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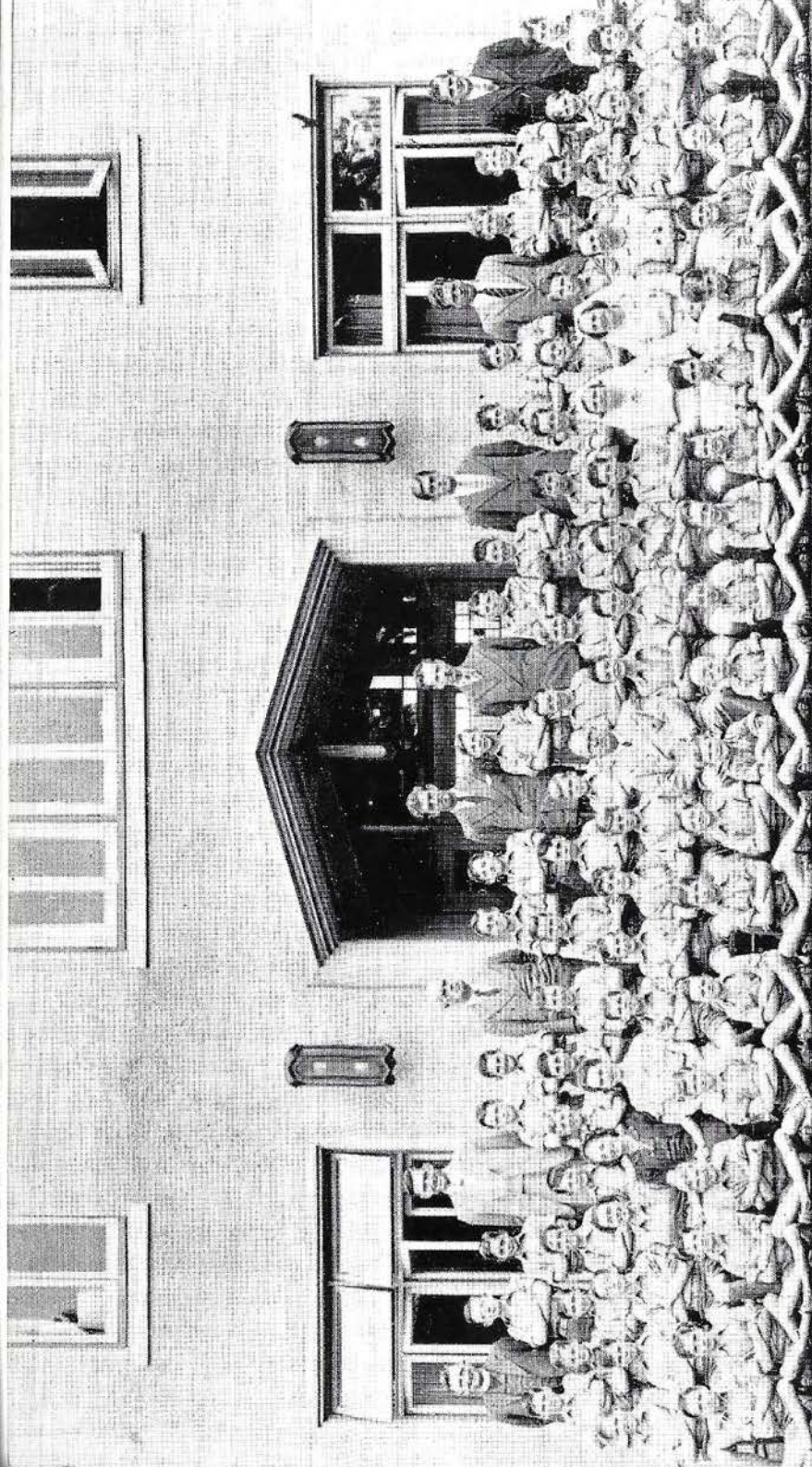
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ST. PETER'S TRUST

When the School was first built it was not possible to complete everything according to the original ideas. Experience also showed later that various other additions and alterations were desirable. Last year further capital expenditure became possible, and the School buildings and grounds are now virtually completed. This being so, I executed a Deed of Settlement at the beginning of this year, vesting the property in four Trustees, of which I myself am one. My object in doing this was to make it as certain as is humanly and legally possible that the School will continue to be carried on when I am gone. My fellow Trustees are Mr T. A. H. Oliphant, Solicitor, of Auckland, who has been associated with the School since its inception, Mr Noel Gibson, Headmaster of Dilworth School, Auckland, and Professor W. Riddet, of Massey College, Palmerston North. The business of the School has always been carried on as a Limited Liability Company, under the title of St. Peter's Ltd., and the Company is unaffected by the creation of the Trust.

—A. F. B. B.

SALVETE

We welcomed the following new boys at the beginning of the First Term :

J. B. Barclay	J. G. G. Reeves
D. P. Brewster	A. R. Tarte
C. W. Harris	S. W. R. Tarte
W. R. Henderson	R. H. R. Woodhouse
M. Pritchard	

The following came in the Second Term :

R. J. Blackman	J. A. Croft
Also Q. F. Pilling returned from England.	

In the Third Term the new boys were :

R. G. Dewhurst	A. J. E. Jenkins
D. C. Garlick	

VALETE

The following left in the Second Term :

R. J. Barton, for England
D. W. Fairclough, for Wanganui Collegiate School
W. A. O. Jacob, for England
G. J. Williams

Absent temporarily :

S. M. Mill

Those who left at the end of the Third Term were :

R. D. Barclay, for Wanganui Collegiate School.
G. L. Caldwell, for Wanganui Collegiate School
I. M. Davis, for Wanganui Collegiate School
W. R. Fell, for Christ's College
J. M. Grant, for King's College
K. C. B. Mackenzie, for Nelson College
T. N. Rivett-Carnac, for England
B. M. Moss, for New Plymouth Boys' High School
R. J. Virtue, for New Plymouth Boys' High School

FORM LIST

SENIOR DIVISION

Barclay ma.
Davis
Fell
Grant ma.
Hooker
Mackenzie
Moss
Smale

UPPER SCHOOL

U.S. I

Black
Caldwell ma.
de Castro
Ellis ma.
Farquhar
Grant mi.
Pym
Rivett-Carnac
Skerman
Virtue
Walters
Webb

U.S. II

Bell
Bloomfield
Bush ma.
Fairclough
Gentles
Horrocks
Ibbertson
Land
Mitchell
Scarle

MIDDLE SCHOOL

M.S. I

Caldwell mi.
Dewhurst ma.
Eyre
Garlick
Glenn
Harris
Russell
Tarte ma.
Tothill ma.
Trimmer
Woodhouse

M.S. II

Bush mi.
Cameron
Chandler
Ellis mi.
Grant mus.
Low
Lucas
MacDiarmid
Reeves
Thomson
Tothill mi.
Urquhart mi.

LOWER SCHOOL

L.S. I	L.S. II
Barclay mi.	Blackman
Brewster	Croft
Dewhirst mi.	Ellis mus.
Edmundson	Henderson
McDougall	Jenkins
Pilling	Pickles
Pritchard	Tarte mi.
Scabrook	
Urquhart ma.	
Yates	

The Prefects appointed at the beginning of the year were : Grant ma. (Head Boy), Caldwell ma., Barclay ma., Davis, Fell, Mackenzie, Fairclough ma., Moss and Virtue. Since July Caldwell ma. has been acting-Head Boy, and in the Third Term de Castro was appointed a Prefect.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR

February :

Wednesday, 8th—Boys returned.

Monday, 13th—"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at the Tudor Theatre in Cambridge.

Shrove Tuesday, 21st—Pancakes for Lunch.

Ash Wednesday, 22nd—Special service.

Thursday, 23rd—Blackberrying expedition after school. Five cars and the School truck went.

Saturday, 25th—First XI v Waikato Diocesan School (away).

March :

Saturday, 4th—First XI v Southwell School (home) and Second XI v Southwell School (away).

Saturday, 11th—Cambridge Show. We spent the whole afternoon there.

Thursday, 16th—Swimming Tournament v Southwell School.

Saturday, 25th—Sports Day.

April :

GOOD FRIDAY, 7th—Many parents here, and a large number of boys went out after Chapel.

Saturday, 8th—Fathers' and Mothers' Cricket Matches.

EASTER SUNDAY, 9th—We were pleased to see several Old Boys at our service.

Saturday, 15th—"Bonzo" performed tricks in the Gym.

Tuesday, 18th—Talk by Sir Albert Ellis about the phosphates of Ocean and Nauru Islands.

Monday, 24th—Choir went to Hamilton to hear the Vienna Mozart Boys' Choir.

Tuesday, 25th—Anzac Day Service. Visit of Viennese boys.

May :

Sunday, 7th—O. C. Chandler, J. C. Chandler, Edgecumbe, Swales, Vosper and Wake came for Chapel and stayed for lunch and the afternoon.

Wednesday, 10th—First Term ended.

Wednesday, 31st—Second Term began.

June :

Saturday, 17th—Mr Fairclough's Movies.

Sunday, 25th—Paul Schramm's Recital.

Thursday, 29th—St. Peter's Day. Whole holiday, with Flag Game.

July :

Saturday, 1st—Meet of Waikato Hunt. First XV v Southwell School (away).

Sunday, 2nd—School Service at St. Andrew's Church.

Saturday, 15th—First XV v Dilworth School (home). Mr Whitney's Movies.

Wednesday, 19th—First XV v King's College Colts (away).

Saturday, 22nd—First XV v Southwell School (home).

Wednesday, 26th—Junior XV v Cambridge (home).

Saturday, 29th—Lieutenant-Commander R. P. Nisbet, R.N.R., spoke about his experiences on the Mystery Ships Farnborough, Pargust and Dunraven.

August :

Wednesday, 2nd—First XV v Cambridge (home).
 Thursday, 3rd—Dress rehearsals for Plays.
 Saturday, 5th—School Plays.
 Sunday, 6th—Archdeacon Hori Raiti preached at Evensong.
 Wednesday, 9th—First XV v Leamington (home).
 Saturday, 12th—Bevan Cup competition.
 Monday, 14th—Boxing competitions started.
 Tuesday, 15th—Boxing Finals.
 Wednesday, 16th—First XV v Cambridge (home).
 Thursday, 17th—Organ Recital by Mr Foster Browne.
 Friday, 18th—We broke up for holidays.

September :

Wednesday, 13th—Returned for Third Term.
 Saturday, 23rd—Hockey XI v Leamington Ladies (home).

October :

Saturday, 7th—Confirmation. Hockey XI v Waikato Diocesan School (away).
 Saturday, 14th—Hockey XI v Cambridge G.F.S. (home).
 Monday, 23rd—Half holiday for Labour Day.
 Saturday, 28th—Gym competitions. Hockey XI v Waikato Diocesan School (home). U.S. II's entertainment.

November :

Saturday, 4th—Banquet.
 Sunday, 5th—Bishop of Ao-tea-roa preached.
 Saturday, 11th—Armistice Day Service. Mrs Grant's and Professor Riddet's Movies.
 Saturday, 18th—First XI v Waikato Diocesan School (home). Dr de Castro's and Mr Horrocks' Movies.
 Saturday, 25th—First XI v King's College Colts (home). "Mirth-makers" presented two plays.

December :

Monday, 4th—Exams. started.
 Wednesday, 6th—Medal-Speaking. First XI v Cambridge Primary School (home).
 Thursday, 7th—School groups photographed.
 Friday, 8th—Exams ended. Election of Prefects for 1940.
 Saturday, 9th—Half-holiday in honour of Fell's Exhibition to Christ's College. First XI v Waikato Diocesan School (away).
 Sunday, 10th—Mr Noel Woodroffe preached in Chapel.
 Monday, 11th—School Picnic. Mrs Pym's Movies, and Lantern Lecture by Mr M. C. Lysons of Waiho Gorge.
 Wednesday, 13th—Choir went to Cambridge Choral Society's Concert.
 Friday, 15th—Old Boys' Day.
 Saturday, 16th—First XI v Staff.
 Sunday, 17th—Carol Service at Evensong.
 Wednesday, 20th—Swimming Sports, Concert and Prize-Giving. Chapel Service brought the year to an end.

CHAPEL NOTES

The Chapel services throughout the year have continued to provide a focal point for the whole life of the School—a rallying point which provides the staff and the boys with a sense of oneness and unity.

During the First Term we had no special visitors. The Rev. J. G. M. Craib preached twice for us during the Second Term, one of these occasions being St. Peter's Day, and also gave a short address on Armistice Day.

On October 1st the Bishop of Waikato confirmed the following boys :

Gordon Logan Caldwell
 Walter Raikes Fell
 Graeme Mackintosh Grant
 John Royden Hooker
 John Charles Peter Land
 Bruce McKenzie Moss
 Hector Goodall Webb.

The Bishop's stirring, manly talks are always appreciated.

Then we had another visit from the Bishop of Ao-tea-roa on November 5th. He gave us a talk on his experiences at the Madras Conference, and interspersed his talk with story and anecdote in a manner that held the boys considerably longer than the accustomed ten minutes.

The School attended St. Andrew's Parish Church within the Octave of St. Peter's Day, when the preacher was the Vicar of Frankton, the Rev. V. A. Bianchi, and again within the Octave of St. Andrew's Day. At the latter service the Rev. Hector Isherwood was the special preacher.

On Sunday, December 10th, Mr Noel Woodroffe of Raetihi preached in Chapel.

The collections have been donated to the following causes : Maori Mission, Melanesian Mission, St. Thomas' Day School, Auckland, C.M.S. Kashmir, India, and to the Chapel Window Fund.

THE CHOIR

During the year the choir has sung the following Anthems :

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
"Brother James' Air"	<i>arr. Gordon Jacob</i>
"God is a Spirit"	<i>Sterndale Bennett</i>
"We Thank Thee, God"	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
"King of Glory"	<i>H. Walford Davies</i>

An innovation was made in the middle of the year, by the introduction of Probationers, who are invested in the first instance with their Cassock only, and who are promoted to full membership of the Surpliced Choir as vacancies occur.

