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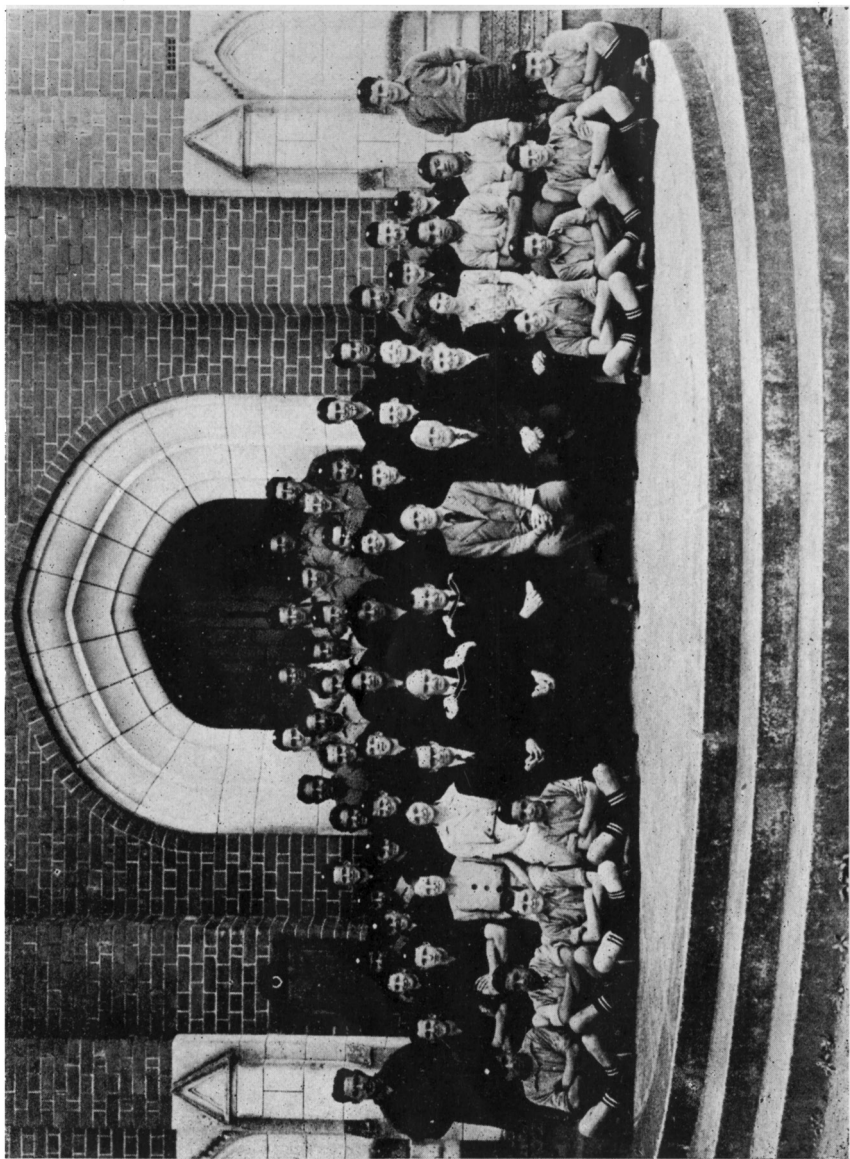


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Captains:

Cricket: W. Rogers.

Football: W. Rogers.

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BRIDGING THE GAP.

The last number of the "Collegian" is dated December, 1940. There was no 1941 number. Owing to the outbreak of the war with Japan on December 7th of that year and the consequent early closing of the School for military reasons, Vol. 17, No. 1, 1941, was never published.

Much has happened since December, 1940. In this issue, we are recording, as much as we can, the events that have occurred since then. We have made use of some of the unpublished information from 1941, and fortunately some who were with the College in that year are still with us, and can help to bridge the gap.

There was a full school in 1941, and, as the chronicle of events shows, some good work done scholastically, in horticulture, and on the Sports field. Shortly after the opening of hostilities against Japan, the military authorities took over the college buildings and Principal's house, the College closing down on December 12th. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Clark and family removed to Wellington Park, Panmure, which had recently come into the hands of the Board.

The School reopened on February 17th, 1942, the military vacating the premises on February 7th. Mr. Clark continued to reside at Mt. Wellington, supervising the College and Farm as Principal, while the present writer carried on as Headmaster of the School. On February 17th, there were 80 on the Roll; but by April, with the influx of boys from St. Stephen's College (taken over by the Auckland Hospital Board), there were 107.

The School had to work under considerable difficulties—supplies were difficult to obtain, the domestic staffing position was acute, the war situation was serious, and we did not know from day to day what further demands might be made on the Board for buildings and College facilities.

In August, 1942, the authorities intimated that they should take over the buildings once more, and also an area of land for the establishment of a camp. So it was at the end of Term II, the College, except for a remnant, closed down. The boys were sent to schools throughout the North Island—to Feilding, Te Aute, and sundry District High Schools. Fifteen boys stayed on under the control of the Headmaster, Mr. I. S. Miller (Farm Overseer), and Miss G. Hemus (Matron). It was a unique experience, and an article in this number will indicate some of the highlights.

The College was occupied, first by a New Zealand Hospital Unit and then by an American Unit of some 120 nurses and 600 men.

It was found impossible to continue the small school into 1943, and in December, 1942, the College at Paerata closed. Mr. Clark in the meantime had begun in August a Preparatory School at Panmure, and this has continued to flourish ever since.

The Farm at Paerata continued to function, in spite of a certain amount of disorganisation due to the use of farm land by the forces and to the absence of boys for farm work.

Late in 1943, the authorities intimated that they wished to vacate the College buildings, although they would retain the camp. The Board therefore decided to reopen the College, and as Mr. Clark had indicated that he would not remain in charge at Paerata, a new Principal was appointed. A tribute to Mr. Clark will be found in this number.

