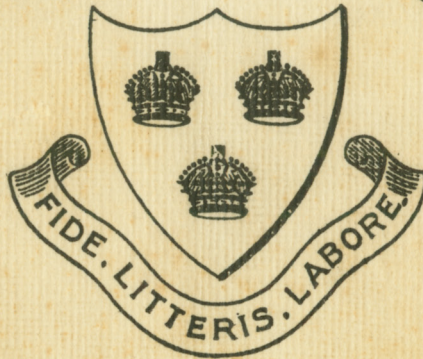


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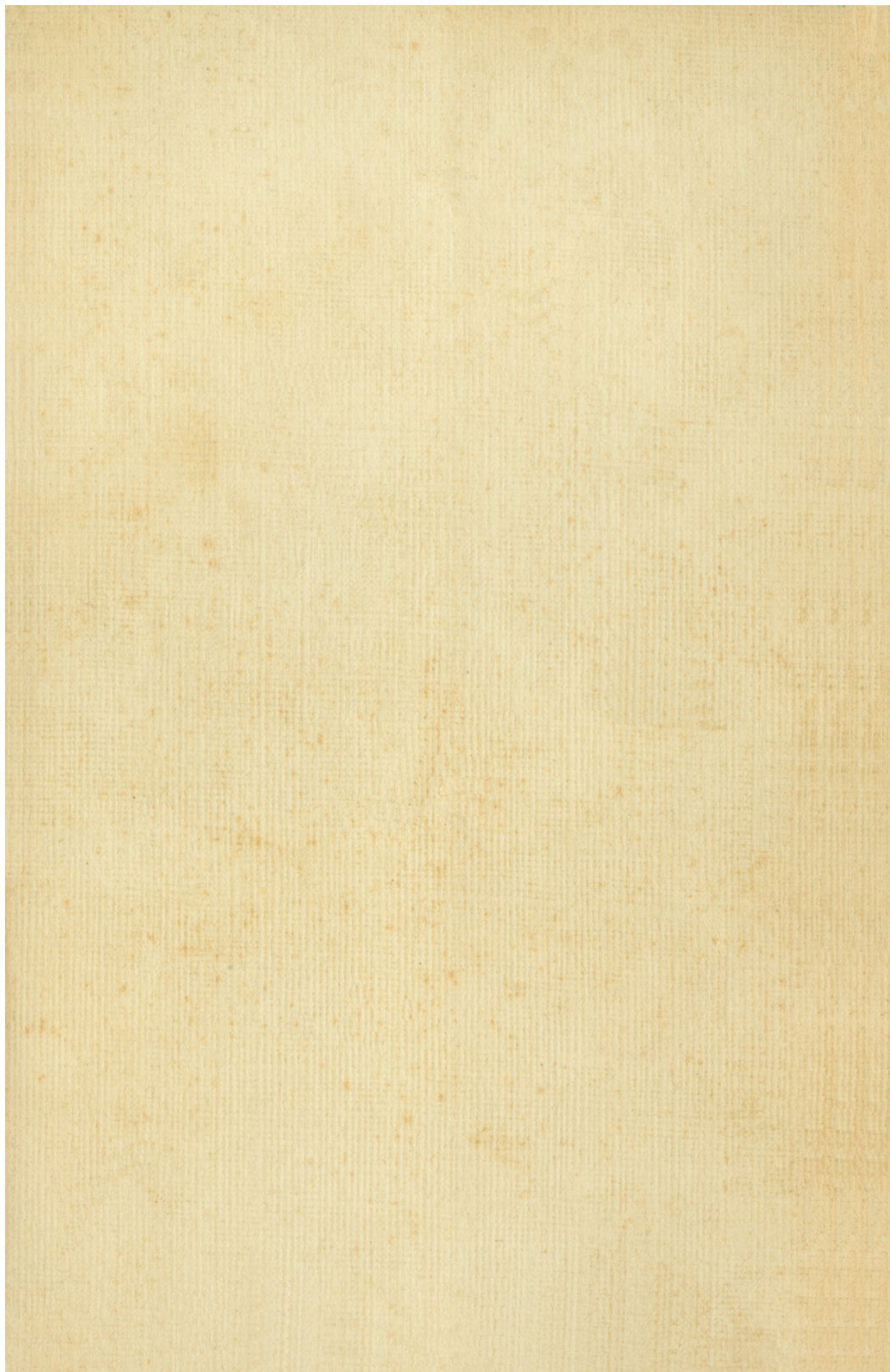


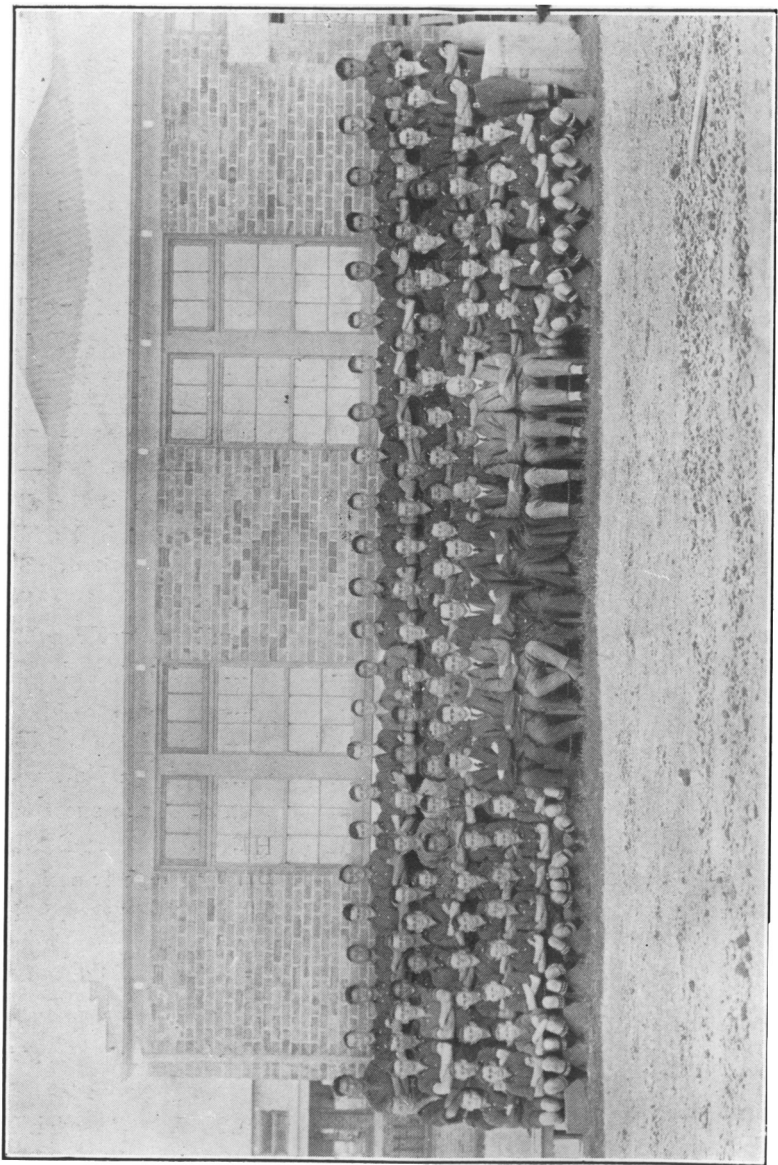
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FOREWORD.

