulted in a win for the Boarders by 19 points to 4.

The teams were:—

Boarders.—Anderson, Hawkins, Boon, Kea, Riley, MacLeod, Marsh, Irvine, Lewis, Mason R., Strickland, MacLennan, Mason J., Hirstich, Shepherd.

Day Boys.—Broughton, Cartwright, Baunton, O'Byrne, Novak, McCulloch, McCullum, Broome, Roberts, Lander, Caldwell G., Caldwell J., Kerr, Mathieson, Shotter.

The play was open throughout, the Boarders thoroughly deserving their win. They showed a sound tactical knowledge and played continuously to the weak point in the Day Boys' team. Riley was outstanding in his ability for making openings and Kea was particularly sound in his tackling. The Day Boys' back line was hindered by an inclination by the inside backs to run across the field. The Boarders' backs on the whole were younger than the Day Boys, but this lack of experience did not prevent them from working as a team rather than individually, as might have been expected.

In the forwards honours were about even. The Boarders, however, seemed to have more dash than their opponents and were quicker breaking and packing.

The result came as a surprise to many, for the Day Boys' team looked by far the stronger on paper. This perhaps made the Day Boys too sure of themselves, with the result that they under-rated their opponents. The match was played in the usual hard but sporting manner.

COMPETITION RESULTS.

First Fifteen.

May 20th, v. Mokau—Won 11-3. This was a hard, clean game, played in the friendliest of spirits. The day, fine and dry, allowed much open work by the backs. Tries were scored by O'Byrne, Cartwright and Roberts. Broome converted one try.

May 27th, v. Tukapa A—Lost 7-8. This was the first game played after the holidays. The inside back line was troubled a great deal by the Tukapa wing-forward. McCulloch played a fine game at full-back. Strickland, Mason and Lander showed up in the forwards.

June 3, v. Clifton—Won 13—0. This was a harder game than the score suggests, although the backs occasionally broke down. Tries by O'Byrne and Cartwright (2); field goal by Novak.

June 10th, v. Star—Won 19—6. The field was badly cut up and the ball very slippery, but the School backs handled excellently. Riley played an excellent game and was responsible for several tries. Lander and Kerr showed up in the forwards.

June 17th, v. Old Boys—Won 35—3. The ground was dry and the fast School backs had a feast of the ball, as the Old Boys' junior team this year was comparatively weak. It was, however, a game played in a very friendly spirit.

June 24th, v. Tukapa B—Won 14—3. A hard, open game, which showed some really sparkling football by School under the handicap of the Tukapa team's spoiling tactics.

July 8th, v. Uruti—Won 30—6. This was a good, clean game, played in a very friendly manner. The Uruti backs were, however, outclassed by the School backs. An amusing interlude was provided when a Maori player in the Uruti team took off his boots and played in his bare feet. Tries were scored by Cartwright (3), Novak (3), Broome; one conversion by Broome; Novak kicked a penalty and a field goal.

July 15th, v. Star—Won 13—8. This game was contested much more strongly than the previous match. The inside backs showed up well, and Cartwright and O'Byrne, on the wings, played spectacular games. The forwards played one of the best loose games of the season, but neither team had any superiority in the scrums. Tries were scored by Cartwright (2); O'Byrne kicked a penalty goal and Novak a field goal.

July 22nd, v. Tukapa A—Lost 9—10. This game was as closely contested as the score suggests and was a very interesting game to watch. Tries were scored by Baunton, O'Byrne and Cartwright.

July 29th, v. Clifton—Won 6—0. This game was played in pouring rain and on a ground that had been badly cut up by a previous game. The conditions prohibited back play and the game resolved itself into a struggle between the opposing packs. Tries were scored by Cartwright and Broome.

August 12th, v. Old Boys—Won 25—3. School's superiority both in back and forward play was evident from the commencement of the game. Strickland was very prominent in the line-outs. The back line did not meet much opposition from those opposed to them, and Riley and Novak broke through many times. McCulloch, at full-back, was kicking with his usual accuracy.

Second Fifteen.

June 3rd, v. Star—Lost 0—15. July 8th, v. Tukapa—Lost 3—17.
 June 10th, v. Tukapa—Lost 0—8. July 15th, v. Star—Won 12—3.
 June 17th, v. Star—Lost 0—7. July 29th, v. Tukapa—Lost 6—16.
 June 24th—A bye.

Fourth Grade "A."

June 3rd, v. Tukapa—Lost 0—6. July 8th, v. Tukapa—Lost 4—14.
 June 10th, v. Clifton—Lost 0—6. July 15th, v. Clifton—Drew 11—11
 June 17th—A bye. July 29th, v. Clifton—Lost 0—3.
 June 24th, v. Star—Won 5—3. August 12th, v. Tukapa—Lost 3—14.

Fourth Grade "B."

June 3rd, v. Clifton—Lost 3—12. June 24th—A bye.
 June 10th, v. Star—Lost 0—6. July 8th, v. Clifton—Lost 0—30.
 June 17th, v. Tukapa—Lost 0—27. July 15th, v. Star—Lost 3—25.

Fifth Grade "A."

June 3rd, v. Star—Won 9—3. July 15th, v. Star—Won 13—3.
 June 17th, v. Tukapa—Won 15—9. July 22nd v. Tukapa—Won 12—11.
 June 24th, v. Star—Won 16—12. July 29th, v. Star—Draw 6—6.
 July 8th, v. Tukapa—Draw 11—11. August 12th, v. Toko—Won.

Fifth Grade "B."

June 17th, v. Star—Lost 3—18. July 15th, v. Tukapa—Won 15—3.
 June 24th, v. Tukapa—lost 9—12. July 22nd v. Star—Won 12—11.
 July 8th, v. Star—Lost 0—27. July 29th, v. Tukapa—Draw 6—6.

Results of the House competitions are as follows:—

"A" Grade.—West defeated Pridham, 11—0; Carrington defeated East, 9—8; Central defeated School, 16—14; West defeated East, 13—9; Central, a bye. Final: West defeated Central by 11 points to 9.

"B" Grade.—First round: West House defeated School, 6—0; Carrington defeated Central, 27—6; Pridham defeated East, 24—12; Central B, a bye. Second round: Carrington defeated West, 3—0; Pridham won from Central B by default. In the final Carrington defeated Pridham by 6 points to 3.

"C" Grade.—First round: East defeated West, 9—3; School defeated Central, 5—0; Pridham defeated Carrington, 9—3. Second round: East defeated School, 5—3; Pridham had the bye. Final: Pridham defeated East by 6 points to 3.

ATHLETIC NOTES

(F. J. Duncan and J. B. Woodward.)

During the course of the year, a Sports Committee consisting of G. L. Watt, R. Riley, J. B. Woodward, Q. A. Thompson, I. H. Kerr, R. Mason and F. J. Novak, was elected to control the fortnightly activities of the Club. To avoid clashing with other sporting activities we were granted the use of the top ground every other Thursday, and all other sports on that day were cancelled. The

initial meeting of the Athletic Club was, as evidenced by the wholehearted enthusiasm and the large fields competing in each event, an outstanding success. An attractive feature of the meetings is that in every case they are conducted by the boys themselves.

On Tuesday, November 7th., the first meeting of the N.P.A.A. and C.C. took place, where School was represented by the three track events, field events and two relay teams. Several of our most promising athletes recently joined the Club, namely, R. J. Walls, O. Adam and J. B. Woodward. We hope to hear glowing accounts of their prowess in the near future.

The meetings in the Park coupled with our own sporting activities provide plenty of scope for those who are desirous of improving the standard of athletics throughout the School and consequently give every potential champion that regular training and occasional competition, without which an athlete cannot possibly hope to succeed.

We wish to thank Mr. Croker and the Club officials for their untiring interest in School athletics, also Mr. E. Booth for the coaching which we received from him in field events.

For the benefit of those who are considering taking up athletics seriously, we would like to add that coaching classes for sprinters and distance runners under the guidance of G. L. Watt and J. B. Woodward respectively are now in full operation.

Annual Sports. (F. J. Duncan and W. R. Baunton.)

Preceded by a week of delightful weather, Saturday, November 4th., was no exception. A gloriously fine day, tempered by a light breeze, made conditions ideal. During the course of the day, however, only one record was broken, J. Marsh being successful in the 120 yards Junior Hurdles, his time being 17 1-5 seconds, 2-5 second less than the former record held by C. Kjestrup.

The victories in each Championship class were very clear cut. G. Watt annexed the Senior Championship, J. Marsh the Junior, and H. Moffitt the Under 14 Championship. The Old Boys' Race this year was won by C. Booth in the surprisingly fast time of 10 2-5 seconds.

Our thanks are once more due to all those who rendered any assistance, especially to the Ladies' Committee, who were responsible for the afternoon tea arrangements, and to Messrs. Lightband and Son for their kindness in allowing us to enjoy the benefits of their broadcasting system.

Results of Championships:—

Senior.—G. L. Watt (27 points) 1, I. H. Kerr (14 points) 2, M. A. Cartwright (12 points) 3.

Junior.—J. J. Marsh (23½ points) 1, G. Jacka (16 points) 2, J. Dorgan (10 points) 3.

Under 14.—H. Moffitt (16 points) 1, A. G. Smith (9 points) 2, D. Wilson (7 points) 3.

Senior Championship Events.

100 Yards.—First heat (championship): Watt 1, Cartwright 2, Kerr 3; time, 10 3-5sec. Second heat: Miller 1, Dee 2; time, 11 1-5sec. Third heat: Taylor and Walls 1 (equal); time, 11 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Mason 1, Mount 2; time, 11sec. Fifth heat: Short 1, Barnicoat 2; time, 11 1-5sec. Sixth heat: Kea 1, Slade 2; time, 11sec. Seventh heat: Wood 1, Lagor 2; time, 11sec. Final: Watt 1, Lagor 2, Wood 3; time, 10 4-5sec.

440 Yards (Old Boys' Shield).—Kerr 1, Watt 2, Cartwright 3; time, 56 1-5sec.

880 Yards (Mason Memorial Cup).—Kerr 1, Gould 2, Watt 3; time, 2min. 15 1-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles (Mr. Noakes's Cup).—First heat (championship): Cartwright 1, Watt 2, Gould 3; time, 17 3-5sec. Second heat: Grant and Walls 1 equal; time, 17 1-5sec. Third heat: Mason 1; time, 16 4-5sec. Final: Mason 1, Grant 2, Mount 3; time, 16 2-5sec.

High Jump.—G. L. Watt (5ft. 3in.) 1, A. H. Lewis (5ft. 2in.) 2, Gould and Walls (5ft. 1in.) 3 equal.

Long Jump.—R. Mason (scr.) 21ft. 5in. 1, Watt (scr.) 20ft. 7in. 2, Roper (3in.) 20ft. 5in. 3.

Junior Championship Events.

100 Yards.—First heat (championship): Jacka 1, Wanklyn 2, Marsh 3; time 11 1-5sec. Second heat: Ryburn 1; time, 11 2-5sec. Third heat: Snelling 1; time, 11 1-5sec. Fourth heat: Ewing 1; time, 11 1-5sec. Fifth heat: J. Brown 1; time, 11sec. Sixth heat: P. Carter 1; time, 12sec. Seventh heat: Duxfield 1; time, 12 1-5sec. Eighth heat: Butler and Davidson equal 1; time, 12sec. Ninth heat: Cooper 1; time, 12sec. Tenth heat: Mehrtens 1; time, 11 4-5sec. Final: J. Brown 1, Ryburn 2, Ewing 3; time, 11sec.

440 Yards (Mrs. Bothamley's Cup).—Jacka 1, Marsh 2, Wanklyn 3; time, 57 2-5sec.

880 Yards (Mr. Gilmour's Cup).—Marsh 1, Jacka 2, Hunter 3; time, 2min. 27sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—First heat (championship): Marsh 1, Dorgan 2, Hunter 3; time, 17 1-5sec. Second heat: Watty 1, Cramp 2, Hartley 3; time, 19 1-5sec. Final: Marsh 1, Watty 2, Hunter 3; time, 17 1-5 sec.

High Jump.—Dorgan (5ft. 1in.) 1, Scott (4ft. 11in.) 2, Marsh, Church and Hunter equal 3 (4ft. 8in.).

Long Jump.—Ryburn (4in.) (19ft. 0in.) 1, Marsh (18ft. 10in.) 2, Jacka and Morgan (18ft. 6in.) 3 equal.

Under 14 Championship.

100 Yards.—First heat (championship): Moffitt 1, Brown 2, Scott 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Second heat: Corbett 1, Lewis 2, Sutherland 3; time, 12 1-5sec. Third heat: Beamish 1, Jones 2, Corrigan 3; time, 12sec. Fourth heat: Peach 1, Watkins 2, Baldwin 3; time, 12 3-5sec. Final: Beamish 1, Wood 2, Moffitt 3; time, 11 3-5sec.

75 Yards.—First heat (championship): Moffitt 1, Brown 2, Smith 3; time, 9 1-5sec. Second heat: Corbett 1, Corrigan 2, Lewis 3; time, 9 1-5sec. Third heat: Peach 1, Weston 2, Wills 3; time, 9 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Woofinden 1, Meuli 2, Sutherland 3; time, 9 2-5sec. Final: Peach 1, Smith 2, Woofinden 3; time, 9 1-5sec.

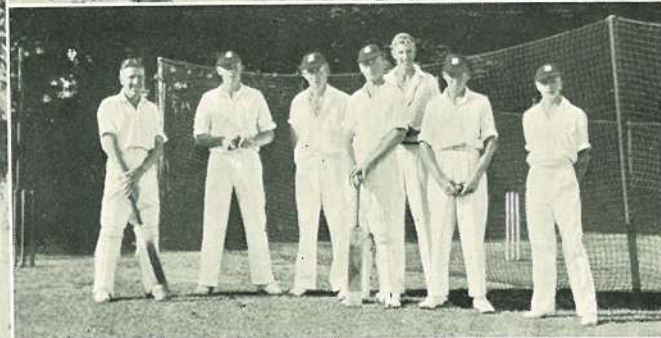
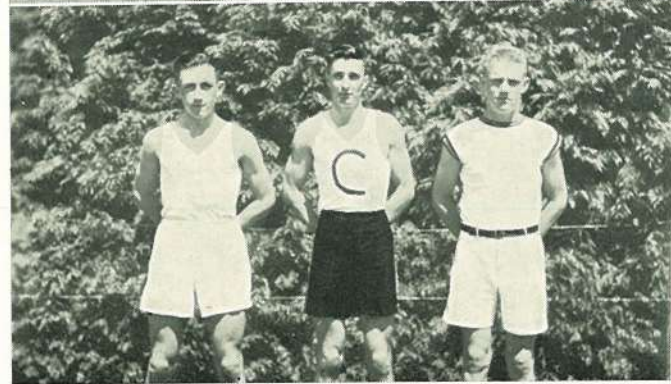
220 Yards.—First heat (championship): Moffitt 1, Smith 2, Brown 3; time, 28sec. Second heat: Caldwell 1, Meuli 2, Jones 3; time, 29 2-5 sec. Third heat: Peach 1, Dutton 2, Lewis 3; time, 29 1-5sec. Final: Smith 1, Peach 2, Craig 3; time, 29 3-5sec.

Handicap Events.

150 Yards Open (Mr. A. J. Ward's Cup).—First heat: Brown 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Second heat: Taylor 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Third heat: R. Mason 1; time, 16sec. Fourth heat: D. Mount 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Ryburn 1; time, 16 1-5sec. Sixth heat: Kea 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Seventh heat: Rae 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Eighth heat: Snelling 1; time, 16 2-5sec. Ninth heat: R. Bell 1; time, 16 1-5sec. Tenth heat: M. Mander 1; time, 17 1-5sec. Eleventh heat: Butler 1; time, 16 4-5sec. Twelfth heat: H. Watt 1; time, 16sec. Final: R. Bell 1, R. Mason 2, H. Watt 3; time, 16sec.

220 Yards Open (Herbert Smith Cup).—First heat: H. Watt 1, Bright 2; time, 26 4-5sec. Second heat: Mehrstens 1, Henry 2; time, 26sec. Third heat: Ewing 1, Taylor 2; time, 26sec. Fourth heat: Roper 1, Gallaher 2; time, 26 2-5sec. Fifth heat: Kea 1, Mander 2; time, 25 4-5sec. Sixth heat: Snelling 1, Novak 2; time, 25sec. Seventh heat: O'Byrne 1, Adams 2; time, 26sec. Final: O'Byrne 1, Watt 2, Mehrstens 3; time, 25 2-5.

One Mile Senior (Dr. E. F. Fookes' Cup).—A. Thompson 1, J. Woodward 2, I. McLeod 3; time, 5min. 1 3-5sec.



Top: Surf Team, 1939.
Bottom: Athletic Champions.

Top: Alpine Club.
Bottom: 1st XI at practice.

One Mile Junior (Mr. B. W. Grieve's Cup).—B. Kay 1, Jones 2, Morgan 3; time, 5min. 13 1-5sec.