The following are the members of the Choir :

Cantoris :

Gentles
 Grant mus.
 Skerman
 Russell
 Walters
 Rivett-Carnac
 Mackenzie

Decani :

Virtue
 Tothill ma.
 Hooker
 Ibbertson
 Low
 Smale

Probationers :

Land
 Mitchell
 Cameron

Bush ma.
 Harris
 Bush mi.

Altos :

Pym
 Webb
 Farquhar

Tenors :

Mr Hancock
 Mr Gabites

Basses :

The Headmaster
 Mr Gibson

During the year Rivett-Carnac and Tothill ma. have been awarded their Surplices.

The Choir, at the Headmaster's invitation, went in to Hamilton to hear the Concert of the Viennese Choir Boys.

The Choir boys and the Probationers were taken to the Cambridge Choral Society's At Home on December 13th, where they heard Bach's Peasant Cantata and parts of the Messiah. They made themselves most useful handing round food in the Interval, and were delightfully late in getting home to bed.

THE ORGAN

This year the organ has been completed by certain additions. It is felt that many people might be interested in the specification of the organ; it is accordingly printed below, with the additions referred to marked with an asterisk. Mr Foster Browne, organist of Christchurch Cathedral,

came and gave us a recital on the finished instrument. He gave a varied programme which showed off the organ to advantage. After the recital he played a march which he has composed, and dedicated to "the boys of St. Peter's"

SPECIFICATION

Organ built by Lawton and Osborne, Orehunga and Aberdeen.

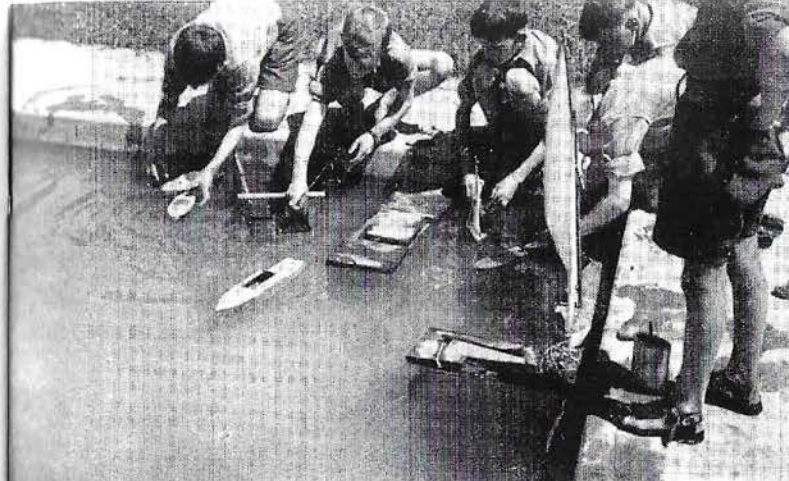
Organ in organ chamber on North side of Chapel.

Console on South side facing organ.

<i>Swell Organ</i>		<i>Great Organ</i>		<i>Choir Organ</i>	
	ft.	Double Diapason	16	Viol d'Orchestre	8
* Bourdon	16	Open Diapason I	8	Salcional	8
Open Diapason	8	*Open Diapason II	8	Wald Flute	8
Lieblich Gedact	8	Dulciana	8	Harmonic Flute	4
Echo Gamba	8	Claribel Flute	8	Clarinet	8
Voix Celeste	8	Principal	4	*Trumpet (unenclosed:	
Gemshorn	4	Suabe Flute	4	from Great)	
Lieblich Flute	4	Twelfth	2 $\frac{2}{3}$		
* Mixture	III	Fifteenth	2		
Horn	8	Trumpet	8		
Oboe	8				
Octave Coupler		<i>Pedal Organ</i>		<i>Couplers</i>	
Sub Octave Coupler		Acoustic Bass	32	Great to Pedal	
		Open Diapason	16	Swell to Pedal	
		Bourdon	16	Choir to Pedal	
		*Bourdon Minor	16	Choir to Great	
		(in Swell box:		Swell to Choir	
		from Bourdon)		Swell to Great	
		Bass Flute	8	Swell Unison off	

Accessories

- 3 Thumb Pistons to Swell Organ
- 3 Thumb Pistons to Great Organ
- 3 Thumb Pistons to Choir Organ
- 3 Toe Pistons to Swell Organ (duplicating Thumb Pistons)
- 3 Toe Pistons to Pedal Organ
- Reversible Toe Piston "Gt. to Ped."
- Balanced Crescendo Pedal to Swell
- Balanced Crescendo Pedal to Choir
- Rocking Tablet for Swell Tremulant
- Rocking Tablet for Choir Tremulant
- Rocking Tablet "Gt. Pistons to Ped. Pistons"
- Mecvent Blower in chamber below organ



BOAT POOL



"BIG YARD"



COMING
OUT OF
CHAPEL

MUSIC

The work of the music classes this year has been good. The Middle School classes are always apt to be held back by a few boys who come here at an advanced age and have not had the necessary grounding in the Lower School.

The Headmaster's gramophone recitals have continued this year, once a week for Upper School II, and once a fortnight for Upper School I and Senior Division. A fair amount of new music has been played, and the following programmes, chosen by ballot at the end of the year, give some indication of the direction in which the tastes of the majority lie.

UPPER SCHOOL II

Trumpet Voluntary	<i>Purcell</i>
Andante from Clock Symphony	<i>Haydn</i>
Rosamunde Ballet Music	<i>Schubert</i>
Children's Overture	<i>Quilter</i>
Blue Danube Waltz	<i>Strauss</i>

UPPER SCHOOL I

Sonata in D	<i>Scarlatti</i>
Figaro Overture	<i>Mozart</i>
Liebesleid	<i>Kreisler</i>
Arab Dance from Nutcracker Suite	<i>Tschaikowsky</i>
Serenade for Strings, first movement	<i>Dvorak</i>
Meistersingers Overture	<i>Wagner</i>

SENIOR DIVISION

Giga and Badinerie	<i>Corelli</i>
Piano Concerto in A	<i>Bach</i>
Cello Concerto, second movement	<i>Dvorak</i>
Scherzo from Pathetic Symphony	<i>Tschaikowsky</i>

The singing classes have had the benefit of Mr Stanford's expert teaching, and the tone has improved out of all recognition, though the singing has perhaps lost something of its old life and rhythm in the process. A much more ambitious choice of music has been possible.

Under Mr Stanford's baton, too, the orchestra has made great strides. It now numbers eleven, and, thanks partly to

the double-bass, is a much more professional-sounding body than it was a year ago. But it is confronted with a serious situation in the future owing to a dearth of young violinists coming on. I hope that more boys in future when they start learning an instrument will think of taking up the violin. The following are the orchestra :

<i>First Violins</i>	<i>Viola</i>
Dr Frank	Mr Broadhurst
Grant mi.	<i>'Cellos</i>
Barclay ma.	Miss Billing
Pym	Webb
<i>Second Violins</i>	<i>Double-Bass</i>
Miss Talbot	Mr Hancock
Smale	
Mackenzie	

Twenty-two boys have been learning the piano, eight the violin, and three the 'cello. Most of these are really keen and have practised well, but there are one or two who have not practised regularly or keenly, and such boys must not expect to get the benefit of lessons in future.

—A. F. B. B.

BEVAN CUP COMPETITION

The competition for the Bevan Cup was held on the morning of Saturday, August 12th. This is a competition for pairs of musicians, but no boy may appear twice in the same capacity. This year an amendment was made to the rules to allow a boy to accompany twice provided the two soloists were doing different things, but this to debar him from taking part in a piano duet. Next year it has been decided to allow the piano duet also. Professor Hollinrake again kindly came to judge. He explained to the audience the part they could play in a competition of this kind by intelligent and sympathetic listening. In giving the results Professor Hollinrake told us that the standard of performance was so much higher than in previous years that he had

had to mark on a lower level : the lower scale of marks indicated a better standard not a worse one. He awarded the Cup to Webb and Farquhar, this being the first time a 'cellist has been in the winning pair.

The following was the programme :

(N.B.—First name is soloist or upper part)

	Marks
Piano Duet: Grant mi. and Hooker	
"The Child Heart" - - - - - Alec Rowley	71
Voice and Piano: Tothill ma. and Webb	
"Cradle Song" - - - - - Schubert	74
Voice and Piano: Smale and Moss	
"Caro Mio Ben" - - - - - Gordiani	76
Violin and Piano: Mackenzie and Skerman	
"Waltz" - - - - - Adam Carse	75
Vocal Duet: Bush mi. and Harris	
"Wiegenlied" - - - - - Mozart	71
Voice and Piano: Grant mi. and Fell	
"The Cavalier" - - - - - Old English	72
Violin and Piano: Grant mi. and Walters	
"La Reine de France" - - - - - Haydn	81
Violin and Piano: Smale and Webb	
"Minuet from Berenice" - - - - - Handel	80
Voice and Piano: Russell and Gentles	
"The Lass of Richmond Hill" - - - - - Old English	73
Voice and Piano: Virtue and Smale	
"Angels ever bright and fair" - - - - - Handel	78
'Cello Duet: Thomson and Chandler	
"Slumber Song" - - - - - A.F.B.B.	78
Violin and Piano: Dewhirst and Fell	
"Waltz" - - - - - Karl Wecker	71
Piano Duet: Harris and Cameron	
"Bavarian Dance" - - - - - John Farrell	74
Voice and Piano: Mackenzie and de Castro	
"Nymphs and Shepherds" - - - - - Purcell	76
Violin and Piano: Barclay ma. and Moss	
"Liebesleid" - - - - - Kreisler	84
'Cello and Piano: Webb and Farquhar	
"La Cinquantaine" - - - - - Gabriel-Marie	87
Voice and Piano: Pym and Davis	
"The Bonny Blue Handkercher" - - - - - arr. Sweeting	78
Violin and Piano: Bell and Searle	
"Free from Care" - - - - - Adam Carse	77
Violin and Piano: Pym and Smale	
"Plaisir d'Amour" - - - - - Martini	79
Voice and Piano: Hooker and Skerman	
"When Daisies Pied" - - - - - Arne	82

- 1.
- CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
- (John Bourne)*
- LOWER SCHOOL II
- Characters:*
- | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Father Christmas | - - - - - | Ellis mus. |
| Jack Frost | - - - - - | McDougall |
| Big Cracker | - - - - - | Gentles |
| Little Crackers | - Blackman, Croft, Henderson, | Tarte mi. |
- Scene:* The window of a toy-shop.
- 2.
- GINGER AND SANDY
- LOWER SCHOOL I
- Characters:*
- | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Ginger | - - - - - | Brewster |
| Sandy | - - - - - | Barclay mi. |
| Fuss-Fuss | - - - - - | MacDiarmid |
| Fluffy | - - - - - | Bush mi. |
| Tom | - - - - - | Edmundson |
| Mrs. Tabby | - - - - - | Yates |
| Snowball | - - - - - | Pritchard |
| Smuts | - - - - - | Seabrook |
- Scene:* A village.
- 3.
- THE ROAD-MAKERS
- (L. du Garde Peach)*
- UPPER SCHOOL I
- Characters:*
- | | | |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1st Legionary | - - - - - | Grant mi. |
| 2nd Legionary | - - - - - | de Castro |
| Centurion | - - - - - | Webb |
| Marcus | - - - - - | Hooker |
| Flavius | - - - - - | Farquhar |
| A Briton | - - - - - | Virtue |
| 3rd Legionary | - - - - - | Caldwell ma. |

General - - - - - Pym
Legionaries - - - - - Black, Pym

Scene 1: A Roman Camp.

Scene 2: The top of a hill.

Scene 3: A river bank.

4. PUSS IN BOOTS
(Rodney Bennett)
MIDDLE SCHOOL II

Characters:

Miller - - - - - Ellis mi.
Tom } his sons - - - - - Low
Will } Williams
Tim } Grant mus.
Cat - - - - - Thomson
King - - - - - Cameron
Courtier - - - - - Lucas
Princess - - - - - Tothill mi.
Courtiers and Ladies - Low, Urquhart mi., Chandler, Williams
Ogre - - - - - Ellis mi.

Scene 1: Outside the Mill.

Scene 2: The King's Palace.

Scene 3: A stone bridge over a river.

Scene 4: Farther along the road.

INTERVAL

5. UNCLEVER HANS
(Rodney Bennett)

Characters:

Mother - - - - - Bush ma.
Peggy } her children - - - - - Harris
Hans } Caldwell mi.
Fritz } Barton
George } Tarte ma.
Footman - - - - - Glenn
Lord Chamberlain - - - - - Russell
Courtier - - - - - Eyre
Princess - - - - - Tothill ma.
King - - - - - Bell
Lady - - - - - Trimmer
Cook - - - - - Woodhouse
Huntsman - - - - - Dewhirst

Scene 1: Inside the Mother's Cottage.

Scene 2: The King's Palace.

6. KING ALFRED AND THE CAKES
(L. du Garde Peach)

SENIOR DIVISION

Characters:

Wife - - - - - Mackenzie
Cadoc, a British peasant - - - - - Fairclough ma.
King Alfred - - - - - Smale
Oric } Danes - - - - - Davis
Erik } Moss
Hrorsa } Fell
Aedgar, one of Alfred's Earls - - - - - Barclay ma.

Scene 1: The interior of Cadoc's Hut.

Scene 2: The Fens outside.

Scene 3: The interior of Cadoc's Hut.

7. WHITEWASHING THE FENCE
(from Mark Twain)
UPPER SCHOOL II

Characters:

Aunt Polly - - - - - Walters
Tom Sawyer - - - - - Bloomfield
Sid - - - - - Searle
Ben Rogers - - - - - Horrocks
Billy - - - - - Ibbertson
Johnny - - - - - Fairclough mi.
Joe - - - - - Rivett-Carnac
Harry - - - - - Mitchell
Dick - - - - - Land

Scene 1: Aunt Polly's living room.

Scene 2: The fence on the street.

Scene 3: Aunt Polly's living room.

Lower School II, being too young to study drama, made a late choice of their play, Christmas Crackers, and unhampered by any thoughts of first having to get on matey terms with their Muse leaped straight into the action. They were very good, especially Ellis mus. and McDougall, and the staging was the prettiest of all the plays.