Once again we come forward to chronicle our doings, and to leave on record to those who come after us our successes and our failures.

Just as the life of the individual is marked by its victories and reverses, so, too, is the life of a College subject to the ebb and flow of fortune. The making real of an ideal is always a difficult matter, and the life of any College worthy of the name is a constant effort to realise ideals of nobility, knowledge and industry in the lives of those who come under its influence.

The past year has marked a most important step in our history in the opening of the new wing and the completion in part at least of the plans and policy of the Rev. J. S. Simmonds. *Si eius monumentum petis, circumspice.* We are optimistic enough to think that this is only the beginning of a forward policy, and that the coming years will be marked by a continued growth.

We would not, however, be judged by our size or the number or extent of our buildings, but by the extent to which our boys are filled with the desire to bring the Kingdom of God upon earth. It is in all that "the world's coarse thumb and finger failed to plumb" that we must look for our reward and the justification of our existence.

And so in the pages that follow we outline in few words our little round, but would not have you unmindful that these are but the bare bones of College life, while to know that life fully it must be lived in sympathy and understanding, if not in person.

R. C. CLARK, M.A., Dip. Ed.

Sunday.

Despite the fact that under the modern secular system of education the cultivation of a deep spiritual life seems to be most unpopular in its claims for inclusion in a complete education, nevertheless, we, somewhat apart from that system, believe that development of the spiritual is of vital importance to the welfare of the individual. Sunday gives us the opportunity, when we who deal with each other in the mundane things of life for six days can more steadfastly turn our thoughts to the things which are unseen. We do not regard our Sunday observances merely as a "fill-up" for an otherwise blank day, but as something which is an essential force in our development.

Last year we travelled to the Pukekohe Church by motor lorry, but this year increase in numbers has made that practice impossible. From the beginning of the year each Sunday we have had from the Theological College a student, who has taken the services for that day. We wish to place on record our gratitude to all the students who have visited us. In addition to the students we have also had occasional visits from Auckland ministers. Amongst these, Dr. Ranston has visited us three times.

At the present stage the organisation of Sunday activities presents some difficulties. We would greatly appreciate a resident chaplain. No doubt this however is a thing of the future.

The Opening of the New Wing.

Saturday, the 17th April, 1926, will ever be a memorable date in the annals of the College.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Hon. Sir James Parr, the Minister for Education—who was accompanied by Lady Parr—shortly before his departure for England to succeed Sir James Allen, as High Commissioner for New Zealand.

The weather, though dull and with a cold wind, did not prevent a very large gathering from being present. The front of the School was gay with bunting, a large Union Jack occupying the central position.

The Principal, in a fitting speech, outlined some details of the School's history, and pointed out that the original wing, named after the late headmaster, the Rev. J. S. Simmonds, was now balanced by a similar one, which completed a very artistic and

up-to-date block of buildings. "It was this wing," he said, "which was to be known as the School wing, that he now called upon Sir James Parr to open." A silver key of very striking design had been moulded for the occasion.

After the opening was completed, the Minister for Education made a fine speech on the value of education and on the admirable position which had been chosen for the new college. He particularly stressed the many advantages which boys in a country school like ours had over those attending a town school. He wished the Board of Governors and the College every success in their plucky venture.

Others that spoke were: Mr. McLennan, our member of Parliament; the Hon. Sir Geo. Fowlds; and Mr. Veale, the retiring Chairman of the Board, who has done so much and worked so hard in the interests of the College. Mr. Veale very happily remarked that the Principal's little daughter, Margaret, was the greatest asset of the School!

Proceedings were brought to a close by afternoon tea, which was served in one of the class-rooms.

"By Loyalty, Learning and Labour," as our Latin motto hath it; and it would be hard to find a more suitable one for a community with a dual purpose, such as ours.

May brain and hand combine in harmonious loyalty to the School and to all that the School stands for—then, indeed, shall she bear a fair name in the land.

The New Hospital.

During the past year we have at various times felt the need of some definite isolation ward where boys who are suspected of any infectious sickness may be carefully watched and treated.

This need has been met in the most generous manner by the kindness of Mrs. Smith, who has graciously consented to erect a modern College Hospital with accommodation for about 10 boys. This hospital is to be called the William Caughey Memorial Hospital, in memory of Mrs. Smith's nephew, who gave his life in the Great War. It will consist of a ward, an enclosed sun-verandah, isolation room, dispensary and nurse's quarters. The building will be heated by hot-water system, and is to be finished in the most modern manner.

The College owes a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Smith for this gracious gift.

While the hospital is being built it has been decided to remodel the laundry, to build an up-to-date drying-room to make the necessary heavy work as light as possible. An extra room is also being added to the staff cottage.

These additions are expected to be completed early in the new year.

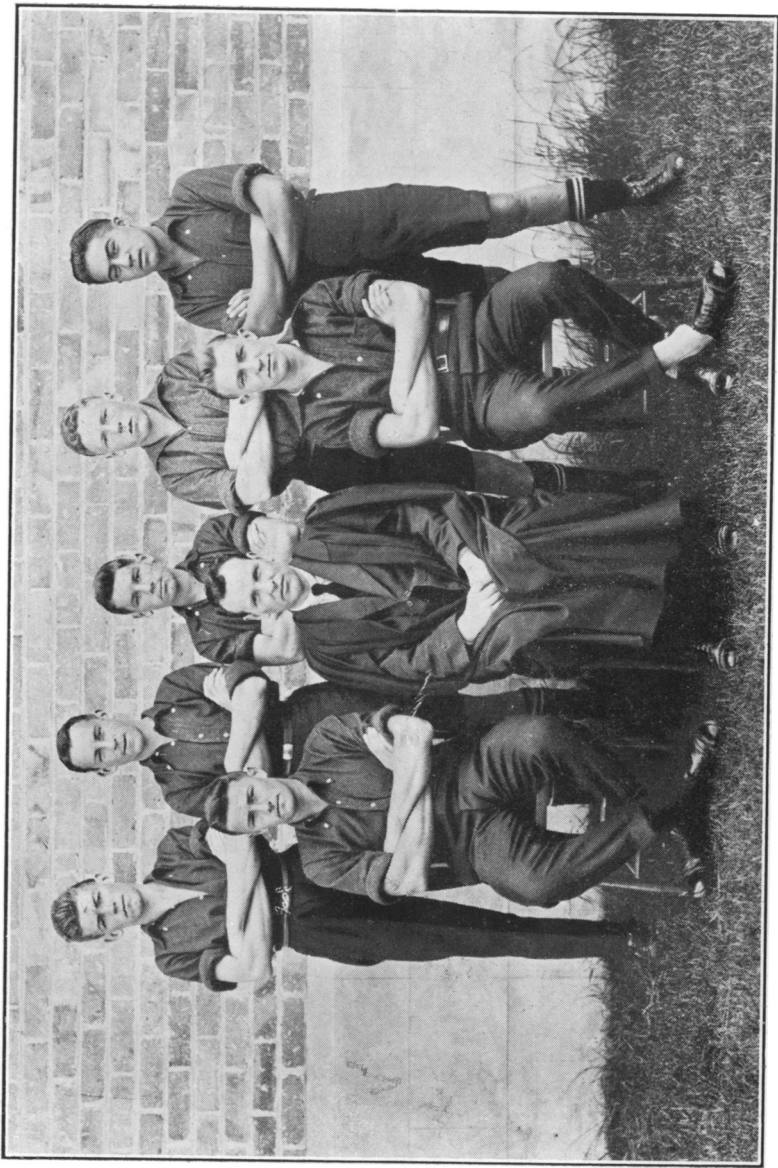
HOUSE NOTES.

