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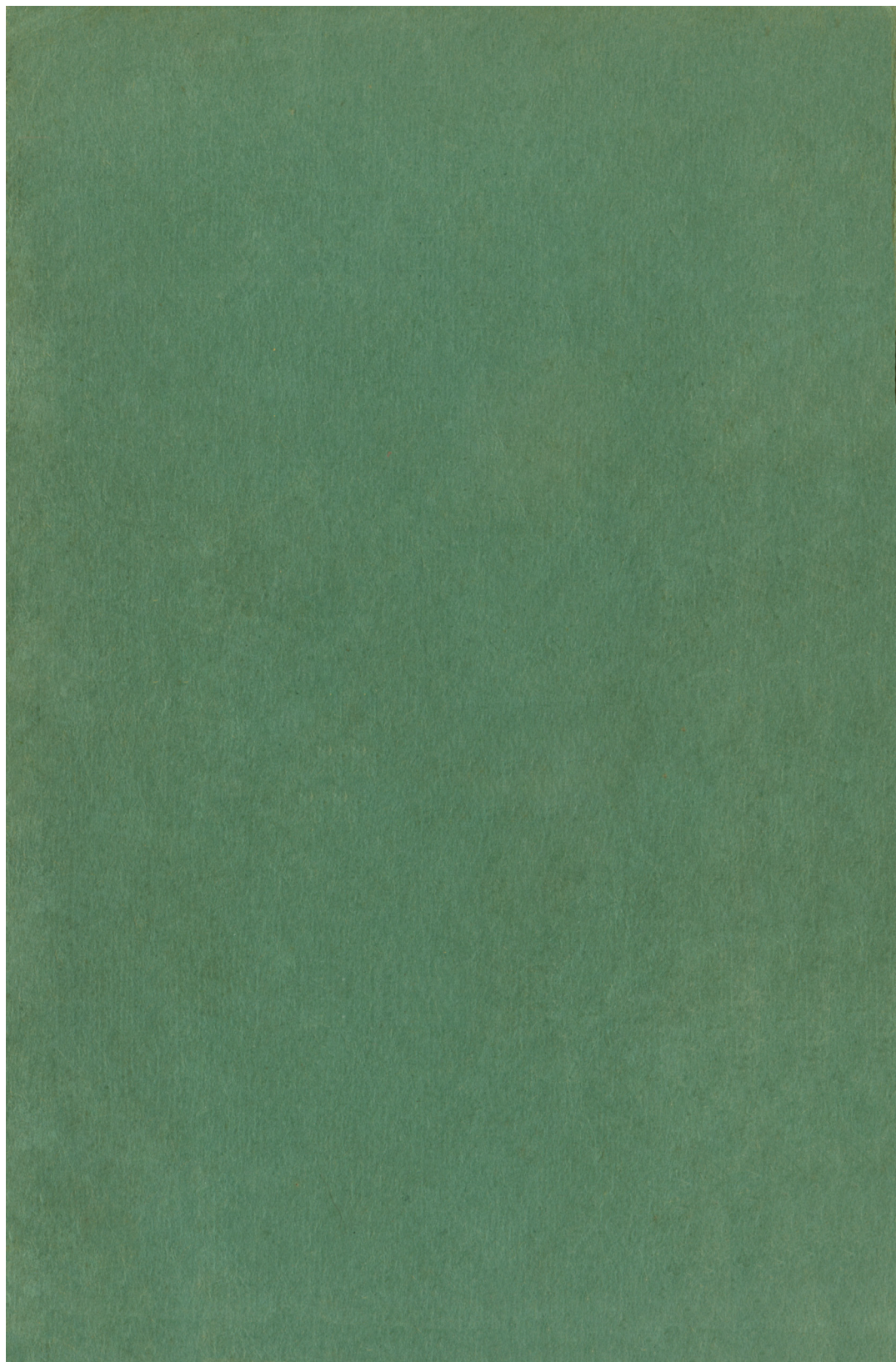


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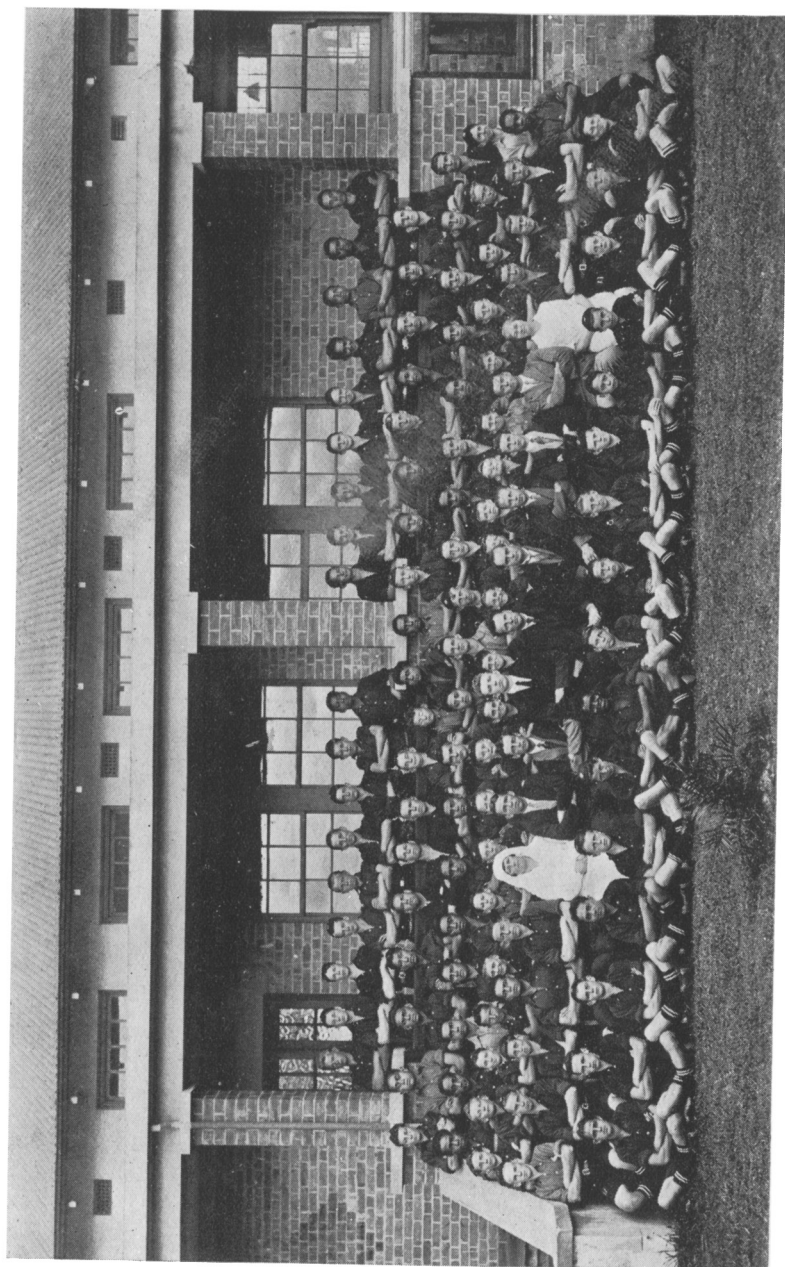
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## EDITORIAL

### THE VALUE OF WORK.

"The most common of my dreams is to have a farm with a lot of cross-bred cattle on it, and then by years of careful breeding to obtain a first-class herd."—Extract from an essay.

The three crowns in our College crest symbolize the three words of our College motto—"Fide, litteris, labore"—"By Faith, by Learning, by Labour." It would be too much to add, "And the greatest of these is Labour;" for, after all, the capacity for hard work, excellent quality though it be, is not so noble a thing as loyalty, steadfastness, faithfulness—all those high qualities of mind and soul that are summed up in that simple, grand old Latin word "Fides." Yet Labour, while not the greatest of the three, has a value that can hardly be over-estimated. Its importance is recognised in the motto of at least one other New Zealand school:—"Nihil boni sine labore"—"Nothing good without labour." [Motto of Palmerston North High School.]

At this time of the year (early December), many boys are about to leave school to make their way in the world. Some, perhaps, have already made up their minds as to what they are going to do, and it may be that they have the strength of purpose necessary to carry their intentions to a successful conclusion. For them we have no word but of encouragement and commendation. Others, and probably by far the greater number, have at present no very settled aim: they have a perfectly open mind about the future, and are ready to take the first position, of whatever kind, that chance has to offer.

What shall be our advice to the members of this latter class? Shall it be, "Get hold of the softest and most comfortable job you can find; do as little as you can for your money, and demand as much money as you can for what you do; don't work hard except when the boss's eye is on you, and



above all, never do a particle more than you are paid for"? Or shall it be, "Take time to find out for what occupation you are best fitted by nature and training, but, when once your mind is made up, do not change unless you are obliged; put your best work into whatever you have to do, and don't be too insistent in your demands for immediate recognition of your services; always be ready to do a little extra if called upon, and that not grudgingly but cheerfully"?

There can be no doubt about the right answer to this question: the second piece of advice is the one to be followed. The only prizes worth having are those that are the reward of patient toil and high endeavour; the only path to the Delectable Land is that which lies up the Hill Difficulty. Even from the lowest point of view—the point of view of material advantage and worldly comfort—the harder ideal usually pays the best in the long run; but from the point of view of service to one's fellow-men, there is no comparison at all.

The words which form the text of this little sermon are taken from an essay by a boy who intends to become a farmer. He has the right ideals: he would rather begin with a poor herd, and gradually work it up, than have a first-class herd to begin with and let it deteriorate through negligence. But, whether our particular ambitions are the same as his or not, the same general principle always holds good: it is **labore**—"by Labour"—that man enters into his kingdom.

The boy or man who has grasped the truth of this great principle will not seek the easiest, most comfortable paths; he will bravely meet every difficulty that confronts him, knowing that the more difficulties he has to conquer the stronger he will become; he will face life in the spirit of Browning's lines:

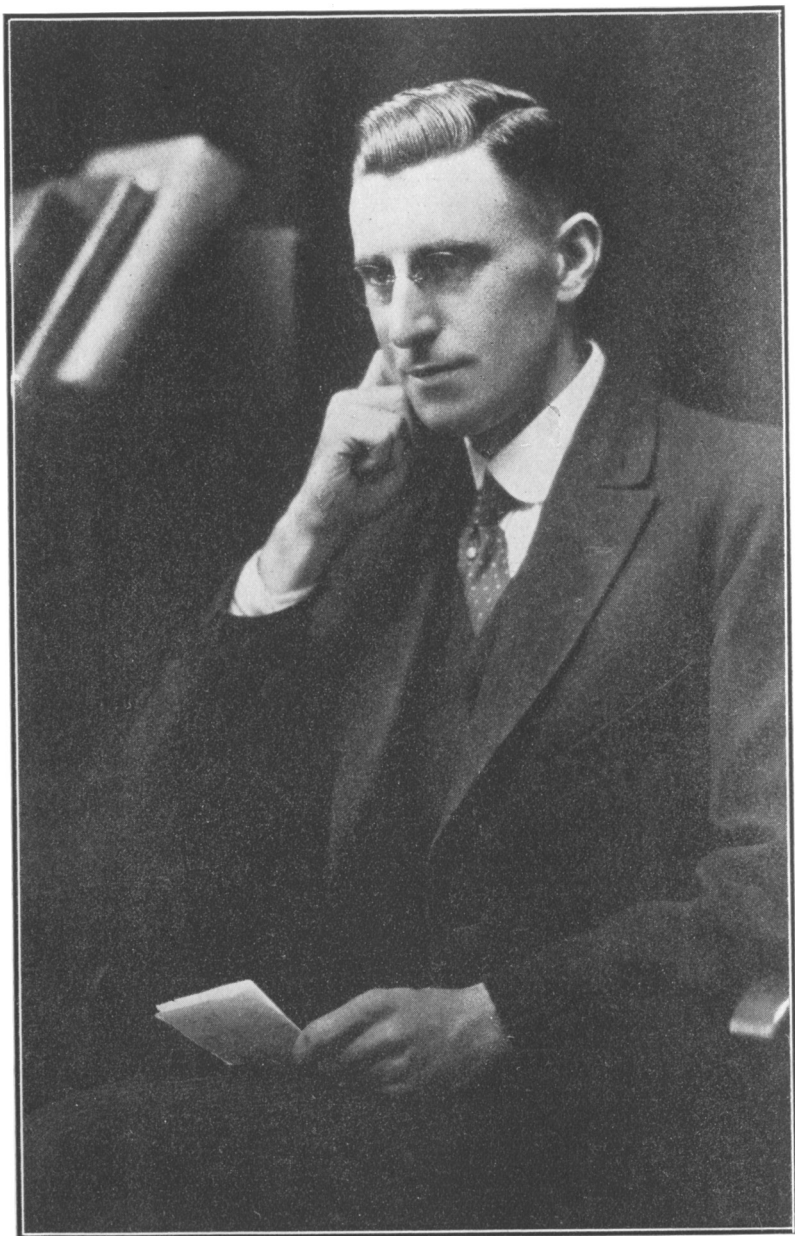
Then, welcome each rebuff

That turns life's smoothness rough,

Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go!

Good luck to those who are leaving us to make their way in the world; and to all, whether they are leaving us or coming back, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE EDITOR.



THE LATE H. P. CAUGHEY, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS, 1927.





## IN MEMORIAM

### HUGH PRICE RAINGER CAUGHEY.

It is with deep regret that we have, in this issue of our magazine, to record the passing of the late Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Wesley College Trust, Mr. H. P. R. Caughey.

Mr. Caughey's end came with tragic suddenness. A month prior to his death he suffered a heart seizure while in Wellington on business connected with the New Zealand Associated Chambers of Commerce, of which he was President. His ensuing illness was regarded as most serious, though by no means hopeless, and Mr. Caughey's many friends were feeling buoyed up by news of slight, but hopeful, progress made, when suddenly the end came.