Lower School I all masqueraded as excellent cats, but their piece, although comical, was slightly inadequate. It

was perfectly well acted, but the cats lost reality through having to use an entrepreneur.

Upper School I presented *The Road-Makers*, by L. du Garde Peach, a play with lines quite lovely in the reading, but difficult to sustain in the acting without a kind of pervading tiredness. Marcus and Flavius acted intelligently but drearily, although one heard every word they said, and Pym, as a spectacular general, entered just in time to redeem the now somewhat stilted philosophy by a speech of a more delicately emotional kind.

Middle School II mastered their little play, *Puss in Boots*, and gave a smooth performance. The action was gay, and Thomson as Puss was one of the most convincing actors of the evening. All the parts were gracefully played.

Unclever Hans, by Middle School II, was a charming play with a romantic court scene and most pleasant conversation. Caldwell played Hans with the right degree of vague insouciance and sustained the part well, but he spoke imperfectly, the words at times fading out altogether. Tothill as the Princess and Bell as the King stood out as most arresting figures amid the general splendour.

Much was expected of Senior Division as they are actors of some experience, so that one was at first surprised to find them doing variations upon one of the less intellectual nursery themes. But *King Alfred and the Cakes*, by L. du Garde Peach, is a witty and vigorous little play and was acted cleverly. As the Wife, Mackenzie nagged all over the stage to good purpose, although perhaps a shade too enthusiastically, but she was a likeable shrew. Smale, reluctant and quiet, offset her well, and Davis played a small but difficult part competently. The play was spirited, and its cast had the appearance of being pleasantly sure of what it was going to do and say next.

In *White-washing the Fence*, presented by Upper School II, the speeches were so nice and clear that they were a

pleasure to listen to, but they did not quite make up for the fact that the play, a conversation piece, did not progress fast enough, and for this reason the programme ended rather flatly. At the rise of curtain Walters, as Aunt Polly, was discovered showing an unmistakable likeness to Sister and this endeared him to his audience from the start, but this first excitement was not sustained. Now and again too there was a tendency towards reciting at the audience instead of natural speaking among the characters themselves, but at least the reciting was never blurred, and every one of the cast proved himself ready for a more sophisticated play.

Lighting and staging were so well done throughout as to appear effortless, and the dressing of all the plays was the evening's topic of conversation.

UPPER SCHOOL II PLAYS

Upper School II and the Orchestra combined to give a satisfying evening on October 28th. The Orchestra had no critics, so welcome was its long-deferred debut. It has always been the shyest of our performers. Its music proved apt at adjusting our mood for the two plays.

PROGRAMME

THE WOODEN SHOES

(Rodney Bennett)

Characters:

Rembrandt, a schoolboy	-	-	-	-	-	Fairclough
His father, a prosperous miller	-	-	-	-	-	Gentles
Mina, Rembrandt's cousin	-	-	-	-	-	Land
Uncle, Mina's father	-	-	-	-	-	Horrocks
Mynheer Speelberg, a schoolmaster	-	-	-	-	-	Bush ma.
Mynheer Swanenburch, an artist	-	-	-	-	-	Bloomfield

Scene: A room in Rembrandt's home on the Walls of Leyden.

Time: About 1616.

(Manager: Horrocks)

INTERVAL

TREASURE TROVE

(Based on a Story by Elizabeth Clark)

Characters:

Jacob Pigginpound, a farmer	- - - - -	Ibbertson
Martha Pigginpound, his wife	- - - - -	Searle
William Winklestrop, their neighbour	- - - - -	Bell
The Pedlar	- - - - -	Mitchell

Scene 1: The Pigginpounds' kitchen one afternoon in June.

Scene 2: The same, a year later.

(Manager: Ibbertson)

Helped by the Orchestra and by most rare dressing the players were able to make us feel something of the placid warmth of Leyden in the early seventeenth century. The performance of The Wooden Shoes was at times slightly austere, as the actors did not move easily nor did they use their voices to advantage. Most of them spoke on the same high-pitched insistent notes which now and again became monotonous. Nevertheless the action did not lag and the audience was entirely sympathetic to the worried young Rembrandt. Gentles was good as the father, but a heavier make-up might have been more suitable for him. Bush ma. and Bloomfield were admirable, and Land and Horrocks very right in their parts.

In the second play, Treasure Trove, there were no faults in speaking and much pleasant variation in the players' voices. The play itself was probably an easier one for the actors. Searle proved a loving little wife and was happily cast. Ibbertson too was natural and cheerful as Jacob Pigginpound, and Mitchell and Bell were both convincing as the pedlar and Winklestrop. Mitchell's voice off was invaluable, and it says much for the actors that none of us found the appearance of a fairy on-stage too much to accept. The fairy incident was perfectly done.

The Orchestra played Handel's March from Scipio and Musette before The Wooden Shoes, and the Ballet Music and Entr'acte from Rosamunde by Schubert before Treasure Trove.

In the Interval a collection was taken for the funds of the Red Cross Society, and £7 11s. 8½d. was collected.

THE MIRTHMAKERS

Partly to entertain the visiting King's College Colts Cricket team, and partly to raise money for the National Patriotic Fund, the boys of the Red Dormitory and Crows' Nest combined to put on two plays on Saturday, November 25th. The collection totalled £11 11s. 0d. The programme was :

OLD MOORE'S ALMANAC

(John Pearmain)

Lady Dullas Ditchwater	Mackenzie
Sir John Ditchwater	Smale
Daisy Dimple	Pym
Algernon Ditchwater	Ellis ma.
Evelyn Tent	Bush ma.
Announcer	Russell

Scene: The ancestral hall of the Ditchwaters, overlooking a race-course.

SHOOT!

(Barbara Watts)

Mac	Webb
Sandy	Rivett-Carnac
Ginger	Ibbertson
Stinker	Skerman
Horace	Land
The Stranger	Davis
George	Grant mi.
The Boss	Barclay ma.
Men	Hooker, Moss

Scene: The cellar of a house in a seaside town.

(Stage and Curtains: Moss
Electrician: Virtue)

The Mirthmakers aspired only to amuse and were completely successful, their audience becoming wildly appreciative at every sally. In the farce, Old Moore's Almanac,

Mackenzie, Smale, and Pym were a startling and fascinating trio – Mackenzie, as the too-refined and acidly-spoken hostess, a pillar of society draped in a kind of Tahitian-skirt, Smale, the melancholy baronet full of dreamy reference to his college “fiend,” and Pym, all wisps of chiffon, a ravishing creature reminding one of all the too-yellow blondes one had met or lived in hopes of meeting. These stars were helped by Ellis ma. a cheerful and inconsequent lover, and Bush ma. a beautiful adventuress unwillingly tied to a life of crime. The farce was a splendidly acted piece.

The play, Shoot, was a new version of an old theme. We were promised a gang of pirates and fobbed off as usual with a bevy of cinema actors, photographers, and producers. But the audience was mollified by the appearance of Barclay ma. superb in a tropic suit and accompanied by other elegant gentlemen. Davis, as a pseudo-pirate, gave us an excellent sketch, the best in the play, and was well-supported by Grant mi. Among the junior gangsters, Skerman was the most amusing, but all spoke lucidly and all were humorous.

ENTERTAINMENTS

We continued our membership of the Visual Education Association during the first and second terms this year, and had our regular screenings of films in the Gymnasium every three or four weeks. There were thirty-two reels shown altogether, the subjects being very varied. Eight of the films were of New Zealand, six were of Canada, and the majority of the others showed places and occupations in other parts of the world. Some, on the other hand, were more industrial in character, the best being ones of making pencils and printing books. There were films planned to improve Road Safety, and to teach beginners to swim; “How Our Eyes Deceive Us” was of interest to the Science classes, and “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” amused the smaller members of the school.

Visitors also provided us with much entertainment. On his return from Europe, Mr W. A. Fairclough showed a graphic film of the trip from Sydney to Croydon by Imperial Airways, which he had filmed entirely in colour. There were also numerous scenes in England and in Germany. An outstanding film of a goitre operation at the Mater Hospital in Auckland brought the evening to a close. On the night of the Dilworth Football match in the second term, Mr J. C. Whitney showed a number of films which he had brought up with him, these including several Charlie Chaplin and Mickey Mouse reels. In the third term, Mrs R. M. Grant lent us several reels of film she had taken in India, and they proved of great interest to Upper School. Other films were borrowed from Mrs J. Pym, Professor W. Riddet, Dr L. R. de Castro and Mr L. M. Horrocks, which were also very much appreciated.

SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES

CAMERA CLUB

In this, the fourth year of the Camera Club, there has been a greatly increased membership, and a much keener interest in the work of the Club. During the year there have been forty-two members, well over half the School, and most of these became proficient enough to do their own developing and printing. One reason for this record number of members was the purchase of an Enlarger at the beginning of the year. This was not a new machine, but is in wonderfully good condition, and has been put to a great amount of use already. There have been regular enlarging demonstrations, and our technique has improved from week to week. Grant ma. in the first two terms, and Eyre, Moss and Smale also in the third term, made themselves very useful in the Dark Room, chiefly in instructing new members in the use of the apparatus. A competition early in the third term was won by Skerman, Glenn being second and Moss third out of nineteen entrants. Another competition,

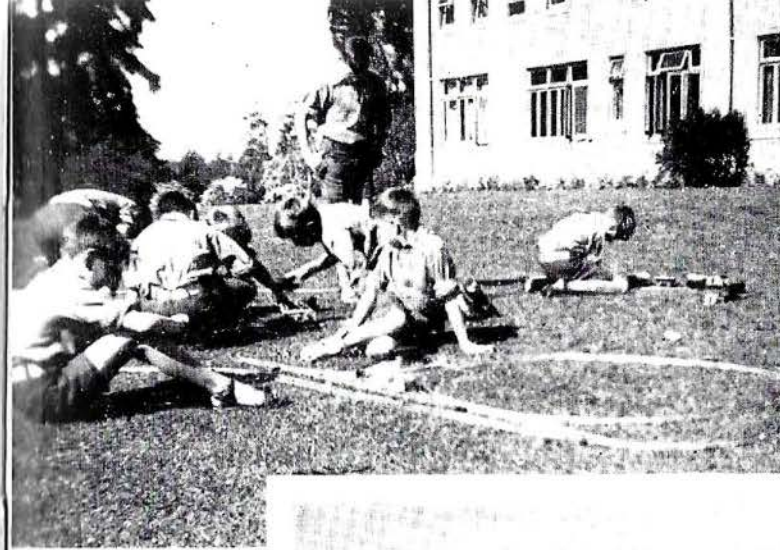
at the end of the year, was for photos suitable for illustrations in the Chronicle. Horrocks came first, Bush ma. second, and Gentles third. The two winning photos are printed opposite.

CARPENTRY

Carpentry classes were held throughout the winter term, there being twenty-five boys who learnt, some of them for the first time. Ten boys were able to come twice a week, and so considerable progress was made during the term. Six models were selected for the classes to make, these being graded so that more difficult tools would be introduced with each model. Some of the boys were able to complete only two models in the ten or eleven lessons they had, but the rapid workers finished all six, and even spent their spare time making letter-files for sale to members of the staff! These more proficient carpenters were Bush ma., Caldwell ma., Dewhirst ma., Glenn, Mackenzie and Walters, and a very pleasing fact to record is that the work of most of these boys was very neatly and accurately finished, their speed not being attained through any sacrifice of care. Others whose work deserves mention were de Castro, Grant mus., Harris, Lucas, Mitchell, Skerman and Tothill ma. The work in the Carpentry shop was made much easier, and a large amount of time was saved, by providing each boy with a bench-block on which to saw and plane, and also a small wooden kit in which he kept his saw, plane, square, gauge and chisels all ready for use.

CYCLING

The provision of fine new bicycle sheds in the bay between the Art Room and the Science Room made it possible for us to keep our cycles in a much more central place and to look after them more easily, the result being that even more enthusiasm was shown in cycling than in other years. When spaces were provided for over fifty bicycles we thought that it would be a long time before all the places were filled, but



HORNBY TRAINS
R.T.B.

HOCKEY



MODEL YACHTS
S.G.H.

by the Third Term there was not one vacant space. Now that there are more and better roads in the School grounds themselves, there have not been so many outings, but all the same we have managed to have several good long rides to surrounding places of interest. Two rides, both over twenty miles, were held in the Third Term, the first to Whitehall by way of Karapiro and back over French Pass, and the second to the aerodrome at Rukuhia, going through Cambridge first and returning via Tamahere. On each of these outings there were about twenty cyclists, and there have been even greater numbers on some of the shorter rides when preference is given to the more junior members of the School. In the Third Term, Senior Division cycled to Matangi where they were shown over the Dairy Factory, and had explained to them the making of condensed milk. We should not let this occasion pass without mention of the very efficient Rapid-Repair Company, run by Bell and Trimmer, which has been formed to look after the bicycles – for a small charge ! – and to congratulate those who run the company on their clever thought and businesslike activity.

BOAT CLUB

During both the summer terms of this year sailing boats of all kinds has been a very popular out-of-door pastime. Early in the First Term races for all kinds of boats were held. These resulted in Bloomfield winning the title of the fastest "Racer" in the pool. Seabrook and Land made a good race with their large yachts, Seabrook being the winner.

In the Second Term the Boat Pool had to be put out of bounds on account of work on a nearby piece of ground. In spite of this fact, during that term a useful Boat Repair Co. was formed.

There are about thirty members, and many of these have made floating docks, wharves, etc., in their spare time. It has been quite noticeable that whereas at the beginning of the year the large majority of the craft on the pool were

clockwork motorboats, yet towards the end of the year yachts have been far more popular.

—J. R. H.

GARDENS

The gardens this year were not properly laid out until the Third Term, as the grass on the new Bank was still too new. When the Bank had been finished the gardens were remade, and all eight are now occupied, with the gardeners very busy indeed to make up for lost time. We have a very convenient shed for our tools in the new Boathouse, and the tools themselves have been supplemented with new ones.

In the middle of the Third Term Mr E. W. Yates kindly presented a Challenge Cup to be held by the owners of the Best Garden each year. This year there were several different judgings spread out over a period, and the cup went to Bush mi., Edmundson, McDougall, Russell, Seabrook and Yates.