School House.

This is the first year in which the School has been divided into houses. We, the School House, occupy the new wing, completed at the end of 1925. All told, we are about 54, and 54 more lusty boys it would be hard to find. Our house possesses many of the College notabilities in its numbers, namely, the captain of the First Fifteen, captain of First Hockey Team and the Senior Prefect. No doubt Simmonds possesses a better senior tennis player, but we believe that the House Tennis Match will show us on the whole superior. Our chief interest as a house has been the Winstone House Cup. We exceeded our own expectations in the contests for this Cup. Early in the year we established a big lead and, despite one or two defeats, we have managed to keep it up. Perhaps we are most proud of having won all the debating contests without having to change any of our team. Simmonds had a different team every time, and we congratulate them on putting in the best team they had yet put in, in the last debate. We are indeed very proud to be the first house to have its name placed on the handsome House Cup. Looking round the whole House Cup Competition we believe that it has been too spread out, and we suggest that one contest in football, etc., might be sufficient. This is well exemplified by the fact that towards the end of the year we had quite a rush to get everything in. However, everything came off well, leaving School House the first Cup holders.

There are few boys who have not contributed their bit towards the winning of the Cup, even down to the notorious Parker ii., whose barracking on the side lines quite exceeded that of any Simmonds worthy.

Our much noted R.C.G. was also a great asset as a supporter, and quite rivalled the former for first-class honours. Bob, it appears, is the life and soul of the 6th Class with his witticisms, while in the dormitories all fear him. It is a common occurrence to be wakened by his stentorian voice demanding silence.



THE PREFECTS, 1926.

Another objector to dormitory talk is the aforementioned Parker, who applies to the Prefects for permission to tell the others to "shut up." Life in School House would indeed be tame without these lads. Another whose actions and words are often worthy of note is G., a lad who makes up for his disadvantages, in his sayings.

For the most part the remainder are but ordinary, and although good in all things do not rank with the aforementioned.

On the whole, our masters are of the usual run, having their failings, and virtues, but the combination of masters and boys could not be better.

These few remarks afford an idea of the possessions and doings of School House and the conditions obtaining therein.

Kia Toa! Kia Manawanui! Ngatoo!

Simmonds House Notes.

Dear Readers,—

With the end of the year in view, we congratulate the pioneers of Simmonds House on their goodly start. We are in the most up-to-date dwelling, where we batten in arms of luxury. We enjoy icy cold water and plenty of soap on winter mornings.

Elsewhere in this volume you will read of our wireless set, but to listen at night to T— ii., and another talkative pair on the verandah is a much more popular pastime than wireless.

Not the least amusing of our boys is Brother Dunn, who, upon being asked why his teeth were not clean, replied that he had lost his nugget.

In passing, Dorm. 2 must not be left unmentioned. Its occupants, who consist of Big John, Middle John, and Little John, with the no less prominent member Tommy, are the most rowdy of all. From this dormitory we hear far into the night a boy say, in dulcet tones of one without a heart, "She breathes my name." Further information: First Left, Dorm 2.

TO THE PREFECTS OF DORM I.

The bird whistles the hour of ten,
 Then in walk four stealthy men.
 A short silence then prevails,
 And then they start.

Of topics one and all they speak
 (Shut up you kids, don't give us cheek).
 In Dorm One they nightly reign
 And night by night they wield the cane.

'Nuff Scd.

P.S.—I should like on behalf of the "House" and myself to thank Mr. Henderson and Mr. Bell very sincerely for their kindly interest and help during the past year. We wish Mr. Henderson the best of good fortune in his new sphere of activities, and hope to see him amongst us again on many occasions in the future. I also wish to express my keen appreciation of the loyal help which the "House" Prefects have given me; it has been a pleasure to work with them. The end of a school year always strikes a note of sadness, I think, as we realise that some will not be returning next year; boys whom we have learnt to know and like. Yet they have their way to make in the world, so we wish them "God Speed," and may the old School and its associations and the friendships which have been formed here never be forgotten by them in the years that are to come.

FORM NOTES.

MATRICES' II. AND III.

Between the two forms, Matrics' II. and III., there is not much difference, except that the latter think they are brainier, which is to be doubted. We are all one, however, and brain-power among us is universal; and besides, comparisons are odious. We use the same class-room and have the same masters, and thus the atmosphere never varies, and so there is also an equal distribution of brains.

This year, we hope and believe sincerely that many of our members will pass with credit, some in Public Service Entrance and others in Matriculation. As we write, they, the boys striving, are going hard for their respective exams., and there is no reason why good results should not be obtained, although our masters do not often agree with this. Our success or failure, however, will

not be for the want of trying. There is one individual, who is taking his Public Service Entrance this year, who cannot help but pass, as witness the following. He states, without fear of contradiction, that two of the chief rivers of France are the Ganges and Indus. As aforementioned, we're all brainy lads, and so to relate examples of ability on the part of everyone would require too much space. However, you may take our brains for granted.

On the sports field we are all keen. Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, all have their devotees. Sports Day brought forth many champions from our midst, and several ran close in the Championship. In fact, the runner-up was a Matric. II. lad.

We showed up well in the Form Relay, and other like events, and all are worthy of praise. As a matter of fact, our physical side is as highly developed as our mental.

Our class is taken for the most part in the laboratory, rightly named the "ponk-shop" by our unscientific master, whose objection appears to be the use of odorous chemicals by our B.Sc. in the period before he is due to take French in the same room. Several hours often elapse before the atmosphere is entirely clear. However, it is all for the benefit of our scientifically undeveloped minds. It also affords a good idea of how we live, and the conditions under which we strive.