880 Yards Senior.—R. Bell 1, Heskett 2, J. Woodward 3; time, 2min. 9sec.

880 Yards Junior.—A. Paul 1, Holmes 2, Kearns 3; time, 2min. 15sec.

440 Yards Senior.—Adam 1, Hawkins 2, Heskett 3; time, 55 2-5 sec.

440 Yards Junior.—Snelling 1, Hone 2, Holmes 3; time, 58sec.

75 Yards (Under 13).—Hawke 1, J. Jones 2; time, 10sec.

100 Yards (Under 15).—First heat: Watty 1, Moffitt 2; time, 11 2-5sec. Second heat: Robb 1, Eggers 2; time, 11 2-5sec. Third heat: Davidson 1, Florence 2; time, 12 1-5sec. Fourth heat: McLennan 1, Mount 2; time, 12 1-5sec. Fifth heat: Mander 1, Hen-nah 2; time, 12 1-5sec. Sixth heat: J. Brown 1, B. Brown 2; time, 11sec. Seventh heat: Beamish 1, Morrison 2; time, 12sec. Eighth heat: Russell 1, Gørdiner 2; time, 12sec. Final: Brown 1, Watty 2, Beamish 3; time, 10 4-5sec.

75 Yards (Under 12).—Hawke 1, Hooker 2, Bottrill 3; time, 9 3-5 sec.

Sack Race, 75 Yards.—First heat: C. N. Cole 1, Eggers 2. Second heat: Meuli 1, Craig 2. Final: Meuli 1, Cole 2, Eggers 3.

Three-legged Race, 75 Yards.—Final: Lewis and Collins 1, Thompson and Harris 2, Watkins and Caldwell 3.

100 Yards (Under 12).—Hawke 1, Hooker 2 Bottril and McCracken 3 (equal); time, 12 4-5sec.

Potato Race (Over 14).—First heat: N. Cole. Second heat: Mac-Farlane. Third heat: G. Mount. Final: Florence 1, Lobb 2, G. Mount 3.

Potato Race (Under 14).—First heat: R. Cole. Second heat: D. Wilson. Third heat: Jackson. Final: Wilson 1, Jackson 2.

Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards (Pridham Cup).—E. Booth 1, L. Han-nan 2, Cliff 3; time, 10 2-5sec.

Inter-house Relay Race.—Carrington 1, School 2, Central 3.

Field Events.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—E. B. Anderson (88yds. 0ft. 0in.).

Hop, Step and Jump.—G. L. Watt (41ft. 8in.).

Putting the Shot.—J. R. Grant (29ft.).

Throwing the Discus.—R. H. Granger (74ft. 10in.).

Steeplechase Notes.

(F. J. Duncan and J. B. Woodward.)

Graced by a fine day, with a light wind, the annual Steeplechases held on October 6th were a conspicuous success. With ideal running conditions, extremely fast times were recorded, especially in the Senior event, Q. A. Thompson registering 16 minutes 1 second.

The usual crop of humorous incidents associated with the running of these events occurred, but were more than offset by the pleasing degree of fitness, due to the number of training runs organised by the Athletic Club.

Our thanks are once more due to the Committee of the New Plymouth Golf Club for the use of their course, while to the winners of the various classes we extend our most hearty congratulations.

Results:—**Junior:**

R. I. Shepherd (60sec.), 10min. 50 4-5sec.	1
N. W. Corbett (50sec.), 10min. 58sec.	2
S. L. Caldwell (50sec.), 11min. 9sec.	3
K. Hodgson (40sec.), 11min. 2sec.	4
D. R. McDonald (50sec.), 11min. 13sec.	5
K. M. Jackson (60sec.), 11min. 27sec.	6
R. W. Old (50sec.), 11min. 24sec.	7
L. A. May (50sec.), 11min. 25sec.	8
S. N. Tingey (30sec.), 11min. 4sec.	9
E. J. Jennings (40sec.), 11min. 15sec.	10
A. G. Smith (scr.), 10min. 45sec.	11

Then followed: K. V. Barns, Dunbar, G. R. Lewis, B. T. Price, M. W. Beamish, E. M. Meuli, R. Harrison, R. S. Collins, H. O. Moffitt.

Fastest Times:

A. G. Smith (10min. 45sec.)	1
R. I. Shepherd (10min. 50 4-5sec.)	2
N. W. Corbett (10min. 58sec.)	3
K. Hodgson (11min. 2sec.)	4
S. N. Tingey (11min. 4sec.)	5
S. L. Caldwell (11min. 9sec.)	6
D. R. McDonald (11min. 13sec.)	7
E. J. Jennings (11min. 15sec.)	8
R. Harrison (11min. 18sec.)	9
H. O. Moffitt (11min. 20sec.)	10

Intermediate:

J. P. Morgan (60sec.), 13min. 32 1-5sec.	1
D. Hall (60sec.), 13min. 41sec.	2
G. C. Dutton (70sec.), 13min. 57sec.	3
C. N. Cole (90sec.), 14min. 43sec.	4
S. J. Pryme (60sec.), 14min. 15sec.	5

A. E. Davidson (50sec.), 14min. 10sec.	6
M. E. Jones (40sec.), 14min. 2sec.	7
S. R. Holmes (80sec.), 14min. 45sec.	8
M. J. Millman (70sec.), 14min. 40sec.	9
A. J. Clarke (60sec.), 14min. 32sec.	10
D. N. Sykes (30sec.), 14min. 4sec.	11
S. A. Hunter (scr.), 13min. 42sec.	12

Then followed: A. A. Duff, A. G. Bone, C. K. Eggers, A. W. McKoy, A. J. Duxfield, W. A. Kearns, B. R. Kay, G. B. Farquhar.

Fastest Times:

J. P. Morgan (13min. 32 1-5sec.)	1
D. Hall (13min. 41sec.)	2
S. A. Hunter (13min. 42sec.)	3
B. R. Kay (13min. 53sec.)	4
G. C. Dutton (13min. 57sec.)	5
M. E. Jones (14min. 2sec.)	6
D. N. Sykes (14min. 4sec.)	7
A. E. Davidson (14min. 10sec.)	8
A. J. Duxfield (14min. 13sec.)	9
J. J. Marsh (14min. 14sec.)	10

Senior:

A. Eriwata (50sec.), 16min. 34 3-5sec.	1
L. M. Scrimshaw (90sec.), 17min. 17sec.	2
D. G. Attrill (70sec.), 17min. 13sec.	3
A. C. Kay (80sec.), 17min. 14sec.	4
W. H. Dean (50sec.) 16min. 45sec.	5
L. J. Shaw (60sec.), 16min. 56sec.	6
N. I. McLeod (20sec.), 16min. 17sec.	7
A. H. Standish (60sec.), 16min. 58sec.	8
S. R. Attrill (50sec.), 16min. 51sec.	9
Q. A. Thompson (scr.), 16min. 1sec.	10
J. B. Woodward (scr.), 16min. 2sec.	11
G. C. Hawkins (40sec.), 16min. 54sec.	12

Then followed: B. A. Parker, B. J. Brown, F. S. Pollock, R. A. Roper, D. J. Burgess, G. B. Allen, N. J. Heal, A. D. McLennan.

Fastest Times:

Q. A. Thompson (16min. 1sec.)	1
J. B. Woodward (16min. 2sec.)	2
N. I. McLeod (16min. 17sec.)	3
A. Eriwata (16min. 34 3-5sec.)	4
A. D. McLennan (16min. 44sec.)	5
W. H. Dean (16min. 45sec.)	6
G. B. Allen (16min. 48sec.)	7
G. C. Hawkins (16min. 54sec.)	8
L. G. Shaw (16min. 56sec.)	9
A. H. Standish (16min. 58sec.)	10*
R. A. Roper (16min. 58sec.)	10*
D. G. Attrill (17min. 3sec.)	12

Championship Points:

Under 14.—A. G. Smith 5, R. C. Harrison 3, H. Moffitt 1.
Junior.—S. Hunter 5, J. Marsh 3, G. Jacka 1.
Senior.—G. L. Watt 5, N. Cartwright 3, W. James 1.

AGRICULTURE NOTES

The new dairy season on the School farm started with dry weather and we have so far been rather short of milking feed. This, following on an autumn with practically no growth and a long damp winter, has tended to lower production.

The following paddocks are closed for cutting: Nos. 17, 19, 20 for hay, Nos. 4 and 7a for pit ensilage, and No. 11 for stack ensilage. Here again the dry weather has caused the grasses to bolt up to seed and there is not much bottom in the pastures.

At the time of writing, however, we have had several freshening rains and this should help to improve the feed situation.

We now have 27 cows in milk, with three others dry. Recently, in accordance with a plan to prevent overstocking, we sold off some of the young dairy stock, and caught a good market at the Waiwakaiho sales, with unexpected prices. We have retained several promising calves.

Plots.

We have progressed a further step with the establishment of grass and clover trials covering at least two full years, making the second spring sowing, with an excellent take. In the year-old group we are able to appreciate the permanence of the perennial ryes; the Italians have more or less died out. In both these and the white clovers there is an obvious superiority of selected strains over commercial and wild types.

Of the autumn-sown group all are showing well the relative spring growth, but the Italian type are the most impressive.

A set of turf samples donated by the Department of Agriculture after the Winter Show and laid down in the plots have also proved very instructive, though, already, the influence of the good soil beneath is levelling off the differences.

Small areas of four varieties of mangels and one of sugar beet have been sown, and 24 rows of different varieties of soya beans.

In the bottom half the main crop this year is of carrots, with a fair area of beans.

The usual tree seed-beds have been laid down. Good work has been done in the native tree area by the gymnasium and most of the trees are now well established and are growing vigorously.

The main vegetable garden, which has been added to the farm, is now in full working order and is producing well. Those who remember the old No. 26 paddock with its poor feed mainly of weeds, would certainly be impressed with the neat plots of vegetables and the absence of the twitch which cost so many weary hours to eradicate. The cutting down of the belt of pines on the No. 25 boundary is a decided improvement, because it has let in more light and stopped root competition.

Farm Stock.

The School sheep are in good condition, after a good lambing, and shearing is completed. We have also finished off the seasonal work on the racecourse flock.

In the piggeries the plan of re-sowing has had to be postponed as we have needed the full accommodation. During the half-year three sows farrowed, the Berkshire with nine, and the Tamworths with eight and five. We are also carrying 14 stores at the present time. The installation of an electric potato peeler in the School kitchen has cut off the valuable supply of peelings.

The mare "Lady" is back from her spell at Hillsborough and the colt is putting on a little more size before we commence breaking in.

General.

The routine work of tidying up has gone smoothly and the farm is probably cleaner now than ever before in its history. At the present time the major job is that of pushing up the main drain, completed through No. 12, through No. 6, thereby draining a fair area of raupo.

An additional poultry house has been built. This will be used mainly for chicken rearing.

We are hoping to get in several excursions after examinations. Recently a number of senior boys attended a meeting of the Jersey Cattle Club.

Crops.

With No. 26 wholly devoted to vegetable growing, we have had to look round for a fresh area suitable for cultivation. This was found between the old piggeries and the cemetery—feet high in weeds. By dint of much grubbing, tree felling, burning, ploughing and many harrowings this has now been cleaned and sown in mangels. The take has been poor owing to the dry weather and we may replace some with a sowing of maize for green feed and with swedes.

A further crop of marrows and pumpkins is being grown in No. 21, the slopes on both sides of the swamp being in use.

Recently Mr. G. H. Bell recounted his trip abroad with special reference to Jerseys, in the Channel Islands, in Britain and in North America.

PREPARATORY NOTES

General.

(W. Jones and R. Tyler.)

The Prep. has had a very successful year, although we have lost three of our number. We did very well in sport, as you will see by the notes below. The Prep. room has changed considerably by the addition of more pictures to brighten it up. The library this year contains one hundred and thirty books, which is an increase of twenty books for the year.

So another year has passed, and the Prep. boys wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Football.

(C. Bottrill.)

This year the Prep. did not have a team in the group competitions, as we did not have sufficient boys from whom to pick a strong team. We played in groups from the third to the eleventh. Two of the Prep. boys, R. Wells and B. Ropiha, were in the fifth grade team that won the Taranaki championship. They were among the

best players in that team. Two of our number, R. Wells and W. Jones, represented the houses in the inter-house competitions.

Cricket.

(J. McCracken.)

The cricket season has now started, but with little success for us, as we have not enough players to put up much of a fight against the Upper School forms. Our best batsmen are T. Fisher, C. Bottrill and W. Jones. The bowlers are not at all a strong lot. However, we have all enjoyed our games.

Boxing.

(W. R. Burton.)

There were six entries for this year's Prep. boxing. Unfortunately one boy was medically unfit, and another had just come out of the hospital. Results:—

Heavy-weight.—W. Jones.

Middle-weight.—Semi-final: Fisher won by a t.k.o. Final: Fisher beat Burton, on points.

Light-weight.—W. Hawke.

Two of our boys entered among the Upper School boxers; W. Jones reached the final of the under 10st., but was defeated on points.

Gymnasium.

(F. Bright.)

This year the standard of work in the Prep. was quite good. W. Burton competed in the junior championship and won fourth place. W. Jones, I. Jones, W. Burton and T. Fisher represented us in the Third Form horse squad.

Sports.

(F. Bright and R. Tyler.)

We had a very successful day this year, and the results were as follows:—

Bill Hawke won the 75 yards under 13, 100 yards under 12, and 75 yards under 12. I. Jones came second in the 75 yards under 13. J. McCracken came third in the 75 yards under 12. C. Bottrill came third in the 75 yards under 12 and third in the 100 yards under 12. A. Hooper came second in the 75 yards under 12 and second in the 100 yards under 12. W. Jones came second in the junior mile.

Altogether ten places were won by six of our competitors.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS

Chapel Notes



(J. R. Grant.)

This term, as previously, the 9.30 School Church Service has continued as an important integral part of our School life. The success of the service is due mainly to our Chaplain, the Rev. F. Hart, and we take this opportunity of thanking him for the keen interest he takes, not only on the spiritual side of our training, but in all branches of School activity. This term marks the conclusion of Rev. Hart's third year with us, and those who remember his coming will realise how much he has improved our School Service for us.

During the term the annual Confirmation Service was held. We have to thank the Rev. Hart for preparing the candidates who this year numbered 64. The service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cherrington,



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Bishop of Waikato, who also preached the sermon. The church was filled to capacity with parents and friends, while the School Choir took part in conjunction with St. Mary's Choir.

Later in the term the organising secretary of the Students' Christian Union, Mr. Linton, gave us an interesting talk at St. Mary's Hall. This service was held in conjunction with the Girls' Bible Class and proved to be very interesting.

Perhaps the most important event in this term's Chapel was the service in memory of our Old Boys who have given their lives in the service of their country:— Cedric Whittington, Desmond Carter, Augustus Ryan and John Casey. The attendance at this service was excellent and included, parents, Old Boys, masters, the School, and representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Hart, while Archdeacon Gavin led the prayers.

On Advent Sunday the School Service was conducted by the vicar of Inglewood, to whom we express our gratitude.

We have to thank, too, all those who have helped our service by constant attendance, particularly friends of the School and Old Boys. We are glad to have them with us and we extend a particular invitation to all local and visiting Old Boys.

The one disappointing feature is still the poor attendance of day boys. In case there is still any misunderstanding we would repeat that this service is intended for the whole School and not for the boarders only.

Thus it may be seen that we have had a very satisfactory year, and to those who will be singing the well-known 577 for the last time we say "Au Revoir" and feel that for ever the influence of our Chapel life will go with them in their lives. To those returning we hope that they will continue to keep the service up to the standard to which it has been raised.

Christian Students' Union. (C. Weston and D. Rose.)

At our first meeting this year the following officers for the year were elected:—Patrons, Rev. F. Hart, Archdeacon Gavin, Mr. W. H. Moyes; president, C. W. Weston; vice-presidents, J. R. Lang, P. Moran, C. Whittington, E. Law; committee, W. M. McLeay, J. Grant, Q. Thompson, G. Washer, R. Bell, B. Anderson; secretary, D. Rose; treasurer, J. Friend.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the loss of Cedric Whittington, one of our vice-presidents, who was killed while on patrol duty over the North Sea. He was instrumental in the founding of the Christian Students' Union and did much to further its objects.

This year, although our activities have been severely handicapped by the holding of confirmation classes on Friday night, yet from the interest shown by parents and boys in the address given by Mr. J. Linton, M.A., travelling secretary of the union, one can see that there is no lack of interest in our work.

The Students' Christian Union is doing good work in the schools and colleges throughout the Dominion by giving to the future leaders of the community a good religious and moral foundation. It is, therefore, the duty of all to help, and next year we hope for a much bigger membership. The union is undenominational, and all are asked to give their full support.

School Tennis. (W. H. Gould.)