The great loss sustained by the College in the death of Mr. Caughey is a loss which will be deeply felt by the many other institutions to which he gave his interest and support.

Mr. Caughey, who was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Caughey of Auckland, was born in 1893, and although a comparatively young man at the time of his death, with heavy personal responsibilities in connection with the family business, he yet found time to devote himself ungrudgingly to many branches of public service.

His unfailing tact and courtesy won the affectionate esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He had the faculty of dreaming dreams which the more practical and prosaic of us could only regard as dreams, but which, to him, were so real that ultimately they became real to us. Our College Chapel is one of the noblest of his dreams come true, and we feel sure that in the years to come it will bear fruits worthy of him who inspired its erection.

It is because of Mr. Caughey's vitalizing faith in the work which our College had to do, his confidence in the special methods of education which we are developing, and his constant alertness in watching for and seizing upon new ideas and ideals which might prove helpful to us, that we shall miss him so much.

It would appear to have been his watchword that there can be no real life without growth, and the growth of Wesley College, Paerata, into one of the finest educational institutions

of the Dominion was one of his dearest dreams. To this end he formulated a special plan of appeal for funds which would make possible the erection of a new block of school buildings, and it was this aspect of the School's needs which principally engaged his attention during the last twelve months of his chairmanship.

The loss of his practical help along these lines is irremediable, but so strong has been the imaginative appeal of his life of service and idealism that his memory will always remain an inspiration to those who knew him.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the late Mr. Caughey's family in their great sorrow.

## ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING, 1927

The breaking-up ceremony, 1927, took place on Thursday, 15th December. Mr. H. P. R. Caughey, Chairman of the Board, presided. The Principal, in presenting his report, stressed the fact that the College provided an all-round education, and mentioned the progress that had been made in school work, farm work, and games.

The Rev. E. Drake briefly addressed the gathering, and prizes were then presented by Mrs. W. H. Smith. The prize list was as follows:—

**Form Prizes.**—Standard IV., C. Procter; Standard V., W. Tawhara; Standard VI., T. Harrison; Public Service Entrance I., N. Moon; Matriculation I., N. Smith; P.S.E. II., L. L. Harris; Matriculation II., J. Beever 1, E. Bycroft 2; Matriculation III., M. B. Blakey.

**Dux of School.**—Gold medal, M. B. Blakey.

**Special Prizes.**—Maori War Memorial Fund prize for Maori boy showing keenest interest in agriculture: Moa Wharerau.

**Scripture.**—Gold medal, presented by the Methodist Church of New Zealand: J. Beever.

**Gardens.**—Standard IV., B. Dudding; Standard V., J. Russell; Standard VI., T. Harrison 1, Hape Wiki 2, R. Edwards 3.

**Experimental Plot.**—Matriculation I. and P.S.E. I., M. Walters; Matriculation II. and P.S.E. II., C. Downard.

**Music.**—Two special prizes presented by Mr. C. D. Barker: Progress and Proficiency, R. Boyce; Attention and Regularity, T. Harrison.

**Collection of Grasses.**—L. L. Harris, 1; J. Anderson, 2.

**Keeness in Outside Work.**—E. Cowan.

**Magazine Article.**—M. Frost.

**Best Plan of College.**—D. Whatu.

Sports prizes were then presented by Mrs. A. C. Clark. The names of the winners of the various events were given in last year's number. Silver Medals were won by M. Pritchard, E. S. Hoddinott, and T. Litherland; and Gold Medals, presented by Mr. Hickling, were won by Eapi Nabou and M. Walters. The Junior Tennis Cup went to R. Harris, and the Senior (Trounson Cup) to R. Kaho. T. Litherland won the Lees Shooting Cup and the Defence Department Shooting Cup.

## SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate M. B. Blakey on passing Matriculation, 1927, and L. L. Harris and J. Beever on passing Public Service Entrance.

We also offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. C. D. Barker, our music teacher, on being admitted as an Associate of the London College of Music. We note with pleasure that his pupil, Leslie Scott, passed the recent examination for advanced intermediate violin.

At the annual breaking-up ceremony last year we had to say good-bye to Mr. S. D. Barr, B.Ag., First Assistant and House Master of Simmonds House. Mr. Barr is now on the staff of St. Andrew's College, Christchurch. His place as First Assistant and House Master was taken by Mr. A. C. T. Brotherton, M.A. Mr. Brotherton has taken an active share in the activities of the College, both inside and out, particularly on the social side. His Saturday evening dramatic entertainments will be long remembered. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Brotherton for the very great part she has played in the social life of the School.

Another master whom we welcomed at the beginning of the year was Mr. C. M. Newton, who was in residence in



Simmonds House. Although he was with us only one term he took a very keen interest in our welfare. Mr. Newton left us at the beginning of the second term to take up Home Mission work in North Auckland.

At the end of the first term Mr. A. H. Partridge, B.Sc., Senior Agriculture Master, took his leave of us, as he had obtained a more responsible position at Hastings High School. Mr. Partridge was presented with a bronze smoking stand, and Mrs. Partridge with a handsome book and a bronze vase. We wish them both every success and happiness in their new sphere.

Mr. M. B. Cooke, our Farm Manager, left us at the end of the second term, and is now teaching at Ashburton High School. His genial personality had made him very popular. We welcome in his place Mr. R. Marryatt, from Ruakura. Mr. Partridge's place was taken at the beginning of the second term by Mr. A. E. Lock, B.Sc., of Nelson. We hope that his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Our old friend George Blakey, who was on the farm staff of the College for a considerable time, left us about the middle of the year. He is now farming in the Whangarei district.

Mr. Leathard also left us recently, and his place was taken by Mr. McKinnon.

On the 3rd March, M. Walters and J. Anderson were made School Prefects. The Principal delivered a short but impressive address, after which the formal induction took place.

About the middle of the first term a cycle race was held, the course being the same as that for the cross country run. Copeland came first, F. Dudding second, and Pritchard third.

From the 21st to 23rd March a course of military training was held at the College.

On the last Sunday before Easter, Rev. F. T. Harris, who for the past twelve months had been Chaplain to the College, preached his farewell sermon, taking as his subject "Joseph's Coat of Many Colours." Mr. Harris's health had not been good for some time, and it was partly for this reason that he resigned his charge at Pukekohe. He is now in charge of the Tai Tapu Circuit, Canterbury, and our best wishes go with him.

During the Easter vacation a large number of boys attended the Bible Class camp at Pine Island. Those boys who stayed at the College went into camp in the grounds, as the College buildings were used by the young ladies attending the Girls' Bible Class camp.

Rev. H. L. Fiebig, Mr. Harris's successor, began his ministry at the College on the first Sunday after Easter, preaching from one of the least familiar verses of the New Testament (Romans 15, 24). In a wonderfully striking way he showed the inward significance of St. Paul's missionary journeys; how he had begun with a very small tour in the immediate neighbourhood of Jerusalem, but had gradually extended his circle of useful service, until he purposed to travel as far as Spain. Although the Apostle had never reached Spain in the flesh, his influence and his teaching had penetrated very much farther—in fact, it had extended all over the world. In a similar way our lives should expand in ever wider and wider circles of devoted service to God and man. Sin was anything at all that prevented us from so consecrating our lives and extending our sphere of usefulness.

Mr. Fiebig has shown a most marked interest in all affairs of the College. He is now (December 1st) preparing a class of boys for a service of reception into full membership of the Church, which is to be held before the end of the year.

We extend our congratulations to Jim Beever, who again did very well in the recent Sunday School Examinations, scoring 97%, and being placed second in New Zealand. Farland also got very high marks. In the juniors, Pickett and Jack Suckling headed the list of candidates from the College.

We still have Sunday evening services in the classroom, usually taken by Mr. Clark. In a very interesting and instructive address on a recent Sunday evening, he impressed upon us the Christian duty of kindness to animals, and particularly to those three humble servants and friends of man—the cat, the horse, and the dog.

On the morning of Anzac Day the whole School assembled in the quad and saluted the flag. We then had a brief but impressive open-air service, at which two appropriate hymns were sung, and Mr. Clark spoke to us of the supreme sacrifice made by many of our men on Gallipoli. We should put out of our minds all feeling of animosity against Germany, and

make common cause against the spirit of jealousy and mistrust that was at the root of all wars. In the afternoon the Cadets marched in to Pukekohe, and took part in the memorial service.

The King's Birthday, which fell on a Sunday, was kept up by a holiday on the following day. In the morning there was a paper-chase, and in the afternoon a football match between Form II. and the Rest of the School, including masters. Form II. won, 15—3.

On Thursday, 5th July, the Primary School Inspector paid a visit to the School and inspected the work of Form II.

Several times during the year parties of boys from the College have attended Bible Class Socials in Pukekohe, which they have greatly enjoyed. One of these socials, to which about fourteen boys went in fancy dress, was particularly good.

On the 15th August a party of Maori boys visited Papa-kura to take part in a concert. On the way back the lorry capsized, but fortunately no one sustained any serious injury beyond a severe shaking.

The annual cross-country run was held on Saturday, 13th October. Pritchard was the first to arrive, thus winning the handicap event. The open event was won by Farland. Bodley came first in the Junior Open, and the small boys' event was won by J. Cowan.

Among the entertainments to which the boys have gone were two very good pictures in Pukekohe, "Ben Hur" and "Hinemoa." Both were much enjoyed.

On the last Saturday evening before the elections a number of boys attended a political meeting at Paerata Hall, where Mr. J. N. Massey, Reform candidate for Franklin, addressed the electors. It was a novel and interesting experience, and gave us an insight into some of the incidents of a political campaign. Mr. Massey, as we all know, was successful in the ensuing election.

At the beginning of the second term the library was shifted from its old quarters in the wireless room over to the cottage, where there is much more room for the books. From time to time the Principal has added new books, and each month a large supply of periodicals—general, scientific, agricultural, and humorous—has helped to maintain the boys'



interest in the library. Among the favourites in the magazine section are "Punch," "National Geographic Magazine," "Popular Mechanics," and "The New Zealand Farmer," while in fiction there is a steady demand for the works of Edgar Wallace, Conan Doyle, Kingsley, Ellis, R. M. Ballantyne, and Dickens. Our thanks are due to Mr. Clark for the gift of a large number of books from his private library; to Mr. Brotherton for a supply of literary and humorous periodicals; and to Mr. Isaac for the loan of six bound volumes of "Countries of the World." Also, we must not forget to mention the excellent service rendered by J. Farland and J. Williams in supervising in the library. They have always been ready, and more than ready, to assist in every way possible.

The old saying, "No news is good news," was never better exemplified than it has been in our College Hospital this year. It gave us great gratification to record in our last number the opening of the hospital; it affords us still greater gratification now to be able to say that for the greater part of the year it has contained no patients. The health of the boys has been excellent. We cannot refrain from pointing the moral: the prime essentials are plain wholesome food, regular hours, and care without pampering.

At the Inspector's examination on 6th December, nineteen boys gained Proficiency and ten Competency. We heartily congratulate them.

## FORM NOTES

### V.

We, the illustrious Fifth, desire to place on record an account of our career during the past year.

We are five in number, and are a constant source of delight to our masters because of our unparalleled behaviour and natural aptitude for assimilating knowledge. So marked are our talents in every direction that we entertain no misgivings for Matriculation results. We are confident of passing with flying colours—and standard forms.

At the end of the first term we lost one of our number, who shifted to a higher circle in the town of Hamilton. We wish him luck, and rest assured that his grounding in sobriety while in Va. will always stand as an asset. Our classroom

is the wireless room, and we are proud of our sociable quarters.

Perhaps everyone does not realise our great love of work, but a glance into our form room in the first period each morning will clear away all doubts. We love our gardening, and take delight in coaxing reluctant mangels and silver-beet above the ground. We shine in languages and sciences, but really glow in mathematics.

We hope that the Va. of 1929 will uphold all the traditions of which we are proud, but we know that such a career as ours will never be equalled.

#### IV.

Again the end of the year is approaching, and we must broadcast the deeds and misdeeds of our select company.

We are all studying terribly hard for P.S.E., but our shadows are none the less. We are now very well behaved in Prep., certain rowdy members of Form V. having gone to another place.

At the beginning of the year, Mick Walters, our senior member, was made a Prefect, and we heartily congratulate him.

We have been very successful in sport, two of our number being in the first fifteen, two in the first eleven, and three in the hockey eleven.

The North Island is well represented in our class, Norman, "Kosy," "Scotty," and Edgar, all hail from Auckland; then we have a "Bunny" from Helensville, and "Doggy" and Ihaka from Te Kao, in the winterless North, while Mick comes from the large and thriving city of Aratapu. "Becker" represents Whitford, and Farmer Fred, Ngatea. A highly respected citizen of Hawera (one Jim) and a financial magnate of Opunake, uphold the honour of Taranaki, and the circle is completed by "Smithy" and "Tiny," from a little village on Cock Strait.

We hear that J.T.B. has decided to take on commercial farming. We know he will make a good farmer.

That comical farmer, F.D., has discovered a way to grow perennial docks at Ngatea.

N.M., we understand, has discovered a more profitable occupation than road-racing, namely, pig chasing.



PRINCIPAL AND PREFECTS.



At the end of the second term, when we were unfortunate in losing Harold Denton, we had a short evening to show how sorry we were to lose him from our midst.

### III.

Although we are undoubtedly the most well-behaved form in the College, we still have our little ups and downs with the masters. Through some unknown cause we seem to be up and down with every master. Unfortunately, however, they "about turn" and play ups and downs with us. Dwelling on the subject of "Ups and Downs" we are seeking for revenge against Mr. H-k-g, who takes us for physical drill. He seems to think we are made of indiarubber.

Chas. has grown tired of being good at English, so he has tried Geometry. (Ask him about Theorem Twenty.) He is also very anxious to know what would happen if you turned a thermometer upside down and heated the wrong end. Would the mercury "depart from the thermometer?" We wonder!