These few comments are sufficient to show that our attainments, like an axiom, are self-evident; and, again, as we all know, "Self praise goes no ways."

P.S.E. II.

Our form, although small, is sweet and quite snappy.

The honourable members of which it consists are Brothers Harris, L. L.; Chapman, B. T.; Craig, J. W. S. E.; Denize, S. S. A happy family. One of our highly esteemed masters has been known to remark, and I am sure the others all agree with him, that P.S.E. II. is the brains and mainstay of the whole School. They always have the interests of the College in mind, and are continually setting good examples for the younger generation, who are to follow in their footsteps, and make a great name for the School. What more could be wished from a class than this?

Why! we are perfect models of the seemingly angelic boys, who attended a certain Taranaki school, of which, I suppose, you have all heard a great deal. I may say that we have.

Our P.S.E. exam. took place a few weeks ago. Some of us may pass. Then, again, we may not. Time will tell. Just a few remarks on our faithful few.

Lindly Lenard has forsaken puffing this year and is one of the budding mathematicians of P.S.E. II. I suppose you know that Lin. has given up the train industry and has decided to take up potato growing in Bombay next year.

John William Logan thinks the Waiuku Limited is a wonderful example of a modern express. We all admire and envy John's beautiful imagination.

I have it confidentially from John that Palmolive Hair Shampoo is absolutely the best on the market.

P.S.E. II.

WHEN HOFFEY DIVIDES THE BUTTER

Hoffey deals out the butter,
 Gives himself first piece,
 (Quite natural no doubt.)
 And quotes—
 "Unto him that hath,
 Shall be given;
 Unto him that hath not,
 Then, even that which he hath,
 Shall be taken," etc.
 And gives himself Gurney ii.'s butter.
 —S.S.D.

JUNIOR MATRIC.

Last term we were styled the best form in the School, and rightly so. We have no doubts in our minds that we still uphold that honour. The following is our evidence:—

Anderson i. is indeed our star turn—par excellence. He is so quiet and restrained in his manner—such a striking contrast to his neighbouring comrades, of whom we shall tell anon.

Frost, a keen student of the English language, has been opening our eyes to the delicate inflexions of the mother tongue. One of his gems of poetic utterance: Two singular nominatives make a negative, and a negative is always followed by a plural verb. He has also enlightened us to the fact that the leading religion of India is Bolshevism.

The short interval during which the masters stop to chat, as only masters can chat, on the journey to their respective classes has always been regarded as a convenient time for an outbreak of gaiety. Some "gentlemen" of the back row took it into their heads one day to play the organ, by sundry contrivances from their normal posture about two yards away. Alas! what mental torture they underwent when, on the arrival of the master, the organ still blared its shrill triumph, owing to a slight misfortune in the shape of a "stop" refusing to stop.

The leader of these musicians, however, had his revenge, and decided to take a nap during the English period. Mid the dead silence of the remainder of the class he was heard to mutter—

"O sleep, it is a gentle thing beloved from pole to pole."

However, despite these little frolics, our class in both exams. had the highest form average. Not only are we renowned for our scholastic triumphs, but also for our deeds of prowess in the field of sport. Not content with seeing Std. VI. defeated by us in a debate, the callow youths of Stds. IV. and V. combined had the audacity to challenge us at cricket. Notwithstanding the fact that we sent our captain away to play tennis, and retired with most of our best batsmen to play, we won by a substantial margin. Excuse Stds. IV. and V. Two of our members played in the Senior Hockey XI., one in the 2nd XI. another in the 2nd Football XV., and two were in the first twelve for the Trounson Cup, while Jimmie Beever gained the John Court Cup for Junior Tennis. We are also very hopeful that he will gain a Junior National Scholarship.

P.S.E. I.

Though we are not clever, still we can do a sum.
 "We are the boys of P.S.E. I.,
 And if you want pleasure,
 In the greatest measure,
 Join our class, Don't hesitate, but come."

This year, owing to there being no inter-form matches in football, hockey, or cricket, as there were last year, we cannot find a great deal of news for our readers.

As all the boys belonging to our form like the different types of sport, needless to say we did very well on Sports Day, November 25th. We also won the Form Relay race.

We are proud that the captains of the First XI and the First XV., Eapi and Northover, are members of our form, and we also have some good tennis players who will, no doubt, render the House good service when the tennis matches are played for the Winstone Cup. We hope also that Eapi will win the Trounson Cup for senior tennis.

Now, let me tell you a little about the darker side of our School life, that is, lessons.

As I have already mentioned, we are not clever; but we are gradually mastering Book-keeping, and Dairy Science, for you may sometimes hear some poor fellows muttering in their sleep about "Trial Balance," or "Physiology of a cow." The reason for taking these subjects so seriously is that Mr. Clark takes us for them.

We are progressing so well in fact that one boy was heard to talk about swede mangolds, and another, on being asked by the teacher how he was getting on in Algebra, said, "Alright, sir, but I can't do this sum." We ask ourselves was he Irish?

P.S.E. I.

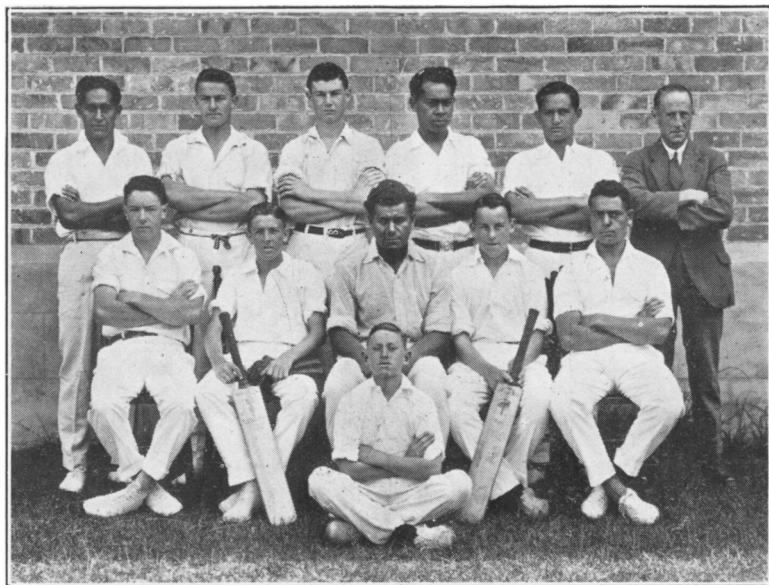
A LOCAL OUTING.