So it was that on February 5th, 1944, the College reopened with 27 boys. This number was increased by April to 53. A new Staff was collected, and an excellent beginning has been made. A great deal of "cleaning up" and spade work has had to be done, in order to make the school fit for use again. It will be another 12 months before the grounds and College are in normal conditions. There is a fine team of workers among the men, women and boys.

1944 has special significance, because it is our Centennial Year. We have entered on a new Century with high hope. A door seems to be opening, and what the future will be we cannot tell. If we have faith, believing where we cannot see, then He who said "I am the Door" will reveal to us the way and the means.

E. M. MARSHALL,
Principal.

NOTES FROM 1941.

Principal: Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed.

STAFF:

Teaching:

Mr. E. M. Marshall, B.A.
Mr. E. A. Crane, M.A.
Mr. L. D. Foote, B.Sc.
Mr. H. T. Waring.
Mr. R. M. Dunn.

Farm:

Mr. H. J. Barber (Manager).
Mr. Grayson.
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Mr. M. B. Knott.
Mr. E. Wadham.
Mr. B. Jordan.

Chaplain: Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.

Matrons: Miss A. M. Cliff, Miss G. Hemus.

School Prefects:

A. Tubou (Head), C. Hayward, R. Bawden, L. Corkill.

Captains:

Cricket: C. Hayward.

Football: A. Rogers.

BIBLE CLASS.

Held each Sunday on a voluntary basis. Roll of 35. 25 to B.C. Camp at Long Bay—second for Camp Pennant. Visited Auckland three times—an after-Camp social at Pitt Street, the New Zealand Methodist Centennial Youth Pageant in the Town Hall, and the Auckland Methodist Centennial celebrations at Pitt Street. Some of the boys took part in all three functions. A hike to the sea and a picnic made a pleasant break in the third term.

HORTICULTURAL CLUB

We began the year well, with many additional plots. Mr. Barber conducted a study of the effect of various green crops, farmyard manure, compost-heap soil, and wood ashes on the crops. An exceptionally wet year, many garden periods had to be conducted inside.

The Fourth Annual Show was held on December 9th with many very fine exhibits. Mr. Thomson was judge.

BOYCE CUP.

The contest was held on Saturday, December 6th. Six entrants.

Subject: "The Story of Some Discovery that has Benefited Humanity." Samuj spoke on Printing, C. Hayward on Newspapers, Spowart on Vaccination, Gardiner on Electricity, Wood (Primary boy) on Antiseptics, Reddy on Cotton.

Judges: Messrs. Clark, Crane, Foote.

Winner: Samuj. Special commendation to Wood and Reddy.

FOOTBALL.

Coach, E. A. Crane. The First XV. this year gave the best exhibition of football as far as the College is concerned. It was undefeated, took part in the South Auckland Junior Competitions, and for the first time since 1932, won the Motion Cup. M. Hihira, D. Koni, A. Rogers gained places in the South Auckland Senior Rep. Team, played for the Pukekohe Senior Reps., and were in the team which won the Peace Cup.

The following members of the team represented Pukekohe Junior Reps.:—A. Tubou, L. Tuita, O. Vosailagi, H. Pou, C. Hayward, B. Matiu, O. Rakena, P. Houppapa; and these represented South Auckland Junior Reps.:—B. Matiu, P. Houppapa, A. Tubou, L. Tuita, C. Hayward, H. Pou.

Results of Competition games:—

Versus Otatau, won 29—0.

Versus Pukekohe, won 12—5.

Versus Patumahoe, won 21—8.

Versus Pukekohe, won 6—3.

Versus Patumahoe, drew, 3—3.

Versus Otatau, won 28—5.

Results of Annual games:—

College v. Trinity College, won 25—3.

College v. King's College, won 24—0.

Total points gained, 157. Total points against, 27.

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1941—

Held on Saturday, April 5th. Ground fair, weather good until 3.30.

Senior Championship—

Tubou and Tuita equal—21 points.

Intermediate Championship—

Eruera, 23 points.

D. Clark, 15 points.

Junior Championship—

P. Phillips, 28 points.

Storey, 15½ points.

SWIMMING SPORTS—

Held in Pukekohe Baths, on Wednesday, March 12th. Weather very good.

Senior Championship—

C. Hayward, 25 points.

Hihira, 13 points.

Intermediate—

Tapsell, 19 points.

Cant, 11 points.

Junior—

Brown, 13 points.

Savage, 13 points.

House Points—

Senior—Simmonds	41	School	35
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Interm.—Simmonds	13	„	64
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Junior—Simmonds	36	„	31
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TENNIS.**In Interscholar Competition—**

The Seniors won all their games.

In the Juniors, Singles were won, 1 Double lost.

School Championship—

The Trounsen Cup went to B. Matiu.

The final game was spectacular, when B. Matiu proved to be better than A. Rogers.

CRICKET—

A successful year, under the management of Mr. L. D. Foote.

HIGHLIGHTS AT "LITTLE WESLEY" 1942

Fifteen boys were left at the College at the closing of the main school. These became a "Sole charge" secondary, with two boys in 5A, three in 5B, one in 5C, two in 4A, two in 4B, and five in III. The A and B Formers sat for external examination in December and did very well. All had to do extra outside work on both farm and grounds. Where there had previously been over 100 boys available for lawns, paths, hedges, class-rooms, dormitories, dairy, calves, pigs and poultry and orchard, there was now a mere handful, but the work was done, and done well.

The Matron in charge was Miss G. Hemus, and her assistant, Miss Ramsay. They looked after the commissariat and laundry work. They resided in the present Farm Manager's house, where also everyone had their meals. The "brick house" was made into dormitories and locker room, each bedroom named after a Maori canoe, each Rangatira being responsible for its cleanliness and the good behaviour of the crew.

What a job in the August holidays—shifting camp, making inventories, storing and sorting; at this time the Preparatory School at Mt. Wellington was being established and some of our equipment was sent off there. But by the time the boys were due to begin the Third Term, we had everything ready. The classroom was the Science Laboratory. It was not long before we saw extra buildings going up, large concrete foundations put down, alterations in the College buildings.

