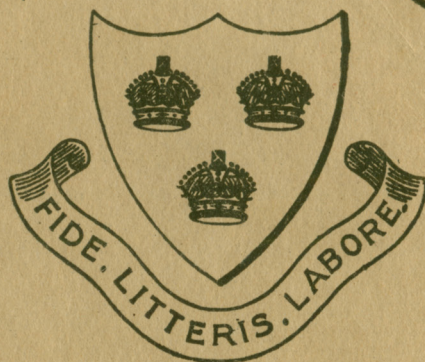


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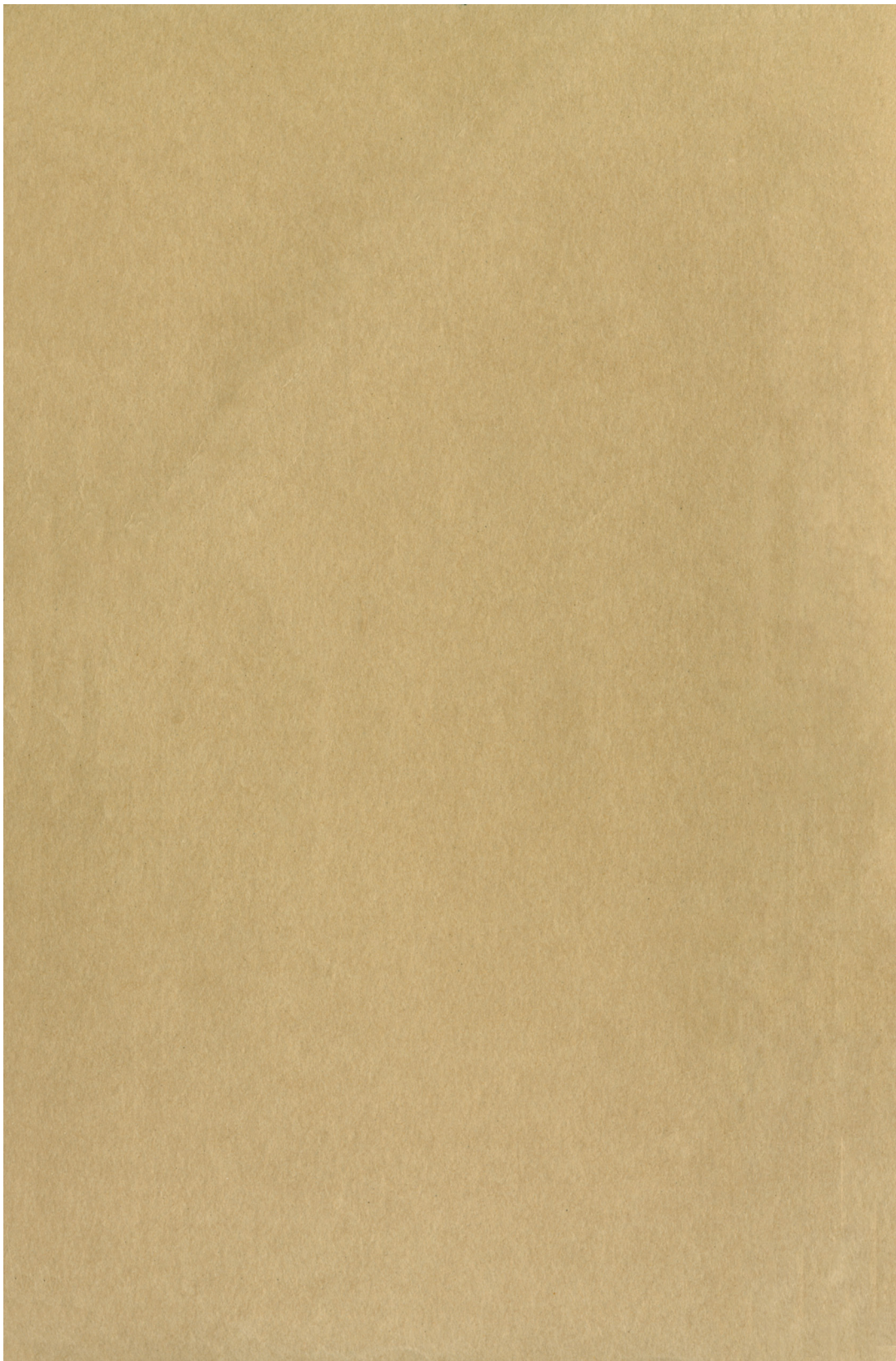
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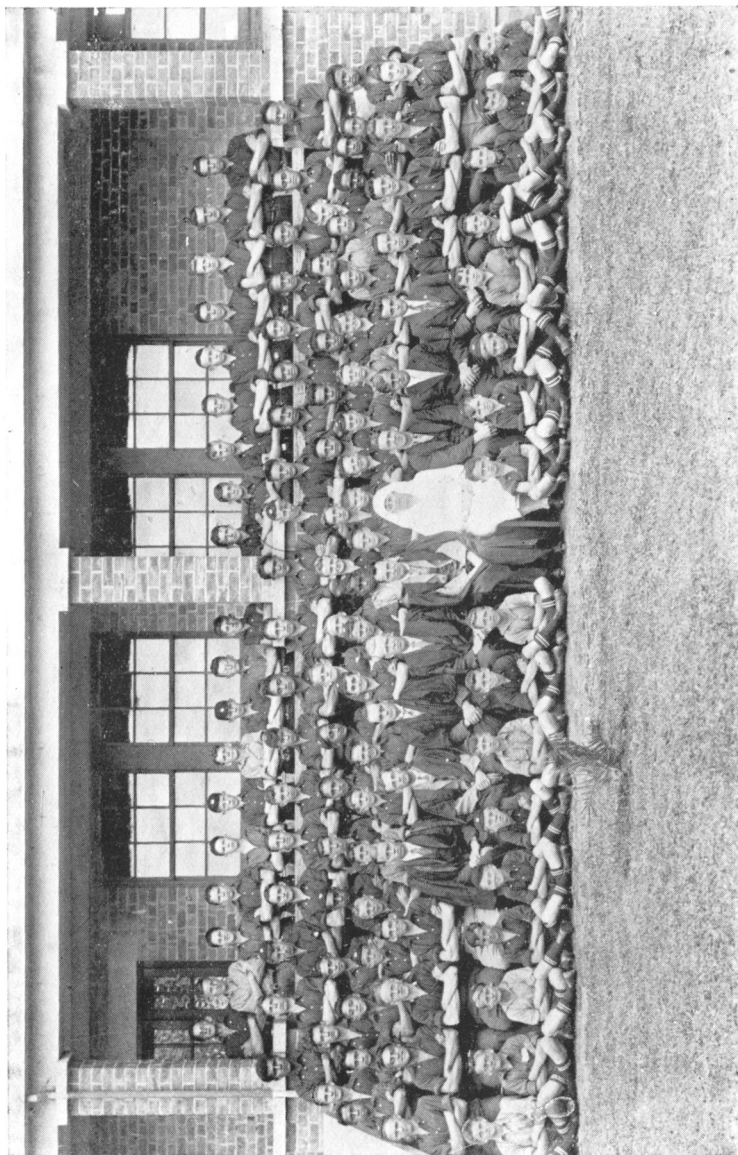
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## FOREWORD

We again have pleasure in presenting this record of our year's work, and we rejoice that our previous growth and progress have been so well maintained.

This has been a difficult year for New Zealand. The problem of unemployment has loomed large, and while the problem is largely the result of world-wide conditions, it has been felt that we ourselves have not been doing our share to guard against such difficulties. We have no system to regulate the number of lads entering any business or profession. Parents ask how much money is to be made along a certain line, is it a pleasant occupation; and if the answer is satisfactory follow each other pell mell in entering their sons, so that in a few years the position is reversed, and equilibrium can only be attained after much waste and inefficiency.

We have, too, been making a fetish of clean hands. Brain work and manual work have been thought to be divorced, and to work with one's hands has been considered equivalent to having no ability for anything better. The result is that we have clerks and teachers, commission agents and travellers, to burn. We feel sure that in Utopia the number of those following these exceedingly comfortable and respectable callings will be greatly reduced.

New Zealand to-day needs producers, men who will use both mind and hand. So long as there is a slur on hand-work, both parents and boys will avoid such occupations. It is for parents and educationists to unite in fostering ideals of harmonised efficiency.

No occupation offers more scope for such effort than farming. To make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, to make it possible for two cows to graze where one grazes now, to make an orchard from waste land, these are tasks calling for the very best in man.



We believe that no occupation calls for more intelligence than farming. The farmer needs to be a scientist, an economist and a philosopher. His occupation calls for strength of purpose and for confidence in the goodness of nature. Not to be greedy for quick returns of profit, but to build securely and steadily, is the secret of scientific farming.

We are convinced that the youth of to-day is eager for a wider training, but so long as we allow boys and girls to think that manual work is not genteel, and that farming, carpentry and handicrafts generally, are occupations calling for much less intelligence than clerking and teaching, so long are we doing both them and our country the greatest injustice.

The basis of our work at Paerata is the training of boys to use both mind and hand, and we feel that if we can turn out boys who will reveal character by their attitude towards, and their method of carrying out the everyday tasks, they will not be found wanting when the greater tasks of life confront them.

R. C. CLARK, M.A.

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### “HIS SCHOOL”

It is an event, a “red-letter day,” when the big black and white ’bus stops in front of the imposing brick building, in Paerata, and proudly the new boy steps out to survey for the first time the new world into which he has been placed. Keeping close to his parents he walks with them up to the white house and meets Mr. Clark, whom he later gets to know more intimately. Various matters are talked over, and then after a fond farewell he proceeds to survey his new “home.” He finds a friend in the same position as himself. They exchange confidences and become more “at home” as they walk around. The next day school life starts in real earnest, and as the term proceeds the boy becomes acquainted with his College and all the rules.

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And now it is the last day, and three years from the initiation. Soon nothing will be left but memories—glad memories of success in examinations, of that prize day, of walking up before friends and comrades to receive a hard-earned reward; memories of football, of fighting for the

"School" upon the field and cheering the "firsts" with eager voice, of Sports Day, and of many a happy hour spent with pals after school. There will be sad memories of minor disappointments, and perhaps of chances missed; but above all these will be the glorious determination, that as he breathes life's surges he will do his best for the School he knew, "The Best School of All!"

## SCHOOL NOTES

The following boys passed Public Service Entrance, 1926:—M. B. Blakey, T. Litherland, T. A. Norrie. We offer them our hearty congratulations.