It was early "morn," and the "frost" was still lying on the ground when a "prince" came out of an hotel and stepped into a waiting "Ford" car. He travelled "west" until he came to a palace. Here he picked up the Queen "and her son." The Queen "had on" a motoring coat. They then motored on "north over" the hills and "by crofts" and streams past "reedy" "pools" until they reached a town. Here some suits were bought at a "taylor's" for the prince, also a lawn "mower" to mow the tennis "courts."

When they had left the town and journeyed "eastward" for a while darkness began to fall, and they stopped at a wayside inn to spend the night. That night, when the prince was in bed, he said, "By jove, the 'bed's good."

The next morning found them on the road again, but they had not travelled very far before they met with an accident, and so they waited until someone would come along and pick them up. It was not long before a farmer gave them a ride, and the horses being fresh took them back to the Queen's palace, but he had to pull the "rein hard" in order to stop them.

Of course he was given a handsome reward for his well "done" services from the Prince and Queen, and as the Queen was



CRICKET TEAM, 1926.



HOCKEY TEAM, 1926.

district. We have also made over 140 tons of ensilage. Paddocks are showing up very well and we hope to score about 60 tons of hay and to cut some 45 tons of oats for chaff.

The new stack elevator and sweep rakes have appealed to the mechanical minds of the younger generation, and scores of volunteers may be found for haymaking. Here is a hint to farmer fathers—How to make haymaking a pleasure.

— Fed Up ! —

Clang! Clang! Another day has commenced. Bob, Henry and I are on pigs. It is Bob's turn to light the copper in which the pig potatoes are boiled. Henry serves out the buttermilk and molasses. What is that object swaying in the distance like a rolling vessel slowly approaching its destination? This unknown object's hair is neatly parted in the middle. Its clothes are of the latest cut, neatly creased. Its shining faces is reflected in the nuggeted boots, but alas! the sweet perfume of buttermilk clings to it!

Henry appears greatly excited. It seems that the pigs are about to lose their morning meal of molasses. We rush up just in time to save the loss of the last barrel of molasses. Bob has been up to his tricks again.

It is my turn to feed old Isaac with skim-milk. Covered with a railway truck tarpaulin, I feed him at 10 yards' distance through a pipe into his trough. Isaac is not a gentleman among pigs. He puts his elbows on the table and buries his nose in his plate. Although he has had a vigorous training in table etiquette, he still persists in believing that with his forefeet in his plate the flavour of skim-milk is improved, despite all my demonstrations to him from books on "Feeding Animals." Soon, however, this foolish animal pays for his ill-mannered habits. The fastest speed at which his œsophagus can take skim-milk is one pint per second.

This, however, he strives to outdo. A slight calculation on the part of the gentle reader will lead him to discover that this extra amount of skim-milk, finding no room in his gullet, will seek the easiest path to travel, that is, down his trachea. Isaac is an extraordinary animal in some ways, yet, like others, he needs air to breathe. Therefore he expels from his lungs that foreign substance, skim-milk. I hope now that I have explained satisfactorily the eminent need of a railway truck tarpaulin.

Pleasing as is the procedure of feeding these noble species of domesticated animals, it has its drawbacks. For somehow our presence during breakfast seems highly distasteful to the olfactory organs of our neighbours.

P.S.—Of course, the heading refers to the pigs and not to ourselves.

—T.S.

Our Saturday Nights.

It is customary at College to have some form of entertainment every Saturday evening, which is got up by the boys. On this night we are exempt from "Prep."

We spent our first evening on a debate, the subject being "That Asiatics should be excluded from New Zealand." The negative side was debated by Mr. J. V. Burton, Hickens, Marshall and Stewart; the affirmative by Mr. R. P. Inman, Hoeffy, Eapi and Bycroft. Some very telling arguments were put forward by both sides, the affirmative winning the debate by a small margin.

The following Saturday was taken up by a ping-pong tournament, in which Mr. Burton proved victorious, after beating K. Gillings in the final by 32 to 30.

On the 13th of March a parliamentary election was held. The three parties—Liberal, Reform and Labour, each put up four candidates for election. The final result was Liberal (1) with three candidates elected, namely, Mr. Inman, Eapi and Hiskens; Reform (2) with Hoddinott and Marshall successful; and Labour (3) getting Mr. J. Court returned.

The audience was good-naturedly noisy—the most popular reforms that were promised were:—"More butter, less treacle"; "An hour longer in bed in the mornings"; and "Taranaki roads to be universal in New Zealand."

The following week saw a herculean contest in a tug-of-war between "form" teams.

Anderson iii.'s team proved the winners—or rather Anderson iii. himself did. This worthy gentleman kindly gave some exhibition "pulls" afterwards, when he pulled over such leviathans as Mr. Dunn, Mr. Bell, and last, but not least, our late and worthy Matron, Mrs. Dunn. She could be seen slowly but surely going Anderson's way with a determined but resigned expression on her face.

The next Saturday saw a torchlight "Hares and Hounds," the hares carrying torches. They were Mr. Hickling, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Bell, Student Hailwood and Walters. All of these were caught, and far into the night, at frequent intervals, mud-bespattered individuals could be observed creeping back and telling harrowing tales of adventure in the swamps of Paerata.

The next item in the following week was a debate as to whether Professionalism should be allowed in sport. The affirmative was taken by Messrs. Stacey, Northover, Blakey and Chapman; the negative by Messrs. Hoddinott, Thomson, Bycroft and Ford. The negative won.

So in this way our Saturday evenings were filled up—with an occasional "free" evening, when we could listen to the "wireless" or make an early retirement to bed. This latter course was welcomed by a good number.

Labour Day, on which our Annual Sports were held, was brought to a very successful close with a "Social," which everyone much enjoyed, and which was voted to have been one of the best that the School had given.

In conclusion, we should like to say—and we feel sure that we are voicing the opinion of everyone—that these weekly diversions greatly help to pass the time away and fill what otherwise be somewhat dull evenings. Long may our "Amusements Committee" flourish and provide a further list of such entertainments in the years to come. We cannot close without thanking the Maori boys, coupled with the names of Eapi and Josiah Vaea, whose really beautiful singing has been the outstanding feature of our School concerts. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Court for having so kindly taken a lot of trouble in providing us with some very interesting lantern lectures.

The Cadet Corps.

The boys were given considerable praise by S/M Dunlevy for their keenness in drill. S/M. Milne, who has lately taken over the corps, speaks in the same terms.

He was also pleased with the shooting, and said that the School should be able to hold its own with any other round about.

The following have obtained their marksmanship this term:—Hirst, Hoffey, Stacey, O'Reilly, Litherland, Frost, Reedy, Bycroft, Reinhardt, Winiata, Buttle, Blakey, Gittings, Tureti, Harris, Craig, Armstrong, Bedggood, Whatu, and Hungerford, and we wish to congratulate them heartily.

We look forward to having our own range next year. This will stimulate interest very considerably, and will enable our "snipers" to get plenty of practice. With regard to our N.C.O.'s, L/Corporal Hirst has proved very efficient, also Stacey, Northover and Thomson have made good section leaders.