Quite recently our same friend inspired Mr. B.'s wrath by failing to do his work properly; consequently Mr. B. gave him a "gentle" tap with a ruler. Chas., completely overcome by fury, said with great violence and determination, "I'm not going to stand for that anyhow!!!"

"Better sit down to it then, Charlie," came the calm response.

Our English master once asked J.R. for the comparative degree of "forth." Naturally he expected to receive "further" as the answer. Can you imagine his surprise, however, when the puzzled expression on J.R.'s face vanished and he answered triumphantly, "Yes, sir, fifth!" (Collapse of form.)

One farm day T.M. was very much annoyed because he could not find a left-handed spanner for Mr. J. At the same time another intelligent third former was trying to exchange a bottle of green and white striped paint for some glass-headed rivets.

This year our History master has made his subject much more interesting by lectures on (i.) Rowing, and what to do if you get drowned; (ii.) How to defend yourself in a sword fight.

A friend from Te Aroha really believes that the adjective derived from the noun "terror" is terrortizing. Consequently

he gave this as an example, "One day I had the terrortizing experience of nearly being drowned."

Ask H.R. what happens if you tie a horse up. A horse probably couldn't get away, but "Rainbow" can.

Several times this year we have been fortunate in having class debates. On each of these occasions an interesting subject has been chosen, and two picked sides have taken part.

All who are leaving this class at the end of the year to take a further step in life, receive our good wishes for the best of good luck and prosperity; we are sure they cannot but look back to the pleasant, sometimes exciting, but none the less amusing times they had in Form III.

## II.

We are a fairly studious class ("More or less, chiefly less."—Mr. B.—) One of our best-liked subjects is agriculture. An amusing incident once occurred in the Lab. A boy was doing an experiment with ether to evaporate it. He forgot to take his mouth off the tube when he took in a breath, and as a consequence nearly went to sleep.

We had been having a reading lesson in which reference was made to "a belt and a feather hat," which were the only things a certain native chief wore. Next period our Mathematics Master was telling us that in hard times people spend less money on dress and try to be more economical. R.J., the irrepressible Form II. jester, burst out, "Please, sir, we could wear a belt and a feather hat!"

Why is a certain master of Form II. a good angler?—Because he has been known to give us fellows the rod and several lines.

What form in the School has the greatest range of ages among its members?—Form II., because while one of its members is already a Mann, another will never be anything but a Kidd.

A boy when asked his age replied, "Fourteen years, sir." The master then asked in what year he was born. "1910, sir," came the prompt reply.

## I.

Although some of us have been here four or five years we are still the lowest form of the School. That does not say that we are dunces, however, because the School has

gone up with us. We now inhabit what used to be called the "Junior Dorm.," which is not nearly so pleasant or airy a room as the one we were in last year. Still, we manage in it very well.

A master was talking about nouns of common gender, and then asked, "Now, C——, what is the feminine of **elephant?**"—"Jumuna, sir," came the prompt reply.

**Master:** "What is chlorophyll?"

**Pupil:** "The stuff a doctor gives you when you go to him."

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

A few weeks ago a boy lost a pair of stockings and could not find them. One Thursday, Mr. Clark, the carpenter, and two boys were trying to find out the mystery of the drain blockage, but it was all in vain. Mr. Clark said, "We shall have to tap the drain pipe." This was done, and a long piece of wire was put down the pipe and then pulled out. On the end was the missing pair of stockings.

On Guy Fawke's night a boy was talking in line. Master: "All right! when the other boys go down to the bonfire . . ." (an awful pause, during which the culprit had visions of dire penalties) ". . . you will go down too!" And until assured otherwise he thought he had to go to bed!

Things that might have been expressed otherwise.—  
R.B. (to M.W., who has been clean bowled before scoring a run): Never mind, Duckie!

## THE CHAPEL

In our last number we mentioned that Mrs. Smith had offered to present us with a chapel, and that we had gratefully accepted her offer. It now gives us great pleasure to record that the erection of the chapel is an accomplished fact. It is a high, beautifully proportioned building in brick, with facings of cream-coloured Oamaru stone. Situated on the highest point of the College property, it is easily visible from the train, and is the first part of the College buildings to catch the eye of the visitor approaching from Paerata.

The interior of the chapel, when completed, will be worthy of the handsome exterior. The high windows, of

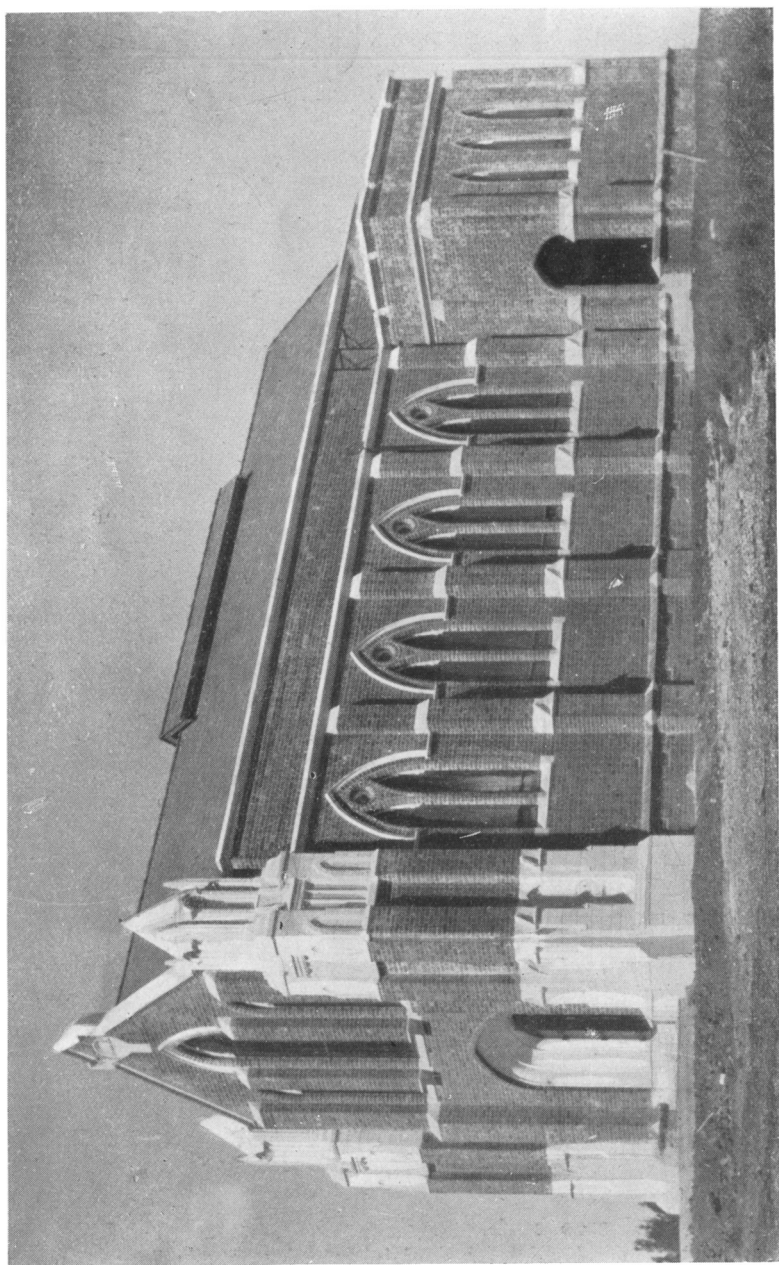


opaque glass with blue decorations, have been much admired. The panelling and the seats are of a beautiful dark-grained wood. We are still waiting for the electric light fittings and for the carpets for the floor; but it is hoped to have these in good time for the official opening of the chapel, which is fixed for February, 1929, when the Methodist Conference will be sitting in Auckland.

## FARM NOTES

This year has been a year of contrasts. We started the year under very favourable conditions. The College land requires a very regular rainfall and has a tendency to dry out very quickly although with increasing humus content this feature is being altered for the better. The drying westerly wind that came towards the end of last year, together with almost an absence of rain in November and December, our critical months, was followed by very little rain right up till Easter. We were fortunate in having heavy supplies of ensilage and hay, and it was found necessary to feed out hay in the middle of January, so bare had the country become. However, we successfully weathered this trying time without any loss of stock, although younger animals suffered a decided check. As if to repay us for all the worry and trouble of the first three months the rest of the year has been excellent, and at the present time there is more grass than ever before. It is anticipated that this year we will make 200 tons of ensilage, and 130 tons of hay; the quantity that can be made will be limited only by our ability to cut the grass. We have purchased a new English mower in order to cope with the increased growth.

This year, for the first time, we have three cows under C.O.R. test. One of these, a mature cow, gave over 2,000 gallons of milk and 600 odd pounds of butter-fat. The others were two-year old heifers and gave 510 and 450 pounds of butter-fat respectively. The rest of the herd were under Government Official Herd Test and did very well, although the dry weather interfered very much with their production, particularly that of the heifers. The herd is doing exceptionally well at present. The average milk production for over 50 cows is four gallons a day, and this includes several cows that have been in since last March. The average test is about 3.6. We have been very successful in the show ring



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during the past year, and have secured several prizes for cattle, sheep, and pigs.

This year we have carried about 900 ewes in all, and have had a very good lambing percentage. The quantity of wool was somewhat below that of previous years, but the price realised has been from a 1d to 1d per pound better. Practically all the shearing this year was done by the boys, some of whom put up very good tallies.

The Line Farm is at last worthy of the name of farm, and is showing the result of improvements put into it. It is now carrying the stud flock as well as many of the dry cattle, and gives promise of its pastures becoming equal to any on the farm. For some time past our work with sheep has been hampered by the lack of convenient yards, but thanks to the kindness of Mr. S. J. Ambury, well-planned and up-to-date yards in jarrah were erected this year. This is only one of the many ways in which Mr. Ambury has shown his practical interest in our work at Paerata, and the farm owes much to his help and advice.

Among the purchases for the year have been pedigree cows from the Government Farm at Weraroa, and the Bloomfield Land Co., Lower Hutt; one stud Ryeland ram and 5 ewes from Mr. Averill, Hastings; 5 Ryeland ewes from Bailey, Wethrell, Ealing; and one Southdown ram from J. Knight, Feilding.

We are still carrying on the sub-division of the farm into small area paddocks. Four years ago the farm was divided into 23 paddocks, now we have 65. This makes the control of pastures much easier, and will eventually make the farm much more productive. We have also carried on the planting of shelter belts, and the filling up of gullies with trees. Over 8,000 trees have been planted this year.

Much attention is being given at present to the new system of pasture management. It is small pasture closed, careful grazing, and frequent nitrogenous top dressings. We are carrying out several experiments with nitrogenous fertilisers for the Department of Agriculture, who have top-dressed three paddocks with sulphate of ammonia, and are taking records with a view to ascertaining if and to what extent, such applications are payable.

The only proof of the success of any system of pasture management is a proof based on figures. Far too many

theories and optimistic statements mark the present writings on agricultural problems. There is a great need for accurate and scientific investigation in New Zealand.

Rainbow sends his love to all Old Boys.

## FARM VISITORS

We were pleased to receive a visit from the old Principal, Rev. J. H. Simmonds, who inspected the plantations and gave some valuable instruction to the boys.

We also received a visit from the Secretary of the Friesian Association, who met several of the senior forms and gave them lectures in cattle judging.

## SHEARING AT WESLEY COLLEGE

"Wake up there!" The senior shearer for the day comes down the dorm., wakening the boys allotted for shearing, also some of the other sleeping beauties. By 6.30 a.m. about ten boys make their way across the paddocks to the shearing sheds. It is a happy crowd of boys that arrive at the shed, whistling, and singing favourite rag-times.

By 7.30 a.m., the "puffing billy" starts the beginning of a hard day's shearing. Norman looks after the engine, while other boys are detailed to "catching," "dagging," "classing," sweeping, and pieces, and folding the fleeces. Baling is a favourite job, but the sewing of the bales needs patience.

Every two hours the boys change jobs, and by the end of the day every boy has had some experience in every department of the work.

At 10.30 a.m. or thereabouts, morning tea is brought over and the hungry lads soon put themselves outside tea and scones.

Chug—chug—chug—chug—chug: the engine starts again, and work is resumed till 12.30. This time the boys enjoy stew and potatoes, plum-duff, bread and butter, and tea.

Stripped to the waist, the boys continue their work, singing above the noise of the engine. All of a sudden the engine begins to slow down, and the shearers go for their lives to finish the sheep they are shearing.

"Hang it all!" the exclamation escapes from the lips of a shearer who has not quite finished the sheep he has been shearing. Nevertheless, he quickly calls for the hand-shears; then there comes the clip—clip—clip of the blades until the sheep is finished.

Afternoon tea is welcomed with great enthusiasm, and after the refresher the lads are on their last lap. "Z-z-z-z-zd." "Blow!" one of the shearers makes a slight cut.

Soon the sheep are done, and about 5 o'clock, on looking into the shed one would see the hot water being splashed down on the floor, until all the grease and dirt is removed.

Another day's shearing is over. The boys, tired but happy, make their way back to the College. Still singing gaily, they change and wash and are ready for tea.

Shearing is much looked forward to at Wesley College, and the boys who are not privileged to take part in this part of the farm work envy those who are.

## CRICKET

At the opening of the 1926-7 season, we were optimistic enough to imagine that we should do well in the Pukekohe Association's Competition.

We did well, but unless it was that our optimism was indiscreet, we might have done better.

The competition was hard fought to a finish, and while we were not successful in winning the Taylor Shield, we were not at the bottom of the ladder.

Our inability to play games during the week, and thus gain match practice is a handicap, but we are making every effort to have a keen fielding team, and our work in this direction has made a greatly improved side of our boys.

Each day at lunch-time, the first eleven congregates for fielding practice, and they are developing into first-class fielders.

The Juniors of two and three years ago, are among the most successful and most promising of this year's team, and it speaks well for their keenness that they are able to secure positions in the 1st eleven before older and bigger boys.