—I. M. D.

MECCANO CLUB

Building Meccano models and running Hornby trains are two hobbies of never-flagging interest to boys. Especially during the winter term the Meccano Room was always occupied during spare time, the workers being much younger boys than in previous years. When the summer term came round again, trains still continued to be so popular that layouts were made on the side lawns and on the paths, and the owners of trains found great fun working in the open air.

MODEL AEROPLANES

There has not been much aeroplane building throughout the first and second terms, but the few boys who have made models regularly are very enthusiastic. In the Third Term there was a great demand for small gliders, over ninety being sold, and it was great fun to have fights with these on

the Quad. There were also a few Advanced Gliders, and their performances were most satisfactory.

The high-light of the year was an outing on March 12th when a car-load of boys went to Mr Penniket's farm where a large plane meet was being held. There was a great number of different sorts of planes, the chief attraction being several beautiful petrol models of all colours. We watched with keen interest the 9 ft gas jobs roaring up to the heavens. Time switches cut off the engine at a certain set time and the big models glided down. Once we had a great thrill when a yellow petrol-model took off and the time-switch did not work! The model soared up and up and was presently lost to sight.

Later Mr Broadhurst took us to the Rukuhia aerodrome and while we inspected the planes in the hangar he flew over the swamp where the plane had been lost. He took bearings of where it was lodged in a tree, and returned to the 'drome, and we all motored out a side road to the swamp. Then after a great struggle through blackberry and gorse we found the plane, unhooked its wings, and carried it back to the car. In an hour it was safe in its owner's hands. We are very grateful to Mr Penniket for inviting us over, for we had a most exciting day.

—R. G. K. de C.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

VISIT OF THE VIENNA CHOIR

The boys of the Vienna Mozart Boys' Choir were guests of the School on Tuesday, April 25th. They arrived in time for lunch, and each of the 22 boys was taken in charge by a St. Peter's host of the same age. After lunch they sang to us in the Gym, and then played us at Soccer. There was not very much time after the game before an early tea, as they had to catch a train to Wellington. Before they boarded their bus they sang us a delightful farewell.

This was a memorable day. It was the first time that any of our boys had met foreigners, and the obvious enjoyment of everyone, in spite of almost an entire lack of the means of communication, was worth reams of theory on international relations. Dr and Mrs Frank alone were able really to understand the Austrian boys, and much of the success of the day was due to them.

MEET OF WAIKATO HUNT AT ST. PETER'S

1st JULY, 1939

At half-past eleven the hunt began. Hounds plunged into the Kahikateas and soon we heard them giving tongue. We were on a nice little rise in the ground, in between the two Kahikateas, and soon we saw "puss" as the hare was called, coming towards the little Kahikateas. Then we saw hounds in full cry tracing the scent towards the little Kahikateas. Bu puss ran out of the Kahikateas, and hounds soon came after her, as she ran towards the river bank. We followed quite slowly, and soon found a spot where we could watch the hunt. We caught momentary glimpses of hounds, and heard them giving tongue, but otherwise we saw or heard nothing; and as it was getting on towards lunch-time, Mr Broadhurst decided that we had better go up and get ready for lunch. We had nearly reached the school, when we saw hounds in full cry, running up the boundary towards the Kahikateas. We could not see puss, but we had a good idea that she was going back to the Kahikateas. Sure enough she did. And she also did the same old dodge, through the little Kahikateas and down back to the river bank, where she was eventually caught and killed.

-S. G. H.

SCHOOL PICNIC

On Monday the 11th of December the School went to the Okauia Hot Springs near Matamata for the annual School Picnic. There were two buses, one for the Dark

Blues and the other for the Light Blues. On arriving at Okauia everybody had a swim straight away. The high diving board and the chute were very popular, and there was always someone using them. After the swim there was free time until lunch at 12.30. As the weather was rainy, lunch could not be had out of doors, and so everybody went into an old hall that stood just near the swimming baths. After lunch the Headmaster read to all the boys. After this there was free time again, and anybody who wanted to play a game of baseball did so. Some boys who had brought golf-clubs played on the Matamata Links nearby. At 3 p.m. there was another swim, and after afternoon tea in the hall at 4.30 everyone lined up to be inspected to make sure that nothing had been lost. After a happy day everybody was glad to get to bed that night.

-J. A. M.

DARK AND LIGHT BLUES

On Sunday, March 12th, a meeting was held in the Library to make the draws allotting the new boys to the Dark and Light Blue Teams. The results were :

DARK BLUES	LIGHT BLUES
Senior (over 12 on June 1st):	
Woodhouse	Harris
Middle (over 10 and under 12 on June 1st):	
Tarte ma.	Reeves
Junior (under 10 on June 1st):	
Barclay mi.	Pritchard
Brewster	Tarte mi.
Henderson	

A further drawing was necessary in the Third Term, resulting :

DARK BLUES	LIGHT BLUES
Senior:	
Junior:	Garlick
Blackman	Croft
Dewhurst mi.	Jenkins

ATHLETIC SPORTS

SPORTS TRAINING

Cricket was temporarily suspended and Sports Training began on March 7th after school. On that afternoon Mr Broadhurst took a complete series of Movies of the various groups of boys practising sprinting, starting, hurdling and jumping. The film was rushed off to catch the mail for Wellington, and on the Saturday evening, four days later, it was screened in the Gymnasium so that we could watch our own action on the screen, and so have plenty of time to make corrections in style, if necessary. Other Movies were taken during the following fortnight, and these were shown at different times.

On March 17th we had a most interesting visit from Mr Colin Robinson, the National 220 yards Champion. It was particularly fortunate that his visit should come at a time when we were busy training for the Sports. He spoke to us on the field and illustrated his talk by most useful practical demonstrations. He dealt mainly with starting and sprinting. After his talk Mr Robinson ran two races; 100 yards against Mr Lenton and the Instructor, and 220 yards against Mr Gabites, the Instructor and Mr Fell. Mr Robinson's times were 10 seconds and 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds.

SPORTS DAY

Saturday, March 25th, the Sports Day to which everyone had been looking forward, dawned beautifully fine, and as the day wore on it turned out to be the most successful and enjoyable day we have ever had for a Sports meeting.

The new Red Path along the top of the bank was lined with parents and friends some time before 11.30 a.m., when the events began. Once again everything was kept very much up to time, boys presenting themselves on their marks without any fuss or delay. The loud-speakers kept everyone informed of the results and the positions of points for the

Whitney Cup. There were the usual less formal events for the Teaching Staff, Domestic Staff, and Agricultural Staff. At short notice there were added to the Programme a Tug-o'-war for the Fathers, and Races for the Mothers, the Sisters, and the small Brothers.

Performances were quite equal to those of previous years. Four records were broken during the day: by Grant ma. in the Senior Broad Jump, by Davis in the Senior 220 yards, by Farquhar in the Middle High Jump, and by Horrocks in the Middle 180 yards. The Whitney Cup was won by the Dark Blues, who took the lead from the very first non-handicap event, and who maintained and increased their lead throughout the day. The Tasman Smith Cup for the boy scoring most points for his team was won by Davis.

The results are summarised below:

Senior:

- 100 yards (1938, J. G. Whitney, 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.)—Davis, 1; Barclay ma., 2; Grant ma., 3. Time, 13 secs.
- 220 yards (1936, L. P. Ellis, 30 secs. 1937, W. N. Vosper, 30 secs.)—Davis, 1; Barclay ma., 2; Fairclough ma., 3. Time, 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. Record.
- 100 yards Hurdles (1937, P. A. Gardner and W. N. Vosper, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.)—Davis, 1; Barclay ma., 2; de Castro, 3. Time, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
- Broad Jump (1936, L. P. Ellis, 14 ft.)—Grant ma., 1; Davis, 2; Fairclough ma., 3. Distance, 14 ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Record.
- High Jump (1936, L. P. Ellis, 4 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.)—Fairclough ma., 1; Grant ma., 2; Webb, 3. Height, 4 ft 3 ins.

Middle:

- 100 yards (1938, V. J. Larner, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.)—Horrocks, 1; Rivett-Carnac, 2; Urquhart ma., 3. Time, 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.
- 180 yards (1938, V. J. Larner, 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.)—Horrocks, 1; Rivett-Carnac, 2; Farquhar and Glenn, 3 (equal). Time, 26 secs. Record.
- 100 yards Hurdles (1937, I. M. Davis, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.)—Horrocks, 1; Farquhar, 2; Land, 3. Time, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
- Broad Jump (1938, V. J. Larner, 12 ft 6 ins.)—Land, 1; Rivett-Carnac, 2; Horrocks, 3. Distance, 11 ft 4 ins.
- High Jump (1937, J. M. Grant, 3 ft 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.)—Farquhar, 1; Glenn and Horrocks, 2 (equal). Height, 4 ft. Record.

Junior:

100 yards (1938, Q. F. Pilling, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.)—Barclay mi., 1; Tothill mi., 2; Edmundson, 3. Time, 15 secs.

140 yards (1937, D. A. Farquhar, 20 secs.)—Barclay mi., 1; Tothill mi., 2; Williams, 3. Time, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

100 yards Hurdles (1936, V. J. Larner, 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.)—Barclay mi., 1; Williams, 2; Tothill mi., 3. Time, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

Broad Jump (1936, V. J. Larner, 11 ft 6 ins.)—Barclay mi., 1; Edmundson, 2; Tothill mi., 3. Distance, 10 ft 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

High Jump (1937, D. A. Farquhar, 3 ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.)—Barclay mi., 1; Ellis mi., 2; Williams, 3. Height, 3 ft 2 ins.

Handicaps:

75 yards Junior—Tothill mi. (3 yds), 1; Barclay mi. (scr), 2; Edmundson (3 yds), 3.

100 yards Middle—Horrocks (scr), 1; Chandler (6 yds), 2; Lucas (6 yds), 3.

120 yards Senior—de Castro (4 yds), 1; Fairclough ma. (3 yds), 2; Eyre (7 yds), 3.

School Handicap, 150 yards—Tothill ma. (16 yds), 1; Eyre (12 yds), 2; Urquhart mi. (13 yds), 3.

120 yards, Agricultural Staff—Mr Watts (4 yds), 1; Mr Lynds (6 yds), 2; Mr Andrews (4 yds), 3.

100 yards, Domestic Staff—Miss Joyce Watts (2 yds), 1; Miss Violet Wright (2 yds), 2; Miss Stella McKillop (scr), 3.

100 yards, Teaching Staff—Mr Lenton (4 yds), 1; Mr Gabites (scr), 2; Dr Frank (scr), 3.

Relays, etc.:

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

Tug-o'-war—Light Blues, 1.

Potato Relay, Juniors—Dark Blues, 1.

Sack Race, 50 yards, Middles—Bush ma., 1; Horrocks, 2; Reeves, 3.

4-Legged Race, 50 yards, Seniors—de Castro, Grant mi. and Ibbertson, 1.

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

Fathers' Tug-o'-war—Light Blue Fathers, 1.

Mothers' Race—Mrs Edmundson, 1; Mrs Pickles, 2; Mrs Skerman, 3.

Brothers' Race—Roger Dewhirst, 1; Murray Glenn, 2; Ian Urquhart, 3.

Sisters' Race—Tiki Pickles, 1; Virginia Caldwell, 2; Jill Pym, 3.

Challenge Cups:

Whitney Cup—Dark Blues, 361 points; Light Blues, 219 points.

Tasman Smith Cup—Davis, 90 points. Barclay mi., runner-up, 75 points.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

After Easter, when cricket was over, the ground was too hard to begin Rugger. So we played Soccer. This was tremendously popular and will probably become an annual event. Unfortunately there are no other teams to play matches against. This year, however, we were able to have a match against the boys of the Vienna Mozart Choir when they came here for the day. Both teams benefited by this match: we learnt from them much about ball-control and tactics, while possibly we taught them something of combination and team-work. They won 3-1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

We started the 1939 season with twelve of the previous year's team, but unfortunately Grant ma. and Ibbertson were unable to play, which reduced the strength of the outsides. However after many changes the back line proved to be quite successful both in attack and defence.

The forwards, although a very light pack, always played a very keen game and managed to hold their own with much heavier packs.

Again we thank the Cambridge Primary School, who provided us with excellent practice on Wednesday afternoons.

Saturday, July 1st

v. Southwell School (away). Lost, 0-34.

Unfortunately we were unable to play two teams owing to 'flu. The First XV played on a very heavy ground and the conditions were none too good.

St. Peter's forwards played a great game against a very much heavier pack, and they held their own till the final stages of the game.

The handling of the outsides was good, particularly that of the Southwell first five-eighths, but the most striking feature of the game was the very sound tackling of the St. Peter's XV, which time after time saved them from being beaten by a larger score.

Saturday, July 15th

v. Dilworth School (home). Lost 0—24.

St. Peter's were on the defence all through the first half and seemed to lack thrust and spirit. Dilworth's backs were faster off the mark and some of their passing movements were very good.

During the second half St. Peter's forwards played a much better game, but our backs were too slow on to the ball and weak in defence.

Wednesday, July 19th

v. King's College Colts (away). Lost, 0—13.

This was a very keen and even game. Both packs were very well matched and played good football.

The play was very open, and St. Peter's only just failed to cross the line in the first half. King's went over for a try which was converted.

King's were attacking most of the second half, but the St. Peter's defence play was good, particularly the tackling of the backs. King's crossed the line only twice, one try being converted. This game was by far the best that the First XV played.

Saturday, July 22nd

v. Southwell School (home). Lost 0—24.

The return match with Southwell was played under perfect conditions. The sides were very much better matched, and the game was very exciting to watch.

The first half was not so interesting as the second, owing to the lack of thrust and determination to get on to the ball by the St. Peter's outsides. However the second half proved to be more successful, and St. Peter's were unlucky not to score. The Southwell backs combined well and seized opportunities where our backs failed.

Wednesday, August 2nd

v. Cambridge Primary School (home). Lost 5—14.