The first important undertaking this term was the top-dressing of the courts. Owing, however, to the war it was impossible to obtain any contractor who would be able to do the work, so a team of masters and boys got together, and, in one Saturday morning, did it themselves. This re-surfacing has been very successful, and any small cracks or bumps on the court have been entirely eliminated. Another improvement is the provision of new wire-netting around both the courts and the volley board.

In coaching, a record number of 140 boys took lessons. It is interesting to note that such a large number are keen on improving their tennis, and if those learning progress as rapidly as they have this term we should have some excellent competition and ladder games next

year. A new arrangement of coaching has been introduced, each House having one fixed night of the week for coaching. In addition there is a special class of 20 who are taking advanced coaching.

This term an inter-House knockout competition was held. Results:—

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First Round.

West beat Pridham by 40 games to 36. Allen 9 v. Strickland 2, Jacka 3 v. Swayne 9, Walls 9 v. Grant 11, Warren 9 v. Friend 2, Allen and Warren 9 v. Strickland and Friend 3, Jacka and Walls 1 v. Grant and Swayne 9.

Carrington beat Central, Carrington winning all six sets. Mason 9 v. Moore 0, Q. Thompson 9 v. Turner 1, Caldwell 9 v. M. Sykes 1, D. Scrimshaw 9 v. D. Sykes 2, Mason and Q. Thompson 9 v. Moore and Turner 4, D. Thomson and Scrimshaw 9 v. M. Sykes and D. Sykes 1.

Second Round.

West defeated East by 4 sets to 2. Allen 11 v. Okey 9, Warren 4 v. J. Caldwell 9, Duncan 9 v. G. Caldwell 1, Garcia 9 v. Beresford 4, Allen and Warren 7 v. J. Caldwell and Okey 9, Duncan and Garcia 9 v. G. Caldwell and Beresford 5.

School defeated Carrington by 4 sets to 2. Irvine 9 v. Mason 4, D. Caldwell 9 v. D. Thomson 7, Marsh 9 v. Q. Thompson 1, Wilks 1 v. D. Scrimshaw 9, Marsh and Caldwell 9 v. Mason and Q. Thompson 5, Irvine and Wilks 7 v. D. Thomson and D. Scrimshaw 9.

In the final West House and School House met, and West gained rather an easy victory. The scores were:—Allen 9 v. D. Caldwell 4, Warren 3 v. Irvine 9, Duncan 9 v. Marsh 6, Garcia 11 v. Wilks 9, Allen and Warren 9 v. Caldwell and Marsh 4.

The remaining doubles match was not played, West winning comfortably by 4 sets to 1.

The ladder competition has again been re-opened, and some hard matches should result from this popular competition. The top six players at present are:—Gould, Duncan, Caldwell, Irvine, Allen, Short, Anderson.

Towards the end of the term, a number of films on tennis were shown at the school. They were instructive in the art of forehand and backhand driving, and included also the volley and the smash. All orthodox strokes were carefully explained, and the films even included such tennis stars as Perry, Malfroy, Crawford and Miss Dorothy Round. They were very helpful and no doubt the large number who attended the presentation of these pictures departed with a better knowledge of tennis, its intricacies and its technique.

Cadet Battalion.

(I. H. Kerr.)

Throughout the term the usual high standard of drill has been maintained throughout the battalion, the younger boys in C and D companies showing a great interest in the work with a consequent high state of efficiency.

A notable change in the routine has been the adoption of the new threes formation which has sounded the death knell of the order "Form fours!" and the inevitable "Wait for it!" from the sergeant-major.

Recently we lost the services of Mr. Bertrand, who retired from active command of the battalion several years ago. While in command he helped to lay the foundations of the efficiency of which we are so proud to-day. Mr. Bertrand has received the appointment to second-in-command of the Maori battalion of the First Echelon of the New Zealand special force with the rank of Major. We take this opportunity of wishing him all the best of luck in his new position.

Another factor in the increasing efficiency of the battalion has been the N.C.O.'s classes, which are held every Wednesday after school. The junior N.C.O.'s are being trained to give orders and in elementary work while the senior boys are being given more advanced work in such subjects as musketry and field tactics.

The Battalion has been on several route marches when its smart appearance and easy swing have been complimented by the onlookers. On the occasion of the parade of No. 2 Division of the Special Reserve Force at the memorial service held at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day of this year the band provided four drummers who acquitted themselves well and maintained the standard expected of the band.

Gymnasium.

(D. L. Wilks.)

We have been fortunate this year in having Mr. Lucas as a full-time resident master. We are very grateful for the amount of work that he has given to the gymnasium, and there is no doubt that this has been largely responsible for the great improvement in the general standard of gymnastics.

This year each Form has had one period a week of physical drill as well as the usual gym. period.

The championships were held on November 23rd before a large crowd of parents and boys. Our thanks are due to the Y.M.C.A., who kindly lent us a bar, and to Dr. G. Walker and Mr. D. Sykes, who again acted as judges. In addition to the championships, displays were given by a Third Form squad on the low horse, and by a senior squad on the high horse.

Results of the championships were:—

Senior.—D. L. Wilks, 183 points, 1; N. I. McLead, 178, 2; L. Carthew, 176½, 3.

Intermediate.—J. J. Marsh, 236½ points, 1; R. Whitwell, 196½, 2; R. Scott, 189½, 3.

Junior.—R. Tingey, 69½ points, 1; J. Smith, 60, 2; K. Barnes, 59½, 3.

The Hoskin Cup for the highest aggregate was won by J. J. Marsh with 84.4 per cent., and D. L. Wilks was second with 76.2.

Library Notes.

(D. L. Wilks.)

It is with great satisfaction that we are able to record that after many years of waiting we have at last a library building worthy of the institution. Since the last issue of the "Taranakian," when we attempted to describe its architecture, the interior has been furnished in a style suitable to the dignity of the rest of the building. On the left of the main door shelves, of the same timber as the panelled walls, have been arranged so as to form five deep bays, each devoted to books of one type and furnished each with a small, but solid, highly-polished table and four chairs. On the right of the entrance seven longer tables of the same type each seat ten. The noise nuisance of a bare floor has been considerably reduced by a strip of cork linoleum down the centre. The result is an interior light and airy but lofty and dignified, creating that quiet, studious atmosphere to which no boy can fail to respond.

Already the library is very popular with the boys, and there has been no difficulty with the silence rule. We are confident that the boys will appreciate this very valuable acquisition and treat it in a way which it deserves.

Of the set of new rules evolved, the principal one provides that, to prevent the wear on bindings, no books are to be available for circulation but must be read in the building.

We take this opportunity of thanking all those friends who have given books, and especially we would like to thank Mr. P. J. White for his liberal donation of 250 books. We also have to acknowledge gifts from Messrs. F. E. Clarke, W. Cartwright, G. Bell, A. R. Lucas, A. J. Papps and W. F. Tett, and a beautifully framed and coloured copy of Magna Carta from Mr. W. H. Skinner. In addition many boys and parents have contributed volumes of various types. While expressing our gratitude to these generous donors, we would remind all readers that, now we have this handsome and well-furnished building, we are anxious to build up the library to worthy proportions. We therefore appeal to their generosity for donations of anything which they may consider useful or instructive in a school library.

Badminton Notes.

(D. L. Wilks.)

Badminton, though only established last year, has already taken its place as one of the popular sports of the School. The membership this year is almost double that of last, and especially pleasing is the large number of younger players, many of whom are showing excellent form.

We would like to thank the members of the New Plymouth Club for the coaching they have given us, and also Mr. R. Isaacs for his donation of a cup for competition.

The number of entries for the championships was so great that it was found necessary to play off three championships instead of two as last year. The standard of play in all three divisions was much higher than last year and with a little more practice we should be able to turn out a team that would compare favourably with any of the local clubs.

Results of the championships were:—

Senior Singles.—F. J. Novak.

Senior Doubles.—J. Irvine and D. L. Wilks.

Junior Singles.—J. J. Marsh.

Junior Doubles.—P. Badley and M. Hennah.

Under 14 Singles.—P. Badley.

Under 14 Doubles.—P. Badley and D. Murley.

Alpine Notes.

(W. H. Gould and J. K. Paterson.)

Owing to transport difficulties the activity of the Alpine Club has been somewhat limited this term. Towards the end of last term, however, we had some very enjoyable trips. In the first, we did not have the good fortune to encounter conditions suitable for ski-ing, but we made the ascent to the hut. Several members of the party derived great pleasure in sledging in Hut Valley.

In the next trip a white mantle of snow was covering even the countryside far below the gates. Here we stopped for several minutes and a brisk encounter with snowballs ensued. Once again we entered the bus, but half-way up the track it became stuck, and we eagerly clambered out on to the snow and continued up the track. Soon we heard the bus grinding up behind us, and we were forced to make a hasty embarkation. On reaching the Old House we discovered that we would be unable to climb to the hut, as conditions higher up were very unfavourable. At the Old House another bout of snow-balling occurred, in which representatives of the Old Women's Brigade, ably led by those in charge of party, suffered an ignoble defeat at the hands of our hardy and experienced enthusiasts.

Around the Hostel and the Old House there was, in some places, about a foot of snow, and on the open ground between them some of us enjoyed excellent ski-ing, for which the snow was perfect. Added to these delights, there was the thrill of tobogganing at a snappy pace down the ice-covered track, and it was a tired but happy party that sang its way homewards at night fall.

This term we were to have had the Secondary School Ski-ing Championships of Taranaki, and all arrangements had been completed, but unfortunately the day coincided with a special memorial service at St. Mary's, so the trip was cancelled.

In no trips organised by the club has any accident occurred, and this is a fine record considering the number held, and great keenness has been displayed by some members, who have arranged several trips of their own.

The School branch of the Alpine Club is rapidly recruiting new members, and we can assuredly anticipate a highly successful season next year.

Debating Club.

The principal events of the term have been a Saturday evening debate on the Government's Social Security Scheme, and the annual contests for the debating and oratory championships.

The subject, "The Government's Social Security Scheme is doomed to failure" brought a large and enthusiastic audience as well as a particularly large number of speakers on each side. The controversy which raged hotly throughout was nevertheless conducted in an atmosphere of complete good humour, and was responsible for some very fine speeches. W. M. McLeay, and A. D. McLennan were the principal speakers for the affirmative, while G. Caldwell and J. G. Grant led for the negative. All the arguments which have become so well-known to all who have listened to the Parliamentary Debates on the subject, were duly produced, together with a few more dealing with the effects of the scheme on school life. These latter provoked a good deal of mirth. Over twenty speakers faced the audience, and the general level of the speeches was quite high. A particularly pleasing part of the debate was the able way in which the two leaders summed up at the end. The motion was declared carried on the voices. At the conclusion, the chairman, Mr. Papps, gave a general criticism of the speeches, and added a few hints on voice intonation and control.

The annual contests for the Senior Debating Cup presented by the Wellington Old Boys' Association and for the Junior Oratory Cup presented by Mr. L. M. Moss, were held towards the end of this term, and created a great deal of interest.

In the Junior Oratory each form held trials and the following boys were adjudged winners: Dent 4 Cl.; Snelling IV G1; Duff IV E.P.; Batchelor IV Ag.; Lees IV. EV; Harrison III Cl; N. Brown III G1; J. Brown III G2; Milne III G3; Guise III E.P.; Wood III EV.; and Steele III Ag.



ORCHESTRA, 1939.

Back.—C. G. Wood, A. J. Duxfield, R. L. Shepherd, B. B. Miles, J. J. G. Barnicoat.
Front.—R. L. Thompson, B. Shakes, S. L. Caldwell, C. S. Bremer, D. R. Caldwell.

The above met in a preliminary contest and Dent, Snelling, Duff and Harrison were left to contest the final. The winner of this was Snelling. He spoke on "Richthofen—"German Air Ace"—in a quiet emphatic manner, both the subject matter, and delivery being exceptionally good. His win was very popular. Dent who spoke on the subject "Eyre, the Australian Explorer," was also very good, but he perhaps delayed too much in approaching the subject matter, and his speech was thus rather vague. Harrison, who spoke on the "Command of the Seas," is still a very young speaker and showed distinct promise. Duff's speech on "Abraham Lincoln" was very good, but was inclined to be over emphatic.

No fewer than 12 competitors entered for the Senior Debating: G. N. Caldwell and W. McLeay; W. H. Gould and D. N. Caldwell; J. L. Mason and H. P. Webster; D. L. Wilks and P. Henry; J. J. Barnicoat and J. R. Grant, and J. E. Church and C. W. Weston. The subject chosen was: "That the Englishman of 1700 was happier than is the Englishman of to-day." After a series of preliminary debates, J. J. Barnicoat and J. R. Grant, and W. H. Gould and D. N. Caldwell were left in the final.

Barnicoat opened the debate for the affirmative and although he spoke in a quiet voice he made up for this by the excellence of the subject matter. Then followed Gould for the negative. He, too, possessed good subject matter, but his speech was rather spoilt by a jerky delivery. Grant then spoke for the affirmative. This was perhaps the best debating speech of the day, the subject matter being good and delivery excellent. Caldwell spoke very well, and endeavoured to counter the arguments of his opponents. Of the summing-up of the two leaders, Barnicoat was definitely superior. The central theme of his closing speech was a definition of happiness.

Mr. L. M. Moss, who was judge of both the Senior and Junior contests, decided in favour of Grant and Barnicoat. The debates and speeches were held in the Gymnasium in the presence of the whole School, the standard being well up to that shown in the past. At the conclusion Mr. Moyes, who presided, expressed the thanks of the School to Mr. Moss for again acting as judge, and for the practical interest he had always taken in public speaking at the School over a period of many years.

Shooting Notes.

(J. N. King.)

The lack of the supply of .303 ammunition made the date of the Trophy matches uncertain. Long-range enthusiasts were kept in a state of suspense till the last moment, when supplies in sufficient quantity were obtained.

As a result no practice was possible, nor were we able to benefit from the effective coaching of Mr. Bertrand, who was recently called up for active service.

A steady drizzle, driven by a fairly fresh cross wind, made conditions unpleasant and difficult for the competitors, but after the peculiarities of unfamiliar rifles had been mastered some really excellent marksmanship was displayed. Steady shooting and good judgment enabled the more practiced marksmen to triumph over the novices, who, however, shot well, even though previously unacquainted with .303 firing.

The efficient service of the volunteers in the butt party, under Sergeant-Major Bell, to whom our thanks are due, was much appreciated and contributed largely to the smooth running of the competitions.

The results were as follows:—

MACDIARMID BELT.

	200yds. (25)	Snap (20)	500yds. (25)	Total (70)
P. Henry	21	20	18	59
B. Lambert	18	16	25	59
I. Field	22	20	16	58
E. Davies	20	16	20	56

Henry won on a count-back.

KELLY CUP.

	200yds. (25)	Snap (20)	500yds. (25)	Total (70)
B. Lambert	23	20	22	65
I. Field	24	20	18	62
R. Granger	23	12	20	55
P. Henry	20	16	19	55

SEARLE CUP (25yds.)

	10 rounds appli- cation (50)	10 rounds 60sec. (50)	Total (100)
C. Sutherland	37	45	82
B. Lambert	33	41	74
R. J. Bell	33	34	67
J. N. King	41	22	63

HAMBLYN CUP (.22, 25yds.).

	Application (35)	Rapid (50)	Total (85)
P. Bell	30	37	67
J. N. King	26	36	62

LOVEDAY CUP (Under 15).

	Application (25)	Rapid (35)	Total (60)
B. Smith	9	20	29
T. Lithgow	7	17	24

McLEOD & SLADE CUP (Under 15).