When we returned to school at the beginning of the year we had lost Mr. Inman, Mr. Court, and Mr. Henderson. Mr. Inman had taken a position at Wanganui Collegiate School, Mr. Court had entered the Methodist Theological College in Auckland, and Mr. Henderson had begun teaching at Te Aroha. In their places we welcome Mr. S. D. Barr, B.Ag., from Auckland; Mr. H. P. Isaac, M.A., from Wellington; Mr. A. H. Partridge, from Christchurch; and Mr. G. R. Bowden, from Palmerston North. Mr. Barr has succeeded Mr. Inman as House Master in charge of Simmonds House. We have since heard that Mr. Partridge has gained the degree of B.Sc., and we extend to him our congratulations. Mr. Bowden is about to enter the Methodist Theological College in preparation for the ministry. We wish him "God-speed" and a life of happy service. Mr. C. D. Barker, who has shown a great interest in us since he first joined the visiting staff, still comes up from town to take music lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On Tuesday, 22nd February, a party of boys, conducted by Mr. Hickling, travelled to Auckland to see the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of York. The weather was changeable and showery, but nevertheless the outing was much enjoyed. Those who were not fortunate enough to make the trip listened in on the wireless to the announcements of the progress of the royal party, and it was exceedingly interesting. The announcer brought the whole scene vividly before our eyes.

On the following Saturday, 26th February, the Duke and Duchess passed through Pukekohe, and arrangements were made by the Minister of Internal Affairs (the late Mr. Bolland) that the royal train should make a momentary stop in

order that the Duke might address the crowd. The whole School marched in to Paerata, where they took train to Pukekohe. Unfortunately the weather was miserably wet, but that did not damp our ardour. We caught only a fleeting glimpse of the Duke and Duchess, but all the same we had the pleasure of saying we had seen them. Afterwards we proceeded en masse to the Franklin Show, where we spent the remainder of the day very enjoyably. We returned to Paerata by train about six o'clock.

Great excitement reigned throughout the School on Monday morning, 14th March, for the Cadet camp was to begin that day, while those who were too young to be in the Cadets were to have a Boy Scouts' camp. An account of the Cadet camp appears elsewhere; the Scouts' camp came to an end two days later, when they were driven indoors by the bad weather.

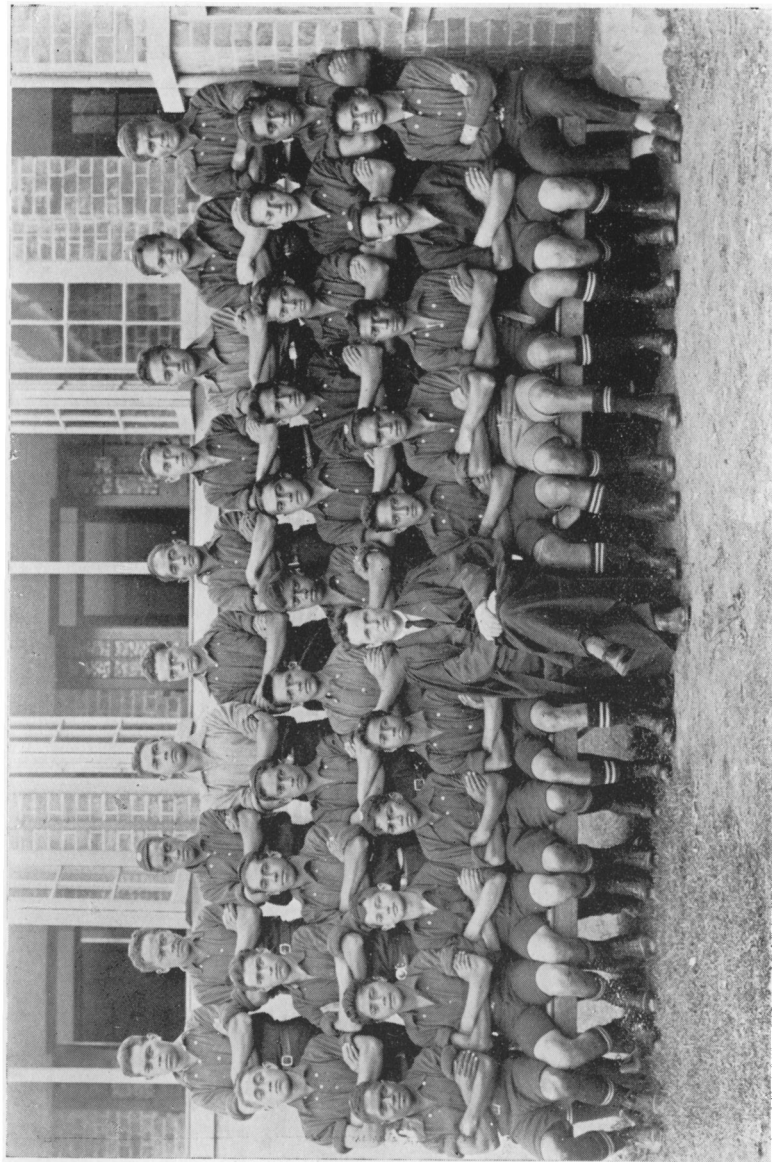
On Wednesday, 23rd March, our annual Swimming Sports were held in the Pukekohe baths. Owing to the motor lorry breaking down, the masters and some of the boys were very late in arriving. However, the events when once started were got off very expeditiously, and some good times were recorded. Gina, a newcomer from the Solomon Islands, acquitted himself very well.

Towards the end of the first term it was our duty to say good-bye to our Chaplain, Rev. T. Coatsworth, who was leaving the district. Mr. Coatsworth has taken charge of the Kaponga circuit, and we wish him every success. We were very pleased to welcome in his place the Rev. F. Harris, who has since his arrival shown much interest in our College, and who comes out regularly once a week on week-days to take Scripture lessons.

We broke up for our Easter holidays on Wednesday, 13th April. Most of the boys from Auckland and the neighbourhood went home; while of those who came from remoter places, some stayed on the College grounds, and the remainder attended a very successful Bible Class camp on Pine Island. The College itself was the scene of a Methodist Ladies' Bible Class camp. School began again on Thursday, 21st April.

The most noteworthy event of the second term was the opening of the new hospital on Saturday, 28th May. This was an event of such importance as to merit a heading to itself.





MAORI BOYS.



On the last Saturday of the second term, Mr. Clark left on a trip to Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa. He has recorded his experiences in an interesting article which appears in another part of this number.

An outbreak of mumps compelled us to close down a few days before the day fixed for the ending of the second term. The mild epidemic lasted throughout the holidays and well on into the third term, and Mrs. Angove, our Matron, was prevented from going away for a holiday. Throughout the vacation she had to remain on duty. Early in the third term the measles made their appearance, and for a time both ailments flourished together. At one time there were so many boys in bed that the School House verandah had to be converted into a temporary hospital ward. However, apart from this one short period of sickness the health of the boys has been very good.

On Wednesday, 21st September, a party of Maori boys from the College visited Auckland to take part in a Methodist Maori Mission demonstration in the Town Hall. They sang two songs in Maori, and performed a haka. All their items were very generously applauded. They returned to Paerata in the small hours of the morning, tired out but happy after their day's outing.

The annual cross-country run took place on Saturday, October 15th. No one had much dinner that day, and most of the boys were in good trim. Hoddinott came first, Gurney I. second, Hungerford third, and Tukua fourth. It was a fairly long run, beginning at the Stony Creek gate, thence along the Karaka Road as far as the intersection of the clay road, along the clay road to Paerata, and back up the main road to the College. The small boys had a shorter run, and of them Gurney II. came first. We were all very tired that night.

A change has recently been made in the Sunday evening routine. Up to a short time ago it was the invariable custom for a number of boys to be picked out to attend the evening



service at Pukekohe, while the rest either listened in to a service broadcasted from one of the centres, or had a short "sing-song" and then went to bed. For some time past, however, this arrangement had been felt to be rather unsatisfactory, and as a consequence the Sunday evening "church" in Pukekohe, and the listening-in, have been done away with, and in their stead we have a regular service of our own, at which we have a number of our favourite hymns, and Mr. Clark gives us a short address. We feel this to be an improvement on the old system; but we are looking forward to the time (not very far distant now, we hope) when we shall have a chapel of our own, in which all our Sunday services may be conducted.

The choir, which had been in a languishing condition for some time past, has been revived, and has rendered a few anthems at the Sunday services. The younger boys have shown great enthusiasm, and have attended the practices regularly. The Island boys, especially Gina, have also rendered yeoman service.

We still make very good use of our wireless set. Some excellent concerts have been heard, not only from Auckland, but also from Sydney and Brisbane.

Both the Primary Inspector (Mr. Warren) and the Secondary Inspector (Mr. Caradus) visited the School during the first half of the year, and each stayed with us for a day. It is a very good thing for a school of our type to be visited by Government inspectors, because these gentlemen, who have had a great deal of experience in State schools, are able to point out ways in which we differ from those schools, and they can and do make valuable suggestions.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the services of our Librarian, E. Bycroft, who has discharged a thankless task with regularity and efficiency throughout the year. The library itself, however, is in a none too flourishing condition. Books are urgently needed—new and better books, books on travel and exploration, on scientific inventions and mechanical appliances, on history and biography, standard works of fiction, and also fiction of the lighter type. In many old-established schools it is the custom for boys who are leaving to present one or more books to the library. We commend this time-honoured practice to all those boys who

are about to depart from our midst. If our suggestion is acted on the library will be materially increased in the course of a few years.

## Wesley College Old Boys' Association

Another suggestion which we should like to make to those who are leaving is that they should not "shake the dust of the place from their feet" the moment they get outside the College gates on the last day of the term. A school lives through its Old Boys: the Old Boys can, to a greater extent perhaps than we realise, make or mar the reputation of the school. We therefore urge all those who are going from us to try to keep in touch with their old school. It is possible to do this in various ways; but the two most obvious ways of doing it are to become a subscriber to the College Magazine and to join the Old Boys' Association. This association was only formed on 24th October last, so all boys leaving this year and joining the association at once will be able to say that they have been members since the year of its inception.

The Association aims at maintaining loyalty to the old School, and at encouraging a spirit of friendliness and comradeship between Old Boys and present boys. Its officers are as follows:—Patron, Rev. C. H. Simmonds; President, Mr. R. C. Clark; Vice-Presidents, Rev. E. Te Tuhi and Mr. K. D. Henderson; Executive, Messrs. B. R. Hiskens, C. H. Harding, A. W. Bryant, and T. J. Stacey; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. T. White. The annual subscription is ten shillings, and this includes a copy of the College Magazine. Subscriptions are payable to Mr. G. T. White, 9 Atarangi Road, Greenlane, Auckland.

## FORM NOTES

### MATRIC. III. AND II.

Another year has nearly passed, and the chronicler must perform the arduous task of displaying the form's brilliance and dissembling its failures.

Practically all of us are diligently studying, hoping to pass that first November nightmare, the P.S.E. Examination.

However, we are all confident of success, as any observant person could guess by studying our faces in the first period every morning.

We are often complimented on our noble efforts as martyrs in the cause of Science, with special investigation in the world of obnoxious gases (nuff sed).

English and Mathematics also possess their attractions, and we look forward to these periods with a distinct craving for more **knowledge** (?).