New Zealanders straight from Fiji came in first, and we had a happy time with them. Padre Peat invited us to their Chapel services and concerts, and our boys gave a few items from time to time. Sport was a fast and furious Soft-ball game, held each Saturday afternoon. On Saturday evenings there were indoor games and supper up at the big house, and on Sunday a trip to Karaka Church in the morning with a sing-song in the house in the evening.

The coming of the American nurses and Hospital personnel to College buildings will not easily be forgotten. They came from the States in the late afternoon, straight off the boat. We have seldom heard such appreciation of flowers, green grass and trees. Within twenty-four hours of their arrival, even before their equipment was unpacked, two of our boys suffered severe burns on the face. We were and are extremely grateful for the care and attention of doctors and nurses that Tuesday morning and for the week following.

The newcomers were most pleasant and interested. Chaplain Cray gave cordial invitations to join in their services, and when Christmas came everyone attended the Christmas Eve celebra-

tions, first in the Chapel and then in the dining room. This had been transformed into a "White Christmas" hall, with imitation yule log; a Christmas tree loaded with presents; more ice-cream, soft drinks, and chocolate than we could possibly cope with.

Our own "breaking up" was sad, for with the closing of "Little Wesley," Wesley College, Paerata, had closed down completely as a College. Mr. I. S. Miller, Farm Overseer, who had done so valiantly as House Master and "outside" instructor, carried on with the farm. The rest of us were disbanded.

The work was strenuous for all, hours were long, the presence of an "army of occupation," even as charming as ours, was a strain. But none of us will ever forget those three months. We held a banquet at the end—poultry and ham, salad, ice-cream, jellies and cream—a repast for which Miss Hemus and Miss Ramsay excelled themselves. Toasts were drunk, and the hope expressed that soon Wesley College would reopen with brighter prospects and an even fuller purpose. Sooner than we thought that hope has been fulfilled.

—E.M.M.

MR. R. C. CLARK, M.A., DIP.ED.

AN APPRECIATION

The work Mr. and Mrs. Clark did at Paerata is very considerable. He built up the School to accommodate double the number of scholars, and gave it a curriculum that was well thought of by Education Department inspectors, teachers and public. He was responsible for introducing modern equipment for farm and school and for the setting out of shrubs and lawns. He has always been, and still is, a great lover of trees, books, animals and little children. He is an omnivorous reader, a skilled debater, and a most acceptable preacher. In his new sphere of activity—as Principal of the Preparatory School, and as Chairman of certain important Boards—we wish him every success.

The following is a tribute to Mr. Clark by the present Chairman of the Farm Committee, Mr. A. Best, who has known Mr. Clark for many years, and has worked with him on many Boards. Mr. Best writes:—

At the beginning of 1924, Mr. Clark was appointed Principal of Wesley College, succeeding the Rev. J. H. Simmonds. Like his predecessor, Mr. Clark was an enthusiast on forestry, and as a consequence, many fine shelter belts of Eucalypts were established, which are to-day a feature of the College, and are proving profitable.

A visitor to-day can have little idea of what has been accomplished during the 20 years of Mr. Clark's Principalship. Nearly

700 acres of very second-class land has been converted into a well-established and productive farm, with a pedigree Friesian herd, a Jersey herd, and stud sheep flock and, until recently, pedigree pigs. Some creditable performances under C.O.R. test were put up by the College Friesians, and prize-winners were exhibited at the A. and P. Society Shows. Pigs were also successfully shown. All this has been accomplished under Mr. Clark's administration during a time when the Board's financial position was difficult, and the size of the bank overdraft was such as to cause concern. Add to this a tendency to carry all the administrative details himself, and one can appreciate to some extent the work done by Mr. Clark during the 20 years that he had charge at Wesley. In addition Mr. Clark has found time to give service in many spheres apart from the College, and the writer has been closely associated with him in church work, A. and P. Society, Primary Production Council, Auckland Pig Council, Farmers' Union and other interests, and during that time learned to admire his ability as an administrator and executive. Always ready to initiate a discussion, he is dogmatic, capable and clever in debate, and a very hard man to beat in discussion, but what I admire most is the fact that he never allows a previous dispute to influence a subsequent question.

No member of Wesley College Board is more conversant with the Board's interests than Mr. Clark, and his views always deserve the earnest consideration of the Board. It was he who initiated the idea of the Preparatory School at Mt. Wellington, and due to his energy that it was established so quickly. His ability is undoubted, his gifts are many, but his greatest asset is in his wife, Mrs. Clark, who without detriment to her gracious femininity, is one of the best examples I know of the justness of women's claim to equality with men.

—A.B.

EASTER CAMP, 1944.

On Wednesday, 5th April, six of us left the College by the 1.20 bus on our way to the Methodist Easter Camp, which was to be held at Long Bay. We were the working party.

After an hour and a-half in Auckland, we made our way to the Ferry Wharf where we were met and taken to camp. We had a pleasant journey, travelling first by ferry, then by bus and the last half-mile by foot. It was about 7.30 when we arrived at the site. After a welcome meal we retired to bed.

The following day we unpacked forms, tables and trestles, while others erected tents, and at 8 p.m. the rest of our boys arrived with the other campers. We then had a sing-song, which was followed by supper, welcome to camp and close of day.

The dedication of camp and the introduction to the study were held after breakfast. The title of the study was, "Jesus, Leader, Saviour, Lord," and we found the circles interesting and full of discussion.

We had fun in our spare time, going for rambles around the rocks, playing and taking many swims. The sports went very well, and although we did not bring home the trophies, we had a good run about, and on Saturday morning we all smiled for the photographer.

The prepared and impromptu speeches were good, and not one failed to attend the excellent concert which contained items of every sort. The Religious Play put on by some of us was much appreciated, and we enjoyed the films showed to us by the Rev. G. I. Laureson on Friday night.

The Sunday services and the Communion service on Monday morning refreshed our minds and opened our eyes toward more heavenly things.

Only three of us were left in camp for the presentation of trophies and close of camp, as the others had to leave earlier in order to catch a bus. When the campers had left, we began packing things up again and we finished the job the following morning. At the conclusion of lunch we said farewell to the other workers and took our departure. This had been more than a week-end holiday, and in those four days we spent together we found fun and fellowship.

