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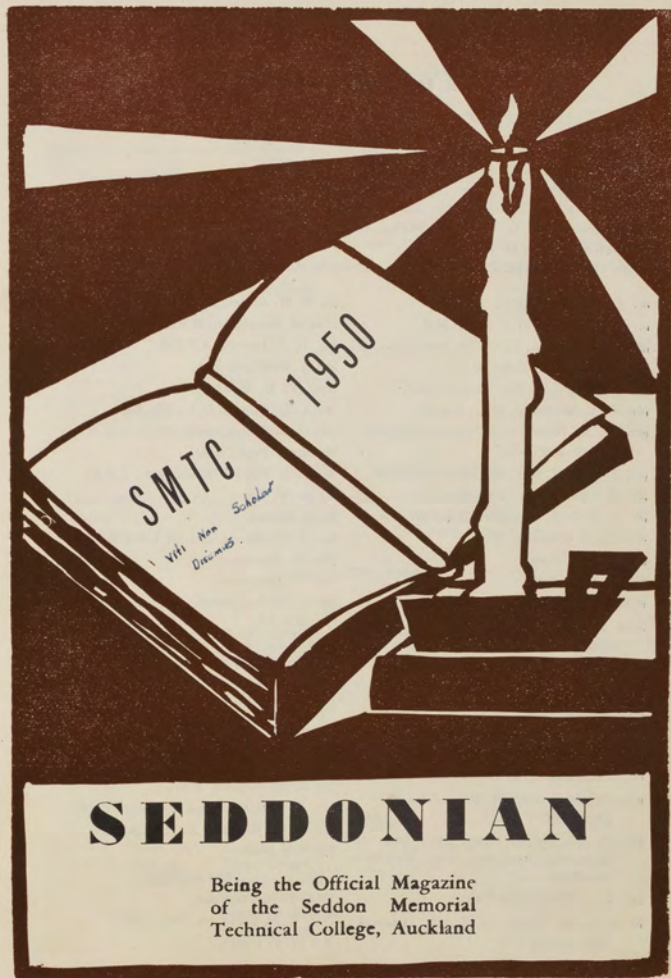
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The Seddonian, 1950

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Auckland, N.Z.

EDITORIAL

The first half of the 20th Century has gone. By the time the second half is finished most boys and girls of the college, who to-day read these words will be men and women in their sixties—most members of the staff who have helped to publish this magazine will have reached "the undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns," but our dark grey buildings here will probably still be standing.

In 2,000 A.D. different students will inhabit these buildings and different pigeons will nest in the eaves. We know this almost with certainty, but we must not be content merely with this knowledge. We must make certain that just as we have inherited certain assets, so we must use our talents to ensure that those who follow us may inherit something more and something better.

At times we are very apt to criticize the errors of the older generation which in the first 50 years of this century gave us two major wars the results of which are still with us. But at the same time we must realise that our elders inherited troublous times from their older genera-

tion and that besides a legacy of war's aftermath we are also heirs to many priceless gifts in all branches of knowledge and achievement.

Because the peace plans of our fathers have not worked exactly as was anticipated it does not mean that we in our generation should be sceptical and that we should give up the struggle with a callous shrug of youthful shoulders. Now, for instance, that the Korean War has entered a new phase, it should remind us that all peoples bordering the Pacific are our neighbours, and that we can and must live on good terms with them.

And just because we all in New Zealand have to work less hard for our daily bread than do many of our neighbours it does not mean that we must squander our leisure hours. After our half-time spell in 1950 let us make sure that all our efforts in the second half are used constructively and thoughtfully so that those pupils who are here in 2,000 will have received something from us and that their heritage may not be merely as good as ours, but much better. May we all contribute not only to the well-being of this college alone, nor even to this country alone, but to mankind in general.

Principal's Message

Developments of considerable importance have been taking place in the past two years in apprenticeship and related matters and these are of vital interest to many of our students and to their parents. It will now be fairly generally known that a prerequisite of two years full-time post-primary education is required in most skilled trades and in the case of the electrical trade there is an additional requirement of a satisfactory standard in English and Mathematics in a IVth or higher form. The value of the School Certificate examination as a measure of school attainment and progress is being increasingly recognised. In the electrical, furniture, and carpentry and joinery trades a reduction of six months in the period of apprenticeship is granted to holders of the School Certificate provided it includes a pass in certain appropriate subjects. The benefit of a longer stay at school is also recognised by the engineering industry which similarly reduces by six months the apprenticeship where the recruit has had at least three years in a suitable day engineering course. The N.Z. Trade Certification Board has been in existence only a little more than a year and it is steadily establishing its series of examinations for apprentices. Entries were recently taken for examinations in the motor, plumbing, carpentry-joinery and electrical trades. In general there will be three stages in the examination for certification and in many trades there are already incentives by way of wage premiums for apprentices who pass these examinations.

Examinations are clearly to play a more important part in the progress and promotion of our students. This is, of course, only one aspect, though an important one, for parents to consider when contemplating the early withdrawal of a girl or boy from a full-time course. Very great harm is possible to the career and future happiness of a pupil who is not permitted to take a course, as completely as possible fulfilling these new requirements and at the same time providing a sound basis for a healthy life and a purposeful citizenship.

Valedictory

MR. E. S. CLOSS

Mr E. S. Closs, B.A., A.M.I. Mech. E. (London) as from the end of the second term resigned from his position as First Assistant and Head of the Evening School Department of the College and has retired from the teaching profession. He joined the staff in 1923 coming from Wanganni Technical College where he had been Head of the Engineering and Trades Department. Mr Closs was educated in Australia, taking his Engineering subjects at Brisbane University. His practical engineering experience was gained in the Queensland Railways which he entered as a mechanical engineering cadet. He had experience in all the mechanical shops and later was a draftsman. This was followed by a period of two years with the New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways as a draftsman. Mr Closs then came to Christchurch and was for two years an engineering instructor at Christchurch Technical

College. He returned to Australia and joined the staff of the Centre Technical College, Brisbane, and this was followed by a more responsible teaching post involving supervision at the Ipswich Technical College.

Mr Closs has acted as examiner for the Education Department in Technological and other examinations in engineering subjects. He has acted on a number of educational committees, e.g. the Consultative Committee which recently reported on National Trades Examinations.

His experience, his cheerful personality and his ready sympathetic help will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils, whom the Seddonian joins in wishing both Mr. and Mrs. Closs many happy years of well-earned retirement.

VALEDICTORY

At the end of the first term this year we bade farewell to Mr. A. F. E. Tylee, Head of the Engineering Dept., on his departure for Melbourne to take up the position of Director of Swinburne Technical College.

Mr. Tylee commenced his duties with us as a teacher of mathematics and mechanics in 1945 and was made head of the Engineering Dept. in 1946. When Returned Servicemen found themselves unable to take the courses for the exams of the English Institutions of Engineers at the University College owing to the great numbers of Engineering Degree students there, Mr. Tylee was largely responsible for organising and bringing into being the Engineering Institutions courses in this school as we have them to-day.

Prior to his appointment to this staff, Mr. Tylee had had some experience with the Christchurch City Council Engineers' Dept., and also on the staff of Christchurch Technical College; while during the war he organised camps for troops for coast defence in the South Island.

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Tylee and their family our very best wishes for their success in the new land to which they have gone.

MR. ERIC H. HALSTEAD, M.P.

Mr. Halstead resigned from the staff of the College at the end of 1949 after winning the Tamaki seat for the National Party. His entry into politics while still a young man has robbed the teaching profession of one of its most versatile members and the College of a very successful and popular Head of Department.

A full review of Mr. Halstead's career and his more recent achievements would be a lengthy "documentary." Many of the present staff remember Mr. Halstead's enthusiasm as a young teacher when he joined the staff in 1935. Though he held an Arts Degree with Honours in History, much of his teaching was Commercial. He graduated B. Com. in 1940. In those years he was a well-known tennis player. But he also found time to play junior Rugby, to be President of the Students' Association of the Auckland University College for two years; to coach College Rugby teams, and with Mr. K. Turtill, to introduce the sport of Rowing to the College.

In 1939 his interests reverted to History. He volunteered immediately

war was declared and entered camp with his colleagues, Mr. J. L. G. Carnahan and Mr. K. Turtell, in January, 1940. All three left New Zealand with the Third Echelon as officers of the 24th N.Z. Battalion. Mr. Halstead was married shortly before embarking. He remained with his Battalion for 16 months until receiving appointment as official Archivist to the 2nd N.Z.E.F. This post admirably suited Mr. Halstead's talent for originality and enterprise. He conceived the "Popular Histories" of the Middle East campaigns, "Prelude to Battle," "Campaign in Greece," "Battle for Crete," etc. Altogether nine of these short histories were produced, Mr. Halstead being responsible for the first six. His work earned him a "Mention in Despatches" and the rank of Major. During a spell in New Zealand in 1943 he established the inter-Services War History Committee, which did preliminary planning. He returned to Italy and Greece, finally coming back to New Zealand in June, 1945.

Mr. Halstead's war service was terminated as abruptly as it began by his immediate appointment as Head of the Commercial Department of the College. However, he retained his interest in the College Cadets and later was elected member of the executive committee of the Auckland Branch of the R.S.A.

Mr. Halstead's four and a-half years tenure of office as Head of the Commercial and Accountancy work of the College saw many notable innovations, such as the Business Administration Course, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Indus-

trial Management Course, the Senior Business classes, the course in Accounting Machines, daylight adult classes in Advanced Book-keeping and Auditing. Not the least of Mr. Halstead's achievements was the harmonious relations which he fostered among the day-time and part-time Commercial and Accountancy staff. He had to cope with a vastly increased number of Commercial students caused by Rehabilitation, and to find instructors; and to supervise the modification of courses up to post-war standards. The performance of these tasks after five years' absence from teaching could well have been a strain on top of the class-room teaching and readjustment to civil life. Mr. Halstead accomplished all with good humour and apparent confidence. He retained his numerous contacts with institutions outside the College, including the R.S.A. during this period, thereby enriching himself and his Department.

1949 saw him tempted to try his hand at politics. With customary flair and persistence, he won a difficult selection ballot in the National Party and followed it up by winning a difficult seat. Those who know Mr. Halstead are hardly surprised at his turn to politics and expect him to achieve the success for which his varied career has trained him.

The staff and pupils of the College wish Mr. Halstead well, both in his Parliamentary career and in his practice as a Public Accountant.

VALEDICTORY

We wish to congratulate Mr. F. D. Choate on his appointment as car-

toonist on the staff of the N.Z. Newspapers, Ltd.

Educated at the Ashburton High School, Canterbury and Auckland University Colleges, he joined our staff as art master early in 1941. Shortly afterwards he left on active service and did not take up teaching again till 1944.

His great interest in and friendliness with boys was shown by his coaching of Rugby and Cricket teams. Aply assisted by Typography boys he designed artistic settings for the college dramatic productions.

Following in the footsteps of his father, he was always interested in cartooning. After many successful amateur efforts he was appointed cartoonist to the "N.Z. Observer" in 1941.

His quiet humour and his pipe are sadly missed in the common room. Instead of having previews of "Observer" cartoons, now members of the staff each night rapidly turn over the front page of the "Star" to see what Choate has drawn. Good luck in the future, Des.

VALEDICTORY

At the end of 1949 a number of the lady members of the staff were entertained at the final staff morning-tea party of the year. Presentations were made to Mrs. Beagle, of the Commercial Department, (formerly Miss J. McLachlan, and an ex-pupil of the College) whose marriage took place earlier in the year; and also to Miss D. Franklin, of the Home Science Staff (now Mrs. Spence), who left us to take up life on a farm out of Dannevirke. Miss E. L. Suther-

land sailed in early December to go to an exchange teaching position in a Technical College in Shoreditch, London, and has for this year been replaced by Miss B. M. Hargreaves from the staff of the English school mentioned.

Farewell greetings were also extended to Miss L. Maloy and to Miss J. Campbell (College Librarian), both of whom set off in January, 1950, on a year's leave of absence. Letters received since tell of experiences enjoyed on the journey to England, of trips through that country, and in Scotland and Ireland, and also of plans for a tour of the trio together on the Continent. Miss J. Galloway, one of the Dressmaking Staff, and another former pupil of the College, returned to her position here in May, 1950, after some fifteen months of enjoyable travel and valuable observation and training overseas.

MR. C. L. MALOY

Mr. C. L. Maloy, M.Sc., A.I.Mech.E., assumed his duties as first assistant and Head of the Engineering Dept. of the College at the beginning of the third term. He comes to us from a responsible position, that of Deputy Director of the Dominion Physical Laboratory of the D.S.I.R.

Mr. Maloy is an old boy of the College and after leaving day school he was a student teacher at the College. He then took the normal course at the Auckland Teachers' Training College. For three years he was assistant master at Southland Technical College and then he returned to the College as an assistant master in the second term of 1935. He re-

mained here until, during the War, he was seconded to the D.S.I.R. as chief physicist at the Dominion Laboratory. There he was engaged on important investigations, e.g., on the foundation rock for hydro-electric power schemes and on other large structures under construction by the Ministry of Works. He was sent to Australia to investigate allied building research activities.

During his school career and his teaching, Mr. Maloy took an active part in sports — cricket, soccer and hockey.

The College welcomes back most cordially to a most important post in the College an old boy with such happy and successful experience.

College Courses for Boys and Girls

Senior Business Course — This course is available to both girls and boys who have completed two years' post-primary education. The course includes the subjects Shorthand, Typing, Book-keeping, Commercial Practice, Calculating and Book-keeping Machines, taught by specialist instructors with comprehensive equipment both for Typewriting and for Commercial Practice. The time given to such subjects as Shorthand and Typewriting is such that rapid progress in speed is made. Careful attention is given to English as an essential basic subject and appropriate diversity is provided — Dressmaking for girls and Crafts for boys. In this way the course combines the advantages of an ad hoc training similar to that given in private business colleges, with the other advantages of equipment and staff which

avoid the difficulty of making the course too narrow and specialised. Students wishing to take School Certificate will be able to take subjects required by the regulations. At the end of the year students who are adequately prepared may sit for the Public Service Commissioner's Shorthand Typistes' Examinations (Junior and Senior) and the New Zealand Society of Accountants' Book-keepers' Certificate of Proficiency. The College also awards special Diplomas for distinguished work, and certificates for those who have completed the course with credit.

COURSES FOR GIRLS

Nursing and Homecraft. — This course is available for girls who wish to receive in their post-primary school years a good preparation for such vocations as nursing, dental nursing, teachers of Homecraft, dietitians, masseuses, and occupational therapists. Pupils may take the School Certificate Examination in the third or fourth year. Subjects apart from the essential requirements of the regulations include Physiology, Hygiene, Dressmaking, Crafts, Cookery, Laundrywork and Needlework. A limited number of pupils will be accepted in Forms III and IV who must be prepared to continue to Form V, but there will be no restrictions on the admission of Forms V and VI girls.

Commercial Course. — This important course, which has trained thousands of girls for a business career in the city and suburban centres, provides a three or four years' course of instruction. Subjects are English, Social Studies, Music, Art, Shorthand, Type-

writing, Book-keeping, Commercial practice, Homecraft and Dressmaking. In the senior classes tuition is provided in Machine Accounting. The average girl will be able to sit for the School Certificate Examination in her third year, and may proceed to University Entrance Examination in her fourth year, or take the special Senior Business Course at an advanced grade. Girls who wish to remain only three years will then be fitted to take up positions in the Commercial world. Girls who reach an adequate standard may take the Public Service Commissioners' Shorthand Typistes' examinations in the second and third years.

COURSES FOR BOYS

Engineering. — This course is arranged for boys who intend to enter Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Structural, Motor or Marine Engineering, a decision as to the branch of Engineering to which the student is best suited being deferred until his work and aptitudes have been studied for twelve months. The first year is largely exploratory.

The fundamentals, viz. Mathematics, Science, Technical Drawing, Engineering, Shop-work, English and Social Studies, in addition to the "core" subjects prescribed for all post-primary schools, comprise the syllabus taught.

At the end of the first year the course is made somewhat more specific and specialised and takes the form of three main streams.

For boys who have a desire to become professional engineers, and who have the ability to proceed with

the course of training necessary, particular attention is paid in their classes to the mathematics and science subjects which, when passed in the School Certificate Examination, provide exemption from the Joint Preliminary Examination, the pre-requisite for the examinations of the Institutions of Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Structural Engineers. This School Certificate Examination course requires a minimum attendance of three years, but it is very desirable that the University Entrance Examination should be taken by these boys, requiring an additional year. The higher examinations of the British Engineering Institutions are fully covered in day-time classes and in engineering trades (mechanical, electrical, radio) more time is given after the first year to engineering shop-work and theory and to technical drawing, while for those who wish to enter the motor trade a motor engineering year. If desirable, a boy in these courses can take the School Certificate Examination (minimum time three years). In any case it is generally wise that a boy should spend three years in these courses leading to apprenticeships if he is to obtain the maximum benefit from them.

Senior Engineering Course. — A day-time course is conducted for boys who have reached the School Certificate or (preferably) the University Entrance standard, and who wish to undertake evening classes within the College. A boy who wishes to proceed to a University degree in Engineering or in the Physical Sciences will take this University Entrance Examination

school and home to a union of school and life, of domestic and scholastic life, the resultant being of utmost value to the one most concerned — the growing child.

DRAMA CLUB

— We began this year with about thirty members of whom 22 took the stage in our main (August) production. Attendance at week-end rehearsals has proved that drama teams can be just as keen as footballers or cricketers.

We have done our work in three sections—(a) formal training, (b) one-act plays, (c) full-length play.

We have learnt how to speak, to fall, or to curtsy; how to group, how to "pull faces" on the stage; how to make stage "properties"; and also a score of things we must not do. Small acting assignments we have had: When a group acted a fire rescue you could almost smell the smoke; the police would have arrested on sight our Bob impersonating a modern Monte Cristo.

One-act plays have given scope for some not taking main parts in the full plays. Two teams were entered in the British Drama League Festival and both were commended by the judge. S. Dwen, G. Sorenson, A. McFadden, S. Rogers and Joel Clarke (producer), acted "Seeing the World." M. Adam, J. Daisley, A. Colbert, B. Jacobson, R. Buckeridge and N. Chalmers were the cast of "The Second Best Bed" at the Town Hall. Our main production was Barrie's delightful comedy, "The Admirable Crichton." All who saw this play agree that it was well up to the standard of previous Col-

lege productions. All the principals showed real acting ability, the most outstanding being B. Jacobson as Crichton the butler, Margaret Adam as Tweeney, D. Bowman as Ernest, J. Lees as Lord Loam and J. Daisley as Lady Mary. Others who took part are to be congratulated on their performance: S. Dwen, S. Poague, N. Chalmers, A. Katavich, A. McFadden, J. Queripel, C. Fry, G. Dormer, M. Goodman, G. Sorenson, N. Russell, R. Watkinson, S. James, S. Rogers, B. Senior, R. Buckeridge, and L. Hughes. Let us not forget Dormer and his prop boys.

The members of the club wish specially to thank their producer, Mr. L. Grant and his assistant, Mr. H. W. James.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

This year has been one of exceptionally heavy activity for the College. The annual Music Concert was given during the second term and held for two nights with great success. Professor Hollinrake, who has shown the greatest interest in the College's musical work, was again present this year and commented most favourably on the work of the pupils as did the press; and perhaps we could do no better than quote the N.Z. "Herald" of July 20th:

SCHOOL MUSICAL LIFE SEDDON COLLEGE CONCERT

The many-sided activities of the musical life of a large school were displayed at the annual concert of the pupils of Seddon Memorial Technical College, held in the college hall recently, before a large audience Choral

Cast and Producers, Admirable Crichton.



Scene from the Admirable Crichton.



Massed Choir and Orchestra of 260 pupils. Annual College Concert, 1950.



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We have done our work in three sections—(a) formal training, (b) one-act plays, (c) full-length play.

We have learnt how to speak, to fall, or to curtsy; how to group, how to "pull faces" on the stage; how to make stage "properties"; and also a score of things we must not do. Small acting assignments we have had: When a group acted a fire rescue you could almost smell the smoke; the police would have arrested on sight our Bob impersonating a modern Monte Cristo.

One-act plays have given scope for some not taking main parts in the full plays. Two teams were entered in the British Drama League Festival and both were commended by the judge. S. Dwen, G. Sorenson, A. McFadden, S. Rogers and Joel Clarke (producer), acted "Seeing the World." M. Adam, J. Daisley, A. Colbert, B. Jacobson, R. Buckeridge and N. Chalmers were the cast of "The Second Best Bed" at the Town Hall. Our main production was Barrie's delightful comedy, "The Admirable Crichton." All who saw this play agree that it was well up to the standard of previous Col-

lege productions. All the principals showed real acting ability, the most outstanding being B. Jacobson as Crichton the butler, Margaret Adam as Tweeney, D. Bowman as Ernest, J. Lees as Lord Loam and J. Daisley as Lady Mary. Others who took part are to be congratulated on their performance: S. Dwen, S. Poague, N. Chalmers, A. Katavich, A. McFadden, J. Queripel, C. Fry, G. Dormer, M. Goodman, G. Sorenson, N. Russell, R. Watkinson, S. James, S. Rogers, B. Senior, R. Buckeridge, and L. Hughes. Let us not forget Dormer and his prop boys.

The members of the club wish specially to thank their producer, Mr. L. Grant and his assistant, Mr. H. W. James.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

This year has been one of exceptionally heavy activity for the College. The annual Music Concert was given during the second term and held for two nights with great success. Professor Hollinrake, who has shown the greatest interest in the College's musical work, was again present this year and commented most favourably on the work of the pupils as did the press; and perhaps we could do no better than quote the N.Z. "Herald" of July 20th:

SCHOOL MUSICAL LIFE SEDDON COLLEGE CONCERT

The many-sided activities of the musical life of a large school were displayed at the annual concert of the pupils of Seddon Memorial Technical College, held in the college hall recently, before a large audience Choral

Cast and Producers, Admirable Crichton.



Scene from the Admirable Crichton.



Massed Choir and Orchestra of 260 pupils. Annual College Concert, 1950.



singing occupied the greater part of an interesting and varied programme.

Some 250 young singers massed on the stage under the direction of the school's music master, Mr. A. J. Cook, sang their songs with complete assurance, pleasant tone, especially from the girls, and with very creditable attention to expression. Particularly pleasing features of the singing were the clearly-enunciated words and the good beginning and ending to every song. More confidence in going for high notes and a little more care in breathing—the one usually a direct result of the other—and these singers will enhance their standards.

Very well sung numbers were Elgar's "Shepherd's Song," by the girls' choir and the massed songs, "John Peel" and Martin Shaw's "Go Forth With God." A special choir, conducted by Mr. H. O. Haigh, sang "To All You Ladies," "Of Flowers the Fairest" (Bach) and "The Cobbler," all very acceptably, while another choir, made up of teacher trainees, sang a shanty and two spirituals.

The best of three items by the college orchestra was an arrangement of Bach's "Sleepers Wake," where the young brass players gave an excellent account of the chorale. The college military band played two numbers, conducted by Mr. L. O. Asten, and a boy soprano, Donald Smith, earned applause for his singing of Purcell's "I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly." Immensely popular was the Maori students' contribution of poi dances and hakas, given with tremendous gusto.

—L.C.M.S.

A somewhat different system was adopted this year insofar as the college Choir was composed of some 230 selected singers instead of the customary voluntary body. All day-school pupils were given an individual ear test by Mr. Cook and the most capable pupils musically were approached to prepare and present the major portion of the music concert. The result was more than gratifying as not only was the general quality of singing most effective, but more importantly many pupils, who for various reasons would not ordinarily have been singing, were taking part and from all appearances soundly enjoying themselves. In all, some three hundred and twenty pupils took part in the Concert and it was most pleasing to see nearly one-third of the College engaged in musical activity.

The Secondary School Festival followed closely upon the Concert and necessitated a great deal of additional preparation. For administrative reasons it was felt advisable this year to "conscript" two girls' forms in entirety for the soprano and alto work involved. C3B and N and H3B were approached and rose to the occasion magnificently, all but 4 of the girls taking part. These girls through the generous assistance of Mr. H. James and Mr. Stevenson, together with 31 boys trained by Mr. Cook, prepared the considerable number of songs required and further choir under Mr. Haigh learnt the two special items to the very high standard necessarily called for. Three of our senior pupils took part in the

Festival orchestra so that a very solid contribution was made by the College this year and collectively our numbers considerably exceeded those of most other colleges.

The College Orchestra has lost several of its more experienced players, but is at present combining forces with several of the staff to perform a Concerto for Piano and Orchestra.

Special mention must be made of the Military Band and of the remarkable achievement of the bandmaster, Mr. Asten, in welding this group together. With the exception of two or three, none of the thirty or so boys could read music at the beginning of this year, so that the progress made under his direction, together with the generous assistance of Dr. O'Shannassy, is most pleasing indeed, and the College is proud of being one of the few schools in New Zealand to possess a full Military Band.

Work is now in hand for a musical programme for Prize-Giving at the end of this year, which event will conclude, satisfactorily, it is hoped, the musical events of 1950.

CADET BATTALION

Although the battalion was hard hit through the loss of regular force instructors who left for the compulsory military training scheme, the cadet N.C.Os. managed to work very well, and were able to get the battalion moving efficiently this year. It was decided at the beginning of the year, to do without uniforms owing to the trouble of issuing them from the school.

During "Barracks Week" at the

beginning of the year Lt.-Col. Wooller visited a ceremonial parade to present W. Off. J. Michael and Cadet D. Shaw with Logan Campbell and J.C.S. medals for attaining the possible 100 in the Imperial Challenge Shield rifle competition.

The drill periods decided upon for 1950 were one hour per week, from 2.30 to 3.30 on Thursday afternoons in the first and third terms, and three days at the completion of the second term.

During the Christmas holidays W.O.I. D. Moncrieff represented the College at a senior course held at Waiouru. The course was attended by the senior cadet from each school in New Zealand, and cadets there were able to give suggestions for the improvement of cadet drill standards.

Cadet Battalion N.C.Os.:—R.S.M. W.O.I. D. Moncrieff; R.Q.M.S. W.O.II. J. Michael.

A. Co.: C.S.M. W.O.II. D. Jones, Sgt. L. Lockie, Sgt. N. Northover, Sgt. V. Chan.

B. Co.: C.S.M. W.O.II. J. Pine, Sgt. F. Webber, Sgt. A. Munro, Sgt. K. Hall.

C. Co.: C.S.M. W.O.II. M. Solomon, Sgt. R. Simpson, Sgt. K. Matheson, Sgt. J. Brown, Sgt. J. Stacey.

H.Q. Co.: C.S.M. W.O.II. T. Fletcher.

Engineers: Sgt. M. King, Sgt. B. Cunningham.

During the year the engineers were very fortunate in having the help of Sgt.-Major Mack and we are very grateful to him for the weekend camps which he arranged for us at Kelly's Beach.

Band: W.O.I. D. Moncrieff.

The buglers from the band attended a number of ceremonies this year, including the Dawn Service and Empire Day. The thanks of all boys are conveyed to Mr. Asten for the time and work he has given to get the Military Band ready for the College Concert.

The College was fortunate in having the use of the drill hall rifle range this year and Squadron-Leader W. M. Brown is thanked for the very useful coaching work which he has put in on the range.

Signals Platoons: Q.M.S. Waite and Cpl. Gawler, Sgt. Singh, Cpls. Fry, Redwood and Wilson; Sgt. Fenelon, Cpls. Dennerly, McKenty and Webber.

We were issued with a fair supply of equipment and during the term more apparatus including the W/T 48 sets. This enabled a reasonable amount of practical training to be undertaken.

In the middle term when ordinary military training was superseded, additional work was accomplished by a few enthusiasts under the guidance of a team of capable N.C.Os.

This year again the College Signals Platoon was asked to provide the communications at Eden Park for the Inter-secondary School Sports. A capable team of boys carried out the task in a manner which gave every satisfaction to the sports' authorities and reflected credit on the Signals Platoons.

When training is taken up again after the August vacation work will be carried a step further and provided not too many of our N.C.Os. and other keen boys leave school, we

should be able to produce good results, and keep the boys interested in the important work of signalling.

Field Artillery: B.S.M.G. Parnell, B.S.M.G. Parkinson, T.S.M.G. Keyte, T.S.M.A. Peden, T.S.M.L. Matheson.

With most of the Regular Army instructors in camp instructing the 18-year-olds, the artillery had a very hard time as we had neither the guns nor the instructors to teach us how to use them. Subsequently the artillery became more of an infantry company with the parades consisting mostly of drill. Half way through the term it became obvious that we could expect no help from the Army, so it was decided to disband the Field Artillery and place all in the Coastal Artillery.

A.T.C.: W.O.H. W. R. MacMillan, W.O.II. G. P. Gardiner.

Flight Sergeants R. Howard, R. Hobbs, H. Clarke.

We extend our thanks to the members of the A.T.C. northern wing for equipment and instruction and to Pilot Officer Gurney for his efforts to arrange interesting lectures.

I.X.E. 1950.

From last years illustrious E.6.A. two members returned, namely M. W. Hallas and D. L. Marett. Having passed all the exams that can be sat over a period of five years (School Certificate, Endorsed School Certificate, University Entrance and Higher Leaving Certificate) they were placed I.X.E. II this year. This is stage 2 Section "A" of the Engineering Institution Exams and the Section "A" can be sat for in October. However to the disappointment of the two members of

this form they found they were too young to sit the exam (21 is the age) and so looked around for something else to do.

Bill decided to sit the Special Bursary Examination while Denys took an Engineering Cadetship with the City Council and left "Tech" at the end of the 1st. term.

The first honour given to the form this year was the appointment of both members to the rank of prefect. Denys was also a prefect last year while Bill was a sub-prefect. At the swimming sports, in the Senior Age Race, Denys was 1st while Bill was third. However it was at the athletic sports that I.X.E. II excelled — Bill gaining a first, two seconds, a third and runner-up in the Senior Sprint Championship and Denys a first and two seconds. Both represented the College at the Inter-Secondary Schools Athletic Championships held during April at Eden Park. When he wasn't running or swimming Bill captained the 2nd Cricket XI in the 1st term. To finish off this list of activities indulged in by I.X.E. II, Bill was captain of Binns House and a member of the 1st XV while Denys was captain of Hindley House.

DID YOU KNOW?

Glue was first manufactured in 1710. Cheese and milk curds were its main ingredients.

The picture on a theatre screen is magnified approximately 225 times from a picture $\frac{1}{8}$ in. x $\frac{1}{8}$ in., to a screen 16ft. x 12ft.