A most successful and instructive camp was held here last term under Captain Dittmar as our C.O., and we are eagerly awaiting the next one, which is to be held in the coming March.

Football.

When it was known that we were to enter a team in the Pukekohe Junior Competition this season, the interest and keenness shown by the boys was most marked.

The competition for places in the First XV. was very keen, and all practices were well attended.

Although our team was considerably heavier than many of the other Grade teams, and although we possessed many fine young footballers, our efforts were not crowned with the success we might have wished.

We had three games, and won two out of the three. This only fair result may be attributed partly to the fact that we were new to Grade football, and perhaps not sufficiently experienced, but more, I think, to the handicap we suffered in that during the early portion of the year we had no satisfactory football ground upon which to practice.

However, we are not disheartened, and had it not been for the many games we were compelled to forfeit on account of our holidays occurring in the middle of the season, we feel that we would have occupied a more satisfactory position at the end of the season.

Of the games played at home this year, our House games for the Winstone House Cup certainly should occupy the commanding position in these notes.

Three games were played, of which Simmonds House won the first, 12—8, and School House won the second and third by 12—0 and 5—0 respectively.

These matches were all played in a very fine spirit, and it was agony for the spectators on the line until the last minute in each game.

School House was fortunate in having Jui Tukua and Mohiti Taipeti, who seemed to ask to be hurt as they pitched full-tilt up to Simmonds' line.

Tukua especially played a fine game in each instance, and School House is justly proud of the fast full-back who can be such a dangerous scoring-man.

At the end of the season a seven-a-side team came down from Dunholme to be defeated by 19—0, and on the following Saturday we sent a team to the Auckland Bible Class Seven-a-side Competition, which was successful in winning every game played, including the final. Seven tired but proud players came home from Auckland to receive the congratulations of the School.

INDIVIDUALS OF THE TEAM.

Northover. 11.0. 1st five-eight. Captain. A player who has plenty of speed and pluck, but who is inclined to overdo the dodgy run. He should learn to run straight. Handles, kicks, and tackles excellently. A good captain, who never knows when he is beaten.

Mohiti Taipeti. 11.0. 2nd five-eight. An old team-mate of Northover's. Very dangerous scoring-man. Can run very powerfully. Very fine place-kick, and has been the mainstay, with Tukua, of both House and School teams this season.

Tukua. 10.10. Full-back. Fastest and cleverest player in team. Very sure handling combined with initiative render him an ideal half-back. Has often run through the opposition to score.

Walters. 11.0. Hooker. Last year's hooker. Has improved as he gained experience, and has deserved the praise he gets as the best forward in the team. Tackles hard, runs hard, and kicks excellently.

Blakey. 9.8. 1st five-eight. A young and light player, who, although not fast, shows a good deal of pluck and dash. Uses his head well and with more weight will be a valuable back. Kicking, handling and tackling excellent.

Denize, 10.0 Forward. A fast and forceful forward, who is improving with his added experience. Showed great promise at the end of the season, and was always dangerous when in possession of the ball.

Duder. 10.10. Forward. A strong player, who improved greatly since 1925. Had a habit of running across the field. Could kick usefully, and did not hesitate to go low and hard.

Stacey. An untiring and fast forward, who improved greatly during the season. Not very confident in his kicking, but was always keen and anxious, especially in the tight work.

Pilkington. 9.10. A very fast young back, who had few opportunities to show his ability. Will be available next year. Should try and run hard right until tackled. Kicking and tackling fair.

Hoddinott. 9.8. Centrethree-quarter. This boy, though light, played nearly all our Grade matches as a forward, and his pluck and tenacity made him an excellent pivot for our attacks. He is a fast, and plucky back, who uses his head, even in the most ticklish positions. Is the captain of his House team, and deserves great credit for the improvement he has shown.

Gittings. 10.10. A light forward who showed some pace. Good handling, kicking and tackling. Especially good in loose work.

Reedy. 11.0. A heavy, forceful player, who should improve with experience. Shows keenness and has the necessary physique to make a sound player.

Tipoki. 9.8. Played several games for the Firsts, and with a little more weight and experience will develop into a good player. Handles and kicks fairly well, and runs very forcefully.

Eapi Nabou and *Josiah Vaca.* Are both fairly new to Rugby, and did not regularly play for the First XV., but they will become fine players for next season.

In our Grade games we had the assistance of Mr. G. Blakey and I Stone, as well as three masters—Messrs. Bell, Henderson, and Hickling. But our real School XV. is given.

Cricket.

A good concrete wicket has been laid down this year, and we have two practice nets with matting. Some rising talent has been discovered, several of the boys being very keen to learn.

The XI. this year promises to be quite up to the average, and with more practice we should be able to give a good account of ourselves next term.

In our captain, Eapi, we have an exceptionally good cricketer, and Marshall is a very good wicket-keeper who is fast and is all the time improving. He has the merit of also being a very sound batsman.

It is too early yet to speak in detail of the others, but Blakey, Walters and Denize show distinct promise. There are some good

colts—who when they are bigger should do well. Of these, Blamires is undoubtedly the best.

We have this year joined the Pukekohe Cricket Association (Senior Grade).

Of the School matches played so far, we have lost to Pukekohe High School, with two—one against Pukekohe Old Boys and the other against Pukekohe Town—still to be finished. With regard to the latter, the School is in a good position.

We had a very exciting inter-form match last month, when the VIth Standard challenged the P.S.E. forms. This was won shortly before time by the P.S.E. by 7 wickets, after the VIth had made a sporting declaration, leaving their opponents thirty minutes to get the necessary runs.

We shall miss some of this term's XI. next year. But we are looking to our colts to fill their places, and we feel sure that they will do well.

For coaching at the nets the boys who wish to play cricket are divided into three groups of 20 each, these being called the first, second and third XXs. They are taken by Messrs. Inman, Hickling and Burton, respectively. Each XX. has two days' net practice a week, and on the days they are not down for "nets" they can play tennis or otherwise amuse themselves.

We hope in the near future, perhaps next cricket season, to have four nets going—then all the likely boys could have a practice every day.

The Winstone Cup.

INTER-HOUSE CRICKET.

Up to date we have played two of the three matches; the first was won by "School House,"—in which masters played—by 7 runs; the second one by "Simmonds" by 10 wickets.

The games were played in a very sporting spirit and were much enjoyed. At the time of going to press the third one has yet to be played. With regard to the Inter-House contests, in football and cricket, the results look like balancing each other—"School House" having won two out of the three football matches, whereas "Simmonds" should win two out of the three in cricket,

Hockey Notes.