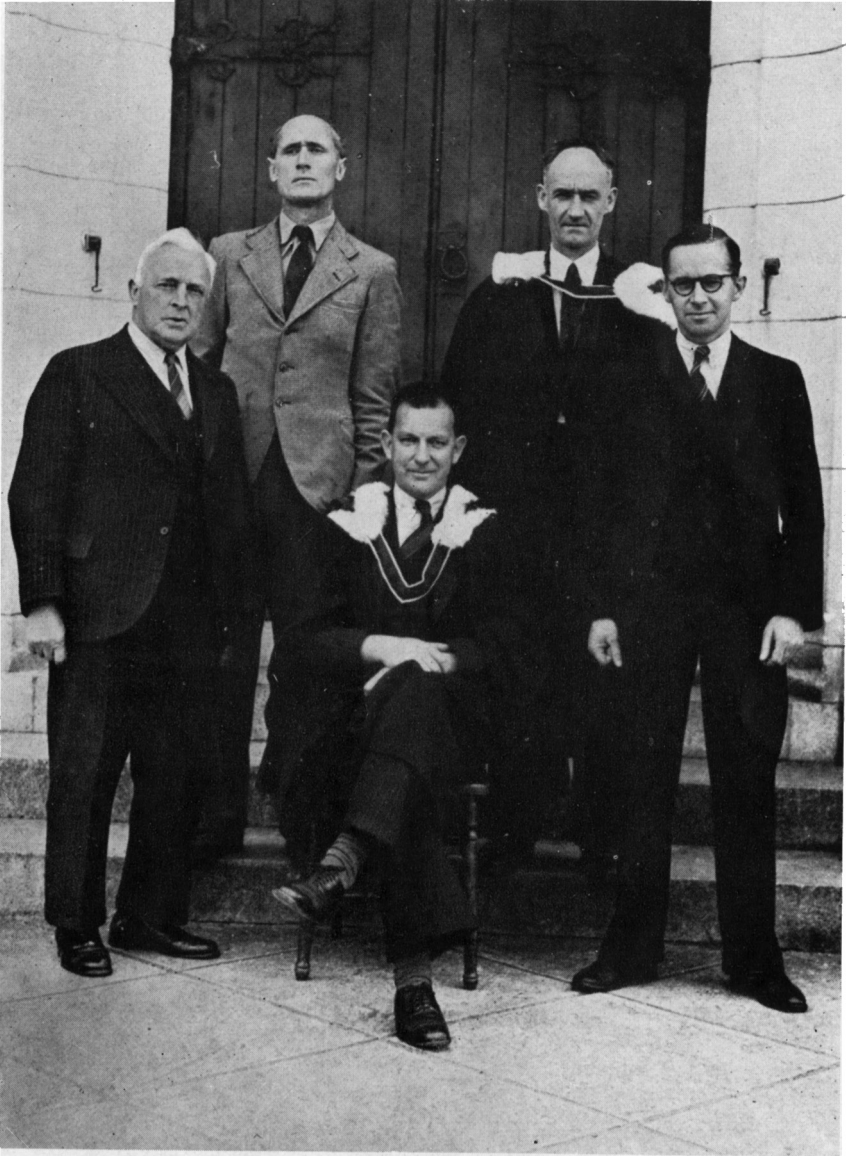
Each of the 24 in our party, felt that he had gained a greater knowledge of his Lord and Saviour than he had ever known before.

—M.B.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Saturday evenings throughout the year have provided entertainment in good measure. To keep the ball of entertainment rolling, we have had fortnightly screenings from the College projector. A variety of films has been shown, most of them short, so that up to five might be shown in the course of a single evening. A typical bracket would comprise newsreels, educational films, and a humorous cartoon.

If a general vote were taken among the boys, doubtless the cartoon would prove to be the most popular. On one occasion we have seen a silent picture ransacked from Hollywood's archives featuring Charlie Chaplin; and although humour has a way of



STAFF, 1944.

Front Row: J. W. Bennett, E. M. Marshall, R. C. Lamb.
Back Row: N. O. D. Alexander, N. W. Gilling. 4

dating, boys still derive keen enjoyment from the antics of this droll veteran of the screen. Educational films have covered a wide field of interest. One evening these might feature the oiling system of an engine. On another occasion we might be shown a film of farming in Canada, treated in wide historical perspective. The actual film shown in this connection was made available to us through the courtesy of the High Commissioner for Canada in New Zealand.

From time to time, the boys have provided their own entertainments, and junior and senior alike have shown considerable zest and enterprise in the working up of their items. A healthy spirit of competition has been evidenced as each Form has sought to out-do the other in quality of production. The presentation of plays has been a noteworthy feature of these concerts and commendable talent has been shown by those taking part. We have had a variety of talent to draw upon. The Tongan boys have captivated their audience with native songs and dances, and the Maori boys, likewise, have provided splendid entertainment in the presentation of hakas and action songs.

The Maori Concert Party which has been formed during the year, deserves special mention. Its activities have not been confined to the College alone. On one occasion it travelled to Mauku to assist at a concert in aid of Sunday School funds, and more recently it was seen in action at the Paerata Hall, where it co-operated with the Pukekohe Dramatic Society at a concert for the raising of funds for the Paerata School.

A change to indoor games now and then, has provided a brisk programme for the Saturday evening. On one occasion we were entertained at indoor games with the Pukekohe Bible Class, when the different competitions that took place aroused no little mirth and jollity.

Once, during each term, the staff has been called on to provide a concert programme. In place of the staff concert this term we are hoping to be entertained by a concert party from Auckland.

There remains to mention the enjoyable evenings that from time to time have been spent at the Principal's house. The parties of boys that have gathered on these occasions have doubtless discovered that the game of indoor bowls has its finer points.

—R.C.L.



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS.

