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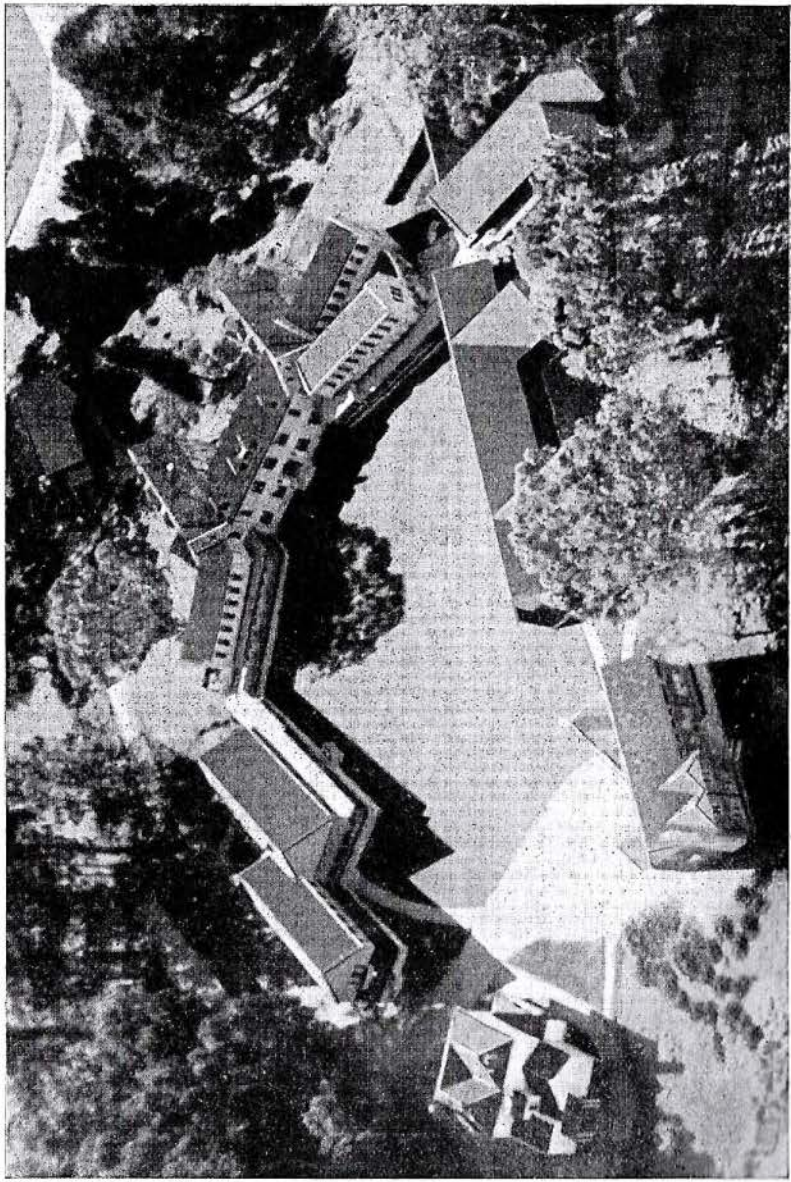
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ST. PETER'S has had a very busy and interesting year.

On Monday, March 1st, a late start was made with the year's work, owing to the epidemic of infantile paralysis, which was afflicting every part of the Dominion.

On Saturday, March 13th, the whole school visited the Cambridge Show. It was a much more interesting affair for us this year than it was last, because we had entries in some of the classes. We were delighted to know that Orr had been judged the best boy rider in the show and that in the stock sections we had won third prize with our Jersey bull, first prize with a Jersey heifer, and first with a two-year-old Jersey in milk, and first prize with two flock ewes. Our cup of happiness would have overflowed if Peter, the Instructor's pet lamb, had received the reward which we felt was his due, but apparently there was something lacking in him, although to us he was nothing short of perfection.

In accordance with the medical advice that was given to us, we eventually went into complete isolation at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th. This precautionary measure was main-

tained until the end of the First Term, which was Tuesday, May 11th.

The life of the school was normal during this time, the only visible signs of our lack of touch with the outside world being the barriers erected at the gates and the almost complete absence of motor traffic on our drive. In fact, where we were accustomed to see cars of all shapes and sizes bringing parents, visitors and tradespeople to our doors, we now saw only the Instructor's car, or the school truck which brought supplies from the box at the gate. We were like a castle in a state of siege during which we suffered no casualties—but grew very long hair!

One unfortunate result of isolation was the enforced absence of parents from our sports, which, after being twice postponed on account of bad weather, were eventually held on Wednesday, April 28th.

Although we were cut off from entertainment outside, we did not suffer from dullness, as music and films were enlisted for the benefit of the teaching, agricultural and domestic staffs. Mr. Broadhurst gave a lantern lecture on India and played to us his fine complete recording of the opera "Pagliacci." Mr. Hancock added to the success of one of the cinema shows which he gave, by improvising suitable sound effects.

When the second term began on Wednesday, June 1st, we found that certain alterations had been made in the arrangement of rooms in the main building. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Beaufort at the end of the first term had left their quarters unoccupied. What had been their living-room became the staff common room, and Miss Sutton now occupied the previous common room. Mr. Beaufort's study became the new home of the Hobbies Club. The room opposite the office became the Bursar's office. The little room next to the library became the Chaplain's study.

An innovation, started in the second term, was the use, by the boys, of account books. These are small blue books which fit easily into the pocket, and which contain records of the business negotiations carried on by the owner.

This system of account keeping has the immediate practical result of reducing to a minimum the actual payment of cash—a big advantage in a school where pocket money, etc., can be a complicated business—but it should have the more remote and even bigger advantage, that a boy should develop habits of care in money transactions, when he has been trained in this way to record what he has been buying, selling or contributing.

St. Peter's Day fell on Tuesday, June 29th. A whole holiday was observed. There was a celebration of Holy Communion, and, during the morning, a flag game was played. The horse riders had a very enjoyable ride up Sanatorium Hill during the afternoon, while a party of cyclists rode to the aerodrome. Some of the humble pedestrian members of the school were content to hunt goats, a pastime which seems to appeal to many of the older boys.

July and August brought to us the prevalent influenza which had been raging in Auckland and round about us, but which we had hoped to escape. Several of the boys went down with it, some being quite seriously ill. Members of the staff were also attacked. Miss Welsh, who had been our assistant matron, and who was to leave at the end of the term, suffered a particularly bad attack, but after a lengthy convalescence was fit enough to go away in the last week of the term.

Sister had a particularly strenuous time, and we had Sister Foster and Sister Tayler to help her.

On Wednesday, July 21st, the Waikato Hunt met at the School. The Master, Mr. Wynn Brown, who had just returned from England, was followed by quite a large number of riders, considering that the day was so unpleasant. Hounds were shut up in the garages, and were a great source of interest to the boys.

After the breakfast in the Dining Hall, hounds were put into the Kahikatea clump and two hares were put up. These both made for the garden at a great pace, and apparently were too shrewd for hounds, who failed to pick them up.

Heavy rain was now falling, and after vain attempts had been made to start other hares, the hunt moved off to other fields in the vicinity.

The Cambridge Choral Society has continued to hold its rehearsals in the Gymnasium on Tuesday evenings, and on August 2nd gave its first concert of the year in the Cambridge Town Hall. The two works chosen were "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" (Coleridge-Taylor), conducted by Mr. Luscombe, and "Blest Pair of Sirens" (Parry), conducted by Mr. Broadhurst. The latter work was encored and given again in its entirety. Some of the older boys listened to one of the last rehearsals of the latter work, while others attended the final rehearsal on the Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Trevor de Clive Lowe, of Auckland, 'cellist, was the soloist at the concert, and on Sunday night, April 1st, he and Mr. Luscombe gave a recital in the gymnasium.

For its second concert, which was given in the Town Hall, on Monday, December 6th, the Society sang the choral ballad "The Burial of King Cormac," which had been composed by Mr. H. C. Luscombe. Mr. Broadhurst conducted, and Mr. R. R. Gibson sang the baritone solos. Mr. Broadhurst also conducted the other choral work, Sir Edward Elgar's "Banner of St. George."

Schubert's Trio, No. 1 in B flat, completed the programme. This was played by Miss Margaret Rowe (violin), Dr. T. G. de Clive Lowe ('cello), and Mr. H. C. Luscombe (piano).

Great interest was aroused and maintained by the plays, which were rehearsed and performed in the second term.

Each form was responsible for putting on a play, with the result that a wide dramatic range was covered. There was the melodrama of "The Trial Scene," from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," on the one hand and the phantasy of Kenneth Grahame's "The Reluctant Dragon" on the other.

We had the very good fortune to have the assistance of Mrs. Gibson, who wrote three splendid plays for the occasion. These were "The Real Princess," "Murder While

We Dine," and "The King Who Couldn't Sing." The remaining two plays were "Scenes from Alice in Wonderland" and "The Rescue of Will Stutly," by A. I. L. King.

From the beginning it was evident that clothing and properties were going to be a matter requiring skilful handling, and in this matter we found Miss Wimperi to be a regular tower of strength. It was amazing to see what she could do with the most unlikely garments, and even with newspapers and paint!

In this atmosphere of tense expectancy, the day arrived for final rehearsals. Non-playing forms were kept carefully out of the way, by being read to and banished from classrooms and gymnasium block. Forms which were rehearsing, went to their appointed classrooms, where they were dressed and made-up. From there, they went to the music room, where properties and final instructions were given. At the appointed time, they were marshalled on the stage, and learned just how hard it is to speak audibly and slowly when excitement is rife.

However, everything went smoothly, although the dragon proved to be difficult to manoeuvre, and when actual performances took place, seven plays, with seven entirely different casts and sets of properties, were played to enthusiastic audiences of parents and friends, without a hitch in the proceedings anywhere.

This desirable state of affairs was very largely the result of the admirable stage-managing which was done by Mr. Hancock, who had spent endless time perfecting his arrangements.

The stage itself was tremendously improved by the beautiful blue curtains—the gift of an anonymous donor—and the black back-curtains and effective lighting, all of which helped to make an artistic success.

After morning Chapel on Sunday, August 8th, the ceremony of planting a tree in the big lawn outside the library was performed, to commemorate the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The tree, which is a sturdy

Spanish chestnut, was the gift of Mrs. S. H. Ellis.

The boys paraded on the drive while the teaching staff, parents, and agricultural and domestic staffs formed other sides of a square. Mr. Luscombe addressed the gathering. He said that it seemed very fitting that this method of commemorating the Coronation had been chosen. King George had ascended the throne of a great empire, and when they looked back they all knew that, just as the tree they were planting had spread out its branches, so the Mother Country had sent out men and women who had built up the Dominions overseas. Every branch of the tree, whether large or small, and every little twig, along with the trunk from which it grew, was essential for the well-being of the whole. The trunk could not exist without the branches, nor the branches without the trunk. As New Zealand was one of the youngest branches of the sturdy old British Oak, it was right and proper that the members of the school should reaffirm their loyalty to the King who ruled over the Empire which, if its members were loyal, would continue to stand four square to the storms of a very troubled world.

Each boy then put a spadeful of earth against the roots of the tree, which the Headmaster then declared well and truly planted.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The beginning of the third term is often difficult from the point of view of sport. The football season has closed at the end of the second term, and the grounds and weather are generally unfit for summer games.

This year the awkward gap was filled in with hockey, which began on Wednesday, September 15th. Very few of our number had ever played this game before, and welcomed a talk on the subject by the Headmaster, who made matters clear. In spite of this, many of our earlier efforts were noteworthy rather for their vigour than for their skill, and it seems a miracle that we ever scored goals.

We made marked progress generally, however, and at the end of the short hockey season on Saturday, October 9th,

we had reached a reasonable standard of efficiency.

A big surprise greeted the school during lunch on Saturday, September 18th, when the Headmaster announced his engagement to Miss Leatham.

We took no risk of infecting ourselves when measles—and whooping cough—became epidemic in the district. All "leave" was stopped, but parents were not prevented from seeing their boys at the school.

The ordinary life of a boy at St. Peter's leaves little time for manual labour, and so, on Labour Day, we reversed the order of things, and worked during the morning at such jobs as weeding lawns, rolling cricket pitches, tidying lawn edges, and so on. Everybody entered into the spirit of the thing, and much valuable work was done. The afternoon was free, but rain rather spoiled matters. In the evening, an enthusiastic garden club was formed.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Gardner, Hickson, Parr, Vallentine, and Wilkie, sat the Wanganui scholarship examination. Gardner was awarded an Exhibition. As we go to press, we learn that Parr has also been awarded an Exhibition. We offer both our congratulations.

Friday, 17th December, was the last day of the Term. Many parents arrived to see the Swimming Sports, which began at 11 o'clock. At the conclusion, the boys had lunch in the playroom, while their fathers, mothers, and friends, had theirs in the Dining Hall. After lunch, many of the parents took the opportunity of seeing the Art Display, consisting of paintings, drawings, linocuts, models, a display of stamps and the Camera Club Album.

Everybody then went into the Gymnasium, where the prize-giving was held. Mrs. Waller, mother of the head boy, gave away the prizes. After the prize-giving, afternoon tea was served in the Dining Hall, where those boys who were leaving had tea with their parents.

A service was held in Chapel, and the boys then went away for the holidays.

EXCHANGES

We wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the following:

The Huntley School Magazine, The King's School Magazine, The St. Cuthbert's Chronicle, The Auckland Grammar School Chronicle, The Dilworthian, The Blue and Grey, The Medburian.

SALVETE

The following new boys came at the beginning of the

First Term :—

J. G. Abbott	Q. F. Pilling
R. H. Abbott	M. J. R. Russell
N. G. Bagnall	S. R. Searle
R. J. Barton	K. C. Simpson
D. G. Buckleton	J. E. Smyth
D. L. Caldwell	J. B. Swales
I. M. Davis	D. O. Thomson
J. H. Dewhirst	M. A. Tothill
J. C. A. Ellis	A. A. Urquhart
K. S. Eyre	D. A. Urquhart
W. A. O. Jacob	R. J. Virtue
J. C. P. Land	H. G. Webb
S. A. MacDiarmid	W. A. Walters
C. J. Orr-Walker	G. J. Williams
O. J. Osborne	

The following came in the *Second Term* :—

T. L. K. Bell	K. C. Chandler
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The following came in the *Third Term* :—

R. D. Barclay	T. N. Rivett-Carnac
R. D. Black	S. W. Seabrook
J. R. Hooker (returned from "Pinewood," England)	R. M. Tothill

VALETE

The following boys left at the end of the *Second Term* :—

C. B. Stormont	H. J. Eyre
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The following left at the end of the *Third Term* :—

D. R. Coates, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
C. A. Eyre, for King's College, Auckland.
P. A. Gardner, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
L. L. O'H. Hickson, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
G. J. Hodgson, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
W. A. O. Jacob, for "Pinewood," England.
A. B. Orr, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
C. E. Parr, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
E. O. Rowley, for King's College, Auckland.
K. C. Simpson, for Auckland Grammar School.
R. J. P. Vallentine, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
W. N. Vosper, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
M. A. Waller, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
D. W. Wilkie, for England.

FORM LIST**Senior Division**

Gardner
Hickson
Hodgson
Orr
Parr
Simpson
Vallentine
Waller
Wilkie

Upper School**UPPER SCHOOL I.**

Brown
Coates
Edgumbe
Eyre ma.
Fell
Grant ma.
Rowley
Swales
Vosper
Wake
Whitney ma.

UPPER SCHOOL II.

Caldwell ma.
Chandler ma.
Chandler mi.
Ellis ma.
Fairclough ma.
Mackenzie
Miller
Moss
Orr-Walker
Osborne
Smale
Whitney mi.

Middle School

MIDDLE SCHOOL I. MIDDLE SCHOOL II.

Abbott ma.	Bell
Barclay	Black
Davis	Bloomfield
Farquhar	Ellis mi.
Grant mi.	Fairclough mi.
Hooker	Gentles
Land	Jacob
Pym	Larner
Smyth	Rivett-Carnac
Virtue	Russell
Walters	Searle
	Webb

Lower School

LOWER SCHOOL I. LOWER SCHOOL II.

Abbott mi.	Bagnall
Barton	Buckleton
Caldwell mi.	Chandler mus.
Dewhurst	MacDiarmid
Eyre mi.	Pilling
Glenn	Seabrook
Lucas	Thomson
Tothill ma.	Tothill mi.
Betty	Urquhart ma.
	Urquhart mi.
	Williams.