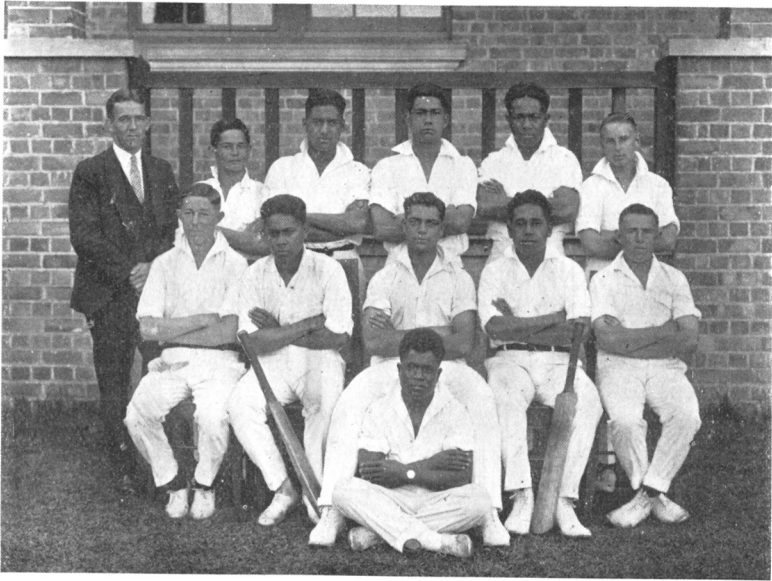
The whole School is divided into four groups, each of which is in charge of one master. Definite practice nights are allotted, and as a boy becomes proficient he is considered for promotion to the next group above his own. Whereas, in the past, we have always had difficulty in selecting eleven men sufficiently good to play for the 1st XI., we are now finding it most difficult to select the best team from a group of some fifteen or sixteen players. This is a most satisfactory state of affairs in every way, as, when a boy feels that he is indispensable, he is apt to underrate the value of constant practice.

We started our season excellently with a four-point win in our first match against Karaka. In this game, Josiah Vaea, who had been unable to play games for some time owing to an injury, played an excellent innings and made 52. It was most pleasing to note the keenness of the boys in the field; each boy made every effort to excel in this department.

Our next match was against High School. In this match we were beaten by 14 runs on the first innings after a most exciting game. Our score in the first innings was very meagre, 76, but at one stage of the game it appeared that we should succeed in getting the High School out for even less; we had three wickets down for one run, but Laird and Taylor each played a very sound and plucky innings and the game was lost, as we were unable to complete the second innings. It was a pity that rain should have spoilt the first day's play, but we give the High School credit for a good win.

The third match of the first round was with Pukekohe. In our first innings we made 81, and at the end of the day's play Pukekohe had compiled 125. On the second day we started well and had 40 on for three wickets, but Vaea, Gilling, and Mr. H. Hickling scored only half-a-dozen between them and chances of success seemed small. However, Robb joined Mr. P. Hickling and for the seventh wicket they put on 30 runs by very careful and steady play. Walters joined Mr. Hickling when Robb was dismissed, and again there was a good stand which resulted in 50 runs being added. The innings closed with a total of 143, of which Mr. P. Hickling made 58, and Walters 27. This left Pukekohe with two hours or so to play and 100 runs to win, and a fairly easy task it seemed. The side collapsed however, as Kaho was bowling a wonderful length and getting plenty of spin on the ball. Pukekohe made





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59, and of these Pleydell made 26 not out. Kaho's average was 8 for 14, and of the remaining wickets he ran one out. A great game.

Earlier in the year, at the close of last season, we played Dunholme Theological College, and after a most exciting game, managed to defeat them.

In House cricket, School House has been most fortunate in having the services of Dick Kaho, who is perhaps the fastest bowler playing in this Association, and also an excellent bat.

The three House matches have now been played, School House winning the first and third and Simmonds House winning the second. School House won the first match by 229 runs. Simmonds won the second by 7 runs. In this match Simmonds were losing by 23 runs on the first innings, but managed to pick up on the second innings. The third match proved a decisive win for School House, who won by an innings and 10 runs.

Two cricket matches were held during the year between the boys and the staff. In the former of these, played in the

first term, the staff won on the first innings by 143 (Mr. Partridge 27, Mr. Burton 24, Mr. Wardle 16), to 117 (Kaho 41, Procter 37). The second match was played in the last term of the year, and also resulted in a win for the staff, who made 96 (Mr. H. Hickling 49, Mr Knott 32), against the boys' 56 (Robb 14, Kaho 11).

On 1st December the First Papakura Troop of Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster A. Slessor, visited the College and played a team of our juniors at cricket. College made 36 and 34 against Papakura, 18 and 45, thus winning the match by seven runs. In the second innings our fielding hopelessly collapsed, and Francise, the Papakura bowler, took seven wickets for eleven runs, and did the hat trick.

### Notes on the Players

**Dick Kaho**, left-hander (slip).—A very fast bowler who can keep a good length for a very long time. He takes a very short run, peculiar to Tongans, and delivers the ball with a semi-round-arm action. With the bat he is very sound on the off, and his fielding is excellent.

**M. Walters**, left-hander (point).—Won the medal last year for the most improved bat, and now promises to become a really good all-rounder. He plays a very straight bat, but is inclined at present to step too much in front of his wickets.

He is a good field, but should try to watch the bowling to anticipate the shot the batsman will make.

**Josiah Vaea**, 3rd man.—This countryman of Kaho's has a similar bowling action, but his ball gains pace from the wicket and makes him difficult to play with safety. A sound bat, but not so polished as he might be. Is rather inclined to play with a cross bat.

**James Robb**, mid-off.—A youngster who has shown great keenness all this season, and is becoming a really sound batsman. Is rather inclined to edge from the wicket, but he will conquer this with practice.

Bowls a medium paced ball, and is safe in the field.

**Kohi Kewene**.—A solid bat, with few forcing strokes. Fair field, reserve wicket-keeper.

**Tony Mann**, square leg.—Left-hand bowler. A very young player who bowls with an easy action. The ball swings in from the off, and would be dangerous with a little more pace.

Rather a weak bat, but an excellent field.

**Jim Tukua.**—An improved player in all departments. Keen and accurate field, and is shaping well with the bat; is very quick between the wickets.

**Flinders Procter.**—One of the most improved batsmen in the team. Has an excellent cover-shot, and can score very quickly once he is set. Fair in the field, and improving with each game.

**B. D. Gina.**—An irresponsible player. Has shown little improvement since last year. Is very keen in the field and can bowl a good length medium-paced ball. Is not to be relied upon as a scoring batsman.

**E. Holloy.**—A solid and safe bat, rather slow to judge a ball, but improving. Rather slow in the field, but keen and tries very hard.

## FOOTBALL

The 1st XV. had a fairly successful season and finished as runners-up in the competition, equal with High School. They were unfortunate to lose to Ramblers, the championship winners, after leading most of the game and finishing with 14 men only, while they were unlucky not to win the High School match.

The results were as follows:—W.T.C. 1st XV.

v. Ramblers; lost 12—3, lost 11—8.

v. Patumahoe; won 9—3, won 7—6.

v. White Star; won 9—0, won by default.

v. High School; draw 3—3.

Mr. P. A. Hickling (injured) and Thompson and Mihaka (left) played in the earlier part of the season. Mr. Stone played during most of the season, and Mr. Harding during the latter part.

The 2nd XV. were pursued by bad luck throughout the season and suffered a series of defeats, mainly by the narrowest of margins. fl

The results were:—W.T.C. 2nd XV.

v. Ramblers; lost 0—19, lost 3—6, lost 3—6, lost by default.

v. Patumahoe; won by default, lost 6—0, lost 3—0.

v. High School; lost 9—0, lost 3—0, won by default.

## ST. STEPHEN'S V. WESLEY COLLEGE.

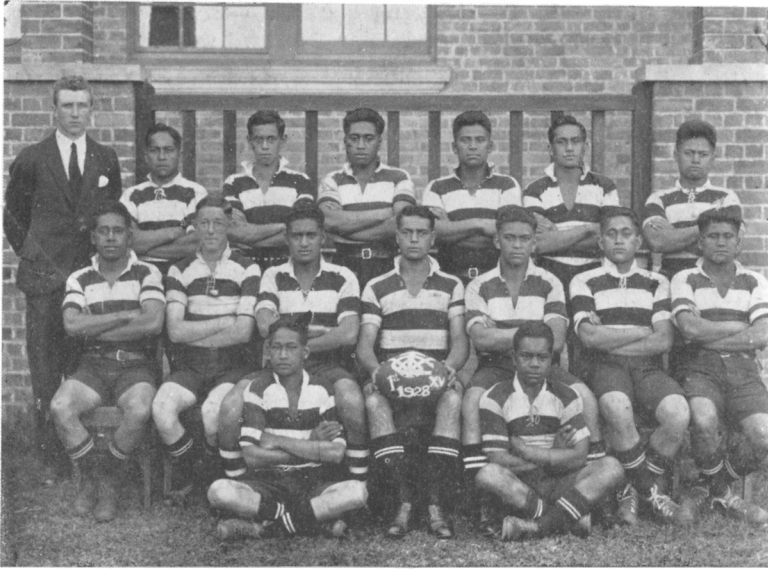
Won, 6—3.

An inter-school game between these two schools had long been thought of, but it was not until the Principals of the two schools realised what a fine chance it was for opening up a close friendship between the schools, that this game was definitely decided upon. Then on the afternoon of May 26 arrived a big special bus, bringing with it the St. Stephen's team and about 25 others to barrack. Mr. Morris, the Principal, was in charge, while the coach, Mr. Smythe, kindly took the duties of refereeing what proved to be a hard and well played game.

Wesley kicked off against a stiff breeze, which was to keep play in the one half for nearly the whole of the game. In this first quarter Wesley showed good defence, for though St. Stephen's threw the ball about well they could not penetrate, except in one case, which resulted in a 5 yards' scrum from which Wesley cleared. Edwards and Williams were following up well, with Hehe doing good work in the tight. All the backs were running well, Robb being very safe at full.

In the second quarter Walters had to change his team about. Waikari went into the forwards, where he played a good hard game, being very unlucky to lose a couple of tries; Kaho, at first five-eighths, also played well. Taking advantage of the wind Wesley were going all out for a try, but their first points came from a fine penalty goal by Walters. After this St. Stephen's rallied, and with determined running and good passing had Wesley on the defence for some minutes when Amuketi brought relief with a determined run down field, but St. Stephen's defence was too good, and the spell ended with the score at 3—0.

The play after half-time was more even territorially. Both teams started off well, with Wesley attacking against the wind. Good runs by Walters and Tukua gained ground, while Kaho was showing up on defence. After mixed play in mid-field Tukua fielded the ball cleanly, dummied two opponents and then raced for the line to score a good try. Walters's kick against the wind failed. This put Wesley in the lead with 6—0. From the kick-off St. Stephen's were pressing hard, and many good rushes were only just stopped. Then from mixed play after a forward rush, St. Stephen's scored but missed with the kick: 6—3.



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The last quarter was a good hard even struggle. St. Stephen's against the wind were trying to equalise the points, whilst Wesley were going their hardest to improve theirs. Hard running and game tackling was the order for this spell. Twice St. Stephen's broke through to be stopped by the full-back, and many determined rushes for Wesley were nearly successful. Two penalties by Wesley failed, the first for not kicking over the mark, the second not rising high enough. The whistle blew with Wesley on the attack, thus ending a very fine game, which reflected great credit on the boys and their coaches.

After the game, the two teams, masters, and visiting boys had afternoon tea in the dining hall. Short speeches by the Principals completed a very enjoyable afternoon.

## WESLEY COLLEGE V. ST. STEPHEN'S.

Lost, 8—6.

The return match was played on Eden Park, in Auckland, on August 11th.

The boys were entertained at lunch by the St. Stephen's boys, and were driven to the Park in buses supplied by the Rugby Union.

The game was put on as a curtain-raiser to the North and South Maori match, and a large crowd watched our game.

Both teams lined up in front of the stand and gave spirited hakas, which were much appreciated by the spectators.

The game, while not a good exhibition of Rugby if judged by the accepted rules, was full of excitement from the first whistle to the last, and the issue was always in doubt.

Our boys stood up to the more experienced St. Stephen's boys very well, and were leading until the last minute, when Watling (St. Stephen's) picked up the ball, and beating three or four of our boys, scored under the post and had his try converted to win the game, 8—6.

Walters kicked a goal for Wesley, and Tukua scored a magnificent try after running from nearly halfway.

After the game the team was taken to the Anglo-American Cafe and entertained most heartily.

Many new friends were made during this memorable visit, and it is our earnest hope that the match will now be an annual fixture.

In addition, a team, including some members of the staff, played a short game with Dunholme Training College and lost, 0—3; and the next week the Ruakura Training Farm won by a goal from a mark to nil, after a very even and most enjoyable mudlark.

A junior team, chosen from the Primary Department, also played a number of matches and had a fairly successful season. The junior football showed a great improvement during the season, mainly thanks to the tireless coaching of Mr. Lock, who did for the juniors what Mr. Cooke has done for the seniors. Mr. Brotherton wishes to thank those two and Messrs. H. H. and P. A. Hickling, for the loyal help they have given him throughout the season.

### Notes on the Players

**Whareaitu**, full-back.—A young but quite promising player. Good kick and field and fair tackle. Is gradually learning to go down on the ball. Speculates far too frequently, and often gets his side into difficulties by this fault.

**Tukua**, centre three-quarter.—Vice-Captain. A strong runner with a nice swerve, good in both attack and defence.

Has played some excellent games, both for the College and for the Junior Reps.

**Tuaupiki**, wing three-quarter.—A very fair wing, but rather uncertain, and inclined to lose his head in a match. Handling uncertain. Can get his kick in very quickly.