The first of our annual matches played against Cambridge was a very close and even game. The play was fast and the Cambridge backs combined well. St. Peter's forwards played a very good game, and some of their rushes proved to be of great help, our outsides once or twice only just failing to score. Davis scored the try for St. Peter's from his own twenty-five line. He ran through the defence and scored under the posts, Caldwell ma. converting.

Wednesday, August 9th

v. Leamington School (home). Won, 27—3.

The annual match against Leamington was a win for St. Peter's.

Both the forwards and backs played excellent football. Credit must be given to the backs, who for the first time combined and passed the ball to definite advantage.

Leamington were at a disadvantage in having a smaller team than usual, but they played hard all through the game and thoroughly deserved the try they scored at the close of the game. St. Peter's scorers were, Barclay ma. (3), Davis (2), Grant mi. (1), Horrocks (1), Fairclough ma. converting three.

Wednesday, August 16th

v. Cambridge Primary School (home). Lost, 3—12.

Owing to the very heavy ground in Cambridge our return match had to be played on our ground. Again this was a very even game and the backs of both sides played well. The St. Peter's outsides did some very fine passing movements which were unlucky in not gaining success.

Cambridge had the advantage in the forwards, being a heavier pack, but the St. Peter's forwards worked hard and they had one or two excellent rushes.

Davis scored the try for St. Peter's, running from the half-way to score under the posts.

COLOURS

By the end of the season those who had been awarded colours were :

Caldwell ma. (capt.) ex officio; Barclay ma., Davis, de Castro, Dewhurst, Fairclough ma., Fell, Grant mi., Rivett-Carnac, Walters, Webb.

Others who had games for the First XV were :

Bloomfield, Bush ma., Fairclough mi., Horrocks, Moss, Pym, Skerman, Virtue.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Football in the Junior Club this year showed great promise. So long as this keenness is maintained, Rugby at St. Peter's should be good.

Everyone did his best and the results have been most pleasing—in both the forwards and the backs we have improved tremendously. The forwards have learnt to pack low, dribble the ball and follow up fast, while towards the end of the season the backs showed what they could do in the way of passing rushes and solid tackling and defence.

A game was played against a Junior team from Cambridge on July 16th. Conditions were cold and windy, but the game was played hard from the beginning. There was no score, and this was a fair indication of the play.

A game against Southwell and a second game against Cambridge had to be cancelled because a number of the team were having an enforced holiday in the Sick Room. It is to be hoped that next year we will be able to play these games.

Apart from that, the 1939 season was quite one of our most enjoyable and successful.

HOCKEY

The standard of play has again greatly improved this year. It would almost be true to say that the Senior Club started where they left off last year. The Middle and Junior Clubs have been playing some good hockey, and this augurs well for the future.

Matches played :

Saturday, September 23rd

v. Leamington Ladies (home). Drew, 6 all.

This was a very even game. Our XI played very well for so early in the season, and at half-time we were one goal ahead with the score 3—2. Our opponents were fast and put up a very determined defence. Towards the end they had the better of the game. Final score 6 all.

Saturday, October 7th

v. Waikato Diocesan School (away). Lost, 2—3.

Played in a drizzle, which made the grass slippery. We scored almost from the first bully. Our combination was good, and we looked like having an easy win. Half-time score 2—0. In the second half Diocesan improved and we showed signs of fatigue. On two occasions a single player broke through and scored. The final score was 3—2 in favour of Diocesan.

We had the best of the game and were in their circle much of the time. Their goal-keeper is chiefly responsible for the score not being heavily the other way.

Saturday, October 14th

v. Cambridge G.F.S. (home). Won, 4—1.

Played in ideal weather. The G.F.S. team was better than their team last year, yet we had the best of the game all the time. At half-time the score was 1—0 in our favour. In the first minute of the second half the G.F.S. scored their only goal. The final score was 4—1 in our favour.

Saturday, October 28th

v. Waikato Diocesan School (home). Lost, 2—4.

We had all looked forward to this game, and there had been some very keen practice. Our XI, and especially the forwards, had improved tremendously. We soon found that our opponents had also greatly improved. The result was a really good and fast game. Diocesan scored twice near the beginning, and at half-time the score was 3—1. In the second half each side scored one goal, the final score being 4—2 against us. Considering the age and long practice of our opponents, this was a creditable performance.

The following were the final First XI :

Goal: Walters.

Backs: Virtue, de Castro.

Halves: Farquhar, Barclay ma., Caldwell mi.

Forwards: Davis, Grant mi., Caldwell ma. (Capt.), Rivett-Carnac, Ibbertson.

Other who played in some of the games were: Bloomfield, Bush ma., Fell and Moss.

On the last day of the hockey season, November 4th, Dark Blues played Light Blues in all three Clubs. The results were :

Senior	---	---	---	---	5 all
Middle	---	---	---	---	Light Blues 6—5
Junior	---	---	---	---	Dark Blues 9—8

The senior game provided the best game of hockey yet seen on our ground, and showed how much individual skill and combination have improved this year.

CRICKET

SENIOR CLUB

This year the club has shown great keenness and enthusiasm. Both the batting and fielding have been very good throughout the season. The weakest point is our bowling, but with special practice at the nets there will be some promising bowlers for the future, provided they don't forget to bowl for length and accuracy and not for speed.

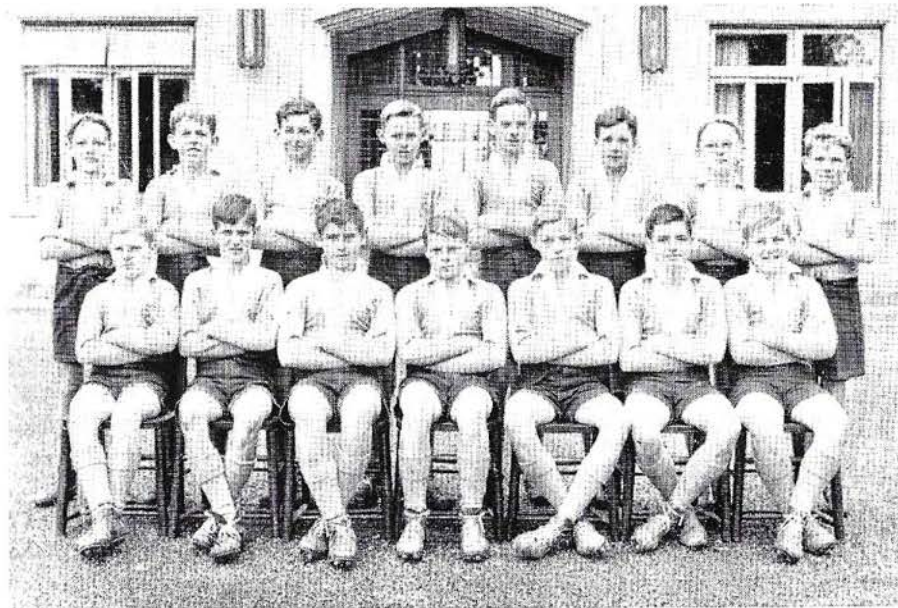
FIRST XI MATCHES

Saturday, February 25th

v. Waikato Diocesan School (away). Lost by 4 wickets.

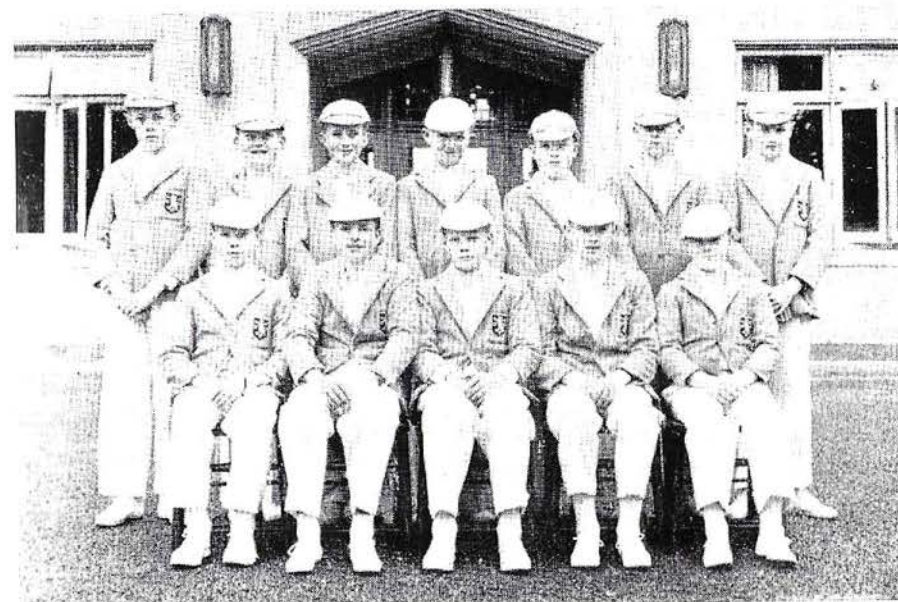
The first match of the year was a close game and very enjoyable.

St. Peter's won the toss and batted. The first three wickets fell quickly, but the batsmen gained more confidence and improved. Fell (9) and Rivett-Carnac (7) were the top scorers. The fielding of the Diocesan was excellent, and one or two very good catches were held. V. Hovey bowled very well to take 4 wickets for 5 runs.



FIRST XV

Bush ma., Virtue, de Castro, Webb, Fell, Horrocks, Pym, Bloomfield.
Rivett-Carnac, Dewhirst, Davis, Caldwell ma., Grant mi., Barclay ma., Walters.



FIRST XI

Grant mi., Walters, Mackenzie, Fairclough, Caldwell mi., Webb, Ibbertson.
Farquhar, Barclay ma., Caldwell ma., Fell, Rivett-Carnac.

After the tea interval St. Peter's went out to field. The Diocesan made a total of 60 runs of which Fagan and Kay made 13 each. Farquhar had the best analysis of our bowlers, taking 4 wickets for 12 runs.

Saturday, March 4th

v. Southwell School (home). Lost by 9 runs.

This was a most enjoyable game and was very exciting right through to the finish.

Southwell won the toss and batted first. The side found it difficult to score runs owing to the consistent bowling of Grant ma., Farquhar, Barclay ma., and Fairclough ma. Thomas I, the Southwell captain, was the top scorer with 24 runs, out of a total of 67. He batted well with a number of forceful strokes.

After tea St. Peter's went in to bat and the batting was sound till the score reached 56 for 6 wickets. Then there was a sudden collapse and only two more runs were added to our total. This was possibly due to the inexperience of newcomers to the side, being nervous in such an exciting situation.

Fairclough ma. (16), Caldwell ma. (14), and Farquhar (10) were the highest scorers.

Saturday, April 8th

v. Fathers' Team. Lost by 8 wickets.

This was a very interesting game played under perfect conditions, which must have been a great relief for those Fathers who played in the similar match last Easter week-end. Mr Farquhar captained the Fathers' XI.

St. Peter's, batting first, made 47; Grant ma. playing cautiously made top score with 20. Fell, whose stay at the wicket was only short, hit with confidence and freedom for 14. Captain Williams gave a very fine display behind the stumps, not allowing one bye to pass him.

The Fathers replied with a total of 113, of which Dr Tothill made the highest score with 35.

Fell bowled exceedingly well, taking 5 for 18 in which he did the hat-trick.

Saturday, November 18th

v. Waikato Diocesan School (home). Won by 8 runs.

This was the first match of the Third Term. St. Peter's won the toss and batted first.

Caldwell ma. (18 not out) and Barclay ma. (14) were top scorers. They batted with confidence and played some very good strokes. Diocesan bowled well and their fielding was particularly good.

St. Peter's had made 59 runs and were in a winning position when the Diocesan score was 31 runs for 9 wickets, but there was a very fine last wicket stand which brought the game to an exciting close, the Diocesan making 51 runs. St. Peter's fielding was good, and of the bowlers Fell took 4 wickets for 9 runs.

Saturday, November 25th

v. King's College Colts (home). Won by 4 wickets.

St. Peter's won the toss and put King's in to bat. The bowling and fielding was good. Farquhar proved to be the best of our bowlers, taking 4 wickets for 11 runs. Clark of King's made their highest score of 18 runs, out of a total of 58.

When St. Peter's went in to bat things looked very black as the score board read 6 wickets for 20 runs, but Farquhar and Fairclough batted very well, making 46 runs which saved the situation and gave St. Peter's a very fine win. Fairclough (27) and Farquhar (19) were top scorers.

Wednesday, December 6th

v. Cambridge Primary School (home). Lost by 6 wickets.

St. Peter's won the toss and batted. The batting was not so good as in previous matches, most batsmen losing confidence. However Farquhar batted well for 21 runs out of a total of 44.

The Cambridge team replied with very sound batting, making a total of 76 for 6 wickets when stumps were drawn.

Saturday, December 9th

v. Waikato Diocesan School (away). Won by 54 runs.

Our return match with the Diocesan proved to be a success. St. Peter's batted first with plenty of confidence, Caldwell ma. making 80 runs. He batted well and made some very good strokes all round the wicket. The total was 132.

St. Peter's fielded well, the bowling of Caldwell ma. (5 wickets for 16) and Farquhar (5 for 23) contributing largely to the success of the match. Diocesan made 78 runs, Hovey being top scorer with 31 runs.

Friday, December 15th

v. Old Boys (home). Won by 43 runs.

This was the first game that St. Peter's has played against the Old Boys. St. Peter's won the toss and batted. The side consisted of the six First Eleven colours and four masters. Details as follows:

ST. PETER'S		OLD BOYS	
Mr Gabites, retired	- 39	J. D. O. Ellis, b. Mr Gibson	- 11
Rivett-Carnac, c. Vallentine, b. Hickson	- 9	Hodgson, l.b.w. Farquhar	- 2
Mr Lenton, l.b.w. Hodgson	- 46	Wake, b. Mr Lenton	- 14
Barclay ma., c. Fairclough, b. Hodgson	- 7	Vallentine, c. & b. Mr Gabites	- 3
Mr Gibson, b. Hodgson	- 18	Waller, b. Barclay ma.	- 44
Farquhar, b. Hodgson	- 10	Orr, c. Mr Gabites, b. Fell	- 12
Caldwell ma., not out	- 19	Vosper, run out	- 10
Mr Hancock	} did not bat	Hickson, b. Farquhar	- 2
Fell		D.W. Fairclough, c. Mr Hancock, b. Barclay ma.	- 3
J. F. Fairclough		Wilkie, not out	- 1
C. J. Whitney	- 7	Gardner, b. Barclay ma.	- 0
Extras	-	Extras	- 10
Total for 6 wkts. declared	- 155	Total	- 112

Saturday, December 16th

v. The Staff. Lost by 27 runs.