The following were the prefects:—Waller (Head Boy), Coates, Gardner, Hickson, Hodgson, Orr, Vallentine, Wilkie.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR*March—*

Monday, 1st.—First Term began late owing to Infantile Paralysis Epidemic.

Saturday, 13th.—Whole school went to Cambridge Show.

Friday, 19th.—The Bishop of Tanganyika talked to the School.

Saturday, 20th.—Mr. Ward gave a recital of English drama and poetry.

Wednesday, 24th.—The XI. v. Masters.

Saturday, 27th.—Fathers' Match.
Mothers' Match.

April—

Saturday, 3rd.—The XI v. Waikato Diocesan School for Girls (Home).

Wednesday, 7th.—The XI v. Staff.
End of Cricket.

Sunday, 11th.—The Bishop of Polynesia preached.

Saturday, 17th.—Members of General Synod came to lunch.

Sunday, 18th.—The Bishop of Melanesia preached.

Monday, 19th.—Heats for sports began.

Tuesday, 20th.—The school was isolated from 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 28th.—Sports were held.

May—

Tuesday, 11th.—First Term ended.

June—

Tuesday, 8th.—Second Term began.

Wednesday, 9th.—King's birthday.
Whole holiday. Flag game played.

Wednesday, 16th.—The XV. v. Cambridge (practice game)

Wednesday, 23rd.—The XV. v. Cambridge (practice game).

Tuesday, 29th.—St. Peter's Day.
Whole holiday.

Wednesday, 30th.—1st XV. and 2nd XV. v. Cambridge (practice game).

July—

Sunday, 4th.—School Service held in St. Andrew's.

Saturday, 17th.—The XV. v. St. Andrew's boys.

Wednesday, 21st.—The Waikato Hunt met at St. Peter's.

Saturday, 24th.—The XV. v. Cambridge (practice game).

Wednesday, 28th.—The Senior Club saw the Springboks play the Combined Team at Hamilton.

Saturday, 31st.—The XV. v. King's College Colts. (Away.)

August—

Tuesday, 4th.—First night of the plays.

Wednesday, 5th.—Second night of the plays.

Saturday, 7th.—The XV. v. Dilworth (Home).

Sunday, 8th.—Tree planted to commemorate the Coronation.

Monday, 9th.—Examinations.

Tuesday, 10th.—Examinations.

Wednesday, 11th.—Examinations.
The XV. v. Cambridge (Away).

Thursday, 12th.—Mr. Batterbury of the "Cap Pilar," talked to the school.

Friday, 13th.—Gymnastic Competition.

Saturday, 14th.—Bevan Cup Competition.

Monday, 16th.—Boxing Competition.

Tuesday, 17th.—Boxing Competition.

Wednesday, 18th.—1st XV. and 2nd XV. against Cambridge XV's.

Friday, 19th.—Second Term Ended.

September—

Tuesday, 14th.—Third Term began.

Wednesday, 15th.—Hockey started.

Saturday, 18th.—Hockey XI v. Ladies' team.

October.—

Saturday, 2nd.—Hockey XI. v. G.F.S. XI.

Sunday, 3rd.—Festival Concert in the gymnasium.

Wednesday, 6th.—Festival choir at Town Hall. St. Peter's won the Cambridge Citizens' Cup for the school choirs' competition.

Friday, 8th.—The Festival choir took part in a rehearsal by the combined choirs in the afternoon, and the concert in the evening.

Saturday, 9th.—Whole holiday.

Hockey XI. v. Waikato Diocesan School. (Away.)
End of Hockey Season.

Monday, 11th.—The Senior Division and Miller went to see a gymnastic display given by the Y.M.C.A. at Hamilton.

Saturday, 16th.—Confirmation by the Bishop of Waikato.

Sunday, 17th.—Bishop of Waikato preached.

Monday, 25th.—Labour Day. Whole holiday. Garden Club formed.

Tuesday, 26th.—Swimming started.

November.—

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd.—Wanganui Collegiate Scholarship Examination.

Friday, 5th.—Guy Fawke's day. Bonfire and fireworks at night.

Friday, 11th.—Armistice Day. Short service in chapel at 11.45 a.m. and observance of two minutes' silence at 11 a.m. The Rev. Martin Sullivan, Vicar of Te Awamutu, preached.

Saturday, 12th.—The XI. v. Dilworth (away).

Thursday, 18th.—Gymnastic display by a party from the Y.M.C.A., Hamilton.

Sunday, 21st.—The Reverend H. Crossman preached.

Tuesday, 23rd.—A half-holiday was given in honour of Gardner's Lissie Rathbone Exhibition to Wanganui.

Tuesday, 23rd.—New Boys were drawn to the Dark and Light Blue sides.

Saturday, 27th.—Examinations began.

The XI v. King's College Colts (home).

Sunday, 28th.—Canon S. Parr, Warden of College House, Christchurch, preached.

Tuesday, 30th.—Red and orange dormitories, and selected musicians from the green, heard a rehearsal by the Cambridge Choral Society of Mr. Luscombe's choral ballad, "The Burial of King Cormac," and Sir Edward Elgar's "Banner of St. George."

December.—

Thursday, 2nd.—Examinations ended.

Friday, 3rd.—Heats for Swimming Sports began. Half-holiday for all except those who had to do "turned" exams.

Saturday, 4th.—The Choir picnic was held at Waihi beach. In the morning the rest of the School tidied the school grounds.

Sunday, 5th.—The School service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge.

In the afternoon some of the boys attended the final rehearsal of the Cambridge Choral Society's second concert.

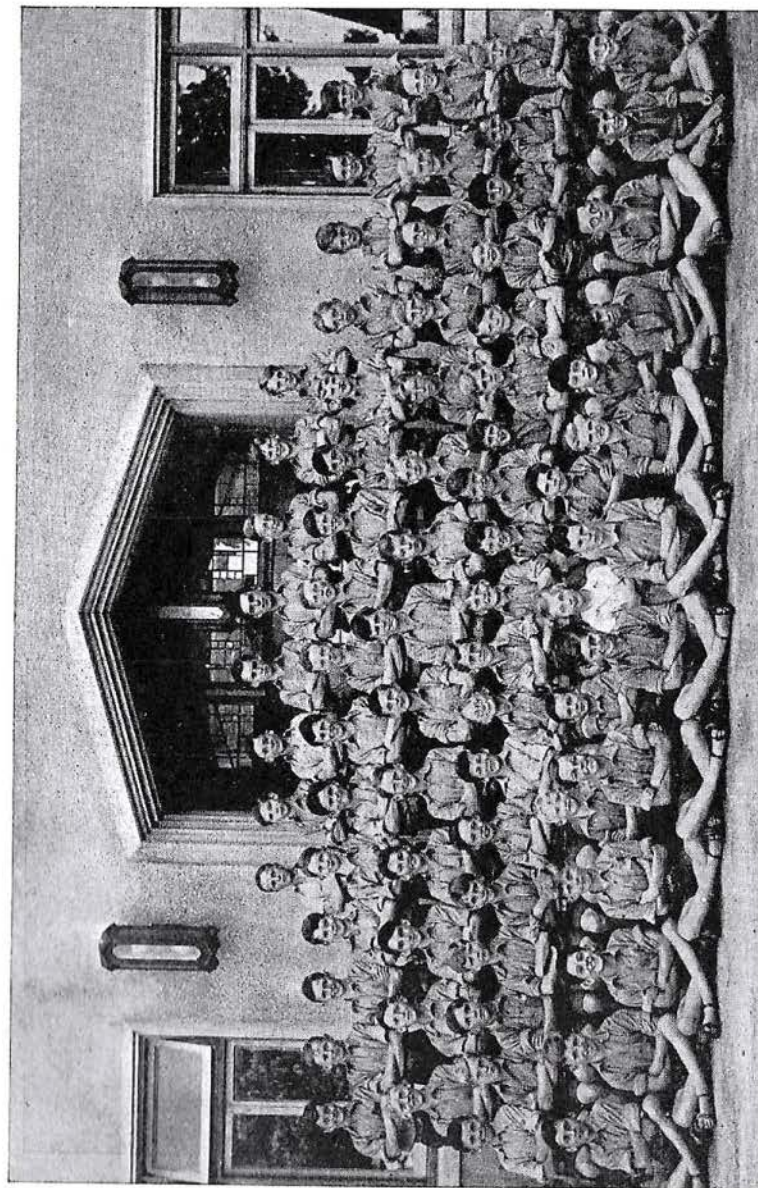
Wednesday, 8th.—Mr. Cummings, the Government Inspector, made the annual inspection of the school.

The final of the four lengths was swum.

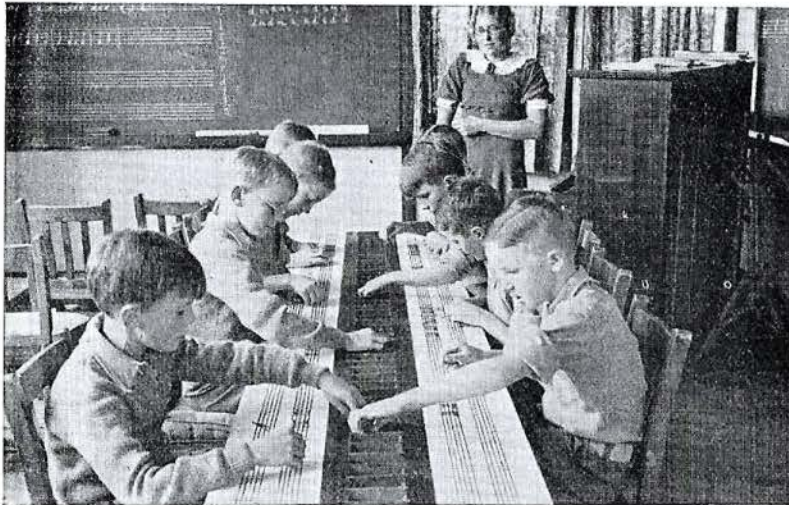
Saturday, 11th.—The XI. v. Waikato Diocesan School (home).

Sunday, 12th.—The Headmaster preached in Chapel. Carol service and Christmas Tree.

Monday, 13th.—The XI. v. The Staff.



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MUSIC ROOM



ART ROOM

Wednesday, 15th.—The XI. v. The Staff.

Thursday, 16th.—A tennis tournament was held in the afternoon.

Friday, 17th.—Last day of term. Swimming sports and prize-giving.

CHAPEL NOTES

With the regular morning and evening services, of about ten minutes' duration, and comprising a hymn, a lesson read by a prefect, and a few prayers, the Chapel continues to supply the needed basis for all our work. At the evening services each week-day, the Master on duty reads the lesson appointed, whilst at the Sunday evening services the Head Boy is the reader.

During the year, we were favoured with visits from several distinguished churchmen, who were in Hamilton for General Synod. The Bishops of Melanesia and of Polynesia preached on April the 11th and the 18th respectively. Bishop Chambers, of Tanganyika, spoke to the School in the gymnasium on March, the 19th. Hence, the missionary side of the Church's work was given its due emphasis. In this connection, a new plan has been adopted with regard to our regular offerings at the Sunday morning (10 o'clock) services. A notice is placed on the school notice-board, acquainting the boys of the purpose of the collection each Sunday, and the amount given the previous Sunday. In this way the boys can gain a clearer idea of what actually happens to the money they donate. We have contributed to the Melanesian and Maori Missions during the year. We have also adopted a small day school which is run in connection with the Parish of St. Thomas, Freeman's Bay, Auckland. We intend to donate the proceeds from about two services each term to this school.

The following boys were confirmed in the Chapel on Saturday, October 16th, by the Bishop of Waikato:—

Oliver Charles Chandler.
John Clayton Chandler.
George Spencer John Edgecumbe.
John David Otley Ellis.
Geoffrey James Hodgson.

Everard Oswald Rowley.
 Keith Chilman Simpson.
 Richard James Prescott Vallentine.
 William Nelson Vosper.
 John Hereward Wake.
 Malcolm Arthur Waller.
 John Grey Whitney.
 David Whatton Wilkie.

Their first Comunion was made on the following day (Sunday), at the 8 o'clock service, when the Bishop of Waikato was the celebrant. At this service the new chalice and paten were dedicated. A handsome sedilia (seat for Bishops and visiting clergy) has been placed in the sanctuary during the year. With this addition, the chapel can be considered as fully furnished. We are still setting aside a number of special Sunday collections each term, toward the proposed east window, a picture of which is hanging in the porch of the chapel.

On Armistice Day, the Reverend Martin Sullivan, Vicar of Te Awamutu, was the special preacher. The Reverend H. Crossman, Vicar of Claudelands, and Canon S. Parr, of Christchurch, also preached during the year.

The choir continues to play an all-important part in our Sunday services, and a very fair standard has been reached. The following boys, with the addition of Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Gabites and the Headmaster, were members of the choir this year:—

Edgecumbe
 Gardner
 Grant ma.
 Grant mi.
 Hickson
 Mackenzie
 Parr
 Pym
 Simpson
 Smale
 Swales
 Vallentine
 Webb

Whitney mi.
 Wilkie

On Saturday, December 4, the choir went to Waihi Beach for their picnic. A splendid day was spent. Surfing was the main attraction. Four cars conveyed the party, and from 9.30 in the morning (being the time we left) to about seven in the evening, every minute was filled with interest. A hearty lunch, served by Miss Sutton, was eaten on the sand, whilst odd snacks were enjoyed on the way there and back, not forgetting the four large boxes of chocolates which were given by Mr. H. C. Luscombe, who, unfortunately, couldn't come.

It has been established as a precedent, we trust for all succeeding generations to follow, that within the octave of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Days, the whole school shall worship at the Parish Church of St. Andrew in Cambridge. On both these occasions during the year, these services have been held, and they have been greatly appreciated by the parishioners of Cambridge.

The closing event of the year was the Christmas tree. This tree is placed in the sanctuary, suitably decorated, and festooned with coloured lights, and during the week before the carol service the boys hang gifts thereon, which afterwards are distributed to the most needy families in the district through the Cambridge District Relief Committee, of which our Chaplain is the chairman. The following is the programme of the Carol Service:—

O Come, all ye Faithful.
 Bidding Prayer.
 God rest you merry, Gentlemen.
 Our Master hath a Garden. (Choir.)
 What Child is this?
 St. Luke 2, 1 to 14. Read by Mr. Gibson.
 Christ's Bell. (Choir.)
 St. Matthew 2, 1 to 12. Read by the Head Boy.
 A Virgin Unspotted
 Silent Night. (Choir.)
 The Holly and the Ivy.
 Good King Wenceslas.
 St. Mark 10, 13 to 16. Read by the Headmaster.
 Grasmere Carol. (Choir.)
 Good Christian Men, Rejoice.
 The First Nowell.
 Prayers. Blessing.

In addition to the usual celebrations of Holy Communion on alternate Sundays at 8 o'clock, we have also had celebrations at 7 o'clock, on the principal saints' days throughout the latter part of the year. By this means, the observances as prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer are adhered to, and the boys have an added opportunity to contemplate the lives and examples of good men who have given their all in the service of Christ.

We again wish to express our gratitude to Miss Sutton for her care in supervising the cleaning of the chapel, and for her help with the altar flowers. We also are indebted, for altar flowers, to several of the ladies of Cambridge.

MUSIC

The work of the Music Sets has been good, and it is a pity that it has been so sadly interrupted this term, specially for those boys who will not be in the Middle School next year. The need of music in the Upper School has been felt, and the last term the Headmaster has had the Upper School forms once a fortnight for Gramophone music, the idea being to let them hear as much good music as possible which they can enjoy. At the last recital of the term, the boys chose the programme by ballot, and the following were played:—

Allegro from Symphony in D major (The Hunt) *Haydn*.
Adagio from No. 3 Violin Sonata, *Brahms*.
Barber of Seville Overture, *Rossini*.
Heidenroslein (sung by boy soprano), *Schubert*.
Andante from "Clock" Symphony, *Haydn*.

Good work has been done throughout the year by the singing classes. A good tone is being produced now by both classes, though perhaps the greatest improvement in the senior class is in general musicianship.

During the year twenty-four boys have been learning the piano, seven the violin, and one the 'cello. A lot of keen practising has been done. There is no doubt that the mastering of a musical instrument gives many boys the keenest satisfaction, quite apart from the aesthetic side of the question, and such boys should be given every encouragement.

We shall soon be in a position to start an orchestra, and

it is to be hoped that this will encourage more boys to take up a stringed instrument.