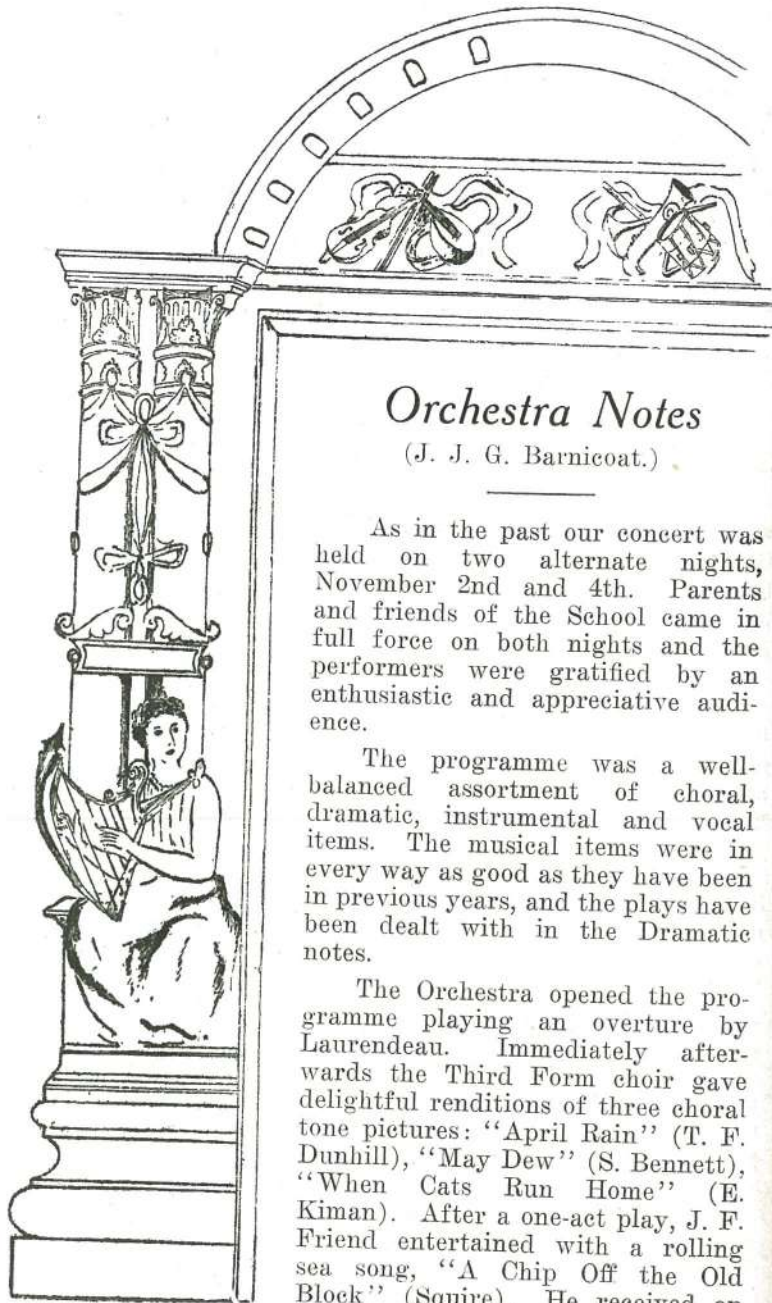
	Application (25)	Rapid (35)	Total (60)
K. Barnes	18	25	43
G. Moral	12	23	35

An ample supply of .22 ammunition dispelled a fear, which assailed their .303 brethren, from the minds of the .22 enthusiasts. The quantity enabled regular practices by platoons to be carried, and the system proved itself as equally successful as last term, further justifying its establishment.

In anticipation of large entries, qualification by class firing was considered necessary. A standard of 45 per cent. was required, but as rests were not permitted marksmanship of a low standard resulted, and consequently this qualification was omitted.

On the day of the shoot a strong cross wind was blowing and, coupled with the absence of rests, made good marksmanship difficult. The under 14 standard, however, was very high considering that their experience was limited. The under 15 standard, though good, was not so high as the others.

As we are in a period of national emergency it is to be sincerely hoped that the promise displayed by the boys this year will be encouraged in the next by more liberal grants of ammunition.



Orchestra Notes

(J. J. G. Barnicoat.)

As in the past our concert was held on two alternate nights, November 2nd and 4th. Parents and friends of the School came in full force on both nights and the performers were gratified by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

The programme was a well-balanced assortment of choral, dramatic, instrumental and vocal items. The musical items were in every way as good as they have been in previous years, and the plays have been dealt with in the Dramatic notes.

The Orchestra opened the programme playing an overture by Laurendeau. Immediately afterwards the Third Form choir gave delightful renditions of three choral tone pictures: "April Rain" (T. F. Dunhill), "May Dew" (S. Bennett), "When Cats Run Home" (E. Kiman). After a one-act play, J. F. Friend entertained with a rolling sea song, "A Chip Off the Old Block" (Squire). He received an

ovation from the audience and we would like to have heard more of him as the song did not give him sufficient opportunity to display the remarkable power of his voice.

The next songs were very sweetly sung by Fisher, who rendered the favourites, "You'll Git Heaps o' Lickins" and "Mighty Lak a' Rose," composed by Clark and Nevin respectively.

A pleasant interlude was provided by C. W. Kerrisk, who tastefully played the pianoforte solo "Le Coucou," by Daquin.

One of the star presentations of the evening was, judging from the round of applause, "The Songs My Mother Sang" (Grimshaw), sung by Peter Williams.

Fortunately for everyone the interval came next, during which that less ethereal body ice cream came well to the fore. I noticed also that many people, significantly, were buying "Minties."

The Orchestra opened the second half with a march by Webb, but this temporary flash of genius was almost eclipsed by A. O. Veale's and Peter Williams' really delightful singing of "A Sailor's Philosophy," by Byng. It would be safe to say that one of the most faultlessly executed features of the evening was "Berceuse," by Benjamin Goddard, splendidly played by A. J. Duxfield. Included for the special benefit of the really appreciative was the pianoforte solo by B. Shakes, "The Snowdrop," composed by York Bowen, and requiring very artistic treatment.

The fact that work in training the Third and Fourth Form choirs is reaping its reward showed strikingly during the singing of "Wandering the King's Highway" (L. Coward) by the combined choirs. The great variety of pitch in the boys' voices kept a pleasant balance of tone, with plenty of reserve volume for the requirements of the song.

All the accompaniments were played by Mr. J. Dobson.

As a most satisfying conclusion to the musical section of the programme, the Orchestra played "Mariposa," a Spanish waltz by Laurendeau.

Throughout the concert the Orchestra retained its good reputation gained in past years under the baton of Mr. J. Dobson, to whom we are grateful for all the valuable time he has given over to training us. The audience was consistently generous with its applause.

We were unfortunate in making a late start. This was due to the lack of a suitable practice room. Now, however, we have a large new orchestra room, well lit by large windows and ample electric lights at night. It is something of which we are justly proud, which many schools will envy and we are truly grateful to those in authority whose efforts and foresight have made the building of the new practice room possible.

On the concert nights our number was increased by Old Boys: Messrs. Ward, Aburn, and Brinsley (1st violins) and Messrs. Wagstaff and Rawson, flute and clarinet. We have to thank them and Miss Ross for their kind help.

The Orchestra is now made up as follows:—

First Violins: A. J. Duxfield, G. Wood, G. Vodanavich.

Second Violins: B. Miles, A. Veale, D. Caldwell, G. S. Bremer.

Pianoforte: B. Shakes.

Cornet: R. L. Thompson.

Double Bass: J. J. Barnicoat.

Drums: R. F. Sheppard.

DRAMATIC NOTES

(J. R. Grant.)

In 1938 the School's dramatic life was brought to a very successful conclusion by the meritorious production of the play "1066 and All That." This year, with most of the members of last year's large cast at School, and with a membership of over seventy, we began upon a year which was to prove just as successful as the previous year.

At the end of the first term all those interested in Dramatics met to elect the committee, as follows: J. R. Grant (secretary), W. M. McLeay, G. N. Caldwell, R. E. Mason, D. L. Wilks, R. H. Granger and D. C. Rose. These immediately chose a group of about 10 boys and, as in the

last year, took complete control of their own group and were, during the year, responsible for the dramatic presentations of each group. During the year each group produced one play, and the group leader was in every case fully responsible for the play's production.

Concerts were held in the Gymnasium every fortnight during the middle term, and some excellent entertainments were witnessed. All the plays were of a good type and well acted, and from these evenings the players for the main concert were chosen.

This year the stage has had permanent scenery, of which great use was made. The actors, therefore, were not hampered by lack of setting, and as a consequence the standard of the plays was raised to a higher level.

During the term the following plays were chosen and produced by group leaders:—

"**The Man in the Bowler Hat**," a humorous play involving many feminine parts, which were aptly filled. This play was produced by R. Granger and D. Wilks, and the parts were taken by R. Granger, D. Wilks, R. Bell, G. Mount, H. Stringfield, M. Black and R. Rutherford.

"**The Bluffer**."—This play was of a dramatic nature and was written by a pupil at School, G. B. Allen, and produced by J. R. Grant. The parts were taken by J. Friend, D. Lightbourne and F. Peach. Later in the year this play was again produced, for the School Concert.

Another play, of an ambitious nature, was "The Crimson Coconut," which was produced by D. Rose. Those who took part were T. Lewis, C. Weston, M. King, M. Abrahams, K. Patterson and C. Sutherland. This was a most successful performance.

The Day Boy group, under G. Caldwell, produced a play entitled "Shells," and those who participated were G. Caldwell, A. Moss, A. Kurta, H. Webster and M. Abrahams. Caldwell and Webster handled the Cockney dialect and dramatic situations very capably.

The last play to be produced was "Refund," which was produced by R. Granger and D. Wilks. This story centres around School life and gave rise to many easily recognised impersonations. The players were R. Granger, D. Wilks, C. Sutherland, P. Henry and R. Bell.

As previously mentioned, the permanent scenery has proved a great assistance to those participating in these entertainments, but lighting, on the other hand, proved a serious drawback. The lighting has only been of a temporary nature and has proved totally inadequate for the purpose of effects. This has now been remedied and we are the proud possessors of a permanent lighting system, which is proving a wonderful asset not only to the club, and those participating in the concerts, but also to the School for any functions which are held on the stage. The chief point about the lighting was the installation of a cyclorama, which gave yeoman service during the concert and produced effects ranging from a moonlight evening to a stifling hot day in Palestine. This installation will undoubtedly prove the club's greatest possession, as its necessity has long been felt.

We are very grateful to D. Rose and S. Cummins for the tremendous work which they did, and have to thank them for many hours of work done in the installing of this light system.

Another valuable property which the Club has acquired is an electric motor, which operates the curtains. Previously the curtain was worked by hand and had the unhappy knack of jamming at the wrong moment. This method has now been dispensed with and the curtain is ably controlled from the control panel which has been erected on one of the stage wings.

At the beginning of the third term rehearsals for the concert began, and all those who were selected for various parts worked well, and by their efforts made the concert the success it was.

The success of the concert is, however, due not only to those who participated, but more particularly to those whose work was done previous to the concert. To all those masters who worked so hard at rehearsals, and behind the scenes on both nights of the concert, we have to offer our sincerest thanks. Our thanks are due also to those people who assisted in the making of the costumes, which have never been quite so successful. Finally we have to thank those boys who assisted us as scene-shifters.



The Secret Chamber in "The Purple Bedroom."

M. J. Abrahams G. N. Caldwell
D. L. Wilks D. J. Mount



"The Sixth Hour."

H. P. Webster A. H. Lewis
D. C. Rose D. Lightbourne

Annual Concert.

On November 2nd and 4th the School Concert was held in the Gymnasium, before packed and appreciative houses. Last year the play chosen for the concert was of a humorous nature, but this year larger scope was given and ample talent discovered to fill the various types of plays selected. The plays selected were a melodramatic farce, a thriller, and a tragedy, giving the audience a full insight into the capabilities of the School in dramatic work.

Programme.

I. One-act Play, "**The Purple Bedroom**," a Melodrama by Eden Philpotts.

Characters—

Mortals: Reginald Smith, J. K. Paterson.
Alfred Bassett, G. N. Caldwell.

Spectres: Don Pedro de Parambo, M. J. Abrahams.
The Earl Fitzdoodle, D. L. Wilks.
Ann—an abigail—G. J. Mount.

The scene is set in the "Purple Bedroom" in the Earl of Fitzdoodle's home. The time is midnight, and the year 1939.

II. "**Peach Brandy**," a Sketch, by G. B. Allen.

Characters—

Sir John Baron—a Judge—	J. F. Friend
Dawes—a convict—	D. Lightbourne
Perkins—a butler—	L. F. Peach

The scene is set in Sir John Baron's library, and the time is late one evening.

III. "**The Sixth Hour**," a Tragedy, by Wilfrid Grantham.

Characters—

Leah, Wife of Judas Iscariot	D. C. Rose
Sarah, Daughter of Caiaphas, a Temple Virgin	H. P. Webster
A Street Seller	P. R. Rutherford
Caiaphas—High Priest—	A. H. Lewis
Judas Iscariot	D. Lightbourne

The scene is a room in the house of Judas Iscariot in Jerusalem. The time is between the fifth and sixth hours on the morning of a day in the year 29 A.D.

"The Purple Bedroom" was a melodramatic farce in which the ghosts, Don Pedro, Fitzdoodle and Ann, return to haunt the purple chamber in order to explain a misconception regarding the murder of Ann three centuries previously. Bassett handles them well and is duly rewarded. G. N. Caldwell, as Bassett, gave an outstanding performance, well supported by J. K. Paterson in the part of the not-too-courageous Reggie, D. L. Wilks as the dashing and debonair Earl Fitzdoodle, and G. J. Mount as the charming and popular abigail.

The scene, a bedroom in the Castle Fitzdoodle, was decorated with purple hangings which, with the aid of an intriguing secret panel and subtle changes of light, provided a very effective ghostly atmosphere.

"Peach Brandy," a sketch written by G. B. Allen, a member of the Sixth Form, and produced by J. R. Grant, the secretary of the Club, provided excellent entertainment. A rather conventional theme was well handled and made effectively dramatic. Dawes, an escaped convict, threatens Sir John Baron, the judge who sent him to gaol for twenty years, but the judge, by superb acting and the lucky chance that the particular bottle of brandy left in the study has a very foul taste, is able to persuade Dawes that he is poisoned. D. Lightbourne made a convincing convict, and J. Friend a cool and suave judge. L. F. Peach made an excellent butler.

"The Sixth Hour" was the "piece de resistance" of the dramatic programme and marks a very definite step forward in the steady upward march towards the highest forms of drama. The choice of a one-act tragedy was ambitious, but we were fortunate in finding a play perfectly constructed and perfectly suited to the talent available, and to the appointments of the stage in scenery and lighting.

The story concerns Judas Iscariot's betrayal of The Nazarene and his subsequent remorse when he flings the thirty pieces of silver in the faces of the Sanhedrin. Caiaphas, the High Priest, comes to his house to demand an explanation. Judas returns and in the heat of the argument Judas confesses his conversion and in anger orders Caiaphas out of the house. The remainder of the play is concerned with Judas' decision to follow his crucified Master. A secondary theme is provided by the discovery of Judas' wife Leah that Sarah, the daughter of Caiaphas is in love with Judas and Judas' final renunciation of Sarah at the moment of his great decision.

The play was well cast. D. C. Rose, as Sarah, the garrulous housewife of Judas, gave a flawless performance of a most difficult part. His experience enabled him to hold the audience during the inevitable exposition at the opening and prevent the interest from flagging. H. P. Webster as Sarah, the daughter of Caiaphas, and sophisticated temple virgin, provided much of the drama, particularly in the final scene with Judas. In gesture, sense of situation and inflections, his performance was very good. A. H. Lewis as Caiaphas, the High Priest, provided just that impression of anger, hauteur, priest-like cunning and prejudice required of the character. D. Lightbourne had a magnificent part to play and did it well. He gave a vivid impression of Judas' dual personality, the cunning and unscrupulous treasurer employed to betray the Nazarene but so affected by his contact with Him that in a household which scoffs at his beliefs he declares his faith in His teachings and determines, in a final gripping dramatic scene to follow his Master.

The setting provided a very effective background without obtruding. The use of the cyclorama cloth gave a very real suggestion of distance and the bright light in the opening scene suggested most successfully the oppressive tension of the events which followed. The effect of the final scene could not have been produced without the assistance of lights and the final fade to blue-green on the stage and with a dark blue cyclorama was perfectly executed and a triumph for the mechanicians.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CLOUDS OF GLORY.

Far into the rolling clouds
 On great white mountain slopes,
 Among the roaring cataracts,
 The gaping canyons lost in mist,
 The yodelling mountain shepherds,
 The crashing waters in the icy gorge,
 With thee, alone, I wandered—
 O mazy mist of dreams,
 Of fountains tumbling into babbling brooks,
 Which flow by willow banks in magic lands.
 Now I perceive thee vanish,
 Let cold science and stern reason reign!
 While heavy custom puts to flight
 Youth's pageantry of dreams and visions,
 And ever-youthful Pan, rejected now,
 Sorrowing, swiftly seeks the forest depths.
 Alas! The mermaids rise no longer in the sea.
 The moaning winds which on dark nights
 Brought terror—now are hushed.
 The waves break and are lost.
 The wind, the waves are dead!
 For scorn and hate and human bitterness,
 Chase the dallying phantom of that life,
 Within whose mansions was our birth.
 But when from sordid greed
 And hollow glory, the dulled eyes of man
 Look up to Heaven—the stars are only stars—
 Not the horrid abyss studded with jewels.
 Only mountains is the one-time wizard's face
 Of the pale moon, round which we wove
 Fantastic stories. In later years
 'Tis beauty of a deeper, sterner type,
 Which, out of Youth's bewildering visions
 And the frenzy of a sea of dreams,
 Rises serene and pure, in golden majesty.
 Alas! Immortal child is mortal man.
 Weep! For thy song is heard no more.

—J. B. Woodward (VIA),

LONDON.

Long, long ago

A spirit arose and painted tender hills
With star-dust, and drew a veil
Of thin white mist from o'er the face
Of a new, untarnished paradise.

One day

The shout of a marching host shook the stars,
Then, around them, myriads of giddy pinnacles
Battled for the sky, while far below
A great roar of traffic surged up
Through sudden, swaying columns of stone.