We love our French, and cherish a special fondness for irregular verbs, vocabularies, and (last, but certainly not least) "ce soir"'s.

From the above remarks, one might be tempted to suppose that we devoted all our time to Public Service Entrance activities, but this is not so. Our select company of six comprises a ukulele-and-motor-bike "expert," an eminent Scripture swot, a remarkably efficient librarian, a bright "morn," an anti-militarist, and a violinist. With all this varied talent we feel that we ought to be the objects of the veneration of every other form in the School, but now and then we have our doubts.

Let us hope that next year's Matric. II. will uphold the traditions of the form.

'Tis half-past nine on a summer's morn,  
The sun is shining bright,  
And in the classroom number three  
I see a curious sight.

Six lads are seated at their desks;  
Their thoughts stray off afar,  
Till a master with his cane in hand  
Speaks the magic words "Ce soir."

And that is why in the afternoon,  
At "cinq heures et demie,"  
Six young lads are swotting French,  
More busy than a bee.

When the Allan Wilkie Shakespearean Company was visiting Auckland, a party of eight boys from Matric. II. and P.S.E. II. went to see "Twelfth Night." All who went greatly enjoyed the performance.

## P.S.E. II.

With the year 1927 drawing nigh to a close, we, The Stalwarts of Public Service Entrance Two, do once more make ourselves conspicuous in these pages. On surveying the personnel of the class we are quite satisfied that we have not declined in any respect.

Our members are a most studious body, and it is absolutely no wonder that other forms should be envious of the high esteem the masters hold us in. For your benefit we will give you a few hints as to why we have been placed on such a pedestal. We always make a point of taking notes on all work done in the Lab., and can by this means keep our science books up to date. During Lab. work we are most careful with the apparatus, and have never been guilty of breaking Sp. Gr. Bottles. We never bang desks, and we always leave the room in an orderly manner. In Mathematics we are always attentive, and give our master a fair copy for Prep. Our favourite lesson, however, is Agriculture, when we go on perambulations in search of specimens, and it has been rumoured that one of our members found a monstrosity (probably one of Andy I.'s rabbit skins).

In the athletic line we have certainly done ourselves credit. Out of our seven members three gained First XV. honours, three have a place in the Hockey XI., and two in the Cricket XI. Two of our members competed for the Championships in the Sports, and they did credit to the class.

We have it, although not from very reliable sources, that Lindley, from Bombay (who has been greatly enthused by Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic) has dropped the idea of being a railroad owner or a potato farmer, and will be heard of shortly as an aerodrome owner.

Stumpy still resumes his calm unruffled path. The rumour which was abroad to the effect that he had received an urgent letter from Auckland, and that he was pacing the verandah with certain documents in one hand, has been proved to be false, and merely one of J.W.F.'s little jokes, coupled with the ever-ready transmitter of A.W.P.

We should like to take this opportunity of enquiring if our young friend Mervyn has had a letter from M—— yet.



We lost our old friend the Corporal late in October, but we gave him a little scroll in remembrance of us, and we will watch his career with great interest.

Did you know that L.L.H. had a smile that could raise oil to kindling temperature? If not, ask your masters.

If you want to discover the best way to keep your figure ask Stumpy what he does, and do the opposite.

Our members hail from a great variety of places. Pillar comes from Wellington, Greenslade from Nelson, Hoddinott from Taranaki, Harris from Bombay, Frost from Tuakau, Downard from Hanganiki, and Thomson from the Waikato. Of these lads, three had previously attended well-known schools, Pillar having come from Wellington College, Greenslade from Nelson College, and Downard from New Plymouth High School.

As we are one of the senior forms of the School, it is only to be expected that many of our members will pass out into the world at the end of the present term. A few, however, will remain, but all alike will look back with pleasure to the splendid times we had both in and out of class in 1927.

—E.S.H.

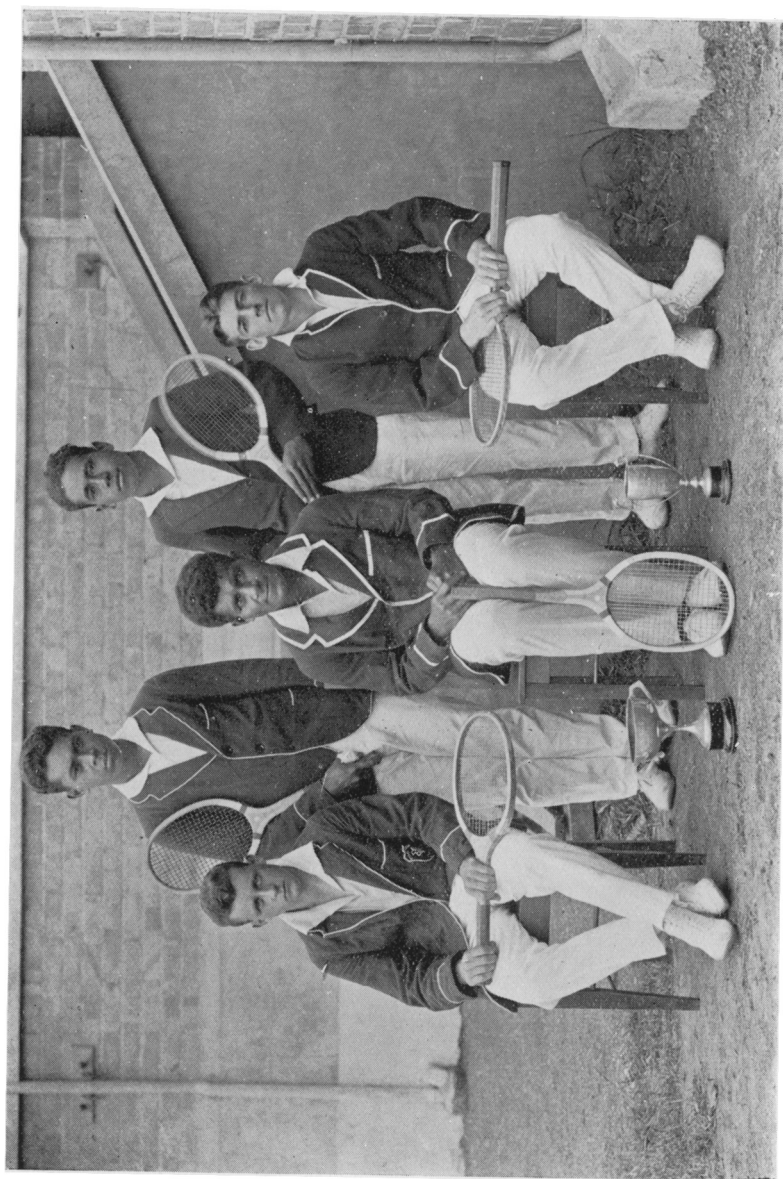
#### MATRIC. I. AND P.S.E. I.

We have had a highly successful year, not without many eventful moments.

N.M. has taken up several occupations, such as road-racing, music, and book-keeping. He has already ridden to Auckland several times, and hopes to do the trip again on future occasions. He has another favourite occupation, and that is burning down buildings. He has tried setting the Lab. alight with methylated spirits, but nothing has come of his efforts.

The form correspondent has perceived that E.F. has become a great professor of Esperanto, and spends all his spare time (as well as some that is not spare, i.e., in class) in learning this ancient language.

D.C. has spent a most peaceful year, as he has been asleep most of the time, and only awakes when a piece of chalk whizzes past his head from the direction of the black-board, on which is a theorem.



TENNIS GROUP.



It has been rumoured that the butter problem has caused N.S. some anxiety. He complains of the way three of his class-mates use it, and says that it is far too thick, and that it spoils his voice.

A.W. has descended a peg in the School, and, leaving our higher circle, has entered Standard VI., but, to our annoyance, still frequents our room. We hear also that the Duke of B—— is to leave us before long. (At time of going to press the blow has fallen.—Ed.).

One incident which caused not a little excitement occurred in Algebra one day, when our master mathematician, G.W., was asked his age. He was asleep at the time, and when he awoke the first thing he saw was a sum on the board, so he dictated it. This is what he said: "PQ—5Y years old." (Collapse of class).

We are very proud of the fact that a number of our boys showed up well in the sports, especially Pritchard, Walters, Copeland and Franklin. There was great enthusiasm when Franklin polished off the 100 Yards Senior Handicap with comparative ease.

During the year we have had the misfortune to lose four of our members. Crawford, Allison and Watkin all "departed this life" at the end of the second term, and Webb at the end of the third term. We wish them every success for the future.

#### STANDARD VI.

After being asked why he had been looking at his neighbour's book a brilliant scholar from Canterbury said, "Please, sir, I was corresponding with the answers."

Chas., the most wonderful boy in Standard VI., was told by his master that he was good at grammar. Chas., who is very proud of himself, told everybody at the social that there was no one who could do grammar as well as him.

In a geography lesson, P-t-r Ol-ph-nt was asked for a list of the products of India, and he did not forget to state that elephants were produced there.

Another intelligent lad in the Sixth, when asked why he had not read his book, said, "Please sir, I could not get into it."

Mr. Burton: "Have you got a white singlet, Henry?"

Henry: "Yes, sir."

Mr. Burton: "White all over?"

Henry: "Ye-es, sir, with crimson spots."

"Nicholls, where is your label off your experimental tin?"

"Please, sir, I lost it."

"Well you'd better find it."

A bright scholar's challenge to a neighbouring football team:—

Dear Willie,—

As my boys have improved their abilities in sports, I proposed to let you know that I would like to challenge your illustrious Rugby football team on Saturday week.

I remain, yours truly,

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The following is a letter of sympathy to a friend who has lost her mother by death. It was written in the stress of our last examination.

Wesley College, Paerata,  
23rd September, 1927.

Dear Ruby,—

In reply to your advertisement for learning about the death of your mother, which had passed away safe and sound, I am expressing my sorrow thoughts which suddenly struck my heart that your health is now changing to its sad condition, for you are left worrying over the death of your mother.

I will now close my letter with best wishes to you. Aurivour.

I am, your sincere friend,  
X.Y.

#### STANDARD V.

In an examination paper a boy from the northern part of Auckland was asked where Broome was. His answer was this: "Broome is a town of large proportions in the northern part of India. It is noted for the fine brooms grown there."

Another boy was asked for a sentence containing the word "oval." His answer, after a momentary pause, was, "The fox ate an oval egg."

Another boy was asked who were the Jacobites. He replied: "The Jacobites were Scottish people who thought James had a just right to the throne, as you can see for yourself by looking up Lay's History, Book 3, for the family tree."

Question: "Who was Francis Bacon?"

Answer: "Francis Bacon killed and cured pigs."

Teacher: "Were you talking, O——?"

O——: "No, sir, I only said 'Western Ghats.'"

#### STANDARDS III. AND IV.

We began our school year with 17 boys, and we have as our classroom the bright and airy room in the cottage. We are pleased to say that it is our own. No class shares it with us, and we are inclined to feel a little like the person of whom we have heard it said, "His home is his castle."