The Monkey Puzzle tree belongs to the same family as the N.Z. Kauri.

During a 9.g. pullout in an aircraft, when it is recovering from a dive, the pilot weighs nine times his own normal weight. A pilot weighing 12st. would then turn the scales at 108st. The blood weight is also increased and is therefore too heavy for the heart to pump into the head. The absence of blood behind the eyes results in temporary blindness or a "blackout." The term 9.g. means nine times the force of gravity.

The length of a day from sunrise to sunset can be found by doubling the time at which the sun sets.

Twining plants twist clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and anti-clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Rata tree commences as a vine, sending roots down into the ground from the fork of another tree. As the roots grow they encircle the host tree and strangle it.

Metal bearings can be constructed that will contain, as a sponge, enough lubricant to outlast the life of the machine.

The gauge of a wood screw can be obtained by measuring the diameter of the head in sixteenths, subtracting one, and doubling the remainder.

Oxygen is obtained commercially by liquifying air at a pressure of 1,000lbs per sq. in., and a temperature of -295° Fahrenheit.

The modern oxy-cutting machine will cut steel one inch thick to any shape and accurate to .002 of an inch.

S.M.T.C. Inter-Secondary School Swimming Teams, 1950

Back Row: J. Rehe, C. Smyth, F. Bean, N. Head, L. Avery, P. Bond

Middle Row: G. Pickering, K. Watson, J. White, P. Heim (Capt.), A. Campbell, M. Grewar, Mr. L. Adams.

In Front: R. Seal, D. Shaw, G. McKenty.



Seddon Memorial Technical College Rowing Eight, 1950. 3rd. in Head of Harbour. 4th. in Maadi Cup.

Standing: A. G. Munro (Capt.) (4), C. Fry (2), D. Moncreiff (Emergency), G. Keyte (Bow).

Sitting: F. Bartley (Stroke), C. Waite (7), T. Fletcher (6), R. Simpson (5), Mr. R. Waddell, D. Eagle (Coxswain).

Absent: Watkinson (3).



SPORTS NOTES

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS 1950

The Boy's Athletic Sports were held at the Domain on the 7th of March. The track was in perfect condition and officials were kept busy organising the large groups of competitors in the many events. The most popular events, judging by the number of entries, were the open Mile Handicap and the two cycling events. Competition was keen and the House Relays were the cause of great excitement.

During the day five records were broken.

In the senior sprint events, Hosking was the outstanding runner, winning both the 100 and 220yds. Successful senior middle and long distance runners were Keyte 440yds, Jones 880yds, and Coyle (1 mile.) Prominent in the field events was Parkinson. In the Intermediate Championship, Peterson was the outstanding sprinter. Promising middle distance runners were Redwood, Raisbeck and Parris. In the field events Howell put up a fine performance, breaking the intermediate Javelin record with a throw of 119ft. 4 ins. He also won the intermediate Discus and Senior High Jump.

Outstanding Junior runners were James, Collins, and Ross.

The successful Athletes from the College Sports Meeting formed our 1950 Athletic Team which was captained by Jones. This team was invited to attend the South Auckland Secondary Schools Championship held at Pukekohe. The team performed well, several gaining places in heats and finals, they were: James, Peterson, McKeown, Hosking, Pollock, Redwood, Kerr, and Hamilton.

The highlight of the season was the Auckland Secondary School Championship. The meeting followed closely behind that of Pukekohe, leaving very little time for team training. We were however, fortunate enough to have Mr C. H. Matthews, dual winner for N.Z. in the

1938 Empire Games to coach us during this period. We are indebted to Mr Matthews and would thank him for his help and profitable advice, before the meeting.

The preliminary meeting was held at the Auckland Grammar School. Competition was keen and of a high standard. Some of our athletes were successful in qualifying for the finals, which were held at Eden Park on the Empire Games track. Those to win Standard Certificates were J. Parkinson (senior), and T. Hamilton (intermediate).

Athletes awarded "Athletic Blues" for 1950 were D. Jones, N. Hosking, J. Parkinson, W. Hallas, P. Peterson, R. McKeown and R. Redwood.

SEDDON MEMORIAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

BOYS ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS DOMAIN, 14th MARCH, 1950 CHAMPIONSHIPS . . .

SENIOR

100 yds: Hosking, N. (W) 1., Hallas, W.

(B) 2., Heim, P. (B) 3. Time: 11.1 secs.

220 yds: Hosking, N. (W) 1., Hallas, W.

(B) 2., Heim, P. (B) 3. Time: 25.3 secs.

440 yds: Hosking, N. (W) 1., Keyte, G.

(B) 2., Head, N. (W) 3. Time: 58.8 secs.

880 yds: Jones, D. (W) 1., Keyte, G. (B)

2., Head, N. (W) 3. Time: 2 mins. 14

sec.

1 mile: Coyle, N. (E) 1., Head, N. (W)

2., Lockie, J. (S) 3. Time: 5 mins. 10.6

secs.

120 yards Hurdles: Jones, D. (W) 1., Mar-

cett, D. (H) 2., A. Munro, (W) 3. Time:

18.4 secs.

Long Jump: Cochrane, B. (H) 1., Jones,

D. (W) 2., Hallas W. (B) 3. Distance:

17 ft. 0ins.

High Jump: Howell L. (W) 1., Matheson,

N. (H) 2., Head, N. (W) 3. Height: 4ft.

9 1/2 ins.

Putting the Shot: Parkinson, G. (B) 1.,

Solomon, M. (H) 2., Cochrane, B. (H)

3.

Distance: 35ft. 0 1/2 ins.

Throwing the Discus: Hosking, N. (W) 1.
Parkinson, G. (B) 2., Grey, A. (W) 3.
Distance: 90ft.

Throwing the Javelin: Parkinson, G. (B) 1.
Burr, J. (W) 2., Cochrane, B. (H) 3.
Distance: 118ft. 9ins.

INTERMEDIATE

100yds: Peterson, P. (S) 1., McKeown, R. (S) 2., Pollock, C. (S) 3., Howard, K. (H) 3.

Time: 11.3 secs.

220yds: Peterson, P. (S) 1., McKeown, R. (S) 2., Raisbeck, D. (B) 3.

Time: 26.0 secs.

440yds: Redwood, R. (H) 1., Raisbeck, D. (B) 2., Parris, L. (W) 3.

Time: 57.8 secs.

880yds: Parris, L. (W) 1., Raisbeck, D. (B) 2., Redwood, R. (H) 3.

Time: 2 mins. 17.5 secs.

120yds Hurdles: Pollock, C. S 1., Pryor, M. (S) 2., Rehe, J. (W) 3.

Time: 18.8 secs.

Long Jump: Hamilton, T. (H) 1., Kerr, J. (B) 2., Howard, K. (H) 3.

Distance: 17 ft. 9 ins.

High Jump: Wheatley, R. (H) 1., Andrews R. (S) 2., McLean, J. (W) 3., Howell, L. (W) 3.

Height: 4 ft. 11 ins.

Putting the Shot: Andrews, R. (S) 1., Peden, W. (B) 2., Wheatley, R. (H) 2.

Distance: 37 ft. 3½ ins.

Throwing the Discus: Howell, L. (W) 1., Kerr, J. (B) 2., Wheatley, R. (H) 3.

Distance: 76 ft. 5 ins.

Throwing the Javelin: Howell, L. (W) 1., Kerr, J. (B) 2., McLean, J. (W) 3.

Record Distance: 119 ft. 4 ins.

JUNIOR

100yds: Collins, W. (S) 1., Ross, G. (B) 2., Joy, D. (W) 3.

Time: 11.8secs.

220yds: Ross, G. (B) 1., Collins, W. (S) 2., Joy, D. (W) 3.

Time: 29secs.

440yds: James, P. (H) 1., Dryland, O. (S) 2., Avery, L. (B) 3.

Time: 64.5secs.

880yds: James, P. (H) 1., Avery, L. (B) 2., Dryland, O. (S) 3.

Time: 2min. 26secs.

100yds. Hurdles: James, P. (H) 1., Stevens, T. (H) 2., Ross, G. (B) 3.

Time: 15.3secs.

Long Jump: Collins, W. (S) 1., Papas, M. (W) 2., Russell, K. (B) 3.

Record Distance: 16ft. 3ins.

High Jump: Henson, R. (S) 1., McMillan, K. (W) 2., Mason, A. (S) 3.

Height: 4ft. 7½ins.

Putting The Shot: Walters, T. (S) 1., Godber, A. (S) 2., Hardley, W. (B) 3.

Record Distance: 36ft. 10ins.

Throwing The Discus: Campell, A. (B) 1., Walters, T. (S) 2., Perks, R. (S) 3.

Record Distance: 88ft. 1in.

Throwing The Javelin: Ansell, L. (W) 1., Henson, R. (S) 2., Ellison, B. (S) 3.

Record Distance: 92ft. 2½ins.

HANDICAPS

100yds. Over 16: Hallas, W. (B) 1., Chalmers, N. (W) 2., Langwell, R. (H) 3.

Time: 11.4secs.

Senior 220 yds. over 16: Soffe, L. (S) 1., Langwell, R. (H) 2., Chalmers, N. (W) 3.

Time: 25.8secs.

440 yds. over 16: Marett, D. (H) 1., Locke J. (S) 2., McKee, J. (S) 3.

Time: 59secs.

Intermediate.
440 yds. under 16: Redwood, R. (H) 1., Kerr, J. (B) 2., Jupe, A. (H) 3.

Time: 59.8secs.

440 yds. under 15: Heath, (S) 1., Maggs, A. (W) 2., Outram, (H) 3.

Time: 61.1secs.

Senior 120 yds. open Hurdles: Sinclair, N. (B) 1., White, N. (B) 2., Russel, K. (B) 3.

Time: 20.0secs.

1 mile open: Taylor, D. (B) 1., Cunningham, T. (H) 2., Taitte, C. (B) 3., Baillie, R. (H) 4.

Time: 4mins. 47secs.

Hop-Step and Jump: Pryor, M. (S) 1., Hamilton, J. (H) 2., McLean, J. (W) 3.

Distance: 36' 3½".

SCRATCH EVENTS.

100 yds. under 13: Coughlan, G. (W) 1.
Junior.

Dunn, (H) 2.

Time: 14.5secs.

in the same event. The Junior relay team was second to T.G.S. who owed the victory in this section to the win in the relay.

In the Intermediate and Senior events, however, we were not quite so successful for our only competitors to do at all well were Band and Heim. In the Intermediate section Bond was 2nd in the 55yds Backstroke.

In the Senior section Heim won his event, (the 55yds Backstroke) with ease. He also was 3rd in the 220yds Freestyle swimming backstroke all the way.

On the whole for our first attempts in this section of sport, the effort of the team was very commendable.

BOYS' SWIMMING SPORTS, 1950

The Annual Swimming Sports were held at the Parnell Baths in fine weather on the 28th February. There was a large number of competitors in each event, the age and feet first being very popular.

In the Senior Division, P. Heim (B) was undoubtedly the outstanding competitor winning 5 out of a possible 7 championship events and creating a record of 32.2 secs. in a special attempt on the 50 yards backstroke at the Olympic Pool. G. Parkinson (B) was unlucky in that although he broke the plunge dive record his performance was disallowed owing to the fact that the take-off was higher than that of the Olympic Pool where the original record was set. Other competitors to do well were P. Bond (H) second in 4 events and J. Rehe (W) winner of the diving championship and 3rd. in the 55 yds. freestyle.

D. Shaw (S) was the best competitor in the Juniors, winning 2 events and gaining 3 seconds, while J. White (H) won a 1st. 2nd. and a 3rd. and G. McKenty (H) a 2nd. and two 3rds. swam well.

The day ended with the three House Relays which were evenly contested.

House Points: Binns 70
Seddon 60
Wellesley 54
Hindley 52

100 yds. under 14: McKenzie, J. (H) 1., Ridley, T. (W) 2., Gilpin, R. (W) 3.

Time: 13.5secs.

100 yds. under 15: Ashford, (H) 1., Heath, (S) 2., Parker, G. (S) 2., Knutzen, A. (B) 3. Time: 12.9 secs.

Intermediate.

100 yds. over 15: Chalmers, N. (W) 1., Andrews, (B) 2., Robinson, M. (W) 3.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: Parkinson, G. (B) 1., Godber, A. (S) 2., Howell, L. (W) 3.

Distance: 84yds. 1ft. 5ins.

CYCLING

Senior.

½ Mile open Handicap: Gussey, R. (S) 1., Rogers, R. (S) 2., Munro, A. (W) 3.

Time: 1min. 21.3secs.

1 Mile open Handicap: Gussey, R. (S) 1., Donovan, (B) 2., Grewer, (B) 3.

Time: 2mins. 57secs.

RELAY: Junior (440 yds.)

Binns 1.

Seddon 2.

Hindley 3. Time 60.45secs.

Wellesley 4.

RELAY: Intermediate (880yds..)

Binns 1.

Wellesley 2.

Seddon 3. Time 1min 57s.

Hindley 4.

RELAY: Senior (1 Mile Medley.)

Wellesley 1.

Binns 2. Time 4mins 19.5s.

Seddon 3.

Hindley 4.

HOUSE POINTS

1st. Binns (150) 2nd. Seddon (136) 3rd. Wellesley (131) 4th. Hindley (104)

INTER-SECONDARY SWIMMING SPORTS

This year the first combined Swimming Sports were held in the form of a carnival at the Olympic Pool, Newmarket. (S.M.T.C.) put in a second team. The Juniors were second to (T.G.S.) In this section, Whyte, Auckland Junior Breaststroke champion had no difficulty in winning his event. Other Junior place winners were Grewer in the 33 1-3 yds Backstroke and Shaw who was placed 2nd in the Freestyle, while Seal was 3rd

**BOYS' SWIMMING SPORTS, 1950
RESULTS**

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

55yds. Freestyle: 1, P. Heim (B);
2, P. Bond (H); 3, J. Rehe (W); Time
33.6s.

110yds. Freestyle: 1, P. Heim (B);
2, P. Bond (H); 3, F. Bean (S); Time
1m 18s.

220yds. Freestyle: 1, P. Heim (B);
2, P. Bond (H); 3, J. Cooper (S); Time
3m 0.3s.

55yds. Backstroke: 1, P. Heim (B);
2, P. Bond (H); 3, K. Watson (W);
Time 36s.

55yds. Breaststroke: 1, P. Heim (B);
2, A. Campbell (B); 3, Pickering; Time
46.7s.

Plunge Dive: 1, Parkinson (B); 48ft. 0ins
2, McLean (W). 47ft. 11ins.; 3, Price
(S) 45ft. 11ins.;

(Parkinson and McLean failed to break
record of 47ft. 10ins. in Olympic Pool)

Diving: 1, J. Rehe (W); 2, D. Basham
(W); 3, Cliffe (S);

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

55yds. Freestyle: 1, G. Seal (W); 2,
O. Shaw (S); 3, L. Avery (B);
Time 37.8s.

110yds. Freestyle: 1, D. Shaw (B); 2,
L. Avery (B); 3, J. White (H);
Time 1m. 26.2s.

220yds. Freestyle: 1, D. Shaw (S); 2,
J. White (H); 3, G. McKenty (H);
Time 3m. 13.3s.

55yds. Breaststroke: 1, J. White (H); 2
equal, G. McKenty (H) and D. Shaw
(S), Time. 48.9 secs.

Diving: 1, Dennerly (H); 2, Korff (S); 3,
McKenty (H).

55yds. Backstroke: 1, Grewer (S); 2, Shaw
(S); Time. 49.8 secs.

NON CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS--

Scratch Races 33 1-3 yds.

Under 13: 1, Roberts (S); 2, Norton (S);
3, Thompson (S). Time 27.8secs.

Under 13: 1, Morgan (B); 2, Eagle (B)
3, Murray (S). Time 26secs.

Under 14: 1, House (B); 2, Johnston (H);
3, McEirea (S). Time 23.7secs.

Under 14: 1, Walters (S); 2, Beard (B);
3, Wyour(S). Time 21.8secs.

Under 15: 1, Johnston (S); 2, Wynn (W);
3, Newson (W). Time 21.6secs.

Under 15: 1, Shing (H); 2, Peden (B);
3, James (B). Time 22.1 secs.

Under 16: 1, Basham (W); 2, Wright (W);
3, Walker (B). Time 20.5secs.

Over 16: 1, Marrett (H); 2, Cochrane (H);
3, Hallas (B). 22.5secs.

FEET FIRST. 45yds.

Junior: 1, White(H); 2, James (H); 3,
Korff (S).

Senior: 1, Cunningham (H); 2, Smythe
(S); 3, Means (W).

440 Freestyle Open: 1, Orrrell; 2, Hender-
son; 3, Taylor.

HOUSE RELAYS: -

Junior: 1, Binns; 2, Wellesley; 3, Hindley

Senior: 1, Seddon; 2, Wellesley; 3, Hind-
ley.

20 Men: 1, Wellesley; 2, Seddon; 3, Binns.

Owing to distances being changed from
50yds. and 100yds. to 55yds. and 110yds.
times established this year will be "best
times" till 1952 and records after that if
they remain unbeaten.

IST. XV.

The 1950 Rugby Season was a fairly
typical one as far as the 1st XV was
concerned. This means that very few
matches were won but all of them were
enjoyed.

As usual, the team seemed unable to
develop any co-ordination between the
backs and the forwards, a similar fault
was noticeable in individuals. Too many
solo efforts were seen when supporting
players were ignored, and the chances
were missed because a player in posses-
sion of the ball just refused to pass to a
player in a better position to score.

The results of these methods need no
comment, and on the two occasions when
each player realised there were fourteen
others supporting him, the team had a
win.

Tackling improved as the season pro-
gressed but in the early stages, with very
few exceptions, was lamentingly weak.

Parkinson made a very able captain
but at times carried a little too much
weight. Smith, the vice captain, played
reliably on the side of the scrum and later

1st. XV 1950

Back Row: (from left). A. H.
James, R. G. McKeown, G.
N. Hay, J. A. Pikhalfoff,
R. E. Simpson, A. E.
Hawkes.

Middle Row: G. P. Gardiner,
N. Hosking, A. H. Gray, A.
G. Munro, G. C. N. Keyte,
N. W. Head.

Front Row: W. Otene, A. A.
Peden, A. B. Smith (vice
capt.), G. A. Parkinson,
(captain), P. J. Silveira, I.
A. Parris, Mr. K. S. Turtill.
(coach).

Absent: J. S. Waddingham.



2B Rugby

Back Row: D. H. King, W.
V. Moon, I. R. Clark, M. C.
King, A. F. Campbell.

Middle: W. V. Wright, J. R.
Scott, B. W. Kelly, W. G.
Sutherland, J. W. Peckham,
R. E. Watkinson.

Front Row: Mr. C. T. Brook-
ing, T. K. Walters, C. R.
Campbell (vice-capt.), G.
E. Parnell (captain), G.
Molloy, F. G. Bartley, R.
Andrews.

In Front: H. J. Walker, H.
K. McMullen.



ata centre, where at times his tackling was particularly solid. The find of the season was Waddingham t full back. Last yer he plyed in the Fourth Grade but despite his lack of weight, he was never intimidated, his handling and line kicking were faultless and his tackling was nearly always game and effective. Otene developed a beautiful swerve and side step but often forgot to pass when he made an opening and was usually caught in possession by fast breaking forwards. When Parris was on form, he tackled gamely. He was, however, not always on form. One of the most improved players by the end of the season was Hosking who on the left wing, developed into a straight and detirmined runner when he remembered to stay on his own side of the field and not to seek trouble in the central melece. Peden had bad luck with injuries but always played a plucky, if uninspired game at the base of the scrum. The best all-rounder of the side was Silviera who hooked splendidly against heavier packs, played half-back and full-back on occasions and kicked most of our goals. The hardest working and most tireless forwards were Piffhall-off, Hay and Hawkes, the latter also playing as five-eights. Simson, one of last years backs, found his niche as left prop, battling hard at times, sometimes with science. For Gray, this year should provide valuable experience, he learned a lot and in later games used both his weight, height and brains to good effect. James, after two games in the pack proved to be an inside back of great promise. His short accurate kicks and busting methods were often a delight to watch.

If we can get back next year about seven members of this year's side we should have the nucleus of a solid team. But this is probably a vain hope.

A TRIP TO STRATFORD

Contrary to the previous trips to Stratford this year's was made by bus in daylight. It proved to be an advantage over travelling by train as we were able to appreciate the beauty and ruggedness of the countryside more fully.

Armed with rugs, oranges and road

maps we set out from the College at 8.00 a.m. on Monday 7th August. This hour demanded early rising which did little to affect the humour of the team who were in a state of suppressed excitement. Stops were made during the journey at Mercer, Hamilton, Te Kuiti (for lunch) and Mokau. After passing through Urenui the more excitable members of the team began to point to the various cloudbanks and assure the rest of the team that Mt. Egmont lay behind them. However, as we approached New Plymouth we were able to see through the breaks in the clouds an imposing view of the mountain. After a short stop in New Plymouth we finished our journey with a twenty mile run to Stratford where we were met by the boys we were to be billeted with and then taken to their homes.

The following day we visited the school and watched the Girls' basketball match in the morning. In the afternoon after several important photos we did a haka and then played our game.

Loose forward play of a high standard punctuated by occasional bright back movements was the feature of the match. Stratford won the match by 8 points to 3 although over the whole game there was little difference between the teams. We were often in the Stratford end and had a little better of the first half but lacked that extra spot of finish necessary to score tries. Our forwards went well in the tight but did not follow up to the same extent as Stratford in the loose. Neither inside back combination was brilliant but the Stratford backs had more cohesion in chain passing movements than ours did as we relied more on individual breaks and short sprints to win us ground. The general defence and tackling of both backlines was extremely sound and penetration was reduced to a minimum.

After the game we were invited to afternoon tea and that night we were entertained as the guests of the Stratford High School at a very pleasant dance which was held in their gym.

The highlight of the trip was the next day which we spent on Mt. Egmont. The more enthusiastic hired skis from the Stratford Mountain House and then the teams started to climb the road which wound upwards for two miles to the Manganui Hut. This way may not seem far but the teams averaged about two hours for the climb. The slower members were greeted at the hut by showers of snowballs and jeers from their more energetic team-mates. There had been a fall of snow the previous night so there was a good snow-covered slope outside the hut. Those with skis climbed to the top of the slope and commenced skiing (). Some of the teams had tried skiing before but the majority had not as the number of falls and collisions testified. Coming down the mountain provided thrills of its own as nearly all the teams tried ski-ing down the road which was covered with snow and abounded with sharp corners. Following this a night at the victuaries made us rather tired so that the next morning after bidding farewell to the people of Stratford, quite a few of us dozed off in the bus.

The trip back to Auckland was broken for a short visit to the Waitomo Caves, where we were intrigued by the limestone formations and the glowworms. Although lacking in harmony, a group of boys in the rear of the bus strived to entertain us throughout the journey with their versions of popular songs. After making a fast return trip we arrived back in Auckland at 7.30pm.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank again the people of Stratford for their kind hospitality, especially those who billeted our boys during our stay. Our thanks also go to Mr. Scott for giving us time off for the trip and to our coach Mr. Turfill for the excellent service he gave us during the season. Although we were not a winning team his interest in us never lagged.

1ST. XV. NOTES

Summary of Games:
Championship Matches

v. Sacred Heart College:--- Lost 9-35. In the first 20 minutes of this game

the speedy S.H.C. backline cut our defence to ribbons and scored 24 points. After this we began to hold our own and Parkinson kicked three penalty goals to make the half time score 9-24. In the second half Smith was played at centre and effectively blocked the S.H.C. back movements and only 11 points were scored against us in this half.

v. Auckland Grammar School:--- Lost 0-29. Grammar started well but strong play by our forwards disillusioned them and the play was penned between the two 25's. Grammar were lucky in getting two breaks and the half time score was 0-8. In the second half the play deteriorated and due to weak tackling Grammar ran up 21 points.

v. Otahuhu College:--- Lost 0-21 This game will be remembered for the number of casualties our team suffered, Waddingham, Peden and McKeown were taken off the first two being hospital cases while 4 others were temporarily on the sideline. These injuries had a bad effect on our combination which duly suffered.

v. Kings College:--- Lost 5-28. Although the Seddon forwards played a good game, Smith being outstanding, the tackling of the inside backs was weak allowing Kings to open up the game. In the second half with our forwards bustling the Kings defence we adopted kick and follow tactics with a varying amount of success. Gray through following up one of their kicks snapped up the ball and dived over for a try which Parkinson converted.

v. Takapuna Grammar School:---Lost 5-33. With our team playing very poorly Takapuna ran up 19 points in the first half to our 5. In the second half we improved slightly but T.G.S. had no trouble in running up a further 14 points. Ours points came from a good try by Otene which Silveria converted.

v. Avondale College:--- Lost 11-14. Playing our best game to date we were rather unlucky in being beaten in a very exciting game. The forwards played very well with James outstanding in the loose, and dominated the play. Our best backs were Smith and McKeown. Our first points came from a good try by McKeown and shortly

to Thames. We arrived there three hours before the game so we had ample time to visit the Thames township and the school. The game was played at the Park in very muddy conditions (it rained all the trip) and was noted for the fine spirit in which the match was played. Our only points came from a penalty by Silveria. After the match, we were the guests of the Thames team for afternoon tea and shortly afterwards we departed for Auckland.

v. Pukekohe High School:--- Lost 0-3. As it was Pukekohe's turn to visit us this year the annual match was played at the domain. The game itself was enjoyable but rather scrappy with play mostly confined to the forwards. The only points scored during the match came from a penalty kicked by the Pukekohe captain.

v. Hamilton Technical College:--- Won 19-6. This annual match was played at the Domain under good conditions. The game was noted for hard forward play and occasional bright back movements with our team on top throughout the game. Our points came from tries by Head, Parris and Hoskings, two of which were converted.

v. Stratford Technical High School:--- Lost 3-8. Although it was Stratford's turn to visit us this year they had already arranged one trip away so we were invited to visit them. As the trip drew nearer the three members of the team who were fortunate enough to have visited Stratford with last year's XV were constantly plied with questions about luggage, Stratford and the mountain.

2B RUGBY NOTES 1950.

This year for a change, there were more than enough players available for this grade, thus we always had a full team, even though all were not experienced players. As usually happens, there were several players who played with us for the first few games and then for the first fifteen, but they did not prove to be a very serious loss, and for the rest of the season we had, more or less, the same team.

As can be seen, we won three competition games and played ten, but if luck had have been with us we would have won

afterwards Silveria kicked a penalty to make the half time score 6-3 in our favour. Avondale scored straight after the interval and then Smith cut across the field to score a try which was converted to put us into the lead. Avondale then kicked two penalties and although we were attacking hard we failed to score any more points.

v. Mt. Albert Grammar School:--- Lost 0-49. After a few minutes it became obvious that we could not cope with the strong running Mt. Albert backline mainly because of weak tackling by our own backs. Mt. Albert dominated the play for most of the game and although we improved slightly in the last quarter of an hour we could only just hold them.

v. Avondale College:--- Won 6-0. As we had considered Avondale lucky to win the first match we were eager to play them again and were very satisfied when we came off the field victors for the first time this season. Our forwards played well and maintained a slight advantage over the Avondale pack throughout the game. The backs also gave a good exhibition and several times stopped likely Avondale movements by solid tackling. Our points came from a penalty by Silveria and a try by Gray.

v. Takapuna Grammar School:--- Lost 10-16. Takapuna were on top all the first half and had no trouble in running up a 13 point lead by the interval. Right from the start of the second half however, it became apparent that we had improved considerably and although Hoskings and Peden scored tries both of which were converted by Silveria; we could not pull the game out of the fire.

v. Sacred Heart College:--- Lost 3-31. The first half of this game was a hard struggle with S.H.C. coming out on top by 6-3. Near the end of the spell our fullback Waddingham was injured and went off the field. This disorganised our team to such an extent that Sacred Heart had no trouble in scoring a further 25 points.

NON CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES ..

v. Thames High School:--- Lost 3-26. As we had a Saturday free from a competition match we made a very enjoyable trip

five games. Dilworth and Northcote were the only teams which were really too good for us.

During the season we had an enjoyable one day visit to Thames, which they reciprocated a few weeks later. On the first Friday of the third term we travelled to Waihi; we played their first fifteen next day at 1 o'clock and left there about four p.m. They did not have much difficulty in beating us, but we should have scored more points, even though we had not played for five weeks, whereas they had last played on the previous Saturday. However, it was a very enjoyable trip.

The most outstanding players throughout the season were A. F. Campbell; M. C. King; Parnell; Walker; and Walters.

As mentioned before, we were unlucky in several games, but nevertheless it was an enjoyable season, and our thanks go to our coach Mr. Brooking.

RESULTS :

v. Sacred Heart College, Lost 0-11;
v. Auckland Grammar, 2C, Won 20-0;
v. Northcote, Lost 3-16;
v. Kings College, Lost 8-11;
v. Thames at Thames, Lost 0-12;
v. Dilworth, Lost 0-21;
v. Auckland Grammar, 2C, Lost 3-6;
v. Auckland Grammar, 2B, Lost 0-8;
v. Waihi District High School, Lost 3-28.

Team: Parnell (Captain); C. B. Campbell (Vice-Captain); Bartley; M. C. King; D. H. King; A. F. Campbell; Kelly; Watkinson; Peckham; Scott; Clark; McMullen; Walker; Moon; Sutherland; Andrews; Walters; Molloy; Wright.

3A RUGBY

The 3A team of 1950 distinguished itself scoring precisely one point less than its opponents, the exact figures being 87 to 88. However, the tally of games played showed 7 wins and 5 losses.

The team's main strength, at the beginning of the season, was a lively and capable set of forwards, but in the last 3 games it was the backs who were mainly responsible for our success. The team was rather inconsistent, in the first match against Sacred Heart, our forwards dominated the game and we won 14-6. This was followed by two severe defeats, 0-24

against Grammar and 0-11 against Otahuhu. There against Kings we lost 0-6, but on this occasion both teams played splendidly. A win against Pukekohe 14-3 restored confidence, and the team improved so that in the last three matches we had three good wins, v. Takapuna 21-3; v. St. Peter's Maori College 3-0; and v. Sacred Heart 6-3.

Players deserving special mention are: - D. Basham, a clever five-eighths, sound in defence and a dangerous attacking player.

H. Kingi, a very efficient first five-eighths, with good hands and a tricky run.
B. Cochrane, who made some good runs at centre, and later showed sound defence at full back.

W. Collins, a very promising young half.
B. Currie, who was first a good forward, and later played centre to add pace and dash to our back line.