During the second term, the Form I. and II. boys who have been doing some clay modelling, paid a visit to the Potteries at New Lynn. They were able to watch the processing of the clay and the various stages in its handling till the finished article was reached in the shape of jug, cup or basin. They were shown over the new pottery works near completion, which will be capable of producing ten thousand cups a day. After spending the morning at the potteries they were taken to the Auckland Museum where an equally profitable hour was spent going the rounds of the various exhibits.

The senior boys paid a visit to the Dairy Factory at Paerata where they were able to study at first hand the working of a typical modern co-operative dairy factory. It is hoped to make these educational excursions a feature of the school's yearly activities, providing, as they do, a valuable supplement to the work of the classroom.

—R.C.L.



OUR VISITORS

Although the College, after being closed for some time, has had barely time to settle down and become a complete entity once more, it has not been forgotten by those who wish it well.

During the months that have so quickly passed, we have been most fortunate in our visitors. Out of his very scanty leisure, the Rev. E. T. Olds, together with Mrs. Olds, came out to the College and spent Saturday evening and Sunday morning with us. On Saturday evening we were entertained with a delightful account of his visit to Australia. The talk was illustrated by several short films of the life of the young folk in the schools, orphanages, etc., which he visited. Next morning Mr. Olds took the service in our beautiful Chapel.

Our next very welcome guest was Sister Lina Jones from the Solomon Islands, where she had been teaching for many years. Her talk on the schools and scholars in the Islands was both entertaining and instructive.

Towards the end of the second term we were honoured by a visit by Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, the Editor of the Methodist

Times. His keen interest in the College was evidenced by the splendid write-up in a subsequent issue of the Times.

Our Maori boys have not been forgotten for the Revs. E. H. Te Tuhi and M. Tauroa have been here to talk to them. Their coming has been an inspiration to the boys to keep their thoughts on a high plane.

Our more recent visitors have been Mr. A. C. Bettany, Engineer of Franklin County, and the Rev. Thompson.

Mr. Bettany gave a most instructive talk on the surrounding district and explained how the present configuration had been formed—the volcanic and seismic forces that had been at work.

The Rev. Thompson brought his projector with him, and showed us instructive films on the leper problem. We were deeply interested in the wonders that scientific treatment have effected in checking and curing this fell disease.

This was followed by the screening of some excellent specimens of the clay modeller's art. These should be an inspiration to the younger boys of the College.

We are, indeed grateful to those who have so kindly made such pleasant breaks in the monotony of College life, and are hopeful enough to think that their visits proved pleasant so that they may be induced to return at a not too distant date.

—J.W.B.



DEBATING NOTES.

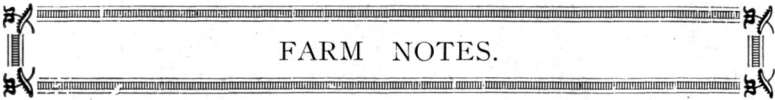
The debates this year have been one of the most interesting features of the College out-of-class activities, and the subjects chosen have been both instructive and easily debated. The speakers showed improvement with practice while the number of Third Form boys who took part was an indication that in future they will be even better.

The first debate was on the subject "That Capital Punishment Should be Restored in New Zealand." The speakers were: School: Hayward, Fox and Pickering for the affirmative. Simmonds: Bennett, Busbridge and W. Rogers for the negative. The debate was won by Simmonds and the best speaker was Bennett. The judge was Rev. J. A. Daglish.

In the second term, the subject debated was, "That the Machine Age has added to the Happiness and welfare of Mankind." The speakers were: School: Wilson, Hames and Dewes for the affirmative. Simmonds: Bennett, J. Davis and Te Tuhi for

the negative. This time the debate was won by a narrow margin by School, and Wilson was the best speaker. The judge was the Principal.

The final debate will be an interesting one on the subject, "That Attendance at School Should be Voluntary," and the judge is to be Rev. G. I. Laurenson, of Auckland.



FARM NOTES.

Once again Farm and School are united. In 1942, the exigencies of war compelled the closing of the School, but the farm carried on though, right in the middle, lowing herds had to give way to marching feet, and haycocks to the hutments of a camp, which during the present year, was occupied by a unit of 1000 strong.

The return of the School meant for some a first experience of farm work, and for nearly all a first experience of the routine of the College. If we may judge by the number of volunteers for any farm work, the experience has been a pleasant one. During shearing, petitions to be included in the gang detailed for the shed were pressed on the Farm Manager at every turn. For almost every boy this work was a new experience. The farm work provides an opportunity for one who is handy, and, at home with animals, to score over another who is ahead of him in class work, but who lacks the power of application. All have the best possible chance to learn practical farming methods, for the farm has not an implement or gadget that is not justified on the strictest economic grounds. We hope that boys will take away with them as well, that sense of partnership, with a living entity rather than with a chemical formula, which is the true spirit of the farmer. The man who doesn't thrill to see the seed he has sown emerge from the soil and finally reach fruition, or the wobbly new born lamb grow into a full member of the flock, had better try the office desk or the shop counters for his calling.

In the general working of the farm there are few changes. One great change there is, however; Mr. Clark, after guiding the farm's destinies for 20 years, has left the scene, though fortunately he has become a member of the Farm Committee, so we have not lost entirely his unique knowledge of the farm. We are now confirmed town suppliers. One result of this change over from home separation has been the disposal of all the pigs, once so well known. During the year the Board decided to offer for sale the land (D and E Blocks), east of the clay road. When this

sale is made some reorganisation will be necessary. In anticipation of this it has been decided to sell (early in January), all our Ryeland flock and most of the Southdown flock. Two new features worth notice are a hay barn (not yet complete), opposite the Stable and a climatological station in the paddock below the Chapel. Thanks to the Meteorological Office we have a screen with maximum and minimum, dry and wet bulb thermometers, a grass minimum thermometer, two ground thermometers (4in. and 8in.), a new rain gauge. We have here the wherewithal to obtain data of value to the district as well as to the School.