Festival Choir

A special choir was chosen to take part in the Cambridge Competitions Festival. This choir competed in the School Choirs' Section, the test pieces for which were: (a) The Shanty "Bound for the Rio Grande," and (b) a two part song, "Spring" (Armstrong Gibbs). The choir rehearsed during spare time, and sang very pleasingly the songs chosen. It was awarded first place by the judge, who made the following comments on the performance:

(a) "Good firm tone. There might have been a little more emphasis, such as is characteristic of action. Good general rhythm. You might make a little more of Allargando. Spontaneous style. Good effect in last verse. Some voices not on pitch at close."

(b) "Fairly good balance. Good steady rhythm. Some excellent tone. Good effects towards close. Good rendering."

As a result of winning this section, St. Peter's holds, for a year, the cup donated by the Cambridge Citizens' Choir.

The event of outstanding interest connected with this part of the Competitions, was the performance of the set pieces by all the competing choirs. This took place, after an afternoon rehearsal, at the Concert on Friday October 8th. Mr. Will Hutchens, Mus. Bac., who was the judge in the Musical Sections, conducted the performance.

St. Peter's had other entries in the Festival. Gardner was second in the class Boy's Solo under 16. Parr was highly commended in this section. Members of the staff entered in various classes, and the whole St. Peter's contingent put on a Festival Concert in the Gymnasium on Sunday evening, October 3rd.

The boys chosen for the Festival Choir were:—

Abbott ma.	Mackenzie
Barclay	Miller
Caldwell ma.	Moss
Chandler ma.	Orr

Chandler mi.	Orr-Walker
Davis	Osborne
Edgecumbe	Parr
Ellis ma.	Pym
Fairclough ma.	Simpson
Fairclough mi.	Smale
Farquhar	Swales
Fell	Vallentine
Gardner	Virtue
Grant ma.	Wake
Grant mi.	Waller
Gentles	Webb
Hickson	Whitney mi
Hodgson	Willkie
Jacob	Betty
Larner	

Bevan Cup

Mr. Temple Bevan gave us a handsome cup, before he left for England. This was to be competed for by pairs of boys forming such combinations as "Song with accompaniment," "Vocal Duet," "Violin and Piano," etc. The underlying idea was to encourage boys to work, not so much as individuals, but as chamber music performers.

The idea was enthusiastically taken up by the boys, who put in many weeks of careful practice. It was permissible for a boy to take part in more than one combination, provided that he performed a different function in each.

The idea, which was an excellent one, led to a splendid competition. Twenty separate items were presented to the judge, Professor H. Hollinrake, of Auckland.

No better man could possibly have been chosen to judge the competition. Professor Hollinrake made everyone feel thoroughly at his ease, and his words of kind and tactful encouragement were a great help to the competitors—and non-competitors.

After a careful weighing up of the merits of every performance, with helpful hints generously added, Professor Hollinrake announced that Parr and Hickson had won the Cup for 1937, with a delightful performance of "The Lass with the Delicate Air," Parr being the soloist and Hickson the accompanist.

At the end of the competition, Professor Hollinrake said that the only thanks he wanted, was for the School to sing to him. He had so captured his audience, that when he sat down at the piano, "Bound for the Rio Grande" was sung with a swing and heartiness, that showed just how much the boys had enjoyed the whole concert and Professor Hollinrake's inspiring remarks.

The following is the programme:—

	Marks.
Violin and piano—Hickson and Parr "La Reine de France"	Haydn 87
Song with accompaniment—Pym and Webb "I will give my love an apple"	Folk Song 83
Vocal Duet—Simpson and Orr-Walker "It was a lover and his lass" (arr. A.F.B.B.)	Morley 88
Piano Duet—Whitney mi. and Caldwell ma "Carol"	arr. C. Harris 82
Song with accompaniment—Hodgson and Orr "Early one morning"	Traditional 83
Violin and piano—Grant mi. and Grant ma. "Home Thoughts"	Carse 90
Cello and piano—Webb and Swales "The mill in the meadow"	von Nolck 94
Song with accompaniment—Gardner and Vallentine "Early one morning"	Traditional 86
Piano duet—Chandler mi. and Hickson "The bailiff's daughter"	arr. Parry 93
Violin and piano—Smale and Moss "Gavotte"	Carse 88
Song with accompaniment—Swales and Edgecumbe "Drink to me only"	Traditional 85
Piano duet—Ellis ma. and Fell "Carol"	arr. C. Harris 91

THE PLAYS

The following plays were presented on Tuesday, August 3rd.:

1. *Scenes from "Alice in Wonderland."* (Lower School II.)

Characters.

Alice	..	..	..	..	..	Chandler mus.
Duchess	..	..	..	..	..	Pilling.
King	..	..	..	..	..	Urquhart mi.
Soldiers	..	..	..	..	..	Urquhart ma., Bagnall.
Queen	..	..	..	..	..	Williams
Gryphon	..	..	..	..	..	Thomson
Mock Turtle	..	..	..	..	..	McDiarmid.

Scene I: The Queen's Croquet Party.

Scene II: The Mock Turtle's Story.

2. *"The Real Princess."* (Lower School I)

Characters.

The King	..	..	..	..	..	Dewhirst.
The Queen	..	..	..	..	..	Gentles.
The Prince	..	..	..	..	..	Abbott mi.
The Princess	..	..	..	..	..	Betty
Karen	..	..	..	..	..	Glenn
Elisa	..	..	..	..	..	Eyre mus.
Kristina	..	..	..	..	..	Tothill
Effects: Thunder, Rain, Wind, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	Lucas, Barton, Caldwell mi.

Scene I: The Parlour in the Palace—evening.

Scene II: The Princess's Boudoir—the same evening.

Scene III: The Princess's Boudoir—the next morning.

3. *"Murder While We Dine."* (Upper School I)

Characters.

Lady Laura	..	..	..	..	..	Brown
Sir Charles (her husband)	..	..	..	..	..	Whitney ma.
Miss Rose Simpkins	..	..	..	..	..	Rowley.
Mr. Fish	..	..	..	..	..	Fell
Mr. Flummery	..	..	..	..	..	Grant ma.
Mr. Macabre (the host)	..	..	..	..	..	Wake
Chancy (a butler)	..	..	..	..	..	Eyre ma.
Susan (a maid)	..	..	..	..	..	Vosper

Scene: Dining room in Mr. Macabre's House.

4. *"The King Who Couldn't Sing."* (Middle School I)

Characters.

King	..	..	..	..	..	Davis
Lord Chancellor	..	..	..	..	..	Grant mi.
First Lackey	..	..	..	..	..	Osborne
Second Lackey	..	..	..	..	..	Smyth
Queen	..	..	..	..	..	Abbott ma.
Lionel	..	..	..	..	..	Farquhar.
Music Teacher	..	..	..	..	..	Pym

Scene: Throne Room in the Palace.

Act 1: Morning.

Act II: Evening of Next Day.

The following plays were presented on Wednesday, August 4th.—

1. *"The Rescue of Will Stutly."* (Middle School II)

Characters.

A Play by A. I. L. King, the portions in verse being actual quotations from the original old ballad.

A Shepherd	..	..	..	..	..	Webb
Alan-a-Dale	..	..	..	..	..	Land
Friar Tuck	..	..	..	..	..	Walters
Will Scarlett	..	..	..	..	..	Searle
Much, the Miller's Son	..	..	..	..	..	Bloomfield.
Little John	..	..	..	..	..	Virtue.
Robin Hood	..	..	..	..	..	Ellis mi.
A Holy Palmer	..	..	..	..	..	Jacob
Will Stutly	..	..	..	..	..	Larner
The Sheriff of Nottingham	..	..	..	..	..	Bell
An Officer	..	..	..	..	..	Fairclough mi.
A Captain	..	..	..	..	..	Russell
First Soldier	..	..	..	..	..	Webb
Second Soldier	..	..	..	..	..	Jacob

Scene: A clearing on the road from Nottingham towards Sherwood Forest.

2. *Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice."* (Shakespeare) (Senior Division.)

Characters.

The Duke	..	..	..	..	..	Waller
Shylock	..	..	..	..	..	Gardner
Antonio	..	..	..	..	..	Wilkie

Bassanio	Hickson
Gratiano	Vallentine
Salerio	Hodgson
Portia	Parr
Nerissa	Simpson
Lawyer's Clerk	Orr

Scene: A Court of Justice—Venice.

3. "The Reluctant Dragon." (Upper School II.)
(from Kenneth Grahame's story.)

Characters.

The Boy	Moss
The Mother	Smale
The Father	Chandler mi.
The Dragon	Mackenzie and Fairclough ma.
St. George	Miller
Villagers	Ellis ma., Chandler ma., Whitney mi., Orr-Walker, Swales, Caldwell ma.

Scene I: The Cottage.

Scene II: Outside the Cave.

Scene III: The same, a few weeks later.

Scene IV.: The Inn.

Scene V.: Outside the Cave.

Scene VI.: The Downs.

Scene VII.: Outside the Inn.

The following are critical accounts of the plays:

With the rise of curtain, Lower School II. set a high standard and a curiously fast pace, with two scenes from Alice in Wonderland. If, for one moment, the audience doubted if such a perilous speed could be sustained by the Duchess for long, every doubt was soon dispelled, for the rush of confidential conversation was maintained with dignity. Alice was certainly that child we all know, politely surprised, but rigidly determined not to be taken in. She had a firm hold of her part and spoke clearly. The famous epigrams were tossed out airily, but safely, by the reckless Duchess, and the Gryphon and the Mock Turtle were true to the story. The soldiers were very good and still, and, although the King and Queen added to the general rush, they were charmers. If, too, the spectators felt a little breathless as the croquet-party flew so rapidly to its

appointed end, gathering amazing momentum, they were forgetting perhaps that the whole action is dream-like, and that by rushing through their scenes and acting with such an air of detachment, the actors were bringing the dream uppermost, and were thus most probably conforming to the highest aesthetic principles.

Lower School I. presented "The Real Princess" with all the simplicity of the folk story. The acting was restrained, and the players spoke clearly and intelligently, especially Gentles as the Queen, and Betty as the Princess. The play moved quickly and easily. Dewhirst, as the King, and Abbott mi., as the Prince, were convincing, and the waiting maids, in their flowered dresses, were very natural. There were good off-stage effects.

In "Murder While We Dine," there was no longer any evidence of striving, so well did the actors seem to know their parts, and so naturally were their speeches timed. As Mr. Macabre, the sinister host, Wake sustained a difficult part cleverly, and held his whole cast together. His was a fantastic role, and he played it lightly as befitted a burlesque. Under his control, the play gathered speed and moved easily to its climax. Brown, as the hysterical Lady Laura, was excellent, and Rowley showed quite clearly that to have a small part in a play does not mean complete obscurity. He had only two lines to say, but he acted so well throughout, as the swooning Miss Simpkins, that his was a quite memorable performance. Each of the guests, Whitney ma. as Sir Charles, Fell, as Mr. Fish, and Grant ma. as Mr. Flummery, played his part competently. Eyre ma. suggested the criminal butler well, and Vosper was a sufficiently timid maid-servant.

An unreal story was made almost real by very sincere acting in "The King Who Couldn't Sing," a comedy with music, presented by Middle School I. The singing was crisp, especially in the last song, and the action was light and swift, but not too fast. Davis, as the King, spoke a little too quickly at times, but he held his audience. As the American music-teacher, Pym achieved a remarkable American accent which he kept throughout. He never over-acted. His little dance gave a splendid flourish to the

finale, and his crooning was excellent. The lackeys, Osborne and Smyth, were comical, and the Lord Chancellor (Grant mi.) and Lionel, played by Farquhar, acted well. The Queen was rather wooden, but then so, perhaps, was her part, and she looked very lovely indeed, and moved about the stage gracefully.

The dressing in this play was perfect, and gave much pleasure.

With the "Escape of Will Stutley" (Middle School II.) too great a demand was made upon the audience by the play itself, because, when characters come on to the stage and peer, however earnestly, in the direction of one of the wings, it is not always easy for the most willing spectator to see what he is told to look at. The speeches were clearly spoken, although there was a tendency to recite now and then. But the play was by no means slow in action, and its climax was cheerful and well acted. There was a stirring fight, but the song at the end made a too startling change, more especially as it was not very well sung. The characters grouped themselves on the stage well, and the colour was admirable, the effect of the green and scarlet succeeding more than anything else in giving the play its purpose . . . to present, however lightly, a slice of life in Sherwood.

The choice of the "Merchant of Venice" for such young players makes criticism difficult and inadequate, although one must not forget that in the first productions, Portia's part would always be taken by a boy. Parr's memory never failed him, he spoke rhythmically, and his words were perfectly clear. If he lacked the real, the essential fire, it was perhaps because the long part put too great a strain upon his memory. Gardner, as Shylock, deserves the highest praise. Within the limits of his scope, he was the Jew.

Antonio, Bassanio, and Gratiano were good in their parts, but they all appeared to show a complete indifference to the trial itself. The Duke (Waller) had appropriate dignity, and seemed to listen to what was being enacted before him.

Again, the dressing was very satisfying.

In "The Reluctant Dragon," presented by Upper School II, it was seen at once that the hero of the play was something more than a stage dragon, and was in reality a most loving and friendly creature. He at once asserted his charm. This was due to Mackenzie, who, as the head of the Dragon, spoke his lines very well indeed. When it is considered that cynicism, weariness, boredom, anxiety, and devilment were expressed without the help of any facial expression but only by the inflection of the voice, Mackenzie's effort is all the more appreciated.

Moss, as the Boy, was natural and clear. In most cases, it was his task to hold the sequence together after the many curtain falls, and he did this very satisfactorily. Miller, as the golden-clad and gleaming St. George had just the right kind of brave swagger. Smale, as the Mother, was very elegant, and Chandler's earnest portrayal of the Father was well done. The villagers' clothes were realistic, and they provided the right kind of background.

Throughout the plays, the staging and lighting were admirable.

—N.G.

The innovation of two nights of plays held on August 3rd and 4th at St. Peter's, was a great success. For several weeks cheerful rehearsals were in full swing, and costume-making and property-planning were entered into by all and sundry, with most effective results.

The crowded audience gazed appreciatively upon a magnificent set of blue velvet curtains, which parted to reveal inner curtains of black, which, by their very simplicity, allowed individual imagination to interpret the settings for the various plays.

The lighting effects, arranged by Mr. Hancock, were so good as to seem quite professional, creating distinct atmosphere for the many and varied scenes, ranging from bright sunlight to moonlight out-of-doors, and from a mediæval dimness to a candle-lit dinner party indoors.

First came two short scenes from *Alice in Wonderland*, the "Queen's Croquet Party," and the "Mock Turtle's Story." Alice was the star performer, but acting-honours went also to the Gryphon and the Mock Turtle, the Queen adding a human touch by hitching up "her" trousers in the middle of a speech.

The next three plays were the extremely clever work of Mrs. Gibson, providing great contrast in theme. *The Real Princess* was an amusing version of the old fairy-tale of the princess whose skin was so sensitive, that she felt a dried pea through twenty mattresses and twenty eider-down quilts. The Princess rather ran away with these scenes, her daintiness and natural stage ability being most noticeable. The up-to-date dialogue was handled very cleverly by the King, the Queen, and the Prince, who all acted well and spoke very clearly. One hopes that the draught is no longer whistling through the holes in the Prince's undarned socks.

Murder While We Dine supplied the thrills of the programme, and provided a most excellently sustained atmosphere of suspense. The guests were cleverly arranged at a dinner-table, which extended right across the stage, and the effect of elaborate evening frocks and immaculate dinner-jackets was superb. The host with his sinister speech, Miss Rose Simpkins, his timid, fainting guest, and Lady Laura with her well-timed hysteria, stood out a little from an admirable cast which had been very well and carefully trained.

The King Who Couldn't Sing was a riot of fun, telling of the trials of a monarch whose people expected him to sing to them on State occasions. As he had no voice, an American music teacher was imported who taught the King to croon "Stormy Weather," to the accompaniment of "The Barber of Seville." The music teacher, who was the outstanding success of the evening, sang and acted with gay abandon, and the Lord Chancellor was sufficiently dignified in contrast. The King, as well as acting confidently, belied his inability to sing, in a pleasing solo. Again the standard for the whole cast was very high.