"Half an hour" awaits the mightiest of the Seniors who dares invade without our permission.

Since the beginning of the year we have welcomed to our class Henri Cabouret, from Papeete, and Peter Harding. We were sorry, however, to lose John Inder and Ron. Webb, the "babies" of the School, who had been here for three years.

We had a visit during the term from Mr. Henderson, who was our master last year.

He said how pleased he was to see us, and we were very happy for a day or so, when he took us in charge during our master's absence.

Nearly all the boys in our class have been here for more than one year, and we are proud to think that very soon, should we be fortunate enough to stay here, we shall be able to speak with pride of "the old days."

Fisher, Gurney, Parker and Russell, can do so now. Fisher has been here for four years and the others for three.

We are glad that by the time we reach the Sixth, and perhaps the Senior School, we shall be able to tell the "new boys" what the School was like in 1924, when there was but one "wing."

We are of course a very well-behaved class, but this does not mean we are deaf mutes during school hours.



As our master can tell, we try to get all the fun we can out of life.

Pens and pins, and ink and paper were not invented merely to help us to become fine young men, at least we can easily find other uses for them.

We are often amused to see that the upper forms are not above noticing one of our number.

Anyone who has seen (or heard) A. conversing in French with Henri Cabouret, can well understand Henri's remark, "Him spik funnee Fr-r-rench."

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

## THE HOSPITAL

Saturday, the 28th May, 1927, was a notable day in the history of the College, for it was on that day that the new hospital was opened. The hospital is a present from Mrs. Smith, in memory of her nephew, William Henry Caughey, who died in the war. It is a handsome brick building, and contains one main ward, one verandah ward, an isolation ward, an operating room, and nurses' quarters.

On the morning of the eventful day the whole School was busy making preparations for the afternoon's ceremony. The weather was fine and bright, with a somewhat keen wind. The visitors began to arrive about one o'clock, and from that time onwards till three o'clock they kept arriving in ever-increasing numbers. The ceremony was simple, but dignified and most impressive. A popular hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, and a prayer was offered. Mrs. Smith unlocked the door with a golden key, and Dr. Ranston unveiled the tablet in the main ward. There were several speakers, among them being Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., who in an inspiring address besought his hearers, especially the pupils of Wesley College, not to think that the only way in which they could serve their country was through great deeds in time of war. Service could be rendered in the smallest things, and all the time. "They also serve who only stand and wait."

The gathering was most successful, and will live long in the memories of all who were present at it.



THE WILLIAM HENRY CAUGHEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

It may not be out of place here to mention that a further proof of Mrs. Smith's generosity has recently been supplied. She has offered to present the College with a Chapel in memory of her husband, and the offer has been thankfully accepted. The Chapel is to be erected on an elevated site, and it will be a conspicuous object to all travelling past by train. Its architecture is to be Gothic, and it will be a worthy and handsome addition to the College buildings. Provision is to be made for the installation of a pipe organ. Building operations are to be commenced immediately, and it is hoped to have the Chapel completed early in the new year.

## FARM VISITORS

Early during the year the members of the Agricultural Science Club, Auckland, arrived on a Saturday afternoon. They inspected the stock and property, and generally showed approval of the work done. Among the visitors were Mr. E. D. McClennan, M.P.; Professor Riddet, of Auckland University; Mr. Paterson, of the Agricultural Field Division; Mr. S. Finn and Mr. Mitchell, of Wright, Stephenson's. A very profitable and pleasant afternoon was spent. Such visits are not only of interest to visitors, but by interchanging of ideas and expressions of opinion, are most valuable to us.

Later in the year Mr. Carr-Rollett, Agricultural Editor of "The New Zealand Herald," visited the College and inspected the pastures and stock. It has always been a vexed

question as to whether the College should have been established on first-class country, rather than the second-class downs at Paerata. Mr. Carr-Rollett expressed surprise at the fertility of the land, and was convinced that for training such as we are undertaking our land is most suitable. Any-one can farm rich flats, but light second-class soils require careful farming if they are to be realised profitably.

## FARM NOTES

The past winter has shown that the work and money put into top-dressing this class of land is not in vain. All the stock have passed the winter well, and are in good condition. As a result of this the cows are milking better than they have ever before done. The old danthonia in the sheep pastures is fast dying out, its place being taken by better class grasses. We, too, have been very fortunate with the five fields laid down in pasture in autumn. All are carrying feed of both quality and quantity.

Great improvements have been effected in the line paddocks. These, two and a-half years ago, consisted of practically unfenced country reverted to fern, danthonia and tauhinu. Now practically all of it is in crop or in good pasture. It now remains for the top-dressing to bring it to such a pitch of fertility as to support a herd of pure-bred Jersey cows. It is now carrying a flock of over a hundred Southdown ewes, and is doing them and their lambs remarkably well. The percentage of lambs from these ewes was 100 per cent., which is good for stud Southdowns.

Every year we have been able to increase the number of sheep carried. Four years ago 325 ewes were all the sheep the farm could support. This winter we carried over 800 ewes with a good lambing percentage. The lambs take after their sires, Southdowns being very prepotent, and already the butcher has made his acquaintance with some 100 of them. The sheep this year averaged 7lbs. of wool each, which is good considering that we carry a number of Southdowns and hoggets which give light fleeces, and so pull down the average. Some of the boys are getting quite competent shearers, and are very keen about it.



FIRST XI.



Shearing has come and gone again this year, in its usual "much-looked forward to, but gone too quickly" style. This year we were unfortunately without the services of our regular shearer, who was unavailable, but we managed quite well. An unusual number of "dark horses" have come to light as shearers. Walker and Wharerau show distinct promise, and all those who were shearing benefited by the practical help given by Mr. Bell and Mr. Leathard. The old engine still persists in keeping going, even though it does take long rests at intervals, and can only be coaxed to go again by the many mysterious burners, few of which do burn.

Altogether we have had another very successful year as far as the sheep and the shearing are concerned.

Building a dairy herd is a slow job, especially if not much capital is available. The herd has shown, and will show still more, the improvements that can be made by testing, culling and raising the heifers from the best cows. We have entered three cows for C.O.R. this year. They not only fill the bucket, but do it twice. The remainder of the herd is entered for the Government Official Herd Test.

Hitherto we have had only one breed of pigs—Berkshires. This year two new breeds have been introduced—Tamworth and Devon. There is still a good market for pigs. Alas! poor Isaac. We miss his friendly face. Starloch and a new boar are carrying on.

This year we are for the first time sending some animals to the Auckland Show, and we pray that the judges will not be too hard on our first adventure in this direction. However, it is the best advertisement going, and we hope to do well.

Haymaking and harvesting will soon be in full swing, when the pitchfork will again be straining. The pitchfork in this country is dying fast. We now have a machine which can side-rake, turn a swathe, put two swathes into one, put a tedded crop into windrows, turn haycocks and split windrows. This, combined with our hay elevator and hay sweeps, does away with a lot of the drudgery of haymaking.

Among the purchases of the year have been pedigree cows from Wharepapa; Mr. W. H. Madill, Kohimarama; Mr. Hoskin, Mangatoke, Taranaki; Mr. F. Smedley, Te Awamutu;



Piri Land Company. One stud ram from Lincoln College; Berkshires from Bowen and Wilson, Hastings; Tamworths, from Mr. Discombe, Cambridge; Mr. N. Gorton, Feilding; and Weraroa.

## THE BOYS' GARDENS

During the year much work has been given to the garden plots by both senior and junior boys.

The primary school boys were given plots in which they have planted a great variety of vegetables, and have so far made a great success of their plots. The secondary school boys were given experimental plots, which at first did not make much progress owing to the unsettled weather, but since the weather improved the boys have been able to devote more time to the cultivation of their gardens.

Each senior boy has the care of at least three plots. One of these is a grass plot which is treated with certain fertilizers. The other two have been well cultivated, and have had planted in them some farm crop, which is also treated with various fertilizers to determine which is the most suited for both land and crop.

Most boys have obtained successful results from their experimental gardens.

On certain days of the week, each class spends two periods of school time in gardening, and those boys who take a keen interest in their gardens spend many an hour of their own time in friendly rivalry, each trying to improve his own plot.

At the end of the year prizes will be awarded for the best and most successful plots in both sections.

## CRICKET NOTES

When we resumed cricket after the Christmas vacation, we found ourselves without the services of Gittings, Denize, Blamires, Stacey, Marshall, Reedy, and Northover.

At first this appeared rather an overwhelming loss, as it seemed that no new talent would be forthcoming.

Mr. Partridge and Mr. Bowden, however, proved capable men, and Hoddinott and Litherland showed vastly improved form, so that we started full of hope.

We won the first three matches we played, and with one match to go there were three teams in the Association who were equal in points.

We lost our final game, against High School, the ultimate winners, and we extend to them hearty congratulations for the sportsmanlike manner in which they played all their games.

In house cricket, Simmonds are fortunate in possessing Eapi Nabou, and Josiah Vaea, who are a team in themselves. Simmonds have won the two house matches played. School House has, however, been strengthened by the appearance of Dick Kaho, Gina, and Silas.

At the time of writing we are at the commencement of the new season.

There seems to be any amount of interest, and with the new concrete practice wicket, we should be well up to form to meet Old Boys on November 5th.

During the last season Eapi Nabou, Josiah Vaea, and "Mick" Walters, obtained the best bowling averages, and Mr. Hickling and Eapi easily headed the batting.

A trophy is offered for the best all-round improvement during the coming season, and each member of the team has decided to do his utmost to earn and win it.

## THE TEAM

**Eapi Nabou**, Captain.—A powerfully built player, whose batting, bowling and fielding are all first-rate. Has been the strength of the team since his arrival, and we shall be extremely sorry to lose him.

**Josiah Vaea**, 1st slip or deep-field.—A fast bowler, whose easy action is very deceptive. Batting greatly improved, especially on the off. Fielding excellent.

**Mitchel Walters**.—Medium, fast bowler, with a slight swing in from leg. Is getting on well with the bat, and is an excellent field who can fill any position.

**Max. Blakey**, point.—Good all-rounder, but rather inclined to poke at balls wide off the wicket. Should learn to hit as hard as is possible. Slow bowler, with nice off spin.

**Ernest Hoddinott**.—As a bat, rather stiff in his action, but keen. A greatly improved fielder, whose usual position is square-leg.

**Dick Kaho**, mid-on.—Keen and fast. Good medium-paced bowler, and improving bat. Has good style but needs coaching.

**Gina**.—An impulsive and merry player. Rather apt to join the spectators if his first hit isn't a six. Very keen in the field, and has remarkably safe hands.

**Trevor Litherland**.—Has made good progress in all departments during the season. Has an excellent length with medium-paced ball, but is erratic. Should try to watch the ball more closely in batting.