The staff batted first, and owing to the very fine bowling and fielding runs were hard to get. The staff were all out for 56 runs, Mr Gibson being top scorer with 14 runs. St. Peter's batting was not very consistent, Fairclough being the highest scorer with 9 runs out of a total of 29.

COLOURS

Cricket colours were awarded to:
Caldwell ma. (capt.) ex officio; Barclay ma., Fairclough, Farquhar, Fell, Rivett-Carnac.

SECOND XI MATCHES

Saturday, March 4th

v. Southwell School (away). Draw.

This very exciting game ended in a draw. St. Peter's won the toss and batted. After a shaky start the batsmen settled down and played some really attractive shots. The side made 83. Chief scorers were Glenn (26), Virtue (19), Ibbertson (13). Special mention must be made of the splendid last wicket stand by Glenn and Ibbertson. Between them they brought the total from 41 to 83.

Something played havoc with our bowling and fielding—perhaps it was the afternoon tea! Anyway, our bowling at times showed a tend-

ency to bounce twice. Grant mus. took one for 24 and Caldwell mi. one for 20. Southwell are to be congratulated on making 78 for only two wickets in less than an hour.

The much improved showing of the Second XI is the reward of keen practice, particularly in batting. We must remember to concentrate as well on our running between wickets, and our bowling and fielding. We thank those responsible at Southwell for their hospitality which did so much to make our day such an enjoyable one.

Saturday, April 8th

v. Fathers' Team. Lost by 29 runs.

On Easter Saturday we played the Fathers' Second XI. The Fathers batted first and made 103 (Mr Jacob 51, Mr Black 10, Mr Bell 10). Bowling for St. Peter's: Tothill mi. 2 for 2, Virtue 1 for 1, Ibbertson 3 for 23, Hooker 2 for 23, Grant mus. 1 for 34.

St. Peter's made 74 in their first innings (Bush ma. 22, Davis 17, Tothill mi. 16). Although this was really the end of the match, for all our games are one innings ones, we batted again and made 66 for 7 wickets. Caldwell mi. batted well for 29.

In the second innings there was a big improvement in our batting—the nervousness of the first innings had gone, and on the whole the batting was even better than against Southwell. As they grow older and graduate to the First XI, the members of this team should do very well.

MIDDLE CLUB

The keenness always shown by members of the Middle Club at Cricket has at last been recognized. These boys are supposed to provide cricketers for the Senior Club whenever they are needed, and in fact several have been sent up during the year. During the Third Term it became possible to have a net alongside the Middle Club's ground, and this has been used by members of the batting side who are not occupied in batting, umpiring or scoring. On two of our Cricket afternoons boys can be selected at random and taken into the net for ten minutes or so at a time, and when this is done there are always other keen ones ready to bowl while coaching is being given.

MOTHERS' MATCH

Saturday, April 8th

v. Mothers' Team. Lost by 2 runs.

Although the Cricket match held on Easter Saturday between a Junior team and a team of Mothers was the third such fixture to be arranged,

it was the first to be played to a conclusion, and resulted in an exciting win for the Mothers.

The boys batted first, and their young captain could hardly be restrained from declaring the innings closed when the score was in the seventies. However, they batted on, but with the last two men undefeated the side declared with exactly 100. The Mothers proved much more experienced than ever before, and by five o'clock, when the Fathers' games knocked off, the Mothers had compiled over 80. They preferred to go on batting, and in another quarter of an hour had passed the boys' score with three wickets in hand. It was an excellent game, played in a thoroughly picnic spirit throughout.

Junior Team: 100 (Williams 23 retired, Dewhirst 11, Low 11, Urquhart mi. 11; Mrs Reeves 3 for 7, Mrs Horrocks 3 for 7).

Mothers' Team: 102 (Mrs Reeves 24, Mrs Dewhirst 18, Mrs Urquhart 14, Mrs Horrocks 12; Ellis ma. 4 for 22, Chandler 3 for 30).

JUNIOR CLUB

The season has opened with great zest, and a series of matches are taking place which all are enjoying thoroughly. Occasionally we have "rounders," and this game gives a welcome variety to our afternoons. There are some very promising players in the Club, several of whom should soon gain promotion.

BOXING

The Tournament was held in the Gymnasium on August 14th and 15th. It was unfortunate that illness prevented the Instructor from taking the classes for three weeks before the Tournament. This accounts for the lack of finish in some of the boxing. However, the standard on the whole was every bit as high as last year, and the Instructor is to be congratulated on the results reached.

Among the lookers-on there were still too many boys who would make good boxers and who would enjoy boxing for its own sake. It is to be hoped that next year they will all be taking part.

We should like to thank Mr Ledgerwood of the Hamilton Y.M.C.A. for coming over to be one of the judges.

BANTAM WEIGHT**First Round:**

Pritchard v Yates:

To decide this fight an extra half-minute round was necessary. Yates began very well, but towards the end Pritchard set up a hot attack which gained him the decision.

Semi-Finals:

Chandler v Pritchard:

Although Pritchard had a slightly longer reach, he was fighting a much more experienced boxer. Chandler directed his punches well and scored heavily all round.

Barclay mi. v Williams:

The best boxing display in any of the early rounds. Both these boys fought excellently; they were evenly matched, and even after an extra round had been fought the judges could not choose between them, and so a re-fight was ordered for the second day.

In the second fight there was again some excellent boxing. Both boys guarded well and took turns on attack. Over the last round Williams made the pace and forced Barclay into errors.

Final:

Chandler v Williams:

A very good bout. Chandler finally wore his opponent down by a series of well-directed punches to the head, though Williams fought back hard and scored well.

FEATHER WEIGHT**First Round:**

Bush ma. v Russell:

Russell won by default.

Bush mi. v Mitchell:

Mitchell won. With more experience both these boys should develop into good boxers.

Semi-Finals:

Mitchell v Russell:

Russell used his reach very well, both as a defence and as an attack. In this way he kept his opponent from scoring.

Edmundson v Ellis mi.:

A four-round fight. The fact that Ellis did most of the attacking finally won him the fight against an opponent whose defence was sound but who would not attack.

Final:

Ellis mi. v Russell:

Russell fought well to win this fight. He used his long reach and made most of his opponent's bad habit of looking away. Ellis must learn to stand up and watch where he is hitting.

LIGHT WEIGHT**First Round:**

Bloomfield v Land:

Bloomfield won by default.

Seabrook v Searle:

A very willing bout. Decided in the fourth round when Seabrook was adjudged the winner.

Semi-Finals:

Rivett-Carnac v Webb:

Rivett-Carnac showed that a long reach in one's opponent can be dealt with most effectively. It was a very close fight, and again an extra round was needed. Rivett-Carnac won.

Bloomfield v Seabrook.

There can be no doubt that this was the surprise fight of the day. Seabrook fought very gamely indeed and though not very scientific he managed to win against a much more experienced boxer.

Final:

Rivett-Carnac v Seabrook:

A very interesting bout. Both boys took time to settle down. Gradually Rivett-Carnac gained the upper hand, though Seabrook fought back well to the end.

WELTER WEIGHT**First Round:**

Farquhar v Tarte ma.:

Tarte won by default.

Pym v Skerman:

A very close fight, which was settled only by an extra half-minute round. Skerman the winner.

Semi-Finals:

Skerman v Tarte ma.:

Skerman won from a less experienced boxer. For a first-year boxer Tarte showed promise, but too many punches did not find their mark.

Caldwell mi. v Fairclough mi.:

Both boys fought hard, but Caldwell's more solid attack gradually wore his opponent down. Caldwell won.

Final:

Caldwell mi. v Skerman:

Both boys made the fighting. Caldwell had the advantage because he landed his blows more accurately. Skerman fights too much from his back foot, and so is often short with his punches.

MIDDLE WEIGHT**First Round:**

de Castro v Dewhirst:

A bout distinguished for its hard boxing. Both boys were very quick on their feet. Dewhirst's attack finally won him the fight.

Horrocks v Moss:

Moss put up a very good fight against a much faster opponent. Horrocks, the winner, used both fists very well.

Fell v Virtue:

Fell boxed very well indeed to win the fight. Virtue fought back gamely but could not penetrate Fell's guard.

Semi-Finals:

Fell v Grant mi.:

A fair bout. Fell boxed well against a game opponent who must learn to watch the other man and punch from the shoulder with a bent arm.

Dewhirst v Horrocks:

This was one of the best bouts of the Tournament. Both boys boxed beautifully, and, though perhaps Horrocks was slightly the more scientific, Dewhirst made up for this by fighting really hard. The boxing was fast and clean from beginning to end. Horrocks was given the decision.

Final:

Fell v Horrocks:

Another excellent bout. Both boys fought very well and showed good ring-craft. Fell, by his superior judgment, was able to avoid many severe blows and in turn land some heavy punches to the head and body. Fell won.

HEAVY WEIGHT

Barclay ma. v Davis:

A disappointing bout in which there was little boxing. Both boys fought more than willingly, but too many blows went wide of their mark. What straight punching there was came mainly from Barclay, who landed some lefts to the head. Barclay won.

GYMNASIUM

This year, like former years, has been an uneventful one. The work in the gymnasium has pursued its accustomed way, and great endeavour on the part of the boys has resulted in considerable advancement by the majority. It is pleasing to report that the work has been characterized by great keenness.

In the First Term the boys had a new Physical Table to learn and they had to train hard. At the end of the term it was very surprising to note the standard they had reached already, especially the progress made by the new boys.

On Sports Day a short display of Box Horse work was given by a picked squad.

The Second Term found the boys still working hard in preparation for the Competition, which unfortunately had to be postponed until the Third Term, owing to the illness of

the Instructor. This certainly gave the forms a little more time.

The Competition was finally held in the sixth week of the Third Term, and we thank Mr Cross of Hamilton once again for coming over to judge the different forms. Mr Cross found it very difficult to separate Upper School I and Upper School II for first place, but gave the decision to Upper School I who had attempted more difficult work on the Box Horse. He said that the standard was easily 100 per cent more than last year, and special mention was made of the performance of Lower School II. Detailed results are:

Upper School I	..	..	..	..	65 points
Upper School II	..	..	..	..	64 points
Senior Division	..	..	..	..	53 points
Middle School II	..	..	..	..	47 points
Middle School I	..	..	..	..	46 points
Lower School I	..	..	..	..	43 points
Lower School II	..	..	..	..	40 points

Now the boys are hard at work again being taught a new and more advanced Physical Table, and doing preliminary training for next year.

SWIMMING

FIRST TERM

During the Christmas holidays the fencing round the Swimming Bath was improved with a coping, and a dressing-shed was added on the sunny side; the whole was painted green. A new and scientifically designed springboard was installed.

Dr Frank has been in charge of the swimming. There have been the usual two sets for swimming in the Break, each form having four regular swims a week. The weather has been unique, summer weather continuing right into April: early morning swimming and after cricket swims were possible till late in March.

The Instructor has had a splendid opportunity for teaching, and is to be congratulated on the results. At the end of the First Term there was only one boy who couldn't swim and very few who couldn't dive.

SWIMMING MEETING

v SOUTHWELL, 16th MARCH, 1939

An innovation this year was a swimming meeting with Southwell. This took place in our Swimming Bath one "free" afternoon in beautiful weather. There were nine events, of which we won all except the Middle One Length, the Open Backstroke One Length, and the Relay. It was interesting to swim against another school. The result of our instruction in breaststroke was a very definite superiority in this style. It is to be hoped that this will become an annual fixture and that it will in future include some diving.

THIRD TERM

The weather prevented us starting swimming again till very late, and there was only just over a fortnight before heats for the Swimming Sports began. We have at last got a really good spring-board. It is a perfect board for boys, though most boys found it hard to use at first.

During the break on Friday, December 15th, we had an Old Boys' swimming race, one length. The finalists were 1st Hodgson, 2nd Vallentine, 3rd Waller.

SWIMMING SPORTS

These were held in the morning of Wednesday, December 20th, and resulted in a good win for the Dark Blues. The results are summarised as follows :

Senior :

- 4 lengths (100 yards)—Barclay ma., 1; Caldwell ma. and Fairclough, 2 (equal).
- 2 lengths (50 yards)—Barclay ma., 1; Hooker, 2; Fairclough, 3.
- 50 feet Sprint—Barclay ma., 1; Grant mi., 2; Pym, 3.
- Diving—Fairclough, 1; Grant mi., 2; Barclay ma., 3.

- Plunging—Pym, 1; Hooker, 2; Low, 3.
- Spoon Diving—Grant mi., 1; Gentles, 2; Virtue, 3.

Middle :

- 1 length (25 yards)—Farquhar, 1; Grant mus., 2; Pilling, 3.
- Diving—Bush ma., 1; Grant mus., 2; Searle, 3.

Junior :

- 50 feet—Ellis mi., 1; Yates, 2; Ellis mus., 3.
- Diving—Yates, 1; Pritchard, 2; Ellis mi., 3.

Relays :

- Beginners' Relay—Dark Blues, 1.
- Candle Relay—Light Blues, 1.
- Teams' Relay—Light Blues, 1.

There was also a Surprise Event when boys were allowed to dive for pennies which had been thrown into the bath, and also a Musical Splish. Mr Watts provided the music for this event on his bagpipes, and the winner was Mackenzie.

Challenge Cups :

- Brown Cup, for the team scoring the greatest number of points—Dark Blues, 263 points, 1; Light Blues, 163 points.
- Waller Cup, for the boy scoring the greatest number of points for his team—Barclay ma., 80 points, 1; Grant mi., runner-up, 55 points.
- Caldwell Cup for Diving—Fairclough.

TENNIS

FIRST TERM

There has been an unprecedented enthusiasm for tennis this term, and the standard of play has improved enormously. Quite a number of boys now play a really good game.