D. MacDonald, D. Jeffares, P. Gault, A. Jupe and J. McLean for generally good forward play.

RESULTS: -

First Round: V. S.H.C., Won 14-6; v. A.G.S., Lost 0-24; v. O.C., Lost 0-11; v. K.C., Lost 0-6; v. T.G.S., Won 17-3; v. M.A.G.S., Lost 6-12; v. S.P.M.C., Lost 0-15.

Second Round: V. T.G.S., Won 21-3; v. S.P.M.C., Won 3-0; v. S.H.C., Won 6-3;
Other matches: - V. Dilworth, Won 6-0; v. Pukekohe, Won 14-3.

Team: - D. J. MacDonald, captain; B. C. Cochrane, vice-captain; B. Currie; D. P. Basham; J. McLean; C. V. Navin; D. W. Jeffares; M. Thompson; P. J. Phillips; R. D. Forsyth; D. R. Deason; A. Jupe; P. D. Ganet; E. Savage; H. Kingi; D. Hargie; C. J. Watson; W. Collins.

RUGBY 5A

The 5A Rugby team this year had a very successful season finishing the Secondary Schools competition as runner up to Sacred Heart College. We also played four non-championship matches winning three and one drawn, beating Thames High School twice with Coromandel winning one and one drawn.

We were beaten throughout the season only twice, once to Sacred Heart and St.

3A Rugby

Back Row: B. Currie, R. D. Forsyth, M. Thompson, E. Savage, D. Haggie, J. McLean, A. Jupe, C. V. Nairn.
Middle Row: D. W. Jeffares, D. P. Basham, B. C. Cochrane (vice-capt.), D. J. MacDonald (captain), P. J. Phillips, H. Kingi, Mr. L. M. McKillop.
In Front: C. J. Watson, D. R. Deason, P. D. Gault.



5A Rugby

Back Row: (left to right), R. Moshem, J. McErea, K. May, P. Singh, J. Hayes, E. Means, M. Cleave, K. Russell.
Middle Row: N. White, J. Scott, M. Pryor, V. Chan, J. Ensor, R. Noyer, J. E. Powell (coach).
In Front: M. Awaru, B. Ellison.



7th Grade Rugby 1950 Runnersup

Standing: G. Bomar, G. Tollenmarsh, A. Eagan, J. McCarthy, J. Craig, J. Gavin, R. Morrison, G. Smith.
Sitting: T. Cunningham, C. Timms, R. Buckton (vice-capt.), L. Matheson (capt.), B. Flower, E. Clark, Mr. F. Wilkins.
In Front: L. Martin, B. Colquhoun.
Absent: L. Kennedy, G. Jowett.



4th Grade A 1950

Back Row: F. Tumahai, R. Baillie, J. Wong, L. Hindman, I. Botica.

Second Row: G. Shing, C. Smyth, H. Bennett, R. Davidson, C. Petterd, R. Longwell.

Front Row: Mr. Page, B. Paterson, S. Mudford (vice-capt.), R. Perry, (capt.), R. Edmunds, M. Robinson, J. Murphy.



6th Grade Rugby

Back Row: A. Ettles, R. Bow, K. Wylie, M. Kirk, G. Hannah.

Second Row: G. Seal, D. Millard, C. Watson, B. Goodacre, R. Pye, B. Turner.

Front Row: D. Sycamore, R. Harrison, R. Heath (vice-capt.), R. Armstrong (capt.), R. Kennedy, A. Johns, Mr. W. M. Smyth (coach).

In Front: G. Watts, C. Nacey, L. Stewart.



Peters who scored a questionable try near full time. Some spectators saw the scorer to have run into touch, but apparently the linesman didn't like to see it, this default cost us two points putting us three points behind the Champions and one point beyond our reach of the championships.

The matches were S.M.T.C.:-

- v. Sacred Heart at Western Springs, Lost 0-17;
- v. Auckland Grammar at Auckland Grammar, Drawn 3-3;
- v. Takapuna G.S. at Domain, Won 6-3;
- v. Avondale College at Avondale College, Won 9-6;
- v. Kings College at Kings College, Won 16-5;
- v. Mt. Albert G.S. at Mt. Albert G.S., Won 6-3;
- v. Otahuhu College at Otahuhu College, Won 6-3;
- v. St. Peters at St. Peters, Lost 8-9;
- v. Thames High School at Thames, Won 5-3;
- v. Thames High School at Domain, Won 11-0;
- v. Coromandel at Coromandel, Won 9-0;
- v. Coromandel at Domain, Drawn 3-3.

The team were:-

Singh; Means; Hays; Awarau; Ensor; Moshem; Macrea; Noyor; Ellison; Russell; Cleave; Chan (Captain); Prior (Vice-Captain); May; Scott; White.
Coromandel at Domain:-

The first game against Coromandel proved to be the toughest in the season, they held the advantage of some six stones in the scrums and at least a stone apiece in the inside backs. Our forwards although outplayed by the heaviest pack played magnificently in loose scrumages. The game had hardly started before we lost Prior who was carried off with concussion. Their wing (as he admitted later) weighed 10st 7lbs. having an advantage over Scott of nearly three stones so credit must go to Scott for his sound display. We played them on a frost covered field and bare-footed, apparently they had soles of iron. This experience not many of the team would care to repeat against such a team. The game was drawn 3-3 all, Noyor scored.

TRIP TO COROMANDEL

On Friday at 5 p.m. the team boarded the Coromell after attending school in the morning for the last day of the term. We were due to leave at 5.30 but did not till about 6.30, as a result we reached Coromandel after midnight. During the trip the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves after stowing away our gear and looking the Coromell over we settled at the bow and occupied ourselves with the porpoises and other things.

The next morning members of the team stormed the main street and gold mines which had long been evacuated. In the afternoon we defeated Coromandel by 9 points to nil after a hard game which was played at a terrific pace all the way. Tries were by Pryor, Parry, Chan. After the games we adjourned to the "Star and Garter" hotel and had a--"shower" we were supplied with towels, soap and even hot water. In the evening the team attended the pictures which incidentally are on only one night a week after the pictures some of the boys went to the dance which was on next door.

On Sunday morning the boys did as they pleased and generally had a good time. After lunch we hopped on Mr Shings truck and whisked down to the wharf where a crowd gathered to see us off. The girls came in full force so Hays the only one with a camera recorded for us the nicest spots in Coromandel, in return they took samples of Auckland. The trip back on the Coromell was dead calm, the sea had hardly a ripple in it, the jetty and surrounding hills were clearly reflected in the peaceful waters. As we got further and further away the reflections will remain to every one of us the trip to Coromandel.

The team would like to thank Mr Powell our coach for his keen resistance throughout the season, his enthusiastic coaching and goodwill to all members of the team moulded us into such a combination for winning the championships.

6TH GRADE RUGBY

The team had a very enjoyable if not entirely successful season.

We played 10 games, one of which was

played at Thames. The results of our games were as follows:

- v. Otahuhu, Lost 11-3;
- v. Sacred Heart, Lost 6-0;
- v. Auckland Grammar School, Won 5-0;
- v. Takapuna, Won 8-3;
- v. Dilworth, Won 3-0;
- v. Avondale, Won 3-0;
- v. Thames, Won 3-0;
- v. St. Peter's, Lost 11-8;
- v. Mt. Albert, Lost 6-3;
- v. Thames. Played at Domain, Won 3-0.

Armstrong the captain, played consistently well as halfback and Heath, the vice-captain led the forwards. Ettles played very good football throughout the season and scored several times. Seal played well at full back and did particularly well in the Mt. Albert-Grammar match. Incidentally we were unlucky to lose this vital match as we had the best of the game. During this match Dalhousie had his leg broken while making a very determined run. Harrison played well during the season and scored our only try against Thames in a return match at the domain. Johns, Hannah, Nacey and Milford, led by Heath, formed the backbone of the forwards.

Our journey to Thames ended with very pleasing results. The trip down was very interesting. On arrival two bright boys, namely, Harrison and Wylie decided to go and look for some old gold mines. They returned just in time to change and take the field with us. Ettles scored our only try from a very clever cut in. After watching our 7th grade and our 5th grade play and win we were treated to afternoon tea by the Thames boys. We then invaded the town. All arrived back at the bus in ample time. The journey home was very noisy, but very enjoyable. We sang all the way. Heath and Seal were two of many boys who found it hard to speak the next day.

7TH GRADE RUGBY

This year's seventh grade rugby team started the season with high hopes of success but owing to the absence of several players during the vital matches could only end the season as runners-up. We scored a number of big wins, the largest being versus Sacred Heart, whom we de-

feated 51-0. Besides this several other high scores were put up.

Besides the competition games two extra games were played, both against Thames. Seddon won both the games the scores being 6-0 and 14-0 respectively. The record of the team is as follows:—

- Sacred Heart College "A" Won 8-3.
- St. Peter's College "B" Lost 0-3.
- Northeote College Won 19-0.
- Sacred Heart College "B" Won 51-0.
- St. Peter's College "A" Lost 0-6.
- Mt. Albert Grammar Won 9-8.
- Thames Won 6-0.
- Sacred Heart College "A" Won 3-0.
- St. Peter's College "A" Lost 11-12.
- Thames Won 14-0.

In all the team scored 121 points for and 32 points against.

The team was:—L. Matheson (Capt.), R. Buckton (Vice-capt.), G. Bomar, G. Tolleimarsch, A. Eagan, J. McCarthy, J. Craig, J. Gavin, R. Morrison, G. Smith, T. Cunningham, G. Timms, B. Flower, E. Clark, L. Martin, B. Colquhoun, L. Kennedy, G. Jowett. Coach:—Mr. F. Wilkins.

THE FIRST SOCCER ELEVEN 1950

The team although a light one always gave a good account of itself and played bright and enterprising football which nearly caused some large upsets.

The following players represented the College:

Hobbs (capt.), Webber (vice-capt.), Bush, Williams, Cunningham, Coyle, Solomon, Wynn, Matheson, Fleming, Ashford, Trenaman.

Results of Championship games played this season.

Versus Avondale College lost 1-5.

Our first game was disappointing and we deserved to be beaten, the half-backs and inside forwards being mainly at fault owing to poor covering in defence.

Scorer Webber.

Versus Takapuna Grammar Won 4-0.

The team played bright football especially in the forwards and should have won by more. The backs again played poor football but improved as the game went on.

Scorers Coyle 3, Flemming 1.

Versus Otahuhu College Won 2-0.

We again played good football and the

forwards were always ready to snap up chances. The backs especially Bush and Cunningham gave a good account of themselves as did Webber and Hobbs in the forwards.

Scorer Webber 2.

Versus Mt. Albert Grammar Lost 0-4.

Although we were beaten we played our best game to date but could not hold the leaders in such heavy conditions. Bush played another sterling game in goal. Solomon and Hobbs were the pick of the halves and forwards respectively, with Coyle outstanding in the half-backs.

Versus Auckland Grammar Lost 0-1.

A very close game. Both sides had opportunities to score. All the team played well and were very unlucky indeed as a draw would have been a fair indication of play. Grammar scored in the last four minutes of play.

Versus Takapuna Grammar Won 3-2.

Takapuna came to light in the second spell and with a bit of luck might have drawn but our backs held out. Our team was a much weakened one playing without both Hobbs and Solomon but gave a good account of themselves with Matheson and Webber playing very well.

Scorers Webber, Matheson, Trenamin.

Versus Otahuhu College Won 1-0.

The team did not play as well as they expected but it was noticed that the backs were definitely superior to the Otahuhu forwards with Bush in goal perhaps overshadowing the other players. Both wings Matheson and Ashford played well.

Scorer Matheson.

Versus Mt. Albert Grammar Lost 0-3.

We definitely played our best game of the season and Mt. Albert were trying hard to score. The backs and inside-forwards played very well with perhaps Wynn and Solomon outstanding and in the forwards Hobbs and Ashford combining very well.

Versus Auckland Grammar Lost 1-3.

After three weeks rest the team seemed to have lost a great deal of fire and went down to Grammar quite easily. This game was played in our annual knock-out competition.

Scorer Webber.

Non Competition Game.

Versus Hamilton Technical Won 3-0.

A most enjoyable game with the wind playing a major part in our win. The Hamilton team displayed good positional play and neat footwork but played a short passing game instead of opening play out when playing with the wind. We would like to say "Thank You Hamilton" for a good and enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

Scorers Flemming, Coyle, Hobbs.

The team would like to thank Mr. Schlup and Mr. Steel for a most enjoyable season's football. Our team again was well represented in this year's representatives the players successful being:—Matheson and Ashford in the under 15 years tournament in Auckland, and Hobbs who toured with the Open Reps to Wellington where the team won the Skerrett Cup.

Mr. Schlup adds:— These notes would not be complete without mention of the sterling qualities of leadership displayed by Hobbs, the captain of the team. On the field he kept a watchful eye on the team; off the field both he and Webber built up a basic strategy which was the starting point of the very excellent team spirit which grew up during the season.

INTERMEDIATE "A" SOCCER TEAM 1950.

This team played some good games but did not do as well as we hoped. The team finished third in the competition.

The team was:—

Howell (capt.), D. Williams, Maggs, Merwyn (vice-capt.), Lockie, Dryland, Penny, Wright, Kirkpatrick, Hall Ramsey, Rielly. Also played:—L. Williams, Howard.

Versus Avondale: Won 8-0.

An easy game but Avondale played better after half time.

Scorers were:—Hall 6, Ramsey 1, Rielly 1.

Versus Mt. Albert: Lost 3-0.

Played only ten men in foul conditions. Reilly defended well.

Versus Takapuna: Won 1-0.

The team was over confident and was

unfortunate to lose L. Williams just before half time. D. Williams played a good game. Scores:---Reilly.

Versus Otahuhu: Won 3-0.

A very scrappy game. Lockie and Penny played well.

Scorers:---Hall 2, Howard 1.

Versus A.G.S.: Lost 1-0.

A penalty was missed by Tec' in the early stages of the game but the team played well.

Versus Mt. Albert: Lost 1-0.

The team was very unfortunate in losing D. Williams and Howell at different stages of the game. Hall was unlucky not to score but the team played an excellent game.

Versus Takapuna: Won 2-0.

The team played with ten men under the worst conditions yet met with, and did not settle down. Penny and Ramsey played well.

Scorers:---Ramsey 1, Hall 1.

Versus Otahuhu: Won 4-2.

Scorers:---Hall 3, Rielly 1.

Versus Takapuna: Won 1-0.

Score:---Hall 1.

Versus Mt. Albert: Lost 1-0.

We again lost to Mt. Albert in an evenly contested game. Their goal was well deserved and we were out of the knock-out.

The team thanks Mr. Schlup and Mr. Steel for their coaching during the season.

INTERMEDIATE "B" SOCCER NOTES K.O. Winners, Championship Runners-Up

The team that has taken the field on a majority of Saturdays is as follows; T. Page in goal, Godber (vice-capt.) and Coyle fullbacks, Moore, Reynolds and Anderson half-backs, Hope, Adamson, Bosson (capt.), McLeod and Beard. Others who gave a hand were Wyllie, Bain, White, and Crooks. The team was unlucky in losing the championship but it was no disgrace as the score in the deciding game 1-0 in favour of Auckland Grammar who we defeated in the final of K. O. 3-2.

The games as they came in order were; Played M.A.G.S. "B" at Orakei. Score 2-1 in favour of S.M.T.C. Scorers, Bain1 and Beard1.

Played Otahuhu College at Otahuhu. Score 3-1 in favour of S.M.T.C. Scorers McLeod2, and Bosson 1.

Played Avondale "B" at Avondale college. Score 2-1 in favour of S.M.T.C. Scorers McLeod 1, and Bosson 1.

Played Avondale "C" at crater. Score 12-0 in favour of S.M.T.C. Scorers McLeod 5, Bosson 5, Wyllie 1 and Hope 1.

Played A.G.S. "C" at Fowlds Park. Score 4-0 in favour of S.M.T.C. Scorers McLeod 3, and Bosson 1.

Played A.G.S. "B" at Orakei. Score 1-0 in favour of A.G.S. Scorer for A.G.S. G. Clark.

Played M.A.G.S. "B" at M.A.G.S. Score 5-1 in favour of S.M.T.C. Scorers McLeod 3, and Bosson2.

Played Otahuhu College at Otahuhu. Score 2-0 in favour of S.M.T.C. Scorer Bosson 2.

These were championship games and out of a possible 16 points S.M.T.C. scored 14 being runners-up to A.G.S. In the K.O. however, of a possible 6 points S.M.T.C. scored 6 to win the K.O. It was found that the Scotch accent of one of our players added somewhat to the enjoyment of the practises and the cry of "Hey Mon canna ye keep those elbows doon," was not unusual. Mr. H. P. Leeves who has coached and coaxed us so well this year would like to thank the team and the all reserves for their interest and loyalty during the season.

JUNIOR C SOCCER TEAM

This team had, in all, quite a successful season, being runners-up in the knock-out and winning three of the eight games played.

v. Otahuhu, lost 1-0.

v. Avondale College, lost 3-1.

v. Auckland Grammar B, won by default.

v. Mt. Albert G.S. B., lost 1-0

v. Otahuhu College, lost 2-0.

v. Auckland G.S., won 2-1.

v. Mt. Albert G.S., won 2-1.

In the knock-out, we found ourselves playing Seddon's B team, when we were honourably defeated 9-0.

The team proved equal to most opponents and in each of the defeats, with the excep-

1st Hockey XI

Standing: A. T. Campbell, B. G. Cunningham, W. H. Means, J. B. King, H. R. Head, R. D. Redwood.

Sitting: L. T. Conroy, R. W. Jenkins, D. W. Jones (capt.), D. J. Reekie, K. M. Phethean.

In Front: G. Pickering, J. L. Coster, Goodacre, R. Pye, B.



2nd Hockey XI, 5th Grade

Back Row: J. Kayes, B. J. Collett, J. R. Burr, J. B. Korff.

Middle Row: H. Stewart, P. L. James, J. B. King (capt.), J. R. Watson, Mr. E. L. M. James.

Front Row: B. C. Clark, I. L. Girven, P. Coughy.

Absent: R. T. Hiroti, R. G. Knaggs.



Junior Hockey Eleven, 1950.

Top Row (left to right): W. F. Jacobson, L. J. Thornton, J. Rea, G. French, R. W. Barrett.

Front Row: E. B. Southgate, J. C. Houltham, S. H. G. Smith, V. C. Eade, L. Matheson.

Absent: F. J. Donaldson, S. J. Williams.



1st Soccer XI

Back Row: N. J. Coyle, R. Matheson, B. Cunningham, R. Wynn.

Front Row: L. Williams, B. Webber (vice-capt.), K. Hobbs (capt.), M. Soloman, Mr. F. Schlup.

In Front: L. Ashford, G. W. A. Bush, J. Fleming.



tion of the knock-out, no score was made until after half-time.

Wheetly was a most dependable and reliable player who kept his position on the field and worked seriously, while McLaren, a convert from League, joined us early in the season and proved a real find, showing himself an energetic and really capable player. Brokenshire captained the team throughout the season, doing good work at centre forward and vice-captain Macaskill made many good saves at goal. Further play at this position will give him a little more of the confidence he requires. Pilkington, Brokenshire and Renshaw proved a sound combination for the centre, Renshaw in particular doing very good work, while Pain, who was capable of some splendid kicking, was never really happy as left back and changed eventually to inside right, and Robinson and Waddell joined later in the season.

Mr. Cook looked after our needs throughout the term and we appreciate the help he gave us.

1ST HOCKEY XI NOTES

This year the Senior Hockey Eleven was again entered in the Auckland Hockey Association's 3rd grade Competition. The team had many young players some of whom were having their first year at hockey. However, the team put up a creditable performance and was considered good enough to be entered in the New Zealand Secondary School's Tournament which was held at Gisborne.

The Team was.—

D. W. Jones (Captain), N. H. Mears, K. H. Phethean, R. D. Redwood, A. T. Campbell, R. W. Jenkins, G. Pickering, L. T. Conroy, J. L. Coster, D. J. Reekie, B. G. Cunningham.

Others who played were:—L. Matheson, H. R. Head, J. A. King, P. L. James.

Results of Matches:—

Versus Avondale: Lost 7—3.

Avondale played exceptionally well for this opening game taking us a little by surprise. Our team settled down in the second half and succeeded in scoring three goals.

Versus Varsity: Lost 6—1.

Varsity were quick to find our weak spot and exploited this fully. Our team defended strongly and succeeded in scoring.

Versus Mt. Albert Grammar: Lost 4—2.

This was a more evenly contested match. Both teams played determinedly but Mt. Albert succeeded in retaining the lead.

Versus Ardmore: Won by Default.

Versus Auckland Grammar: Lost 5—0.

Grammar once again showed its fine form forcing us to adopt a more defensive game.

Versus Trinity College: Won by Default.

Versus Grammar Old Boys: Lost 7—1.

A very fast game, with Grammar Old Boys dominating most of the forward movements.

Versus Albertians: Won 1—0.

The team played very determinedly to retain their one goal advantage, gained in the first half.

Versus Otahuhu College: Lost 10—0.

The team was changed owing to an injury to the captain. They pushed forward several times but failed to combine as a team.

Versus Varsity: Lost 7—3.

An improved match, but Varsity used their forwards skillfully and pushed into the lead. *See page 42.*

VISIT TO WHANGAREI

We were fortunate this year in arranging a game with Whangarei High School at Whangarei. The under Seven Stone Team also travelled with us and succeeded in winning their game.

The journey was made by train, and although it took five and a-half hours, everyone enjoyed himself. We arrived in Whangarei about half past two, and were handed over to the people who were billeting us. Many of these people took the boys sight-seeing. The same evening both our teams were invited to an enjoyable dramatic production at the High School.

The following morning we played our matches. It rained very heavily during the games making the grounds extremely slippery.

The train left Whangarei at three o'clock and after a very slow journey we arrived at Mungaturoto for tea. The next stage of our

trip was to prove the most eventful, for on resuming our journey, the engine developed a rather alarming thumping noise. After many stops it managed to struggle into the next station, Kaiwaka. We found this place very uninteresting for apart from the station, the only other signs of habitation appeared to be one or two houses situated opposite.

About eight o'clock we were picked up by a special Road Services Bus and taken to Warkworth. Here we were met by another bus which had been sent out from Auckland. After changing buses most of the boys found their seats so comfortable that they went to sleep. The last Devonport Vehicular Ferry was instructed to wait for us, and we arrived in the city about midnight. It is our proud boast that during our return journey we travelled by rail, road and water, so you can see the variety of travel we have experienced.

We thank Mr. Scott and Mr. Carnachan for enabling us to have such an enjoyable trip. The Juniors had told us how much we would enjoy the Whangarei visit. They were right. We would like to thank Mr. Henderson and Mr. Donaldson for inviting us and our billets for a comfortable and happy time.

THE N.Z. SECONDARY SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

This year our 1st Eleven again took part in the annual Secondary School Hockey Tournament which was held in Gisborne. This meant we had a considerable distance to travel. We overcome the transport difficulty by sharing a bus with the Auckland Grammar School Team.

We left Auckland early on Tuesday 22nd of August, arriving in Hamilton in time for an early breakfast. We did not stay long but pushed on to Karapiro to view the Hydro Station there. The next stop was Rotorua, where we enjoyed a swim in the Hot Baths. The drive from Rotorua around the three lakes was very pleasant and we stopped for lunch at a small Tea House on the shores of Lake Rotoma. We also stopped at Opotiki. The drive from Opotiki through the Waiaueka Gorge was very interesting. We stopped for tea at Mata-

wai and from there, on to Gisborne. We arrived about nine o'clock and were taken off to our respective billets. The next day we had a practice against Auckland Grammar there and looked around Gisborne.

The tournament was commenced on Thursday 24th. In the morning we played our first game and were defeated 12-0 by Auckland Grammar. The following morning we played our second game against Gisborne who defeated us 4-1. In the afternoon we played against Wanganui winning 1-0. Our last game was played on Saturday morning against Napier Boys High School and resulted in a draw 3-3.

On Saturday afternoon the New Zealand "A" and "B" Rep. Team played against Poverty Bay. Our College was represented in both Rep. Teams having D. W. Jones in the "A" team and B. G. Cunningham in the "B" team.

On the following Monday our travelling companions Auckland Grammar won the final in the tournament defeating Gisborne 4-3.

Besides the actual organising of the matches the Poverty Bay Hockey Association had arranged for us an extensive social programme. It consisted of a dance held on the Saturday night, a sightseeing trip by bus on Sunday, and a picture evening on the Monday night.

The return journey was commenced on Tuesday 29th. We left Gisborne very early and after negotiating many hairpin bends in the Waiaueka Gorge, arrived in Whakatane for lunch. Our next stop was at Tikitere, a thermal region outside Rotorua. We were shown around by a Maori guide.

At Rotorua we enjoyed another swim in the Hot Baths and had tea. On leaving Rotorua we visited the Fairy Springs. We were shown through by a guide and given the complete history of various species of trout.

The next stop was Hamilton, where we enjoyed another small snack which prepared us for the final stage of our journey to Auckland.

Our trip was made all the more enjoyable because we found the Auckland

Grammar School Team extremely pleasant travelling companions. We would also like to thank the Poverty Bay Hockey Association for an excellent tournament, splendidly run and for their truly magnificent hospitality.

It was noticeable that throughout the trip everybody enjoyed himself fully. We had in our group many extremely talented musicians, although the one who gained most distinction was the chap who serenaded us with his bagpipes.

Thus we can safely say that our trip ended on the right note.

JUNIOR HOCKEY XI

The Team: W. Jacobson, S. Smith (Capt.), J. Rea, B. Southgate, J. Houltham, R. Barrett, L. Thornton, V. Eade, F. Donaldson, S. Williams, G. French.

The Whangarei Visit: We had a very enjoyable time while staying at Whangarei, and this year we won the match played with them, the score being 3-0. Once again we were very happily billeted and Whangarei lived up to its high reputation for hospitality. We would like to thank Mr. Scott for letting us have time off for the trip and Mr. Carnachan for taking us.

Season's games in order as played:-

- v. Somerville, Won 2-1.
- v. Stanley Navy, Won 4-0.
- v. Auckland Grammar School, Won 8-1.
- v. Otahuhu Technical College, Won 9-0.
- v. Stanley Navy, Lost 2-1.
- v. Somerville, Won 4-2.
- v. Mt. Eden, Won 3-2.
- v. Whangarei High School, Won 3-0.
- v. Whangarei High School, Won 3-0.
- v. Otahuhu Technical College, Won 4-2.
- v. Whangarei (Champ. Finals), Won 3-1.
- v. Mt. Eden (Subsidiary Finals), Won 2-1.

The seven-a-side tournament which was supposed to be played on the 5th. June 1950 will be played on the 30th. Sept. 1950.

5TH GRADE HOCKEY

The Fifth Grade open found that many of the best players were promoted to the First Eleven as senior boys left College and as a consequence the team did not develop that combination and understanding which

produces winning results. We had a share of wins, however, and played many enjoyable games. P. L. James was selected for the Fifth Grade representatives who played the Fourth Grade and, after a good game, won by 5 goals to 4. A combined team from the Fifth and Sixth Grades played a team from Whangarei and, after a good game, the visitors ran out victors by 2 to 1. The visitors arrived by bus about mid-day on Friday and played our team that same afternoon, had the evening free, and were taken to see the Test Rugby Match between British Isles and New Zealand on the Saturday. They left for Whangarei after the match.

Against school hockey teams we had a fair measure of success, but against the other teams encountered older and more mature players and were not able to hold our own so well.

Watson had the misfortune to be struck in the mouth by a rising ball and suffered a broken tooth and cut lips, one of which had to be stitched.

A summary shows that we won two games, drew one and suffered nine defeats. However, we had good games to look back on and learned a lot about hockey.

6TH GRADE HOCKEY

The 6th Grade Hockey team started the year under the handicap of having one emergency only so that later in the year when Branton left we had just the bare team. This meant that unless every player turned up on Saturday the team was short. There were the usual absences due to sickness and later in the year Harris was struck on the foot by a hockey stick and he was out for several weeks with a broken bone in his toe. More will be heard of this team next year.

SOFTBALL NOTES

Three teams were entered in the Auckland Secondary Schools Softball Competitions during the 1949-50 summer season.

These were in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grades and although not conspicuous in their manner of play, the members of the teams found themselves up against very stubborn opposition and generally

speaking played hard and well and conducted themselves in a very sporting fashion.

Four members of the Senior team, Soffe, King, Silveira, Reilly were awarded badges as rewards for their reliable attendance, steady play, and earnest co-operation with the team supervisors, Messrs Leeves, Cook, and Eade.

ROWING NOTES

The Rowing season this year has been one of the most enjoyable and successful that any of the school crews have experienced. Right from the beginning the crews trained regularly and it was not long before possible members of the eight were selected. These trained in two fours until possible members of the eight were a month before the Head-of-the-Harbour when it was made possible for them to practise in an eight.

In the Head of the Harbour race, which is part of the Auckland Schools Regatta, the eight was placed third to Mt. Albert and Sacred Heart, who were 1st and 2nd respectively, with Tauranga College 4th. Our other crew which raced in the Second Fours, broke a seat soon after the start but rowed well to follow the field closely.

After the Regatta a fortnight of intensive training under the West End Captain, W. Wrathall, was commenced in preparation for the eight competing in the Maadi Cup which was to be held in Wellington on Easter Monday.

The trip to Wellington, which began on Good Friday, was enjoyed by all, especially those two or three who admired moonlit Ruapehu at an early hour of the morning. When we reached our destination we naturally found the weather cold and wet with winds approaching gale force. The crew survived however, and on Saturday afternoon went for a preliminary row on the Harbour.

Sunday morning dawned dry and somewhat calmer. Most of the crews assembled at Petone where they checked their gear, went for a row afterwards, polished their boats in preparation for the next days race. Later in the day we returned to Well-

ington and visited some of the places of interest.

The big day of the race arrived and everyone was feeling rather excited. The sky was clear but the wind was quite strong and the Korapora course along which we were to row, was choppy with strong gusts blowing over it from the valleys. The race started at eleven o'clock and from the start it was a tough race. Wanganui Tech. Mt. Albert and Seddon got away well, with St. Augustine's (Wanganui) and Wellington Tech. a bit further astern. Wanganui Tech. slowly took the lead from Mt. Albert with St. Augustine's moving up to race stroke for stroke with Seddon. Wanganui Tech. finished first, Mt. Albert, St. Augustines, Seddon and Wellington astern in that order.