**C. Lees**.—A new member of the team. Keen and energetic, with a useful delivery, and an improving bat.

## FOOTBALL

Football was this year the chief game of the School, and we had a most successful season. The Committee, elected early in the year, consisted of Hoddinott, Walters, Eapi, Allison, Mr. Hickling, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Bowden.

The season opened with the Pukekohe Rugby Union's 7-a-side tournament. This was held in pouring rain, the ball being very difficult to handle. We went through without loss and without points against us—a very creditable performance, as our opponents, except High School, were senior grade teams. The final against High School was won 11—0, a try being scored from the kick-off, after an excellent passing rush.

We were entered in the P.R.U. Junior Competition, and went through the first round with one loss. In the second round we did not do so well, gaining one draw, and losing two games. The forwards were our main strength. They were fast and heavy, and on occasions handled excellently. The

backs handled well, and at times executed passing rushes with accuracy and speed. Our chief back was a scoring wing-three-quarter.

Dunholme visited us for football on September 28th. We won the football by 6—3, after a good game, the ground being in a muddy condition.

College players who were picked for the Junior Reps., were Walker, Allison, Walters, Mr. Bowden. Tipoki played in **one** rep. game and performed well.

Mr. Bell, our coach, gained South Auckland Representative honours.

Result of games played are as follows:—

White Star Seniors, practice match; won, 11—3.

We were assisted by Mr. Bell, and put up a good fight against a much heavier team. This was one of the best games of the season and raised our hopes of winning the competition.

Eapi kicked a penalty goal. Tries by Walters, and Mr. Bowden.

The 2nd XV., also played two games against White Star Juniors, and won 12—9, due to the great forward play of Hehe.

First Round:—

- v. Patumahoe; won 8—3.
- v. Ramblers; won 20—0.
- v. City; won 6—0.
- v. High School; lost 14—3.

Second Round:—

- v. City; won 6—5.
- v. Patumahoe; lost 6—3.
- v. Ramblers; draw 3—3.

The final was played on July 20th, between College and Pukekohe High School. Our hopes were not high, as after the holidays more than half our team was away. High School were too fast for us, and we lost, 36—3. We were thus runners-up for the Junior Championship.

### 3rd GRADE COMPETITION

Our 2nd XV. was also runner-up to High School in this grade. The personnel of the team was:—Thomson (captain), Whatu, Litherland, Ihaka, Frost, Manuel, Kaho, Cowan, Tanirau, Edwards, Tiuka, Bycroft, Suslikova, Lees, Procter 1.

### HOUSE MATCHES

The House Matches, with the exception of the last, resulted in decisive wins for Simmonds, who possessed the majority of the 1st XV. forwards. Moa proved a tower of strength, as did Walker, Tipoki and Co. Hoddinott was responsible for the lion's share of the work in the backs. The scores were:—

Simmonds.	School.
12	0
27	0
3	3

### CRITICISM OF 1st XV

**Tukua**, full-back.—Retained last year's form and was always on his game. Inclined sometimes to run too far. Should have been tried earlier as wing-three-quarter.

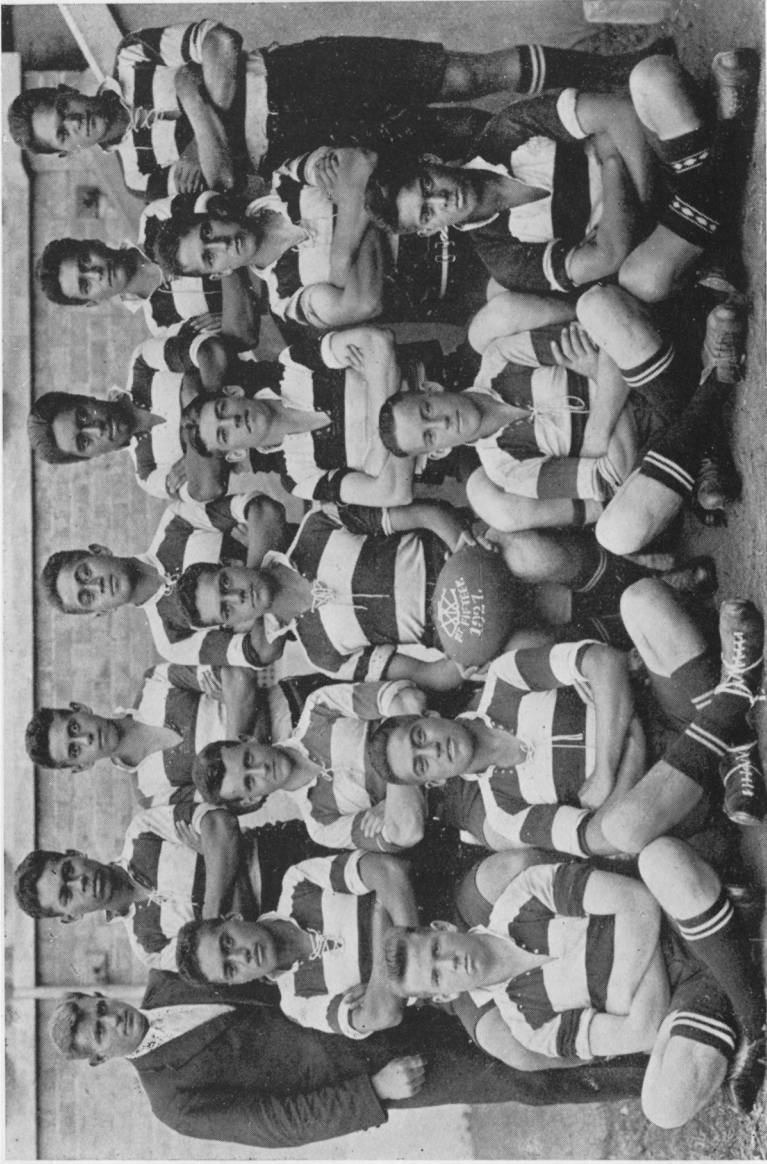
**Hoddinott**, wing-three-quarter.—Vice-Captain. Fast and sure handler. Played wing-forward at times. Did not get enough opportunities on the wing, but always dangerous.

**Vaea**, wing-three-quarter.—Josiah is too much inclined to run infield, and should learn to run hard and straight. Has plenty of pace and is a hard man to stop.

**Blakey**.—Commenced as 1st five-eighths, but played full-back towards end of season. Takes the ball well and is not flustered.

**Tuaupiki**, wing-three-quarter.—Did not strike form until the Dunholme match at end of season, where he played a great game for the other side.

**Tureti**, five-eighths.—A fast and clever back who never hangs on. Did some pretty work on occasions. Should run straight.



1ST FIFTEEN.





**Allison**, half-back.—Surest man in team on defence, and strong on attack. Kicks with both feet. A little slow in whipping the ball out.

**Greenslade**, hooker.—Suffered from lack of condition, but worked hard in the tight. Should follow up more keenly.

**Williams**, hooker.—One of the keenest forwards. Excels in the loose. Came up from 2nd XV.; always first to follow up.

**Moa**, lock.—A fine big forward with plenty of pace as well as weight. A hard man to stop.

**Walker**, support.—One of the best forwards. Better in the loose. Has pace and weight. Never wanting when a try is going begging.

**Tipoki**, support.—Another fine forward of the same type. Played a great game for the Reps. at Papakura. Works hard in the tight.

**Cowell**, back ranker.—Should work harder in the tight. Plenty of pace and handles well.

**Walters** (captain), wing-forward.—Best all-round man in the team and a good captain. Best forward in the Reps. Never tired and toils the whole of the game. A most useful man in the line-outs, also a good kick.

We were assisted also by T. Stone and Mr. Bowden in competition matches.

## HOCKEY NOTES

We are very sorry, but not downhearted, to state that we have not been able to retain the Franklin Shield this year. The games were as follows:—

Pukekohe B	..	..	..	0
College A	..	..	..	16
Pukekohe A	..	..	..	0
College A	..	..	..	1

Waiuku B	..	..	..	2
College A	..	..	..	0
College A	..	..	..	4
College B	..	..	..	0

Our teams were fairly strong, but not as heavy as in the previous years. Nevertheless, a keen interest in the game was maintained by the players throughout the season. Our A team consisted of:—

Eastwood, H. T., Bodley, Webb, L., Russell, J., Tawhara, Beever, Seabrook, R. (captain), Parris, Reihana.

We had a very exciting match with Dunholme at the end of the season, the scores being one all. Mr. Burton gained our goal.

## TENNIS

Tennis has been the most popular summer game, the number of active players amounting to almost half the School.

The Tennis Committee was elected early in the year and has done good work. It consists of Mr. Bowden, Hoddinott, Blakey, Pillar and Seabrook.

The courts are in good condition, one having new tapes, and both being covered with blue metal dust, on which the balls can be seen much more easily.

A ladder was instituted early in the year, but although several games were played, resulting in some alteration in position, the top players remained unaltered. No one was sufficiently optimistic to challenge Eapi or Josiah.

The outstanding event of this season was the visit of Dunholme, who gave us a great afternoon's tennis on October 22nd. Both men and women visitors included some hot players, and Messrs. Chivers and Handy proved just too good for the College champions, Eapi and Josiah, the Dunholme men winning, 6—5.

Championships have not been played at the time of going to press. We expect some great games. School House have two of the best players in the School in Tureti and Kaho, so that the House doubles will be a very even go. The Junior Championship will also provide plenty of excitement, Beever, Harris II, Reihana, and Anderson II, besides many others, all being in the running.

## SWIMMING

The College Swimming Sports were held at Pukekohe on Wednesday, 23rd March. The following were the results:—

### SENIOR EVENTS.

**25 Yards.**—1, Walters; 2, West; 3, Blakey. Time, 19 4-5 secs.

**50 Yards.**—1, Walters; 2, Blakey.

**100 Yards.**—1, Blakey.

**Neat Header.**—1, Nabou; 2, Blakey and Gina (equal).

**Long Plunge.**—1, Gina; 2, Tipoki; 3, Walters.

### JUNIOR EVENTS.

**25 Yards.**—1, Johnston; 2, Rushton; 3, Parker. Time, 16 2-5 secs.

**50 Yards.**—1, Johnston; 2, Rushton. Time, 44 3-5 secs.

**100 Yards.**—1, Rushton; 2, Parker. Time, 3 mins.

**Neat Header.**—1, Suslikova; 2, Beever; 3, Robb.

**Long Plunge.**—1, Johnston; 2, Beever; 3, Suckling.

On another occasion a number of swimmers from our College did well in the Pukekohe Club Carnival. Mr. Bell won the men's races for which he was eligible, while Mr. Bowden won the diving. At the end of the evening the College A team won the All-comers' Relay. The team consisted of Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Johnston and Blakey. The College B team came second.

We hope that as the College grows we shall not be obliged to go all the way to Pukekohe to hold our swimming sports, but that we shall have our own baths on the College property.