At the end of March we had our first tournaments, singles and doubles on handicap. The preliminary rounds were the best of five games, the semi-finals one ordinary set, and the finals the best of three sets. The finals produced some exciting tennis. Below are the results :

SINGLES

Webb (+15)					
Ibbertson (-30)	Ibbertson				
Land (+40)	Moss	Moss			
Moss (-15)					
Skerman (+40)	Skerman				
Grant ma. (-30)		Skerman			
Grant mi. (scr)	Rivett-Carnac				
Rivett-Carnac (scr)					
Barclay ma. (-30)	Barclay ma.				
Barclay mi. (+30)		Barclay ma.			
Grant mus. (+30)	Thomson				
Thomson (+40)					
Tothill mi. (+30)	Tothill mi.				
Fairclough ma. (-30)		Tothill mi.			
Caldwell mi. (+15)	Caldwell mi.				
Tothill ma. (+15)					
Mackenzie (scr)	Mackenzie				
Ellis mi. (+40)		Caldwell ma.			
Glenn (scr)	Caldwell ma.				
Caldwell ma. (-30)					
Bush ma. (scr)	Virtue				
Virtue (scr.)		Horrocks			
Horrocks (+40)	Horrocks				
Fairclough mi. (-15)					
Searle (+15)	Davis				
Davis (scr)		Davis			
	Yates (+40)				
	Fell (scr)				
	Farquhar (scr)	Farquhar			

DOUBLES

Barclay mi. (+30)					
Tothill mi. (-30)	Barclay ma.				
Barclay ma. (-30)	Fairclough ma.				
Fairclough ma. (-30)					
Davis (scr)		Caldwell ma.			
Mackenzie (scr)		Grant ma.			
Caldwell ma. (-30)					
Grant ma. (-30)					
Searle (+30)					
Skerman (+30)	Virtue				
Virtue (scr)	Webb				
Webb (scr)					
Farquhar (-15)	Farquhar				
Moss (-15)	Moss				
Grant mi. (scr)					
Rivett-Carnac (scr)					
	Davis (+15)				
	Grant mus. (+15)				
	Caldwell mi. (+15)				
	Glenn (+15)				
	Bush ma. (-15)				
	Ibbertson (-15)				
	Fairclough mi. (-15)				
	Fell (-15)				

On Good Friday a Wellbank tournament was held. In this kind of tournament everyone plays doubles matches with every other player in turn as a partner without any handicap. It certainly provided a most pleasant day of tennis for the boys who were not on Leave. The highest scorers on No. 1 Court played the highest scorers on No. 2 Court, Barclay ma. and Caldwell ma. beating Grant ma. and Rivett-Carnac.

THIRD TERM

Tennis started very late in the Third Term, and very little was played.

A new tennis-court has been made to the south of the present courts and also a volley-board court. We hope these will be in use next term. The volley-board will supply a long-felt need and should do much to raise our standard of play.

STAFF

The following have joined the Staff this year : Mr L. C. Stanford, Dr W. Frank, Miss A. Lippincott, and Miss J. Billing. In addition to their ordinary School work, Mr Stanford has been responsible for all the singing, and has taught the piano and 'cello, and Dr Frank has been in charge of Swimming. We congratulate Dr Frank on winning the New Zealand Open Ski Championship last holidays. Miss Lippincott, whose father was the architect of the School, has been in charge of Art and Crafts, and during the latter part of the year was helping with the Lower School. Miss Billing takes the music classes and teaches piano and 'cello.

Mr Gibson is now First Assistant as well as Bursar. Mr Hancock has taken over Carpentry in the winter term, he also gives up many hours to the Camera Club and other spare-time activities. Mr Gabites supervises the Library, and Mr Lenton has been Games Master.

At the beginning of the year Sister Silk came as Assistant Matron. Owing to a breakdown in health she had to leave in the middle of this term, and her place has been taken by Sister King.

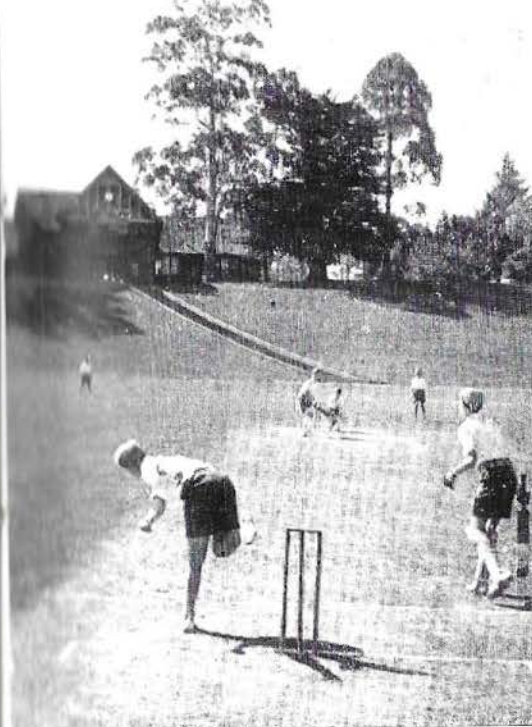
—A. F. B. B.

OLD BOYS

We now have fifteen of our Old Boys at *Wanganui Collegiate School*, and they are making their presence felt in many ways. T. W. Smith was awarded his First XI cap and also got his Second XV colours for Rugby. Last Christmas holidays he was one of a School Cricket team that toured Hawkes Bay. L. P. Ellis played in the Second XV too, and rowed in the second Crew against Christ's College. He also had three firsts, two seconds and one third in the under 17 events at the Athletic Sports, and beat Smith in the final of the Light Heavy-weight at the Inter-House Boxing Tournament.

P. W. D. Parr, G. J. Hodgson, A. B. Orr and R. J. P. Vallentine each got several places at the 1938 Swimming Sports. Parr, Hodgson and Vallentine did equally well in the 1939 events, when also Ellis and J. H. Wake were placed. Orr won his weight at Boxing, and along with Smith and P. A. Gardner was mentioned in the results of the Athletic Sports. The following have all represented their houses at Junior Cricket or Football : Gardner, L. L. O'H. Hickson, Hodgson, J. C. Miller, Orr, Vallentine, Wake and Waller.

Prizes were won in 1938 by P. W. D. Parr for Music, C. E. Parr for French, Vallentine for English, History and Divinity, and D. R. Coates for Form work. P. W. D. Parr passed the University Entrance Examination in the same year. At the 1939 Prize-giving Waller won the Mason Memorial Prize for Agriculture and another prize for Arithmetic and Geography, and Gardner won a Latin Prize. Waller has been continuing his interest in Chess, and was



CRICKET



SCORING



MOWING



CARTING GRASS

third in the School Championship. P. W. D. Parr has appeared in numerous plays, and he and Hickson have kept up their study of both piano and violin.

Coates and W. N. Vosper have now left Wanganui and are farming at their homes.

W. H. Gould passed the University Entrance Examination in December, 1938, and has since been in the Sixth Form at *New Plymouth Boys' High School*. He is still in the First XI, and he has also kept up his tennis. At this game he won the School Championship, singles and doubles, and also the Taranaki Junior Doubles. He reached the finals of the School Debating Contest. He intends to go to Auckland University College in 1940 to study Law.

M. G. M. Bevan has now left Pinewood School, Hants, having passed the Common Entrance, and has taken Upper IV at *Eton College*. He is our first Old Boy to enter an English Public School. While still at Pinewood he had been in the Sixth Form, had been runner-up in the Chess tournament, and was a member of the Choir. Out of school he had played for the School XV and the Hockey XI, and he had been placed in swimming, diving, and the High Jump.

K. C. Simpson is still at *Auckland Grammar School* where he is as keen as ever on Gymnasium, and C. E. Parr is now at *Takapuna Grammar School*.

J. D. O. Ellis and O. J. Osborne are in Flower's House at *Christ's College*. Both boys were mentioned in the Register for their forward play at Football, and both have been in high teams at Cricket. Playing for School teams, Ellis has made one century and several other high scores, his year's average being 51, and he was awarded his House colours. Osborne is a member of the Choir.

At *King's College* are eight of our Old Boys. J. G. S. Reid played football for his House First XV which won the

Championship, and for the School Third XV which also had many successes. He represented his house in the winning chess team. He won prizes at the end of 1938 and also in 1939. At this latter Prize-giving O. C. Chandler and J. B. Swales also won prizes.

J. G. Whitney was placed in the Intermediate Hurdles at the Sports, and represented his School in the Auckland Secondary School Sports. C. A. Eyre did well in the Senior steeplechase, and G. S. J. Edgecumbe reached the semi-finals of his weight at Boxing. O. C. and J. C. Chandler represented their house at Chess, and have also done well at Music, J. C. especially. Swales has also kept up his Music.

On Friday, December 15th, twelve Old Boys spent the day at the School. They were J. D. O. Ellis, D. W. Fairclough, P. A. Gardner, L. L. O'H. Hickson, G. J. Hodgson, A. B. Orr, R. J. P. Vallentine, W. N. Vosper, J. H. Wake, M. A. Waller, C. J. Whitney and D. W. Wilkie. A swimming race was held in the morning and a cricket match was played in the afternoon : these are reported elsewhere.

It was a great pleasure to see so many old friends here, and we hope that Old Boys of St. Peter's will make a point of visiting the School whenever they can.

THE FARM

This year has been one of steady development.

A considerable amount of subdivision has been undertaken and fairly extensive draining has improved grazing areas adjacent to the Kahikatea Bush. The 18 acre block on the River Bank has been brought in and is now in temporary pasture.

The Dairy has been kept up to date and a new cooling plant for the milk used for School consumption is a recent valuable acquisition, while regular and frequent tests are made of the Herd in order to ensure freedom from disease.

The establishment of a Red Poll Pedigree Herd is progressing, and a valuable addition to this department has been made by the importation of a Bull from the Knepp Castle Herd, Horsham, Sussex.

In order to increase production, additions have been made to the Jersey Herd, approximately 50 cows being milked at present, and further increases are contemplated for 1940.

Pigs are carried to provide the School with pork and bacon. In addition there 300 ewes with lambs, and about 200 poultry.

Show successes for 1939 include :

First Prize for Jersey cow in milk — judged at Cambridge, N.Z.

First Prize for pen of beef cattle — judged at Smithfield, England.

First Prize for porkers — judged at Westfield, N.Z.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We wish to acknowledge, with thanks, copies of the following magazines :

NEW ZEALAND—Auckland Grammar School Chronicle, Cathedral Grammar School Magazine, Dilworthian, Hereworth Magazine, Huntley School Magazine, King's School Magazine, St. Cuthbert's Chronicle, Southwell School Magazine, Timaru Boys' High School Magazine, Wanganui Collegian.

OVERSEAS—Blue and Grey (Pinewood School, Hants.), Bryanston Saga (Dorset), Chafyn Grove School Magazine (Wilts.), Diocesan College Magazine (Rondebosch, Cape Town), Eton College Chronicle, Fairbridgian (Pinjarra, W.A.), Logs of C.M.S. (Srinagar, India), Rose Hill Magazine (Surrey), St. Edmund's School Chronicle (Surrey), St. Michael's Chronicle (Michaelhouse, Natal), St. Michael's Magazine (Sussex), Selwyn House School Magazine (Montreal), Stoic (Stowe School, Bucks), Tudorian (Tudor House, Moss Vale, N.S.W.), Wykehamist (Winchester College, Hants.).

END OF TERM PRIZE-GIVING

The fixtures on December 20th, the last day of term, were the same as on previous years, the brilliant weather enabling the large gathering of parents and friends to see the School under the most favourable circumstances. The Swimming Sports are reported in the Swimming Notes. After lunch in the Dining Hall the visitors saw the exhibition of Art and Crafts, which was on a much grander and more comprehensive scale than ever before. Not only the Art Room and the classroom passage, but also the Classrooms and the Science Room, were arrayed with samples of the boys' work during the year. Painting, charcoal drawings, poster designing and potato-cuts were shown in the Art section, and there were also on display such interesting things as clay models, weaving, woodwork, model animals, raffia work, models made in Carpentry classes, and enlargements made by members of the Camera Club.

The Concert was held in the Gymnasium early in the afternoon, the programme being :

1. (a) The Quest
Percussion Band, Lower School B
- (b) Papillons No. 8
Percussion Band, Lower School A *R. Schumann*
- (c) Trepak (Russian Dance)
Combined Percussion Bands *Tschaikowsky*
2. Unison Song—"Come See"
(Minuet from Berenice)
School and Orchestra *G. F. Handel*
3. Violin Solo—"Liebesleid"
Barclay ma., acc. Moss *F. Kreisler*
4. 'Cello Solo—"La Cinquantaine"
Webb, acc. Farquhar *Gabrielle-Marie*
5. Vocal Solo—"When Daisies Pied"
Hooker, acc. Skerman *Arne*
6. Piano Solo—"Kinderscenen I"
Moss *Schumann*
7. Two-Part Song—"A Wet Sheet and a Flowing Sea"
The School *Geo. Dyson*
8. Ballet Music and Entr'acte from "Rosamunde"
The Orchestra *Schubert*

9. Unison Song—"Where e'er You Walk"
School and Orchestra
God Save the King

G. F. Handel

After afternoon tea everyone returned to the Gymnasium for the Prize-giving. When this was over the School year was brought to a close by the usual short Chapel Service. In two respects this was different from last year, as the Organ was played by a leaving boy, B. M. Moss, and the lesson was read by an Old Boy, J. H. Wake.

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

"Unlike Prize-Givings at most schools this is almost entirely a gathering of parents, and as such it gives me a chance of telling you something about the School. I think you all recognise that real education is very much more than just what is learnt in the classroom, or you wouldn't have sent your boys here, but I find in conversation that some of you really know very little about the School. Very often, I think, your boys tell you very little. Parents have even boasted to me that their boys never tell them about what goes on at School, in fact that they have been taught that it is wrong to do so. This seems to me the strangest idea, but perhaps it will be explained by what I am going to say. The fact of the matter is, of course, that it is most desirable that parents should know everything that goes on at School and how their boys live here; otherwise there is a serious danger of boys having two different standards of values in their lives, one for School and one for Home. Only by close cooperation between School and parents can this be prevented.