**T. Amuketi**, wing three-quarter.—A very promising three-quarter with a nice swerve. Very safe, both in attack and in defence. Tends to run into the centre too often.

**M. Walters**.—Five-eighths.—Captain. A very fine player either among the backs or as a forward. A fine kick and a very strong runner. Could feed his outside backs more frequently instead of cutting in. Always handy when his side is in difficulties. Captain of the Junior Reps.

**Kaho**, five-eighths.—A neat player with a good cut in, which he is inclined to overdo. Has also played well as wing-forward. A very useful member of any side.

**Edwards**, half-back.—Started the season as a forward but has developed into a very fair half-back. Better in defence than in attack. Should try and get the ball out more quickly.

**Williams**, hooker.—A light but energetic player, who has also played wing-forward. A hard worker but inclined to get off-side.

**K. Amuketi**, hooker.—A fast and heavy forward, who has also been tried in the backs. Very good when he likes, but generally too individualistic. A hard man to stop. Must pay more attention to the rules.

**Hehe**, lock.—A heavy man, who has shown a great improvement this season. Frequently at hand in a passing rush, and a very hard man to stop when running with the ball. Tends to hold on too long.

**Tipoki**, support.—The best forward in the School. Excellent tackle and a dangerous man in attack, both handling the ball and dribbling. Combines well with other players, but is not afraid to go for the line himself if necessary.

**Warbrick**, support.—A promising forward, who was tried in the backs in the earlier part of the season. Has shown a nice turn of speed on occasion.

**Waikari**, back ranker.—One of the best forwards in the team. Works hard and is good on attack and defence. Started the season as half, but failed to let the ball out, a



weakness that still troubles him. A hard man to stop, and uses his weight well.

**J. Walters**, back ranker.—A fast promising forward, who, however, tends to lose his head in a match. Should improve greatly with more experience.

**Bycroft**.—A light but very hard-working forward, who is also a promising five-eighths. Has improved greatly during the season, and is now one of the safest players in the School. Useful in attack, and invariably at hand when his side is in a tight corner.

## HOCKEY

This year has been very successful so far as hockey is concerned. Many good games were played between our own teams and those from outside, and we finally succeeded in regaining the Franklin Junior Hockey Shield, for which six teams competed.

The teams were strengthened by several new boys, and we still retained many of our last year's best players. The hockey ground was the same as last year, and was not really very satisfactory for hockey, owing to its uneven nature and necessary smallness. Several of our matches, including the shield final match, were played on our home ground.

Our A team succeeded in going through the season without a defeat, though it only just won in the final after an exciting match against Waiuku High School. The A team defeated our B team as well as the Pukekohe Primary School team. The B team also played a good game against Pukekohe.

In the House matches, School House had the greater number of players and therefore a wider choice. It was almost to be expected that, in these circumstances, School House should prove victors for the season, and so it turned out. The games, however, were close and exciting. The A team whose photograph appears in the magazine, consisted of Tawhara (Captain), Hollay, Beever, Booker, J. Russell, R. Russell, Bodley, T. Gurney, Ratu, Stevenson, Eastwood.

Boys who played particularly well this year were Tawhara (centre-half), Bodley (centre-forward), Eastwood (forward), Ratu (forward), Beever (half), and R. Russell (full-back).

The shield is to be presented by the President of the Franklin Hockey Association. We hope that next year will be an even better year than this. We know that Waiuku High School are out to beat us for the shield.

## TENNIS

We are very lucky in being able to play tennis here, almost all the year round. During the first and third terms the game is at its height, while even during the winter term some enthusiasts find opportunities for play. This playing during the dry spells of a wet winter means that the tapes have to be left down all the time, instead of being taken up to prevent them rotting. By the beginning of the present term the courts were in sad need of repair; however, a working party of players, under the supervision of the committee, soon had both courts weeded, raked and rolled, the wire repaired, and the tapes repaired. But the patched tapes did not last long, so that by the time for the House Competitions both courts were fitted out with new tapes.

The growing interest in the game soon showed that new courts would be necessary if everyone was to get a fair chance for a game. At present, with only two courts, there are many boys who anxiously wait while a set of doubles is played, dash on and play their own set, and then make way for others who are waiting. This rushed state of playing a set does not lead to good tennis, as the boys are careless in their serving, and foot faults soon become very common. By the end of the season two new courts should be ready for play; they are situated just behind the present courts, and were started in the first term of this year. Most of the spade work in levelling is now done.

A committee of boys in charge of tennis was selected from each House, and from these House Committees a School Committee was appointed. The members of this committee are all keen players, and anxious to do something for the game. They look after the courts and report any necessary repairs, and in the near future hope to run a Ladder for the first 20 players in the School. The committee is as follows:—R. Harris (secretary), R. Kaho, E. Holloy, M. Pritchard, J. Allum, J. Williams

Last season the Tennis Championships and House Matches were played late in the year, and the results were not

published in last year's magazine. In the House matches Simmonds House won the Senior Grade, with Hoddinott, Eapi, Litherland, and Vaea in their winning team. School House won the Intermediate and Junior Grades.

The Senior Championship was most interesting, and there were many good games before the finalists, Kaho and Vaea, met. After a hard fought and even game Kaho won, 6—5, 6—5. In the Junior Championship R. Harris won from J. Beever after a good game.

This year School House have the majority of the tennis players, and the Senior and Intermediate Grades, which were played at the end of November, were won quite comfortably by School House. In the Senior Grade Kaho and Harris won from Vaea and Edwards. The games were to be two singles, with a doubles set to decide the winner if each House won a single. The doubles were not played, however, as both School House boys won their singles. The standard of tennis in these matches was very high. In the Senior Grade, Kaho beat Vaea, 9—1, after a game much more even than the score suggests. Both played very steadily, and perhaps a little too carefully considering their ability. After the first few games both players struck a good length and placed their shots well. Kaho, however, was the safer of the two, and returned many which had almost seemed like winners. Both players would have done better to get in to the net instead of contenting themselves with volleying from the middle of the court.

The other senior game, between Harris and Edwards, started off well for Harris, who was playing a beautifully clean game, often beating Edwards with side-line drives. Edwards was penalised heavily also for foot-faulting, but after correcting this he settled down somewhat and took three hard games from Harris before he was beaten.

In the Intermediate Grade, Harris and Robb played Smith and Sutton, from Simmonds House. The first game was perhaps better than Harris's game against Edwards, as Smith played more after Harris's own style, although he lacked the force and pace of Harris's drive; still, Smith must be complimented on playing a fighting game, and losing well.

Robb beat Sutton, 9—5, after a fairly even game. Each won his serve for a fair while, when Robb broke through his opponent's serve and managed to keep him on the run. Lack

of practice was perhaps Sutton's weakness, as his returns were fairly poor.

Last year a match was played between the College and Pukekohe Technical High School, with teams of eight; the match resulted in a draw, each side winning 4 sets. We hope that this match may be played again this year, and that it will become an annual event to sustain the interest in this game.

## SWIMMING

At College most of the swimming is confined to the first term when the weather is really warm, but by the time Easter has arrived it is almost over. At the beginning of the year many boys took advantage of a swimming pool at Paerata, kindly provided by Mr. Ritchie. Every afternoon, from four o'clock till tea-time, the boys could be seen rushing down for their swim, arriving back at about a-quarter to six with very healthy appetites, ready to make the most of a good tea.

The Swimming Sports were held in the Pukekohe Baths on 24th February, the day of the Franklin Show. All boys attended the Show in the morning, having lunch on the grounds, and then proceeded to the baths for an early start.

Unfortunately we struck a bad day, and the rain and cold rather spoilt what would have been some excellent performances. Most of the items were well contested, and there were some keen races. But most boys found it impossible to compete in all that they had entered for, so that we did not get the best results. However, many races were done in good time, Thompson, in particular, showing himself to be a fast, powerful swimmer.

The Senior Championship was won by B. D. Gina, who astounded the spectators by his ability to swim a great distance under water (which was very cold it must be remembered). J. Thompson was runner-up, being unfortunate enough to get the cramp halfway through.

The Junior Championship was won by H. Hutt, who swam very well, with J. Allum runner-up.

The School Relay, with teams of four, was an exciting race. School House were represented by B. D. Gina, S. Fotu, K. Amuketi, J. Tukua. Simmonds House team was: J. Thompson, M. Walters, H. Hutt, T. Tipoki. School House won by a

narrow margin. They also won the Senior Competition, while Simmonds won the Junior. The resultant points for the Winstone Cup were:—School, 6; Simmonds, 3.

## BOXING

The Annual House Boxing Contest was held on Saturday, 14th July. Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Macpherson, of Pukekohe, kindly acted as judges, and Mr. Leece as referee. The Junior Grade (7st. and under) resulted in a draw, the Intermediate (9st. 7lb. and under) was won by School House, and the Senior (over 9st. 7lb.) by Simmonds House.

The following are the detailed results (Simmonds House boxer mentioned first in each case):—

**Junior.**—6st. and under: Holden lost to T. Gurney, Jeavons lost to Fisher. 6st. 7lb. and under: N. Smith drew with Harding, Eastwood beat Turnbull, Fletcher lost to Coates. 7st. and under: Pearson beat R. Johnson, Bodley lost to Harris, Eastwood beat M. Smith.

**Intermediate.**—7st. 11lb. and under: Bodley beat Stevenson, Lusty lost to Ratu, J. Russell lost to Henry. 8st. 9lb. and under: Pritchard lost to Anderson, Sutton beat Ratu, Mann lost to Moir. 9st. 7lb. and under: E. Cowan drew with Anderson, Williams drew with C. Procter, Hutt beat Tawhara.

**Senior.**—10st. 3lb. and under: Edwards beat Carnachan, Kewene lost to Kaho, Winter beat Anderson, Edwards beat Kaho. 11st. 3lb. and under: J. Rogers beat Waikari, C. Johnston beat T. Amuketi. Over 11st. 3lb: Anaru lost to K. Amuketi, Hehe drew with Tukua, M. Walters beat Faletau.

## THE ANNUAL SPORTS

When Monday, the 22nd October, dawned damp, dark and cheerless, there was every prospect of the sports having to be postponed on account of the weather. In fact, the Principal went so far as to call for a show of hands to settle whether we should have school or not: a majority, however, decided in favour of the sports. During the morning, the weather conditions, far from improving, got worse, and our hopes sank to zero. About mid-day, however, there was a turn for the better, and in the afternoon the sun was shining brilliantly from an almost cloudless sky.

There was a large attendance of parents, friends, and Old Boys of the College, all helping to make the meeting one of the most successful in our history. The Pukekohe Band enlivened the proceedings with its martial strains.

A large number of eliminating events and a few finals had been decided on the previous Saturday afternoon, so that on the great day there was very little tedious waiting.

Several records were broken—not quite so many as last year, but that is not to be wondered at. One of the happiest features of the whole meeting was the exceedingly keen competition for both senior and junior championships. The former went once more to Jim Tukua, after a very good go with Mick Walters; the latter was won by Charlie Procter, with Kidd a close runner-up.

Our hearty thanks are due to Mr. Burton, who once more devoted many hours to preparing for the sports, and organised them in a most efficient manner.

“The close of a perfect day” was fittingly celebrated in the College dining-room by an Old Boys’ Re-union Dinner, an account of which is given in another part of this number.

The results were as follows:—

#### A.—SENIOR EVENTS.

##### 1. Open and Championship Events.

**100 Yards.**—1, J. Tukua; 2, M. Walters; 3, I. Warbrick. Time, 11 2-5 secs.

**120 Yards Hurdles.**—1, M. Walters; 2, J. Tukua; 3, I. Warbrick. Time, 18 2-5 secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, J. Tukua; 2, M. Walters; 3, I. Warbrick. Time, 28 1-5 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, J. Tukua; 2, M. Walters; 3, J. Farland. Time, 1 min. 4 3-5 secs.

**880 Yards.**—1, M. Walters; 2, J. Tukua; 3, J. Farland. Time, 2 min. 28 2-5 secs. (record).

**One Mile.**—1, J. Farland; 2, J. Tukua; 3, M. Walters. Time, 6 min. 9 secs.

**High Jump.**—1, J. Tukua; 2, M. Walters and I. Warbrick (equal). Height, 4 ft. 6½ ins.

**Long Jump.**—1, W. Hehe; 2, J. Tukua; 3, I. Warbrick. Distance, 17 ft. 3 ins.

**Hop, Step and Jump.**—1, M. Walters; 2, J. Tukua; 3, W. Hehe. Distance, 37 ft. ½ in.

**Throwing Cricket Ball.**—1, L. Faletau; 2, S. Fotu; R. Kaho. Distance, 80 yards.

**Putting the Shot.**—1, M. Walters; 2, W. Hehe; 3, S. Fotu. Distance, 34 ft. 1½ ins.

**Cross Country.**—1, J. Farland; 2, J. O. Anderson; 3, K. Kewene. Time, 50 min. 48 secs.

**2. Handicap Events.**

**100 Yards.**—1, J. Farland; 2, H. Hutt; 3, B. Gina. Time, 12 1-5 secs.

**120 Yards Hurdles.**—1, J. Anderson; 2, W. Hehe; 3, K. Kewene. Time, 21 2-5 secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, J. Anderson; 2, B. Gina; 3, J. Williams. Time, 29 2-5 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, K. Kewene; 2, M. Pritchard; 3, W. Edwards. Time, 1min. 5 2-5 secs.