## THE SPORTS

As in previous years, the Annual Sports were held on Labour Day, which fell on Monday, October 24th. A week-end of cold, showery weather augured ill for the success of the gathering; but, although early on Monday morning there were one or two heavy showers, the weather greatly improved, and in the afternoon the sun was shining brightly. There was a pleasant nip in the air—just enough to make people glad to keep moving about.

In order to relieve the programme on Monday afternoon several events had been disposed of during the previous week, namely, Throwing the Cricket Ball and the jumping eliminations; also, the heats of the various events were run off on Monday morning. This arrangement enabled the events on Monday afternoon to be kept well up to time.

We had a good attendance of visitors, and the events were witnessed with keen interest. A most pleasing feature of the meeting was the large number of Old Boys present. Ten new records were established.

The School extends its heartiest congratulations to Jim Tukua on winning the Senior Championship, and to Willie Edwards on winning the Junior Championship.

We are very grateful to Mr. Burton, and to all others, both masters and visitors, who organised and supervised the sports. Through their able assistance a highly enjoyable day was spent by all. As "The New Zealand Herald" said, the day will be a milestone in the life of our College.

The results:—

### A.—SENIOR EVENTS.

#### 1. Open and Championship Events.

**100 Yards.**—1, Tukua; 2, Walters; 3, Wharerau. Time, 11 1-5 secs. (record).

**120 Yards Hurdles.**—1, Walters; 2, Tukua; 3, Litherland. Time, 18 1-5 secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, Tukua; 2, Hoddinott; 3, Wharerau. Time, 29 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, Tukua; 2, Hoddinott; 3, Walters. Time, 1 min. 7 2-5 secs. (record).

**880 Yards.**—1, Hoddinott; 2, Tukua; 3, Walters. Time, 2 mins. 35 2-5 secs. (record).

**One Mile.**—1, Hoddinott; 2, Walters; 3, Mihaka; 4, Tukua. Time, 6 mins. 2 2-5s secs.

**High Jump.**—1, Litherland; 2, Walters; 3, Tukua. Height, 4ft. 8½in.

**Long Jump.**—1, Litherland; 2, Walters; 3, Tukua. Distance, 16ft. 7in.

**Hop, Step and Jump.**—1, Litherland; 2, Tukua; 3, Walters. Distance, 36ft. 6½ins.

**Cricket Ball.**—1, Fotu; 2, Kaho; 3, Vaea; 4, Thomson; 5, Litherland. Distance, 80yds. 1ft. 6ins.

**Putting Shot.**—1, Wharerau; 2, Walters; 3, Litherland. Distance, 31ft. 2ins.

**Cross Country.**—1, Hoddinott; 2, Gurney; 3, Hungerford; 4, Tukua. Time, 50 mins.

## 2. Handicap Events.

**100 Yards.**—1, Franklin; 2, Bycroft; 3, Williams. Time, 12 2-5 secs.

**120 Yards Hurdles.**—1, Litherland; 2, Manuel; 3, Procter. Time, 19 3-5 secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, Bycroft; 2, Manuel; 3, Whatu. Time, 31 1-5 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, Bycroft; 2, Farland; 3, Parris. Time, 1 min. 12 secs.

**880 Yards.**—1, Farland; 2, Walker; 3, Parris.

**One Mile.**—1, Farland; 2, Parris; 3, Thomson. Time, 6 mins. 16 1-5 secs.

**High Jump.**—1, Litherland; 2, Whatu; 3, Manuel. Height, 4ft. 8½ins.

**Long Jump.**—1, Thomson; 2, Manuel; 3, Whatu. Distance, 15ft. 3ins.

**Hop, Step and Jump.**—1, Manuel; 2, Tipoki; 3, Thomson. Distance, 32ft. 4ins.

## B.—JUNIOR EVENTS.

### 1 Open and Champlonship Events.

**100 Yards.**—1, Edwards; 2, Oliphant; 3, Robb; 4, Copeland. Time, 13 1-5 secs. (record).

**120 Yards Hurdles.**—1, Wiki; 2, Edwards; 3, Cowan. Time, 22 4-5 secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, Procter, C.; 2, Edwards; 3, Wiki. Time, 34 2-5 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, Pritchard; 2, Edwards; 3, Frost; 4, Copeland. Time, 1 min. 16 secs. (record).

**880 Yards.**—1, Edwards; 2, Cowan; 3, Frost. Time, 3 mins. 1-5 sec. (record).

**One Mile.**—1, Pritchard; 2, Gurney; 3, Beever; 4, Frost; 5, Tawhara. Time, 6 mins. 33 2-5 secs. (record).

**High Jump.**—1, Edwards; 2, Wiki; 3, Copeland. Height, 4ft. 2½ins. (record).

**Long Jump.**—1, Pritchard; 2, Wiki and Cowan. Distance, 13ft. 9ins. (record).

**Hop, Step, and Jump.**—1, Wiki; 2, Procter, C.; 3, Cowan. Distance, 30ft (record).

**Cricket Ball.**—1, Copeland; 2, Quarrie; 3, Hollay; 4, Cowan; 5, Wiki. Distance, 66yds. 6ins.

**Cross Country.**—1, Gurney; 2, Pritchard; 3, Suslikova; 4, Cowan; 5, Edwards; 6, Robb. Time, 51 mins.

## 2. Handicap Events.

**100 Yards.**—1, Oliphant; 2, Knight; 3, Suslikova. Time, 13 2-5 secs.

**220 Yards.**—1, Russell; 2, Suslikova; 3, Cory. Time, 35 1-5 secs.

**440 Yards.**—1, Pritchard; 2, Suslikova; 3, Russell. Time, 1 min. 18 4-5 secs.

## C.—MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

**House Relay (880 yards).**—1, Simmonds House. Time, 2 mins. 4 3-5 secs.

**Old Boys' Race (100 yards).**—1, Stone; 2, White; 3, Stewart. Time, 12 1-5 secs

**Fathers' Race (75 yards).**—1, Lees; 2, Wilkins; 3, Harris.

## Championship Points.

**Senior.**—Tukua, 21; Walters, 17; Hoddinott, 15; Litherland, 12; Wharerau, 5; Kaho, 3; Vaea, 2.

**Junior.**—Edwards, 21; Cowan, 13½; Wiki, 12½; Copeland, 6; Frost, 6; Procter, 5; Robb, 3.

# THE WINSTONE CUP

Keen interest is still maintained in the Winstone Cup, which was presented by Mr. G. Winstone, jun., in 1926, for competition between the two houses. Last year's winners were as follows:—Cricket: Simmonds, 7-5. Football: School, 7-5. Hockey: School, 7-5. Debate: School, 12-3. Sports: School, 7-6. Boxing: School, 4-2. Tennis: School, 7-5. Circlos: School, 2-0. Totals: School, 51; Simmonds, 33.



The present year's results to date are set out in the following table:—

**WINSTONE HOUSE CUP, 1927.**

		Simmonds.	School.	Simmonds.	School.
Cricket	(1) ..	3	1	3	1
Football	(1) ..	3	1	—	—
	(2) ..	3	1	—	—
	(3) ..	2	2	—	—
Total	..	—	—	8	4
Hockey	(1) ..	3	1	—	—
	(2) ..	3	1	—	—
	(3) ..	3	1	—	—
Total	..	—	—	9	3
Debate	(1) ..	4	1	—	—
	(2) ..	4	1	—	—
Total to date	—	—	—	8	2
Sports	..	—	—	9	4
Swimming	..	—	—	4	4
Boxing	..	—	—	2	6
Essay	..	—	—	9	2
Total to date	—	—	—	<u>52</u>	<u>26</u>

Two cricket matches, one debate, and the whole of the tennis, are still to be decided, but the result cannot be affected. The Winstone Cup therefore passes to Simmonds House.

## OUR BOYS IN KHAKI

Our military training has not been forgotten this year. Under 2nd Lieut. Hickling, the master in charge, things have been very brisk.

He is ably assisted by:—

- Corporal Walters, acting Company Sergt.-Major.
- Corporal Hoddinott, in charge of No. 1 Platoon.
- Corporal Blakey, in charge of No. 2 Platoon.
- Corporal Thomson, in charge of No. 3 Platoon.
- Corporal Pillar, in charge of No. 4 Platoon.

### IST TERM.

The chief item of interest was the annual camp, which was held on the College property, from Monday, March 14th, to Saturday, March 19th. This was attended by about 85 boys, and all enjoyed the week under canvas. The boys took a keen interest in their instruction, which was mainly musketry and squad drill.

On the Wednesday Colonel Potter visited and inspected the camp. He was greatly surprised when he found the Cook Islands and Samoan boys amongst us.

One or two showers came down while we were in camp, but our training was not hindered very much. However, on the last day it was raining "cats and dogs." No report of the camp would be complete without a word of praise for the Commissariat Department. Mum's concoctions "wer'n't in it," and great praise is due to the cook for the way he prepared the food over an open fire.

We were all very sorry to hear that Captain Dittmar, the camp O.C., had been transferred to Hamilton; but we welcomed Lieutenant Moncrief in his place.

#### 2ND TERM.

On Anzac Day, the Company marched into Pukekohe and took part in the procession there. This year's recruits acquitted themselves well, and the College was complimented on its marching.

Very few other parades were held this term.

#### 3RD TERM.

Our weekly parades were held. We were taught many company movements as well as squad drill. A number of shooting practices were held, and the Maori boys proved themselves to be good marksmen.

A notable event was the arrival of 80 rifles. These are always in commission and have played a large part in our work.

#### 4TH TERM.

We have missed turning out on very few occasions. Our shooting practices have been carried on. It is hoped to enter a team for the Imperial Rifle Challenge Shield.

On October 13th, a silver cup was presented to T. Litherland by Lieutenant Moncrief. Litherland obtained the highest aggregate of marks of the Company for 1926.

On 27th October we had a whole day on the ranges. We were assembled in the big class-room for morning prep., when the news came round that there was to be shooting that day. After breakfast we marched around in platoons for our equipment, and then proceeded to the range. First of all we fired ten rounds each for our marksmanship. We were then



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given targets for the Imperial Challenge Shield competition. It was late in the afternoon when we returned to School, tired but happy after our day's outing.

Drill this year has been regarded more as a pastime than as a compulsory affair.

A. W. PILLAR.

## OUR SATURDAY EVENINGS

February 19th.—Boxing tournament in quad. Tukua beat Tuaupiki, Wharerau beat Cowell, Hoddinott beat Green-slade.

March 5th.—A concert was held in the big class-room. A large number of items were given. Eapi made a most interesting and instructive impromptu speech on the subject of "Habits."

March 12th.—A moonlight cross-country run was much enjoyed by all who took part in it.

March 26th.—Another concert was held, and Messrs. Isaac, Partridge and Hickling rendered an amusing trio, "A little farm well tilled."

April 2nd.—A tug-of-war, organised by Mr. Burton, caused great excitement. The boys beat the masters.