The Maadi Cup was presented to Wanganui who had also won it the year before. The visitors then returned to their billets and packed their gear ready to return home in the afternoon.

The return journey was not as pleasant as the trip down, mainly because the train was crowded. Most of the crew, however, and especially Mr. Waddell, were able to get a bit of sleep even though some slept on the floor. The train reached its destination about 9 a.m. and every one tumbled out, mostly to go home to a "bed".

The crew wishes to thank Mr. Waddell, who, by his "infinite genius and cunning" made the trip possible. It also wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. J. Coete who spent much time and patience coaching them and to the Members of the West End Rowing Club for much good advice and the use of their boats.

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The college table tennis championships were again held after a lapse of a year. The winners of the events were as follows: -

SENIOR; Singles, L. Matheson.

SENIOR; Doubles, Parkinson and Hobbs.

INTERMEDIATE; Singles, McLeod.

JUNIOR; Singles, Orrell.

JUNIOR; Doubles, Orrell and Brown.

In the senior singles Matheson defeated Gardiner in the final. Maintaining a

Intermediate "B" Soccer Team.

Standing (left to right): R. Anderson, W. Reynolds, K. Coyle, M. Wyllie, K. Beard, J. Bain.

Sitting (left to right): T. Page, D. Moore, A. Gobber (vice-capt.), G. Bosson (capt.), P. MacLeod, B. Hope, H. P. Leeves (coach).



Junior "A" Soccer

Back Row: J. Lewins, J. Roberts, D. Bain, R. Mackie (vice-capt.), B. Wilkinson, B. Norton.

Front Row: Mr. A. A. Smyth, T. Duncan, E. Whiteside (capt.), R. Drake, G. Orrell.

In Front: D. Taylor, D. Hare.



First Cricket XI. 1950.

Standing: F. Bean, N. Coyle,
M. Solomon, A. Gray, G.
Parkinson, J. Wadding-
ham.

Sitting: A. Campbell, R. Mc-
Keown, L. Matheson, R.
Hobbs (captain), R. Lang-
well, D. Raisbeck, Mr. N.
Page.



2nd XI.

Standing: M. Pryor, O. Dry-
land, S. Mudford, L. How-
ell, A. Rich, J. Lockie.

Sitting: Mr. Brooking, C.
Burmester, W. Hallas, J.
McLean, G. Bosson.

In Front: G. Pickering, A.
Feden, K. Wright.



3rd. Grade A Cricket Team.
1950.

Standing: B. West, W. Col-
lins, T. Hay, R. Perkis, A.
Godber, K. May.

Sitting: K. Beard, D. Dea-
son (vice-captain), A.
Hawkes (captain), A.
Maggs, Mr. L. Grant
(coach).

In Front: B. McLeod, G.
Orrell, K. Hall.

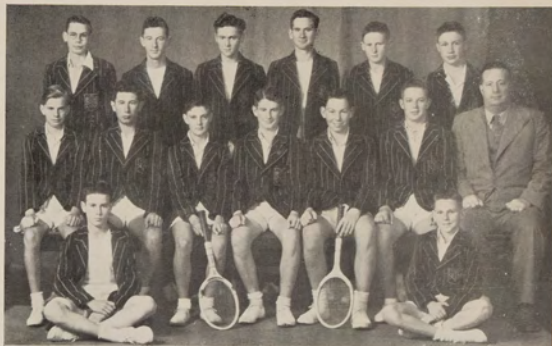


Intermediate and Junior
Tennis Teams.

Back Row: D. G. Morrison,
H. G. Jackson, R. A.
Wynn, R. M. Mathiesen,
J. N. Korff, R. D. Forsyth.

Seated: W. P. Jacobson, J.
R. Butler, R. W. Kennedy
(Junior Capt.), G. W. A.
Bush (Int. Capt.), D. M.
Whyte, J. White, Mr. L.
M. McKillop.

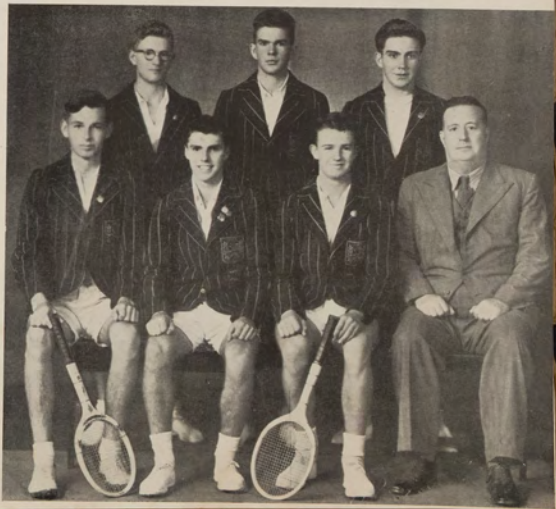
In Front: D. A. Buckley,
W. A. Whittaker.



Senior Tennis Team.

Standing: W. R. MacMillan,
N. S. Chalmers, G. E.
Farnell.

Seated: G. P. Gardiner, D.
W. Jones (Capt.), B. G.
Cunningham, Mr. L. M.
McKillop.



constant attack Matheson just won the first set 25-23. In the second set Gardiner took the initiative and won it rather comfortably 21-5. In the third and deciding set Matheson again attacked with success, to win the set and match, thus becoming champion of the school. Score; 25-23, 5-21, 22-20.

Showing greater combination and making fewer errors than their opponents, Hobbs and Parkinson won the senior doubles event quite decisively. With Parkinson playing a steady defensive game and Hobbs "killing" any loose balls they ran out winners against Gardiner and Matheson in the final. Score; 22-20, 21-16.

The finalists in the intermediate singles, Silveira and McLeod, played consistent table tennis throughout the tournament, McLeod proving the better of the two. The first set was evenly contested but McLeod, gaining confidence, won the second set easily. Score; 21-19, 21-12.

The junior players, under 14½ years, played table tennis of a suprisingly high standard. The winner of the junior singles, Orrell, played more consistently than Taylor in the final to win 21-18, 21-16.

The junior doubles was won by Orrell and Brown who defeated Norton and Eagan in the final, 21-8, 18-21, 21-17.

FIRST XI NOTES CRICKET 1949

The unity of the 1st XI was severely disrupted, in the third term, by several of its members leaving during the mid-term. This did not improve our prospects for the rest of the season but as it happened we had more success than previously.

Our first win was versus Sacred Heart. Seddon batted first and after good stands by Solomon, Merideth, and Raisbeck were all out for 134. Sacred Heart replied with 98 and as it was only a one day match there was no time for further play. In this match our fielding was extremely good and only one of the opposing batsmen were bowled.

Against Takapuna we had less luck but

our innings was characterised by some big hitting by Merideth who made 47. The next game against Avondale was washed out by rain.

Besides these competition games two more were played. These were against Thames, at Thames, and Dilworth. The game against Thames was played on a matting wicket. We put up a creditable performance and although we lost, Raisbeck and Gray put on over 90 runs.

The game against Dilworth was the most enjoyable of the whole year. The team was entertained at dinner by the Dilworth School and afternoon tea was also supplied. Excellent bowling by Merideth and Hunkin good batting by Taggart, and Hobbs earned us a good win. We learned with regret at the end of the season that Mr. Brooking, our coach, would no longer be taking us, and we express our thanks to him for his help during the season.

Hobbs, Captain: Hobbs has proved to be a good leader and has handled his team well. He has also inspired the boys to be turned out well.

Matheson, Vice-Captain: Matheson proved that he was of immense value to the team. His bowling was excellent and his batting and fielding above average.

Waddingham: Waddingham proved to be a very good batsman and his fielding also was excellent.

Raisbeck: Raisbeck behind the wicket did well and his batting also was good.

Coyle: The fast bowler of the team. Coyle never gave up until he had got a wicket.

Parkinson: Although slow in the field Parkinson used his footwork to advantage in batting.

Campbell: One of the finds. His medium-fast deliveries always kept the batsmen subdued.

Solomon: Proved to be a good opener in both batting and bowling.

McKeown: McKeown's slip fielding was very good and his hard hitting was much appreciated.

Langwell: Did not impress this year but his fielding and bowling were good.

Gray: Helped the side considerably in

his unorthodox way of batting. His fielding was good.

Bean: Provided a good help for Solomon as an opener. His bowling also was good.

THE FIRST CRICKET ELEVEN, 1950.

Although the First XI. did not have a very successful season we did by no means disgrace our college. The batting was quite good but could have been helped by the tail-enders. The bowling and fielding was also good and had all our opponents fighting for the runs.

The team comprised of:-

Hobbs, (Capt.), Matheson, (Vice-Capt.), Raisbeck, Coyle, Waddingham, Parkinson, Solomon, Bean, Campbell, McKeown, Gray, Langwell.

The first game was against Auckland Grammar and resulted in a loss after holding a good advantage on the first day. The second day proved our downfall and if the later batsmen could have added more runs the result might easily have been closer.

In the second game against Takapuna we just about had our first win but Takapuna seemed to have the edge on us and we again went down very narrowly by 40 runs.

In the last game against Sacred Heart College, due to a bad pitch which proved fatal for both sides, we battled through only to be beaten outright.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Page to the position of coach and hope that his stay with the eleven will be most enjoyable. Also for the help given to the team during the year. We thank him.

The past coach of the eleven must also be congratulated for the help given in his six years of office. Thank you Mr. Brookings.

Coaches Comments.

The team this year is a young one which has played well without luck. A review of it's performance will reveal some good performances. All that is required to produce a really well balanced group is experience.

OBITUARY

All cricketers and footballers were grieved to hear that R. Magee passed away at the

end of the second term, after a short illness. From 1947 till 1949, he showed great sporting ability in the College, especially in cricket, and captained the First Eleven in 1949, his second year in the eleven. Bobby was also a good footballer, being half-back for the great 1949 Fifth Grade team. He also reached the boxing final's last year.

Cricketers know that Megee's death is a great loss to cricket. His cheerful nature coupled with his good sportsmanship endeared him to all.

To Mr. and Mrs. Magee and family we offer our most sincere sympathy in the passing of a truly great sportsman.

SECOND CRICKET XI 1950

This year a team, which included a number of young promising players, was entered in the competition, the aim being to give these players match experience if they should play in the first XI next year.

The members of the team were: Hallas (Capt.), McLean (Vice-Capt.), Pickering, Wright, Peden, Pryor, Dryland, Howell, Rich, Lockie, Burmester, Bosson and Mudford.

Games were played against Auckland Grammar, Takapuna Grammar and Dilworth School, outright defeats being suffered in each game.

In the first game a good bowling performance was recorded by McLean, a left hand medium pace bowler, who took 5 for 32 and 3 for 36. He was given good support by Wright who took 3 wickets in Grammar's first innings. The batting, however, left much to be desired, the reason being that the team had had no practice against really fast bowling. Grammar had two fast bowlers to open and two medium pace as change bowlers wicket partnership in our 2nd. innings and thus had us on the defensive from the start. Wickets fell regularly in both our innings for small totals, although a 5th by Dryland and Hallas for 22 which lasted 20 overs managed to stop the rot momentarily.

Against Takapuna the batting improved, an excellent 51 being compiled by Pickering in Seddon's 1st. innings total of 89. It slumped again in the 2nd.

innings and T.G.S. were able to gain a comfortable win. Rich and Burmester bowled well in the 1st. innings while the 2nd. innings was highlighted by the fast bowling of Mudford who, when given the last over, proceeded to take two wickets with successive balls.

The team would like to thank Mr. C. T. Brookings for his coaching and the interest he showed in the team throughout the first term.

3rd Grade A Cricket Notes

The summer term is over and a general stocktaking of our efforts has left us with a feeling of worthwhile achievements. Our hardworking coach Mr L. C. Grant who insisted upon cricket being played at its best form, taught us good strokes, vigorous alert fielding, good-length bowling and above all good sportsmanship, and he built up a really keen team. Although most of its members are rather younger than the usual standard for third grade they have done very well, having won four matches and drawn one out of a total of five games. Lest we be complacent, however, we must remind ourselves that the hardest games are still to come. We would also like to thank Mr Grant for his reliability and the carrying of gear. The third B's have had some good games, but have not been quite as successful as the Three A's.

Best Performances

Batting	Runs	Average
B. McLeod	53	13
W. Collins	37	37
P. O'Sullivan	35	12
K. Hall	34	11
A. Hawkes	34	11
Bowling		Wickets
W. Collins	13	46
D. Deason	9	62
A. Hawkes	5	44
P. O'Sullivan	5	69

BOYS TENNIS NOTES

Third Term 1949

The junior team played well to win all of its three matches. Mt. Albert and Avondale were each defeated 6-1, and Auckland Grammar 4-3. The Intermediate team, however, lost all three of its games. We also

played an invitation match against King's College; our senior and intermediate teams were easily defeated, and our junior team lost 3-4 after the deciding match had to be curtailed on account of time.

We entered several players in the inter-secondary champion of champions event. Dick and Bush did well to reach the junior doubles final, where they were defeated 4-6, 6-4, 3-6 after a very close and hard-fought game.

The annual mixed doubles Yankee tournament was held in December at Windmill Road. This tournament is a popular one and about 100 players took part. The girls' event was won by Margaret Munro and the boys by G. Bush.

First Term 1950

This year teams were entered in the senior, intermediate, and junior competitions.

Senior Team.

The seniors played four matches, winning one and losing three. The six players played steady tennis, and at times the form shown was quite promising. However, the team had no star player with high class ability; but all members benefited from the match experience.

Results of Matches:

- v. Northcote College won 6-1;
- v. Avondale, lost 3-4;
- v. Mt. Albert, lost 0-7;
- v. Otahuhu, lost 2-5;

Team: D. Jones (Capt.), G. Gardiner (Vice Capt.), W. MacMillan, B. Cunningham, G. Parnell, N. Chalmers.

Intermediate Team.

This team won one match and lost two. It made a very promising start by beating Mt. Albert 7-0; but the next week was defeated by Otahuhu by the same score. G. Bush and R. Mathiesen played numbers 1 and 2 respectively and played well in their singles matches.

Results of Matches.

- v. Mt. Albert, won 7-0;
- v. Otahuhu, lost 0-7;
- v. Auckland Grammar, lost 2-5;

Team: G. Bush (Capt.), R. Mathiesen, R. Wynn, D. Whyte (Vice-Capt.), H. Jackson, D. Morrison.

Junior Team.

The juniors played 4 matches and won two of them.

Buckley, Whittaker, and Butler are promising first years in this team.

Results of Matches.

- v. Mt. Albert, lost 0-7;
- v. Mt. Albert No. 2, won 6-1;
- v. Auckland Grammar, lost 3-4;
- v. Avondale, won 4-3.

Team. R. Kennedy (Capt.), J. Buckley, W. Jacobson (Vice-Capt.), J. White, J. Butler, J. Korff, R. Forsyth, W. Whittaker.

School Championships

Preliminaries were held at Windmill Rd. all day Tuesday, and Friday afternoon was used for playing matches up to the finals. G. Bush and R. Mathiesen reached the finals of both Senior and Intermediate singles; while Bush and Whyte met Mathiesen and Wynn in both Senior and Intermediate doubles finals. Bush, playing in his "lucky cardigan," collected both the Senior and Intermediate singles titles; defeating Mathiesen 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, in the senior after a long and evenly contested struggle. He won the intermediate singles more easily 6-4, 6-3. In the doubles finals, Bush and Whyte beat Mathiesen and Wynn 6-3, 6-0 in the senior and 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, in the intermediate.

The junior events were very open, as half a dozen or so players were all very evenly matched. The singles final resulted in a win for D. J. McDonald, who defeated W. Jacobson 6-4 6-1. The junior doubles event was won by Whittaker and Anderson, who defeated Jacobson and Kennedy in the final 6-3, 6-4.

G. Bush is to be congratulated on winning four finals. Senior players who performed well were G. Gardiner, who was beaten in the senior semi-final; and Jones and Cunningham, who were defeated in the senior doubles by Mathiesen and Wynn after a very close and interesting match.

Championship Winners.

Senior Singles: G. W. Bush.

Senior Doubles: G. W. Bush and D. M. Whyte.

Intermediate Singles: G. W. Bush.

Intermediate Doubles: G. W. Bush

D. M. Whyte.

Junior Singles: D. J. McDonald.

Junior Doubles: W. Wittaker and G. Anderson.

CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS 1950

Junior: Morrison, R. C. (Seddon) 1; James, P. (Hindley) 2; Ross, G. (Binns) 3; Kirk, M. (Wellesley) 4. Time: 22mins. 4.3 secs.

Intermediate: Raisbeck, D. (Binns) 1; Sinclair, N. (Binns) 2; McLean, J. (Wellesley) 3; Botica, G. (Binns) 4. Time: 21 mins. 56.6 secs.

Senior: Matheson, L. (Hindley) 1; Martin, E. (Binns) 2; Jones, D. (Wellesley) 3; Moncrieff, D. (Binns) 4. Time: 21 mins. 32 secs.

Fastest Time: Matheson, L. (W6A) 21 mins 32 secs.

House Points: Binns (215) 1; Wellesley (167) 2; Seddon (138) 3; Hindley (110) 4.

E. 5A

Two honours have been bestowed upon Auckland this year. One, of course being the Empire Games, the other the evolution of the 1950 E.5A.

Nearly all of us are of similar ability when the mean of sporting and scholastic achievements is taken--all of us are preparing for School Certificates, all but three or four are in sports teams. Statistics on Mr. B's mark sheet show clearly the intellect of the form. Such marks as 3, 2 and 1 out of 10 are not unusual.

We are despondent at losing the valuable services and personality of Mr. Tylee and sincerely hope that his Australian career will be as successful as his N.Z. one. The drive and energy of our masters should not pass unnoticed; their unselfish efforts have won the respect of the whole form. For further information about most of us refer to 1951 Seddonian E6B form notes! for "this time next year where shall we be,--back in this academy."

"A" Basketball Team

Back Row (left to right):
Thelma Watt, Charlotte Savage, Raewynne Webber, Rosaline Ravelich.

Front Row (left to right):
Fay Paterson, Margaret Munro, Heather Nicholas (capt.), Molly Stackpole, Maureen Sanders.

Absent: Rona Nixon.



"B" Basketball Team

Back Row (left to right):
Tui Bristow, Romola Cooper, Halcy, Pennalligen, Estelle, Rowley, Sheila, Stevenson.

Front Row (left to right):
Joan Ellison, Sylvia Ruobonen, Evelyn Philpot (capt.), Pamela Belton, Beverley Everitt.

Absent: Anita Doidge.



Third Form Basketball Team.

Back Row: Rose Quensell, June Coffey, Kere Care, Dene McIntosh, Alison Blair, Leonie Kerr.

Front Row: Doreen Nixon, Nancy Brittain, Maria Yurjevic (capt.), Phyllis Gordon, Karen Alderton.



GIRLS SPORTS NOTES

BASKETBALL NOTES

This year the College introduced two teams in the Saturday competitions and the "A" team had the good fortune to be promoted to the Senior Reserve grade. The competition is of a very high standard therefore the team had some very good games. The "B" team stayed in the Second Grade and has also played well.

v. Northcote College.

On 13th June of this year we had a visit from the Northcote College, our first outside match of the year. We played the matches at the Windmill Road Courts where an A-B and third form team played. The weather was fine and the teams were looking forward to the matches. The games were of a high standard, the results being; Seddon (A) 17 Northcote 8. Seddon (B) 21 Northcote 9. 3rd form Seddon 10 Northcote 9.

v. Pukekohe.

On 8th July we had a visit from Pukekohe. Two basketball teams came and we again played at the Windmill Road Courts. The girls played very well but Pukekohe proved too good for our "A" team. We thoroughly enjoyed the games and the final scores showed; Pukekohe (A) 14 Seddon (A) 10. Seddon (B) 9 Pukekohe (B) 8.

v. Hamilton.

This was a game of intense interest to both player and spectator. We played the games on our own courts and were pleased to learn the final results; Seddon (A) 14 Hamilton (A) 11. Seddon (B) 10 Hamilton (B) 11.

v. Auckland Grammar.

The first outside visit of the year was our match against the Auckland Girls' Grammar School. This was the first time we have met in school competitions. We were unfortunate in losing our two matches the A team 18-8 and the B team 32-8. We hope to turn the tables next year when the return match is played on our own courts.

v. Stratford.

The long awaited trip of the year was a visit by the A team to Stratford the second year in succession for four members of the team. We made the trip in daylight travelling by bus the whole way. We left at 8 o'clock on the Monday morning and arriving at 6.20p.m. that evening. The weather was brilliant the whole way down. We were given splendid billets and after a good nights rest we were ready to play our match the next morning. Everybody played exceptionally well and we had the misfortune to lose 17-16 but by that score it can be seen that the game was evenly matched. From the opening whistle there was never a dull moment. On the Wednesday the girls made a trip up the mountain and for most of them it was their first sight of snow. We left on the Thursday morning at 8 o'clock amid sad regrets from most of the girls. On the trip home we were also fortunate in being able to visit the Waitomo Caves. This was an interesting experience for most members of the team. All the girls enjoyed their trip immensely and many are looking forward to meeting the Stratford girls in Auckland next year. Our thanks go to Miss Gallo-way accompanying us.

Intersecondary School Basketball Tournament.

On the 22nd July the College competed in the Intersecondary School Basketball Tournament entering one team in each of the three sections. These matches were played in the morning under ideal conditions. Our teams played very well and were unlucky not to win the cup. In all three sections Queen Victoria College took the honours.

v. Takapuna Grammar.

On 15th August our College had a visit from Takapuna Grammar. This is the first time we have played matches against them in basketball. We played these matches at Windmill Road Courts. They brought over three basketball teams and a hockey team.

The basketball matches did not show the same enthusiasm as our other matches but they were very evenly contested and our teams were lucky in winning all three games, losing the hockey by a very small margin. The results were; Seddon (A) 18 Takapuna 4. Seddon (B) 17 Takapuna 7. Third Form Seddon 9 Takapuna 5. Hockey 1st XI, Takapuna 5 Seddon 3.

This being on our sports day, enabled the girls of the College to witness the matches. The basketball girls would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Delaney for her untiring interest and encouragement as our coach and our successes have been due to her coaching.

GIRLS' HOCKEY NOTES

Near the end of April, the hockey team, started on its second season. Its players this year were:- R. Johnson (capt.), H. Blake, R. Blake, P. Pera, V. Hollis, L. Northover, M. Popata, L. Bell, L. Armstrong, S. Johnson, J. Bolsover, B. Knaggs, K. Wharehinga, Y. Taumata.

In the A.L.H.A. competitions, this year, the team played in the Junior Grade, and at the time of writing this report with one game to play, the team is second equal in points, with Otahuhu A, the Avondale A team coming first. In the competitions this year, the team has won ten games, drawn one, and won two by default.

We have been privileged to play different schools, and teams have also visited us from Pukekohe High School, and Hamilton Technical College. The former game was somewhat disappointing, as play in both sides became somewhat rough. However, the final score, was 1-1. The game against Hamilton followed, and although the visiting team lost, I am sure they had a very enjoyable game. The final score was 6-0 to S.M.T.C. On the 22nd June, our team visited Avondale College, to play an outstanding A.L.H.A. game. This proved to be a hard game, but the team played well, and S.M.T.C. won 1-0. On the 22nd July, the Auckland Inter-secondary Schoolgirls' Sports Association, held its annual hockey tournament. S.M.T.C. played Avondale, but were unfortunate in losing 2-0. This put them out after the first game.

At the time these notes are being written, the team has only two more matches to play, these being against Takapuna Grammar and Otahuhu College B team. We hope that these will both prove enjoyable games.

The team would like to thank its coaches Miss Hargreaves and Miss Jenkinson.

The team is proud that four of its members may possibly be chosen as Representatives in the Junior Grade. These are, R. Johnson, P. Pera, L. Northover, and J. Bolsover.

Versus Ardmore: Lost 12-0.

A one-sided game with Ardmore always on the attack.

Versus Auckland Grammar: Lost 7-1.

Grammar forged ahead in the first half making the best use of each opening. Our team defended well but failed to stop the attack down the wings.

Versus Avondale College: Lost 6-3.

Our team played well in the first half, holding the score at the three all. In the second half Avondale played very strongly, scoring a further three goals.

Versus Grammar Old Boys: Won 5-3.

The team went well making the best use of the advantage they held.

Versus Albertians: Won 4-0.

Our team gained an early contested game both sides playing very determinedly.

Versus Otahuhu College: Lost 3-2.

A very close game with no side having the advantage for very long.

Versus Hamilton: Won 11-1.

Our largest win of the season. The team played well and deserved their win.

Versus Whangarei: Lost 10-0.

The team played badly under heavy conditions.

Versus King's College. Won 4-3.

A very enjoyable game in which we managed to hold a slight advantage over King's.

"Auckland Reps."

The First Eleven were fortunate in having their captain, D. W. Jones, selected for the Auckland Junior Team to play "Country." Jones was also chosen for the Auckland

Third Grade Team to play Waikato.

P. L. M. James was a Fifth Grade representative.

In the Seventh Grade J. Houltham, W. Jacobson, F. Donaldson, were chosen as representatives, while V. Eade played for the Seventh Grade A Reps.

New Zealand Secondary School Reps.

After the 1950 New Zealand Secondary School Tournament, two representative teams were chosen.

In the "A" Team, D. W. Jones was selected, and in the "B" Team, B. G. Cunningham.

This is the first time that Seddon has been represented in a New Zealand hockey team.

GIRLS' CRICKET NOTES, 1ST XI.

The team completed the 49-50 season as Runner-up in the Auckland Junior Championship, to Suburbs.

Games Played.

The team consisted of:-

B. Strong. Captain till the end of the year. Dependable wicket-keeper.

R. Ravlick. 1950 captain. One of the many bowlers.

R. Webber. Vice-captain. Both a capable bowler and batter.

E. Jones. Although she left school at the end of the year she still helped the team with good batting for the rest of the season.

Y. Sinton. A good boundary fielder.

M. Scott. A good bowler in the making.

B. Oliver. An excellent wicket-keeper.

J. Service. Saved the game often with her sure left-hand batting.

E. Philpot. Another good boundary fielder.

B. Yates. Safe fielder and good bowler.

K. Roland. Although a late-comer proved a good batter.

T. Bristow. Accidentally hurt in the beginning of the season and was unable to play any more.

F. Jones. A safe fielder.

M. Notman. Played only a few games because of athletic fixtures.

On several occasions the team had the pleasure of travelling to outside fields to play Saturday matches. We visited Avondale, Otahuhu, Northcote Colleges and

then Mt. Wellington. On all occasions the team enjoyed the games.

The team would like to thank Mrs. Delaney for her encouragement and her valuable coaching, also Miss. Henderson for making possible our match with Northcote College during school hours, and finally Mr. Sinton and any other supporters who have been interested enough to follow our Saturday games.

GIRLS' TENNIS NOTES.

At the beginning of this year we again started our tennis season. In the first and third terms the girls are taken out to Windmill Road Courts by tram. The girls are divided into three groups--beginners, medium, and good players. The teachers coach the girls and, when a girl shows marked improvement in her play, she is raised to a higher group. The Annual Championships commence at the end of the year.

The results of last year's championships were:-

Junior Singles: E. Burnnand. Runner-up: F. Patterson.

Junior Doubles: E. Bunnand and M. Dean.

Senior Singles: B. Stocks. Runner-up: A. Doidge.

Senior Doubles: B. Stocks and A. Doidge.

In the 1949-50 season we entered a senior team in the Inter-secondary School Tournament. This team consisted of six players, two who played singles and doubles only, the other four playing doubles. Although we were not successful in these matches, winning only one out of six, we enjoyed them all thoroughly.

In the third term of last year, a Combined Doubles Tournament was held. The winners of this tournament were Graham Bush, and Margaret Munroe, who received as their prizes a pair of new balls.

We are now looking forward to the third term when we will all be able to enjoy more matches and the annual Championships.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

This year we held our girls athletic sports on the 14. March, 1950, at Carlaw Park in brilliant weather. The girls assembled in

the grounds at 9 o'clock ready for any last minute instructions and then went to the stand to watch the various races in operation. The following are the details of the day's programme:—

Championship Events:—

Senior Champion: H. Nicholas, (S) 14 points 1, C. Kerr (B) 10 points 2, B. Adams (W) 5 points, 3.
100 Yards Flat: H. Nicholas (S) 1, C. Kerr (B) 2, B. Adams 3.
75 Yards Skipping: H. Nicholas (S) 1, B. Adams (W) 2, C. Kerr (B) 3.
Broad Jump: H. Nicholas (S) 1, C. Kerr (B) 2, B. Adams (W) 3.
220 Yards Flat: C. Kerr (B) 1, H. Nicholas (S) 2, B. Adams 3.
75 Yards Hurdles: H. Nicholas (S) 1, C. Kerr (B) 2, C. Savage (S) 3.

Intermediate Champion: N. Ellis (W) 9 points, 1, M. Norman (S) 8 points 2, R. Ravelich (S) 3 points 3.
75 Yards Skipping: N. Ellis (W) 1, R. Ravelich (S) 2, M. Norman (S) 3.
75 Yards Flat: M. Norman (S) 1, N. Ellis (W) 2, J. Fisher (S) 3.
100 Yards Flat: M. Norman (S) 1, N. Ellis (W) 2, R. Ravelich (S) 3.
Broad Jump: M. Heron (B) 1, N. Ellis (W) 2, M. Norman (S) 3.

Junior Champion: C. Bowdler (S) 11 points, P. Dickens (B) 4 points, S. Schwamm (S) 4 points equal 2.
75 Yards Skipping: P. Dickens (B) 1, C. Bowdler (S) 2, G. Anderton (B) 3.
50 Yards Flat: C. Bowdler (S) 1, S. Schwamm (S) 2, P. Dickens (B) 3.
100 Yards Flat: C. Bowdler (S) 1, S. Schwamm (S) 2, Armstrong (B) 3.
Broad Jump: C. Bowdler (S) 1, L. Armstrong (B) 2, P. Eden (B) 3.

Open Events:

Sack Race, 50 Yards: D. Smith (H) 1, N. Lett (B) 2, Y. Sinton (B) 3.
Egg and Spoon Race, 50 Yards: Y. Sinton (B) 1, J. Daisley (H) 2, B. Everitt (S) 3.
Three Legged Race, 50 Yards: T. Gibson & L. Northover (H) 1, S. Woolf & S. Bequely (W) 2, J. McKenzie & A. Doidge (H) 3.

Age Races.