The plays for the second night opened with a picturesque and colourful scene featuring Robin Hood and his outlaws in *The Rescue of Will Stutly*. A simple sign-post,

and a suggestive noose dangling from a realistic gallows tree, transported the audience at once to Sherwood Forest. The quickly-moving scene was characterised by clear diction and good action—especially in the fight. The Shepherd's solo was well rendered, and Robin Hood and the Sheriff made excellent use of their opportunities to dominate the rival bands. Will Scarlett, Much the Miller's Son, and Friar Tuck were all very natural.

The trial scene from *The Merchant of Venice*, was a dignified interpretation of the well-known scene. Portia and Shylock were both quite outstandingly good, Portia for the expressive way she spoke her lines, and Shylock for his effect of bitter venom.

Kenneth Grahame's delightfully whimsical story of *The Reluctant Dragon*, who had to be persuaded to leave his poem "To a Daisy," and cajoled into staging a fight with St. George, ran to seven scenes of sheer delight.

The Dragon was an amazingly clever construction—he was green, with silver scales, with a long tapering body on four legs; he had a fierce gaping jaw full of terrific teeth, and he could even blink his eyes. He sustained his long part excellently, and he even sang and danced. He was carefully tended by a sympathetic and beautiful mother, whose son had taken charge of the beast. The part of "The Boy" was consistently played, especially in the management of the pre-arranged combat between the Dragon and the glittering and dashing St. George.

All the minor characters were most realistic, and one whole scene was completely stolen by two villagers drinking their ale in the tavern.

Special mention must be made of the elaborate creative work done by Miss Wimperis and her Craft classes. The dragon was "a fair masterpiece," and no detail was overlooked in the making of armour, dresses, wigs and stage properties; an exceptionally original note being struck in the construction of chain-mail armour out of dish-washers. Special honours too, should go to Mr. Hancock for the admirable way he carried out his duties as stage-manager.

—N.E.

CARPENTRY

During the Winter Term, the carpentry shop was the scene of much beaver-like activity. Unfortunately, for the greater part of the term, there was a serious shortage of tools, but by the end of the term this was made up, and next year those boys taking carpentry can look forward to a definite programme of work, both in the use of tools and in the care of them.

The shop is now well-equipped, and in future boys taking carpentry will be able to enjoy seeing definite results for their work and keenness, which, during this year, were not as well rewarded as they might have been.

SHOOTING

Although the butts were built last year, shooting was not started until the first term of this year, and even then shooting practices were more or less spasmodic, owing to the fact that rain seemed to fall regularly on Tuesdays.

The object of the course is not only to teach boys to fire accurately, but also to teach them how to use, and take care of, firearms properly.

In shooting, the boy with a steady hand and a straight eye has a natural advantage, but, on the whole, there was a noticeable improvement all round in technique, as well as in actual firing.

Throughout the season, a very commendable keenness was shown by the members of the Shooting Club, and it is to be hoped that this will be maintained in future.

RIDING

We started the year with eight riders—Orr, Hodgson, Waller, Webb, Osborne, Grant, mi, Hickson and Dewhirst, while in the Third Term Lucas and Urquhart ma and mi., were added to our number.

The First Term was spent preparing for a musical ride which we had hoped to give before the parents on Sports Day. We gave the ride but, unfortunately, owing

to the isolation, it was not before the parents.

In the Cambridge Show, Orr and Hodgson participated in a number of events, and we must congratulate Orr on obtaining the award for best boy rider for 1937.

Tent-pegging was a popular innovation during the year, and several of us were able to add jumping to our riding accomplishments. Sunday afternoons we spent in hacking the surrounding country, while, during the First Term's isolation, a very exciting treasure-hunt was held in the school grounds.

On St. Peter's Day, a party of twelve rode to the top of Sanatorium Hill, lunching en route. This was a most enjoyable outing, and we hope that it will be an annual fixture.

SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES

Models

A large number of Modelair planes was made in the middle of the year, but the interest in them has waned somewhat lately. In the third term the most notable work was a model of H.M.S. "Bounty," made by Gardner. This was a real work of art, complete in every detail. To his credit, also, were a Chinese junk, and several scale models of fighting planes, both recent and old-fashioned.

Cycling

There are now well over forty boys with bicycles, and numerous outings have been arranged. On more than one occasion, we have been the guests of Mrs. Howard Ellis at Leamington, when we have been well refreshed with lemonade and cakes before returning to school. We must take this opportunity of thanking her, and also Miss Ellis, for their kindness. Other trips have been made to the aerodrome at Rukuhia, and one particularly long one at the end of the second term, to Hamilton, where Mrs. Hancock kindly provided us with something to eat and drink before our return. In the third term, a number of music-lovers cycled to Cambridge to hear the rehearsal of the Cambridge Choral Society in the Town Hall.

Camera Club

The standard of work produced by present members of the club compared with that of this time last year, is really extraordinarily good. Of the membership of thirty, most boys are now capable of doing all the processes by themselves, and special mention should be made of the help given to beginners by Edgecumbe, Eyre ma., Gardner, Grant ma., Moss, Swales, Vallentine, Waller and Whitney mi.

Very little new equipment has been bought, but our most useful acquisition is a printing-box made out of a butter-box and odds and ends, which saves hours of time, and has made a very big improvement in the prints. Experiments have even been made with enlarging, using makeshift apparatus, but perhaps some day we shall have something more permanent in this line. It is pleasing to report that there have been few breakages, and still fewer instances of wastage.

Competitions were held periodically. In the Second Term the winners were Waller, Moss, and Eyre ma., in that order, while in the Third Term Moss and Waller were placed first equal. Winning prints, and in fact any prints of special merit, are now being kept in a special album, so that we can preserve specimens of work from year to year. We have to thank Mr. E. H. Leigh for a valuable book on photography, and also for two fine photograph albums, which were used as prizes. Some of the boys appreciated being allowed into the dark-room recently, when Mr. Coxon, a professional photographer from Auckland, was developing and printing his photos of the School. Some of the individual negatives were four feet long, and to see these being handled was a real education.

Meccano Club

The membership of the Meccano Club now stands at twenty-five, and all the members have been working very keenly. By far the most outstanding feature of the year's work has been the popularity of "Pinewood" cars. At Christmas, 1936, we were presented with a model car made by Charles Forster, of Pinewood School, England, and this new type immediately took popular fancy. The car was controlled by a universal joint fixed to the steering shaft,

and then joined to a long column with a steering wheel at the end. By this means, the car could be steered while the driver was standing. Soon a whole fleet of these had been made, and the name of "Pinewood" cars has stuck. At first "buggy" steering was used, but later, the improved Ackermann method was introduced. As an indication of their appeal, one small boy received a Meccano set on his ninth birthday, and was asked to make some simple model before being admitted to the Club. His model, the first in his life, was a complete "Pinewood" car, made entirely by himself!

Competitions are held about three times a term. On two occasions, they have been for bridge-building, and crane competitions have also been popular.

Movie Entertainments

During the infantile paralysis precautions at the end of the first term, several movie entertainments were given to the boys, the teaching staff, and the domestic and farm staffs. Films for these were kindly lent to us by Messrs. W. A. Fairclough and J. C. Whitney, and made a welcome break in the monotony of isolation. Besides excellent material dealing with Rotorua, Roto-iti, and Taupo, there were several comedies featuring Felix the Cat, Mickey Mouse, and Charlie Chaplin, which were demanded over and over again. There were also interesting news reels of the Duke of Gloucester in New Zealand, the wedding of the Duke of Kent, King George V.'s Jubilee Procession to St. Paul's, King George V. reviewing the Army, Navy, and Air Force, the funeral of King George V., and King Edward VIII. at the Trooping of the Colours in June, 1936.

In the second term we joined the Visual Education Association, from which we have had films on loan at regular intervals. These have mostly been of a geographical nature. New Zealand subjects dealt with, have been the growing of flax and the making of wool-packs at Foxton, a general tour through the country by railway, Mount Cook, pottery-making near Auckland, and a scientific cruise to the Three Kings Islands. In studying Canada we have had films on Montreal, the life of beavers, the Rockies, catching salmon, and Vancouver. In Europe we have visited Berlin, journeyed through the Black Forest, and seen Mount Etna in eruption.

Other subjects dealt with have been the Barrier Reef of Australia, Hong Kong, and, in Japan, such places as Tokyo, Nara, and Kyoto.

Another splendid series lent by Mr. Fairclough showed the making of optical instruments in an American factory, all the processes from the crude glass being shown graphically. Mr. Whitney personally gave us another treat on the evening of the hunt, the most popular item being an "Our Gang" comedy. Also Mr. J. F. Loudon, of Hamilton, allowed us to see his films taken on recent cruises of the "Maunganui" to such places as Tahiti, Tonga, and Samoa, especially notably being the "shots," in colour, of a native swimming under water to collect coral. Finally, our own film of the history and building of the School, has been shown on several occasions, along with some of Mr. Broadhurst's ones on ski-ing in Switzerland.

GROUNDS, GARDEN AND FARM

When the site for St. Peter's was procured, those responsible realised the tremendous asset attractive grounds, a productive vegetable garden and an efficient farm would be to such an institution.

We who are here can now begin to feel that those early hopes are being realized.

In the grounds there is still, of course, an obvious newness in our lawns, but this is offset by the many half-century old trees which surround us. The quadrangle has been planted in attractive shrubs, all lawns have been sown and there are, surrounding the school, grounds which will in time be worthy of our buildings.

The vegetable garden is in full productivity, while the young orchard will not, of course, be bearing to any useful extent for another two years.

The farm, 159 acres in extent, promises to be outstanding of its type. Well laid out and planned, it consists of good land, easily worked, well-watered, and when the shelter-belts, already planted, have developed it should be an ideal property.

The Jersey herd is a good clean one and the dairy itself is most up-to-date. Additional to the milking herd of 35 cows, 500 ewes are carried, also 250 hens, and the usual dry stock. It is hoped shortly to introduce, in addition to the Jersey cows, a Red Poll herd for milking and for beef. Every attempt is being made to develop the farm on sound modern lines, so that it, too, will be worthy of the institution of which it is such an important part.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

These were held on Wednesday, April 28th. The morning was not a very bright one, but the weather cleared, and no rain fell to mar the pleasure of the day.

The entire absence of parents and friends was in marked contrast to the animation of the same occasion in the previous year. The following are the results:—

SENIOR:

100 yards.—Vosper (13 1-5 secs), 1; Gardner and Waller, 2. (1936, L. P. Ellis, 13 2-5 secs.)

220 yards.—Vosper (30 secs), 1; Waller, 2; Orr, 3. (1936, L. P. Ellis, 30 secs.)

100 yards Hurdles.—Gardner and Vosper (15 2-5 secs), 1; Whitney mi., 3. (1936, L. P. Ellis, 15 4-5 secs.)

Broad Jump.—Vosper (12ft. 10½in.) 1; Gardner, 2; Orr, 3. (1936, L. P. Ellis, 14ft.)

High Jump.—Waller (3ft. 11ins.), 1; Vosper, 2; Orr, 3. (1936, L. P. Ellis, 4ft. 8½ins.)

MIDDLE:

100 yards.—Davis (14 1-5 secs), 1; Smyth, 2; Abbott ma, 3;. (1936, J. G. Whitney, 14 2-5 secs.)

180 yards.—Fairclough ma (28 3-5 secs), 1; Abbott ma, 2; Smyth, 3.

100 yards Hurdles.—Davis (16 3-5 secs), 1; Abbott ma and Smyth, 2. (1936, J. G. Whitney, 17 2-5 secs.)

Broad Jump.—Fairclough ma (12ft. 3½ins.), 1; Grant ma, 2; Smyth, 3. (1936, J. G. Whitney, 11ft. 8½ins.)

High Jump.—Grant ma (3ft. 11½ins.), 1; Fairclough ma, 2; Dewhirst, 3. (1936, J. M. Grant, 3ft. 9½ins.)

JUNIOR:

100 yards.—Farquhar (16 secs), 1; Glenn, 2; Urquhart ma, 3. (1936, V. J. Larnar, 15 secs.)

140 yards.—Farquhar (20 secs), 1; Glenn, 2; Gentles, 3.

100 yards Hurdles.—Farquhar (18 3-5 secs), 1; Glenn, 2; Abbott mi, 3. (1936, V. J. Larner, 18 2-5 secs.)

Broad Jump.—Glenn (9ft. 9ins.), 1; Farquhar, 2; Land, 3. (1936, V. J. Larner, 11ft. 6ins.)

High Jump.—Farquhar (3ft. 6½ins.), 1; Glenn, 2; Land, 3. (1936, V. J. Larner and J. Pym, 3ft. 4½ins.)

HANDICAPS:

75 yards Junior.—Glenn (4yds.), 1; Bagnall (15yds.), 2; Farquhar (scr.), 3.

100 yards Middle.—Mackenzie (10yds.), 1; Pym (10yds.) 2; Smyth (4yds.), 3.

120 yards Senior.—Vosper (scr.), 1; Orr (1yd.), 2; Vallentine (1yd.), 3.

School Handicap, 150 Yards.—Betty (50yds.), 1; Williams (50yds.), 2; Urquhart mi (35yds.), 3.

120 yards Agricultural Staff.—Mr. Wix, 1; Mr. Lynds, 2.

100 yards Domestic Staff.—Miss Kathleen Baker, 1; Miss Betty White, 2.

100 yards Teaching Staff.—Mr. Beaufort, 1; Mr. Luscombe, 2.

RELAYS, ETC.:

440 yards Relay. Teams of 6 (220, 100, 220, 120, 220, 100 yards), Dark Blues, 1.

Tug-o'-War.—Dark Blues, 1.

Potato Relay, Juniors.—Buckleton, Caldwell mi, Farquhar, Gentles, and Williams, 1.

4-Legged Race, Middle.—Caldwell ma, Fairclough ma, and Mackenzie, 1.

Tug-o'-War, Teaching Staff v. Agricultural Staff.—Agricultural Staff, 1.

Whitney Cup.—Dark Blues, 348 points. (Light Blues, 232 points.)

Tasman Smith Cup.—Vosper, 110 points.

FOOTBALL

The 1st XV. started the season with great enthusiasm, and this by no means diminished as the term advanced. Unlike the beginning of the previous season, we felt we had had some experience, and there was an additional advantage in that we were much more even in weight, size and speed, with the result that we were able to develop better team-work and more combination. The pack developed into a very sound, hard-working lot, and, although the backs played well, to the

former must go the chief credit for what success we achieved.

We are again indebted to the Cambridge Primary School, and especially to Mr. Catran, the Headmaster, for providing us with so many opportunities to play them. Apart from our two official matches, we had a number of practice games together, and we hope that these were as beneficial to them as they were to us.

It was unfortunate that we were unable to play Southwell. A mild attack of influenza at St. Peter's, and mumps at Southwell prevented our teams meeting. However, matches against King's College Colts at King's College, and Dilworth School at St. Peter's, proved thoroughly enjoyable and we look forward to these as annual fixtures. We must thank Mr. Peart, the Headmaster of King's College, and the Staff and the Matron for their kindness and hospitality, and especially Mr. Peart for refereeing our game so ably.

On Wednesday, July 28th, the older boys travelled to Hamilton to see the Waikato-Springbok match. In spite of the rain, this was a most stimulating and instructive outing.

Matches

Five practice games were played, four against Cambridge Primary School, and one against St. Andrew's Choir.

Annual Matches

1st XV. v. King's College Colts at King's College, Saturday, July 21st.

Result—Drawn 9-9.

This game, played on a fairly heavy ground and between two evenly-matched teams, was very exciting. Play was at all times hard, and the result, a draw, 9-9, was a most satisfactory one. Our pack was slightly superior to that of our opponents, and the match resulted in a duel between our forwards and their backs. King's College had the better of play for the first quarter of an hour, but after we had settled down we played our best football of the season.

King's College had an especially speedy back line, and in checking these, our backs—particularly Wake at full-back

—must be congratulated. The try scored when St. Peter's forwards, led by Vallentine and Hickson, took the ball from their goal-line to score in the opposite corner, stands out as a particularly fine effort. Altogether a good game, with every member of the team playing his best.

1st XV. v. Dilworth School at St. Peter's, Saturday, August 7th. Won, 9-8.

Again two evenly matched teams, but we did not begin to play good football until the second half. Our forwards played splendidly, but the backs were off their game, and, although served regularly with the ball from the scrum, did not make full use of their opportunities. Stubborn defence by the Dilworth inside backs proved our stumbling block, and the inability of our five-eighths to draw their men handicapped us. A last minute effort by the forwards put the result in our favour, but a draw would have been a better result the game.

1st XV. v. Cambridge Primary School at Cambridge Recreation Ground, Wednesday, August 11th.