Owing to the enthusiasm and the increased number of boys this year, our hockey has improved considerably. The number of boys from whom to select the teams this year has increased from about twenty to about thirty-five, with the result that we have had a much better First Eleven. We hope, however, next year to be better still. Although the School did not enter a Senior Grade team, two Junior Grade teams were entered in the competition for the Franklin Junior Grade Shield, with the result that the First Eleven won the trophy. This is the second year that the School has won the Shield, and it is to be hoped that it will not be the last. The following were the members of the First Hockey Eleven:—

Poole, Bodley, Bedggord (captain), Winiata, Hirst (vice-captain), Parris, Ford, Blamires, Hungerford, Seabrook, Chapman.

The results of the matches played are as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

Won v. Waiuku United.
 Won v. Wesley College B's.
 Lost v. Waiuku High School.

SECOND ROUND.

Won v. Waiuku United.
 Won v. Wesley College B's.
 Won v. Waiuku High School.

FINAL.

Won v. Waiuku High School.

Tennis.

Perhaps one of the greatest acquisitions to the College this year consists of our two new tennis courts, and it is quite likely that another two will be formed early next year. At present the surface is of white pumice sand and is very dazzling when the sun is shining, but it is quite probable that a layer of red brick-dust will prevent this dazzling effect.

At the beginning of the year the College played the Paerata Tennis Club and beat them by 8 sets to 6.

During the latter portion of the year two Tennis Cups have been presented to the College for competition. The Senior Cup was presented by Mr. James Trounson of Northcote, while the Junior Cup was presented by Mr. John Court (sen.) of Herne Bay. The details of these competitions are given below.

Although the competitions for the Cups have only just commenced, one can notice both a keener interest in the game and a higher standard of play.

One of the most pleasing features in connection with the tennis is the large number of junior boys who have commenced to learn. The majority of these boys show great promise, so that if they keep up their play it is certain that the College will produce some excellent players.

TROUNSON TENNIS CUP (Senior).

SEMI-FINALS.

Stacey v. Eapi. — Won by Eapi, 9—2.
Litherland v. Josiah. — Won by Josiah, 9—3.

FINAL.

Eapi v. Josiah. — Won by Eapi, 6—3, 3—6, 6—3.

JOHN COURT TENNIS CUP (Junior).

SEMI-FINALS.

Poole v. Webb. — Won by Poole, 9—0.
Beever v. Rangl. — Won by Beever, 9—6.

FINAL.

Poole v. Beever. — Won by Beever, 6—1, 6—3.

Circlos.

Circlos, or Deck Tennis, has been taken up most enthusiastically this year by most of the boys. We have two circlos courts, and for those who do not play either tennis or cricket, circlos provides an excellent game by which boys may pass the time. The courts are patronised by boys of all ages, and quite frequently a master may be seen matching his skill against that of one of the boys.

The House Competitions aroused some very keen interest, and when these were played off some hard-fought contests were witnessed.

School House carried off the honours, winning the Middle and Senior Grades. Simmonds House battled nobly and came away with the Junior Grade in their favour.

Although in summer circlos is not so popular it has its day during the winter.

Sports Day.

On Labour Day, Monday, the 25th October, our Annual Sports were held. The setting was a picturesque one, with a belt of trees running along one side of the ground, and the land sloping upwards on the other.

Here was indeed an amphitheatre for sports.

Considering the date—one for which many people, probably, have made previous arrangements, we had a very good attendance of visitors. The weather was sunny, with a nice breeze, which made the conditions ideal for running.

The events were got through well up to time, and some very close finishes were seen. The results are given elsewhere in these pages. Nine School records were broken, and some really good performances were put up.

We heartily congratulate Eapi Nabou, our friend from Fiji, and Tom Poole, on their winning the Senior and Junior Championships, respectively. In the latter boy the School possesses a very promising athlete.

Our thanks are due to those of the visitors and to the staff, whose help in starting and judging the races made the day such a success.

A. — SENIOR EVENTS.

1. Championships.

- 100 Yards.—1 Vaea, 2 Taipeti, 3 Nabou. Time, 12 1-5 secs.
 120 Yards Hurdles.—1 Nabou, 2 Gittings, 3 Stacey. Time, 17 4-5 secs.
 220 Yards.—1 Hoddinott, 2 Northover, 3 Gittings. Time, 29 secs.
 440 Yards.—1 Gittings, 2 Walters, 3 Hoddinott and Northover (dead heat.) Time, 69 4-5 secs.
 880 Yards.—1 Hoddinott, 2 Walters. Time, 2 mins. 48 secs.
 One Mile.—1 Hoddinott, 2 Northover, 3 Tipoki. Time, 6mins. 1½ secs. (Record).
 High Jump.—1 Gittings, 2 Nabou, 3 Taipeti. 4ft. 8ins.
 Long Jump.—1 Nabou, 2 Northover, 3 Gittings. Distance, 16ft. 3ins.
 Hop, Step, and Jump.—1 Nabou, 2 Taipeti, 3 Northover. Distance, 37ft. 1½ins. (Record).
 Cricket Ball.—1 Nabou, 2 Vaea, 3 Taipeti. Distance, 81yds. (Record).
 Putting Shot.—1 Taipeti, 2 Nabou, 3 Reedy. Distance, 30ft. 7ins.
 Cross Country.—1 Stacey, 2 Northover, 3 Hoddinott. Time, 58 mins.

2. Handicaps Events.

- 100 Yards.—1 Pilkington, 2 Chapman, 3 Blamires. Time, 12 secs.
(Record.)
- 120 Yards.—1 Litherland, 2 Pilkington, 3 Chapman. Time, 16 secs.
- 220 Yards.—1 Karena, 2 Chapman, 3 Haddon. Time, 30 4-5 secs.
- 440 Yards.—1 Pilkington, 2 Williams, 3 Bedggood. Time, 1 min.
9 4-5 secs.
- 880 Yards.—1 Parris, 2 Williams, 3 Denize. Time, 2 mins. 44 secs.
- High Jump.—1 Litherland, 2 Denize, 3 Gittings and Hoffer (dead heat).
Height, 5ft. (Record.)
- Long Jump.—1 Litherland and Gittings (equal), 2 Pilkington, 3 Karena.
Distance, 15ft. 2½ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump.—1 Litherland, 2 Gittings, 3 Haddon. Distance,
33ft. 4ins.
- Putting Shot.—1 Taipeti, 2 Reedy, 3 Northover. Distance, 32ft. 10ins.
(Record.)