Under 14, 100 Yards: C. Waldron (B) 1, J. Steele (W) 2, D. Lockwood (W) 3.
Under 15, 100 Yards: C. Morris (W) 1, D. Morris (W) 2, M. Jamieson (W) 3.
Over 15, 100 Yards: F. Bridle (W) 1, C. Bell (H) 2, B. Oliver (H) 3.

House Events

Junior Shuttle Ball: Seddon 1, Binns 2, Wellesley 3.
Senior Shuttle Ball: Seddon 1, Wellesley 2, Binns 3.
Junior Bean Bags: Binns 1, Seddon 2, Wellesley 3.
Senior Bean Bags: Wellesley 1, Binns 2, Seddon 3.
Junior Pass and Straddle: Hindley 1, Seddon 2, Binns 3.
Senior Pass and Straddle: Hindley 1, Seddon 2, Binns 3.
Junior Circle Gap Passing: Seddon 1, Hindley 2, Wellesley 3.
Senior Circle Gap Passing: Seddon 1, Hindley 2, Wellesley 3.
Junior 440 Yards relay: Seddon 1, Binns 2, Wellesley 3.
Senior 440 Yards Relay: Seddon 1, Wellesley 2, Binns 3.

HOUSE POINTS

Seddon 68; Binns 44; Wellesley 40; Hindley 22.

At 3-30 p.m. the programme ended and many of the girls went home, tired after their day's efforts. To the champions we extend our congratulations and to all those who were unsuccessful our thanks go forward for making the day such a success and we wish better luck next time.

GIRLS' INTER-SECONDARY ATHLETICS

On 22 April, the College sent a team of girls to the Northcote College to compete in the Inter-Secondary Schools' Athletic Sports. These competitions were held on the one day under ideal conditions. The competitions comprised championship and individual events, also team games which include Junior and Senior grade. Even though our girls did not take first honours we filled



Girls' Cricket 1st XI.
 Back Row: B. Oliver, K. Roland, J. Service, E. Philpot, M. Scott.
 Front Row: Y. Sinton, R. Welbber (vice-capt.), R. Ravlich (capt.), E. Jones, Mrs. Delaney.



Girls' Hockey Team.
 Winners, Runners-up Cup; Auckland Ladies' Hockey Junior Championship.
 Back Row: P. Pera, S. Johnson, K. Wharehinga, B. Knaggs, L. Northover, V. Hollis.
 Front Row: L. Armstrong, R. Blake, H. Blake, R. Johnson (capt.), L. Bell, J. Bols-over.

many minor placings. In the ball-handling Wm the points wre finalisd w found that we were very successful winning all events, we had came third out of the nine schools in the competitions.

At the end of the afternoon we went home, feeling proud of our efforts and pleased with our enjoyable day.

GIRLS' SWIMMING NOTES

The girl's annual swimming sports were held at Shelley Beach Baths on the 28th February. Perfect weather and anxious competitors made the day a very pleasant one for everyone present.

The most exciting item on the programme was the dressing race which always appeals to the spectators. All the races were very enjoyable, especially the House relay teams. There were several events organized for the non-swimmers and this encouraged all the girls to participate.

This year we entered a team in the Auckland Technical Girls' swimming championships. We were very successful in all events and attained fourth position.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS

33.1-3 yds. Freestyle: 1 Molly Stackpole, (B); 2 J. Ransley, (W); 3 E. Masterman, (S).

100 yds. Freestyle: 1 Molly Stackpole, (B); 2 J. Ransley, (W); 3 E. Masterman, (S).

33.1-3 Breaststroke: 1 Molly Stackpole, (B); 2 J. Ransley, (W); 3 M. Shirley, (W).

33.1-3 Backstroke: 1 Molly Stackpole, (B); 2 E. Masterman, (S); 3. J. Ransley, (W).

Dive: 1 Molly Stackpole, (B); 2 E. Masterman, (S); 3 M. Shirley, (W).

Final-Senior: 1 Molly Stackpole, (B).

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

66 yds. Freestyle: 1 D. Carter, (H); 2 S. Sorenson, (H); 3 H. Morris, (S).

33.1-3 yd. Breaststroke: 1 G. Sorenson, (H); 2 D. Carter, (H); 3 M. Organ, (B).

33.1-3 yd. Backstroke: 1 G. Sorenson, (H); 2 D. Carter, (H); 3 L. Hughes, (H).

Dive: 1 G. Sorenson, (H); 2 C. Roland, (H); 3 A. McFadden, (B).

Final-Junior: 1 G. Sorenson, (H).

OPEN EVENTS

33.1-3 yds. Freestyle: 1 F. Glass, (S); 2 M. Andrew, (S); 3 J. Clarke, (H).

66 yds. Freestyle: 1 O. Kem, (B); 2 J. Ellison, (B); 3 J. Clarke, (H).

Potato Race: 1 J. Ellison, (B); 2 L. Armstrong, (B); 3 M. Munro, (W).

Under 15: 1 S. Dwen, (S); 2 G. Keesing, (B); 3 A. Creber, (W).

Over 15: 1 J. Ellison, (B); 2 J. Clarke, (H); 3 J. Moore, (H).

Under 14: 1 M. Andrew, (S); 2 H. Ford, (B); 3 B. Curin, (H) and M. Lusty, (B) (tied).

Neat Jump: 1 M. Munroe, (W); 2 J. Clarke, (H); 3 S. Johnson, (B).

Neat Dive: 1 M. Daniels, (H); 2 F. Glass, (S); 3 P. Dickens, (B).

Dressing Race: J. Moore (H) 1, J. Ellison (B) 2, C. Bell (H) 3.

Tandem: J. Ellison & R. Nixon (B) 1, F. Emirali & J. Davies (B) 2, P. Espin & M. Rowe (W) 3.

HOUSE RELAYS

Senior: Binns 1, Wellesley 2, Seddon 3.

Junior: Hindley 1, Seddon 2, Binns 3.

NH3A FORM NOTES

Our form mistress is Mrs. Delaney, and our class sergeant Laura Armstrong with Lola Bossard as deputy. The aim of most of the girls in the class is to become either dressmakers or nurses but whether we will achieve this we do not yet know. We have two girls in the class who have joined the Drama Club these being Leila Richards and Lorraine Shanks. We have also several good sport fiends in our class. June Coffey Rose Quensell, and Karen Alderton are in the Third Form Basketball team, and Joan Bolsover and Laura Armstrong in the College Saturday Hockey team. A noted athlete in our class is Jewel Bowdler who won the Junior Championship Title, and also Margaret Heron who came third in the Intermediate Broad Jump. Laura, Joan, Jewel and Margaret were among the girls who represented S.M.T.C. at the Intersecondary School Sports which were held at Northcote College. Laura came third in the broad jump and Margaret came third in the 75 yards sprint.

FORM NOTES

E. 6. A.

This class which is considered by both staff and pupils alike to be the ultimate in scholastic attainment consisted at the beginning of the year of six brilliant youngsters. Two of them who could not stand the many lessons and great mental standards required by the form left, to become engineering cadets with the city council. Even at the beginning of the year the college recognised the great honour which these six brought to the school and automatically appointed them prefects. With their natural modesty and popularity unaffected, by this honour, they set to and by their general bearing and appearance set an example which many pupils found hard to achieve.

It is not usual to find mental and sporting ability combined in one person and so it was remarkable that all of E6A came into this class, our sports record is as follows--

First Rugby Fifteen: Parkinson (Captain), Gardiner.

First Soccer Eleven: Soffe, Cunningham.

First Hockey Eleven: Cunningham.

First Cricket Eleven: Parkinson.

First Softball Eleven: Soffe (vice Capt.).

Athletic team: Parkinson, Hallas, Maret, Senior Tennis team: Gardiner, Cunningham.

Second Cricket Eleven: Hallas (Captain).

As to be expected this record could not be equalled by any other form in the college. A brief summary of our form follows--

Cunningham, Brian G.: The axiom that appearances are deceptive is obvious in Brian's case as he is quite a brainy lad in spite of his continually dazed look.

Gardiner, George P.: George is the deputy-head Prefect of the college and is also the top scholar of the form and a very sporting youth.

Hallas, William M.: Bill is now in his sixth year at the college and so his is the unique

honour of having been at Seddon longer than any other boy.

Maret, Denys LeR: Denys was one of the two who left our form during the year which was also his sixth at the college. We others fear that like his comrade Hallas, he fancies himself as a young Lothario.

Parkinson, Geoffrey A.: Geoff is a very versatile boy, being in the top team of every sport in which he takes part. It is a pity however that he does not pay as much attention to his school work as he does to his sport.

E 6 B.

Being the Annual Confessions of the Sixth Form Opium Eaters

After Monday morning assembly E 6 B, staggers to room 20. Cleary eye and shaly hands give evidence of a week-end's rigorous study (riotous revelry) Mr Mc-- sits sternly at the table passing unkind remarks about the members of the prefectorial staff who arrive late. After being lectured on the mavel's of Algebra from a plus b to the differential calculus applied to maxima and minima, 6B, awed, go forth from the learned atmosphere.

Tuesday morning's entertainment is produced in the chemical laboratory with Mr. S.-- After the necessary work such as analysis is done, a group gathers and the experts entertain with spectacular, if dangerous demonstrations necessitating frequent frenzied rushes to the starter button for the ventilating fans.

We are sleepy on Wednesday afternoons someone snores, and Mr. A-- in his wrath sets an impossible ratio construction. Although this is a trifle harder than the usual problems we make up for our failings with our phenomenal knowledge of Solid geometry which we learn at a great rate from the finest(?) text book available.

Under the guidance of our fatherly form-master Mr H-- we investigate magnetic and electrical phenomena with instruments of varied and variegated ancestry



which have led, sad to say, a long and hard life. The accuracy of our experiments is often marred by misguided characters who wander aimlessly about the laboratory with magnets concealed on their persons and who have a mania for surreptitiously filting benches.

Strange as it may seem we hurry to our Friday first period class-room. The fact that the room is in the Commercial department is merely incidental. Here Mr A. Smith teaches us to control our language with the aid of that excellent text book, "Control of Language" by those two penitent reprobrates King and Ketley.

Discipline is relaxed somewhat in Mechanics classes because of various foreign bodies known as Institute trainees and of the so called upper sixth, the phantom form of E6A. "They came, they saw, they went, away again." With our assistance these gentlemen???? investigate the underlying principles of Applied Mechanics.

E.5.B. FORM NOTES

E.5.B and M.E.5 have worked together exceptionally well this year. They are a combination hard to equal. Having Mr. E. L. M. James as our form master it was only to be expected that E.5.B and M.E.5 would be second to none. in all the College activities.

A 100 per cent pass in School Certificate is our objective for the end of the year.

Prefect Moncrieff and Sub-Prefect Smith fulfill their duties with dignity and discretion.

Under the able guidance of our Engineering Master Mr. Hollies E.5.B and M.E.5 can boast of their achievements in both theory and practical work.

Munro, Smith and Andrews are our contribution to the First Fifteen. We have also supplied two Captains, Moncrieff, Capt. of the 3B and Rich, Capt. of the 4B Rugby team.

We also have members in Soccer teams. Merwin, Vice Capt. of the Intermediate A and Crooks.

In the Cricket teams we are well represented. Raisbeck as a member of the First XI, and Andrews Capt. of the 4th team.

In Softball we have played our part with Smith and Shing in the 1st 9.

Two members of the 1st Rowing Eight, Munro and Moncrieff are from E.5.B. and M.E.5.

E. 4A FORM NOTES

There are 36 more or less intelligent (hard working) types in E.4A this year. Under the guiding hand of Mr. L. E. A. we will go through the year without any mishaps. (We hope). We are fortunate in having representatives from Fiji and Cairo with us. Pree and Karlof turned out to be very interesting pupils.

In the exams McElrea, with his abnormal brain, proved to be too good for his rivals, Nutty Nairn was second, and Wilson, the possum catcher, third. It is said that Nairn has been cultivating his eyebrows, but whether this is true or not I couldn't say; although they say there is a relationship between mathematical ability and large eyebrows. Gavin and Alder (Rigor and Mortis) are our two form bandits this year as they always seem to be in trouble.

There are three lab. boys in E.4A, worse luck! We had been wondering why all the experiments were such flops until we realised it was all because of our three noble lab. boys. Mr. P—— was fortunate in getting the pick, but Mr. W—— was unfortunate in getting the most notorious lab. boy at Seddon. McElrea had the privilege of creating a miniature atomic bomb explosion in room 8.

Gorilla Gray, our he-man, excels at sport. He is in the First XV and First XI. Gray scored the try that beat Avondale.

E.4B FORM NOTES, 1950

E.4B is a very well known Form and has good Form teachers, such as the noble mathematician, Dr. O'Shannesy, and the Science Preacher, Mr. Waddel. E.4B representatives in the major sports were: Means, Coster and Head, first Hockey 11. James, the 1st XV. and 1st softball 11. Pryor, the 2nd Cricket 11 and Inter-Secondary School Sports. Pryor and James are the best all-round sportsmen in the class. Pryor as well as being a good cricketer, is also an excellent Rugby player and vice-captain of the fifth grade Rugby team. The rogues of



Printing Department
A general view of the Letterpress Machine Room.



Registered Wireman's Course in
Industrial Electronics

the class are: Poss, Red, Baz, Smoko, Malloy, Muff, Oscar and Babyface.

Our class sergeant is an Adonis, who is significantly known as Red Hall. He is a big burly brute with a red flowing mane. Our present class sergeant is a real tough lad, whose nickname is Potato Masher James.

FORM NOTES

E.3B.

The boys of E.3B. are a merry band. Most of them are keen chess players. Occasionally they misbehave and are punished vigourously but this does not dampen their enthusiasm.

In the Cricket season three boys from E.3B. were lucky enough to accompany the third form cricket team to Whangarei; the boys concerned were:-- Goodall the Capt. of the 5a cricket team, August a very good chess player, and Perkis the class sergeant.

When the football season came round another three boys were lucky enough to go to Thames. The boys are, Hanna, Millard and Colquhoun. Don't think from this that E.3B. shines solely outside the class room for we are waiting confidently and looking forward to our exam results. If you do not hear from us again next year then exams are worse than we fear.

E. 3D FORM NOTES

In our Form we have a few ruffians. Wood is the "Class Clown" with Buckley a close second. The "Class Sargeant," Harris, has a hard job keeping them in order. There is not a dull moment in the seven periods a day with our teachers, who try their utmost to drive something into our thick skulls. If you see a well-groomed boy lurking around corners, it is bound to be Outtrim hiding from some teacher or prefect. When you happen to pass a room that is occupied by E.3.D you might hear a bang or a crash; it is not bomb but a boxer or a wrestler trying out a new holt or punch.

In our sporting world we have some champions. D. Buckley is our tennis champion; K. May and A. Elder were in representative cricket teams. Also T. McKeown was in the 6th grade A and B. Brown was

in the 5th grade cricket. When it comes to swimming, P. Bond, who has just recently gone to England, was successful in several events. T. McKeown, B. Brown, G. Brown and D. Buckley were also in the swimming, but were not successful. When the athletics came along, C. Pollock was the place-getter in three races. G. Outtrim was placed and W. Ruwhui won the hop, s-e-p and jump. M. Papas, who is in the "Harriers," went in for the 440 yards flat race, but did not gain a place. In the big event, G. Brown and A. Wood lined up, but neither gained a place. The class is well represented in football.

Form Notes Of ME. IV.

M is for Mathews who's never at school.
O is something we've nothing for.
T is for Tootill who's just a plain fool.
O is for Owen who's just a bore.
R is for Riot that comes from the back.
E is for Edgar who never gets wacked.
N is for Nobody who's best in the form.
G is for Gerity who'll never reform.
I is for Just It, we all think we're that.
N is for Nit Wit can Norm H be that?
E is for Everybody we do our best.
E is for Everybody who does the rest.
R is for Raper the motor expert.
I is for Idiots who are never alert.
N is for Noble our English master is so.
G is for the authors Girven and Raive.
4 is the number of masters we love.
This poem with the compliments from the mutts above.

METALWORK 4 FORM NOTES

This year our numbers have increased to 17, as we have had a few additions from E.4C. Unfortunately our class has earned itself a bad reputation, but is really the fault of Typography 4, with whom we are unwillingly associated. It is a pity such an industrious class (?) should be hindered with their work. Below are some of the class notabilities:--

Abercrombie: It's a pity we're all not like him.

Botica: He has no friends, except Mr. Gurney, who pities him.

Burnie: An intelligent chap, who once had hopes of School Certificate.

Cooper: He makes the mistake of thinking he owns the electro-plating room.

Corcoran: Holder of the strap record.

Fleming: Mr. T.'s friend.

Hay: A member of the 1st XV.

Hosking: Our No. 1 sportsman, who won four senior events at the School Sports, and plays on the wing for the 1st XV.

Mudford: Plays for 2A cricket, 4A Rugby, and is our hope for the Boxing champs.

Pinkier: A very witty chap indeed.

Topless: The class sergeant, who has quietened down a lot this year.

W. 5A FORM NOTES, 1950

This year the redoubtable Form of W.5A consisted of 13 (unlucky) enlightened individuals, who knew all about the mysteries of school life. They had many virtues, one of which was wandering about the corridors for some unknown reason. However, the always-vigilant form master, Mr. L. McK, soon put a stop to this, for better or for worse. The class contains many celebrated artistes from all "walks of life," and here is a short sketch on each member.

Bain (the Fallen Idol) soccer player of ability, very quiet? Noted for his love of all school work.

Brown (Jolson Sings Again), ex-choir boy, also soccer player. Is now reinstated to his rightful place as choir member.

Bush (The Third Man) or (Whisky Galore), could be termed a tennis player, and is 1st Soccer XI goalkeeper; is a great believer in lucky charms. Is yet another choir boy.

Cliffe (The Outlaw), the non-School-Certificate pupil; always bullying boys bigger than himself; most about Cliffe is censored, which is a wise thing.

Everett (Dark Past), just a little boy who is heard and not seen; is a close associate of Cliffe, so will not say any more about him.

Kelly (For Me and My Gal), our 6 x 1 giant and the travelling salesman from Tauranga; mainstay of the 2B "fat boys."

Langwell (Father Was a Full-Back), brilliant sportsman; 1st Cricket XI; also Rugby player. A typical N. Shore character.

Martin (Young Man of Music), oboe player extraordinary in college orchestra and band; in Auckland Junior Symphony Orchestra. Intellectual scholar.

Michael (The Paleface), the school shooting champ and our draughtsman specialist. Is known to be connected with a certain circular louvre.

Peden (The Great Sinner), sub-prefect, one of Mr. C.'s best friends. The wounded soldier of the 1st XV; a notorious Tamakite.

Peterson (My Own True Love) or (The Great Lover). His affections for one A. McL. have caused much comment. Intermediate athletic sprint champ.; top scholar in W.5A.

Solomon (A Quiet Week-End). Of the 20 most responsible boys in the school, Solomon is definitely 21st. First Cricket and Soccer XI; treats school as a holiday.

Warmington (Johnny Stool Pigeon), the permanent-wave, peroxide blonde of our Form. Another North Shore menace known almost universally as "the Worm."

W. 5. B. Form Notes

Although not so bright in the class room we are the most outstanding form on the sports field. We are represented in all of the sports of the college.

Hobbs our class sergeant is a prefect. He is a keen sportsman as he is captain of the first Soccer and Cricket Elevens. We have been led to believe that he is also a good table tennis player.

Burr who is our deputy class sergeant and is in charge of the class register plays Hockey for the college. He has only lost the register four times this year so far.

Hawkes a sub-prefect plays in the forwards for the first fifteen and is captain of the third grade cricket team.

McKeown who has just fully recovered from a broken leg he got two years ago is a dashing Winger in the first fifteen. He is a champion sprinter and has won a couple of events in the school athletic sports. He also plays for the first eleven cricket team during the summer terms.

McCarthy who is the smallest but believed to be the brainiest boy in the class plays rugby for the seventh grade team (under

six stone). A rumour has got round that he intends to stay until he makes the first fifteen (over ten stone).

McWilliam who is of the sleepy type plays cricket for the fourth grade team **Murgatroyd** McWilliam's best friend also plays fourth grade cricket. He plays the fiddle in the college orchestra as well.

Northover who is a friend of every teacher plays third grade cricket. He is the head theatre operator. This would account for his popularity with the first years.

Parris who is a witty type noted for his sound effects is a winger in the first fifteen. He always turns up at school on sports days during the rugby season. He is also a great impersonator and has many queer habits of his own.

Silveria is a good softball player and is hooker for the first fifteen. He also represented us in the school swimming sports in the middle of the first term.

West plays cricket for the third grade. He was requested to join the drama club for its annual production but decided it would be better to stay a gangster in Lyndsay Parris's gang.

Wynn plays soccer for the first eleven and is in the tennis team. He is under the influence of Parris being vice captain of the gang.

W.4B FORM NOTES, 1950

1950 showed W.4B a brilliant Form in sports and college activities under the capable leadership of our Form master, Mr. F. Wilkins. R. Stanners, our class Sergeant, and P. James as deputy, carried on under our Form master's instructions. The half-year's genius was A. Campbell, who was promoted to W.4A. From the outside world F. Wydur was taken for skating in the Canterbury Centennial Games to represent Auckland at Christchurch.

Athletics.—P. James won 440 yards and 800 yards and 100 yards hurdles, and became Junior Champ. Also N. Sinclair won the open hurdles and A. Campbell threw the discus and broke the record.

Rugby.—7th Grade: Clarke and Buckton. 6th Grade: Fye and Kennedy. 5th Grade: Hayes (Slater). 3rd Grade: Gault, Sinclair.

Soccer.—Reilly and Ramsey, Intermediate (A). Morrison was in Intermediate (B), Whiteside, Junior (A) (Cap).

Hockey.—5th Grade: James and Knaggs. **Softball**.—1st: Reilly, Ramsey, Wheeler. 5th, Whiteside.

Tennis: R. Kennedy was Junior Capt., and in the Intermediate there was Morrison.

Cricket.—1st: Campbell. 3rd: Jones. 4th (B): Knaggs, Clark.

Cycling: Stammers, Rogers, Hayes and Knaggs.

WOODWORK 3A

In Science exams Stephen James excels, while the rest of the class are real dumb-bells;

Woodwork Theory is all very well,

But Mr. B — can't teach us to spell.

Mr. E —, who teaches us drawing,

Found deputy Class-Sergeant Baillie a-scoring;

Peter MacLeod at Mathematics is good,

While Mr. McK — shows us how we should.

Finally Mr. W —, who teaches us history,

Leaves our minds blank in perfect myst'ry.

We are quite finished now,

And needless to say:

We'll be back again next year

As Woodwork 4A. (We hope!)

W. 3. B.

One night before going to the pictures Allen visited McMullen first, and the Butler there brought them some tea.

The next morning he met Clarke and went to Church with him. That night Cleave and Comrie climbed to the top of Mount Cook.

While walking home Currie saw an Eagle flying overhead. On reaching the town he noticed a grand statue of King Edward. When the Farmer finished feeding his cows he went to study some French. Whenever Henson had his holidays he would always go to Henderson to feed himself with grapes.

As Johnston was driving along a country road he stopped at a petrol station and bought a new Lucas battery for his car. When Chan, the clown of our class, went into the old Black-smith shop.

On Friday Hyndman went to McKenzies

to buy a toy gun to play with.

On Wednesday we were told our examination Marks.

Form Notes

Station W.3.C. Broadcasting:

When you hear the time signal it will be exactly 9 a.m., time for duty. Gong.

This could happen to you.

1st. Instalment—Mr. W.:

To begin with take the Monsoons, the Trades and a hurricane, combine the three and what have we—'Baby it's cold outside.'

2nd. Instalment—Mr. L.:

Now for a little more on the Health and Beauty side. When one has accomplished a double somersault followed by a balance on the left hand supporting two bags of coal then one can be initiated as a member of "Radiant Living" (maybe).

3rd. Instalment—Mr. G. and Mr. P. and Dr. O'Sh. and Mr. T.

Now for the Conclusion.

Take the above lessons and subject them to investigation, what is the result?

Brain Fever through the over active Brain—Ruin of all Potentialities.

A complete nervous break down.

Still such is the way of life and without the foregoing instalments who would we have to be the future prefects of our beloved school.

Form Notes Typo 5.

Typo 5 are here again. First on our roll is Bridge. He is always drawing females or else he's annoying someone with his fluent conversation. He is quite well known to most of the teachers. Finer is next. The only time one sees him laugh is at one of his own jokes. Another trait of his is criticising every one else.

Johns is next. His Non-de-Plume is "Birdbrain Bruce". He is rather dull at times and prefers to act like a two-year-old most of the time. Maclean is our class sergeant and his favourite occupation is annoying Johns by making up nicknames for him. Sutherland is the 6 foot arrival from Avondale College. He is better known to the boys by his nickname of "Ape".

Webber concludes our role. His main feature is his ability at art. He is rather quiet but he comes out of his shell

occasionally. With that we conclude after having introduced our six pupils who will probably have dwindled right down to two by the end of the year.

TYPO 3

Typo 3

You will all agree,

Is the noblest class there ever will be,
And you will find by looking at us all,
That we are the brightest scholars of all.
Among us here there's many that's gifted,
Bowman in the drama. He's sure to be shifted.

There's Rose the class clown who'll never let you down,

And then there's Grewer with his flashy bike,

Who after many miles is sure to hike.

There's Smith and Scott the class magicians, who are always avoiding awkward positions.

There's Seal and Waddell, who are keen League fans.

And also Parker in our fine band.

There's Warden for justice, McMillan for peace,

And between them both they make crooked police.

And so you see we're Typo 3

The finest form in S.M.T.C.

SENIOR BUSINESS

In Senior Business you will see,

A most exclusive menagerie:

Of prefects and defects and suffragettes,
But you must admit we are really pets.

First: it is with pride and pleasure,

We introduce our head girl, Heather;

But then you know her very well,

We need no more her virtues tell.

Three more prefects are in our clan,

So we must quickly o'er them scan:

First there is our friend Anita,

With pride of place—beside the heater!

Next Vivienne, who poems abhors,

Especially Coleridge—she finds he bores.

Ina, of course, is included in these

She makes sure we are busy as bees.

Then there is Joyce, as Rep. our choice,

And Bev., who never will raise her voice.

Her giggle however oft causes a riot,

Tho' Pat and Betty are always so quiet.

Charlotte and Thelma at games excel,
Dorothy at shouting does almost as well!
Jocelyn and Eunice were late in arriving,
We wonder to see them still surviving.

Elva, Beryl, Pauline and Shirley,

Are very good at not coming early.

This is due to the fog—or so they say,

Causing the boat to be lost in the bay.

Of course in this list

The men can't be missed—

David and Herbert although only two,

Have us convinced that two's not too few.

They are the las. of our bright little clan,

Try and beat it—that's if you can.

C.5A FORM NOTES

Here we are—a band of 27 girls, starting off on our journey to the shrine of wisdom in the land of knowledge. We are all similarly dressed in the sober serge gyms and blazers, which comprise our uniform, and look alike—except for an occasional powdered nose or a curled head. Our leaders are B.E., P.B., M.S., and J.C., who try to keep us to the better track and stop us from wandering away to the somewhat dubious entertainment of working for a living. At times we wander happily in the Delectable Lands of Sport, Phys. Ed., Drama and Music, each field having its own special devotees, but all alas(!) are relentlessly called back ere long to the "straight and narrow path" of study. We are walking down a fairly easy incline at the moment, but we have just left a most difficult path called Examination Pass on which some slipped badly, but these were helped along by the others who had reached the top with comparative ease. Before us (we hope) is a period of three weeks' rest when, perhaps we can idle away the days, and somewhat relax our arduous quest after knowledge. Not far off, however, looms up a very precipitous hill called School Certificate—the most difficult climb our band has yet faced. I am afraid some will not attempt this Hill "Difficulty," but will wait for the next pilgrimage, before trying it; however, the majority are most anxious to compete the journey before this year ends. We doubt if all will manage to reach the summit, but at any rate we shall continue

gaily on in our quest for knowledge, hoping for the best. Once over the rise is found another haven, and here probably, many of our 1950 pilgrims will leave us to enter another path, strange as yet, but filled with rosy hopes, ambitions and dreams—a career of successful business life, which we hope, one day to achieve.

COMMERCIAL 4 SPECIAL

Again we are back at school this year, 26 girls and all "dear little things," says Miss V.!!!

Our class sergeant is Tui, and she does a very good job in keeping the class quiet and in order—or trying to!

Our Form room is 41, and very pleasant too, as it overlooks Wellesley Street East, and on fine days we get all of the sun's rays.

Two of our girls go to Drama; and they are working at present on a number of plays, two of which will be acted in the Auckland Drama Festival.

Five of our Maori girls are to entertain us in the concert with action-songs and dances; they are also keen hockey-players, three of them being in the school team.

At the Annual Athletic Sports the Senior runner-up was one of C.4S, a very good runner and keenly interested in sport and in her class work too.

Examinations are over now and our results are being given out to us as the holidays draw near.

C. IV. A. Form Notes

A. McFadden and M. Tate.

Sing a song of Seddon,
A noisy room of girls,
10 and 30 chatting tongues
Dropping forth their pearls
of (wisdom?)

The teacher's in a mad state
Trying to make them still,
The Head's around the corner
Waiting for the kill.

The girls are shouting louder
Wearing out their lungs,
Along comes the class sarge'
And chops off their tongues.

Please do not judge them by their reputation for they are really a good class with varied talents (so they think.) What with

"A" Basketball and cricket representatives, they are well worthy of their name. There are also three drama enthusiasts. (It's a shame to tell them the truth.) They were represented in the prefect's concert by a milk-maid dancer and a few hopeful "bathroom" singers. They have had their exams, are almost collapsing under the strain. They think they should have a holiday but unfortunately this opinion is rather one-sided. Now they are waiting, in fearful anticipation, for their reports which they hope will never be finished, though some of the girls aren't worrying because they conveniently caught 'flu at the last moment. But again we say we do not judge C4A by a few girls, for on the whole they are really a model form who try to set a good example to the third-formers!

C.3 SPECIAL FORM NOTES

C3 Special is a small Form made up of 22 pupils. Like most other forms we have our little troubles. Most of our class was in the Special Choir for the Music Festival held at the Town Hall on August 15th. We all like Tuesdays because we have our sports (basketball and hockey).

Each girl likes to have a point each week, so they come to school on a Monday with their sand-shoes neatly cleaned for drill. Room 32 is our typing room; it's everyone's favourite. Each day there is a rush to have a good start on typing. In the commercial course we have English, social studies, science, maths, typing, dressmaking, music, commercial practice, hygiene and art.

English and maths are the two subjects of which we get a great deal of homework.