Won, 6-3.

This was probably the hardest game of the season. We were meeting old friends and rivals, and no quarter was given. Cambridge fielded a sound side, and we would like to congratulate their backs for their solid defence in this game. Time and again St. Peter's pack came at them, only to be checked by hard tackling and good kicking. For St. Peter's, Orr and Hodgson played particularly fine games on attack and defence, with Gardner's speed proving a big asset. Except with an advantage in the hooking, St. Peter's met its match in the forwards. Our opponents showed us what a worry a fast-breaking bustling pack can be, and if we had not been able to obtain the ball from the set scrums, the result might well have gone the other way. We would like to thank the girls of the Home Science department, for providing us with a very pleasant afternoon tea.

1st XV. v. Cambridge at St. Peter's. Wednesday, August 18th. Won 19-4.

The return match was enjoyable, but, owing to illness,

the Cambridge XV. was not able to field its strongest side, with the result that we had an easy win. For this reason, it would be unfair to compare the two teams closely, but the play of two individual players was outstanding. Brunskill, half-back for Cambridge, showed wonderful anticipation and pluck on defence, while we could never be certain what he was going to do on attack. His potted goal was a fine, cool piece of work. Caldwell, half-back for St. Peter's, gave us a taste of the football of which he will be capable after more experience. Clean passes, good variation in attack, and sound defence, marked his game, and he started, in clever fashion, two fine movements which resulted in Gardner's final try.

The Team

By the end of the season, the forwards were a sound combination. Hickson, Miller and Vallentine were an efficient front row, and the fact that we obtained nearly one hundred per cent of the ball from the scrum, speaks well for the whole pack.

The backs were solid in defence, but the inside backs have still to learn more about positional play. The wing-three-quarters, and centre were speedy, strong runners and were responsible for some good tries. Wake was general utility man, and, if he settles down to play at full-back, should do well in that position. Orr proved a capable and inspiring leader. The team was:—

Full-back: Grant ma.

Three-quarters: Wake, Vosper, Gardner, Davis.

Five-eighths: Orr (captain), Hodgson.

Half-back: Caldwell ma.

Forwards: Hickson, Miller, Vallentine, Osborne, Waller, Ellis ma., Parr, Dewhirst.

The second XV. played only two matches, both of these being against Cambridge Primary School teams. The first was lost by 30-0, and the second by 20-3. In the latter game, there was no score at half-time, but St. Peter's forwards could not last the distance, and Cambridge scored a comfortable win.

The better showing in the second game was largely the

result of the experience gained in the earlier one, and match play is, of course, essential to the success of any team.

The following boys played in the Second XV. during the season:—

Backs: Abbott ma., Davis, Farquhar, Larner, Pym, Simpson, Virtue, Webb, Whitney mi., Wilkie.

Forwards: Brown, Coates, Edgecumbe, Eyre ma., Fairclough ma., Fell, Grant mi., Moss, Rowley, Smyth.

Junior Club

The juniors are to be commended on their football. At the beginning of the season, about half the club had not played football before, and several of the boys had not even seen the game; however, they set to wholeheartedly, and it was not long before most of them had some idea of how to play. By the end of the season, we had accomplished our objects—a set of forwards who could pack low and heel the ball, and a set of backs who could run straight and tackle low.

Of course, there is still a lot to be done, but the material is there, and, if keenness and willingness can make footballers, then the future of Rugby in the school is assured.

HOCKEY

We all looked forward to starting hockey at the beginning of the Third Term. Few of us had played it before, but we learnt quickly, and besides a very instructive match the XI played against the Waikato Diocesan School, many enjoyable games were played among the boys, teaching, domestic, and agricultural staffs. The game brought to light a number of boys who, for various reasons, had not shone at other games, and for this, alone, it has proved most valuable.

The Staff was fortunate to have Mr. McKinnon, a Waikato representative, to coach them and with the help of him and Mr. Broadhurst we quickly learnt the essentials of the game.

On the 4th and 11th of September, a team from the Teaching, Agricultural, and Domestic Staffs played games against Cambridge teams. On Saturday, September 18th, the XI played a Ladies' Team picked from St. Peter's, and after this game a St. Peter's Men's Team played a Hamilton Old Boys' XI. This was a most enjoyable game. It was fast, and, for the first half, even, but in the second half, Old Boys showed us what they really could do, and we were beaten by 8-5. However it added greatly to our knowledge of the game, and we are grateful to Hamilton Old Boys for giving us the opportunity to play them.

One Saturday, October 2nd, the XI. played a St. Andrew's Ladies Team. Many of the latter had not played very much, and this, added to lack of physical fitness, allowed St Peter's to win comfortably by 12-3.

Saturday, October 9th, saw the XI. properly defeated by the Waikato Diocesan Eleven. We were outclassed by a more experienced, older team, while our combination suffered badly in the face of the well-ordered attack of our opponents. However, it is only our first season, and we hope to do better in the future.

Following is the Hockey XI:—

Simpson (Captain)
Orr
Hodgson
Vosper
Wake
Wilkie
Gardner
Grant ma.
Ellis ma.
Waller
Vallentine

The following was the team which played the Hamilton Old Boys team:—D. H. Nancarrow, C. Canty, A. F. B. Broadhurst, C. Wright, L. I. McKinnon, P. Gabites, F. Bell, T. Lynds, M. Wix, R. R. Gibson, H. Watts. In the second spell, Mr. Luscombe and Mr. Hancock played instead of two of the farm staff, who had to attend to the milking.

CRICKET

Senior Club

This year coaching was reorganised so as to allow more time in the nets for each boy, and the result has been an undoubted improvement in batting. The long break in the mornings has also been utilised, and boys from other clubs have been coached, in addition to the Senior Club. We can safely say that our batting has shown the effects of this new system.

Our bowling, on the other hand, has shown lamentable weakness. Ample opportunity is given for practice, and this must be used to the full, if our cricket is to reach the standard we all wish for.

Fielding, however, has been consistently good, Caldwell ma., Vosper and Hickson being outstanding.

In batting, Hodgson, Ellis ma., Wake, Grant ma. and Waller showed good form, and there are many others of the Senior Club who should do splendidly next year.

Finally, there is a good habit which must be followed by all keen cricketers at St. Peter's—Practice at every possible opportunity, and not only when you have to.

Ist. XI. v. Fathers' XI. March 27th.

On Easter Monday we met a fathers' XI. captained by Mr. Caldwell. Our personal failures experienced against other teams can soon be forgotten, but against fathers—never. We were therefore anxious to excel ourselves, but devilish bowling by Mr. Grant, and wicked batting by Dr. Tothill somewhat unnerved us, so that we were forced to concede parental superiority. All unwilling, we could not but admire them. The weather, although fitful, did not save us, and our first innings total of 51, was passed by the Fathers' XI., with the loss of only 5 wickets for 62 runs.

Grant ma. batted very solidly but slowly, and was even-

tually dismissed in awkward circumstances—caught and bowled by his father.

Vallentine, Vosper and Miller were the only other batsmen to defy the attack.

For the fathers, Dr. Tothill batted very impressively for 32 not out. Hodgson was the only bowler to stir the fathers from their complacency. Rain forced us to abandon play late in the afternoon, with a win, on the first innings, to the fathers, by 11 runs with 5 wickets in hand.

Nevertheless, the day pleased us, and it will be a still undaunted team that will meet them next year.

St. Peter's—

Ellis, ma., lbw., b. Mr. Grant	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wake, lbw., b. Mr. Grant	..	..	..	..	..	2
Hodgson, b. Mr. Grant	..	..	..	..	..	0
Grant, ma., c. and b. Mr. Grant	..	..	..	..	..	8
Orr, c. Mr. Stormont, b. Mr. Caldwell	..	..	..	..	..	6
Caldwell, c. Mr. Grant, b. Mr. Caldwell	..	..	..	..	..	0
Vallentine, b. Dr. Tothill	..	..	..	..	..	9
Vosper, c. and b. Mr. Jacob	..	..	..	..	..	7
Miller, c. Dr. Smale, b. Mr. Caldwell	..	..	..	..	..	6
Fairclough, b. Mr. Grant	..	..	..	..	..	1
Larner, not out	..	..	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	10
Total	..	..	..	..	..	51

Bowling.—Mr. Grant five wickets for 3 runs, Dr. Tothill one for 21, Mr. Jacob one for 4.

Fathers—

Mr. Gardner, run out	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dr. Smale, retired	..	..	..	..	..	3
Mr. Edgecumbe, b Hodgson	..	..	..	..	..	12
Dr. Tothill, not out	..	..	..	..	..	32
Mr. Grant, retired	..	..	..	..	..	7
Mr. Jacob, not out	..	..	..	..	..	1
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	..	62

Bowling.—Hodgson one wicket for 25 runs, Grant ma. none for 11, Orr none for 24.

1st XI. v. Waikato Diocesan XI. April 3rd. (Home)

Slightly fearful of what this match would bring forth, we welcomed the Diocesan XI. to our ground on Saturday, April 3rd. We had suffered shamefully at their hands the previous year, and only rain had saved us from what, in all but name, was a trouncing. St. Peter's won the toss, and elected to bat on a perfect wicket. A splendid opening partnership by Wake and Hodgson, and a fine stand by Hodgson and Ellis, saw us in a good position. Added to these, a forceful innings by Vosper helped to bring our total to 89. M. Anderson bowled exceedingly well—5 for 22 is a very good average—and the other bowlers proved steady. Diocesan replied with 55 for 8 wickets included in which was an attractive innings by A. Rathbone for 22, well supported by M. Anderson and V. Hovey.

As play had to finish at 5 p.m., the result was a draw. Our bowling was much better than in the previous match, Orr, Hodgson and Ellis ma. securing good averages.

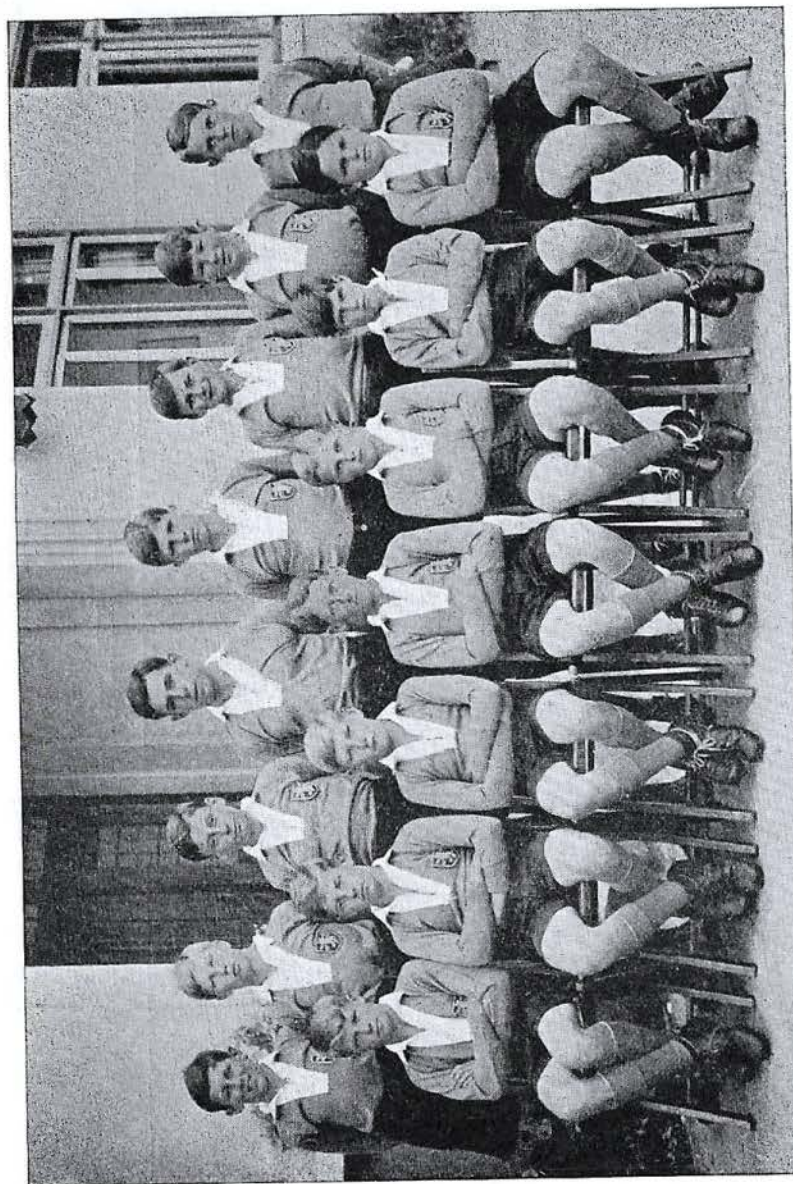
St. Peter's—

Wake, b. Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	18
Hodgson, lbw., b. Hovey	..	..	..	..	..	31
Ellis ma., c. Simpson, b. Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	17
Grant ma., c. Steele, b. Hovey	..	..	..	..	..	0
Orr, b. Turner	..	..	..	..	..	0
Vosper, b. Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	11
Vallentine, c. and b. Hovey	..	..	..	..	..	0
Caldwell, b. Hovey	..	..	..	..	..	2
Miller, not out	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fairclough ma., b. Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	7
Larner, b. Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	..	..	..	..	..	89

Bowling.—Anderson five wickets for 22 runs, Heale none for 27, Hovey four for 22, Larner none for 9, Turner one for 8.

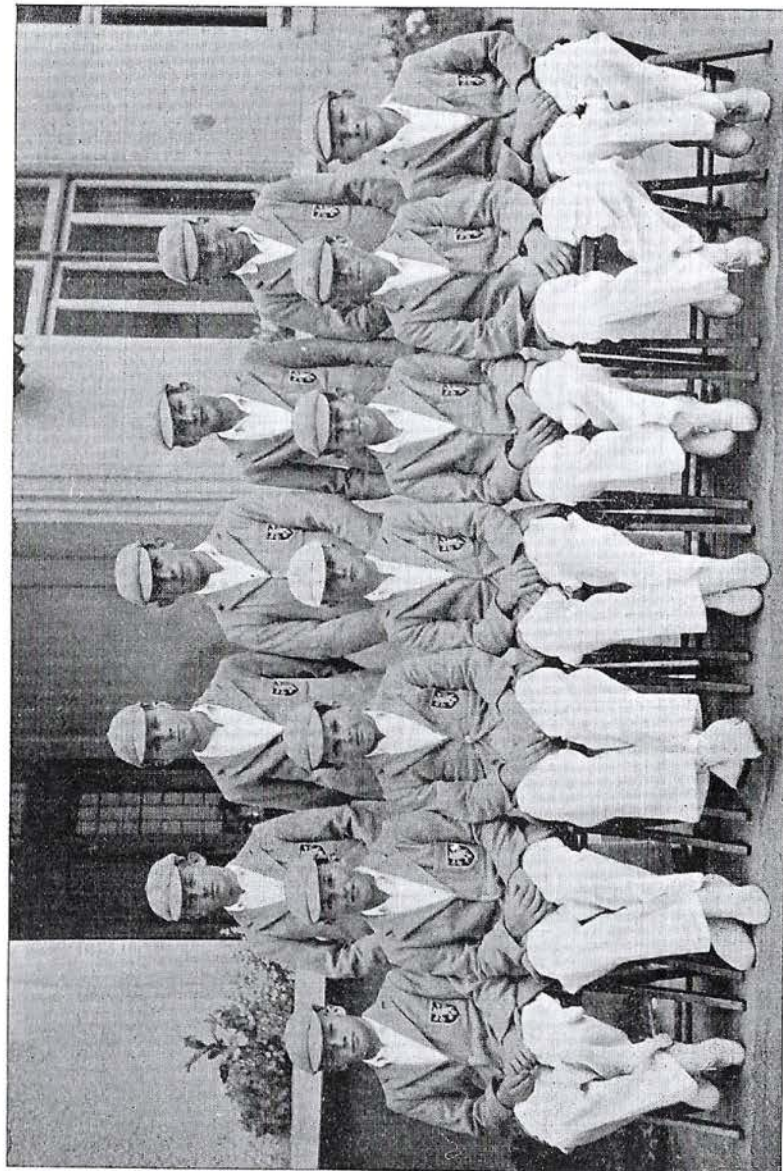
Diocesan—

Anderson, c. Orr, b. Ellis ma.	..	..	..	..	..	8
Heale, run out	..	..	..	..	..	0
Wall's, b. Hodgson	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rathbone, lbw., b. Ellis ma.	..	..	..	..	..	23
Smith, b. Orr	..	..	..	..	..	5
Hovey, b. Orr	..	..	..	..	..	8
Steele, not out	..	..	..	..	..	0
Simpson, b. Hodgson	..	..	..	..	..	0



THE FIRST FIFTEEN

BACK ROW (left to right): J. H. Wake, O. J. Osborne, R. J. P. Vallentine, W. N. Vosper, M. A. Waller, J. C. Miller, P. A. Gardner, C. E. Parr. FRONT ROW: G. L. Caldwell, L. L. O'H. Hickson, J. N. Grant, A. B. Orr (Cap'n), G. J. Hodgson, J. H. Dewhurst, J. D. O. Ellis.