B. — JUNIOR EVENTS.**1. Championships.**

- 10 Yards.—1 Poole, 2 Edwards, 3 Tawhara. Time, 13 4-5 secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles.—1 Poole, 2 Edwards, 3 Tawhara. Time, 22 secs.
- 220 Yards.—1 Poole, 2 Edwards, 3 Tawhara. Time, 32 4-5 secs.
- 440 Yards.—1 Poole, 2 Edwards, 3 Webb i. Time, 1 min. 16 4-5 secs.
(Record.)
- One Mile.—1 Poole, 2 Webb i., 3 Appleby. Time, 6 mins. 33 4-5 secs.
- Long Jump.—1 Edwards, 2 Poole, 3 Tawhara. Distance, 12ft. 4ins.
- High Jump.—1 Edwards, 2 Cory, 3 Poole and Tawhara (equal).
Height, 4ft. 1in.
- Hop, Step and Jump.—1 Edwards, 2 Tawhara, 3 Poole. Distance,
27ft. 8½ins.
- Cross Country.—1 Poole, 2 Beever, 3 Manning. Time, 68 mins.

2. Handicaps Events.

- 100 Yards.—1 Russell, 2 Webb i., 3 Bodley and Coates (dead heat).
Time, 13 4-5 secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles.—1 Tawhara, 2 Bodley, 3 Eastwood. Time, 25 2-5
secs.
- 440 Yards.—1 Fisher, 2 Russell i., 3 Karena ii. Time, 1 min. 22 secs.
- 880 Yards.—1 Poole, 2 Webb i., 3 Bodley. Time, 4 mins. 3 3-5 secs.
- High Jump.—1 Poole, 2 Bodley, 3 Karena ii. Height, 4ft.
- Long Jump.—1 Poole, 2 Russell i., 3 Bodley. Distance, 12ft. 7in.
- Form Relay.—1 P.S.E., 2 Matric. 3 and P.S.E. 2 (combined), 3 Std. 6.
- House Relay.—1 School House.

Championship Points.

INDIVIDUAL.

- SENIOR.—Nabou 17 points, Hoddinott 11, Gittings 10, Northover 10,
Taipeti 9, Vaea 5, Stacey 4, Walters 4, Tipoki 1, Reedy 1.
- JUNIOR.—Poole 22 points, Edwards 17, Tawhara 7, Webb i. 3, Cory 2,
Beever 2, Manning 1, Appleby 1.

A Generous Gift.

We have been the recipients of a very fine wireless receiving set of the 5-valve Neutrodyne type.

We have to thank the Board of Governors for their generosity. Messrs. Johns & Co. supplied the set and there was much interest taken in its instalment. Unfortunately, the "statics" were bad on that evening and reception was difficult. We have, however, had many a pleasant hour since when listening-in to Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin and the Australian stations.

Jottings.

We were again favoured by a visit this term from Dunholme Training College. They played us both at football—seven-a-side—and at hockey for the third year in succession.

Both games were keenly contested, with no "by-your-leaves" about them. The School won the seven-a-side in no uncertain manner—walking over their opponents by 18 points to nil.

These old gentlemen, our visitors, were not in training. In the hockey a very strenuous and well-contested game ended in a draw of two goals each. We did very well indeed to hold a bigger and more experienced side. May we have many more such visits.

The Junior School played a home and away match with Pukekohe Primary School, in which we proved somewhat too strong for them. The games, however, were very even on the whole, and we congratulate our opponents on their hockey, seeing that they have only recently taken up the game.

Our Sports on Labour Day went off very well, and nine School records were broken. The weather was ideal for running, the events being got through in good time. The results are chronicled elsewhere in these pages.

The health of the School has been good; though we had a visit from the "flu.," as most other schools did. Nothing serious occurred, and the invalids were soon out and about again.

We wish every success to our candidates who have been sitting for the Matriculation, Public Service Entrance, and Junior National Scholarship examinations, and hope that they may all have the joy of seeing their names in the papers next January as having passed.

A recent eminent visitor, in congratulating us on our fine singing, remarked that the only place in which he had heard any as good was at the gaol. Is it affinity of kindred spirits, of people in similar conditions, or is it on account of our large proportion of Mt. Eden youths?

A certain young man had been driving cars for some time, when one day he was asked by a friend if he had ever run into anything. "Oh, yes!" replied, "I run into a garage every night."

First Agric. Student: I had a most harrowing experience to-day.

Second ditto: Did you?"

First ditto: Yes, I was harrowing number 3 field.

Second ditto: Oh! that's nothing; I frightened a whole paddock.

First ditto: Go on!

Second ditto: You see, I was scar-ifying!

An extract from a school essay (not Wesley College):--

"The young man received an urgent telegram asking him to visit his solicitor as he was sole heir to his uncle's estate"

Youngster: "Where do you come from, Mr. Jones?"

Mr. Jones: "Northumberland."

Youngster: "Oh! I thought you came from England."

Acknowledgments.

We have to thank an anonymous donor for some very artistic water-colours painted by Miss Gunson, of the old school at Three Kings. They now grace the dining hall and serve as a link with the past—a past which is of great value to us, who, in our new home, are trying to carry on worthily the work previously commenced there. We hope and trust that we may build up the traditions of a great School, and if we keep our motto in mind:

"Fide, Litteris, Labore"

then by "Loyalty, Learning and Labour," shall we flourish.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Geo. Winstone, jun., who has so kindly presented us with a very handsome Cup to be competed for by the two "Houses" in various sports. On going to press it becomes apparent that School House will win it this year, and we heartily congratulate them.

We are also much indebted to the kindness of Messrs. Trounson and John Court, who have presented two beautiful Tennis Cups. These are for the best player in the School—of any age—and for the best boy under 14, respectively.

Roll, 1926.

The following is the School Roll for 1926. Boys who came to us this year are marked with an asterisk:—

*Anderson, J.	*Haddon	*Probert
*Anderson, M.	Harris	Purdie
*Anderson, R.	Hirst	*Rawiri
*Appleby	Hoddinott	*Reedy
Beazley	Hookey	*Reinhardt
Bedggood	*Hooper	Russell, J.
*Beever	Hosking	Russell, R.
Blakey	Hungerford	Ryan
*Blamires	*Hoffey	*Reihana
Bodley	Inder	*Scott
*Bradley	Joseph	Scabrook, R.
*Brittain	*Johnston	*Seabrook, M.
*Buttle	*Karena, G.	*Spencer
Bycroft	*Karena, J.	Stacey
Chapman	Litherland	*Stewart
Clow	Lovegrove	*Suckling
*Coates	Mahuta	Taylor, M.
*Cory	Manning	*Taylor, R.
*Craig	*Marshall	Taipeti
*Craize	Maughan	Tawhara
Dingwall	*Mihaka	Thomson
*Dunn	*Morris	*Tipaki
*Eastwood	*McGregor	*Tukua
*Evans	*Nabou	*Turnbull
Fisher	*Northover	Underdown
Ford	*Nomie	*Vaea
*Frost	O'Reilly	Walters
*Gillies	*Parker, E. A.	*Wanakone
*Gittings	Parker, S.	Webb, L.
*Gilmour, J.	Parris	Webb, R.
*Gilmour, U.	*Pilkington	*Whatu
*Glibbery	Poole	Winiata
Gurney, T.	Prince	*Williams
Gurney, D.		