M.A. and A.B. are the first two on the list. J.C., our typist, comes next. R.D. and V.M. are the two comedy actors in our class, but N.M., who has gone to C.3B was good at English. K.P. is our best girl for Maths., and J.R. is best at the sampler work for art.

Outside activities are taken up by many girls except one. M.D., who is in the Dramatic Club. V.M. is our best runner. She came second in many of the races she went in for. S.J. is our hockey star, and most of the other girls play basketball. E.J., A.B.,

and J.C. are always together and are in the same basketball team. We are a happy little group and have a good Form teacher, Miss F.

NURSING AND HOMECRAFT 5.

As last year's N. & H. 5 were unable to sit School Certificate, they have combined with us and joined us in electing Rangī class-sergeant. In our midst we have four "goody-goods?!" Prefects, Lois, Nancy, Margaret and Yvonne. These are the four who try desperately to prevent—the form irresponsible—from ambling around the regions inhabited by the male portion of the school. On Thursday nights and in sundry lunch hours, Margaret and Elaine may be seen struggling (in vain) to produce sweet harmony from reluctant and ill-used violins, for the school orchestra. At present they are practising for our Festival, in combination with the school-choirs, in which most of us are taking part. On the evenings of the concert, Mara, Lena, and Rangī are participating in the items given by the Maori Club.

Words fail to describe our Fay and our Rose, who unknown to our teachers, have many underlying genial talents. Colleen distinguished herself at the Athletics Meeting when she won the 220 yards from the champion. In the "A" Basketball team, Margaret and Catherine excel, while Mara, Lena and Rangī run vigorously about the hockey-fields winning many games for us. While tennis is in full swing Yvonne, Billie and Margaret S. wield a cricket bat to keep our teams in harmony.

Lack of words and our natural modesty forbid us further to extol our distinctions, but last of all, three cheers for the three girls who compiled our form notes.

N. & H. 4A FORM NOTES

This is the class of N. & H. 4A visiting the land of COTTON. On our way we stopped at COOPER'S Inn to hear a SMART girl play on the ORGAN. We journeyed across the bay of STOCKHAM, where we saw some W(H)ALES spouting merrily. Continuing our journey we passed through the garden of VERCOE where we

saw ADAM and ESPIN chasing a WASSELL through HAYES' paddock. They soon lost it on the MOORE and they still don't know HOW-IT(T) happened!

Suddenly one of our (K)NAGGS went lame and we had to take it to the black-SMITH to be shod. We stopped at BURN-ANDS' barber shop and saw a man called RICHARDS buying some GILLETT(e) blades. At last it was time to go home, but we had to borrow some money from our friends as we had lost our boat and bus FAIERS at SANDERS' bay.

With 19 girls on the roll and Pauline E. and Iola A. in charge, N.H. 4A is not such a bad form in spite of what the teachers say. As far as sports are concerned we have Elaine B. the junior tennis singles and doubles champ; Maureen S. in the school "A" Basketball team and Betty K. emergency for the 1st eleven Hockey team. We were also well represented in the annual College Concert.

N. & H. 4B FORM NOTES

Our Form N. & H. 4B consists of 26 girls who are all fairly good at sport. We have two girls, Sylvia and Es'elle, in the "B" basketball team; Yvonne plays in the hockey team, and Florence plays for the tennis team. We also have some good athletes in the class.

Cooking is one of the best-liked subjects by the class. We have made quite a variety of things including gems! One day as our teacher was not well we were left to cook them by ourselves. Everything went well until they were drawn from the oven, but after they were eaten the class was not feeling quite up to standard. Result, a good recipe for toffee.

Although we have our ups and downs we are, on the whole, a very happy Form.

BINNS' HOUSE NOTES

House Mistresses: Mrs. Beagle, Misses Hargreaves and Paterson.

House Captain: Molly Stackpole.

This year our house has been extremely high on all the competition ladders and I think this is due to the outstanding efforts

of our house mistresses. Those girls who have taken such a keen interest in their house will do their utmost to keep up the good work so as to win the cup. We hope!

Although the basketball season has not yet concluded and the winning house is still undecided, we notice hopefully that the thermometer scoreboard is steadily rising in our favour as it has been all through the keen competitions.

We were very pleased to have the senior swimming champion, Molly Stackpole, in our house. Molly gained a number of points, which helped to carry the house to victory.

Marie Dean and Fay Paterson represented us in the tennis championships as well as taking part in the Saturday team games with other schools.

Our grateful thanks go to our House Mistresses as well as to other house members for the enjoyable games we have played together and we trust that the remainder of the house will uphold us in every possible way during 1951.

HINDLEY HOUSE NOTES

Senior Mistress: Miss Vickery.

Assistant Mistresses: Miss D. Spearman, Mrs. Townson.

House Captain: Anita Doidge.

Committee: Vivienne Hollis, Joyce McKenzie, Jacqueline Daisley, Maureen Sanders.

This year Hindley House has not shone very brightly in sports in spite of the keenness of many of its members.

Swimming results were quite pleasing as Hindley came second, with only nine points behind Binns, special credit being due to Gay Sorenson, Dawn Carter, and Judy Moore.

Our effort at Athletics was very poor, and we can only hope that next year's results will be better.

The Basketball season, not yet completed, finds Hindley only third, but with a rapidly diminishing membership in the House, this result is mainly due to the keenness of many of our members.

The Hockey team, which has been doing well this year, has four staunch "Hindleyites," one of whom, Rangí Johnson, has been selected for the Auckland Junior Hockey Representatives.

At the beginning of next term we hope some members of the summer team, in cricket and tennis, will achieve good results, not only for House activities, but also for the College.

We would like to express our appreciation to our House Mistresses, who have given us considerable encouragement in all our sports activities throughout the year.

SEDDON HOUSE NOTES

Senior House Mistress: Miss Stanners.

Assistant Mistresses: Miss Galloway, Miss Anderson.

House Captain: Heather Nicholas.

This year we again started eager competitions between the four Houses of the College. In the first term we held our Swimming and Athletic Championships at Shelly Beach Baths and Carlaw Park respectively. Although we gained no championship honours in the swimming contest, our girls made good efforts and our thanks go to all those who took part.

In swimming we do not excel, but we turned the tables when the Athletic Sports were held the following week. Of the three grades of championships held we were lucky by having the Senior Champion, the Junior Champion and the runner-up to the Intermediate Champion. To these girls and to all the many others who took part in the competitions our thanks go forward because this year we received the cup for gaining the most points on the day.

Throughout the second term the school has played basketball on Tuesday afternoons at the Windmill Road Courts, and although we are not leading in the points on the score board, our girls look forward to this day of each week and play their games with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Several of our girls are to be congratulated on being able to represent our House

in the School Basketball teams, which apart from playing other schools, also play regularly on Saturday afternoons.

The 1950 Seddon House girls, I am sure, will all join with me in thanking the House Mistresses for their coaching and keen interest and for the many other ways in which they have helped the House generally.

WELLESLEY HOUSE NOTES

Senior House Mistress: Miss Jenkinson.

Assistant House Mistresses: Miss FAMILTON and Miss Bell.

House Captain: Margaret Munro.

House Committee: Ina Poy Hing, Evelyn Philpot, Raewyn Webber, Marian Shirley.

Everyone must be thinking that our overwhelming success last year was only a piece of good luck, but it was not; it was hard work by both teachers and students. To reward the girls for their efforts we have slackened off considerably so far this year, but other Houses beware, there is another term yet!

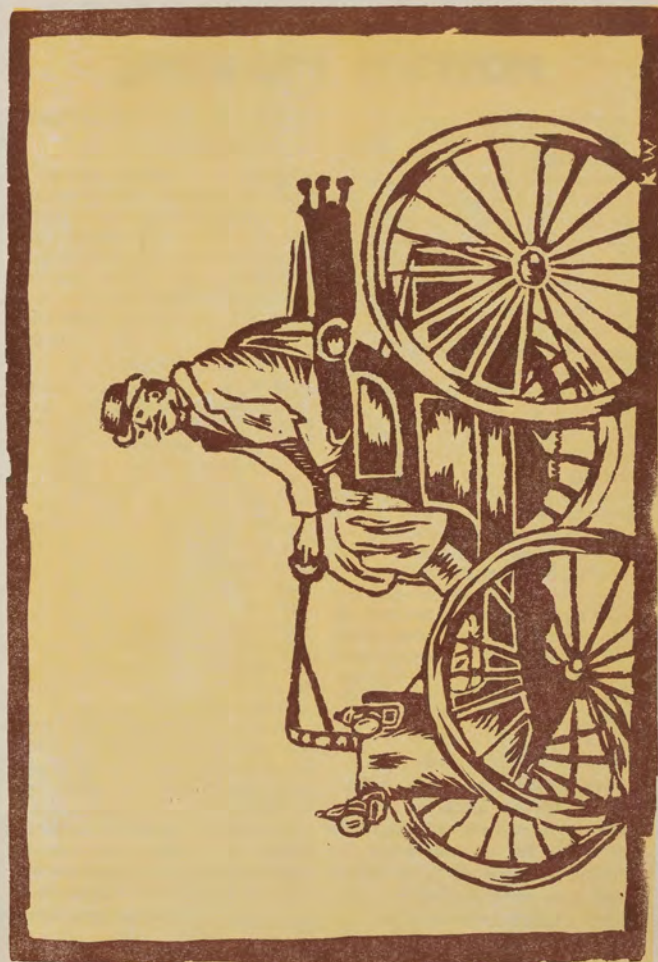
In the swimming sports this year although we challenged the other teams with a good keen spirit, J. Ransley was the only really successful contestant for our House, as she was runner-up in the Senior Championships. Our congratulations go to Binns House, with M. Stackpole, who won the championship.

At the Athletic Sports held on Carlaw Park, N. Ellis won the Intermediate Championships for us in fine style, but although B. Adams ran well, H. Nicholas, of Seddon House, was too much for her in the Senior Championships.

At Basketball we have six representing the school on Saturdays, two of whom have gone to Stratford.

We have also several girls competing on Saturdays in the school hockey team.

We wish finally to thank the staff of our House for making our games available and creating such a fine team spirit amongst us. We also thank other Houses for the friendly competition they are giving us.





LITERARY SECTION

THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

—Juel Clark Commercial 5a.

"Hooray! Hooray! we're going to the circus!" This news greeted me as soon as I got inside the door. My little brothers and sisters were hopping excitedly about as they told me the good news. I was as excited as they for I could hardly remember the time when I went to a circus—before the war.

At 12 o'clock we started off, for we had to go 40 miles to the township where the circus was appearing. My little sisters and brothers were asking all kinds of questions: "Would there be real cowboys?", "How many clowns would there be?" and the like. This chatter went on right until we reached town; there the children were too busy watching what was going on outside to worry about more questions. We easily found the circus grounds, for we could see the "big-top" standing out above the houses around, making them look like dwarf dwellings. As we pulled into the car-park, the children tumbled out of the car falling over themselves in their anxiety to get there, but what a disappointment! We had to wait in a long queue, which twisted and turned like a snake, to get our tickets. What a weary wait it was! The children wandered off looking into tents, getting into places where they should not and making a general nuisance of themselves. We thought we would never go in before it started because

we did so much want to see the beginning. At last Dad got our tickets, and we trooped over to another queue to wait to get in, when Babs suddenly saw a man selling pink stuff, which looked like cotton-wool, but which we found out later was "American-floss." We bought some of this, which we ate after we had entered the tent.

What a noise greeted our ears when we got inside—little boys yelling at the top of their voices, "Popcorn, Popcorn, sixpence a bag," or "Programmes, only sixpence! Programmes!" Of course we had to have a programme, so Dad gave me some money and sent me over to get one. It was just as well that he did too, for if any of the little ones had done so they would have been knocked down probably, for people were pushing round the boy trying to secure programmes. Eventually I got ours and made my way back to my seat. The tent had filled up and people were tightly packed in close unbroken rows along the seats. I think that if they had tried to get any more into our row the seat would have broken; however, it was now time for the circus to start.

What a thrill it was! The clowns were so funny that we nearly "split-our-sides" laughing at them. They announced the next item, which was the performance of the lion-tamer and his lions. They were really frightening; big animals doing what they were told by the mere crack of a whip,

and roaring most of the time. Then came Betsy, the Football Pony. She was such a lovely little brown thing that she reminded me of Peter's little pony, "Robinson," at home. Betsy would kick the football round the ring, then lift up her foot very daintily and kick the ball into the net. After everybody had finished clapping she would go down on her two front legs bowing to the audience.

"Yippee, Yahoo!" This came suddenly from three cowboys riding into the ring on lovely horses. They did all sorts of tricks, very thrilling to watch. After this we saw a great variety of acts, which I can't explain. There were elephants, monkeys, little white ponies and the tight-rope-walkers, who, I was sure would fall, but they didn't. The exciting trapeze artistes were very daring. They'd go up and down and up, then hang by their feet from the trapeze. I felt sure I would have been sick if I had to do that. Last of all came "Bebo," the pet monkey. He was a darling; he did all kinds of tricks, and sent everyone away laughing.

Our car joined the long stream following one another out of the city. The children were talking "ninety-to-the-dozen" all about what they had seen and so forth, until we had turned off into the South Road which took us home. Then all at once everyone quietened down. When we arrived home they were too tired to eat their tea, so we just put them to bed, still murmuring about the circus, and what they would be when they grow up. You can imagine what? Yes, of course, a circus star!

THE STORY OF THE EMPIRE GAMES

—Juel Clark, Commercial Va.
"To set the Cause above renown,
To love the Game beyond the Prize;
To honour while you strike him down,
The foe that comes with fearless
eyes."

—Newbolt.

The history of sport in New Zealand has never before known such a week as that which began at Eden Park, Auckland, on February 4th, 1950, and concluded in an impressive ceremony at Western Springs Stadium on February the 11th; but first let us go back to previous Empire Games.

The shape and size of the British Empire has somewhat altered since 1911 when the first concept of regular athletic sports competition amongst Empire nations was brought into being. The first idea of Empire Games was evolved in London at the time of the Coronation of George V. These games were staged as a series of entertainment and demonstrations showing the progress of the nations. These were held at the Crystal Palace. At the same time a sports' meeting took place at which athletics, boxing, wrestling and swimming were held. There were four Empire countries represented at these sports — Great Britain, Canada, South Africa and Australia. Canada was the most successful country.

At this festival Canada was really the victor, and Lord Lonsdale, a generous patron of sport, presented a cup to the "winning country." It was decided then that the cup should become a permanent trophy for the Games.

The hopes born at the 1911 festival that there could be regular meetings of Empire athletes were dispelled by the 1914-18 war, and it was not until the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam that British Empire officials could get together and discuss the matter privately. The reaction to the proposal was favourable, and it was decided that since Canada was the "winning country" she should be invited to hold the first festival and Hamilton, in Ontario, was selected as the venue for the Games.

It was at the Empire Games' festival, 1930, in Canada, that Percy Williams, the great Canadian athlete, said: "We pledge our best endeavour to uphold the honour of our country in true British sportsmanship." Also at that same festival was made the statement, "The strength of the British Empire has largely been built up by the fact that every citizen has a love of sport and games."

Eleven nations competed in this festival—England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda, British Guiana, Newfoundland and South Africa. The sports offering were track and field athletics, swimming, boxing, wrestling, rowing and lawn-bowls. There was a keen competitive spirit in all events and many outstanding performances resulted. Also a representative council of countries competing was set up, and it agreed that the Games should be held every four years, between Olympic Games, so that there would be international sports every two years, alternately. It was also decided that there should be no fixed place for the Games.

In the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, the Empire representatives met together again to discuss the project. It was proposed that the 1934 festival should be allocated to Australia, but owing to economic conditions, the choice of England finally was made. A programme involving six sports resulted—track and field events, boxing, cycling, lawn bowling, swimming and wrestling. Sixteen Empire countries were represented—Australia, British Guiana, Bermuda, Canada, England, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, New Zealand, Newfoundland, Northern Ireland, Rhodesia, Scotland, South Africa, Trinidad and Wales.

Since some of the overseas countries had not enough travelling funds, the Council provided certain sums towards their fares. They also provided the teams with hotel accommodation, but this proved not very successful. The Games opened at White City Stadium, on the 4th of August. R. Howland, captain of the English team, took the oath of amateurism on behalf of competitors and officials. England was the leading nation; there were also many Canadian successes, and Australia, New Zealand and South Africa also distinguished themselves.

Australia put in an application for the 1933 Empire Games to be held there and their application was accepted. The New South Wales Government guaranteed a bank overdraft of up to £10,000. The programme was made up of track and field athletics, boxing, cycling, lawn-bowls, rowing, swimming and wrestling. This time 15 nations competed. The

total number of athletes was 445 with 43 officials. These were housed at an "Empire Village" such as we in New Zealand had here for the Empire Games' athletes.

The Games opened on February the 5th, 1938, at the Sydney Cricket Grounds. There was an attendance of 30,000 spectators. A great Australian cyclist took the oath of amateurism. In terms of competition the Games were a great success, but from the financial side were not so successful. There was a loss of £7,600. In the closing ceremony, Sir James-Leigh Wood spoke as follows: "In the name of the British Empire Games' Federation, I now proclaim the British Empire Games of 1938 closed . . . We call upon the youth of the Empire to assemble in four years' time . . . to celebrate the fourth Empire Games." But within two years the youth of the country were fighting a more desperate game and it was not until 1950 that the Empire Games were again held, this time at Auckland, New Zealand.

In Auckland it was a week of sporting achievement, which was, for those fortunate enough to be participants or spectators, the experience of a lifetime. Auckland proved the logical centre for the Games, quite apart from the sporting instincts of Auckland people. The Games were a success both competitively and financially, and athletes had an enjoyable stay at the "Empire Village" at Ardmore. They had ideal training conditions, and swimmers were brought into the city by bus for daily training. Queen Street was often filled with patches of colour, the distinctive red

of Canada, or the green of South Africa, while the impressive figures of the dark Fijians towered above the average man. Manassa Nukuvou, the shot-putt winner, was probably the most popular figure at the Games. Australia was the victorious country, having outstanding athletes such as Treloar, Shirley Strickland and Marjorie Jackson.

"Games fever" has now passed by. Myriads of valuable memories and impressions remain, not the least of which is the pride felt that this Dominion of New Zealand could take upon itself and conduct so successfully an event which plays a major part in strengthening the ties which bind together that remarkable institution, the British Empire.

BROTHERS IN GENERAL

Brothers taken as a group are most disappointing. As I have three of these freaks of human nature, I am, I consider, wise in the way of brothers. Whenever we, the sisters, bring a girl friend home, our brothers take it as a cue to be nice to us, but when our girl friends have departed with a suitable impression, the boys revert to type. For instance, when a sister comes home from school she is closely inspected on her likes and dislikes in the school. Then she is asked whether they are pretty, blonde or brunette, slim or plump, and whether she already has a boy friend. When this useful information has been taken in, pressure is then put on the sister until she agrees to allow the particular girl to meet them. Elder brothers especially, have to have girl friends found for them. Yet as with the smallest insect, they have their uses.



"IN CHINESE WATERS"

Lino-cut by T. B. JOHNSON, Typo. 4.

My elder brothers make excellent money-lenders as they haven't the brains to remember whether I owe them anything or not. Yet sometimes in the dim, dark regions of their minds they occasionally remember that I have borrowed often from them. Now I come to think of it, I suppose they think the same of us.

—Noeline Chan, Commercial 3A.

PIONEERS

"Land ahoy! Land ahoy!" cried an excited passenger, peering over the rails of the "Jane Gifford," and the crowd immediately flocked to that spot, all trying to glimpse the land that the observant one had sighted. They were immigrants from England and they hoped to settle down in New Zealand and make an honest living. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Woods and their two children, William and Mary.

For almost three months now these people had been on the boat, and at last, they could see clearly their destination, "The Land of the Long White Cloud," as the Maori had named it. All was confusion, as the passengers eagerly darted here and there, collecting various pieces of luggage, and chattering all the while like a bunch of magpies. Mary and William were most excited and kept jumping up on boxes, trying to look over the side of the ship. It was all Mrs. Woods could do to keep them from falling into the water.

After what seemed an eternity, the ship docked at the crude wharf at Kororareka, now Russell. A rope was thrown from the ship, caught by a man on shore and the steamer made fast. When the gangway was let

down, the passengers jostled each other and scrambled hastily down, while some of the children even slid down the rail. Mr. Woods picked up suitcases and band-boxes, Mrs. Woods took the children's hands, and they wended their way towards the whaling settlement.

Shortly after they landed Mr. Woods arranged with the authorities to buy a strip of land and so the family planned to stay in the township for a few days before they travelled to the site. After a few inquiries they managed to find a place where they could pitch a tent and unpack their scanty provisions. During the next two days Mr. Woods spent most of his time seeking a suitable wagon and team of horses which would carry them, their farm implements, provisions and few belongings to the spot where they were to make their home.

The whole family left the settlement the next day and soon they had entered the surrounding scrub and bush, in the heart of which they were to live. All around them grew the beautiful clematis, pohutukawa and kowhai; tuis were singing their lovely songs in clear, sweet tones.

There was barely any track, and every now and then Mr. Woods was forced to stop the horses, dismount and hack away creepers and overhanging branches. It was almost dusk when they reached their journey's end and once more they pitched the old tent which they had brought with them and which was to serve as a shelter until their house could be built.

A small fire was soon blazing mer-

rily and the billy boiled, by placing two forked sticks, one on either side of the fire, another with the billy suspended from the middle being laid across them. They contrived to cook a small meal, and later, very weary, cast themselves on coarse straw mattresses and were soon fast asleep.

Mr. Woods was up at dawn, searching for a tree that would fill the purpose of building a house. A giant matai caught his eye and he decided that it would be suitable. He calculated in which direction it would fall and warned the family to keep clear. After a few hours' hard work the tree was felled, then he set to work and cut it into the required lengths.

In a week he had felled two smaller trees, sawed them into the right lengths and begun work on the house. At this stage his wife would hand him the boards and the children the different tools and nails. In another week the rough dwelling was finished and they all stepped back to admire their handiwork. True, there were only two bedrooms and a kitchen, and it was still rather crude and rough, but for "raw" colonists it was a great achievement of manual work, and it was a home and that was all they really cared about.

After the house was finished, Mr. Woods gradually made a few necessary pieces of furniture, such as table, chairs, cupboards and the like. Mrs. Woods and the children kept the house clean and put curtains up, while Mr. Woods cleared and ploughed the land, also sowing seed.

There was a clear stream that flowed about ten yards from their house, so they had a good water sup-

ply. In her spare time, Mrs. Woods dug up a small strip of land at the front of the shack and planted the few precious bulbs and plants which she had brought from her native land. The children grew a vegetable garden at the rear of the home, and this they tended daily, endeavouring earnestly to produce some crops.

The cow and 12 hens that they had acquired were doing well, and although at first it was all work and little pleasure, in the end they were rewarded. The crops grown in the field were sold at the settlement, and the garden yielded enough vegetables for themselves. They had their own eggs and milk, from which cream, and finally butter were obtained.

So they continued, happy in their work, and happy too, in the knowledge that they had succeeded in making a living in their adopted land which they had grown to love for its freedom and its beauty, also for the hopes which it offered for the future.

—Marie Humberstone,
5a Commercial.

THE OLD COB

The old cob was not a handsome creature. He had a long scraggy mane and a tail which looked as though the birds had been making good use of it for their nests. He was as fat as a barrel and one could not be seated upon him at all comfortably without kneeling on his broad back!

Every morning he used to push the kitchen door open with his head and stand there blinking most comically until he received his anticipated lump of sugar. He had made good friends with the cat and always rubbed her fur with his nose, receiv-

ing a playful little pat for his fondness.

I often wonder what has become of the old cob; is he standing under the old oak, drooping, bathed in sunlight, or has he had his last day? I will never cease wondering.

—Judith Friend, 5a Commercial.

BRINGING BACK THE CHATHAM CUP.

I was fortunate enough to be included in the Eden Soccer Club's trip to Wellington to witness the New Zealand final of the Chatham Cup, the emblem of Soccer supremacy in the Dominion. The Eden team had been flown to Wellington on Thursday to ensure that a practice could be held on the Friday; the keen supporters left by the 7.35 train on the Friday night. Four carriages holding about 190 had been specially reserved.

On September 1st, by 4.15 p.m., the Auckland station was crowded with people and yellow and black streamers and rosettes were in predominance. At half past seven everyone was engaged in finding space to put their suitcases. The scene as the train departed was more characteristic of an ocean liner, as many streamers had been thrown out the train windows to be gripped by parents and relations. The junior Eden teams gave the Eden war-cry, "1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8, who do we appreciate? E-D-E-N, EDEN!" amid scenes of enthusiasm. The great day for the supporters had not yet dawned, but it was wanting only another ten hours. I was in the first carriage just behind the engine, and in good company. A large number of junior players were in the carriage, and most of them had never

been on such a lengthy trip, so it was not surprising that it was not till midnight that the first of them began dropping off, for the most part, to restless slumber. Almost as soon as Auckland was left, the train began to fall behind schedule. The "Eden Special" as it was later termed, was stopped to let every other train pass with the result that instead of passing Mt. Tongariro at 3 a.m. in the morning, we saw them in broad daylight, much to the delight of all the supporters. Marton was reached at 9.30, three hours late. Luckily, the authorities had discovered that there were 200 Eden supporters on board and from Marton onwards, we picked up a proportion of lost time. At Paekakariki the steam engine was supplanted by an electric "engine." After passing through numerous tunnels the train finally pulled up at 2.20 p.m., approximately two and a-half hours late. An organized parade was to have been held, but owing to the late arrival this was abandoned for an impromptu one. Most of the boys stayed at the Boys' Institute, but I was staying with a team-mate's Aunt and Uncle. The parade reached the ground at 2.45 p.m. just one minute before the start of the match! Upon reaching the Basin Reserve, the parade dispersed and the supporters stationed themselves around the Reserve.

The game, the most exciting I have ever witnessed, must be commented upon. It was truly an epic encounter, a thrill a minute game. For two hours, Eden, the cream of the North, and Technical, from Canterbury, pride of the South, battled heroically. After a torrid first half the score

was one all. Late in the second spell "Blondie" Jakens, put Eden in the lead with a faultless penalty which left the goalie standing. After attacking, the Southern team equalised. The whistle for full time was blown. The two teams were dead on their feet. Extra time was needed! Almost instantly Technical were awarded a penalty which should be a certain goal, but goalie King, a N.Z. Rep., saved magnificently, and the crowd went wild. With only eight minutes to go, Don Brewer, who had earlier fractured his nose, scored for Eden. Well, the scene at the Reserve was amazing. The Eden supporters raved, really raved with joy. When full-time had sounded, spectators swarmed on to the ground to congratulate the players, who were, after two hours' solid play, almost unable to walk. The cup and winners' medals were presented by the Governor-General, Mac-Butts, the captain, then made a short speech and everyone went home tired, but happy. On the Saturday night a victory celebration was held at the hotel, by the supporters at the Boys' Institute. On the Sunday morning I had a good look at Wellington and I was not impressed favourably. Most of the houses are not up to Auckland's standard, and the trams should be scrapped. But, Wellington is, without doubt, more progressive than Auckland. On the Sunday morning four junior teams played Hutt teams, and on the 3 p.m. express the team and most supporters left, arriving in Auckland at 7 a.m. However, as I did not work, I went in the 7.40 express. In the afternoon I was taken for a drive around Wellington by my

host, and one of the highlights was the drive through the car tunnel under Mt. Victoria. The last car of Eden supporters left at 7.40 p.m., after two exciting and enjoyable days in the Capital City. We arrived in Auckland at 11 a.m., on the Monday, after a pleasant trip, where we left for our homes. I wouldn't have missed it for the world!

—G. Bush, W.5a.

SOME OPINIONS ON COMMUNISM

(By C. WADE, E 6B)

Communism more than ever before is a force to be reckoned with to-day. With sword or a more subtle weapon in one hand and the current corrected copy of Karl Marx in the other, it is gaining new lands. Whatever one's opinion of the results none but the wilfully blind can deny their existence.

The reasons for the spread of Communism in under-developed countries such as China are fairly clear. A peasant will not worry much about a party's political views so long as it promises him enough to eat.

Some western countries also presented fine opportunities for Communism. Disregarding the effects of the Second World War which in itself caused several countries to be "liberated," consider the United States of America. Here Communists had almost ideal conditions. The competitive capitalist system which considered surplus of unemployed men a "necessity" and where graft in business, great and small, was and is now accepted as an inevitable evil, these conditions do not need an inspired orator to expound to the labourer.

The discrimination against the negro also provides another vulnerable point.

The spread of Communism in democratic countries is made easier by a number of things. Freedom of expression, for example, is a great help to the Communist even if he won't have it after "liberation." The growth of compulsory trade unions with weak constitutions which make it easy for the unscrupulous to gain control of thousands of workers are the answer to any ardent Communist's prayer. These weaknesses are now being realized—when it is too late.

There are conflicting opinions on the reasons for the spread of Communism. Perhaps since the ethics of Communism consider that the end justifies the means, the Church should be listened to first. Church leaders assert that the decline in moral values and the ideology of looking after "Number One" are greatly to blame. Living as we do to-day in a materialistic world it is perhaps inevitable that the teaching of Christ and Christian ethics should be rejected by some.

Turning now to the politics it is worth-while comparing Communism with the two great powers in the world to-day: Socialism and Capitalism.

Socialists to-day who are hard at work fighting Communism may not like to be reminded that in its culmination a Socialist State may not be very different from a Communist one. This is a theoretical statement however. Socialism does not depend on complete control of all forms of expression or of the use of secret police.

Socialism, too, is not spread by the sword of war. However, the New Zealand Labour Party must feel rather uneasy about the acts of their present-day leaders when the Labour Party was in its infancy.

Capitalists, too, are hard at work fighting Communism. Cynics believe that Capitalists do this for two reasons. Firstly, because they believe in common with Socialists that Communism is an evil, and secondly, because few industrious capitalists would care to be reduced to the level of their employees.

A basic charge which may be laid against Communism in its present form is that equality has not been achieved. Professional people still earn more than factory workers, and have privileges which are denied to the common man. Workers who are handicapped naturally are apparently expected to do as much work as their naturally gifted workmates. This idea can be looked at from a more fundamental point of view.

It has often been pointed out that both Socialism and Communism produce "new rich" (the bureaucracy) Not only do these people enjoy privileges by virtue of their position; they also have a great deal of opportunity to misuse their power for personal reasons. It can be argued, however, that this system is better than allowing another control to be exercised by capitalists.