Some day

White sails of ancient Eastern galleys
Will glide on the broad translucent river,
Lined with stately colonnades of porphyry,
Beneath a fogless sky, deep as Tyrian purple.

—J. B. Woodward (VI A).

SONNET TO EGMONT.

O noble Egmont! vast majestic height,
With snow-clad crest a glist'ning casque, so pure
Thou art like marble finely shaped and limn'd.
How splendid art thou, as the silent night
Sheds o'er the evening its suffused light—
Then drifting vapour veils the forest trees,
Like faëry gossamer upon the breeze,
Transmuting majesty to peaceful might.
Like to a dream seems't thou in sunset flame
With aspiring peak and crimson sky aglow
In opalescent mystery—These show
The hand of the Creator: well He knew
To nobly fashion, as His works proclaim—
Such grandeur, Egmont, crowns only you.

—J. Irvine (VI B)

LETHE.

Drink but once Lethe—
Then you will know
Sleep and oblivion
As of long ago.
Down the long vista
Your spirit will glide,
Till engulfed in night's deep
Inky void you will hide.
Down, down
To the valleys of bliss,
Through mists that surge up
From the steep-walled abyss.
Deep langour will grip you,
As you drowsily see
Your pale thoughts go fluttering
Far over the sea.
Wings that are laden
With past woes and fears,
Leaving you sadly
Farewelling the years.
Harm cannot touch you,
Nor can Death awake
Your soul from sweet sleep
On the deep tranquil lake.
Drink but once Lethe—
And then sleep.

—J. B. Woodward (VI A).

CEYX IS SHIPWRECKED ON HIS VOYAGE TO CLAROS.

(Ovid-Metamorphoses, Line 520 & ff.)

The wind arose; the waves unleashed their wrath;
The vessel steeled its frame and o'er them rode;
The mast blocks slipped; the seams that once were tight
Lay open now, deprived of all their wax,
Lending passage to the fatal waves. And Lo,
Great storms of rain fell from the bursting clouds;
It seems as if the whole sky plunged into the sea
And swelling crests curled at the realms of sky.

No stars were seen, the night was blind, oppressed
 By its own darkness and the mirk of winter;
 But lightnings brilliant shattered then this gloom,
 Gave light while dazzling fires glowed o'er the sea.
 The waves now gushed into the hull's deep shell
 And, as fearless soldier, gallant more than all,
 When often he has leapt upon the mounds
 Of the defended town, at last, possessed
 Of hope, inflamed by love of praise, alone
 Among a thousand braves, seizes the wall,
 So, when the waves nine times had beaten 'gainst
 The solid hull, in rushed the tenth, surging
 More fiercely; nor did it cease to pound
 The tired hull until it fell in triumph
 Into the ramparts of the captured ship.

—W. K. WEBSTER, VI. A.

ADVICE TO A YOUNG MAN FALLING IN LOVE.

Be carefree, be fickle, and set not your heart,
 For what does the modern miss reckon?
 It is her ambition to have at least twenty
 All wanting to cling to her neck.

Not a straw does she care for all your advances
 Or flattery which you prepare,
 She'll receive all your cocktails, silk stockings and
 orchids,
 And leave you with never a care.

She's crafty, ingenious, and knows all the tricks
 —Ignoring the scanty week's wage.
 She's late for appointments, profuse in excuses,
 And airily laughs at your rage.

Yet what can the modern youth do in defence
 Against fatal and feminine charms.
 He may rage, he may curse, he may run to avoid her,
 He'll find her at length—in his arms.

R. J. M. Bell (VI B).

SO LET'S BE SURREALISTS.

Philosophers were fleeing past,
 A crowd of phantoms following fast,
 And as they ran, they cried in fear,
 "The raddled termagants draw near."
 So let's be Surrealists.

Oh! What an awful family strife,
 The antelope's divorced his wife,
 For annoying anthropophagi,
 With antepandial anosmia.
 So let's be Surrealists.

So far you're struggling in this maze
 Of prattle and of persiflage.
 But stretch a point and be content,
 On art and not on sense we're bent.
 So let's be Surrealists.

I'm nothing but a dilettante,
 Blessed with poetic fervour scanty;
 But yet I cannot inspiration draw
 From toothache in a donkey's jaw.
 But let's be Surrealists.

Why call the beauteous moon
 Pussie's sour plate of cream!
 Why liken the skylark's tune
 To frenzied hyenas screaming in a dream!
 But let's be Surrealists.

O, polished nihilists and grinning scorners,
 Mockers of all holiness and duty,
 Woeful pessimists and mourners,
 Iconoclasts, dread foes of beauty.
 These are Surrealists.

O, ballad-mongers, poetasters,
 Hectic, turgid, jargon-raspers,
 Defiling beauty, desecrating art,
 You have no fire, no depths, no heart!
 Profane Surrealists.

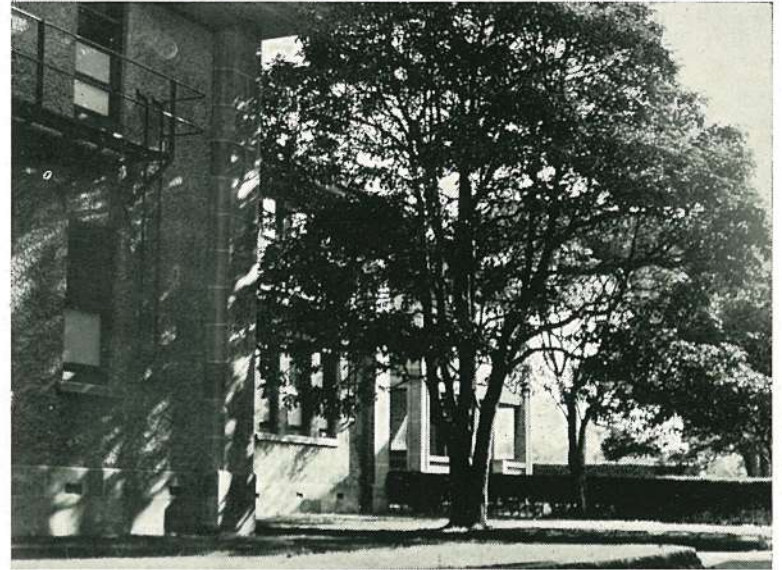
On me your harsh cacophony and ugly jar
 Are wasted all. I love the sweeter euphony
 Of lyric beauty, grace and harmony.
 My triumph still, for mine are fairer far.
 Farewell Surrealists.

—J. B. Woodward (VI A).

ODE WRITTEN ON GAZING AT A HALF-EMPTY
MILK BOTTLE.

O thou most shapely piece of glass,
 Thou harbinger of health,
 By thee are great things brought to pass
 And men attain great wealth.
 For from thy spacious reservoir
 Is sucked out every day,
 Through a cool and golden straw,
 A liquid which, they say,
 Will stimulate to greater things,
 An excellent refresher,
 A fluid with which the wives of kings
 Once made their skins look fresher,
 But which is now well noted for
 Its value vitaminic,
 And lack of which is at the core
 Of our failure economic.
 A dose of this magician's ale,
 Formed from mysterious herb,
 Will give you health that cannot fail
 And intellect superb.
 And so, O lovely rounded crystal,
 Remember if you can
 The troubles gastronomical
 Of weak and puny man,
 The thousand faults that now degrade
 This poor inhuman race,
 Are on thy slender shoulders laid
 And rest upon thy grace.
 To all our schemes thou art the key
 So to do thy best endeavour,
 Our leaders place their faith in thee,
 See that thou failst them never!

—D. L. WILKS (VI. B)



SCHOOL HOUSE.



BATHS AND GYMNASIUM.

TWILIGHT AND EVENING BELLS.

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever—”

The young poet, thus outlining in concrete form the feelings of youthful enthusiasm for the doctrine of a belief in loveliness, has created a line of poetry beautiful in itself, and by its own perpetual charm and sure optimism perfectly enshrining the idea which prompted it. The poet is right. In the mind of every person there is some image of a beautiful thing—perhaps now past, never to be heard or seen again in this world—which is a source of constant pleasure. Love of beauty is an elementary part of man, as necessary to his existence as his sight, and somewhere in the soul of everyone there is a place for the worship of beauty. Beauty is so universal, so ready to be found and appreciated at every step and moment of life, that the very ease of finding it is often the cause of its being overlooked, and yet, once realised, a love of beauty may take many different forms in different persons, and even manifold variations of it may be found in one, but usually some particular incident, sight or sound is retained in the mind as the gem of beauty to that individual.

Thus in my mind, the phrase “Twilight and Evening Bells” is beautiful, not so much on account of the beauty of the words, but because of the sights and sounds which they suggest. These memories are particularly dear to me, as they constitute the recollection of very happy moments—moments when youth, health, ease of mind and body, the joy of good companionship, all combined with the calm and beauty of evening to produce in me feelings of supreme happiness and complete content. Those four words, which are to be set to a bar of music which comes unfailingly when I muse over the memories they recall, do not apply altogether to the past, but hold promise for the future, though whether I will be able to attain to that perfect pleasure again I do not know.

None will deny that the sights and sounds of a long summer evening make up one whole—one unit of time and sense, pre-eminently beautiful in itself, when all the earth stands still, and the thoughts of men are highest and purest, or else drowsily occupied with contenting

nothingness. To many people "Evening Bells" suggests scenes such as that portrayed in "The Angelus," or some rather idyllic setting in the English countryside, with cathedral bells ringing harmoniously and richly in unhurried summons to prayer, but the only such sound which I associate with the scene now before me is that struck from a small bell of a very small church in a typical New Zealand country town. There are no clanging reverberations or varied changes, but always through the calm, almost imperceptibly hazy air is that period of time begun as . . .

"The sun sets, and the darkening air
Thrills with a sense of triumphing might."

There comes the sound of this solitary bell, tolling slowly and regularly, even peacefully, made mellow and sweeter by the still air and untroubled peace of the evening. At no time does the call to prayer sound more sincere and holy, with less of that smugness and self-sufficiency which sometimes makes going to church a social custom instead of the fulfilling of a personal need. Pure and untarnished, the sounds of the small bell perfect the sense of well-being and happiness, and reminds the parish, resting and listening, comfortably tired after a day's healthy exertion, of the source of the effortless joy which fills and surrounds them.

At such moments, God is nearer and more manifest in the open fields, warm yet with the heat of the departed sun, and in the expanse of country before us, for beauty is everywhere, in the twitterings of sleepy birds, in the church-bell still tolling slowly, in the song of a late lark alone in the sky, in the darkness not yet darkness, just beginning to fringe the horizon, in a few bars of sunset-coloured cloud in the west, with a dying glow behind them, in the white mist beginning to rise between the dusky blue wooded hills, and above all, in the youth and happiness and content in ourselves.

The bell has ceased to toll, and while we notice its cessation the lark drops swiftly to ground, and all is quiet. The horizon edges of the hills become more and more indistinct, while a little lower one can no longer distinguish the outlines of the hills, as the sombre haze of dusk descends and covers them. It is good to be alive, to be able to spend time so pleasantly in watching the

approach of night. The langour of the hour is upon us, and all are silent, each occupied with his own thoughts, if indeed he thinks at all, for there is little else to do beyond observe the now fast falling darkness, and listen to the silence of a quiet eventide.

At such time of the realisation of the beauty around me, I thank God that I am young and in a situation to appreciate all of it, but at the same time I hate the thought that I must one day be old, even while admitting age to be inevitable. Then, I think, surely age will come so slowly, and bring its own joys to compensate for the loss of the youth I at present enjoy so much, that I will not mourn for past happiness. But I drink in all of sound and sense, so that, if in after years I should not have the opportunity of viewing such beauty, I will have at least the memory of this beauty, as it appears to me, of the twilight and the evening bell, and such beauty will then, surely, be a joy for ever.

Q. Thompson (VIA).

SMOKE DREAMS.

As I lay on the russet-brown carpet of fallen leaves, idly tossing small twigs on to the leaping flames of my campfire, I watched the writhing, twisting, ever-changing spiral of smoke which wreathed up and up, ever higher, assuming strange, fantastic shapes.

There—a half-formed face had been carried off on the bosom of the playful breeze, only to be dropped after a few yards and, like an abandoned babe, left to fend for itself. It slowly lengthened until only a hazy streamer was left to play hide and seek with the merry stars, curling in between them, partly obliterating them for a second, but always keeping that same snake-like form. At last it dissolved altogether and my eyes returned to the main column.

By this time the fire needed replenishing, so I lazily roused myself and, reaching for an armful of wood, tossed it on the blaze. Immediately the blue-grey spiral surged upwards, wave upon wave, foaming like some breaker as it dashes itself upon the shore, seething like some haggard witch's evil cauldron.

Then the whole aspect of the vision changed and I fancied I was looking at the foliage of a distant poplar tree. The long, sweeping lines curved upwards in a perfectly symmetrical outline.

A puff of wind. The whole column of smoke swirled and eddied into a thousand new and different designs, so many that it was not possible to pick any particular one as having any remarkable resemblance to something terrestrial.

Then the whole changed into one long streamer which soared up infinitely, so gently and softly that I found my eyes closing, and, not resisting the welcome somnolence, I drifted off into the land of dreams, floating on that feathery bed of fairylike smoke.

L. F. Palmer, IV. C1.

VALETE.

The following boys left during the year:—VI B: Lewis, T. A. VI Acc.; Broome, B. W.; Lang, J. R.; Martin, K. A.; Roberts, A. D. Senior Agr.: Batchelor, C. C.; Corbett, A. R.; Le Fleming, A. C.; Newland, R.; Stringfield, H. A. V Cl.1: Drake, D. W.; Murray, W. B. V Cl.2: Connell, W. N.; Lattimer, R. J. V G1: Chadwick, R. G.; Papps, M. J.; Wilson, J. R. V G2: Barclay, J. R.; Bedingfield, J. D.; Johnstone, W. C.; Fanckhurst, G. G.; Payne, R. G.; Pentecost, S. D.; Shepherd, L.; Ettershank, J. R. V G3: Dunn, J. R.; Sattler, F. H.; Simmons, C. J.; Wilson, P. C. V EV: Andrews, D. C.; Price, R. A. IV G1: Mills, A. A.; Nodder, J. L.; Thomson, T. W. IV G2: Baker, H. L.; Easton, W. F.; Perrott, C. B.; Reynolds, H. W.; Vincent, H. C.; Waters, R. J. IV Agr.: Kendall, G. G.; Spence, L. B.; White, G. IV EV: Benton, L.; Edwards, W. J.; Jackson, D. A.; Jury D. H.; Skellern, G. E.; Henshaw, K. W.; McCullum, T. A. III G1: Melhose, R. F. III G3: O'Neill, P. J.; Parker, R. A.; Symes, H. III EV: Bell, C. J.; Giddy, R. H.; Hammond, J. J.; Hartley, L. J.; Hughes, B. D.; Hunt, B.; Johns, M. A.; Thomas, P. A.; Vinnicombe, W.; Weir, D.; Young, M. C.; Taunton, F. H. III EP: Barden, P. R.; Pellett, R. H.; Wilson, K. S. III Agr.: Honeyfield, T. S.; Smith, R. F. Preparatory: Burmester, T. C.; Murray, H. C.; Warhaft, G. D.

SALVETE.

The following boys entered the School this year:—VI Acc.: Adam, O. W. V Cl.1: Parker, B. A. V G1: Rutherford, P. R. R. V G3: Mullett, J. J. V EV: Bruce, B.; Weston, B. O.; Wharepouri, N. IV Cl.: Thompson, R. L. III G1: Hansen, T. C. III EV: Moore, T. C. M.; Taunton, F. H. Preparatory: Guinness, G. S.; Burns, D. G.; Hooper, A.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

The Editor of the Old Boys' Section, Mr. T. N. Watt, wishes to thank all those who have assisted in compiling this section by collecting and forwarding notes from the different centres.

It will be readily understood that, with the Old Boys so widely spread throughout New Zealand and all over the world, the task of keeping trace of even a small percentage is a difficult one. The Editor, therefore, makes an appeal to each and every Old Boy to forward information of any kind to the Local Branch Secretary or direct to the Editor.

In particular, he makes a special appeal that information regarding any births, deaths, engagements or marriages be noted and sent in. Such information is very often lacking, and consequently omissions are made in these lists. He wishes to apologise for any such inadvertent omissions.

OLD BOYS who are subscribers to The Taranakian are reminded that the financial year of the Association ends on the 31st of July, and that, therefore, the 5/- subscription scheme commences with this issue.

You will remember that at the last general meeting it was decided to make arrangements with the School for a supply of magazines for Old Boys, and to combine the magazine fee with a small Association subscription. All Old Boys are therefore requested to pay all subscriptions to their branch secretaries, where they belong to a branch, or to the general secretary of the Association at New Plymouth.

In the process of changing over there will, of necessity, be difficulties. In the following classifications we have attempted to cover all exceptional cases, with directions as to procedure in each case.

1. Any Old Boy who is a financial member of a branch will receive the December, 1939, and June, 1940, issues for his current subscription.