—N.O.D.A.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Considering there were only 40 boys to choose from the College First XV., this year has been a good one and, towards the end of the season great improvement was shown. The strength of the team was the two five-eighths, both of whom were chosen to represent South Auckland. After the return match the forwards all played hard, bustling games; after W. Rogers it would be hard to pick out any one player for special mention. The Franklin Times described the last game of the season, against Wanderers, as the best exhibition of the game seen in the district this season, and the boys would certainly agree that it was the hardest and fastest they had played.

The results of matches played were as follows:--

- v. Otahuhu Technical High school—lost, 13—6.
- v. Puni—lost, 6—3.
- v. Otahuhu Technical High School—won 17—3.
- v. Wanderers—drawn, 3—3.
- v. Puni—won, 37—0.
- v. Wanderers—won, 12—11.

The points scored by the team were 78 with 41 against. Of these 21 were made up from tries, but only 5 of them were converted. Only 9 tries were scored by opposing teams.

The following boys scored points:—W. Rogers 20, Palelei 15, P. Rogers 13, Bennett 12, Davis 6, Busbridge 6, Lovegrove 3 and Fox 3.

The team was as follows:—W. Rogers (capt.), P. Rogers, H. Te Tuhī, B. Fox, W. Davis, M. Bennett, G. Palelei, P. Pou, M. Lee, E. Busbridge, G. Phillips, A. Mortensen, B. Webster, G. Lovegrove, K. Dewes, P. Bedggood, G. Hayward.

Unfortunately no games could be arranged for the Junior players, but it is hoped that this will not be so next year. The House games

showed that there are some good players who only have to grow up and get practice to be in the First XV. very soon.

An account of the year's football must include thanks to the Staff of the Otahuhu Technical High School for giving us the two matches and we hope that the games will be annual fixtures for a very long time to come. Picking a team of equal weight to ours was a very kindly thought, and the experience gained was valuable.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Three of these were played, all Senior; the result was that there was too much variety in skill and size in the two teams for good football, but the games were willing. Results:—

Drawn 12—12.

Simmonds 10, School 8.

School 11, Simmonds 8.

CRICKET NOTES.

In the first term, one outside match was played, against a team from Pukekohe Technical High School. The College lost by 9 runs on the first innings. The best scores for the College were W. Rogers (22), and P. Rogers (20). With the practice we have had since a far better team should turn out for our next match and added to that the immigrants from Tonga will decidedly improve the team. We have been invited by the Headmaster at Otahuhu Technical High School to play against their boys, and this may become a regular feature. In the meantime the House matches will be the chief item of interest in cricket. Before the closing down of the College, a good name had been built up by Wesley College teams, and we will do our best to maintain the same standard in the second century. But there is more in the game than taking a bat and slogging at a ball.

HOUSE MATCHES.

School	First Innings	Second Innings
G. Rogers	3	7
Fox	15	1
Palelei	39	19
Lee	1	—
Webster	2	6
Hayward	12	4
Gilmore	4	13
Leef	0	0
Mortensen	0	1
Wilson	1	0
Dewes	Absent	2
Byes	2	5
	79	58



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1944.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1944.

	First Innings	Second Innings
Simmonds		
Bennett	1	0
Busbridge	0	0
Alo	40	9
W. Rogers	7	0
Lovegrove	1	0
Te Tuhi	4	0
Haawe	0	2
Hoffman	1	0
P. Pou	1	2
W. Davis	1	3
J. Davis	3	0
Byes	1	5
	60	21

School House won by 21 runs.

Juniors—

Simmonds: 20 (Running 15), and 39 (Bedgood 13, Phillips 12).
 School: 23 (Baker 9, Cates 6) and 14 (Baker 6).
 Simmonds House won by 22 runs.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on the College grounds on Saturday, April 1st, 1944. Weather conditions were ideal, and a large gathering of friends and relatives assembled for the occasion. A new event in the day's programme was the Pole vault.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

- 100 Yards.**—W. Rogers, 1; P. Rogers, 2; M. Bennett, 3. Time, 11 2-5 secs.
- 200 Yards.**—W. Rogers, 1; P. Rogers, 2; M. Bennett, 3. Time, 26 secs.
- 440 Yards.**—P. Rogers, 1; M. Bennett, 2; W. Rogers, 3.
- 880 Yards.**—W. Rogers, 1; M. Bennett, 2; B. Webster, 3.
- One Mile.**—W. Rogers, 1; M. Bennett, 2; P. Rogers, 3. Time, 6 min. 7 2-5 secs.
- 120 Yards Hurdles.**—W. Rogers, 1; E. Busridge, 2; B. Fox, 3. Time, 16 4-5 secs.
- High Jump.**—B. Fox, P. Rogers (dead heat), 1; M. Bennett, 3. Height, 4ft. 7in.
- Long Jump.**—W. Davis, 1; W. Rogers, 2; P. Rogers, 3. Distance, 17ft. 10in.
- Hop, Step and Jump.**—P. Rogers, 1; W. Rogers, 2; G. Hayward, and W. Davis (dead heat), 3. Distance, 78 yards.
- Putting Shot.**—W. Rogers, 1; W. Davis 2; P. Rogers, 3. Distance, 32ft.
- Cross Country.**—M. Bennett, 1; E. Busridge, 2; P. Rogers, 3. Time, 29 mins. 24 secs.
- Winner of Championship.**—W. Rogers, 42 points. Runner-up: P. Rogers, 25½ points.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

- 75 Yards.**—M. Lee, 1; K. Bedggood, 2; J. Tata, 3. Time, 9 secs.
150 Yards.—K. Bedggood, 1; H. Irimana, 2; G. Running, 3. Time, 19 secs.
880 Yards.—T. Gilmore, 1; G. Running, 2; H. Irimana, 3. Time, 2 min. 40 secs.
One Mile.—G. Running, 1; D. Finlayson, 2; T. Gilmore, 3. Time, 5 min. 58 secs.
90 Yards Hurdles.—H. Irimana, 1; G. Running, 2; M. Lee, 3. Time 14secs.
High Jump.—H. Te Tuhi, 1; W. Baker, 2. Height, 4ft. 1½in.
Long Jump.—H. Te Tuhi, 1; H. Irimana, 2; K. Bedggood, 3. Distance, 14ft. 3in.
Throwing Cricket Ball.—H. Te Tuhi, 1; T. Gilmore, 2; W. Baker, 3. Distance, 74 yards.
Cross Country.—T. Gilmore, 1; G. Phillips, 2; G. Running 3. Time, 26 mins.
Winner of Championship.—H. Te Tuhi, 15 points. Runner-up: T. Gilmore, 14 points.