But why worry about all this? Science tells us that environment is the sole factor that determines individual differences between men. If this is so, perhaps Communism is no more than the fulfilment of a natural law. And Science is always right.

YACHT RACE

The day of the first cruising race to Onetangi was bright and clear, and the wind was conspicuously absent. It was, however, to be a great and exciting day, as Koriri was to sail right past the fleet, on the wind, and get first place. Koriri is a 30ft., short-end keeler, with a big beam, but moderate draught. She is a roomy, cruising boat, and is sailing at her best in a stiff breeze, off the wind and leading. Thus it was a triumph for her, and her skipper, to sail through the fleet, on the wind in light weather.

The week-end before, in the first harbour race, Koriri had had the conditions which she liked, plenty of leading and a fresh breeze. With these points in her favour she had won comfortably on corrected times, with her 8½m. handicap. But on the morning of the final cruising race, the light northerly wind and a reduced handicap of 6½m, did not make us think that Koriri was to win again. The start was also depressing as Koriri was last boat but one over the line and was to leeward of every other boat. Like everybody else, we put up the spinnaker as a leader. However, the incoming tide and the spinnaker pushed us in toward Tamaki, and to clear Bean Rock we had to take down the spinnaker and come hard on the wind.

Kotuku was also sailing to windward of the fleet and as the tide was running south down past Waiheke, there was a general decision to follow her. Koriri was now sailing faster under leader, genoa and mainsail, and was outpointing the other boats. We

were rapidly overhauling our old rival, Reliance, so her skipper decided to sail the same course as us. All the rest of the yachts held on to their spinnakers and sailed through the middle of the Motuihe Passage, while the three of us hugged the Mototapu shore. After passing Emu Point Reliance got badly headed and laid off to the northern point of Waiheke. Later Kotuku thought that she could also lay over to Waiheke, while Koriri kept hard on the wind. The weather was light and progress was slow, but Koriri laid over past Owairaki in one board and was first boat round the Point. All the other boats under-laid the Point and lost considerable time in stemming the current and dying wind in an effort to get round. Tuirangi, Scout and Kotuku were close behind and were catching Koriri when sheets were eased in the light wind. Just past Oneroa we changed back to the spinnaker, and while this was being done the three boats passed us, but with the spinnaker up, we were holding our own with Tuirangi and Scout, and were catching Kotuku.

The finishing line was poor, the launch being moored half a mile from the Point off Onetangi, and Tuirangi as leading boat sailed for the middle of the line, just in case there might be a buoy to go round. There was not, and as soon as she got the gun, the other boats realised that the quickest way to cross the line was to go close to the Point. Scout was second across the line and Kotuku was closely followed by Koriri. All the rest of the boats arrived nearly half an hour later, with the second



"THE KITTYHAWK"

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and first divisions, which sailed a longer course. The current and head winds had delayed them. Koriri won the race on corrected times, and was the most successful boat of the season, with two firsts and a third place to her credit. Thus a most exciting and triumphant race was won, made memorable because it was the last race before Koriri was sold during the following winter.

—H. Stacey, W.6.

HORSE-BREAKING IN TAUPO

A horse-breaker's day starts just before sun-up and is the eating of the first substantial meal of the day. Breakfast over, the team of men is selected to drive the brumbies (term given to wild horses), into the set traps. These traps are arranged in a narrow valley where there is sufficient undergrowth to conceal the corral. The opening into the corral is a long "run" shaped like a cone with the narrow end leading into the enclosure. A drop gate is also included at the entrance.

Once the mob has been located it is quite an easy job "hazing" them along the valley floor. The riders on the flanks keep some horses from breaking away. Not all are stopped, because these wild horses are as surefooted as goats and can out-climb ordinary saddle ponies. When all of the main mob are inside the enclosure the men at the entrance drop the gate after they have ridden in with the enclosed mob.

The riders who are inside the enclosure have the job of "cutting out" brumbies which have been selected by the "boss." The riders "cutting out" have to be excellent horsemen

and should have enough foresight to interpret the "victim's" actions. The victim is cornered and a strong manila rope placed around its neck and snicked to a post.

When all the "pick" of the mob have been caught the rest are turned loose. All mares in foal and foals at heel are regarded as great prizes because it means more profit with less expense of energy and time.

The "pick" are then allotted to the "breakers" and the fun starts. The horse is blindfolded and bridle and saddle is put on. When a horse is blindfolded it won't attempt to move ahead because it can't see where it's going. The rider then mounts and the blindfolded animal taken away. Most horses dash out and proceed to "do their stuff," but some proceed to buck in the saddling chute and cause damage to the riders' legs. Some brumbies are very easily ridden to a standstill but the others require skill and stamina to last out the ordeal. A main essential for riding the rough way is a good strong pair of lungs with a large capacity for air. Legs and thighs also have to be strong to grip the horse's rounded belly. There are occasions where one may strike a real tough buckner and causes such a jolting that it bursts a blood vessel in the nose and it starts bleeding.

With no mishaps a rider of good riding ability can break five or six in a day. It seems a hard way of earning a living, but once the urge gets into your system there is no getting away from it. Old-timers at the game have a saying that "Once astride a buck-jumper you're astride it for keeps."

—T. I. Fletcher.

THE AUCKLAND INSTITUTE AND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM

—R. C. Davidson, E.5a.

The Auckland Institute and War Memorial Museum was founded at a public meeting held on November 6th, 1867, one hundred and fifteen years after the founding of the British Museum, and the first meeting was held on May 4th, 1868. At the close of the first year the society had 68 members, its revenue was £68 and the expenditure £61. It had only a handful of books and ample space was found for these and the meetings in the rooms of the Northern Club.

The objects of the society are the promotion of literature, art and science by the means of a museum planned and equipped in such a manner that it adequately serves for the recreation, instruction and intellectual advancement of the people of Auckland, by means of a library, lectures and meetings of its members. Another of its aims is to advance research into the natural history of the Dominion and to aid in the development of its resources. Finally it aims to aid in the collection of material for the study of the Maori race and the allied races of the South Pacific.

The original site in Eden Crescent was obtained for the museum through the persistence of Mr. Justice Gillies, then Superintendent of the Auckland Province. Owing to the smallness of the site and the expenses involved in expansion, more suitable locations were sought after, some of them being the Grammar School in Sy-

monds Street, Parnell Park, the residence of Sir John Logan Campbell, and Observatory Hill. The last was chosen.

Yearly courses in the winter on scientific and literary subjects have been given ever since the society was formed. The present membership exceeds 800 members, or more than one-third of the total membership of the Institute and double that of the next largest branch.

On the whole it can be said that the progress and management of both the library and museum has secured the confidence and approval of the citizens of Auckland. As proof of this it is sufficient to say that large bequests and special contributions totalling a large sum of money have been received. The Costley bequests provided £12,000, Mr. Justice Gillies gave £500, Mr. Mackechnie donated £2,500. In 1913 Sir John Logan Campbell, "the father of Auckland," gave £1,000 to the Museum. The citizens have amassed £1,000 to acquire the Mair Maori collection, elaborate money to buy Mr. Fenton's elaborately carved Pataka and the Runanga House, Rangatiki.

Besides monetary gifts, collections and groups of articles have been received. Chief amongst these are scientific books and books on New Zealand, plaster casts of the statues of antiquity, kauri gum sets, Japanese ivory, porcelain and bronze.

Now after 83 years the museum has representative collections of Maori arts and crafts, New Zealand botanical, zoological and geological material, South Pacific ethnology,

archaeology, pre-history, applied arts, and a war-services exhibition.

The advantage of placing the Museum in the Auckland Domain is that the Domain is a fitting background to the Museum, which is a warehouse of the productions of nature and is full of illustrations of the action of nature's laws. There is also less risk of fire and more isolation from smoke and dust, which Dr. Myers says is the chief enemy of all museums.

In the North Island there are only two chief museums, one at Wellington and one at Auckland, separated by 450 miles. The Auckland Museum has to cater for 650,000 people, of whom nearly 300,000 live within 25 miles of Auckland. There can thus be no difficulty in answering questions as to the future scope and character of the Museum.

At the end of World War I, there was a demand for the preservation and exhibition of war relics and trophies illustrating the part this country took in the conflict. It was decided to make a collection of war relics from the earliest of times until the present day. The thousands of men who took part in the conflict would thus be commemorated.

An improvement to the Museum would be the formation of a botanical museum, such as Sydney has.

A children's room would be an amelioration for children, who are apt to be disheartened by the labels which are intended for adults to read.

Studies are now in progress on Antarctic fossils and classification, together with the applications of sea-bottom ecology, the bird populations of outgoing islands and the stone

implements of Pitcairn Island. Polynesian hair-plaiting in industry and ceremonies is being studied, as is Maori wood-carving patterns. Botanical studies are on New Zealand pollen grains and on salt marsh ecology. Geological work is on the rocks and minerals in North Auckland.

The principles of museums have been expressed thus: "The degree of civilization to which a nation, city or province has attained, is best judged by the character of its museums and the liberality with which they are maintained." In the Auckland Museum and Library jaded workmen and citizens can find a change of scene and a more healthy outlook.

THE ACCURACY OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The British Board of Trade standards regulate all weights and measures in the British Empire and also in several foreign countries. The Board of Trade standards are themselves taken from the Imperial Yard-measure and the Imperial pound-weight. These measures of weight and length are kept carefully to keep them accurate.

The Yard-measure and Pound-weight are known as the "Imperial Standards" and are kept at the Standards Office in Westminster. There are four copies of these standards, one pair at the Royal Mint, one pair at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and one at the Royal Society, of London. The other pair is built into the wall of a staircase in the lobby of the House of Commons.

The Imperial Standard Yard-measure is a solid bar of gunmetal 38 ins. long and one inch square. Into it are

sunk two round holes half an inch deep and with their centres exactly 36 inches apart. Into each of these holes fits a gold pin. Across the top of each pin at right angles to the bar are cut three fine lines about one-hundredth of an inch apart. Two similar lines are cut in each pin parallel to the bar. The yard is then measured from the central line of each pin and half way between the two lines parallel to the bar.

This Yard-measure consists of 16 ounces of copper, two and a-half ounces of tin and one ounce of zinc and is absolutely correct at 62° Fahrenheit.

The Imperial Pound-weight is a cylinder of irridio-platinum 1.15ins. in diameter and nearly 1.35 inches high. About one inch from the base there is a groove which enables the weight to be picked up with an ivory fork. The Imperial standards are never touched with the naked hand because the heat and perspiration may cause some change or chemical reaction, which would make them inaccurate. For this reason they are all kept in special boxes, the keys of which are kept by officials.

Once in ten years the copies of the Yard, and once in five years those of the Pound are brought together and compared with microscopic care with the Imperial standard — all copies, that is, except those in the wall at Westminster. Every 20 years the copies are compared with the Imperial standards and the Imperial standards in turn compared with the copies in the wall at Westminster. In these comparisons differences of one-fourteen millionth of a pound and one-

twelve thousandth of a yard can be detected.

The Imperial gallon can be found from the fact that ten pounds of distilled water at 62° Fahrenheit and an atmospheric pressure of 30 inches of mercury make exactly one gallon.

— R. N. Burt, E 6b.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to school and to all the joys it holds. Back to the hot, dusty playgrounds; back to the narrow, ill-lit corridors flanked on either side by classrooms full of jumbled tables and chairs and back—back to the hot, coarse material of the school uniform. It is very hard to rise early on a hot summer's day and clothe one's self in black woollen shirt and longs, instead of a pair of khaki shorts. It is very hard to pull on a pair of woollen socks and over them a pair of leather shoes instead of no shoes or socks. It is doubly hard to rush about washing, cleaning shoes, eating breakfast (porridge and toast replacing porridge, bacon and eggs, coffee and fruit), packing books and mounting a bicycle to speed madly and carelessly to school where you arrive hot and panting, sweating and disrumpled at five minutes to nine. It is most annoying to be herded, like a pack of long-term prisoners, into a hot, crowded hall to be addressed for about twenty minutes on subjects that you've heard recited you don't know how many times before. I think I will find myself a farmer's, gardener's or some other sort of open-air job.

— Bartley, E 6b.



"THE ESCAPE"

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A TRIP FROM WHANGAREI TO AUCKLAND BY BOAT

After having a fairly damp day with a few stoppages in loading, Captain Mills decided to leave the port at 9 p.m. to allow time for the crew to tighten things down. Soon we were under way, going very slowly down the small muddy river to the Whangarei Heads. Then as we came around a bend by the Wellington rock we sighted the new ship which had been berthed at Kia-ora-roa wharf a few miles from Whangarei. The name of the new ship was the Vestria, and she was brought out from England for the Northern S.S. Co. under the command of Captain Brown. It was just at this moment that two ships carrying cement came into view in the main channel. All the ships were headed for the open sea and the order in time was Marua, belonging to Winstone, Ltd.; Toa, Northern S.S. Vestria, Northern S.S. Co.; and the boat I was on the Ranganui, also N.S.S. Co. It was a beautiful moonlight night and they made a rare sight. We soon reached the heads and the Captain called Bob, one of the deck hands to take the wheel while he went below for a cup of tea and toast. The cook (my uncle) had gone to bed as he had been up since five o'clock that morning. Once we were fairly clear of the Heads we drew up to and passed the two cement boats, but the Vestria was still a fair way in front of us. I had been on the bridge at the steering wheel for most of the time and was beginning to feel very tired. Just before going to bed I had the lights of Auckland

pointed out to me and could see the reflection in the sky very plainly.

I was a bit late in getting up the next morning so Captain Mills and the mate were both on duty at the same time and had to have their tea at 5 o'clock instead of 4.30 as usual. It was now my turn to take the wheel again until we reached Auckland half an hour later. The Vestria, which was behind us arrived at 7.30 a.m. and the other boats much later. As soon as the other boat docked, the Captain and I went aboard and had a look round. I was surprised to see that it was steered by a tiller and not a wheel. That morning I was pleased with myself so I had three eggs, three slices of bacon and some vegetables as well as getting a tip of 2/6 from the Captain.

—Ron Watson, E3C.

HIGGINS' STORE

Higgins' Store! What a pleasant little place it is. It stocks everything from darning needles to cartwheels, and from chicken-food to bicarbonate of soda. There are saddles on the walls, buckets on the floor and fly-catchers hanging from the ceiling. Everyone gathers at Mr. Higgins' Store for the daily gossip and the one who always has most to relate is the good-natured Mr. Higgins himself. He is short and stout and has a jolly red face, with twinkly blue eyes and a mouth which is always smiling. He is an old man, always ready with a tale to tell his customers. If a person, stranger or resident were to ask him for a fish-hook he would soon be buying not only fish-hooks but all the other accessories that go with a fish-

ing expedition. He would then be invited to sit down for a "cup o' tea" before continuing his journey. Over this "cup o' tea" the stranger would hear all the little anecdotes Mr. Higgins loves to tell, and even were the customer a regular caller, he would probably hear these little episodes related all over again.

—Shirley James, 5a Comm.

NEW ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

During the past two years the Auckland Electric Power Board has been changing the city area from Direct Current supply to Alternating Current. As the College requires D.C. for machinery and experimental apparatus, it was decided to purchase a rectifier. An investigation was carried out to determine the type and size of a machine necessary and about eighteen months ago an order was placed with a British firm to supply a two-bulb Mercury-Arc Rectifier of 46-kilowatt capacity.

The mercury-arc rectifier makes use of the fact that current can pass in one direction only between two electrodes contained in a vacuum. Alternating current has a positive and negative maximum in the form of a cycle and therefore only one of these values can pass between the electrodes. By arranging two anodes and one cathode in a vacuum, however, both the positive and the negative values can be changed at once.

Early in the second term of this year the four cases containing the rectifier were delivered. The parts were soon unpacked and assembly began. After the two main sections, the transformer and the cubicle were

bolted together, and the wiring-up began. The installation of the glass tubes (globe shaped objects containing mercury in the bottom, with arms protruding from the sides) was a tricky problem and it was left to technicians employed by the Auckland agents.

Once the assembling was completed the set was connected to the supply and its operation commenced. After running for a month on light load it was discovered that the insulation of one of the windings on the transformer had broken down. It was found necessary to disassemble the transformer and for a few weeks the rectifier was idle while repairs were being carried out.

When the transformer was in action again the rectifier was put on full load and its operation since then has been very satisfactory. Two arc spot-lights requiring between 10 and 20 amps each have been run off it during the concerts, batteries have been charged and heavy machines operated without any effort. I think that if this machine survives the "Lab." boys, it should serve the school for many years to come.

—F. Bartley, E 6b.

A HAWKE'S BAY SHOW

Waking up one Friday morning I wondered why I felt so excited. Then I suddenly remembered. Show day! I leapt out of bed and pulled up the blind. Not a cloud in the sky; the sun was laughing at me from the blue. How happy I felt every time I thought of all the schools in Hawke's Bay that were shut and the schools in other parts of the country that children had to attend on that day.

I washed, then dressed carefully in my new summer frock, as everyone who goes to a Hawke's Bay show must have a new frock to show off. Hurriedly eating my breakfast and cutting some lunch, I jumped on my bicycle and was off at last. My friend and I met at the corner and picked our way carefully among the thousands of cars and buses that were travelling to the showgrounds. Arriving after some delay, we paid at the gate and propped our bicycles against a shady tree.

"Let's do the shows this morning and watch the parade this afternoon," suggested my friend Phyllis. I readily agreed and we ran off to look at the amazing advertisements of the side-shows. We paused outside the performing pigs' tent and decided to go in. Once inside, we found a man with four little brown pigs. Up a little ladder the pigs ran, down a slide on the other side, and, on the way out stopped, and sat down on an old car-horn! Running up to their master they received, as a reward, a drink of milk out of a bottle. In the middle of the tent was a little maze with doors that opened only one way. In the little pigs ran, one after the other, and, once in the middle they had to find their way out again. I think one of them was the leader, for soon they all found their way out and ran eagerly to get their drink of milk again. Phyllis and I were in fits of laughter. We decided to go and see something serious next—"The Wall of Death!" This consisted of a round, sturdy, wooden wall, with a place for people to stand at the top. A man on a

motor-bicycle started at the bottom and rode round and round the wall until he had reached the top. It was really rather frightening, and Phyllis and I clung to each other. "Fancy doing that every day of your life!" I remarked, appalled at the thought as we went out.

We walked past the tents of the Russian skater, the glass-blower, and the fat lady, and next went to have a ride on the "Jer-o-plane." We both felt rather sick after this and we decided to have an ice-cream to cool off.

Having eaten our lunch we made our way to the parade-grounds and, as the grandstand was packed we leaned against the fence to watch. The "Kilties" band was marching round the ground making a fine display. The first entrants to come in were the dogs—little dogs and big dogs of every sort one could imagine. Then came the horses, with their manes and tails neatly plaited, then the cows and bulls. Phyllis clutched at me as a great black bull lumbered past us with a ring through his nose, two men carefully leading him. One sprightly little calf was bounding over the ground dragging his unhappy little master after him, while another owner was trying vainly to make his calf move on by pulling its tail!

The sun was sinking as the last of the animals left the ring, and Phyllis and I slowly made our way back. All the way home we passed boys with their dogs, cars with horse-floats, and children riding their ponies home. We stopped at "my corner" for a

while, watching the long stream of cars and talking of all the people we had seen. But soon we had to say "good-bye" to the last of yet another Hawke's Bay show—or should I say "Good-bye till next year?"

—Barbara Copeland, 5a Comm.

HOW TIMBER IS IDENTIFIED

Most of us could identify five and twenty or more timbers, if not in the log at least in the finished board, but even in common woods there are many varieties and little variations often puzzle us. Almost every tree has its variations. There are (a) the Family, or tribe; (b) the Genus, or group; (c) the Species; and (d) the Variety. We are accustomed to differentiate between pines and other conifers, between the oaks, the mahoganies, the walnuts and others; but as a rule we trust to eye or "feel."

The timber expert (or wood anatomist) has to know more. Out of thousands of varieties he has to be able to identify the family, genus, species and variety of a certain timber from a very small block. Merely to look at it or handle it, he might make half a dozen near guesses, but only after subjecting it to many tests can he venture to name the variety.

The identification may be simple, but there are still many obscure tropical woods of whose varieties, comparatively little is known. The wood is first examined for its surface characteristics. These are: colour, grain, texture and scent. The taste is also a test. The end grain is carefully examined with a strong hand lens; and, if this leaves any point in doubt, very thin sections are cut from the wood after it has been treated.

The wood is boiled in water until it sinks, this to get rid of all air. Before cutting, the tissues are then softened by storing the wood in a mixture of alcohol and glycerine. The cutting is done in different directions (usually crosswise, radial and at a tangent) and the delicate structure of the timber examined in detail. In laboratories, a microtome is used—a small cutting machine with razor blade which peels off filmy veneers. These are mounted permanently on slides.

They thus form a permanent record of all timbers and simplify the process of future identification.

A COMMANDO RAID

It was getting dark. "Must be about ten o'clock" he thought, but one couldn't see one's watch in this fast fading light. There was hardly a sound except for the faint murmur of a breeze which had suddenly arisen from nowhere to cool the stifling heat which pressed upon the earth by day. How much longer must he wait crouching uncomfortably there under the bush? If it were for much longer he would surely get cramp. He always did after a stifling hot day in the Burmese jungle and then lying in but little clothing exposed to the night air, so as to rid himself of that stuffy feeling. Well, what was cramp anyway? It didn't really matter except at a time like this and to get cramp now would be "just dandy!"

He wondered impatiently what the time was, for the Colonel had given strict orders that they were not to move from their positions until 11.30. He wondered if he might light a match just to see—but no, he'd better



"ROLLING LAND"

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not! If the enemy saw it and the Colonel found out it would be "hot water" for him. He would like to know the time though. This was a moment when he wished he had "one of those Burmese little beggars" with him who could tell you the time by looking at the sky.

But what's the good of wishing—"The little blighter would only be a nuisance and in the way," he murmured to himself. What was that? Must have been imagining things, although he could have sworn he heard a movement to the right of where he crouched. He was right! His eyes alert, he watched a figure appearing from a clump of bushes. It was a Jap! What luck if only . . . No—better not—might make a noise—might upset plans.

Silently he watched the Jap move down a much-trodden pathway and disappear behind some trees at the end of it. "Probably going to the outpost—didn't seem worried so can't have seen any of our men," he thought. He was startled in the midst of his thoughts by a bullet-crack coming from a commando's rifle. He came back to his present position with amazing speed, and, grabbing his own rifle, swiftly but quietly made his way along the path the Jap had chosen, to the Jap outpost.

It was incredible the way in which the commandos quickly captured the outpost. The Japs had had no idea the commandos were anywhere near them—and the wandering Jap—well—he was simply stupefied! But it was good to be back lying in one's singlet and trousers, feeling the breeze tickle the body again, the job done.

MY "AUNT ANN"

"Aunt Ann" was not a real aunt, but was one of my many distant relatives who had very kindly invited me to stay with her. Hence my presence on the small deserted platform of a country station. The train had long since disappeared around the corner and no living thing could be seen. A thousand doubts flooded my brain. Perhaps I had got off at the wrong station, but no, that could not be so, as the guard had been most particular about my getting off at the right stop!

My gloomy thoughts came to an end when I saw an old dilapidated Ford car drive up to the station with "Aunt Ann's" beaming face at the window. On the drive home I found a good opportunity to study my Aunt. She wore an old grey felt hat from the brim of which a small feather poked forlornly out. A pair of horn-rimmed glasses were perched on her nose while the slacks and jumper she wore were certainly not of the most fashionable cut. Her eyes were deep brown and her nose of the button variety, small, and rather pink. The impression I got was that she was a very kind person even though perhaps a little untidy. "Aunt Ann's main joy was cooking, and nothing delighted her more than to spend a morning over a red-hot coal range and to produce, from sticky-looking messes, toothsome scones, cakes and cream-buns. Lovely!

While she was cooking she wore a bright red-spotted scarf over her head and an enormous white apron around her amply-proportioned figure. When my visit came to an end

she was so sorry to see me go that she forgot to wear her grey felt hat on the drive to the station—a concession indeed, from "Aunt Ann!"

—Patricia Prince, 5a Comm.

AS THE PIGEONS SEE US

Beware! These humans are dangerous and cruel—they hit one another; they try to choke themselves; they try to break one another's limbs in a sport they call wrestling. Unable to fly they walk with long noisy footsteps. Their inventions such as cars, which clatter on the roads, frighten us. They are great, vast, unwieldy, non-flying monsters who perpetrate crimes against our lives and our freedom. They spend the early years of their useless lives in large buildings they call schools. Here they are taught all sorts of stupid things. They learn how to add and how to utter deep guttural noises. The person who teaches them they call a schoolmaster and to this person they have to listen for a quarter of the day. They must get bored, so must he! Having no beaks, but a large opening, in the upper part of the body, called a mouth, they devour enormous quantities of food which we could not devour in twenty pecks. Flinging food around often at us may help provide sustenance for us, but it may also hurt us. No wings, no sense, no use—why were they created? They have very few good points; one is that they can be kind but seldom are; they can also feed us without hurting us. On the whole, humans are insignificant, useless, and unkind.

—E. Nairn, E.4a.

TELEPHONE DUTY

At last the day to which I had looked forward with a mingled sense of fear and excitement had arrived, and I took my place behind the desk near to the telephone booth. Yes, you have guessed it, it was my turn at the arduous task of "telephone-duty." The first job allotted to me was to ask any boy who chanced to be passing if he would go to room 32 and get my typewriter. This I did with a feeling of embarrassment, and of course a certain prefect, who looked me up and down with a cold glassy stare, made me stutter and stammer, in my wild attempts to assure her that I really was on telephone duty.

Finally, however, I was seated at my typewriter, energetically typing out fresh entries of the masters' and mistresses' time-tables. The first two periods flew by on wings and it was morning-interval before I had even heard the faintest tinkle on the telephone, although I had run several messages for various teachers during the course of the morning. And then it came! My first 'phone-call! I flew to the telephone, only to return again immediately for my forgotten pencil and paper! I stammered out the words, "Seddon Technical College here," and waited for the answer. The person at the other end must have sensed my nervousness, and asked me, in tones of amusement, if I would give a message to Miss "X." And then, having been fated to develop a bad cold just the day before, I was pressed with an overwhelming desire to sneeze! I don't know now, and I suppose I never will know how I man-

aged to reply, but I did, and very soon after holding my nose, and my breath very hard the feeling passed, and I was answering the lady at the other end with as much enjoyment as one can muster when one is at the same time shaking violently at the knees.

After that first call, the day went quickly and I was rather disappointed to find that my watch was approaching the three-thirty mark. After all my anticipating on a lonely and fearful day, I enjoyed it so much that I will be very glad when it is once again my turn to take "telephone duty."

—Romola Cooper, Comm. 4a.

MY ROCK-GARDEN

I have a rock-garden, but as a garden it is not what one would call highly successful. In it grow many sorts of weed I wouldn't like to have to name; but flowers are quite a different story. Last summer, having rooted up Dad's fernery (in his absence in the South), I carefully turned the soil over and planted some prize portulaccas in its midst.

All was well until I decided to weed the garden; but I'm afraid some plants have a habit of coming out more readily than the weeds. Well! You should have seen my prize portulaccas after that effort!

When one of my pet canaries passed on, I planted it in the middle of the rock-garden to act as fertilizer, but the only sign of fertilization that appeared was one small toadstool which shot up after several days' deep consideration.

Another outstanding feature of my

rock-garden is one particularly nice weed, which I like (but Mum doesn't) which creeps all over the rock-garden and hides everything else.

Everything in the garden may be lovely—until it begins to creep across the path!

Mum then says it has gone far enough; so out she goes, sharp weapon in hand, and tears my precious creeper off both path and garden.

I seethe with indignation, but I needn't worry, for after all, a weed is a weed, and my (weed) creeper is snugly back on garden and path again within a few days — a nice, light, thick, green layer.

Then it is Mum who seethes — about rock-gardens!!

—Shirley James, 5a Comm.

IN DEFENCE OF DRAGONS

Before going to the specialized subject of dragons I shall say a few words on pets in general. The satisfaction derived from looking after dumb animals can be measured by no material standard. All beasts return, with one hundred per cent interest, the love cast on them by their superiors. Examples of this may be found in any home or zoo. Why this loading of kindness on to animals? It is not a case of crawling, so what can it be?

But to return to the serious subject of dragons. Of all pets a dragon is the most worth-while. He returns all that is given to him by supplying heat and light, not forgetting sound. On November the 5th he may be hired out as a bonfire; care has to be taken to conceal his body, however, or else the children may become rather

frightened because of all the false stories circulated about the danger of the poor animals.

I take this opportunity to repudiate these tales. No dragon has ever done any harm to anyone. The one so admirably slain by St. George was wounded roughly and spat fire at him. Realizing his error he allowed himself to be killed. What more could he do?

As to looking after the dragon the amount of care varies with size and breed. The ones most popular at the moment are the large black and gold ones, called Colossus Dragonees by the experts. This particular species requires from two to three tons of the best Westport coal (Waikato won't do) as well as the usual 40 gallons of benzine. One or two beasts I have met with in my travels prefer a good, well matured Scotch to the benzine, but this desire cannot be satisfied in this country. A dragon likes to be able to roam about, so do not confine him to your backyard; let him wander about the streets as he will. Another important thing is, keep them away from water. This has the same effect as methylated spirits has on man. After a period of intoxication, frothing at the mouth, they pass away.

This departure of the spirit is accompanied by a loud explosion, the body completely disintegrating. That is why no dragons' teeth are ever found.

In the hope that this short exposition will help to preserve dragon life, I conclude. If any dragon owner has

trouble with his dragon I will be only too pleased to assist him.

"Pterodactyl" c/o "Primeval Times," 1099 B.C.

—R. E. Simpson, E6b.

THE PERILS OF TRAM-TRAVEL

In this age of unrest and danger and with the threat of Atom and Hydrogen bombs over our heads it is hard to realize that those who travel by tram risk life and limb in doing so. Anyone wishing to verify this statement has only to have a paid-up insurance policy and a strong nerve and he will be ready to take his post at the St. Paul's tram stop any weekday at 3.30 p.m.

At 3.30 p.m. a clanging will be heard and a horde will pour out from a large building and scatter in all directions, a great number congregating outside St. Paul's Church. The scene is set and the air is tense as the drama begins.