2. Any Old Boy who is in a district where there is a branch Association and is in credit with the Business Manager for his magazine subscription, but is not a member of his branch Association, by paying to his branch

secretary the balance of 5/- for each year he is in credit for his magazine subscription may become a full member of the Association for that period.

3. Any Old Boy in arrears with his magazine subscription will receive an account, and is requested to make direct payment of those arrears to the Business Manager of The Taranakian as soon as possible.

4. Any Old Boy not in a district served by a branch Association should make his payment of 5/- directly to the general secretary. In regard to arrears and credits he, in his case, is affected in the same way as the cases cited in the preceding paragraphs.

Finally, we once more urge all Old Boys to support the scheme, and by doing so give financial assistance to the Association and The Taranakian, both deserving institutions.

We print below, for your information, the names and addresses of all secretaries.

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Hamilton—

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N.Z. Co-operative Dairy Co., Hamilton.

Urenui—

R. WILSON, Esq.,
Urenui.

Hawera—

J. D. WEBSTER, Esq.,
Farmers' Co-operative Society, Hawera.

Manawatu—

C. R. CARSON, Esq.,
C/o Joseph Nathan & Co., Ltd., Palmerston North.

Hawke's Bay—

J. W. PALMER, Esq.,
Box 118, Hastings.

GENERAL PERSONALS.

Mr. Ronald Syme, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, has been awarded the Conington Prize for Latin in 1939. We felicitate him on his appointment to the headquarters staff of the Ministry of Information, London.

Milton Hall, of the staff of the Farmers' Co-op., New Plymouth, has received a transfer to Hawera.

Pilot-Officer J. O. L. Stephenson has been injured in a motor accident in England, and is reported to be seriously ill. Pilot-Officer Stephenson has been serving with bombing squadrons in England since the beginning of the war.

A. G. McKenzie, of the New Plymouth staff of the Social Security Department, has been transferred to Christchurch.

J. C. Blundell has obtained his pilot's A licence.

J. E. Davies, of the Agricultural Department, Hawera, has been granted leave to take charge of the Young Farmers' Party to visit Australia.

Norman Waddle, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), has left New Plymouth for London. He has studied at Cambridge and now intends to spend two years in London on specialised study.

Mr. S. Hayton has been elected president of the Eltham Chamber of Commerce.

L. S. Watt, M.A., has secured a first-class pass in the Colonial Service examination recently conducted at Oxford University. He has now been appointed an assistant district officer in the Colonial Service in Northern Nigeria, and has taken up residence there.

Dr. W. J. Watt has been successful in securing his F.R.C.S. degree, Edinburgh. Dr. Watt has now joined the R.A.M.C. and is not expected to return to New Zealand for some time.

Second-Lieutenant R. L. Hains, of the 1st Battalion the Taranaki Regiment, has been promoted to lieutenant and transferred to the 1st Battalion the Wellington-West Coast Regiment.

Lieutenant C. Ambury is in camp at Trentham.

We congratulate B. R. Bullock, of the Taranaki Regiment, on his selection for special training for the army at the Royal Military College of Australia at Duntroon.

We extend our congratulations to I. L. Taylor, who gained highest marks in New Zealand for the practical section of the March examinations for electrical servicemen. H. V. Huggett also passed in this exam. C. A. Adams, S. W. Holder, A. J. Turner and J. R. Taylor obtained passes in the electrical wiremen's examinations.

Major M. Osborne has been appointed commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, Canterbury Regiment.

Mr. M. Geddes is now director of the Carter Observatory, Wellington.

Because of the outbreak of war, Crowley Weston has received advice that his Rhodes Scholarship has been suspended, and he is returning home.

W. F. Liley has been appointed second-lieutenant and has been posted to the 1st Battalion, Taranaki Regiment.

Rex Griffith, who had been teaching at Dusseldorf, Germany, reached England a week before war was declared.

J. N. Bethel, J. C. Mallon and J. Garcia have been selected for short service commissions in the Royal Air Force.

E. G. Smith, head teacher of the Mangapai School, North Auckland, has been accepted for service in the second echelon of the special military force.

B. Hunter has obtained a sectional pass in the intermediate examination conducted by the Australian Institute of Secretaries.

Major L. G. Goss has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel.



P. I. SAUNDERS,
Killed in accident, May 14, 1939.

We wish to congratulate T. C. Larkin on his nomination by Victoria University College for Rhodes Scholarship this year.

R. Burkett and A. Healy, who went to Great Britain last December, have both joined the ground engineering staff of the Royal Air Force.

H. Barnitt in a letter to his parents has described the successful bombing of a U-boat, probably the first destroyed from the air, by the machine of which he was in charge.

L. N. Astley is South Island representative of Astley and Sons, Ltd., tanners, and is stationed at Christchurch.

D. R. Dallison is teaching at Hunterville.

Following is the list of Old Boys who have entered camp from Taranaki:—Infantry: Captain S. F. Hartnell, Second-Lieutenant C. Weston, Sergeants M. E. Hardgrave, D. S. Thomson, Lance-Sergeant D. S. Barrie, Corporals J. S. Medley, J. H. Hutchinson, L. H. Peters, Privates E. G. Marshall, F. May, R. N. Taylor, E. G. Wilson. D. J. Dunn. F. E. Gamlin, R. Jackson, A. Tarrant, R. F. Wilson, H. K. Waters, K. J. S. Bourke. C. M. Marx. B. Bayly, S. Thompson, J. F. Hine, H. E. F. Pitt, L. Richards. W. H. Crow, J. H. Birch. A. G. Wray, E. S. Elliott, D. H. Jones, B. H. Budd. J. L. Rattenbury, R. C. Street. G. E. Drake. R. Miller, W. A. Gore. E. G. Main. H. I. Des Forges. A. G. Rundle. C. Taylor, P. D. Greenlees. I. J. Crawford. E. D. Gibson. D. J. Goodwin. J. K. Riley. F. D. Reed. J. Ryan, W. H. J. Griffiths. Mounted Rifles: Sergeant W. C. McIvor. Machine-gunners: Quartermaster-Sergeant H. V. Stanley, Sergeant W. F. Liley. Privates M. Boyle. E. P. Coleman, B. W. Lobb, H. L. Lynch, L. J. Squire, W. D. Saunders. Petrol Company: D. J. Prentice, P. R. Chapman, H. L. Putt. Motor Transport Company: J. A. N. Carey, R. T. Casey, P. L. Winter.

The following Old Boys have been posted to No. 2 Elementary Training School of the R.N.Z.A.F. at New Plymouth:—J. C. Blundell, R. M. Goldstone, P. F. L. Stephenson, S. I. Baird, J. Bayley.

AUCKLAND.

One of the most successful annual reunions held by the Auckland branch of the Old Boys' Association took place on the evening of August 19, following School's narrow defeat of Auckland Grammar School. The president, C. D. Collins, presided over an attendance of nearly 100. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Mr. Moyes, and speakers paid tribute to his work for the School during his long term as headmaster. A pleasing feature about the gathering was the fact that a comparatively large number of older Old Boys were present, several representing the first decade of the School's history.

In spite of bad weather there was also a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Auckland branch of the Association, held a few weeks earlier. C. D. Collins was re-elected president for a second term, and E. Yorke was appointed to succeed the late Jack Fairbrother as secretary.

Old Boys at Auckland University College include A. Howes, K. K. Jones, H. Service, R. Hamerton, McCrae, E. Meharry, R. Green, E. Denne, K. Diprose, J. Gatland, L. Kelvin, G. Rawson, I. Menzies, J. Sisley and P. Hutchinson. Several of the above are also attending Auckland Teachers' Training College.

Among many Old Boys in Government departments are:—Railway, J. Pratt, E. Thomas; Social Security, H. J. Anthony, J. G. Anderson; State Advances, Wynn Wilson, G. S. Phillips; Stamp Duties, R. N. F. Renaud.

The Auckland branch president, C. D. Collins, is with the Commercial Bank of Australia. Another prominent Auckland Old Boy, W. E. Monk, is manager of the chief branch of the National Bank. Other Old Boys in banks include:—New Zealand, T. C. Fookes, D. Purdie, K. Taylor, D. Kenrick; Union, G. V. Duff, P. Grover, F. Heldt.

The New Zealand Herald contains a colony of Old Boys, among whom are H. Fraser, chief sub-editor; H. C. Newell, commercial editor; W. E. Parrott and F. G. Snedden, reporters, the latter covering the waterfront; J. McFlynn, reading room; P. T. Bowie, accountancy staff.

Old Boys played a prominent part in the famous Piha trial, W. Noble and J. J. K. Terry representing the two accused. W. Noble, who entered School in 1887, has responded to the toast of the senior Old Boy present at the past two annual reunions of the Auckland branch of the Old Boys' Association. By his activities during the last election campaign John Terry showed a keen interest in politics.

D. C. O'Halloran, who takes a keen interest in Old Boys' affairs, is associated with his father in an accountancy firm.

J. D. Law is in the office of the Union Steam Ship Company, and J. R. Templar is with the New Zealand Shipping Company.

E. W. Henderson is a solicitor with Hesketh, Richmond, Adams and Cocker.

C. Badley is on the Auckland staff of the Wellington Woollen Company, Limited.

R. Ross is employed by John Burns, Limited.

Ernie Yorke, branch secretary, runs the Yorke Trading Company. He was recently married.

P. S. McBride recently learned to fly.

P. S. Hutchinson is in the engineering department of the Auckland Harbour Board.

W. T. Luxton is farming at Matangi, near Hamilton.

A. C. Jensen is a Government meat inspector.

A. J. Martin and G. Hagger are with Wright, Stephenson and Company, Limited.

M. Ewart is farming in the Bay of Plenty.

M. T. Veale is on the clerical staff of the Waitemata Electric-Power Board.

R. R. Wilson is working as a landscape gardener.

M. S. Chadwick is a dental mechanic for F. D. Perkins, dental technician.

J. G. Rickerby is living in retirement at Bayswater. He is one of the senior Old Boys in Auckland, having entered School in 1892.

Owen W. Bayly is a barrister and solicitor in the city.

R. D. Panckhurst has a hairdressing business at Otahuhu.

L. H. Abbott is with the Manchester Importing Company, Limited.

P. Woolley is associated with his father in Woolley's, Limited, manufacturers and warehousemen.

J. L. Simcock has a medical practice at Kaitaia.

R. M. Cato is in the office of Heard's, Limited, manufacturing confectioners.

Training in the Navy at Auckland are L. Young, J. Cadman, K. Cadman, T. Wilcox and Kopu. Kingi Hetet is in the Army Permanent Staff.

S. Bagnall is a reporter on the North Auckland Times, Dargaville.

R. Abbott is with Andrews and Clark, furnishers.

R. V. Lightbourne is sheep farming at Maungaturoto.

C. Rieckleemann is with Milne and Choyce, Limited, drapers.

C. R. Allen is a last maker for J. Edwards and Sons, Limited, wood heel manufacturers.

L. Asher is sales manager of Bond and Bond, Limited, merchants.

J. Clemow is a solicitor at Cambridge, and D. Clemow is farming in the Cambridge district.

Lindsay Horrocks is manager of the Auckland branch of the Norwich Mutual Life Insurance Society.

L. Inch is on the reporting staff of New Zealand Truth at Auckland.

Roy Murray is farming in North Auckland.

Kevin O'Halloran recently transferred from the staff of Kowhai Intermediate School to Wanganui Intermediate School.

H. Mason is teaching at Clevedon.

B. de B. Noakes is with the Guardian Assurance Company.

B. O'Halloran is with Amalgamated Theatres, Limited.

O. Rainger is managing director of Moss Rainger, Limited.

N. A. Kyle, who was at School from 1904 to 1907, has a plumbing business in the city. He is a member of the New Zealand Rugby League Council.

E. A. Brooker is on his own account as a merchant.

Surrey Alleman is a prominent city architect.

Haddo Gordon is on the staff of Silknit (N.Z.), Limited.

H. J. Thomas is with H. H. Pattle, Limited, produce merchants, Pukekohe.

A. H. Osborne, who entered School in 1904, is with the New Zealand Insurance Company. He is a member of the committee of the Auckland branch of the Old Boys Association.

G. Osborne has a medical practice in Auckland.

W. H. Jenkinson is with Gordon and Gotch, Limited.

Murray Haycock has a medical practice in an Auckland suburb.

E. Boulton and H. L. Calder are on the teaching staff of Mount Albert Grammar School. G. McB. Salt is teaching at Auckland Grammar School.

C. Putt is town planning officer for the Auckland City Council.

J. W. Veale is accountant to the Maple Furnishing Company, Limited.

I. Beckbessinger is sales manager for Brittain and Wynyard, Limited, indentors.

K. Hansard and T. Fenwick are on the clerical staff of the Westfield Freezing Company, Limited, and J. Hibbard is in the engineer's shop. Fenwick recently returned from a trip to England.

R. T. Ward is sheep farming at Whitford.

Lex Chambers is with his father in an Auckland importing and manufacturing firm.

J. W. Morrison is a partner in an indenting firm.

G. Campbell MacDiarmid, who has had a medical practice in Putaruru for some years, left in August on a visit to England.

Pat Mitchell is with Alfred Buckland and Sons, Auckland.

L. B. Rea and Stan. Billing are on the staff of Macky, Logan, Caldwell, Limited.

"Buck" Buchanan is farming at Karaka, near Pukekohe.

J. Rogers is running a manufacturing business in the city.

E. G. Loten has a medical practice in Auckland.

J. B. Hardeastle left the New Zealand Herald this year to establish his own photographic business.

Deryck Sloman is with Salmond and Spraggon, Limited.

R. A. Shaw is with Burgess, Fraser and Company, Hamilton.

WAIKATO BRANCH.

Owing to the outbreak of war and the restrictions on the sale of petrol it was decided to defer the holding of the annual reunion, which had been fixed for October 15.

P. Langdon, W. R. Henshaw and Basil Joyes are three Old Boys who have left School recently and who have been in touch with the secretary of the branch.

Captain L. I. Day, who was on the staff of the Hamilton Technical High School, went into camp with the first echelon of the Special Force.

J. G. Wynyard again represented Waikato at Rugby and played in the All Black trial matches. His brothers, Harry and Bob, are both on farms in the Te Awamutu district.

Old Boys who are serving with the 2nd Medium Battery include W. M. Primrose, W. Langdon, H. K. Parkes and D. LePine. The last-named, who is secretary of the Waikato Branch, is on the staff of the N.Z. Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd. He is always pleased to see any Old Boys who might be in Hamilton.

J. Carroll is on the staff of Burgess, Fraser, Ltd., and during the winter played football for the Old Boys' Club. He goes into camp early in December.

J. Ledgerwood, a former master and later secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Hamilton, was at the Hopuhopu Military Camp. Upon the opening of the Papakura camp he went there to supervise the activities of his institution.

C. Morey, a member of the committee, is with Newton King, Ltd., in Hamilton. C. Dunn has been transferred from that firm's Te Awamutu branch to its Hamilton branch.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Annual Reunion.—It was very pleasing to see so many masters and visiting Old Boys present, as well as parents of the boys who were playing in the School team. Masters present were Messrs. W. H. Moyes, V. E. Kerr, A. L. Moore, R. C. Wilson, W. E. Alexander, G. F. Bertrand and A. R. Lucas. Visiting friends from New Plymouth included Messrs. Cook, senior and junior, Cartwright, McCullum, O. H. Burford, H. R. Billing, Dr. Allen; from Marton and Palmerston North, Messrs. Parkes (2), Galpin, Hayward, C. J. Hamblyn, C. C. Yates, M. Standish. A. Brodie and his companion flew from New Plymouth.

The major attraction of the reunion was no doubt the fact that the Old Boys' committee had at last persuaded the authorities to play the School-Te Aute match

in Hawke's Bay. The dinner was an excellent function, in all about eighty being present. We were once again pleased to hear Mr. Moyes relate the activities at School, and to have the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Billing, with us.

The election of officers resulted:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Moyes; president, J. Leggat; senior vice-president, R. Le Pine; junior vice-president, I. Henderson; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Palmer; committee, B. Wilson, G. and P. Nilsson, J. Peddie, J. K. O'Dea; representative on parent body, J. Galbraith.

It was decided to hold the next reunion in Hastings. It was unanimously decided at the annual meeting that this Association would support the changing of the School-Te Aute game to a home and home fixture. The request was made to School and Te Aute representatives at the dinner.

The School team was entertained at afternoon tea at Te Aute College, and after the match to dinner by the Central Hawke's Bay Rugby Sub-Union.

Personals.

The branch secretary, J. W. Palmer, is as busy as ever. He is now on nine different district committees.

Bryce Stoddart (one of the first boarders of the School) is farming in the Porangahau district.

Ken Dailey has a butcher's business at Onga Onga.