THE FIRST ELEVEN

BACK Row (left to right): L. L. O'H. Hickson, M. A. Waller, W. N. Vosper, J. C. Miller, R. J. P. Vallentine. FRONT Row: G. L. Caldwell, J. E. Smyth, J. D. O. Ellis, G. J. Hodgson (Captain), J. H. Wake, A. B. Orr, J. N. Grant.

Larner, c. Larner, b. Orr	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Miller, not out	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

Total 55

Bowling—Orr three wickets for 13 runs, Grant ma. one for 10, Hodgson two for 16, Ellis ma. two for 8.

1st XI. v. Dilworth, at Dilworth School. November 13th. (Away)

We journeyed to Dilworth in doubtful weather, and when it rained heavily during lunch, it seemed as if the game would not be held. However, it cleared sufficiently for us to make a start, and, although rain fell during the afternoon, we were able to complete a very interesting game. We must thank Mr. Noel Gibson the Headmaster, the staff and boys for a delightful day, and especially those, who, in spite of the weather, provided us with such a good wicket.

St. Peter's won the toss, and batted on a very slow wicket. Wake went early, but Ellis ma. made a very sound 23. It was easily his best batting display, and should encourage him to work still harder at this game. Hodgson batted well for 11, but Orr and Caldwell ma. were the only other batsmen to last long. The partnership between these two was most valuable, and, considering the atrocious conditions, our total of 62 was creditable. J. N. Beattie was easily the most outstanding bowler for Dilworth. He turned the ball well, kept a good length, and had our batsmen puzzled most of the time. His average of 4 for 30 was a fine one.

Dilworth opened with J. N. Beattie and Mayes, and, although these two made a good start, their scores being 12 and 13 respectively, the remaining batsmen, with the exception of Wilding, fared badly.

Vallentine bowled very well for St. Peter's, securing the splendid average of 5 for 16. He was well supported by Orr and Waller. St. Peter's won by 11 runs on the first innings.

St. Peter's—

Wake, lbw., b. J. N. Beattie	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ellis, c. and b. J. N. Beattie	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Waller, lbw., b. J. N. Beattie	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Hodgson, c. and b. Longdill	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Grant ma., played on	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

Vosper, c. and b. D. Beattie	0
Caldwell, c. and b. J. N. Beattie	11
Orr, st. and b. Froude	6
Vallentine, b. Longdill	0
Gardner, b. J. N. Beattie	0
Hickson, not out	3
Extras	3
Total	62

Bowling—J. N. Beattie, four wickets for 30 runs, Longdill two for 7, D. S. Beattie two for 17, Froude two for 5.

Dilworth—

Beattie, J. N., c. and b. Vallentine	12
Mayes, D., c. Wake, b. Vallentine	13
Longdill, c. Grant ma., b. Orr	1
Beattie, D. S., c. Wake, b. Orr	2
Booth, b. Vallentine	0
Campbell, D., b. Vallentine	1
Wilding, run out	9
Froude, b. Waller	0
Alexander, b. Hodgson	0
Mayes, I. A., c. Ellis, b. Orr	4
Whitcombe, not out	2
Extras	7
Total	51

Bowling—Orr three wickets for 19 runs, Waller one for 3, Vallentine five for 16, Hodgson one for 6.

1st XI. v. King's College Colts (Home). November 27th.

This game was played in glorious summer weather, under splendid conditions both of pitch and of out field.

St. Peter's batted first, and, after a quiet opening by Wake and Ellis, wickets fell rapidly, none of the batsmen succeeding in standing up to what was a very steady, if not really dangerous attack. Nervousness, due to inexperience in match play, was the cause of faulty stroke play and lack of initiative, and the result was that the bowlers and fieldsmen were soon on top, and never relaxed their grip on the game. Some of our batsmen, whose form in nets and practices had showed promise of some really good batting, were out to half-hearted shots which they would not have made as a rule, and the side was all out for the very modest score of 27, an hour after the match started. King's had made one run for no wickets at lunch time.

In the afternoon, our attack was very erratic, and the College batsmen had little trouble in making 118 for 8 wickets, when they declared their innings closed.

In their second innings, St. Peter's batsmen again failed, and 3 wickets fell quickly for 3 runs.

The whole side was out for 33, and King's College therefore won the game by an innings and 58 runs.

After the game, the teams had a swim in the baths, and then went in to tea. After tea, the College boys attended evening Chapel, and then left for Auckland by cars.

The day was a most enjoyable one, and we congratulate King's College on their win.

St. Peter's—1st Innings.

Wake, c. and b. Graham	4
Ellis ma., b. Wilding	4
Caldwell, b. Wilding	1
Hodgson, b. Graham	0
Waller, b. Taylor	0
Vosper, b. Were	7
Grant ma., not out	7
Orr, hit wkt.	0
Smyth, run out	0
Vallentine, b. Wishart	4
Hickson, hit wkt.	0
Total	27

Bowling—Wilding two wickets for 6 runs, Graham two for 4, Were one for 5, Halligan two for 1, Rowe none for 3, Taylor two for 7, Wishart one for 0.

King's College—

MacInnes, st. and b. Vallentine	7
Rowe, c. and b. Orr	3
Taylor, c. Hodgson, b. Waller	51
Graham, c. Vosper, b. Ellis, ma.	14
Halligan, lbw., b. Orr	4
Were, b. Orr	10
Wilding, st. and b. Waller	23
Bruce-Smith, played on	1
Woodward,	3
Erson, did not bat	0
Wishart, did not bat	0
Extras	2
Total	118

Bowling—Orr three wickets for 24 runs, Vallentine one for 16, Waller three for 23, Ellis ma. one for 25, Hodgson none for 23.

St. Peter's—2nd Innings.

Wake, b. Wilding	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Ellis ma., b. Graham	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Caldwell, run out	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Hodgson, run out	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Waller, b. Wishart	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Vosper, b. Bruce-Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Grant ma., lbw., b. Were	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Orr, b. Were	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Smyth, b. Bruce-Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Vallentine, not out	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Hickson, b. Were	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	33

**1st XI. v. Cambridge Primary School (Home).
December 1st.**

It had been decided to make this a two-day match, but, unfortunately, the weather prevented play on Wednesday, December 8th, and the game had to be abandoned. Owing to sickness at the Cambridge School, another match was not possible, but we hope to make amends in the first term of 1938.

In the game began on December 1st, St. Peter's won the toss, and batted on a good wicket. Wake, after starting well, was bowled by Brunskill, while his partner, Ellis ma., went on to make an attractive 18. Of the remaining batsmen, Waller, Grant ma. and Caldwell ma. batted well, Caldwell ma., particularly, showing improvement. For Cambridge, Arnold, Brunskill and Wilson shared the bowling honours, Arnold proving himself a very useful medium-paced bowler. Cambridge opened with Brunskill and Arnold, the former making a bright 11, and the latter 2. Orr and Vallentine took their respective wickets. At stumps, Wright and Lowe were the not-out men, Lowe having batted well for his 10 runs. With Cambridge 2 down for 13, the game was in an interesting position, and it was unfortunate that the game had to be abandoned.

St. Peter's—

Wake, b. Brunskill	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Ellis ma., c. and b. Brunskill	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Grant ma., b. Arnold ma.	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Hodgson, played on	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Waller, b. Wilson	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Caldwell ma., b. Wilson	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

Vosper, lbw., b. Wilson	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Orr, b. Arnold ma.	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Smyth, b. Arnold ma.	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Vallentine, not out	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Hickson, lbw, b. Arnold ma.	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	79

Bowling—Arnold ma. 4 for 19, Wilson 3 for 15, Brunskill 2 for 17, Fletcher 0 for 4, Arnold mi. 1 for 12.

Primary School—

Brunskill, c. and b. Orr	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Arnold, b. Vallentine	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wright	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Lowe,	..	..	..	..	..	..	10

Bowling—Orr 1 for 7, Vallentine 1 for 18.

St. Peter's v. Waikato Diocesan XI. (Home).

This game was played in fine weather. Wicket and outfield were good.

Diocesan batted first and declared with 4 wickets down for 87. The only reason for our failure was bad bowling. It was atrocious at times, and there was no excuse. N. Heale and A. Rathbone batted most attractively for 29 and 35, and we must congratulate the Diocesan XI. on their fine display in all departments of the game. After our bad start in the field, we were obviously affected by nerves. Grant ma. and Waller were the only batsmen to show any confidence, Waller, particularly, giving a sound display. Our innings closed for 59 runs, and the Diocesan won by 28 runs on the first innings. It was a well-deserved victory, and it showed us that bowling is our biggest weakness at the present time.

Diocesan—

Anderson, b. Orr	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Heale, st. Wake, b. Orr	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Wallis, c. Wake, b. Waller	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Rathbone, not out	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

Total 86

Bowling—Orr two wickets for 10 runs, Vallentine none for 15, Waller one for 11, Grant ma. none for 12, Ellis ma. none for 6, Hickson none for 10, Hodgson none for 13.

St. Peter's—

Wake, c. and b. Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Ellis ma., hit wkt.	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Grant ma., c. Potter, b. Anderson	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Hodgson, c. Simpson, b. Hovey	15
Waller, b. Anderson	31
Caldwell, lbw., b. Hovey	0
Vosper, b. Hovey	2
Orr, c. Wallis, b. Anderson	0
Smyth, c. Wallis, b. Anderson	0
Vallentine, not out	2
Hickson, b. Anderson	0
Total	60

Bowling—Anderson five wickets for 26 runs, Heale two for 11, Hovey three for 15.

1st XI. v. Masters' XI. December 15th.

As a final game for the year, the 1st XI. played a Masters' XI., included in which was Mr. S. H. Ellis, a father on a visit to the School from Suva.

The XI batted first, and made 76. Vallentine and Vosper came to light with two hard-hitting displays, the former's effort being a particularly vigorous one. Mr. Luscombe and Mr. Gabites bowled well, considering the fact that their field was limited to only 8 men.

The Masters replied with 102, of which Mr. Nancarrow compiled 26, and Mr. Ellis an attractive 21. The Masters won by 26 runs on the first innings. Caldwell ma. showed promise as a bowler, while Waller, also, showed improvement. This game again showed us our weakness, namely, lack of good length bowling, and it is in this department, more than in any other, that we will have to work hardest in the coming season.

St. Peter's—

Ellis ma., b. Mr. Luscombe	0
Waller, b. Mr. Gabites	0
Vallentine, c. Mr. Gibson, b. Mr. Luscombe	28
Hodgson, b. Mr. Gabites	2
Vosper, b. Mr. Luscombe	17
Orr, b. Mr. Gabites	4
Wake, c. Mr. Hancock, b. Mr. Broadhurst	6
Grant ma., c. Mr. Gibson, b. Mr. Gabites	6
Caldwell ma., b. Mr. Gibson	5
Smyth, b. Mr. Luscombe	1
Miller, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	76

Bowling—Mr. Luscombe four wickets for 9 runs, Mr Gabites

four for 9, Mr. Hancock none for 20, Mr. Gibson one for 12, Mr. Broadfoot none for 15, Mr. Broadhurst one for 2.

Masters'—

Mr. Broadhurst, b. Waller	7
Mr. Nancarrow, retired	26
Mr. Ellis, retired	21
Mr. Luscombe, st. Wake, b. Waller	3
Mr. Hancock, c. Smyth, b. Hodgson	11
Mr. Broadfoot, st. Wake, b. Caldwell	2
Mr. Gabites, c. Grant ma., b. Caldwell	19
Mr. Gibson, not out	10
Extras	2

Total 101

Bowling—Orr none for 18, Waller 2 for 10, Vallentine none for 31, Ellis ma. none for 11, Grant ma. none for 4, Caldwell ma. 2 for 24, Hodgson 1 for 6.

Junior Club Cricket

The standard of the present Junior Club, the third in the school, is in some respects better than that of last year's Juniors, when there were only two clubs. All the most promising members of the Club have been specially selected for coaching in the nets each day at break, and they have returned to their Club with their more or less correct shots and improved ideas, which have naturally reacted to the benefit of everyone, for more is learnt at cricket by imitation than by any natural development.

Most games have been "pick-up" ones, but keenness has invariably been shown. There is room for great improvement in fielding, chiefly because it is hard for eight and nine-year old boys to experience the delight of keeping on their toes, and trying to beat the batsman by anticipating his shot. On the other hand, bowling has improved tremendously since the first term, when there was only one boy capable of bowling an over without any wides. It will be interesting to watch these players going on next year, and improving all round as they gain experience and confidence.

Mothers' Match

Very diffidently the suggestion was put forward to have a mothers' match against the Juniors on the occasion of the fathers' match against the First XI, and the idea was taken up with enthusiasm. After a few mothers living nearer St.

Peter's had assured the scheme of success, Mrs. Smale was telephoned at an early hour one morning and was asked to organize the game at the Auckland end, as there was not time to communicate with everyone by mail. The following day, March 27th, saw the mothers take the field in full force, final doubts being removed by the information that if they did not play, their sons could not be included in the boys' team.

The Junior XI. made 72 runs, the chief scorers being Farquhar (capt.), with 28 not out, Ellis mi., with 20, and Smale, with 10 not out. All the mothers took turns at bowling, the most deadly being Mrs. Pilling, who took three wickets for 9 runs. The mothers had made only a few runs when it came on to rain heavily, but all decided to keep on playing. Mrs. Ellis made 11 and retired. Mrs. Farquhar was run out when her score stood at 8, and the game was becoming very exciting with the score at 36 for four wickets, when the weather took a decided turn for the worse, and the game had reluctantly to be abandoned.

Second Club

There has been a very good spirit of cricket in the Second Club. They are quite capable of starting and running a game for an afternoon without any supervision.

Like most second clubs, it contains a mixture of non-cricketing old gentlemen and promising young colts, and the smooth working of the club is largely due to the public-spirited action of these older boys who, though not particularly keen on the game, realise the value to school cricket of doing their bit.

The weakness of the club, as indeed of the cricket of the whole School, lies in the bowling, and this must unfortunately react on the batting. A batsman who can hit bad bowling about with any sort of shot has little incentive to learn the correct one; at the same time, a bowler who can get a wicket with any ball that is straight, has little incentive to keep a correct length, and so the vicious circle continues.

The picture, perhaps, is not so gloomy as this, as there are some very promising young players in the club, and this gives hope for future First Elevens.

BOXING

Great keenness was shown by the boys throughout the second term, when boxing classes were held. The standard of boxing was higher than that of last year. Forty boys took part in the tournament which was held on Monday and Tuesday, August 16th and 17th, and gave a very good display of boxing. The competitors were, on the whole, well matched, so that even, willing bouts resulted.

All the competitors showed that they had grasped the elements of boxing, and that they knew how to box hard. Most important of all, the losers fought back all the time. If the important lesson of "give-and-take" has been learnt, something of great value, not only in the art of self-defence, but also in life, has been achieved.

HEAVY WEIGHT—

Finals: Waller v. Gardner. A good, willing, even fight. Gardner won because all his blows went home. Waller hit very hard, but did not always reach his man, particularly in the last round.

MIDDLE WEIGHT—

1st Round: Wake v. Miller. Wake fought back well, but Miller was definitely superior, all his blows being straight and hard.

Coates v. Ellis ma. Ellis won owing to his persistent leading.

Wilkie v. Parr. This bout too, was won by the boy who forced the pace—Wilkie. Parr did not drive his punches right home.

2nd Round: Miller v. Ellis ma. Ellis boxed well against a more experienced opponent.

Wilkie v. Hodgson. Wilkie was too slow for Hodgson, who used a greater variety of hits, and was not afraid to go in hard.

Orr v. Smyth. Smyth did not look where he was hitting; he was out-classed by Orr.

Vallentine v. Hickson. This was one of the best bouts, for both boys delivered really hard blows. Valentine won, because he did most of the leading, and was quicker than Hickson.