April 23rd.—There was a debate to decide the respective merits of Hockey and Football, Mr. Clark being in the chair. Pillar and Beever spoke for Hockey, Hoddinott and Litherland for Football. Great interest was shown in the debate, and some promising new speakers appeared, among whom should be mentioned Roy Harris, who spoke with perfect ease and appeared quite self-possessed. Amid great enthusiasm Football was declared the winner by a very **narrow** (?) margin.

May 14th.—A debate was held, "Town Life v. Country Life." Mr. Clark again acted as chairman and judge. L. Webb and Scott defended Town Life, while Country was supported by R. Harris and Buckingham. Much hitherto unsuspected talent was brought to light and a large number of speakers took part. "Country Life" was declared the winner by a large majority. In summing up, Mr. Clark said that the boys, having shown their preference for the country, could not reasonably object to getting up to milk in the morning.

May 28th.—There was a boxing tournament in the gym. Many interesting bouts were witnessed.

June 4th.—The first House Debate of the year was held, the subject being "That New Zealanders are becoming too much addicted to Sport." School House (Blakey, Bycroft, Harris, and Beaver), took the affirmative side, and Simmonds House (Hoddinott, Litherland, Nabou, Pillar), the negative. Rev. Harris was the judge, and he awarded the palm to Simmonds.

June 11th.—We had our first social, which was greatly enjoyed. All the young lasses from the Bible Classes around turned their heads Paerata-wards on this occasion, and shining faces and happy smiles greeted them as they arrived. The Schoolroom was very prettily decorated. A great variety of games were played. Much amusement was caused by one of these, in which the competitors were divided into pairs, and one boy in each pair had to munch an exceedingly dry biscuit and then run across the room and whistle a tune to his partner, who had to recognise it. Mr. Partridge, our usual pianist, was unavoidably absent; but his place was ably taken by one of our visitors, Miss Dulcie Hughson. Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. Hickling and Mr. Burton for the amount of work they put into the social to make it a success.

July 30th.—A debate was held on a subject of perennial interest, namely, the place of the Bible in education. Mr. Burton was in the chair, and Mr. Isaac acted as judge. The motion, "That the Bible should be introduced into the State Schools," was supported by Bycroft, Nabou and Denton, and opposed by Hoddinott, Pillar, and Farland. The debate was then thrown open to all. At the conclusion of the debate, Mr. Isaac criticised the individual speakers, pointing out faults in enunciation and weak points in argument. The affirmative side was declared to be the winner, and Bycroft to be the best speaker of the evening.

August 13th.—There was a highly successful concert, at which we were fortunate enough to have a number of visitors. Miss R. Stokes, of Auckland, delighted us with her playing on the violin, and Mr. H. Fallows, of the Dunholme Theological College, was loudly applauded for his rendering of Paderewski's Minuet and Rachmaninoff's Prelude on the piano.

Miss Fewell sang most pleasingly, and Messrs. Isaac, Partridge, Hickling, and Vaea rendered a comic quartette, "Old Mother Hubbard," which they were compelled to repeat.

August 27th.—A ping-pong evening was held, which was both a tournament and an inter-house competition. Rangi Ho Reihana was the winner of the tournament, and School House the winner of the inter-house competition.

September 3rd.—The House boxing contest was held. School House beat Simmonds by 10 bouts to 7, and there was one draw.

Detailed results were as follows (Simmonds House mentioned first in each case):—

Seniors.—Over 11st.: Wharerau beat Tukua, Walters beat F. Procter, Walker beat Downard. 9½st.-11st.: Hoddinott beat West, Johnston lost to Kaho, Whatu lost to Mihaka. 8st.-9½st.: Edwards lost to J. Anderson, Ihaka beat C. Procter, Cowan lost to Wiki.

Juniors.—7st. 8st.: Frost lost to Robb, L. Webb beat R. Anderson, Pritchard lost to Suslikova. 6st.-7st.: Dingwall beat J. Suckling, Bodley drew with Suslikova, R. Russell lost to R. Anderson. Under 6st.: Holden lost to Turnbull, Stanley lost to Coates, Manning lost to Puihi.

September 10th.—Another concert was held, but, owing to the bad weather, we had very few visitors. Miss Hughson gave a most beautiful and sympathetic rendering on the piano of Rachmaninoff's Prelude. Hape Wiki played the auto-harp and received rounds of enthusiastic applause. Six of the boys—Lovegrove, Denton, Smith, Webb, Gina, and Vaea—sang a minstrel sextette—"Carry me back to Old Virginny." "Simple Simon" was given by the male quartette, and as an encore "Old Mother Hubbard." Mr. Partridge brought down the house with his playing of the piano. At the end of the concert, the whole School joined in singing some favourite choruses.

September 17th.—The second House debate was held, being judged by Mr. Allan. The subject was: "That in New Zealand the lot of the Dairy Farmer is to be preferred to that of the Sheep Farmer." School House (Blakey, Bycroft, Harris, and Denton), spoke for the affirmative side, and Simmonds House (Hoddinott, Litherland, Nabou and Pillar), for the negative. At the conclusion of the debate the judge con-

gratulated the speakers on their performances, and made some useful critical remarks on the individual speeches. Amid applause, Simmonds were declared the winners by 248 points to 239.

September 24th.—As this was the last Saturday evening of the third term, a social was held. Our visitors included a number of students from Dunholme, who had been playing football with us in the afternoon. There were also present the members of the Pukekohe Methodist Ladies' Bible Class, and a number of local residents. The usual games were played. Mr. Fallows amused everybody immensely with his "conjuring" (?) tricks. Mrs. Harris, who had been prevented by illness from attending our previous social, sang with great feeling, and Miss Fewell played the piano. Mr. Isaac contributed a recitation on "Wireless." A hilarious game followed, and "God Save the King," brought a highly enjoyable evening to a close.

October 29th.—An impromptu concert was held. Messrs. Nott, Blakey, and Stone, sang a trio of their own composition, in which various local celebrities were "taken off," and we all had a hearty laugh. Mr. Partridge played two pianoforte sketches by Edward McDowell, prefacing his performance by some interesting remarks on the circumstances of their composition. Boyce also played the piano, and a quartette gave two minstrel songs. Although hastily improvised, the concert was greatly enjoyed by all.

November 5th.—The tragic fate of Guido Fawkes was this night commemorated in time-honoured fashion by the letting off of crackers, skyrockets, and the like, and by a big bonfire. There were no casualties. After it was all over, a hundred happy, weary boys trooped home to bed. Those who had watches put them on an hour, for "daylight saving" was to come into force next morning.

## VISITORS' NOTES

We are always pleased to have visitors at the College and during the past year we have had visits from a number of well-known people.

Early in the year Mr. Goldie with Gina and Silas from the Solomons came to the College. Mr. Goldie gave us a very interesting address on the work of the Methodist Church in



the Solomon Islands, and left Gina and Silas with us, so that they might obtain an education that would fit them for missionary work.

The next visit was made by the members of the Auckland Agricultural Science Society, who came to look over the farm and to see what was being done by us.

Mr. E. P. Blamires, the President of the Young People's League, is well known at the College, and his visits are always looked forward to. Early in October he paid us a visit, coming on a Sunday morning and taking the service. We greatly enjoyed his sermon, and hope we shall see him again soon.

On the 25th of October, we had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Wickham from London, and Mr. Stallworthy, the Secretary of the New Zealand Alliance. Rev. Wickham spoke to us on the evils of the liquor traffic. He made his address very vivid by illustrating it with small pictures and diagrams. If he could visit us again we should be very pleased to see him.

On the following Sunday we were favoured by a visit from Mr. Priestley, who represents the Sudan United Mission. He spoke to us about the great work that was being carried on by the New Zealand Missionaries in the Sudan.

As our College is in the country, we are to some extent cut off from the activities of town life, and therefore the coming of visitors, who bring us news of the world outside, is appreciated by us even more than it would otherwise be.

M.P. and J.B.

## Milking in the Morning at Wesley College

Drrr-rrrr-rrrr goes the alarm, and the bed gives a creak as the head milker hops out of bed and goes up into the dressing-room. He dresses and then sets about the task of waking up his fellow "cow-punchers."

He goes along the verandah and wakes up seven dreary and tired-looking boys. "Come on, you fellows, it's 4.15 and it's time we were starting; shake it up!"

They stroll out and get into their working clothes, and then one says, "Who's going for the cows this morning? I went yesterday and I am not going again this morning."

The "boss" says who is to go for the cows and they set off. At 4.45 the cows are driven into the yard and Mr. Dunn gives orders. They start milking, and when Springbank

Countess comes in through the second gate the junior boy calls out, "Who's going to milk Countess, Mr. Dunn?" "Not you, anyway," is the reply. "C——, you take Springbank next, will you?"

"Righto, boss!"

When there are about fifteen cows left, Mr. Dunn comes in and says, "Shake it up, ycu fellows, I have started the separator."

No response, but one can hear the quicker squirt of the milk as it goes into the bucket.

Milking is now finished, and two bcys are told off to take the cows away, three to sweep the yard, and two to wash up.

When these jobs are completed we see the seven milkers, covered in cows' hairs, trooping up to the College to a handsome breakfast. Not far behind is Mr. Dunn, glad to have the first part of his day's work over.

## A TRIP TO THE SOUTH SEAS

The South Seas are to most people a charmed magic casement, opening on the foam of perilous seas in fairy lands forlorn. I can hardly remember the time when I did not long to visit and see for myself these fairy lands. Stories of pirates, shipwrecked heroes triumphing over nature, tales of the flotsam and jetsam of life, such as Russell's "Where the Pavement Ends"—all these have appealed to me for years. The first book I ever read was "The Swiss Family Robinson," a much more marvellous thing than "Robinson Crusoe." It has always seemed to me the very perfection of a novel.

It is surprising how few Australians and New Zealanders have ever visited the South Sea Islands. We think nothing of going to Sydney, and yet just the same distance north we can meet a climate and a life totally different from that to which we are accustomed. What a wonderful winter holiday it is! Four days after leaving Auckland one arrives at Suva, and the first of the coral reefs, I see them yet, white and blue in the sun, waves dully booming night and day. Nothing is more typical of these islands.

Suva is doubly surprising. Not only is it a tropical town, but it is the Paris of the South Seas, with the most cosmopolitan of populations. It has streets just like streets in India, where there are jewellers' shops, and little drapers'

shops—each with its sewing machine going night and day—by the score. What a contrast there is, too, between the Fijian and the Indian. The one handsome and proud, and yet child-like. The other smaller boned, clothed in cheap three-garment suits, and striving ever to wring from his Aryan brother a recognition of equality which he feels sure he merits, but which his very insistence makes it more difficult for him to obtain.

But to see Fiji one must move out of Suva into the interior of the island. It is only on the banks of glassy streams that one can see the Fijian in his true surroundings. His simple yet clean huts, his love of ceremony, his not over-successful efforts to grow the taro and the yam—these are the things that impress one most.