SENIOR HANDICAP RESULTS.

- 100 Yards.**—E. Busbridge, 1; W. Davis, 2; B. Fox, 3. Time, 11 4-5 secs.
220 Yards.—E. Busbridge, 1; W. Davis, 2; E. Leef, 3.
440 Yards.—E. Busbridge, 1; W. Wilson, 2; B. Fox, 3.

JUNIOR HANDICAP RESULTS.

- 75 Yards.**—K. Bedggood, 1; M. Taylor, 2; J. Tata, 3. Time, 9 4-5 secs.
150 Yards.—M. Lee, 1; K. Bedggood, 2; T. Gilmore, 3. Time, 18 secs.

OTHER EVENTS.

- Staff Race.**—N. O. D. Alexander, 1; J. Price, 2. Time, 10 secs.
House Relays.—Senior: Simmonds House, 1; School House, 2.
Junior—
Junior.—School House, 1; Simmonds House, 2.

HOUSE POINTS.

- Senior.**—Simmonds House, 81; School House, 38.
Junior.—Simmonds House, 55; School House, 32.

TROPHIES WON IN 1944.

1. **Boyce Cup.**—Best Prepared Speech.
2. **Herbert Smith Trust.**—Senior Cross Country: M. L. Bennett.
3. **John Court Cup.**—Junior Tennis Championship: W. Baker.
4. **Herbert Smith Trust.**—Senior Sports Championship: W. Rogers.
5. **Horticultural Shield.**—Form Competition.
6. **Herbert Smith Trust.**—Senior Swimming Championship: G. Hayward.
7. **Herbert Smith Trust.**—Junior Sports Championship: H. Te Tuhi.

8. **Stembridge Cup.**—Best All Round Cricketer: G. Palelei.
9. **Trounson Cup.**—Senior Tennis Championship: G. Palelei.
10. **Winstone Cup.**—House Competition: School House.
11. **Herbert Smith Trust.**—Junior Swimming Championship: D. Hohepa.
12. **Herbert Smith Trust.**—Junior Cross Country: T. Gilmore.



TENNIS.

In the Third Term, enthusiasm for football waned and tennis became popular. With three courts in use and a good supply of racquets and balls, there was always a queue of players waiting for a game. The Senior and Junior Championships were commenced towards the end of October, and while there were some easy victories, in later rounds there were some close games.

Results:—

Seniors (for Trounson Cup)—

Byes—

W. Davis beat Bennett, 6—2.
 Hayward beat Hoffman, 6—4.
 Irimana beat Lovegrove, 6—2.
 Gilmore beat Alo, 6—2.
 W. Rogers beat Overton, 6—0.
 Lee beat Webster, 6—1.

First Round—

P. Rogers beat Reed, 6—0.
 Fox beat Mortensen, 6—0.
 Leef beat J. Davis, 6—4.
 Busbridge beat McDonald, 6—3.
 Palelei beat P. Pou, 6—1.
 W. Davis beat Hayward, 6—2.
 Gilmore beat Irimana, 6—1.
 W. Rogers beat Lee, 6—4.

Second Round—

Palelei beat Busbridge, 6—0.
 Fox beat Leef, 6—4.
 P. Rogers beat W. Rogers, 6—5.
 Gilmore beat W. Davis, 6—2.

Semi-Final—

Palelei beat Fox, 6—0.
 Gilmore beat P. Rogers, 6—2.

Final—

Palelei beat Gilmore, 6—0, 6—1.

JUNIORS (For John Court Cup.)

Byes—

Carson beat Freeth, 6—2.
 Phillips beat Wiseman, 6—0.
 Taylor beat Dewes, 6—3
 Cates beat Burness, 6—1.

First Round—

Phillips beat Carson, 6—2.
 Cates beat Taylor, 6—2.
 Running beat Dickey, 6—2.
 Baker beat A. Pou, 6—1.

Semi-Final—

Phillips beat Cates, 6—5.
 Baker beat Running, 6—1.

Final—

Baker beat Phillips, 6—2, 6—1.

THE END OF A CENTURY.

There has been published recently, in conjunction with the Wesley Historical Society, a brochure entitled "Wesley College—A Centenary Survey, 1844-1944." The writer is the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

October 7th, 1844, is the date from which the survey begins, that day marking the occasion of Governor Fitzroy's grant to the Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission in New Zealand, of "a block of six and three-quarter acres of Auckland suburban land in perpetuity for the purpose of a Wesleyan Native Institution." This, the survey points out, was the beginning of the Trust which is now vested in the Wesley Training College Trust Board.

In the early days education and evangelical missionary enterprise went hand in hand and the first beginnings of Wesleyan Education in New Zealand were manifested in the establishment of a Wesleyan Native Institution in Grafton Road. The Rev. Thomas Buddle served as Principal. "At first only ten students were admitted, but the Missionary Treasurers made a grant of £200 annually for maintenance, which made it possible to provide for twenty men." While the Government provided the land, the buildings were paid for by public subscription, the Wesleyan Missionary Society making its funds available for the salaries of the teachers and the maintenance of the pupils. It is noted in the survey that Grey, who succeeded Fitzroy, was a frequent visitor to the school and that at his request younger pupils were admitted, this marking a change in policy.

In 1848, the buildings at Three King's were in course of erection and in the following year the School was moved to that

locality. This change of location, the survey points out, was undertaken with the encouragement and financial support of the Governor, and in return for these advantages the school was brought directly into line with his education scheme, Sir George Grey himself laying the foundation stone of the first block of buildings at Three Kings on April 5th, 1848.