**880 Yards.**—1, K. Kewene; 2, J. Booker; 3, M. Pritchard. Time, 2min. 28 2-5 secs.

**One Mile.**—1, K. Kewene; 2, J. Allum; 3, J. Booker. Time, 5min. 45 2-5 secs.

**High Jump.**—1, J. Rogers; 2, W. Edwards and K. Kewene (equal). Height, 4ft. 5½ins.

**Long Jump.**—1, M. Pritchard; 2, K. Kewene; 3, E. Cowan. Distance, 15ft. 7ins.

**Hop, Step and Jump.**—1, M. Pritchard; 2, E. Cowan; 3, J. Williams. Distance, 35ft. 1in.

**Putting the Shot.**—1, F. Procter; 2, C. Johnston; 3, W. Anaru. Distance, 26ft. 9½ins.

**Cross Country.**—1, M. Pritchard; 2, J. Russell; 3, J. Allum. Time, 51min. 1sec.

**B.—JUNIOR EVENTS.****1. Open and Championship Events.**

**100 Yards.**—1, C. Kidd; 2, H. Hemi; 3, C. Procter. Time, 12 3-5 secs. (record).

**120 Yards Hurdles.**—1, C. Kidd; 2, P. Ratu; 3, C. Procter. Time, 21 1-5 secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, H. Hemi; 2, C. Procter; 3, C. Kidd. Time, 30 4-5 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, C. Procter; 2, N. Sutton; 3, H. Hemi. Time, 1min. 12 2-5 secs.

**880 Yards.**—1, C. Kidd; 2, C. Procter; 3, R. Harris. Time, 2min. 49secs. (record).

**One Mile.**—1, R. Harris; 2, C. Procter; 3, N. Sutton. Time, 6min. 35secs.

**High Jump.**—1, L. Carnachan; 2, D. Andrews; 3, W. Tawhara. Height, 4ft. 2¾ins. (record).

**Long Jump.**—1, C. Kidd; 2, C. Procter and D. Andrews (equal). Distance, 14ft. 6½ins.

**Hop, Step and Jump.**—1, C. Procter; 2, W. Tawhara; 3, C. Kidd. Distance, 31ft. 9ins. (record).

**Throwing Cricket Ball.**—1, C. Kidd; 2, C. Procter; 3, W. Tawhara. Distance, 67yds. 1ft. 10ins. (record).

**Cross Country.**—1, W. Bodley; 2, N. Sutton; 3, C. Procter. Time, 54min. 36secs.

**2. Handicap Events.**

**100 Yards.**—1, H. Lusty; 2, M. Lovegrove; 3, R. Henry. Time, 13secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, D. Knight; 2, M. Lovegrove; 3, R. Harris. Time, 33 1-5 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, D. Knight; 2, L. Fisher; 3, M. Lovegrove. Time, 1min. 14secs.



**880 Yards.**—1, D. Knight; 2, T. Gurney; 3, H. Eastwood. Time, 2min. 50secs.

**High Jump.**—1, D. Knight; 2, W. Bodley; 3, D. Bartlett. Height, 4ft. 1in.

**Long Jump.**—1, R. Henry; 2, H. Lusty; 3, N. Gilmour. Distance, 12ft. 9ins.

#### C.—MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

**House Relay (880 yards).**—1, Simmonds House.

**Cycle Race.**—1, J. Allum; 2, F. Dudding; 3, A. Mann.

**Old Boys' Race (100 yards).**—1, C. Harding; 2, T. J. Stacey; 3, T. Stone. Time, 12secs.

**Staff Race (100 yards).**—1, P. Hickling; 2, C. Harding; 3, H. L. Fiebig. Time, 11 1-5 secs.

#### Championship Points.

**Senior.**—Tukua, 27; Walters, 25½; Warbrick, 5½; T. Amuketi, 5; Faletau, 5; Kaho, 5.

**Junior.**—C. Procter, 21½; Kidd, 17; Sutton, 10; Hemi, 6; Tawhara, 5; Carnachan, 4; Andrews, 3½; Ratu, 2.

## DEBATES

During the year a number of debates have been held on a variety of subjects. Three of these have been House Debates for the Winstone Cup.

The first House Debate was held on Saturday, 28th April. Mr. Clark was in the chair, and Messrs. Hewitt and Foster, of Pukekohe, kindly acted as judges. The subject was "That the influence of the church is greater than the influence of the daily and weekly press." School House (Bycroft, Harris, Boyce, Allum), took the affirmative, and Simmonds House (Walters, Pritchard, Williams, Farland), the negative. The most noteworthy feature of the debate was Bycroft's reply, in which, with caustic humour, he demolished the arguments of the negative side. School House won by 340 points to 296.

At the second House Debate, held on 4th August, Mr. Clark was again in the chair, and Mr. Fiebig was the judge. Bycroft, Allum, Beever, and Boyce, speaking for School House, upheld the motion, which was thus worded:—"That Asiatics should be excluded from New Zealand as Permanent Residents." Simmonds House was represented by Walters, Farland, Hutt, and Pritchard. After an interesting and closely contested argument, Simmonds House were adjudged the winners by 550 points to 530 points.

On Friday, 1st December, the two Houses met to settle the debating supremacy for the year. Mr. Isaac was in the chair. This time we had a committee of three judges, viz.,

Rev. T. H. Burton, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, and Mr. R. C. Clark. The subject chosen was a rather difficult one, "That Capitalism is a greater menace to civilisation than Communism." For the third time in succession School House won the toss and took the affirmative side, being represented by Bycroft, Boyce, Allum and Beever. The speakers for Simmonds House were Walters, Farland, Pritchard, and Hutt, who took the field as champions of Capitalism. The debate was not quite up to the usual standard, partly, no doubt, owing to the difficulty of the subject; and some of the speeches, especially those of the third and fourth speakers on the negative side, gave the impression that the subject had not been thoroughly mastered. School House won by the narrow margin of nine points (111 to 102), and were therefore debating champions for the year.

Another debate of special interest was held in the middle of the second term, the subject being "That under present conditions, war is an unjustifiable means of settling international disputes." Messrs. Clark, Harding and Bycroft supported the motion, and Messrs. Fiebig, Cooke and H. H. Hickling opposed it. Mr. Burton was in the chair. After a very close contest, the negative side were declared the winners.

The only other general debate held during the year was "That the influence of the present-day moving pictures is more harmful than good." Beever led the affirmative side, and M. Walters the negative. Mr. Bowden, who acted as judge, declared the result to be a draw, each side having scored 252 points.

## THE WINSTONE CUP

There has again been keen competition for the Winstone House Cup. This year has witnessed a reversal of the position in the two Houses, for by far the greater number of points have been won by School House, who have defeated their rivals in cricket, football, hockey, tennis, swimming, and debating. A new feature of the competition has been the inclusion of a Junior House football match. The results are set out in the following table:—

## WINSTONE HOUSE CUP, 1928.

		Simmonds.	School.	Simmonds.	School.
Sports	(Sen.)	.. 5	—	—	—
	(Jun.)	.. —	4	—	—
Total		.. —	—	5	4
Swimming	(Sen.)	.. —	5	—	—
	(Jun.)	.. 3	—	—	—
	(Relay)	.. —	1	—	—
Total		.. —	—	3	6
Boxing	(Sen.)	.. 4	—	—	—
	(Int.)	.. —	3	—	—
	(Jun.)	.. 1	1	—	—
Total		.. —	—	5	4
Tennis	(Sen.)	.. —	4	—	—
	(Int.)	.. —	3	—	—
Total		.. —	—	—	7
Debating	(1)	.. —	4	—	—
	(2)	.. 4	—	—	—
	(3)	.. —	4	—	—
Total		.. —	—	4	8
Cricket	(1)	.. —	3	—	—
	(2)	.. 3	—	—	—
	(3)	.. —	3	—	—
Total		.. —	—	3	6
Football	(1)	.. —	3	—	—
	(2)	.. —	3	—	—
	(3)	.. —	3	—	—
	(Jun.)	.. 2	—	—	—
Total		.. —	—	2	9
Hockey	(1)	.. —	2	—	—
	(2)	.. —	2	—	—
	(3)	.. —	2	—	—
Total		.. —	—	—	6
Grand total	..			22	50

The Essay and the Junior Tennis have still to be decided, but the results of these cannot alter the relative positions of the Houses.

## CADET NOTES

Military training for the year started early in the first term, when all new boys of fourteen and over were registered and sworn in. Soon after this came the job of fitting all new Cadets with uniforms—a task which was quickly despatched by Staff Sergeant-Major Dunlevy.

The chief item of note in the first term's drill activities was three days' consolidated training, which was held down on the fields below the College. Instruction in infantry movements, musketry and small arms training, was part of each

day's work. The course was very successful, and helped to put the drill for the year on a sound basis.

At the beginning of the year when the non-commissioned officers were appointed, it was proposed to hold weekly non-commissioned officers' classes, as no company can hope for smart and efficient drill unless the section leaders know their work. The boys all showed themselves keen and willing to learn, but the class fell through for lack of time. Still, we hope that such a class will be seriously considered next year and an opportunity given for it to be held.

On Anzac Day our company had a route march into Pukekohe, a distance of about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles. They there took part in the afternoon ceremony, which was a march through the town, with speeches by prominent citizens at the War Memorial. Lance-Corporal Gina sounded the "Last Post," very clearly and distinctly, and with great feeling.

The annual course of musketry has been finished during the third term. There was shooting for all boys during the first term in their first musketry course; some few had a chance of practice shooting during the second term, but none of this was sufficient practice for the Imperial Challenge Shield shooting, which was fired by one platoon of senior boys and one of juniors under fifteen. The shooting in both platoons suffered from want of practice, and in future this must be provided for the boys if any decent results are to be obtained.

The Lady Godley Cup is to be fired for at an early date by senior boys, who have to use the .303 rifles. The shooting in this match, together with the scores by the two company officers, counts towards the School's shooting average for the year.

Finally, we have to congratulate Lieutenants P. A. Hickling and H. H. Hickling on their success in the Promotion Examinations in September. The former passed promotion from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant, while the latter had his probation confirmed with the right to hold rank as First Lieutenant after the completion of his two years' service as a commissioned officer.

The non-commissioned officers at present on the Company roll are:—

Company-Sergeant-Major M. Walters.

Colour-Sergeants: E. Bycroft and J. Williams.

Corporals: N. Mocn, J. Anderson, P. Tipoki.

Lance-Corporals: B. D. Gina, J. Tukua, J. Beever, J. Allum.

During the year the following non-commissioned officers left us:—Company-Sergeant-Major J. Thompson, and Corporal D. Whatu.

## VISITORS

We have again been favoured with many visitors, some of whom are quite well known to us. They all left pleasant memories behind, and some gave us advice that would be of great use in the future.

The Hon. O. J. Hawken, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. A. D. McLennan, M.P. for Franklin, visited the School on Monday, 27th February, and the Minister spoke a few words to the boys in the schoolroom at the close of afternoon school.

A few weeks later we were very pleased to see our old master, Mr. Bowden, who came on a Saturday and spent a week-end with us.

On the 8th June a party of boys from the Seddon Memorial Technical College, Auckland, visited the School and spent the day here.

The next visitor was the Rev. A. R. Bensley, who brought a Solomon Islands boy, Zebedee Lembu, to see us. They spent the morning looking over the College buildings and the farm, and in the afternoon Mr. Bensley addressed the assembled school for a few minutes.

Near the end of the second term the Rev. E. P. Blamires, President of the Young People's League, visited us on a Sunday morning and delivered an interesting and inspiring address. We always look forward to visits from Mr. Blamires, and trust that we shall see him again in the near future.

The very next day we had another visitor in the person of Mr. Donnelly, who has succeeded Mr. Cyril Burton in the capacity of Travelling Secretary of the New Zealand Methodist Bible Classes. He gave us an enlightening outline of the work which is being done by the Bible Classes throughout the Dominion. His talk was appreciated by us all, especially by the boys who went to the Bible Class Camp at Easter.

The first Sunday morning service of the third term was taken by Dr. Ranston, who preached a memorable sermon on the wonders of modern science and its relation to Christian

faith. He did not take a text, but said that, if we chose, we could easily find a suitable text in the lesson he had just read (Isaiah 40, verse 21—end). In a happy little address to the younger pupils of the School he told a delightful story of Ruskin, who had seen, in the mud and dust of which his friend complained, something almost identical in composition with the most rare and precious stones. "So now, boys," said he, "when you go home in the holidays you will perhaps play about in the mud and get dirty. When your mother says to you, 'You dirty boy, wherever have you been to get all covered with mud?' you just say to her, 'But, mother, that's not mud, that's jewels.'" (Laughter.) "But," he added, as an after-thought, "don't blame me for what happens after that." (Loud laughter.)

A few weeks later the Rev. W. A. Sinclair kindly brought up his lantern and gave us an interesting illustrated lecture on his European tour. He showed us pictures of Colombo ("where every prospect pleases, and——" no! let us forget the rest); of Egypt and the Pyramids; of Great Britain and its wonderful cathedrals; of Switzerland and Italy, Venice with its Rialto, "where merchants most do congregate"; Milan with its matchless cathedral; Rome with its old Forum and St. Peter's. Afterwards we saw a few pictures of the Solomon Islands. We all enjoyed the lecture and the pictures very much indeed, and we only wish Mr. Sinclair could come to see us oftener.

Before closing this record we must on no account omit to mention the hebdomadal visits of our old friend Mr. Fewell, whose advent has so often brought a glow of satisfaction to many youthful **hearts**. Without the sustenance he so willingly provides, J—k S—kl—g would doubtless have long ago pined away to a mere shadow.—"Paerata, you chaps!"

## ENTERTAINMENTS

February 11th.—The first concert of the year was held. There were several piano solos and instrumental trios, and Mr. Newton played the piano for a number of community songs.

February 18th.—There was a ping-pong tournament, won by Mr. P. A. Hickling.

March 3rd.—A “novelty evening,” organised by Mr. Partridge, was much enjoyed by all. A number of new and amusing games were played. It was very funny to see Bob G—— (and others) trying to eat a treacly apple hanging on a string, and also to see Mr. Brotherton and Mr. Partridge with the aid of broom handles, trying to upset each other out of swinging tubs. (Mr. Partridge won).

April 14th.—There was a mock City Council election, which was very amusing. Each candidate made a speech, and we all voted. Mr. E. J. Bycroft was elected Mayor of the City of Paerata (including the suburbs of Karaka and Wesley College), and Mr. J. H. W. Farland was elected deputy-mayor.