"What I want to talk about today is Discipline. Discipline is necessary: you couldn't run a school without it. It can of course be maintained by a rigid military system, each breach of the rules being dealt with by its appropriate punishment. This, in varying degrees, has been the system in schools in the past, and in many schools something like it still obtains to-day. Its only merit is that it is easy to work and that it produces fair efficiency at the moment. But it is unlikely to result in self-discipline; moreover it produces an antagonism to authority and with it an exaggerated idea of "schoolboy honour" which makes cooperation impossible: boys and masters are in opposite camps; boys are out to hoodwink masters and masters to catch out boys. I can see little good in such a state of affairs. Things have changed a lot in many schools, but the traditions of the old system are too firmly established to be forgotten in a day.

"Now, what are the essentials of good discipline? First a boy must learn to obey orders without question. But this is really a very small

part of discipline, and good discipline consists also in loyal obedience to an unwritten code of laws and customs: good discipline is, in fact, based on public opinion. It is not unnatural for boys to want to run a show well themselves, and cooperation between boys and masters is not only possible but is essential. Moreover it is not natural for boys to want to break rules for the sake of breaking them, though this is one of the traditions of the old order that dies hardest.

"Here at St. Peter's we have progressed a long way on the road towards sane discipline. Rules, such as there are, are reasonable and the reasons for them well understood. Public opinion is in favour of good discipline, and every boy feels that he has a share in the responsibility of maintaining it. Punishment is rarely necessary. The result is a happy school. But it means far more than that: it means that boys are being trained in right-thinking and self-control, and are acquiring a degree of self-discipline which will stand them in good stead at their next schools and in after life.

"I have said that our discipline is based on public opinion. A very important factor in the creation and maintenance of a right public opinion is the influence of the prefects. Our prefects are not a privileged gang of detectives, but are rather a committee, and a very hard-working committee, for the smooth running of the School. They do a tremendous amount of unselfish work in the course of a week, and the good discipline now prevailing in the School is very largely the result of their influence.

"This year I have felt such confidence in the good sense of the School that I have handed over the task of appointing the prefects to the boys themselves. It is a logical step which I have always intended taking when the time was ripe. Nominations are made by the existing prefects, and the election is by secret ballot, the franchise extending down to the Middle School. I do not reserve for myself any right of veto, but I have the right of appointing an extra prefect if I think fit. If the spirit of the School is right and the election is carried out in the right spirit, I am sure that the boys themselves are better qualified than I am to select their own leaders. Our first election was held about a fortnight ago, and I have no reason to quarrel with the result.

"And now I would say a word to the Old Boys, not only to those present to-day but to the wider circle who will read these remarks when they appear in the Chronicle. It makes me happy to hear of the golden opinions you are winning at your schools. You are a source of inspiration to all of us here. You are our best advertisement. You will form a growing body of public opinion, and I hope in time to see the formation of an Old Boys' Association through which you will be able to express your opinions and make your influence felt. You will be interested

to know that in the Deed of Settlement which I executed this year provision is made after a certain date for one of the four Trustees to be an Old Boy of the School.

"The year 1939 has been a good year for St. Peter's, in fact much the best year we have had yet. There has been a further marked improvement in the standard of our work. We do not cram boys for scholarships, but the scholarly type of boy should now have no difficulty in winning any of the scholarships offering after a year in our top form. None of the leavers this year can be classed as scholarly boys, but nevertheless Fell has upheld our reputation by winning a Buller and Reay Entrance Exhibition at Christ's College.

"In games we have been more successful than in former years, especially in cricket; in fact one of the most pleasing things this year has been the great increase in cricket keenness.

"The general discipline and tone of the School, as I have already said, has never been better. For all this a very great deal is due to the masters. I cannot tell you how much their loyal and devoted support has meant to me this year.

"Now we come to the prizes, and according to our custom I will ask Mrs Caldwell, mother of the acting Head Boy, to give them away.

Mr Howard Ellis' Cricket Prizes—Batting, Caldwell ma.; Bowling, Farquhar; Fielding, Fairclough.

Orr Cup, for the most scientific boxer of the year—Caldwell ma.

Larner Cup, for the best all-round athlete—Caldwell ma.

This year a new Challenge Cup has been presented to the School: this is the Gardening Cup presented by Mr Yates. Mr Yates is also giving annually a book to each boy in the winning garden as a memento. We are most grateful for this presentation. As you will no doubt have seen for yourselves, the improvement in the gardens this year is most marked. The cup has been won by No. 2 garden, the gardeners being—

Yates	McDougall
Bush mi.	Russell
Edmundson	Seabrook

For the benefit of new parents I must explain our system of awarding prizes. Except for five annual prizes which are won by competition, all prizes are awards, not necessarily the same each year, made where a reward for outstanding work is called for. In the case of some of the prizes I shall have to say a few words in explanation of the award.

MENTIONS LIST

English—Davis, Fell, Hooker, Mackenzie, Smale, Ellis ma., Farquhar, Grant mi., Pym, Skerman, Horrocks, Ibbertson, Land, Searle, Caldwell mi., Russell, Trimmer, Grant mus., Thomson, Tothill mi., Barclay mi., Brewster.

Divinity—Hooker, Mackenzie, Smale, Ellis ma., Farquhar, Grant mi., Pym, Land, Mitchell, Eyre, Russell, Tothill ma., Bush mi., Chandler, Grant mus., MacDiarmid, Tothill mi., Edmundson, Pritchard, Urquhart ma., Blackman.

Writing—Hooker, Farquhar, Grant mi., Pym, Skerman, Caldwell mi., Dewhurst ma., Russell, Tarte ma., Trimmer, McDougall, Seabrook.

History—Davis, Fell, Hooker, Caldwell ma., de Castro, Farquhar, Pym, Walters, Bloomfield, Gentles, Mitchell, Searle, Caldwell mi., Dewhurst ma., Glenn, Russell, Tothill ma., Trimmer, Chandler, Thomson, Barclay mi., Edmundson, Pilling, Pritchard, Yates, Blackman, Ellis mus.

Geography—Davis, Fell, Hooker, Mackenzie, de Castro, Ellis ma., Pym, Walters, Webb, Bloomfield, Bush ma., Horrocks, Land, Mitchell, Dewhurst ma., Eyre, Garlick, Tothill ma., Chandler, Thomson, Edmundson, McDougall, Pilling, Pritchard, Blackman, Ellis mus.

Science—Fell, Hooker, Mackenzie, Black, Ellis ma., Farquhar, Skerman, Bell, Bloomfield, Ibbertson, Land, Searle, Garlick, Cameron, Chandler, Thomson, Brewster, Pilling.

Mathematics—Mackenzie, Smale, Farquhar, Hooker, Moss, Black, de Castro, Ellis ma., Grant mi., Walters, Horrocks, Ibbertson, Land, Mitchell, Searle, Chandler, Dewhurst ma., Eyre, Glenn, Trimmer, Grant mus., Lucas, Tothill mi., Urquhart mi., Barclay mi., Brewster, Edmundson, Yates.

Latin—Davis, Farquhar, Fell, Grant mi., Hooker, Mackenzie, Pym, Smale, Barclay ma., de Castro, Ellis ma., Mitchell, Walters, Black, Horrocks, Skerman, Chandler, Ellis mi., Eyre, Grant mus., Harris, Tothill ma., Tothill mi., Cameron, Tarte ma., Urquhart mi.

French—Farquhar, Grant mi., Hooker, Smale, Barclay ma., de Castro, Horrocks, Land, Walters, Mitchell, Searle, Skerman, Virtue, Caldwell mi., Dewhurst ma., Eyre, Russell, Tothill ma., Trimmer, Grant mus., Tothill mi.

Art—Hooker, Black, Skerman, Bush ma., Eyre, Woodhouse, Bush mi., Chandler, Thomson, Brewster, Croft.

Crafts—Barclay ma., Black, Skerman, Land, Mitchell, Eyre, Glenn, Russell, Bush mi., Edmundson, McDougall, Seabrook.

Class Music—Woodhouse, Cameron, Brewster, Edmundson, Yates, Blackman, Ellis mus., Henderson.

Piano—Fell, Moss, Smale, Farquhar, Grant mi., Walters, Webb, Searle.

Violin—Barclay ma., Mackenzie, Grant mi., Pym.

Cello—Webb, Thomson.

Singing—Hooker, Mackenzie, Smale, Farquhar, Pym, Virtue, Webb, Ibbertson, Tothill ma.

Gymnasium—Barclay ma., Mackenzie, Caldwell ma., de Castro, Pym, Fairclough, Ibbertson, Land, Caldwell mi., Trimmer, Low, Barclay mi., McDougall, Seabrook, Croft, Henderson.

PRIZE LIST

Chandler Essay Prize—Skerman.

J. R. Oliphant Prize for Mathematics—Mackenzie.

¹*Riddet Prizes for Natural Science*—Pym, Bloomfield.

Writing—Skerman.

Improvement in Writing—Dewhurst ma.

English—Horrocks, Caldwell mi., Grant mus., Brewster.

Latin—Barclay ma., Eyre.

French—Tothill mi.

Languages—Smale.

Mathematics—Searle, Tothill mi., Barclay mi.

Science—Fell, Black.

Geography—Mackenzie, de Castro.

Science and Geography—Thomson.

History—Hooker, Farquhar, Caldwell mi.

Progress—Russell, Bush mi.

French and General Progress—Mitchell.

Industry—Land, Tothill ma.

Divinity—Smale, Grant mi., Bush mi., Edmundson.

Art and Crafts—Black.

²*Music*—Webb.

Piano—Moss.

Violin—Barclay ma.

³*Sound Learning*—Farquhar.

⁴*Headmaster's Medal for English Speaking*—Hooker.

⁵*Head Boy*—Grant ma., Caldwell ma.

¹*Riddet Prizes for Natural Science*—These prizes are presented by our good friend and trustee, Professor Riddet, of Massey College. They are intended to stimulate an interest in animal life, and are awarded to the writers of essays on certain natural science subjects. The essays submitted this year did not comply with the conditions of the Prize, but Professor Riddet told me that he would like the awards made, and left the matter to my discretion. The Senior Riddet Prize has therefore been awarded to Pym for an excellent essay on Ponies. In the case of the Junior Riddet Prize I felt that none of the essays submitted could qualify for the Prize. I accordingly decided to follow the spirit rather than the letter of Professor Riddet's conditions, and the Junior Riddet Prize is being awarded

to a boy who I am sure will be most surprised to get it. He is a real lover of animals. Until I passed a bye-law prohibiting the carrying of livestock on the person you could always be sure that there would be a young hare or a field mouse inside his shirt, and lately he has usually had a number of young sparrows perching about on him. He has a wide knowledge of animals for his age, and I should like to suggest to him that he could do the School no better service in his last year here than by starting a Field Club for the systematic study of animal and bird life.

² *Music*—Music plays quite a large part in our life here, and in awarding a prize for Music one of the chief considerations must always be the extent to which a boy's music has been of benefit to the School. Prizes there may be also for particular instruments, but I should like the prize for Music to rank as more important than these. The boy who is awarded the Music Prize this year, in addition to playing the piano, is a 'cellist of distinction, being one of the most useful members of the orchestra, and is the leading alto in the Choir, being a first-class reader with a keen ear and good voice.

³ *Sound Learning*—This is a title we coined a few years ago to meet the case of a boy who ought to get a prize for everything. It is awarded this year to a boy who began in the Lower School when St. Peter's first started, and has had a Progress Prize each year since then.

Farquhar is only eleven and has already spent a year in the top sets for most subjects. He could quite easily go on to a Secondary School and do well there as far as work is concerned; but, his parents being sensible people, he is probably having two more years here. I have spent so many hours discussing with parents the right age for their boys to go on from here, that I shall take this opportunity of stating my views in public. The standard attained in work has very little to do with it: there is so much overlap in the work of the two types of school that a boy can go from any of our top forms and be suitably placed at his next school. What does count is his general development: a social qualification rather than an intellectual one. Let me explain. The time roughly between the ages of eight and fourteen is a very definite stage in the growth of a boy; boys at this age can live together as one family, so to speak. If they are too young, they don't fit in so well; nor do they fit in if they are too old. It is this social consideration which should determine the age at which a boy should go on to his secondary school. With all meekness I assert that I am in a better position to determine this age than any of you are.

Some people have said to me that it is a pity that there cannot be continuity right through a boy's education. I utterly disagree with this. I think that the complete break and the starting again at the bottom of the ladder are an essential ingredient in a boy's education. I feel quite sure that the headmasters of the schools to which our boys go from here would endorse the opinions I have expressed.

⁴ *Headmaster's Medal for English Speaking*—There has been a great improvement in our speaking this year, but there is room for a great deal more. Much of the prejudice against good speaking has been overcome, and that, I think, is most important. Once good speech becomes fashionable it will soon become general. Medal Speaking, as we call it, was held on December 6th and Dean Weatherhog kindly came over to

judge it. His helpful remarks will be a great stimulus to further improvement next year. There were seventeen entries, and the Medal was won by Hooker.

⁵ *Head Boy*—There have been two Head Boys this year, and they are each getting a prize. I am sure Grant has the sympathy of you all in his illness. We have badly missed him here. I have just had a message from him wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays. His place has been ably taken by Caldwell since July, and he is to be congratulated on the way he has done the job.

"Before we go I should like to say something about the War. At present we feel its effects very little, and long may this state of affairs last, for war and its passions should have no place in the lives of these boys. They have their own lives to live now. When they grow up and go out into the world they will have to face difficult enough times, times when sound leadership and sane public opinion will be needed as never before. Never has the need for the very best education been greater than it is to-day. We cannot look into the future, but I cannot help having faith that this School will be able to play its part in that future, and that we shall continue to have your support and the support of all those who value what is most worth living for."

DATES OF TERMS 1940

First Term : Wednesday, February 7th, to Friday, May 3rd.

Second Term : Wednesday, May 29th, to Friday, August 16th.

Third Term : Wednesday, September 11th, to Friday, December 20th.