It is noted that in the following year the school was moved to the new building and that Rev. Alexander Reid took up duties as Principal. Its building programme was continued. "Girls were admitted and were taught to make and mend clothes, to wash and to cook. The men and boys cultivated the farm, milked the cows, gathered the boulders into stone walls and helped the builder with his work. It was a busy and happy colony." The survey has proceeded thus far, when it has to call attention to a change that came over the School, reflecting the changed attitude of the Maori race consequent upon the strife, land disputes, and hostility that Pakeha encroachment had brought about. Its number of Maori pupils continued to decline and the school closed down.

After seven years it was re-opened as a College "for the more efficient training of Candidates for the Ministry, both native and European." Thomas Buddle was in charge as Principal. A few of the Maori lads trained at this time afterwards made their mark as Maori ministers. In 1895, the Rev. J. H. Simmonds took up residence as Principal at Three Kings. He was able to carry forward a policy which led to the establishment of the present school at Paerata. He was an expert in forestry and the acknowledged authority on the growing of Eucalypts in New Zealand.

In 1912, the Wesley Training College Trust Board, newly constituted, purchased a farm of about 680 acres at Paerata to form the site of a new school. The erection of new buildings there was completed in 1922. The College at Paerata was open to European as well as to Maori students—the policy being to enrol European and Maori in the ratio of two to one.

Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed., took up the position as Principal at the beginning of 1924, and was in charge at Paerata till 1944. The Military authorities took over the buildings and had possession of them until the beginning of this year (1944), when the College re-opened with Mr. E. M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed., as Principal. It is rapidly regaining ground lost, and is entering with confidence and high hope upon its second century.

—R.C.L.



THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Since the re-opening of the College we have attempted to gather what information we can of Old Boys, and, through the kindness of Mr. C. A. Phillips, of Port Albert, have been able to publish in this issue a good deal. We hope that in 1945 the Association will be revived. We would appreciate it if all Old Boys who can will write to the Principal early in the New Year, giving full information about themselves or their contemporaries—their years of attendance, present address and occupation, and any other item of mutual interest.

ROLL OF HONOUR

KILLED

J. Tirikatene, of Wanganui. Flying accident in New Zealand.

C. W. Baker, of Russell. Flying accident in New Zealand.

F. Hulton, of Rotorua. Flying accident in England.

K. I. Curel, after doing a spell in Army, was in Air Force, and is again back in Army.

Don Gubb is farming at Port Albert.

C. A. Phillips has been two years in the 15th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

R. L. Phillips is farming at Port Albert.

Bob Eves, of Kaipara Flats, is working at Ahuroa on a farm.

T. G. Dill, D.F.M., is a Pilot Officer overseas with a Medal up.

M. G. Dill is with M.E.F.

G. V. Binet is a lieutenant in M.E.F., has been home on furlough, returned and again been wounded.

G. Bryant is farming at Matangi.

R. Colebrook is an orchardist at Henderson.

W. Phillips, of Waiuku, is in the Navy.

D. Paul and G. Duxon, both of Ohaeawai, are in M.E.F.

J. S. Oien, Flying Officer in England.

Jack Farr, of Port Albert, is a Pilot Officer in England.

E. L. Farr is with M.E.F.

I. Becroft is with M.E.F.

J. M. Busbridge is with M.E.F.

C. R. Becroft is a L.A.C. in Air Force, Islands.

H. W. Neal was a lieutenant with M.E.F., but returned with wounds. He is now farming at Port Albert.

H. O. Bennett returned from 3rd Division.

K. C. Busbridge is farming. Was up North with 11th L.A.F.V.

Tom V. Becroft, we hear, is very sick in hospital at present; however he has been farming; also in Territorial Force.

Des Reid is again farming after being in 15th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

L. W. Bennett is in the Air Force after service in New Zealand here in Tank Brigade. He is training as a navigator.

R. Rogers is a Methodist Minister.

D. Rogers is working at Karapiro Hydro-Electric works.

F. Storey—M.E.F.

L. Storey is farming near Ohinewai.

C. Taylor, of Te Awamutu, is in the Navy.

A. W. Vosailagi, and A. C. Vosailagi. Mr. Baillie, a former master, just returned from Fiji, met both of them, and they are working in P.W.D. jobs.

George McLeod is farming, until he can go home to Islands.

George Marsden is an Officer in Maori Battalion, M.E.F.

Maori Marsden is farming at Awanui.

L. M. Buckingham after being a P.O.W., has been repatriated.

T. Clarke, of Rotorua, is in the Navy.

T. P. Morgan is in the Air Force overseas.

Evan Farr is farming at Oruawharo.

Paki Inia and Sam Keriopa. Both were in 15th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

A. G. Bennett works for his father's store, driving mail and delivery van.

C. Smith is farming at Wharehene.

V. Shepherd is farming at Riverhead

A. Tubou is in the R.N.Z.A.F. as a pilot.

B. Gina is still in the Solomons, working among his people.

C. Gregory is a Y.M.C.A. secretary overseas.

R. Sherson is in the Navy.

Chris. Sorenson is an officer in the Maori Battalion, M.E.F.

A. Clark goes to Auckland Grammar School.

D. Clark goes to Auckland University College.

Leilua Vi is doing secretarial work in the Palace, Tonga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

When the College re-opened, a Sunday School was started for the benefit of the children of College Staff living on the property. Commencing with twelve children and two teachers, the numbers have since increased to seventeen children and a staff of four, with a good prospect of more soon as the weather conditions improve.

Five of the scholars sat for the Sunday School Union Scripture Examination, one being a prize-winner, and two others received certificates of merit. During the Second Term the children took part in a special Musical Service in the Chapel. As this was a marked success, these services will be held in each Term, as a special Sunday afternoon function, when other Sunday Schools will be invited to join with us.

Much kindly interest has been shown by the various churches in the Circuit and generous gifts of money and equipment have been made, but perhaps the most pleasing feature of the Sunday School life is the very keen interest shown in missionary endeavour; donations have already been given to Overseas Mission, Church of the Lotu Readers and Home Mission Funds.

—P.L.G.