Nature has never seemed more wonderful to me than when gliding up the inlet of the Rewa, with dark green palm-clad banks on either side, and the reflection in the water so clear that one on looking down seemed to be gazing into a new world.

And yet people go to Sydney! Maddened politics, masses of concrete, crowds of people dodging motors and trams, and a loneliness more complete than in the desert, and that is Sydney!

I went to Levuka for some days, a little town, once the capital, now in the backwater, but most beautiful. A wonderful reef protects the harbour, and from the shore there rises a fairly steep range of hills, down which there are some wonderful gullies. To take one's boots and stockings off, to splash through cool running water, and even to take a header into some tempting pool—for clothes need not worry one overmuch—this is to feel more than a passing sympathy with the lotus-eaters.

Tonga is different, but no less beautiful. Fiji is a mass of mountains, rivers and valleys, and wide-spreading deltas. Tonga has no mountains, no rivers, and so of course no deltas. Flat almost as a pancake, but planted so thickly with palms and other tropical trees that one never notices its flatness.

It is a wonderful little kingdom. Quite the happiest of the three islands that one visits. There is no poverty, as everyone owns land enough for his needs; no drunkenness, and no social questions. Tongans believe that Tonga is the Britain of the Pacific, and I would that Britain were as happy

and contented. The British Consul exercises certain control over the government, but the island is really a little kingdom, and possesses a large measure of autonomy.

I was much impressed with the Tongans. More sure of themselves than the Fijians, not so introspective as the Samoans, they are a most fortunate people. They are wonderful singers, and are born with an innate sense of harmony. I went to church in Nukualofa on the Sunday evening, and heard wonderful singing. The dim light, the fervour of the people, sent shivers of excitement down my back, and that though the temperature was over 70.

I was entertained whilst in Nukualofa by Vaea's people, and had an excellent time, seeing things and getting an insight into affairs that otherwise it would be almost impossible to obtain. In Fiji, too, Eapi's people gave me a ceremonial welcome, and presented a tambour, the equivalent to our freedom of the city.

After all it is the people that interest one most, the people and their problems. The Fijians have scores of problems, the Tongans seem to have few. What would surprise the average tourist most is the part played by the missionaries in both Fiji and Tonga. They are the power behind the throne. It is impossible to realise the work that they are doing unless one has seen it. They are most capable men, with statesman-like vision.

Of the other islands of the Tongan Group, and of Samoa, we have not space to write. Samoa, the island loved by Stevenson, the land of wonderful plantations—a monument to German method and thoroughness—refuses to be condensed into a few short sentences.

The Americans have made Hawaii their playground, and in time we too will realise the wonder of the holiday lands so near to us; lands, too, which are destined to play a very important part in working out the destiny of the Pacific. It is a duty of every New Zealander to know these islands and these peoples just as well as he knows Australia and the Australians.

## ESSAY

The Part played by the Farmers in building up  
the Prosperity of New Zealand

We, in this fair garden of the south, live in more comfortable circumstances, perhaps, than the inhabitants of any other country in the world. As we are only human we take all these things as a matter of course, but let us consider a moment why we are so bountifully supplied. Many people in the towns rejoice as they see splendid buildings being erected, new parks and various other places for recreation being made. Most of them praise their enterprising Borough or City Council, but if they were to give a little more thought to the source of their wealth they would see it came, directly or indirectly, from the man on the land.

From the earliest of times, ever since the early part of last century, when the pioneers first came to New Zealand, it was seen by Wakefield, Godley and Grey, that the land was well suited for farming. In Canterbury, Nelson, Taranaki and Wanganui, sheep-farming was first established on the land bought by the Wakefield Company. Canterbury, with her ideal climate and land, immediately went ahead. The farming centres in the North Island, however, did not prosper, but the farmers tenaciously held on to their properties, despite the set-backs of the Maori Wars. Finally, at the end of the wars, legislation made matters easier for the farmer.

Fairly late in last century, by means of refrigeration, the New Zealand sheep-farmers were again given an opportunity to bring wealth to themselves and prosperity to their country. Hitherto they had received incomes only from the wool off the sheep, now they were able to send their mutton to the Home market. Quickly following the example set by the sheep-farmer, the dairy-farmer made his presence felt. New Zealand is a country where grass grows easily and plentifully, and water is in all parts abundant. Dairy farming soon became more popular in some of the districts where sheep-farming had previously been practised.

The desired effect was inevitable, and ten years had not elapsed before a keen rivalry existed between the two types of farming. Certain shipowners saw where money could be made, and established a regular shipping service between New

Zealand and the United Kingdom. With the growing importance of farming and the huge increase of exported produce, large towns began to spring up on the best of the harbours. As a result, we to-day have Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin as the outlets to the exports produced from our fertile soil.

Farmers penetrated into bush country and established sheep ranches, and through their representatives in Parliament obtained roads and railways for the previously inaccessible parts of the country. In New Zealand we pride ourselves on the freedom we enjoy, and the democracy everywhere evident, and by chance we may forget the men who have been at the head, and still are leading the country through the difficulties she may encounter. A good, solid, level-headed man is being produced, and from the land he goes to help his country in the Legislature. As a result, in Parliament to-day, well over fifty-five per cent. of the members are farmers, who, together with lawyers and professional men, make our laws. New Zealand to-day boasts of having a farmer as Prime Minister. We may, therefore, see that no one has more right to our praise than the farmer, who has actively followed the growth of New Zealand from a small unimportant group of islands to the keenest competitor on the world's markets for farm produce.

## NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Denis Raikes is at present working for Battery Supplies, Ltd., Auckland.

Eric Hirst has a position with Messrs. James Royce & Co., Parnell.

Dave Gilling is in the office of Ellis & Burnand, Hamilton.

Albert Bryant is on his father's farm at Matangi.

Trevor Stacey is employed in the office of Winstone, Ltd., Auckland.

Keith Henderson is teaching at the Te Aroha School, and is going to Training College next year.

Charles Harding is cabinet-making with his father at Kaponga.

Gordon White is teaching at the Cornwall Park School, and is going to Training College next year.

Frank Hoffey is playing in the orchestra of the Prince Edward Theatre.

Arthur Goudie has a position with a firm in New Plymouth.

Seth Denize is working in a bank at Paeroa.

Ken Gittings is working in Hannah's shoe store, Wellington.

Robert Hosking is assisting his father on the farm at Fernleigh.

Roy Glibbery and Lincoln Webb are attending the Technical College, Auckland.

Tom Poole and Graham Blamires are attending the Takapuna Grammar School.

Robert Seabrook is working on his father's farm.

Bruce Cassidy is assisting on his father's farm at Kiwitahi.

Bruce Hiskens is employed on a farm near Te Kuiti.

John Craig is working on the farm at Waiuku.

Trevor Stone is on the farming staff of the College.

Ken Murchison is now working in Cadbury's factory in Hobart.

Dudley Voice is helping on his father's farm near Putaruru.

Rev. P. Rakena is now stationed at Rahoitu, Opunake.

L. Ormsby is working at the Otorohanga butter factory.

W. Hetet is farming at Oparure, Te Kuiti.

H. W. Samuel is engaged in electrical work at Pipiriki.

A. Lewis is in the employ of Messrs. J. J. Craig & Co., Auckland.

C. Ormsby is working at the Railway Workshops, Penrose.

J. Ormsby is working at Kidd Garretts & Co., Auckland.

Ate Poihakene is working for Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Arapuni.

Dick Armstrong is working on his father's farm at Kawhia.

Wesley Pilkington is assisting in his father's business at Onehunga.

Dick Bedggood is farming at Kerikeri, Bay of Islands.

Harry Marshall is working on a farm at Hurrellville, Canterbury.

Rev. R. T. Haddon, of Normanby, Taranaki, is Superintendent of the Methodist Maori Missions in New Zealand.

Rev. E. Te Tuhi and Hori Winiata are at present touring with a Home Mission deputation.

Jack and Tom Morgan have a carrying service at Otorohanga, King Country.

Bruce Chapman is on his father's farm at Tirau, Rotorua.

Mervyn Gibbs is working in the Post and Telegraph Office in Palmerston North.





## THE SCHOOL ROLL, 1927

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

*Anaru, W.	Harris, L.	*Roberts, T.
Anderson, J.	*Harris, R.	Russell, J.
Anderson, R.	*Harrison, T.	Russell, R.
Appleby, T. W.	*Hehe, W.	Scott, L.
Beever, J.	*Hemi, H.	Seabrook, M.
Blakey, M. B.	Hoddinott, E. S.	Seabrook, R.
Bodley, W.	*Holden, J.	*Smith, N.
*Boyce, R.	*Hollay, E. G.	Spencer, E.
*Bryant, R.	Hungerford, R.	*Stanley, J.
*Buckingham, C. K.	*Ihaka, R.	*Suckling, E.
Bycroft, E.	Inder, J.	Suckling, J.
*Carnachan, L.	*Jenkins, C.	*Suslikova, R.
Coates, J.	Johnston, C.	*Tanirau, H.
*Copeland, O.	*Knight, D.	Tawhara, W.
Cory, D.	Litherland, T.	Taylor, M.
*Cowan, E.	Lovegrove, M.	Thomson, E.
*Cowell, C.	Manning, T.	Tipoki, T.
*Crawford, H.	Maughan, G.	*Tiuka, K.
*Denton, H.	Mihaka, T.	Tuaupiki, N.
Dingwall, K.	*Moon, N.	Tukua, J.
*Dudding, B.	Morris, A.	Turrbull, D.
*Eastwood, H. G.	Nabou, E.	*Turner, J.
Eastwood, H. T.	*Nicholls, K.	*Tuteao, W.
*Edwards, R.	*Oliphant, P.	Vaea, J.
Edwards, W.	Parker, S.	*Walker, G.
*Farland, J.	*Parris, E.	Walters, M.
Fisher, L.	*Pillar, A.	*Watkin, L.
*Franklin, E. W.	*Preest, V.	Webb, L.
Frost, M. C.	*Pritchard, M.	Webb, R.
Gillies, R. C.	*Procter, C.	West, A.
Gilmour, D. I.	*Procter, F.	Wharerau, M.
Gilmour, R. N.	*Quarrie, A.	Whatu, D.
*Greenslade, A. K.	*Ratu, P.	*Wiki, A.
Gurney, D.	Reihana, R.	Williams, J.
Gurney, T.	*Robb, J.	

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

Rushton, H.	Manuel, H.	Kaho, R.
Allison, W.	Lees, R.	Davies, D.
Atkin, J.	Seal, J.	Harding, P.
Fotu, S.	Cabouret, H.	
Gina, B. D.	Downard, C.	

The following have left during the year:—

Morris, A.	Seabrook, R.	Webb, R.
Allison, W.	Tiuka, K.	Pillar, A.
Cowell, C.	Watkin, L.	Dingwall, K.
Crawford, H.	Inder, J.	
Preest, V.	Webb, L.	









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