Semi-final: Miller v. Hodgson. Both fought well, but Miller showed himself the better boxer. His blows, his guarding, and his footwork were all good.

Orr v. Vallentine. Orr took the lead, and hit hard and fast. He was quick on his feet, too. Vallentine did not attack enough.

Final: Miller v. Orr. An excellent bout. Both boxed scientifically and hard. Orr forced the pace, and delivered his blows very fast, so that he won by a small margin.

WELTER WEIGHT—

1st Round: Abbott ma. v. Davis. A good fight, for both hit very hard. Davis won owing to his leading, and quick and hard hitting, Abbott's blows were good, but he seemed to get rattled.

Rowley v. Brown. Rowley beat Brown in a willing bout.

Simpson v. Virtue. Simpson's footwork and attack were good, so that he beat Virtue, who was slower, but whose guarding was good.

2nd Round: Davis v. Rowley. Rowley put up a very good defence against a fast-attacking boxer. Many of Davis's blows did not get home.

Simpson v. Swales. Swales fought quite well against a superior opponent. He must hit harder, and have more confidence in himself.

Moss v. Grant ma. Grant ma. was too quick for Moss, who guarded himself well. Grant ma's. footwork was excellent. He delivered his punches clean and straight, and varied them considerably.

Fairclough ma. v. Caldwell ma. Caldwell's terrific punch rattled Fairclough, who fought back gamely.

Semi-Finals: Davis v. Simpson. Davis hit hard and

often, but not straight, so that some of his blows again went astray. Simpson found Davis's style difficult to meet, but fought back well. His footwork was good. Davis won.

Grant ma. v. Caldwell ma. A very good bout. Grant put up a good defence against Caldwell's powerful, hard-hitting attack; but he unfortunately looked down, and not at the man he was hitting.

Final: Davis v. Caldwell ma. The bout opened with some tremendous blows from each boy, but Caldwell's were straight and always went home, whereas Davis's were wild swings. Caldwell won.

LIGHT WEIGHT—

1st Round: Dewhirst v. Larner. Dewhirst boxed well; his guard and left lead were both very good. Larner was very quick at delivering his blows, and very quick on his feet. Larner won.

Fairclough mi. v. Webb. Webb attacked hard and fast, and so won the bout from his slower opponent, who retaliated well.

Semi-Finals: Larner v. Webb. Larner won because of his footwork, and hard blows. Webb's guard was good.

Grant mi v. Chandler mi. Chandler mi. took the lead and peppered his opponent with good, straight punches. Grant did not attack enough until the last round.

Final: Larner v. Chandler mi. A very good bout. Both boys fought hard and well. The decision in favour of Larner was given only after an extra round had been fought.

FEATHER WEIGHT—

Bloomfield v. Mackenzie. A hard and even fight. The opponents stood toe to toe and delivered good hard blows most of the time. Bloomfield won by getting in more hits.

Land v. Searle. Land won, as he did all the leading. Searle must learn to hit harder.

Semi-Finals: Bloomfield v. Land. Bloomfield's attack was too strong for Land.

Glenn v. Chandler ma. Chandler ma's. attack was too strong for Glenn.

Final: Bloomfield v. Chandler ma. A very good fight. Both boys displayed great grit and energy. Bloomfield won because he hit Chandler even more often than Chandler hit him. Both boys delivered their punches well.

BANTAM WEIGHT—

Final: Chandler mus. v. Russell. A good bout. Chandler mus. won because he delivered his blows well, and guarded well. Russell hit Chandler often, but the hits were not so straight, and his guard was not so good. Chandler's footwork was good.

Vosper v. Instructor. Vosper was not afraid to go in and hit the Instructor hard. His blows were well delivered, and his footwork was good.

Whitney ma. v. Instructor. Whitney ma. hit well and guarded well.

The Orr Cup for the most scientific boxer of the year was won by Orr, who boxed scientifically and hard, having improved greatly during the season. Not only were his blows delivered hard and fast, but he was also light and quick on his feet, while his guard was sound.

GYMNASIUM

The object of the physical training classes is the building up of a healthy and vigorous constitution, and of active efficiency in all the boys, and not in a specialised few.

The training is conducted with smartness and precision, and with strict attention to the exact performance of the exercise, particular care being paid to the correction of mistakes.

Good results are continuous, of course, only as long as the interest of the boys is maintained, and the exercises chosen have this end in view.

The keenness shown by the gymnasium classes has been most gratifying.

At the end of the first term it was very pleasing to see the new boys nearing the standard of the second-year boys. All the boys worked very hard during the second term, practising for the gymnastic competition which was held at the end of the term. The work done included general drill, "box-horse," ground work and "Jacobs Ladder."

We are indebted to Mr. Long, of the Y.M.C.A., Hamilton, who kindly acted as judge.

Each form was taken separately, the Senior Division winning the shield with 121 points. Upper School II. came second with 117½ points and Middle School I. and Middle School II. drew for third place with 114½ points. Upper School I. was next with 112, Lower School II. gained 100 points, and Lower School I., 97.

During the competition the judge selected the best of each form to compete for the individual championship.

The work of each in marching, "box-horse," and ground work was judged, and, as a result of this, Miller was placed first, Simpson second, and Hickson third.

At the conclusion of the competition, Mr. Long congratulated the boys on their smartness and keenness, making particular mention of Betty and Stormont.

The third term was very busy. The new idea of doing drill to music was introduced. Rhythm and poise are aimed at in this work, and a good standard was reached. Rope-climbing and general gymnasium work occupied a large part of the time.

Twenty-five boys took the opportunity of learning jiu-jitsu during the term.

TENNIS

Tennis players have been faced with many difficulties this term. Very hot weather, which threatened to become a drought, parched the courts and made constant play inadvisable. This was followed by a period of broken weather, which further limited the hours of play.

Many of the boys who owned racquets were also horse

riders, or members of the jiu-jitsu classes, so that the coaching classes were never up to full strength, especially at the beginning of the season.

In spite of this, some of the older boys, particularly, began to show signs of improvement in their game. They have had the benefit this year of regular coaching.

What most of us have to realise about tennis is the fact that here, as in other games, careless habits will never lead to anything but indifferent play. The forehand drive is the fundamental stroke of the game, and grip, position of feet, body, and racquet, are all of the utmost importance. Unless these details are attended to, we must continue to play "lolly-pop" shots, or else net a big percentage of shots.

It is noticeable that many who play this shot reasonably well at coaching lessons, seem afraid to employ their knowledge when they come to play ordinary games. It is better to fail a dozen times in attempting the correct thing, than to use make-shift methods just for the sake of winning the point.

Serving has been very weak. Most boys are afraid to throw the ball high in the air, or to use their reach. This branch of the game requires constant practice.

We look forward to having, next term, a volley board, which will do much to improve stroke play, and, incidentally, go towards easing the congestion on the two courts.

SWIMMING

Little swimming was possible during the first term, but in the third term there has been a tremendous lot. The weather has been perfect, and the filter is now behaving itself, and keeps the water sparkling and clear.

The break is now an hour in the summer, and so two sets swim regularly each morning. There is swimming on Sundays, sometimes by forms, sometimes by dining hall tables, and occasionally all together, though this is really too much of a crowd. On half-holidays there are often swims after cricket for each club. Those who have passed the three-fold test of swimming a length, diving, and treading water for a minute, have an early-morning swim every day. The Instructor has a "dry land" swimming class every morning, and takes them in the belt on free afternoons and at other

times. Many have passed their length this term, and most of the rest should pass at the beginning of next term. All early instruction is in the breaststroke, and the first length must be passed in this style.

Heats and eliminating trials for the swimming sports began about three weeks before the end of the term, and the sports themselves were held in beautiful weather on the morning of the day we broke up. About a week earlier, Mr. Gabites broke the spring-board, and so we had a new one for the sports, which is a great improvement on the old one.

Swimming Sports

ALREADY DECIDED—		Dark Blues	Light Blues
Open 4 lengths (100 yards)			
	1st—Hodgson ..		25
	2nd—Vallentine		15
	3rd—Wake		5
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th—			
1. Junior 50 feet	1st—Caldwell mi.	15	
	2nd—Rivett-Carnac	9	
	3rd—Gentles	3	
2. Middle 1 Length (25 yds.)	1st—Abbott ma.	20	
	2nd—Fairclough ma.		12
	3rd—Larner		4
3. Senior 2 Lengths (50 yds.)	1st—Hodgson		25
	2nd—Vallentine		15
	3rd—Wake		5
4. Junior Diving	1st—Searle		15
	2nd—Glenn		9
	3rd—Caldwell mi.	3	
5. Middle Diving	1st—Fairclough ma.		20
	2nd—Grant ma.	12	
	3rd—Grant mi.	4	
6. Open 50 feet Sprint ..	1st Hodgson		25
	2nd—Miller	10	
	& Vallentine		10
7. Beginners' Relay	1st—Dark Blues		
8. Surprise Event			
9. Open Plunging	1st—Miller	25	
	2nd—Vallentine		15
	3rd—Hooker		5
10. Spoon Diving	1st—Vallentine		
	2nd—Miller and Orr		
11. Ping-Pong Relay	1st—Dark Blues		

				Dark Blues	Light Blues
12. Senior Diving	..	..	1st—Hodgson		25
			2nd—Miller	15	
			3rd—Simpson	5	
13. Relay	..	..	..	1st—Dark Blues	30
14. Musical Splosh	..	..	1st—Gardner		
				151	230

Dark and Light Blues

SENIOR (Over 12 on June 1st)

DARK BLUES

Barclay
Brown
Chandler ma.
Eyre ma.
Miller
Orr
Rowley
Simpson
Waller
Whitney mi.
Wilkie
Hickson
Vosper

LIGHT BLUES

Chandler mi.
Coates
Edgumbe
Gardner
Hodgson
Osborne
Vallentine
Wake
Whitney ma.

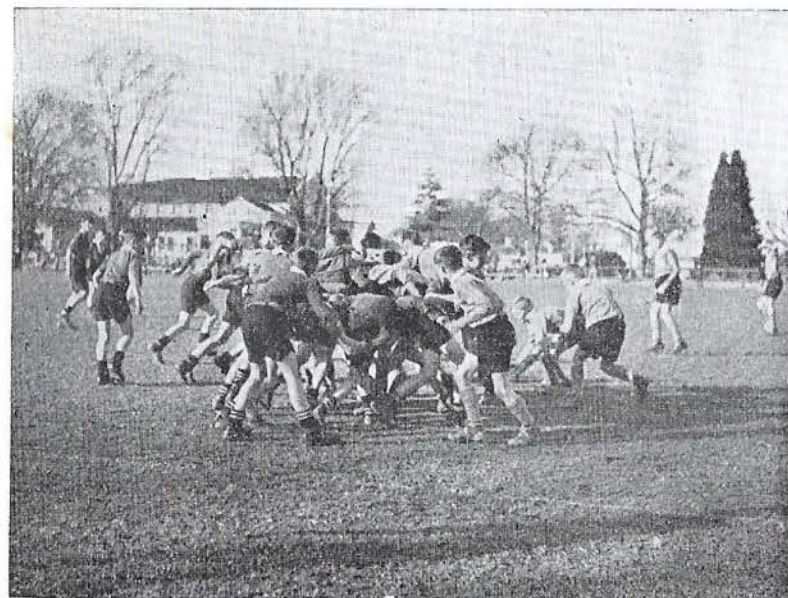
MIDDLE (Over 10 and under 12 on June 1st)

DARK BLUES

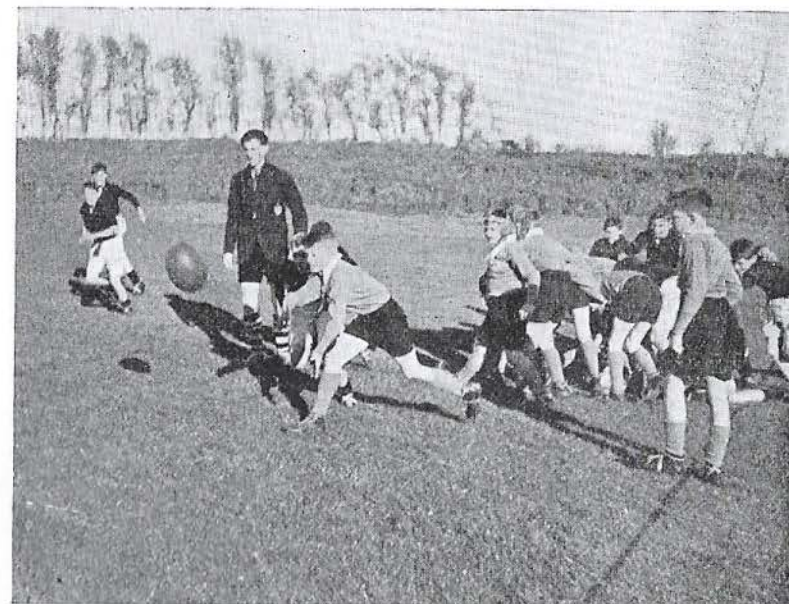
Abbott ma.
Black
Ellis ma.
Eyre mi.
Fairclough mi.
Grant ma.
Grant mi.
Jacob
Mackenzie
Orr-Walker
Parr
Virtue
Walters

LIGHT BLUES

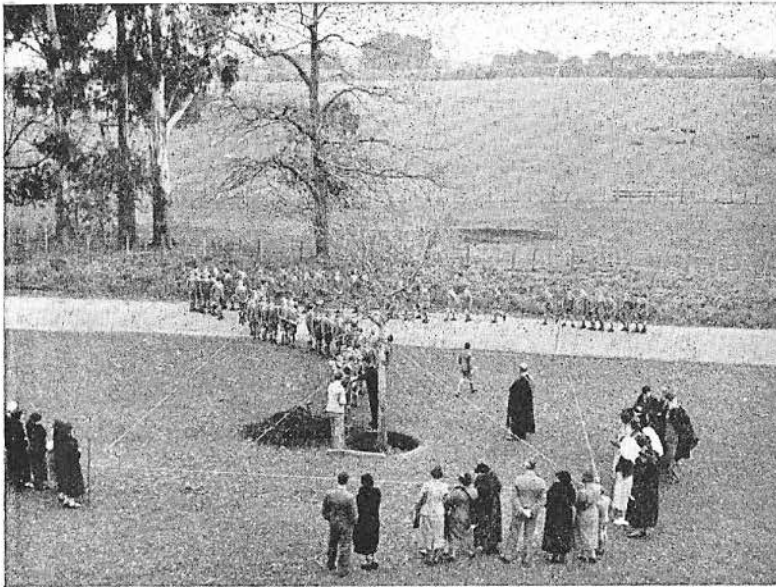
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Caldwell ma.
Davis
Dewhirst
Fairclough ma.
Fell
Hooker
Larner
Moss
Pym
Russell
Smale
Smyth
Swales
Tothill ma.
Webb



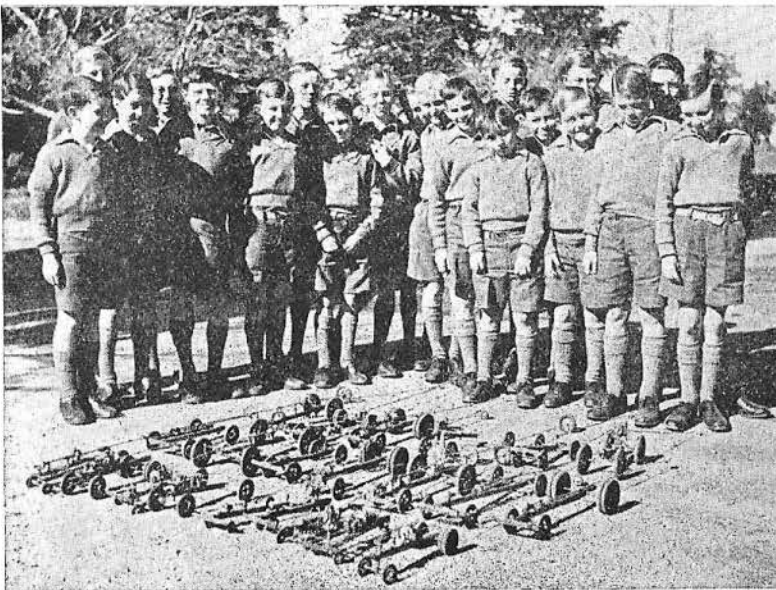
V. CAMBRIDGE (Away)



V. DILWORTH (Home)



PLANTING CORONATION TREE



"PINWOOD" CARS

JUNIOR (Under 10 on June 1st)

DARK BLUES

Bagnall
Barton
Caldwell mi.
Ellis mi.
Farquhar
Gentles
Lucas
MacDiarmid
Pilling
Rivett-Carnac
Tothill mi.
Urquhart mi.