April 21st.—An itinerant company of Spanish (and other) musicians—Signor Gondotti, Signorita Ipecacuanha, The Ranee of Teheran, and the Duke of Damsillie, visited the College and gave us an enjoyable concert, being ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Partridge. Some conjuring tricks were performed, and we were shown the difference between the way a woman buys a hat and the way a man buys a hat.

May 5th.—We had an enjoyable concert, the last of the term. Perhaps the most outstanding item was Mr. Partridge's comic song, “The Bassoon,” sung in fancy dress. There was also a humorous playlet, “Lord Ullin's Daughter,” by Julian Thompson and the rest of IVb. The evening's entertainment was concluded by a Chinese Jazz Band under the baton of Bandmaster Josiah Vaea, who was hard put to it to keep his troupe in order, particularly one little black man who **would** play all out of time.

May 9th.—The end-of-term social was held, and was a great success. It was much better attended than most previous socials had been, perhaps because it was on a Wednesday instead of a Saturday evening. Allum, Scott and Boyce played a trio for two violins and piano. A musical competition, bringing in the names of various well-known songs, was won by Mrs. Brotherton.

June 16th.—There was a prepared speech competition in two grades. The junior was won by Gina, who spoke on Dr. George Brown; and the senior by Bycroft, whose subject was Lawrence of Arabia. Other good speeches in the junior grade were by Lovegrove (Walter Raleigh), and Hutt (Louis Pasteur); and in the senior grade by Allum (Michael Faraday), and Walters (Pope Gregory).

June 30th.—A certain Melvin Pritchard was prosecuted before Mr. Justice Clark for putting foreign matter into the milk and thus causing the illness of a cat. The case was thrashed out at great length, and a large number of witnesses were called, among them being the learned Professor, Dr. Williams, who gave medical evidence, and the college lorry driver, Mr. N. C. Perry-Moon. A regrettable incident occurred in the middle of the trial, when a number of roysterers at the back of the court, obviously the worse for liquor, upset the dignity of the proceedings by deliberate and persistent interjections. Constables Hehe and Tukua were dispatched to bring the offenders before the judge, who after administering a severe reprimand let the culprits go, and they gave no further trouble.

The jury decided in favour of the defendant, who was accordingly discharged.

July 21st.—A concert was held, the programme of which included two dramatic efforts. The first of these was by the two Messrs. Hickling and W. Edwards, who sent cold shivers down our backs by mysterious midnight shootings. The second was a short farce, "The Queen of Hearts," produced by Mr. Isaac and acted by some boys of Form II., namely Stevenson (the Queen), Oliphant (the King), Davis (the Knave), Suckling (the Cook), and Lovegrove (the Kitchen Maid). Both these little plays were much enjoyed.

July 28th.—There was a ping-pong tournament, Rangī Ho Reihana being the champion.

August 11th.—Owing to the efforts of Mr. Brotherton, we now have a movable stage which occupies the whole width of the room, and thus marks a very great step in advance of anything we have had before. This stage was used for the first time this evening for a play, an abridged version of "Beau Sabreur." The story was dramatized by Mrs. Brotherton, and the play produced by Mr. Brotherton. The characters were:—Hank (Mr. Brotherton), Buddy (Mr. P. A. Hickling), Major Henri de Beaujolais (Mr. Isaac), Mary Vanbrugh (Mrs. Brotherton), Rastignac (E. Bycroft), and El R'Orab (J. Vaea). There were plenty of thrills in this melodrama, for it included a dramatic meeting of a long-lost brother and sister, an attempted murder, a death owing to injuries received in a fight, and a supposed suicide. Excellent teamwork characterised the play, which gripped the audience from start to finish.



August 22nd.—Another conspicuously successful end-of-term social was held. There were some very good games and a screamingly funny comic song by Messrs. Brotherton and Cooke. The song was a parody of "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Sheen," and introduced a number of topical hits which convulsed those who understood the allusions.

October 20th.—A variety entertainment, organised by Mr. Brotherton, was given, and the new stage was again brought into requisition. The first item was the song "Funiculi, Funicula," in which the solo part was admirably taken by Gina. "Beau Sabreur, as it might have been," was a most amusing skit on the previous performance of "Beau Sabreur." There was also another "Queen of Hearts," totally different from the first: in this play, Allum and Pritchard were conspicuous. Mr. Brotherton brought down the house with "Lady be Good," accompanied by amusing actions. Josiah's rag-time band again took the popular fancy so much that they had to give a second item. The pièce de résistance of the evening was "The New Boy," a play written and produced by Mr. Brotherton, bringing in a number of topical allusions, which made the audience roar with delight. Perhaps the principal hit in this play was made by H. Hutt, the secretary of the Poets' Club, who in Eton collar and suit, looked charmingly school-boyish, and declaimed perfervid poetical utterances in the new boy's astounded ears. J. Beever acted the nervous new boy to perfection; and other performers deserving special mention were E. Bycroft and N. Moon.

The whole concert was a great success, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton for the great amount of time and labour they had given to providing us with so enjoyable an entertainment.

November 3rd.—A concert was held, the most noteworthy feature of which was the large number of musical items given by the Maori boys. Another highly successful item was "The Barber's Shop," a screaming farce, in which our Solomon Islander, attired as a hair-dresser, conducted shaving operations on the wholesale plan.

November 17th.—As the excitement, owing to the general elections, held on Wednesday, 14th November, had not yet died down, it was thought a good opportunity to hold a parliamentary election on our own account. The candidates were Messrs. N. Moon (Country Party), D. Gilling (Labour), J.

Allum (United), H. Hutt (Reform), E. Bycroft (Christian Socialist), and Miss E. F. G. H. I. J. W. Melvin-Farland Ultra-Feminist). Each speaker was sunmitted to a heavy bombardment of questions, wise and otherwise. At the conclusion of the meeting the candidates immediately went to the poll. The largest number of votes went to Mr. N. Moon, who was accordingly declared elected. In returning thanks he congratulated the constituents on the wisdom of their choice.

## THE DORMITORY WATERLOO

(With apologies to Byron).

There was a sound of revelry by night;  
 But, cane in hand, the master strides the dorm;  
 With an attentive ear and footsteps light  
 He seeks some poor unfortunate to warm.  
 Along the passage steals the silent form,  
 'Mid cries of "sh!" and "Stop you, here he is!"  
 And cowering culprits dread the coming storm,  
 For never does his trusty weapon miss;  
 And all who talk at night-time know a scene like this.

J.H.W.F.

## ODE TO THE FRIESIAN COWS

(After—a long way after—Wordsworth).

We wandered lonely as the bird  
 That flits among yon blue-gum boughs,  
 When all at once we saw a herd,  
 A host of Friesian dairy cows,  
 Beside the swamp, beneath the trees,  
 Chewing the cud in bovine ease.

Through the open gate of paddock nine,  
 Into the middle of the drive,  
 They trudged, in one long straggling line,  
 Soon at the cow-shed to arrive.  
 Two score cows saw we at a glance,  
 Swishing their tails in frisky dance.

The boys behind them used no stick,  
But laughed and sang in innocent glee.  
What cow would toss her head, or kick  
In such a jocund company?  
We gazed and gazed, and thought and thought  
Of all the milk the Friesians brought.

“THE TERRIBLE FOUR.”

## IF!

(**Not** by Rudyard Kipling).

If our college were only a dream,  
And a dream that could never come true,  
We should hold that dream in the highest esteem,  
For 'twould make men of me and you.

But Wesley's by no means a dream,  
Of that, I'm afraid, there's no hope,  
So let's sing a gay theme while collecting the cream,  
For 'tis only a folly to mope.

If feeding the pigs were a joy,  
And milking were just a delight,  
We should think, every boy, that work was a toy,  
And could never win through life's fight.

If physical drill were a pleasure,  
(For a pleasure 'tis not, I must say),  
And Maths, in half measure, were done at our leisure,  
How joyful we'd think every day!

If each boy could but be a master,  
And masters were turned into boys,  
We'd drive every master both harder and faster,  
We'd see that they made no noise!

But milking and drill are hard work,  
And lessons are not a delight;  
If our Head let us lurk round the corner, and shirk,  
This college would not train us right.

For life, as we all know of course, is  
Not meant to 'scape troubles and rows;  
Let's sing, joining forces, while feeding the horses,  
And whistle while milking the cows.

R.F.B.

## WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

Smithy and Ulm had just hopped off  
From the field in Mangere town,  
When the Southern Cross began to cough,  
With a noise that made Mac frown.

"Dear me!" said Smith; "do you hear that?"  
Says Ulm, "What can it be?  
It makes my heart go pit-a-pat,  
But mind that poplar tree.

"I guess we'll glide her to the ground,  
To that paddock just below,  
Where all the cows are strolling round;"  
Says Kingsford Smith, "Right O!"

Then over paddock number ten  
The plane began to land,  
But had to fly up high again,  
On seeing a warning hand.

There in the college field so green  
A man was heard to say;  
"This field's for cows, as can be seen,  
So you'll have to fly away."

"We're very sorry," replied the crew,  
"But where ever can we land?  
We're only doing eighty-two,  
And the engine's out of hand!"

Jack Jones replied, "You see those trees,  
At the back you'll find a lawn;  
But mind the hospital, if you please,  
And mind you sound your horn."

"Thanks awfully!" shouted Kingsford Smith;  
And, throwing a fat cigar,  
Came flying o'er the eucalypt trees,  
And dropped like a gliding star.

But from a master in the dorms  
There came a lusty shout:  
"If you haven't got your standard forms  
You may as well get out!"

So, having put the engine right,  
They went up with a roar,  
And soon were lost right out of sight,  
And they returned no more.

J.H.W.F.

## THE TRIALS OF A NEW BOY:

### A Lesson to Parents

Cyril Travers was, without doubt, fond of his mother. As he stood with her, waiting for an interview with the Principal, the joy which he had hitherto felt at the prospect of beginning college life suddenly left him. Mother would be going back soon, and leaving him till the holidays, months and months ahead. He had always been the pet of the family, carefully guarded and delicately nurtured. All this made him feel miserable.

The Principal came into the study where the two were waiting, and for fifteen minutes Cyril sat listlessly in an arm-chair, while his mother and the Principal talked about Cyril, Cyril's ways, Cyril's intentions and Cyril's mother's intentions.

At last, Cyril stood outside the bus window talking to his mother, who was seated inside ready to return. He was trying hard to fight the few tears which would come to his eyes, and the presence of older boys near the bus, observing him with some amusement, added to his discomfort.

Just as the bus was ready to return, Mrs. Travers, ever thoughtful, gave her sorrowing son a last few reminders, but unfortunately the maternal advice was given in rather a loud tone.

"Now, look, Cyril, don't forget your hot-water bottle to-night. Get matron to fill it. And remember your pink pyjamas need airing before you wear them. Ask your house-master if you may have a bedroom for yourself; it is so unhygienic to sleep all in the same room. Don't forget the emulsion after every meal, and any time you feel hungry, ask Mr. Clark or Matron to let you have something."

At this juncture, the bus begins to glide away, and Mrs. Travers, leaning through the window, calls out:—"Good-bye, my cherub, keep your feet dry always. Write every day! Good-bye! Good-bye!"

The bus recedes into the distance, and Cyril walks over to the dressing room, followed by looks of amusement from all sides.

That was before tea. When the bell rang, Cyril walked into the dining-room with the others, and all through tea, he found himself the object of many curious glances, but he was unable to fathom it all. However, putting it down to his new four-and-sixpenny tie—a present from aunty—he proceeded to eat bread and jam in silent dejection.

Bedtime came, and as Cyril commenced to undress he was watched by a crowd of boys, who, much to his discomfort, began to ply him with questions.

“Could I fill your hot water bottle for you, my cherub?”  
“May I lend you some bed socks in case your feet get cold?”  
“Have you aired your pink pyjamas?” “Do let’s see them; are they really pink?”

Under direct fire of such questions as these, Cyril felt more like home than ever, and despite many brave efforts to keep the tears back, he began to cry. Then came numerous offers of pocket handkerchiefs, all of which Cyril rejected. He rushed off to bed, and soon was settled between the sheets.

When nearly all the house was in the arms of Morpheus, Cyril let out a yell which rang from room to room. He had felt something crawling down his toes, something alive and slimy. Jumping out of bed he huddled up in a corner and cried, “There is a monster in my bed! It—it bit me!” One of the prefects pulled back the sheets, and there, calmly gazing at the crowd, was a small green creek frog.

Laughing merrily, the boys returned to bed, and when the intruder had been thrown outside, Cyril shame-facedly followed their example, and, worn out with his trials, cried himself to sleep. So unhappily ended a new boy’s first day of boarding-school life.

As the term wore on, Cyril gradually got into the swing of things, but it took him a long time to live down that unlucky opening day. For many weeks he bore the chaffing and ridicule arising from those ill-timed words of advice from a well-meaning mother.

J.H.W.F.

## "MY IDEALS."

A young boy is apt to build castles in the air wherever his ambition is concerned. Usually he has many ideas for the future, but as he grows older so does his wisdom increase. When he is, say, six years old, he has made up his mind to be the owner of a confectionery shop, later a sailor, then a mechanic, and so on.

True, my ambitions were once such as these, but I have discarded them all and have decided, finally I hope, on farming. Wiser heads than mine have shaken, and several people have said that I will never be a farmer, but I think they do not know what they are talking about. I could not precisely say why I like farming, but the land seems to draw me with a kind of magnetic attraction. Many others feel the same thing. Some of them are sluggards, but most of them are of the hard-working pioneer stock.

At the present moment New Zealand is very well balanced, about half the population being in the cities and half on the farms. So it is up to us lads, the rising generation, to settle the great question whether New Zealand is to be a farming country or a manufacturing one. I know that if I were to go into an office I should fret myself sick, for I love the green fields and all the other beautiful and wondrous gifts the lavish hand of Nature has bestowed on Mother Earth. I think perhaps one of the chief reasons why I like farming is the love I have for the animals. The most common of my dreams is to have a farm with a lot of crossbred cattle on it, and then by years of careful breeding to obtain a first-class herd.