R. Bates is teaching at the Intermediate High School, Napier.

W. G. Buchanan has been an inmate of the Pukeora Sanatorium and we all wish him a quick recovery.

C. Cranby is farming in Hatuma district.

F. C. Billing: Bank N.S.W., Napier.

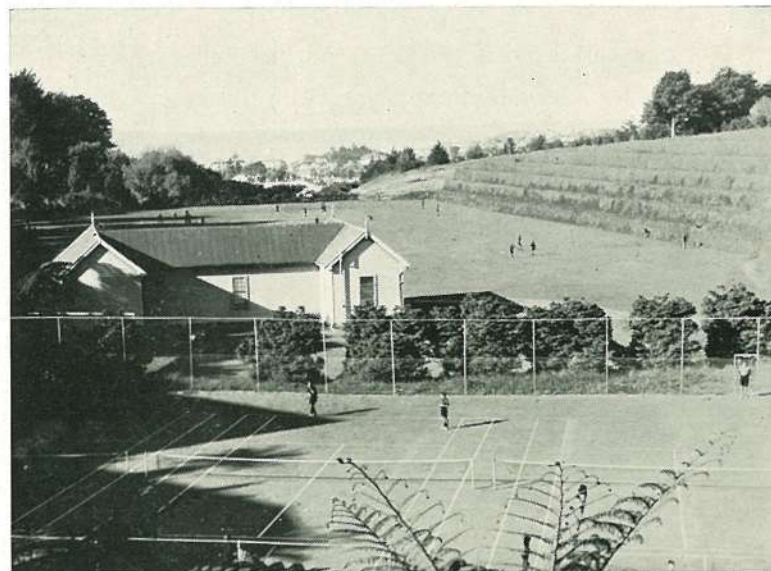
R. Field: Farming at Waimarama.

A. A. Smith: Farming at Pukehou.

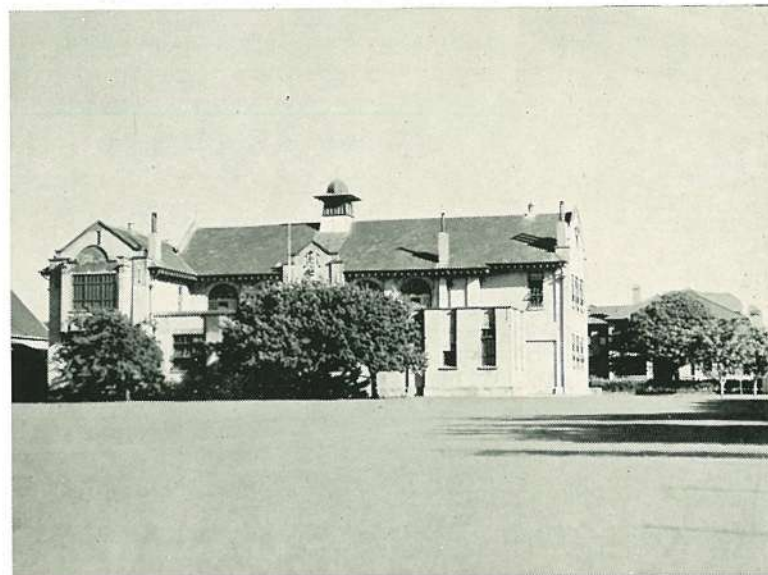
P. Robertshaw: Farming at Waipukurau.

I. Henderson: Farming at Waipukurau.

H. McKenzie: Fat stock buyer, Waipukurau



TENNIS COURTS AND GULLY GROUND.



THE SCHOOL.

Dr. Peter Griffiths: On active service, Singapore.

L. Friedsburg: Farming at Elsthorpe.

R. Le Pine: Solicitor, Napier.

W. Nash: Solicitor, Napier.

S. Murley: In his father's business, Hastings.

W. I. Mathews: Farming at Hatuma.

S. Miller: Office, Stewart-Greer Motors, Napier.

W. House: Farming at Ashley Clinton.

Dr. Jim O'Dea: Superintendent Pukeora Sanatorium.

J. Trehey: Manager, Hume Pipe Company, Hastings.

Sid Train: Farming at Waipukurau.

J. Tarrant: National Bank, Waipukurau.

E. Small: Farming at Hastings.

Dr. Romaine Wright: Practise in Hastings.

S. Allusen: Farming at Argyle.

J. Leggatt: High School, Hastings. He will be entering camp in the New Year as Major Leggatt, so we wish him the best; will be greatly missed by the branch from Hawke's Bay.

T. Jones: Bank of New Zealand, Hastings, has now settled down to married life, especially since an addition to the family.

WELLINGTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Wellington Branch was held at the Tararua Tramping Club's Rooms on Thursday, 18th May, 1939, some 35 Old Boys being present. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Moyes; President, R. C. Bradshaw; Vice-Presidents, R. E. Pope, G. D. Willis, S. Hayden, R. G. Sutherland and T. N. Foden; Committee, A. Maunder, A. E. Tarrant, W. M. Bradshaw, G. Garner and P. E. Aldous; hon. secretary, A. O. Masters; hon. treasurer, F. G. Halpin; hon. auditor, D. O. Stace.

After the business of the meeting had been dispensed with, an informal reunion of those present took place.

The next Old Boys' function was in the form of a football match against Old Boys of Nelson College. It was played at Emerson Street ground on September 16th and resulted in a brilliant victory for our team by 20—8. It was played in the traditional school spirit, which was one of the pleasing features of the match. This fixture has now become an annual event looked forward to earnestly by both associations, and the teams engage in friendly rivalry as to which is to hold the honour for the ensuing season. The Wellington Branch team comprises: Bell (captain), Ekdahl, Larkin, Macleod, Halpin, Garner, Papps, Corkill, Taylor, Marsden, Moss, Masters, Hart, Annand, Waters—while in reserve we have such players as Tom Rogers, Jack Bruen, D. Fitzgerald, F. D. Whitwell, E. Ferry, C. Leighton and Jack Ford.

Unfortunately, we did not have our full complement for this match, but the result proved more than satisfactory and the standard of play was reminiscent of the days of Brown, Alexander, Brodie and Shaw.

A fitting conclusion to the day's football was the annual reunion dinner, held at 6.30 p.m. at the Empire Hotel. It was a great disappointment to learn that we would not be able to have with us this year Mr. Moyes or any masters. Their absence detracted from the reunion spirit of the dinner, but in spite of this misfortune the function was attended by some 50 odd members. Mr. R. C. Bradshaw was in the chair, and the toast list was as follows:—"The King," Mr. R. C. Bradshaw. "The School," Mr. R. C. Bradshaw; reply by Mr. J. D. Willis, in Mr. Moyes' absence. "Kindred Associations," Mr. R. G. M. Sutherland; replies by representatives from Otago, Nelson, St. Patrick's, Te Aute, Wellington. "The Masters," Mr. R. S. V. Simpson; reply by Mr. A. E. Tarant (no masters being present). "The Parent Body," Mr. R. G. Corkill. "Absent Old Boys," Mr. R. E. Pope.

At the end of the dinner the gathering stood in silence as a mark of respect to one Old Boy who could not be with us—Cedric Whittington.

The brighter part of the evening was had around the piano, where the old School songs were sung with evident enthusiasm. The function was highly successful both from the point of view of attendance and financially. Were it not for the present situation, however, petrol licences, etc., a larger attendance would have been expected.

Early in May, we were all grieved to hear of the tragic death of one of our number, Peter Saunders. Peter was once an active secretary of the Wanganui branch of the Association, and was one of our most popular members.

The whereabouts of certain Old Boys and general information will be interesting to readers of the magazine:—

As a result of the declaration of war many Old Boys have answered the call. Among them are the following: R. C. Bradshaw, our president, who is at present in the Advanced Training Company, Trentham. We hope to see him with his star in a very short time. W. M. Bradshaw, previously in Dominion Motors, is now at Burnham, Christchurch, as a machine-gunner. Phil Aldous, immediate past secretary and in the Reserve Bank, is with the Artillery at Ngaruawahia. Dick Simpson and D. Fitzpatrick are in the Wellington Fire Command, Fort Dorset. A. G. McIntyre and T. R. Ryan are in the Air Force. Rex Dowding, G. Evers-Swindell and Mark Hatherley are in the Special Force. Ralph Mander and Bob Compton have been called up in the Artillery units.

Those who played football this year are as follows: P. E. Aldous (Seatoun), M. Marsden, N. Waters and "Ding" Bell (Wellington Senior B), G. Garner (Onslow and Wellington junior reps.). Corkill, Papps, Taylor, Macleod, Halpin, Masters, Annand, Fitzpatrick, Larkin, Ekdahl and Whitwell played for 'Varsity Club. Ferry, Leighton and Rogers were members of the Wellington Club.

Those prominent in the cricket world last season were: N. Waters, W. Cook (Mercantile League), F. G. Halpin, T. C. Larkin, O. Masters ('Varsity). This year many others are wielding the bat with much success; these include F. Rogers, Jack Bruen, R. Beaven, G. Garner.

At Victoria University, New Plymouth Old Boys again dominate the scene. Foremost in 'Varsity activities are: R. J. Corkill (vice-president Students' Association), T. C. Larkin (nominee Rhodes Scholarship 1940), L. M. Papps, H. Moss (law), P. A. Taylor, F. D. Whitwell, A. O. Masters, F. G. Halpin, A. S. Macleod (commerce), G. Witten-Hannah, D. Butt (law), G. D. Morton (science), M. O. Ekdahl (science).

In residence at Weir House we have: R. J. Corkill (president), F. G. Halpin (secretary), T. C. Larkin, L. M. Papps, H. Moss, P. A. Taylor, F. D. Whitwell, G. D. Morton, A. S. Macleod, G. B. Annand, M. O. Ekdahl—while recently L. Starke was also admitted.

Also assisting the country in national defence we have Lieutenant A. H. Andrews and Major L. G. Goss at Trentham, while F. G. Halpin and F. D. Whitwell are doing good work at the Navy and Air Departments.

One of the big events of the year was the birth of Mr. R. G. M. Sutherland's daughter. All Old Boys heartily congratulate him.

Les. Voight is now married and is working in the Dominion Motors.

Success has come to A. E. Tarrant, who is now a partner in the firm of Suisted and Tarrant, Public Accountants.

Mr. R. G. M. Sutherland has also effected a change of business address. He is now: Croker and Sutherland, Solicitors, Brandon House.

Further Functions, 1939: Further proposed activities of the Association are, firstly, a cricket match against Nelson College Old Boys' Association, and a possibility of holding an Exhibition Smoke Concert.

CHRISTCHURCH AND DUNEDIN.

M. P. Donnelly and B. J. Hurle are at College House. Donnelly was full-back for the 'Varsity team, which won the Payne Trophy this year.

F. D. Moran, K. M. Tilley, A. W. Lindup and G. P. Kellar are at Rolleston House. Moran was a member of the Training College team which journeyed to Dunedin for their tournament there.

R. Small and N. Chatfield are with Christchurch firms.

P. Meiklejohn is in the police force.

A. G. McIntyre has been stationed at Wigram, together with M. J. Hunter and O. K. Rutherford.

A. E. Ewart is on the staff of the Timaru Herald.

The following Old Boys have recently qualified for the degrees M.B., Ch.B.: D. N. Allen, H. Fookes, J. A. Keeling.

Both I. B. and Sholto Faris were successful in their examinations, second and first professionals respectively.

Freshers at Dunedin include A. N. Thompson, C. Allen, R. K. Logan and M. G. Murray.

R. Renton and V. Carroll are doing first year medicine.

W. Geddes is a demonstrator in practical psychology.

John Marshall and A. N. Hayton are third year medical students.

J. C. W. Davies obtained his degree B.D.S. in May, and is in practice in Dunedin. Jack swam excellently in the inter-'Varsity tourney.

Both of the Stevens' are fourth year medicals.

Harold Francis, already with a B.Sc., to his credit, is a second year medical.

I. Auld, E. Morris and R. Freeman are fourth year medicals.

L. Henry is a third year dental.

“PER ARDUA AD ASTRA.”

The names of the forty-six Old Boys who gave their lives for King and Country in the Great War of 1914-18 are engraved on the Memorial Gates of the School and bear witness both to the noble part played by the last generation of pupils of the School when the call came for active service and to the heavy price the School had paid. That their names have proved an inspiration to the boys who have passed through the gates ever since their unveiling in 1921 is shown by the large numbers of boys who have entered the Royal Flying Corps during the past few years and to the still larger number who, on the outbreak of the present struggle, hastened to enlist in New

Zealand's Special Force. But, just as the School suffered its losses in the great struggle of the past, so it is inevitable that in the present strife we must face still further losses. Though the war is yet but two months old, already it is our unhappy duty to record the death on active service of four of our young Old Boys who so recently left School to join the Royal Air Force in England. It seems, and indeed it is, only yesterday that these boys were still at School amongst us, playing their full part both in school and on the playing fields to fit them to take their place amongst that splendid band of the Empire's youth who answered so readily the call of the Motherland. That they have perished so soon, on the very threshold of manhood, brings a deep sorrow to their Alma Mater, but also a pride that when duty called our boys were among the first to respond. To their parents the School wishes to express its deepest sympathy in their irreparable loss.

A Service was held at St. Mary's Church in their memory on Sunday, November 12. A large congregation gathered to do honour to their memory, including Old Boys, present boys and their parents, the staff, representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and the bereaved parents.

The Intercessions were led by the Ven. Archdeacon Gavin, and the Lessons were read by J. Irvine. The Rev. F. Hart opened the sermon by quoting the well-known lines of Laurence Binyon beginning "With proud thanksgiving" and concluding "At the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember them." He then referred in touching language to his own personal contacts with the four boys, from which he was able to deduce their spiritual preparation for the dangers they knew they were facing. He then asked what was wrong with a world which made such sacrifices necessary. The answer was found in the spirit of man. Until man raised himself to a higher standard the world could not be safe, fair, clean and honest. Man's intelligence and ingenuity had been developed almost to the point of self-destruction. After death, he said, each individual had to face his Creator, and he urged everyone present to make that service the turning point in his life, so that the sacrifice of these noble lives should not be in vain.

In concluding he expressed the sympathy of the School, its Staff, and the Old Boys to the parents, and paid special tribute to the mothers.

Desmond Charles Reid Carter.

Aged 27 years.

Des. was at School in 1928-29, where he was a general favourite and early earned a reputation for excellence in athletics. In 1928 he won the Junior Athletic Championship, and in the following year he was runner-up in the Senior Championship. He played football well and won a place in the third fifteen. His interest in athletics he maintained when he left School, when he played for the Eltham Football Club.

He left School in the depression years, and none of the careers which he favoured seemed to offer any opportunity at that time. Des. early showed a keen desire to enter the Air Force and, undeterred by lack of qualification for a Short Service Commission, worked his passage to England and qualified for the Royal Air Force by employing a tutor to bring him up to the educational standard required. Eventually he joined the Air Force in 1937, and was given a commission a month later.

Thereafter his progress was rapid. From an elementary training school at Hanworth he went to Uxbridge, and then to a more advanced centre before doing intensive work with a Navy Co-operation School at Arundel. He was then appointed instructor in blind flying, a position which he held until two days before the outbreak of war, when he was transferred to one of England's best fighting squadrons.

We know that when the call came for action, at the declaration of war, Des. was ready to face the unknown with the same courage with which he set out from New Zealand to make a career for himself. In extending our sympathy to his parents and relatives we, fellow Old Boys of his School, feel a deep appreciation of his fine example and the glory of his sacrifice.

John Clutha Casey.

Aged 21 years.

Jack Casey entered the School in 1929 in the Preparatory Department. He was placed in the Upper School in 1932 and remained with us until 1936, when he had secured part of his Professional Accountant's examination. While here he entered fully into the life of the School and distinguished himself in many branches of school life. In 1934 he won the under 8st. 7lb. Boxing Championship, he captained the third fifteen in 1935, and was Sergeant-Major of C Coy., 1936. His work at School was characterised by a painstaking determination which would have been of great value to him in life.

Always interested in a vigorous life, it was not surprising that soon after leaving School he joined the Air Force. After preliminary training in New Zealand, he left for England in August, 1938, and was appointed to the Fleet Air Arm. Here he was attached to the aircraft carrier Hermes, and later served for a time on the recently-torpedoed Courageous. From there he was transferred for special training and was killed in an air accident.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

From his long association with the School, Jack will be mourned by a large body of Old Boys who knew him and respected him. To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Casey, of New Plymouth, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Augustus Harold Jervis Ryan.

Aged 21 years.

Gus. Ryan was at School from 1932 to 1936, when he left, after Matriculating, to join the engineering staff of the New Plymouth Borough Council as a cadet. While at School he distinguished himself as an athlete and was one of our best distance runners. He won the senior 880 yards twice and the senior mile once. In 1935 he won the senior steeplechase from the scratch mark, and in the following year was second with the fastest time.

Gus. took a keen interest in all School activities. In the classroom his attitude to his work was most refreshing. No problem was too difficult, and he approached everything with determination and resource. His personality was most agreeable and he made friends with boys and masters. As Company Sergeant-Major in the Cadets he showed great promise of becoming a real leader.