LIGHT BLUES

Abbott mi.
Buckleton
Chandler mus.
Glenn
Land
Seabrook
Searle
Searle
Thomson
Urquhart ma.
Williams
Betty

OLD BOYS

M. G. M. Bevan is happily settled at "Pinewood," Hampshire, England. He seems to have done well in his first year there. He has played for the 1st XV.

J. G. Reid is at King's College, Auckland. At the end of the half-year he was second in his form—III A. He represented Town House in the Junior Steeplechase, and was in the House Senior Soccer XI. At St. Peter's he won the History prize, and in his first year at King's, he has come first and second at the end of the first and second half-years respectively, in this subject.

W. H. Gould is at New Plymouth Boys' High School. He has played for the second cricket XI. all this season, and has a very good chance of reaching the first XI. before the end of the year. He is in Form IV A., and has done well in his work. He is taking a keen interest in debating and play-reading. He is also in the Junior Athletic Team.

T. W. Smith is in IV.B at Wanganui Collegiate School. He hopes to sit for Matriculation next year. He has represented Grey House in both the Junior House football and cricket teams.

L. P. Ellis is in IV C. at Wanganui. He has done well in various branches of sport in his first year. He was in the Hadfield Junior House Cricket Team, and the

Senior House Football Team. He won the hundred yards, under fifteen, came second in the high jump, and third in the long jump.

P. W. D. Parr is in IV A at Wanganui. He will sit for Matriculation next year. He is leader of the School Orchestra, and violinist in the School Trio. He won the Reading Prize for fourth forms.

PRIZE-GIVING

Speaking at the Prize-giving, the Headmaster said:

"I am not going to make a long speech: there is too much actual prize-giving to be done.

This has been a difficult year in many ways. Owing to the infantile paralysis we were not allowed to start the First Term till March 1st. This has not actually had much effect on our work, but it naturally affected our cricket and to a greater extent our swimming. Most of the present non-swimmers would have passed their tests if we had had those extra weeks of warm weather. All through the term the threat of being closed down hung over us like a cloud, and for the last three weeks we went into voluntary isolation, carrying on when other schools were closed. It was a depressing time, clouded by the impending departure of Mr. and Mrs. Beaufort.

The Second Term was like a calm between two storms. Everything went well except for a rather serious epidemic of 'flu. The most notable event of the term was the plays. Most of you saw them on one or both nights. I cannot exaggerate the good effect of a show of this kind. Apart from the obvious advantage to the boys taking part, the co-operation of everyone in the task of preparing and producing smoothly seven different plays on two nights was of the greatest benefit to us all.

The Third Term has been a difficult one. Miss Leatham has been away ill for most of the time. Mr. Gabites had his appendix out and was away for six weeks. Miss Talbot had her eye damaged on Guy Fawkes night, and has only just returned. All this has undoubtedly reduced our efficiency: one French set, for instance, has been taught by five different people at various times, and for several weeks there was no music teaching of any kind except what I was able to do

myself. Miss Talbot's absence has fallen most heavily on the Bursar, who has done a superhuman amount of work.

I should like to say a word or two about the Staff. Mr. Gabites joined us at the beginning of the year in Mr. Wells' place, and quickly proved that he has chosen the right profession. Mr. Chandler was appointed School Chaplain at the beginning of the Second Term, and also takes a Latin set. Miss Archey took over Mrs. Beaufort's work. At the beginning of November Mr. Broadfoot came to help us out for the rest of this term. He has filled the position with dignity and efficiency, and I am only sorry he is going to be a doctor and not a schoolmaster. Miss Duthie came for a few weeks in the middle of the term to help with the music, and I am glad to welcome her back, now that her University work is done, as a permanent member of the staff.

During the last two terms we have had a masters' meeting every Sunday evening in my rooms. I think these meetings are the most valuable event of the week, as we are able to discuss every phase of school life and to achieve a unity of aim otherwise impossible. I should like to express my deep gratitude to the masters for their work and co-operation and would ask you to show your appreciation too.

Noticeable this year has been the growing *esprit de corps* among the domestic and outdoor staff. This is due, in part, to two things: our period of isolation, when all used to meet in the evenings for concerts and entertainments; and our hockey season, when men, maids, and boys often played together. I am glad that all are able to feel themselves part of St. Peter's, and I do thank them for their loyal work and devotion throughout the year.

When I begin to talk about the work of the school, I am sorely tempted to say a great deal. There is so much about the curriculum I should like to tell you, but it would take much too long now, and I will confine myself for the most part to generalities. Our standard of work has risen this year, as I was sure it would, and we shall improve it still more next year. I should just like to say a few words about the teaching of English, for this is a subject in which you can help. The arrangement of the English syllabus has been improved this year. The writing of original essays is the goal to which all the formal teaching is directed. We have a new plan for dealing with spelling difficulties, which is prov-

ing effective. But no amount of formal teaching will produce results unless a lot of good reading is done. There is so much good stuff available now, that it is a tragedy to find boys modelling their style on Edgar Wallace and the like, and revelling in it. Edgar Wallace is all right for discriminating grown-ups if they like that sort of thing, but for boys at an age when a writing style is just beginning to develop it is definitely harmful. I have lately instituted a censorship of books brought back to school, and I should like to feel that something similar was being done at home. I am speaking of books harmful from a literary point of view, and not of the books which are usually considered undesirable. Will you please help us with this?

The health of the school, apart from two 'flu epidemics, has been excellent. The Cambridge climate is, no doubt, partly responsible, but I think the boys' diet probably has something to do with it. It is extremely scientifically balanced, although, I suppose, most people are unaware of this. Sister and Miss Sutton are both to be congratulated on the result.

I will now ask Mrs. Waller, mother of the Head Boy, to come up on to the platform to give away the prizes. The first lot are those for the Swimming Sports. The Brown Cup for the winning team goes to the Light Blues, and the Waller Cup to Hodgson, who scored 100 points. Miller was runner-up with 50 points.

The Athletic Sports were held in camera during our isolation. The Whitney Cup was won by the Dark Blues, and the Tasman Smith Cup by Vosper.

At the end of the Second Term the Gym. Competition, between forms, was held. Our Instructor has presented us with a handsome shield to record this event year by year, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking him in front of you all and of congratulating him on the high standard that has been achieved in both gymnasium and boxing. The shield this year was won by the Senior Division. A selection was made of the best individual performer in any team, and Miller gained this distinction; his name will be recorded on a board in due time. The Orr Cup, for the most scientific boxer, was awarded to Orr. I know how pleased Mr. Orr would be, if he were here, to see his son win his cup.

Before we come to the cricket prizes I will say something about our football, for which, of course, there are no prizes. The Fifteen were really a very fine school team. They were never beaten in a match. Many of you saw the match against the King's College Colts, in which fearless tackling was particularly noticeable. The following are their names:—

FIRST FIFTEEN

Caldwell ma.
Dewhirst
Ellis ma.
Gardner
Grant ma.
Hickson
Hodgson (vice-captain)
Miller
Orr (captain)
Osborne
Parr
Vallentine
Vosper
Wake
Waller

We started hockey at the beginning of this term. Hardly anyone of boys or staff had even seen the game played, but we all took to it with great keenness, and it certainly proved its value as a school game.

Cricket, as I have said, was set back by missing most of the first half of the season. The bright feature is the large number of promising players who will still be here next year.

FIRST ELEVEN

Caldwell ma.
Ellis ma. (vice-captain)
Grant ma.
Hickson
Hodgson (captain)
Miller
Orr
Smyth
Vallentine
Vosper
Wake
Waller

Mr. S. H. Ellis is presenting three bats annually to be awarded for Batting, Bowling, and Fielding. The Batting prize goes to Ellis ma., and the Fielding prize to Caldwell ma. We were in doubt about the Bowling prize, as we felt there was no school bowler at present worthy of a prize. Luckily Mr. Ellis is here, and he has consented to a special change to meet the case, and the bat is being awarded to Wake for wicket-keeping. Another bat has been presented anonymously for the "most improved cricketer." This has been awarded to Vosper.

The last, and I think the most important, of the athletic prizes is the Larner Cup. This, as most of you know, is awarded to the best all-round athlete. There has been no difficulty in deciding the winner, and the cup goes to Orr. He is a very fine football player, and was captain of the Fifteen, he is a useful cricketer all round, he was in the winning gym team, and won the boxing cup, and you have seen him diving this morning. He is a fine sportsman, and plays games in the right spirit. Although not a school event, I should like to mention that he won the class for the best boy rider in the Cambridge Show.

There is one other cup: the Bevan Cup. This is awarded to a pair of boys in a musical competition. There was an entry of twenty pairs, and the cup was won by Parr and Hickson, the first singing and the second accompanying. Unfortunately Hickson had to leave early to catch an air liner to Singapore, so Parr must come for the Cup by himself. An item of interest this term was the winning, by St. Peter's, of the Cup for School Choirs at the Cambridge Musical Festival. Gardner was second in the Boy's Solo under 16.

I hope you have seen the boys' gardens. They are a great improvement on last year's. They have been judged on three occasions, and the highest aggregate points were scored by No. 3 garden (Brown, Chandler ma., Chandler mi., Whitney mi.), who therefore win the Garden Prize; a second prize goes to No. 9 garden (Caldwell ma., Eyre ma., Grant ma.).

At last we come to the prize books. I must explain for the benefit of those who were not here last year, that, with two exceptions, we have no regular prizes. A prize is awarded when a boy has done particularly good work in any subject.

Besides the Prize List, there is a Mentions List, which I will read first.

Mentions List

SENIOR DIVISION

- GARDNER.—English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Crafts, Gymnasium.
 HICKSON.—English, History, Geography, Latin, French, Art, Piano, Violin, Gymnasium.
 HODGSON.—Maths.
 ORR.—History, Art, Piano, Gymnasium.
 PARR.—English, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Piano.
 SIMPSON.—Latin, Art, Gymnasium.
 VALLENTINE.—English, Divinity, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Art, Gymnasium.
 WALLER.—English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, French.
 WILKIE.—English, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Art.

UPPER SCHOOL I.

- BROWN.—English, History, Geography, Maths, Latin, French.
 COATES.—English, Science, Maths, Latin, French.
 EDGECUMBE.—Divinity, History, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Art.
 EYRE MA.—Science.
 FELL.—Latin, French, Piano, Gymnasium.
 GRANT MA.—English, Divinity, History, Geography, French, Piano, Gymnasium.
 ROWLEY.—History, Geography.
 SWALES.—English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Art, Piano.
 VOSPER.—Art, Crafts, Piano, Gymnasium.
 WAKE.—English, Geography, Latin, French, Art, Gymnasium.
 WHITNEY MA.—French, Gymnasium.

UPPER SCHOOL II.

- CALDWELL MA.—English, Science, Maths, Piano, Gymnasium.
 CHANDLER MA.—English, History, Latin, Violin.
 CHANDLER MI.—English, Piano.
 ELLIS MA. — English, History, Geography, Maths, Art, Piano.
 FAIRCLOUGH MA.—English, Gymnasium.
 MACKENZIE—English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Piano, Gymnasium.
 MILLER.—English, History, Gymnasium.
 MOSS.—English, Geography, Latin, French, Piano.
 ORR-WALKER.—English, Maths, Latin, French, Violin, Gymnasium.
 OSBORNE.—English, History, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Art, Piano, Gymnasium.
 SMALE.—English, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Art, Violin.
 WHITNEY MI.—English, Maths, Piano, Gymnasium.

MIDDLE SCHOOL I.

- ABBOTT MA. — English, History, Geography, Maths, French, Music, Gymnasium.
 BARCLAY.—English, Divinity, History, Latin, Music, Violin, Gymnasium.
 DAVIS.—English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, Music, Gymnasium.
 FARQUHAR. — English, Geography, Science, Maths, French, Music, Piano, Gymnasium.
 GRANT MI.—English, Maths, Music, Violin, Gymnasium.
 HOOKER.—English, History, Geography, French.
 LAND. — English, History, Geography, Maths, Latin, French, Music.
 PYM.—English, Divinity, Geography, Maths, Crafts, Music, Violin.
 SMYTH.—Geography, Gymnasium.
 VIRTUE.—Science, Art, Music.
 WALTERS.—Geography, Latin, French, Art, Music, Piano.

MIDDLE SCHOOL II.

- BELL.—History, Maths.
 BLACK.—History, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, Art.
 BLOOMFIELD.—English, French, Crafts, Gymnasium.
 ELLIS MI.—English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Latin, French, Music.
 FAIRCLOUGH MI.—English, Science, Art, Crafts, Music, Gymnasium.
 GENTLES.—Gymnasium.
 JACOB.—English, History, Geography, Maths.
 LARNER.—English, French, Crafts, Music, Gymnasium.
 RUSSELL.—Maths, Latin, Art.
 SEARLE.—English, Science, Latin, French, Piano.
 WEBB.—English, History, Geography, Latin, French, Music, 'Cello, Gymnasium.

LOWER SCHOOL I.

- ABBOTT MI. — English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Art, Music, Gymnasium.
 BARTON. — English, History, Geography, Maths, Art, Music.
 CALDWELL MI.—English, History, Geography, Art, Music, Gymnasium.
 DEWHIRST.—History, Geography, Science, Gymnasium.
 EYRE MI.—English, Maths, Art, Music.
 GLENN.—English, History, Maths, Crafts, Music, Gymnasium.
 LUCAS.—Crafts, Gymnasium.
 TOTHILL MA. — Divinity, Geography, Science, Maths, Crafts, Music.
 BETTY. — English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Crafts, Music.

LOWER SCHOOL II.

- BAGNALL.—History, Geography.
 BUCKLETON.—Science, Maths, Crafts.
 CHANDLER MUS.—English, History, Geography, Maths, Art, Crafts, Gymnasium.

MacDIARMID.—Geography, Science, Art, Crafts.

PILLING.—English, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Gymnasium.

SEABROOK.—Maths, Art.

THOMSON.—English, Divinity, History, Science, Maths, Art, Crafts, Music, Gymnasium.

TOTHILL MI.—English, Maths, Crafts, Gymnasium.

URQUHART MA.—English, Crafts, Gymnasium.

URQUHART MI.—English, Maths.

WILLIAMS.—English, Maths.

Prize List

Senior Scholar—Gardner.

J. R. Oliphant Prize for Mathematics—Wilkie.

Sound Learning—Wilkie.

Mathematics—Land, Urquhart mi.

Chandler Prize for Essay—Chandler mi.

English.—Vallentine, Wake, Mackenzie, Pym.

Latin.—Swales.

French—Grant ma.

Latin and French—Parr.

Languages—Orr-Walker, Smale, Ellis mi.

Improvement in Writing—Walters.

History—Swales, Webb.

Geography—Vallentine, Brown.

History and Geography—Caldwell mi.

Science—Swales, Davis.

Art—Edgecumbe.

Music—Hickson, Moss.

Progress—Coates, Farquhar.

Industry—Whitney mi., Osborne, Glenn.

Head Boy—Waller.

The first prize I shall read out is the prize for the Senior Scholar. This is awarded to Gardner. With four others he sat for a Wanganui Scholarship. He came third on the

roll, and was elected to a Lissie Rathbone Exhibition. He has a splendid brain. He won't let a thing beat him, but worries it as a dog worries a rat, but, like all great men, he is often careless.

The J. R. Oliphant Prize for Mathematics is awarded to Wilkie. In three fairly stiff papers in Arithmetic, Geometry, and Algebra, he didn't make a single mistake, and the setting out of his work was a model of how it should be done. In all my experience I have never taught a boy with such a beautifully analytical brain as Wilkie's, or one who worked so keenly. We all felt this, and in recognition decided to award him a special prize. It was hard to know just what to call it, but we thought that a prize for Sound Learning would meet the case.

The Chandler Prize for English Essay was won by Chandler mi. It sounds like a put-up job, but I assure you that I searched the essays of the whole school and couldn't find a better one.

The last prize is for the Head Boy. The Head Boy here has great responsibilities. It is his task to guide his team of prefects, and it is not always an easy one. A team of seven horses may have different ideas as to the direction the plough should go, and the best of ploughmen sometimes make mistakes. I hope Waller will look back on the long stretches of straight furrow and remember that he leaves the school discipline better than it has ever been before."