The actual farm itself has never taken a definite size or shape. The picture that usually presents itself to my imagination is that of a well-watered, fertile tract of land, with hills for sheep and belts of trees to give shelter to the cattle. I only hope it all comes true. Dreams do sometimes. I am proud to say I am of Scottish descent, and a Scotchman is said to have second sight.

—J.E.C.

## TUESDAY LUNCH PERIOD

At precisely 1.5 the overworked, over-fed pupils of Wesley College file out of the dining hall in orderly fashion to prepare for the afternoon's work. To the casual observer who meanders slowly down the east verandah, the classrooms offer a highly delightful source of entertainment. In the first room, the melancholy wheezing and squeaking of that mechanical contrivance, the organ, rouses in the watcher the deepest sympathy for the occupants of the room. It goes unappreciated, however, because they have all been case-hardened to suffering long ago, and consequently they are to be seen delving unruffled into the mysterious depths of

“Us Fellers,” or

“Star Twinkles.”

The middle room is, as usual, vacant, because the guardians are in all probability engaged in their usual occupation, that of “bull fighting,” or community singing on the verandah. And then the third room. Ah! here the wanderer pauses with bated breath! The residents of this room rule the other boys with a glance and a nod. For are they not the cream of the College, the intellectuals, the leaders of boys? From this room there issues a medley of sounds, high above which resounds a deep voice:—

“I’m not quite sure if this is Poa Foxtail or Meadow Bluegrass, so I think I will change it for this sample of *Trifolium Sativa*.”

Such a profound manifestation of knowledge, together with an audible rustle of grasses, warrants investigation. Inquiries bear fruit, and it becomes known that the Head requests each boy of Forms IV. and V. to procure samples of four grasses. Although those boys all detest “grass-hunting,” they would hate to refuse such a request, so they willingly oblige. But this is not their only occupation. The more learned (and incidentally the more energetic) having procured their specimens, are fully engaged in exercising their vocal chords, mucous membranes, and lungs at the expense of (1) “Lady Be Good,” and (2) “Breeze.” The two “musical compositions” combine to cause “facial contortions.” Crash!! Crash!! The startled observer peers through the windows, and, after seeing the bell cover tottering and shaking perilously on the roof of the shelter shed, he decides to conclude his pleasant entertainment by a view of the 1.30 assembly.



## A LESSON

"B——, carting!" B—— fell back from the rank of boys to whom the Principal was detailing tasks for the day. Just his luck to be carting. It was about time he got a turn with "Chas.," but cheer up! He'd probably have Gunner in the shafts and then he'd soon get finished.

"Turnips from No. 1 into No. 19. Rainbow in the spring-cart, and no trotting the horse." Mr. M—— gave these orders to B——, but luckily did not wait to look at the expression on his face. The youth just stood there aghast. "Well, if that isn't adding insult to injury! Rainbow! Why! I'll never get finished until this afternoon."

These and various other pessimistic reflections surged through B——'s mind as he walked down to the stables. Before he reached them, however, he was fully resolved that if Rainbow—the horse he was to use—did not go its fastest he'd know the reason why. B—— had never liked horses, and took a fierce delight in using a stick or whip on all horses that he drove.

Consequently, as soon as he had the cart moving along the road he began to pour out the vials of his wrath on the poor steed, which was doing its best, despite its age. Deliberately disobeying orders, he by dint of whip and stick made poor old Rainbow gallop.

Reaching the field, B—— decided to have a rest before attempting any loading, and, after lying down in the grass for about half-an-hour, suddenly turned with a start. All around seemed altered, and there was Rainbow out of the shafts gazing meditatively at him.

"Oh, B——! if you could only understand." What! was the horse talking? It must have been Rainbow. "What do you mean, and what are you doing?" "I want to explain something to you, B——," said Rainbow. "I am very old now, and I shall soon be dead. Only last Saturday I heard Mr. —— say to G——, 'I'm afraid Rainbow will have to follow Thunderbolt.' Once I was young and vigorous. Once I could haul as much as any horse of my age, but now I am old and feeble, I try to do my best to drag that heavy cart, but it makes me weaker every time. Very often some of you boys nearly kill me with your sticks and whips, and then when

you have finished you rush off to your dinner without feeding me. Ah—well—”

“Wake up, B——, you lazy scoundrel! It’s a-quarter to ten and no turnips out yet. Get a move on!” B—— woke to find Mr. M—— standing above him, and—wonder of wonders! there was Rainbow with a meaning expression on his kind old face.

B—— loaded up the cart—not over full—and with a “Now, Rainbow, please!” commenced the trip to paddock number 19, having thrown away whip and stick. Now, B—— has the highest respect for all horses, especially Rainbow, and whenever carting with this horse takes care that it is treated with special consideration.

—J.H.W.F.

## Wesley College Old Boys’ Association

The Old Boys’ Association is making good headway. The annual meeting was held at the College last Sports Day and was well attended. The election of officers for the current year took place, and matters of interest were discussed.

By the co-operation of the Old Boys with the officers that have been elected, much can be achieved. We are proud of our College, and we are zealous for its welfare, hence it is up to every Old Boy to show his interest by joining the Old Boys’ Association. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Rev. J. H. Simmonds; President, The Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. E. Te Tuhi and Mr. K. D. Henderscn; Executive, Messrs. B. R. Hiskens, C. H. Harding, D. Raikes, M. Blakey, and T. J. Stacey; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. T. White, 49 Trafalgar Street, Onehunga; Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. J. Stacey.

It was decided that the annual subscription should be ten shillings (10/-), and this will include a copy of the College Magazine. We hope that all Old Boys of both Colleges will make it their business to join the Association, thus keeping in touch with College activities, and maintaining an interest in the present pupils. The subscription for the current year is now due, so please remit to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

An Old Boys’ Badge has been designed and is on sale to members only at the nominal price of 2/-.

## RE-UNION DINNER

The first re-union dinner of the Old Boys' Association was held at Wesley College on Monday night, October 22nd. The dinner proved an immense success, and there was an attendance of twenty-six members, which was very gratifying for a first attempt. Mr. Clark, our President, occupied the chair. Apologies were received from eleven members and Old Boys.

The following toasts were honoured:—Chairman, "The King." Mr. Henderson, "The School"; response, Mr. Bycroft. Rev. H. L. Fiebig, "The Association"; response, Mr. White. Mr. Harding, "The Principal"; response, Mr. Clark, M.A.; Mr. Hiskens, "The Masters"; response, Mr. Burton and Mr. Hickling. The proceedings closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

## OLD BOYS' NOTES

Frank Hoffer has now left the Prince Edward Theatre and is playing in the orchestra of the New Regent Theatre, where he is doing very well.

Keith Henderson and Gordon White are students at the Auckland Training College, Mount Eden. We were very pleased to see them, along with many other Old Boys, on Sports Day.

Dave Gilling has been for some months on the staff of the College. Chas. Harding, who was also there for part of the year, is now employed with Floor Surfaces, Ltd., Auckland.

Seth Denize has a position in the Bank of New Zealand, Paerua.

Trevor Stone, who was for some time on the farm staff of the College, is now with his cousin, Robert Hosking, on the farm at Fernleigh, Waiuku.

Gilbert and James Purvis are both farming.

Graham Blamires is still attending Takapuna Grammar School. Tom Poole, who was there last year, is at present

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Robert Seabrook has left the farm, where he was working for some time, and is now with Seabrook Fowlds, Auckland.

Bruce Hiskens is farming on his own account at Otorohanga.

Jack and Tom Morgan, formerly in Otorohanga, are now in the employ of Mounts, Ltd., Newmarket.

Bruce Cassidy is share-milking on the farm at Kiwitahi, Morrinsville.

Roy Glibbery is still attending the Seddon Memorial Technical College. Lincoln Webb, who was there for a time, has taken up farming at Waimai, Huntly.

Max Blakey is with Smith & Caughey, Ltd., Auckland.

Trevor Litherland is employed at Poples, Ltd., Parnell.

Rev. E. Te Tuhi is a Home Missioner in the Bay of Islands.

Jack and Eric Parris are both farming at Patumahoe.

Robert Hungerford is attending the Ashleigh Coaching College.

George Maughan is working in the head office of the New Zealand Dairy Company, Hamilton.

Harold Eastwood is on a farm at Pokeno.

Robert Bryant is on his father's farm at Karaka, Papakura.

Mervyn Frost is farming at Tuakau.

Harold Hill is working with his father at Otahuhu.

W. L. Allison is farming at Raukokore, Opotiki.

A. Morris is farming at Tirau.

Joe Stanley is working on the farm at Te Aroha.

Gordon Thomson is at Te Kawa.

Robert Dickie is employed in the firm of Tylers, Ltd., Auckland.

Dave Beazley is farming at Motukaraka, Hastings.

Fergie Prince now attends the Auckland Grammar School.

Alf. Pillar is helping his father, and is learning the building trade in Wellington.

Alan West is working for Messrs. A. S. Paterson & Co., Christchurch. He is keeping up with his school work, and has taken up shooting and boxing.

Ernest Hoddinott is with the Empire Manufacturing Company, Palmerston North.

Harold Denton is now a boarder at Waitaki High School, Oamaru.

Other Old Boys, whose names appeared in the last issue of the Collegian, and whose addresses are still the same, are as follows:—Rev. R. T. Haddon (Superintendent of Methodist Maori Missions in New Zealand); Denis Raikes (Battery Supplies, Ltd., Auckland), Eric Hirst (James Royce & Co., Ltd., Parnell), Albert Bryant (Matangi), Trevor Stacey (Winstone's, Ltd., Auckland), Arthur Goudie (New Plymouth), Ken. Gittings (Hannah's, Wellington), John Craig (Waiuku), Mervyn Gibbs (Post Office, Palmerston North), Rev. P. Rakena (Rahotu, Opunake), L. Ormsby (Butter Factory, Otorohanga), W. Hetet (Oparure, Te Kuiti), Ate Jackson (Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Arapuni), A. Lewis (J. J. Craig, Ltd., Auckland), C. Ormsby (Railway Workshops, Penrose), Dick Bedggood (Kerikeri, Bay of Islands), Jack Ormsby (Kidd, Garretts & Co., Auckland), Wesley Pilkington (Onehunga), Harry Marshall (Hurrellville, Canterbury).

We extend our sincere sympathy to the parents of Bruce Chapman, who met his death in tragic circumstances at Tirau, on 2nd December.

The Editor will be very pleased to receive news of Old Boys at any time. He is anxious that all boys passing out of the College should keep in touch with him, so that their names may be included in the magazine. If anyone reading this number can furnish news of Old Boys other than those mentioned here, will he please send such information to The Editor, "Collegian," Wesley College.

## THE SCHOOL ROLL, 1928

The following boys were on the roll at the beginning of the year. New boys' names are marked with an asterisk:—

*Alcorn, G.	Gillies, R. C.	Procter, F.
*Allum, J. C.	Gilmour, D. I.	Quarrie, A.
*Amuketi, K.	Gilmour, R. N.	Ratu, P.
Anaru, W.	Gina, B. D.	Reihana, R. H.
Anderson, J. O.	Gurney, D.	Robb, J.
*Andrews, D. R.	Gurney, T.	*Robb, W.
*Archer, K.	Harding, P. R.	*Rogers, J.
Beever, J.	Harris, R.	*Rogers, R.
Bodley, W.	Hehe, W.	Rushton, H.
*Booker, J. T.	Hemi, H.	Russell, J.
Boyce, R. F.	*Henry, R. P.	Russell, R.
*Brown, G.	Holden, J.	Scott, L. McK.
Bycroft, E. J.	Hollay, E. G.	Seal, J.
Cabouret, H. L.	*Hutt, H.	*Smith, M.
Carnaehan, L.	Ihaka, R.	Smith, N.
*Clark, K.	Jenkins, D. C.	*Stevenson, S.
Coates, J. E.	Johnston, C.	Suckling, E.
*Colebrook, R. C.	Kaho, R.	Suckling, J.
Copeland, O. B.	*Kidd, C.	*Sutton, N.
Cowan, E.	Knight, D. H.	Tanirau, H.
*Cowan, J.	Lovegrove, M.	Tawhara, W.
*Cutforth, A. S.	*Lusty, H.	*Thompson, J.
Davies, D.	*Matthews, W.	Tipoki, T.
Denton, H. M.	Maughan, G.	Tuaupiki, N.
*Dobson, T.	*Mears, T.	Tukua, J.
Downard, S. C.	Mihaka, T.	Turnbull, D.
Dudding, B.	*Moir, I.	Turner, J.
*Dudding, F.	Moon, N. C.	Vaea, J.
Eastwood, H. T.	Nicholls, K.	*Waikari, W.
Edwards, W.	Oliphant, P.	*Walters, J.
Farland, J. H. W.	*Parker, B.	Walters, M. D. T.
*Fenton, G.	*Pearson, R.	Whatu, D.
Fisher, L.	*Pickett, R. R.	*Whitehead, R.
*Foster, W.	Pritchard, S. M.	Williams, J.
Fotu, S. M.	Procter, C. T.	*Winter, J.
*Gaudin, N.		

The following have joined since the beginning of the year:—

Amuketi, T.	Jeavons, S.	Maunder, L. G. T.
Bartlett, D.	Johnson, R.	Walker, H.
Beavis, A.	Kewene, K.	Warbrick, I.
Faletau, L.	Mann, A.	Whareaitu, G.
Fletcher, H.		

The following have left during the year:—

Archer, K.	Gillies, R. C.	Tanirau, H.
Copeland, O. B.	Matthews, W.	Thompson, J. M.
Dobson, T.	Mihaka, T.	Whatu, D.
Downard, S. C.	Nicholls, K.	Whitehead, R.
Fenton, G.	Seal, J.	