Always keenly interested in aviation, he was one of the first to be trained at the local airport under the Civil Reserve scheme, and left in May, 1938, for England to join the Royal Air Force.

To his bereaved parents and relatives we extend our sincere sympathy in the confidence that his sacrifice will not be in vain.

Cedric Nicholas Whittington.

Aged 21 years.

Cedric came to us in 1933 from the Hawera Main School, and remained here until 1937, when he left us to join the firm of Walkley, Lawrence and Watts, Public Accountants, New Plymouth. At School he had a distinguished career over a wide field of activities. He played for the first fifteen, won the Life-saving Cup, headed the tennis ladder, performed well in the senior athletic championship, won the Senior Debating Cup, and held the rank of sergeant in the Cadets. These triumphs represent a great achievement, but it was on the executive side of School that Cedric's real value was felt. He was secretary of no fewer than four clubs, of some for three years, and was instrumental in forming at least one School institution, the School branch of the Students' Christian Union. This record alone proves that during the whole of his School career his time was devoted to service to others. As a Prefect and head of Pridham House he was a stern disciplinarian but retained his popularity, which is proof that he inspired those younger than himself and less responsible with his own high moral principles, which made him a tremendous force for good in the School.

Cedric received his training in aviation at the New Plymouth airport, when he was transferred to Wigram. He left New Zealand in January of this year to join the Royal Air Force, and had only recently completed three months' special training in the flying of special machines.

The School mourns the passing of one of its most promising Old Boys.



D. C. R. Carter.
J. C. Casey.

C. N. Whittington.
A. H. J. Ryan (right) with his brother,
L. J. Ryan.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N.P. OLD BOYS'
SWIMMING AND SURF CLUB (Inc.).**

Presented at the Annual General Meeting held on
October 18th, 1939.

Although the past swimming season was marred to a certain extent by inclement weather conditions, the Club experienced one of the most successful seasons in its history. Efforts were made to increase the membership, especially in the junior and intermediate divisions, and these efforts were amply rewarded by the success of the Club in annexing the Taranaki Championship Swimming Banner. Club members who were successful in winning Taranaki swimming championships are as follows:—Miss V. Summerell, Miss J. Fyfe, Messrs. G. Walker, D. Gayton, J. Neville and D. Sykes. In addition to the above, J. C. W. Davies was successful in holding his title in the New Zealand 220 Yards Breaststroke Championship, while J. Neville won the New Zealand University 100 Yards Championship.

The Club did not confine its successes only to swimming, for the water polo team won the Dalgleish Cup for the Taranaki Water Polo Championship, and the surf team was placed first in the following events:—Weston Cup for Taranaki Four-Man Championship; Moles—McIsaac Cup for New Plymouth Four-Man Championship; six-man competition for the Ohawe Beach Shield. In addition, M. B. Neville won the Cambrian Shield for the Taranaki Resuscitation Championship.

The Club deeply regrets the death of Mr. C. Whittington, a former Club member, who left last year to join the Royal Air Force, and also wishes to express its condolences to the relatives of the late Mrs. P. J. Flannagan, who was at all times only too eager to help in any way possible the swimming movement in New Plymouth.

On the financial side the Club also experienced a satisfactory season. Starting the season with a cash balance of £34/9/9, and after meeting heavy disbursements in the way of travelling expenses to the New Zealand Surf Championships at Auckland, it managed to finish the season with a cash balance of £36/14/2, thus showing a

cash surplus of £2/4/5 for the year's working. The Club wishes to express its thanks to the New Plymouth Borough Council for its grant of £10, and also to all members and supporters for their untiring work in the interests of the Club.

Although the international situation may cause a shortage of senior swimmers for the coming season, it should in no way affect the progress of the Club, for the younger members of the Club may be relied upon to take over some of the executive positions in the Club that may fall vacant through the enlistment of senior members, and every hope is entertained of having another very successful season for 1940.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB

(Incorporated).

Season 1938-39

Presented at the Annual Meeting on Monday, 3rd October, 1939.

Gentlemen,—

Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting to you the 19th Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

The last season, from a playing point of view, was a moderately successful one, the club entering four teams, Senior A, Senior B and two Junior teams. The Senior A team was once more successful in annexing the Robertson Cup, but in turn were beaten by the Power Board for the Provincial Final. To the Power Board we convey our sincere congratulations.

The Senior team again set an example for their attendance at practice, which throughout the year was attended by too few of the lower grades.

The Senior B team, although not occupying any place on the ladder, enjoyed a very good season, and played sporting cricket.

The Junior teams were quite successful in the Junior Competitions, the A team occupying third place, and the

B team also returned some good performances. Mr. L. McKoy, a member of this team, took over 100 wickets and made 667 runs, which is a very commendable performance.

Performances.

C. Lash was successful this year in heading the Robertson Cup averages with 29.85, while R. Harris headed the bowling averages in the same competition. No centuries were scored by any of the senior players, although the half-century mark was passed on a number of occasions.

Representative Honours.

Taranaki: C. Lash (captain), M. Pool. A. W. McCoy was picked, but was unavailable.

Minor Associations: A. W. McCoy.

Graham Cup: A. W. McCoy.

Mason Cup: C. Lash, A. W. McCoy, R. Harris, N. Leighton.

North Taranaki Colts: N. Leighton, R. Urry.

Senior B.—In this grade no outstanding batting feats were accomplished, although with the ball both Somerton and Donnelly were successful.

Junior.—The batting averages were headed by Roy Sole (27.7), D. Proffit (24.4) and T. Jones (15.4). The highest aggregate of runs went to D. Proffit, who compiled 465 runs. Centuries: Roy Sole 102 retired.

Bowling.—T. Boyle headed the bowling by taking 60 wickets for 7.96 runs, and R. Sole 51 wickets for 8.17.

Junior B.—Both bowling and batting were headed by L. McKoy, who in bowling and batting obtained the highest aggregates and best averages. He scored 667 runs for an average of 23, and took 116 wickets for 8.9 runs apiece.

J. Challis was second in the batting with an average of 13.1, while L. Higginson with a bowling average of 11.8 filled a similar position in bowling analysis.

The congratulations of the Club are extended to the winners of the Senior B and Junior competitions, New Plymouth and Western Park respectively.

Finance.—The year, financially, has been a moderately successful one. The Club's sundry creditors amount to £5 and sundry debtors £5/7/6, with cash at bank £1/3/11.

It is therefore obvious that if all subscriptions were forthcoming, the Club would have a credit balance instead of a debit balance. The outgoing committee rightly feels justified in appealing to the players to give the payment of subscriptions their first consideration. I would also recommend that this meeting pass the resolution that the entry fee of 5/- be paid before any of the Club members are eligible for competition games, because it is at the beginning of the season that the greater portion of the Club's expenses are incurred.

Obituary.—During the past season we regret to have to record the death of two enthusiastic supporters of cricket, namely the late Messrs. Neville Grant and Claude Williams. Cricket generally has suffered a great loss in the passing of these gentlemen.

Practice.—Again as in the past the practice wicket has not been used to the full extent, and this year we appeal to the players to use this wicket at least once a week. Cricket is one game where practice is essential.

Social.—Three members of the Club have been chosen to join the Special Force. To Messrs. J. H. Birch, J. S. Medley and S. W. Way the Club extends its best wishes and a safe return.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thomson the Club offers its heartiest congratulations on their recent marriage.

In conclusion the thanks of the Club are due to Messrs. J. Kirwin and J. Palmer for their donations; to W. M. McIndoe, Esq., official Club scorer; to K. Fookes, the Club honorary auditor; to the Umpires' Association, and to the Press for the valuable work they do in the interests of cricket generally.

V. D. MOORHEAD,
Hon. Secretary.

Extracts from letter from L. S. Watt, from Lokoja, Nigeria. 15/8/39.

"I must describe the conditions under which the letter is being written—have on a long-sleeved, open-necked shirt, grey bags and mosquito boots, and my lamp (excellent affairs, these Tilley Hurricane lamps—as good a light as electricity) is at least twelve feet away to attract the insects away from a shining countenance; nevertheless am being bitten freely. The mosquitos, sandflies (tiny ones that raise a big lump), flies (they draw blood), and stinging insects make things unpleasant after dark—a nuisance having to cover up well when everything is so hot and sticky. Seriously, they are bad, but I've had them worse in N.Z.—at Lake Rotomaha!

"Beyond the range of the light everything is pitch black except for an occasional firefly that flutters past—beautiful little things that cast quite a brilliant light as they drift along—just like a shooting star if it were to move with a butterfly action. The stars, too, are brilliant, but don't light up the night at all. Every now and then the darkness is lit by a flash of lightning from a thunderstorm over the horizon. The air is filled with the noise of frogs, crickets, and night birds. Fortunately the drumming that started from a native village nearby about an hour ago has stopped.

"On the verandah itself an occasional frog or lizard moves across to pick up insects stunned by the light, and now and then a bat flits through. The frogs are pretty, friendly, pot-bellied little chaps, with extremely long tongues that flick out with tremendous speed to pick up their prey.

"To go back to the arrival at Freetown, Sierra Leone. Ship surrounded by natives in canoes, who as usual carefully sifted the garbage ejected from the lower ports of the ship—sang with twangy voices everything from hymns to the 'Lambeth Walk.' One individual, dressed in loin cloth, white collar and tie and top-hat kept repeating in a radio announcer's voice 'Good-morning everybody. This is Uncle Tom speaking. Welcome to Freetown.' A tiny monkey was perched on his top-hat."

"Went ashore—taxi few miles to the European Golf Club—it runs along the coast beside the surf. Greens are not green but brown. They are clay and sand rolled hard—very accurate but no good for pitching onto. There we spent two hours in the surf—managed to 'shoot' a few excellent breakers, and I felt quite proud when everyone else was asking me 'how it was done.' Back in town, dropped in to 'City Hotel,' the best in Freetown. Anything more like the Shanghai 'joints' such as appear in American film I've never seen. Back to the ship for afternoon tea. It must have been market day, for dozens of boats put off up the river, sails up and everybody paddling as they chanted in unison."

"Two days after leaving Freetown we put in at Takoradi, on the Gold Coast, a fine port with up-to-date facilities—mostly resulting from the cocoa trade, I think. Had an excursion ashore and a swim in the sea, which is very salty and buoyant here in the tropics."

"At Accra next morning we anchored in the roadstead—calm sea, heavy swell, and white buildings standing out in the brilliant sunshine. Ship surrounded by surf boats, and long lines of them connected the ship to the shore. They are heavy whalers, manned by ten paddlers and a steersman at the sweep-oar. The paddlers sit side-on upon a little mat on the gunwale, and are kept dead in time either by chanting or by metallic castanets clicked by the steersman. The three-pronged paddles are all painted the same vivid colour for the boat. They make a grand sight, glistening paddles and purple backs in perfect time as they make their way in to shoot the breakers before carrying the loads ashore. When the Governor came aboard he had a special boat and picked crew, bedecked with flags, etc. He was the third Governor we took on board—all bound for Lagos for the conference of Governors of West African Colonies."

"Next morning at Lagos I met Horace Whittington's father, who took me to lunch and helped me through Customs, etc. We all went to Government House for dinner—everyone, the four Governors included, turned up in mufti—out here at any rate it seems to be all 'bunk' about dressing for dinner."

"Travelled through the hot night by train, disembarked next morning at Oshogbo at 9 a.m. Was met by four 'boys' with a big Chev. lorry, and set out for Lokoja, 215 miles away. First hundred miles through heavy African jungle, with clearings and villages here and there—villages very primitive,—the driver steered an expert course among chickens, goats, ducks, turkeys and dogs—villagers carry loads on their heads, often of tremendous weight. Arrived at Lokoja at 7 p.m. amidst pouring rain."

"The bungalows here are big houses with iron or thatched roofs, made of concrete and raised on piles three or four feet above ground—kitchen and servants' quarters some twenty yards to the rear. Here in Lokoja a water supply has been fixed, so (luxury of luxuries!) the houses have enamelled baths and a shower. One needs plenty of water here, for it's supposed to be one of the hottest and stickiest parts of Nigeria."

"We have a nine-hole golf course, two tennis courts, library, darts, etc., and a swimming pool further up the valley; at present the Resident is encouraging a farmer to grow carrots, radishes and potatoes, so we seem to be fairly well off in the matter of civilised amenities and rations. We are also well off as far as zoological exhibits are concerned; crows and vultures and dozens of pretty birds, plenty of snakes, and up in the hills, behind the compound, baboons and leopards."

BIRTHS.

- ALLEN.—at "Timata Ora," New Plymouth, on Saturday, October 28, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Allen, a son.
- BELL.—at "Ahuru," to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bell, Puniho, a son.
- BOWEN.—At Patea Public Hospital, on Thursday, September 7, to Alice (nee Gibbs), wife of E. A. Bowen, a son.
- BRADBURY.—On August 17, 1939, at "Timata Ora," to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bradbury, Kent Road, a daughter.
- BRIGGS.—At New Plymouth, on July 24, to Mr. and Mrs. N. Briggs, Huinga, a son.
- CLOW.—On November 8, 1939, at Pahiatua, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Clow (nee Willox), a son.
- DINNISS.—At Invercargill, on Sunday, October 22, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dinniss, a daughter.
- DONALD.—At "Timata Ora," on September 28, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Donald, Barrett Road, a daughter.
- FLEMING.—At "Timata Ora," New Plymouth, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fleming, Pungarehu, on October 12, 1939, a son.
- FOREMAN.—At "Timata Ora," on June 14, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Foreman, Tikorangi, a son.
- HETHERINGTON.—On July 23, 1939, at "Bickleigh," Hawera, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hetherington, a daughter.
- MacDONALD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. MacDonald, Okau, on June 22, at the Raleigh Hospital, Waitara, a son.
- PEASE.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Pease, Rawhitiroa, at Mount View Hospital, Eltham, on May 15, a daughter.
- STRONGE.—On August 23, at the Opunake Cottage Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stronge, a daughter.
- TAIT.—To Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Tait, Kaponga, on June 26, at Kaponga Private Hospital, a son.
- TATE.—On August 13, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tate, Christchurch, a daughter.
- TELFORD.—At New Plymouth, on October 24, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. W. Telford, Oakura, a son.
- TEMPLER.—On September 4, at Dunedin, to the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Templer, the Vicarage, Clyde, a son.
- TUCK.—At Nurse Morgan's, Inglewood, on October 14, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tuck (nee Jones), a son.
- UPSON.—At Mt. View, on April 24, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Upson, Okaiawa, a son.
- WARD.—At "Timata Ora," on September 15, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ward, Ngariki Road, Rahunu, a daughter.

- WARD.—At "Ahuru," to Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Ward, a son.
- WATERS.—At "Ahuru," New Plymouth, on October 2, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Waters, a son.
- WHITE.—On April 29, at "Ahuru" Private Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. White, a daughter.
- WILLIAMS.—On Tuesday, October 10, 1939, at "Ahuru," Morley Street, to Gladys, wife of Mr. F. B. Williams, 282 Courtenay Street, a son.
- YOUNG.—At "Timata Ora," New Plymouth, on Wednesday, July 12, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Young, Okau, a son (still born).

DEATH NOTICES.

- FLEMING.—On October 8, 1939, at New Plymouth, William, husband of the late Ellen Fleming, Kahui Road, Rahotu; aged 68 years.
- KIRKWOOD.—At Stratford, on October 7, 1939, Henry Russell, husband of Molly Kirkwood, and only son of Henry and Elsie Kirkwood; aged 28 years.
- MITCHINSON.—On October 2, 1939, at the New Plymouth Public Hospital, William, husband of Beatrice Mitchinson, 327 St. Aubyn Street, New Plymouth; aged 70 years.
- NICHOLSON.—At his residence, 222 Courtenay Street, New Plymouth, on Sunday, July 30, 1939, Dr. J. H. Murray Nicholson, son of Mrs. and the late Herbert Nicholson; aged 36 years.
- WAY.—At Levin, on July 17, 1939, Bertie Rupert, husband of Madge Way, Levin. Accidentally killed.
- WILLIAMS.—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Sanson, Ohaupo, on Saturday, September 30, 1939, William Williams, late of Meremere.

MARRIAGES.

- ALLEN—MOYES.—At St. Luke's Church, Rotorua, on September 15, Nancy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moyes, to Colin, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Allen, Auckland.
- JOHNSTONE—HAMMOND.—At St. Mary's, New Plymouth, on July 29, Emily Alice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hammond, to Bernard Herbert, only son of Mr. H. J. Johnstone and the late Mrs. Johnstone, New Plymouth.
- LAW—WHITE.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin, on September 7, by Canon E. H. Strong, Lillian Janet, second daughter of Mrs. M. and the late Mr. S. V. White, to Harold Dixon, younger son of Mrs. F. M. Law, New Plymouth.
- THOMSON—HAMMOND.—At New Plymouth, on June 2, Launa, only daughter of Mrs. F. Hammond, New Plymouth, to Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Thomson, New Plymouth.

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