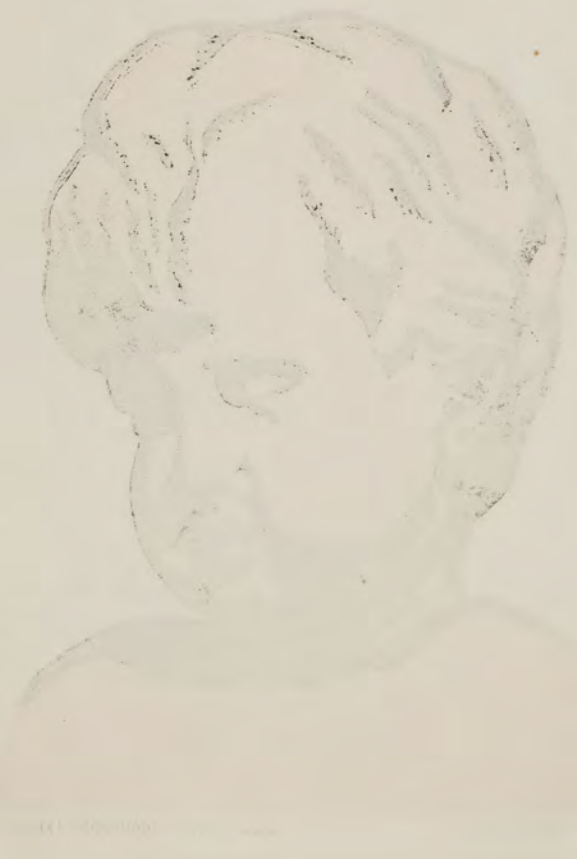
A cry of "Three Kings" rends the air and a portion of the crowd surges forward into the road to await a tram coming up the hill. This forms a fine road block and effectively stops traffic coming up Wellesley and Anzac streets. As the tram stops a Springbok scrum is packed and any unfortunate passengers getting off are hooked out the back. The crowd surges in and any vacant seats are grabbed regardless of anyone else standing or adults.

A favourite occupation is seeing how many can be packed on to the platform without anyone having to move inside. As a result several boys hang precariously on the back of the tram while the conductor hopefully asks, "Move along the tram, please."



"CHILD STUDY"

Lino-cut by T. JOHNSON, Typo. 4.



If they decide to move inside they do so at a rush and passengers must move their heads or have them effectively removed by school-bags slung over their owners' shoulders.

Thus the passengers ride in constant apprehension of bodily injury, and it is not until the last of these invaders leave the tram that the people can feel at ease. Any still doubting people should travel themselves and find the folly of their ways. May God have mercy on their souls.

—K. Walker, E6b.

WOMEN DRIVERS—INDEED PROVOCATIVE

The most malignant menace on the road to-day is not the drunken driver, bad brakes or extremely fast cars. The most flagrant danger to life and limb of pedestrian and motorist alike is—the woman driver.

Women drivers, it appears, have a code of road rules all of their own. No heed whatsoever is paid by them to parking notices. If a "No Parking" notice stands outside their favourite hat shop, they, having eyes only for that new hat in the window, happily park their car at least four feet from the kerb, alongside a fire plug of course, lock it up securely, and rush into the shop to add to their husband's financial worries by buying the abominable creation. Emerging from the shop an hour or so later, they are surprised to find a white chalk mark on a wheel and an ominous blue form underneath the windscreen wiper blade. On calling in at their local traffic department, they increase the proportion of grey hairs in the head

of the exasperated officer behind the counter by insisting that they were "only in the shop for a few minutes."

I always feel sorry to see a car, which is after all a machine of precision and workmanship, in the hands of a woman driver. It is a fact that women cannot change gears properly. They do not understand the fundamental principles of how a car works. All they know is that "when you push "that" in, pull "this" back to "here," and put that pedal down and make the engine roar, the car is going all right. I make it a point to avoid riding in a car when a woman is driving, for not only do they panic in traffic at the least provocation, but every time they force the car into gear amidst much clashing, grinding and grating, my spirits sink to their lowest ebb in sympathy with the screaming, protesting, victimized gearbox.

It is no wonder that women lose control of themselves in city traffic. When stopping for traffic lights, they invariably place the car out of gear and jerk on the handbrake. The light turns green, into gear goes the car, out comes the clutch and the engine stalls. Suddenly they remember the hand-brake. By the time the engine has been restarted, a queue of traffic has formed up behind them and in their haste to move off, if they do not stall the engine again in the meantime, they begin with a few magnificent leaps and bounds, reach peak revs. in low gear, keep their foot hard down for an extra hundred yards or so and then change up.

Not only do they seem to have a different set of road rules for them-

selves, but also a totally different psychological viewpoint about driving.

In my opinion only a woman driver knows what another woman driver will do when in control of a motor car. We must be thankful that there are no women bus and taxi drivers. It is a fact that women drivers, in proportion to male drivers, are involved in far more motor accidents, and for this reason, when I become Prime Minister of New Zealand, I will have all women drivers' licences cancelled and forbid women to drive anything more than a perambulator.

—F. B. Webber, W6.

RIDING IN A CROWDED BUS

There goes another one, full too. Reconciling myself to being 20 minutes late for an important Saturday night appointment, I gaze in the nearest shop window until the roar of a distant bus wakes me. As it approaches I am glad to see that it is only half full. I am not in school uniform so I pay full fare and take a seat well back. Several more stops and there are no more seats. Another and two men standing. This goes on until the bus is packed with standing men. The first woman boards and stands several feet from me. I now go into a deep soliloquy—is the age of chivalry past, or is it? I look up, the woman still stands. Another period of meditation, still she stands. Well, to prove that chivalry remains, I stand and offer my seat to the good cause. She declines and gets out at the next stop. I resume my seat and wonder whether I had been the cause of the lady leaving. By this time the bus

has reached the city and I rush to my appointment. Alack, 'tis too late.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

To many junior members of the college the prefects' room is probably a fabled unheard-of place and one which for obvious reasons they never trouble to investigate. More senior and experienced chaps refer to it with dislike and disdain and keep as far away from it and its occupants as possible. To the prefects, however, the "Room" is a place of unbounded friendliness and high spirits—especially the latter.

Access to this out-of-the-way spot is by a flight of concrete steps and a door. Open the door and what do you see? Young gentlemen sitting about talking latest football or cricket topics? Not likely! You might hear them shouting about something, perhaps if you're lucky you will see a small brawl or the initiation of a new sub-prefect, as Mr. Ohlson did one day not so long ago; but more than likely you will see two members playing table tennis. Whatever you see you will be, no doubt, somewhat surprised and go away with a new perspective in your mind of the prefect-orial staff.

The room itself is ideally situated under the stage in the hall and is bounded, luckily, by four concrete walls. As it is placed it is well out of the way of normal school boys and little of the noise that issues from it is ever heard. Its sound-proof qualities were no doubt greatly improved when the old door was repaired.

Much of the damage which is done can usually be attributed to the fairly infrequent outbursts—of excessively

high spirits which take place. The results of the past years can be clearly seen. For instance, along one wall stands the remains of 20 lockers. All that is left is a wooden oblong structure standing about three feet high. It reminds one somewhat of an empty honeycomb.

Surviving all rough treatment, however, is the table-tennis table which has stood for years symbolizing friendship and fair play. We hope that it will survive for many years and remind the occupants of this "inner sanctum" just how great the responsibility is that is placed on them. Just think what the college would be like if there were no prefects and the playground had to be cleaned after school by an assembly!

—F. Bartley, E6b.

"THE MATATUA"

About six hundred years ago several Maori canoes left Hawaiki (now commonly known as Tahiti) to find new land.

These early sailors intended building new homes in whatever suitable land they found, but as they were nearing New Zealand a storm arose causing the canoes to be separated. Some of the canoes landed in various parts of the North Island, e.g., Hawkes Bay and Cape Runaway. One of the main canoes, "Matatua," sailed along the coast and finally found a landing-place.

It is believed that when the men went inland to find food and water, the canoe drifted down towards the sea. Toroa's daughter, "Wairaka," quickly ordered the women to action by saying, "Whakatane, Whakatane," which means "act as men." The

women grabbed the paddles and did as they were bidden.

Somehow the name Whakatane stayed and gradually a village sprang up where to-day stands a busy township. So the majority of the people who live in the Whakatane district to-day are descendants of the people from the "Matatua" canoe.

—Polly Pera, 4 Sp. Comm.

AN OLD TALE RE-TOLD

About eighty-nine miles south of Gisborne is a small township called Ruatoria, once the home of Sir Apirana Ngata.

The name Ruatoria has not always been as it is now, because as time went on the pronunciation and the spelling came to differ slightly from the original. Ruatoria got its name partly from a Maori maiden, "Torea." She was being compelled by her father to marry a young warrior who was favoured by her father, but Torea did not like her husband-to-be and so on the day of the ceremony she ran away from her people to a distant tribe to the place where the one she loved was waiting for her.

Torea's father found that she was missing a few minutes after she had left, and because Torea had defied his wishes he was very angry and gave orders to the tribesmen to pursue Torea and kill her. Meanwhile, Torea was becoming very weary, and as she sat to rest near an old rua, which is a small storehouse for kumaras built in the ground, she heard the warriors trampling in pursuit through the undergrowth. Torea knew what her fate would be if she was caught, so she quickly crept into

the deserted rua and hid under some thick manuka branches, which were heaped on the ground. A few minutes later the angry warriors came running past the old rua, little realizing that Torea was hidden in it. Where Torea came out of the "Rua" a tiny township sprang up as time went on, and gradually the name "Ruatorea" came into being. Later Ruatorea was changed into "Ruatoria," "Rua" from the old store-house, "Torea" the Maori maiden's name.

—Clara Whangapirita, 4 Special.

DISCOVERY OF THE TAUPO DISTRICT

—Hilda Blake, 4 Sp. Comm.

When the Maoris first landed from the Arawa Canoe at Maketu, Bay of Plenty, Ngatoroirangi, the Chief Priest of these Maoris, wishing to explore the country, took a party inland and in due course came up to the mountain which they called "Tauhara" (near Taupo), and climbed to the top. He then saw a most extensive and wonderful land, with a large barren basin lying where Lake Taupo now stands. Thinking to improve this waste space as a hunting ground by starting afforestation, the Priest plucked out a large totara tree with roots and branches complete, and threw it down into the basin. The West Wind, or something, caused him to miss his mark, and the tree, striking a hard bank at the edge of the basin bounced off and landed upside-down. The branches pierced the ground with the roots protruding into the air, and water came gushing up to form the present lake.

The place where the tree first

struck the ground is, in the district, now known as Wharewaka, and about three chains off the shore the tree can still be seen lying under the waters of the lake, with its branches down and the roots just under the surface. This tree is known to all Maoris as "Pere a Ngatoroirangi" (The Arrow of Ngatoroirangi).

When Ngatoroirangi came down from Tauhara and saw the vast expanse of water that he had produced, he at once tried to think of some way to use it for man's advantage. He decided that it must be stocked with eels and fish; so he then, with the necessary rites and incantations, plucked one of the hukahuka (tassels) from the mat (called Korowai) that he was wearing and threw it into the water.

This hukahuka turned into an eel and started to wriggle away on the surface of the water, but it had not gone very far when it died. Seeing this, he plucked another hukahuka from a second mat (called "Pakee" or "Pora") and threw this also into the water. It turned into a fish which darted away and then dived to swim freely in the waters of the lake, thus becoming the common ancestor of the two native fish of the lake, the Inanga and the Kokopu.

Travelling southwards, Ngatoroirangi suffered from the cold on the mountains of the National Park, and according to legend he appealed to his sisters, who were Goddesses in Hawaiki, for warmth. The fires which they brought in response to this appeal formed the thermal activity for which the district is still renowned.

TRANSFORMATION

I.

Dull clouds move uncertainly across
the evening sky nudged and urged
along

By twilight breezes;
Dark trees, frowning in the fading
light, crouch down
Like black Orpingtons
Upon their broods of houses;
The houses' eyes, their windows,
bright and lucid in the sun,
Are now expressionless;
Glaze, and staring vacantly,
Like men's eyes when their bodies'
lives have seeped away.

Across the choppy sea of rooftops, in
the distance and against the sky,
A hill reclines—nor yet shaven
Of its shaggy beard;
A scrawny island in an angry sea.
The cheeky chirping of a disrespect-
ful bird,

Blends with the unseen silence;
And intensifies its quality oblivious
To quiet's calm command
Before the night;
And sullen clouds still edge across the
sky
Going nowhere.

II.

Across the valley upon a new-mowed
lawn

A boy is tumbling,
Rollicking about with reckless, wild
abandoned glee;
Stuffed up with an eager joy for life
he does not know,

Which time, the one Great Pedagogue,
shall teach him.

But on the lawn below surveying the
garden.

Watching with detached vague and
distant fascination,

The steady growth of plants from
minute seedlings perhaps to sturdy
trees;

White thatches, close together, loth
to miss a single word

Of aged talk, which young folk cannot
wait for,

Two old men move softly to and fro
and stoop unsteadily, inspecting
leaves;

Bearing a resemblance to the dried
and seeded plants,

Which droop dejectedly in one dis-
regarded corner;

And all the while the inevitable dark-
ness creeps stealthily down,

Transforms the hill, the houses and
the trees into one flat fantastic
shape;

Irregular and rough in outline, stud-
ded with pin points

Of light indiscriminately thrown
Upon this blackened backdrop;

And above, the clouds, now black and
heavy, lumbering doggedly

After their nor'-easterly forbears,
To a destination yet unknown.

HOMEWORK EXCUSES

I really did do homework,
You must believe me, sir;
But coming here I met a dog,
A nasty vicious cur;
He knocked me down upon the ground
And snuffled in my bag;
Then pulled out all my homework,
And chewed it to a rag.

This morning in the harbour,
The seas were rough as rough;
The ferry boat was all awash,
And that was bad enough;

Then an extra big one hit me,
And almost broke my bones;
Now my good homework reposes,
In the locker of Davy Jones.

Not a candle in the house,
And restrictions on the light;
Everything so dark and dim,
I couldn't see to write;
So if my homework is not done,
I think you will agree
The Auckland Power Board is to
blame,
Not inoffensive me.

I've done my social studies,
And mathematics too;
English and Arithmetic,
And problems—quite a few;
I even did some science,
And also wrote a poem;
I know you won't believe me, sir,
But I left it all at home.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS OF LIFE THAT MATTER

Without the drops of water there
would be no sea,
Without the little drops of rain, where
would we all be?
Our great wide deserts are made up
of little grains of sand.
Just as it takes a lot of folk to form
a proper band.
Little boys are nuisances and some-
times bring us sorrow,
But we must realize they will be the
great men of to-morrow.
The slightest ingredients all go to
make a cake,
But if one little thing's left out the
cake will be a fake.
The office man looks down upon the
sweepers in the street,

He does not realize they are there to
keep the city neat;
And factory hands are viewed by
some with scorn and with distaste,
But it's an honest living, and their
time they do not waste.
And high-class folk would not enjoy
all their luxuries,
If it were not for the people in the
factories.
This little rhyme is here to help us
all to realize,
That everything's important no mat-
ter what its size;
So do not think you're helpless, e'en
if you are quite small.
For you may find that you'll turn
out better than them all.

—Sheila Stevenson, 4a Comm.

"THE FIRST FLOWER"

The snowdrop is the very first
Of all the flowers that grow,
To show her pretty little head
Above the pure white snow.
"We are so very glad,
To see you, snowdrop dear;
You show us that winter is past,
And spring will soon be here."

—By Cathrine Green.

THE LONELY GYPSY

As I was travelling in the open air,
I spied a little gypsy, alone and in
despair;
Her hair was black,
Her skin was brown;
She had been wandering from town
to town,
Her mother had deserted her;
No one would take her in;
So I took the little maiden,
Whose life would now begin.

—V. Owen, C 3A.

CIVILIZATION

(Adapted from the song, "Bongo-
Bongo-Bongo, I don't want to leave
the Congo").

They say this world is civilized,
As civilization can be;
But when you come to think of it,
Which one of us is free?
All week we slave to earn our cash,
To spend it lavishly;
Oh! to be in the jungle,
Where everyone is free.
The native in the jungle,
What worries worry him?
His life is full of happiness,
To hunt and fish and swim.
In civilization it's different,
We work all year for pay;
And when that's finished, what do
we get?

A fortnight's holiday.
In civilization man is placed,
His mode of life to lead;
But the native in the jungle,
From all of this is freed.

—By Gordon Gibb, Typo 4.

YOUNG MAESTRO

O, young maestro C has come out of
the blue,
To teach us in music he tries hard,
'tis true;
With preludes and fugues he hath
crammed many heads,
Till all we are fit for is to sleep in our
beds.
So when comes our period, in music
we delve,
And maybe we learn some, in spite of
ourselves;
He organized choirs, he marshall'd
the band,
He kept us in time with the beat of
his hand.

His lectures on manners are a delight
to the ear,
He instils in third-formers a deep
sense of fear;
But when he is tired and aches in the
brains,
He hies himself home, where he plays
with his trains.

— E. Martin.

THE DAISIES

In my garden grow some daises,
Their petals are a glowing white;
And in the summer sunshine,
They seem to sparkle bright.
But when the winter winds blow,
And the rain comes pouring down;
They lose their lovely petals,
And close their eyes and frown.

—Maria Yurjevic, N.A.H. 3B

LITERARY PRIZE WINNERS

Serious Verse:

"Transformation" - - Pickering

Humorous Verse:

No award

Serious Prose:

"Commando Raid" - Irene Butler
"Accuracy of Weights" - - Burt

Humorous Prose:

"In Defence of Dragons" - Simpson

"A LINK ABROAD"

Two letters arrived at the College early this year which gave the boys of Woodwork 3D and Engineering 3E a purpose and goal in respect to their social studies. The first letter arrived from England—actually the Bective Secondary Modern School for Boys, Northampton, and its contents read as follows:

"My form is studying New Zealand in its geography course. And we are having some difficulty in obtaining information and pictures of your country. The Geography master has suggested that I try to get in touch with a school in New Zealand to see if they can help in this respect.

"Would you therefore kindly pass on my request to a school of the secondary boys' type?

Yours faithfully,
(Master), John Clarke."

This appeal arrived in Room 10 and from the wild enthusiasm and patience has come the answer. A set of nine assignments covering topics of interest to a class in Northampton have been compiled by groups of boys under a group leader. This leader has been responsible for the direction of the work, the tasks to be assigned to each individual, and has been directly responsible to Jack Hayes, of Woodwork 4B, the general overseer of these projects.

His task has not been an easy one and he has applied diligence and painstaking research in its carrying out. He has carried personal letters of introduction to the Tourist and

Travel Bureaux, requesting pamphlets and other literature dealing with the many topics included in the project. He has even received a letter from the N.Z. Forest Service in Wellington, who have enclosed booklets dealing with "Forestry in New Zealand."

The topics covered have been such as to give a wide survey of New Zealand and to present pictorially as much of the present and past life of New Zealand as possible. The assignments chosen were of the following nature—a representative selection of topics designed to generally indicate New Zealand and its development. The Maori, early New Zealand history, education, farming, electric power, tourist resorts, transport and communication, birds and forest, and sporting and recreational activities.

To cover the expenses of the postage, purchase of photographs and publicity magazines, the class became "auction conscious" and a number of these were held, thereby providing a fund which has made this scheme independent of financial aid from school funds.

Letters in reply to England have indicated that a reciprocal scheme would be desirable but not necessarily obligatory and the class now awaits a similar survey of Northampton with interest.

The second letter to arrive was more mystifying than the first, not because of its contents but because of its address on the envelope.

"A Seventh Grade Pupil,
Any School,
Auckland, Australia."

"Visual aids play an important part in modern social studies."



A LINK ABROAD



Open day: Jack Hayes, W 4 B, inspects New Zealand Social Study projects prior to their dispatch to Bective Modern School, Northampton, England, and Ohio, U.S.A.

Its inside address was: 1948
Huntington Rural School,
Route 7,
Chillicothe, Ohio, U.S.A.

"Dear Seventh-Grade friend,"—

The postal authorities must have realised that Woodwork 3D and Engineering 3E should be the recipients of such airy addresses and so to Room 10 came this appealing epistle. Its contents seemed an apparent contradiction because the opening sentence began in this way:

"This year we have been studying the geography of your country."

Whether we have become attached to Tasmania the class were at a loss to discover, but they determined to remedy that misunderstanding and Andrew Cox, the seventh grade friend, was advised of his reckless archery, "I shot an arrow into the air—it fell to earth I knew not where."

This school required information about the city of Auckland and its people and enclosed a typewritten sheet of questions calculated to produce the answers to a local survey. Such questions as: "Approximately when was your city founded?—Name some of the leading industries of your town; What are most of your houses made of? What is your average rainfall? and, Are there any famous people from your town?"—provided the class with plenty of scope for research into local books, surveys and Year Books.

The result of all this has been to put Auckland and New Zealand well and truly on the map and it remains

to be seen whether Chillicothe, Ohio, or Bective, Northampton, are prepared to do the same for their respective areas. However, whether the scheme is reciprocal or not the boys of this class have gained a considerable benefit from their research, their team-work and in a small but important way from establishing a link with abroad, Empire or otherwise, to provide that so necessary basis for international understanding — what might be regarded as the ideal aim behind this controversial subject more meaningful in the singular as "a social study."

The Teacher trainees have checked these facts, but do you know that:

A hardwood, *Lignum Vitae*, is used instead of metal in the tailshaft bearings of most ships.

Although plywood is thought to be a modern production, it was first used 35 centuries ago by the Egyptians, and was first manufactured commercially in Russia in 1882.

Balsa wood, in spite of its softness and lightness, is classified as a hardwood.

All the damage, in borer-infested timber, is caused while the borer is in the larval stage. The hole seen is merely the flight hole of the developed beetle.

AUTOGRAPHS

Sealder Nicholas
Head Prefect
1950

The following four pages are a facsimile of our first newsletter. We hope to publish this type of news sheet fairly frequently to bridge the gap between each "Seddonian"

SEDDON NEWSLETTER

A LINK BETWEEN COLLEGE AND PARENTS

No. 1

August, 1950

FOREWORD

The "Newsletter" is a new venture on the part of the College to keep parents in touch with our varied activities. We already attempt to do this in several ways but each way has its limitations.

In the regular School Assembly the Principal reaches the day pupils, but his remarks may not reach the home, or if they do perhaps it will be in an edited form! The Parent-Teachers' Association by its meetings makes contact with some of the parents but many are not able to attend their gatherings. At the Open Day early in the Third Term an opportunity is given for the practical work to be seen, but this can be arranged only once in the year. The "Seddonian", our annual magazine, embodies a record of achievements and activities covering the whole year, but it is published at the end of the year.

The "Newsletter", however, will be published from time to time, perhaps in four or five issues in the year. It will be topical, it will give notice of pending events and it will provide information of a vocational and educational nature which should be of help to parents.

This first issue of the "Newsletter" is an experiment. We are feeling our way, trying to find out what parents of present and prospective pupils would like us to tell them. Have you any comments or suggestions? The Editor, Mr. A. A. Smyth, will be very pleased to receive them.

H. M. Scott,
Principal.

THE Auckland Commissioner of Apprentices Talks To Parents

At one of the more recent meetings of the S.M.T.C. Parent-Teachers' Association Mr. Smith, local Commissioner of Apprenticeship, gave some information of interest to all parents concerning the openings for boys and girls in industry. Here are some of the points he made:—

The backbone of the apprenticeship system is the local Apprenticeship Committee.

This Committee consists of three representatives nominated by employers, three nominated by employees, one member conversant with technical education and the local Commissioner as Chairman.

Its function is to give consent to the engagement of apprentices after being satisfied that the employer is suitable. The committee is satisfied only with an employer who has the facilities to teach the trade, is likely to continue in business and has the proportion of apprentices to journeymen required by the apprenticeship order.

The consent of the committee must be gained before a boy can be employed.

Mr. Smith emphasized, too, the importance of seeking advice from either Careers Teachers or from the Vocational Guidance Centre before children leave school.

This is increasingly necessary since so many trades now require a fixed standard of post-primary education as a pre-requisite to apprenticeship.

The Commissioner also gave much interesting information as to the numbers of apprenticeships offering in various industries - information which will be published in full in the "Seddonian".

More detailed information on all such topics is available from S.M.T.C. Careers Teachers, Miss C. Vickery and Mr A. B. Ohlson.

In subsequent issues of the "Newsletter" we propose to feature a series of articles explaining the relationship between the Courses at the College and the industries for which they offer training. The first of these will be on the Typography Course.

GIRLS IN GREEN.

The girls in green smocks who are seen in our corridors may be members of a full-time day course called "Senior Business." This course is similar to that of the ordinary private "business college" and embraces shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, accounting machines and commercial practice. Dressmaking and Physical Education are optional subjects. The course is open to anyone who has had two or more years of post-primary education and in fact, most of the students are girls who have taken a general course at some other post-primary school. Capable students can qualify within one year in the Junior Government Examination in shorthand and typing and in the Institute of Secretaries examination in Stage I Bookkeeping.

This course is not as widely known as it might be, particularly as regards the fact that it is available on a "free-place" basis instead of the £30 or more that it would cost elsewhere. The accounting machines used in this course are valued at approximately £1,400 apart from our £4,000 worth of typewriters (and with our annual renewals system the typewriters are all modern, a good proportion the latest model.)

HINDLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

A bequest by the late Mr. R. Hindley enables the College each year to provide five or six Scholarships for senior boys and girls. Ability in school work counts. So do qualities of leadership, evidenced by filling

efficiently such positions as prefect, N.C.O., Captain of a College team, or by holding office in organisations outside the College such as Scouts, Guides, Brigades, St. John Ambulance, etc. Each entrant for a Scholarship makes a speech to a group of classes in the Assembly Hall.

The Hindley Scholars for 1950 are;—

Anita Doidge	— Senior Business
Heather Nicholas	— Senior Business
B. G. Cunningham	— E. 6 A.
G. P. Gardiner	— E. 6 A.
D. W. Jones	— E. 6 B.
G. A. Parkinson	— E. 6 A.

An Old Boy Becomes Head of the Engineering Department.

An appointment to the College Staff that will interest ex-students of the 1920's is that of Mr. C. L. Maloy, M.Sc. as Head of the Engineering Department. Mr. Maloy received his post-primary education at the College, where he was a prefect and a member of the First Cricket and Soccer Eleven's. He became a student teacher here, and later after some years' teaching at Southland Technical College became a full-time member of our Staff. In 1942 he left to join the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. He comes to his new post with us from the position of Deputy Director of the Dominion Physical Laboratory, Lower Hutt.

The Editor of the "Seddonian", Mr. K. Turtill, welcomes news of Old Boys and Girls of the College. Would you like to let him know of anything that would be of interest to present or past pupils?

COLLEGE SPORT

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings seem very important occasions to many of the boys and girls. As you probably know, practices and games take them on those days to many parts of the city

You may not be clearly aware of the extent to which the College arranges trips for its various teams to other towns within the Auckland Province and, indeed, beyond it. The Senior Teams of the College have, of course, always had such fixtures. The First XV and the First Basketball Teams' biennial trip to Stratford (and to varying heights up Mt. Egmont!) has been a climax to the Second Term for many pupils for many years.

During the past two or three years this practice of "home and away" matches has been extended to many Junior Teams. Already in 1950 two cricket and two hockey teams have played at Whangarei, five Rugby teams at Thames, two cricket and two soft ball at Whenuapai, one Rugby at Coromandel, one Rugby and one Basketball at Stratford and one Hockey at Gisborne. Besides these an athletic team has visited Pukekohe, and a Rowing eight, Wellington. This list does not include centres from which teams came to visit the College during the year and to which our teams will go in 1951.

You will readily realize the value of such trips for your children. Firstly, they have an opportunity to see other parts of N. Z.. This year we are arranging even the longer trips by bus in daylight. More important still, the boys and girls have the opportunity to mix with strangers and to make contacts with people in other parts of the country.

In some cases these trips are made possible only by the co-operation of parents who take our boys and girls into their homes. Such hospitality has of course to be repaid when return trips are made, and that is a matter in which you can help.

SOME SPORTS FIXTURES

S.M.T.C. plays teams of Schools of other centres

Rugby

1st XV. v. Stratford at Stratford—
August 8

2B and 4A v. Waihi at Waihi—
September 16

5B v. Coromandel at Coromandel—
August 19

Hockey

1st XI. v. Whangarei at Whangarei—
August 8

Junior Team v. Whangarei at Whangarei
—August 8

1st XI. at Gisborne, taking part in N.Z. Secondary Schools' Tournament. (For eight days in Second Term Holidays.)

Soccer

1st XI. v. Wanganui at Auckland—
August 8

Basketball

1st. Team v. Stratford at Stratford—
August 8
(The date, August 8, is worth noting.)

Cricket—all in Third Term.

1st XI. v. Thames at Thames.
3rd Form Team v. Thames at Thames.
Two Junior Teams v. Whangarei at
Auckland.

DRAMA CLUB

This year, on August 11th and 12th, the Drama Club will present the first three acts of J. M. Barrie's "Admirable Crichton," a twentieth century comedy, which dramatizes the social complications that occur when a "high class" family are wrecked on a remote island. When the only practical person, the butler, becomes the leader and the former masters become servants, there arise some amusing situations which Barrie treats with both humour and pathos.

Pupils have had a good training in stage craft. Some, who are old hands, should give a specially good account of themselves. Whether old or new, whether on stage or behind the scenes, all are keen. We look forward with confidence to another successful production.

CADET N.C.O. CAMP.

A Cadet N.C.O. Training Camp will be held at Papakura Military Camp during the second term holidays. The boys enter the Camp on the 26th of August, and, after undergoing a six days' course, return home on the morning of the 2nd of September. The S.M.T.C. allocation is 15 boys out of a total of 143 allotted among seventeen Secondary Schools.

The object of the course is to train Cadet N.C.O.s so that they are capable of instructing School Cadets in basic infantry subjects. Boys who are already N.C.O.s are of course eligible to attend, but so, too, are boys who are regarded as potential N.C.O.s. In choosing boys to attend military camps preference is given to those who are likely to return to school for at least a year so that their knowledge may be passed on to their fellow pupils.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Typography Department has a new linotype machine costing £1,600 and a new vertical automatic letter press machine costing £1,950.

That a new Electronics Laboratory has been set up with a Government Grant of £1,000.

That classes at the College are in session from 8 a.m. to 9.15 p.m. on week-days and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

That during the winter term over 350 boys are taking part in some form of Inter-secondary school sport.

That German Reparations has provided us with a 10 inch lathe and milling machines.

That a candidate making his speech for a Hindley Scholarship, told his audience that Abraham Lincoln "was shot dead and died next morning."

The Pupils are Presenting:—

"The Admirable Crichton"

a play by J. M. Barrie

on

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

August 11 and 12 at 8 p. m.

Tickets 1s. 6d.

