

Berhampore

AKA as Brittomart School until July 1915

The Berhampore school officially opened in 1915 under this name. The Rintoul Street School was opened in 1896 and was often referred in the Newspapers of the time as the Brooklyn School. In 1903 the Rintoul Street School's name was changed to South Wellington School and was still operating under this name until at least 1923. This creates certain problems but I have decided to follow the dates officially schools have opened as the Berhampore School website in 2021 stated the school started in 1915. I will when compiling the South Wellington School cover references to the Brooklyn School pre 1915 there.

1913-1915

20th February 1913 CHILDREN WAITING FOR PLACES NEW SCHOOL TO BE BUILT. Something on the lines of the queue principle obtains in connection with applicants waiting admission to the Berhampore (South Wellington) school.' from evidence collected from parents in the locality and directly interested in the present position, it is clear that the proposed new school cannot be built too soon. Children, strangely, are almost clamouring for a school satchel and a seat in the class room at South Wellington, and the cry goes up : "No room. Things have come to such a pass that applicants for admission are informed that their names will be" taken and considered in the order of precedence. Those old enough to travel the distance daily without physical hurt can be accommodated fit the Newtown School in Riddiford-street, but there is a considerable surplus (according to a letter of the headmaster, Mr. G. Flux, to a parent), whose names are "on the list," and who, it is said, are eagerly looking for the word to come" along.

One "father of four," whose place of residence overlooks the back windows of the school, has been met with the difficulty of having a school almost on the promises, as it were, and yet he is unable to have the educational wants of his children satisfied. Some time ago he approached the headmaster with regard to his children being admitted. This parent was told that the place was full up, but that names would be taken. Meanwhile these children (or several of them) are forced to travel the distance to the Newtown School, with a similar institution right on their home's doorstep. And other like cases are reported. Not more than a few days ago, a > resident near the Berhampore School, in response to an application for room for one of his children, received the following letter from its headmaster, which states that there is no room, and that no fewer than 37 young children, meanwhile, ai» not being educated, though ready to be taught !—"I fear it is impossible to give you any definite date as to when your lad will be able to commence school. There are now 37 children awaiting places in the Infant Department, as well as a considerable number for places in the main school. A school site has been purchased in your neighbourhood, and the Education Board has made application for a grant to build the school. The school committee has used every effort to facilitate the provision of more accommodation for the neighbourhood, and I have done my best to smooth over the difficulties even to the length of doing some overcrowding. But these are only palliatives, not remedies.

"However, I trust a start will soon be made with the Hew building. Even if a start is made at an early date, it will be nearly a year, probably, before the proposed building is ready for occupation.

I will advise you as soon as we can make room for your lad."

No vacancy has yet made it possible for the small male individual to begin his schooling, The situation, as outlined in the foregoing, was placed before the secretary of the Wellington Education Board (Mr. G. L. Stewart), who replied as follows;—" Even if the South Wellington School is full, there is still room in the Newtown School, which is in the same district, though slightly further removed from the south end. with ft ; view to providing f or the increase of population to the south of the Berhampore School, the board has acquired a site of nearly two acres in extent, in Britomart-street, on which a school is to be erected. Sketch _ designs of a suitable building, and estimates of cost, are now being prepared. Application to the Education Department for a grant for this purpose is going in at once."

22nd February 1913 Following on the publicity given through The Post to the insufficient accommodation at the Berhampore School, a number of members of the school committee Waited on the Finance Committee of the Education Board yesterday, pointing out the urgency of the matter. The position will be fully discussed at the meeting of the board next Tuesday

8th May 1914 CLASSES FAR TOO BIG. Big classes — far too big, the headmaster (Mr. Flux) thinks— rule at the South Wellington School. "Look at our conditions," Mr. Flux said to householders last night, and he proceeded to go into detail. In the school they had a staff of seventeen certificated teachers, and over 900 children. Taking out the heads of departments, whose work was organising and supervising, there remained fifteen class teachers, each of whom, on an average, had to be responsible for sixty children. As a matter of fact, one teacher had over seventy pupils) and two others had over sixty. Any available money should be spent in improving the staffing by (1) substituting qualified assistants for pupil teachers, and (2) by increasing the* number of assistants, so that there shall be one for every forty pupils. That would mean twenty three , assistants at the Berhampore School instead of fifteen, as at present. "I defy the smartest teacher in the Dominion making a success of a class of seventy or even sixty pupils.

" OPEN-AIR CLASSES ADVOCATED. The question of open-air classes was also touched upon by Mr. G. Flux. "I have exceeded the legitimate accommodation," he said, "more especially in the infant department, but the overcrowding there is less felt owing to the fact that a fine new shelter-shed has been provided by the Education Board. This used on all fine days as an open-air classroom. .

31st March 1914 Wellington Education Board: he Department wrote, stating that it was prepared to give a grant of £5885 for the Britomart school,

Berhampore 1913-1914

1915	408	Berhampore	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£370.00	£50.00
1915	408	Berhampore	Miller	Henry	D2	Assistant Master	£260.00	
1915	408	Berhampore	Duggan	John	C3	Assistant Master	£210.00	
1915	408	Berhampore	Hurley	Irene	C1	Assistant Female	£190.00	
1915	408	Berhampore	Sparrow BA	Eva	A4	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1915	408	Berhampore	Ziman BA	Rae L	B3	Assistant Female	£149.00	
1915	408	Berhampore	Scott	Margaret C	D2	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1915	408	Berhampore	Beggs	M Mrs	D2	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1915	408	Berhampore	Tonkinson	Lizzie G	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	

The £50 in the far right column is a housing allowance for the Headmaster because no residence was provided.

Note no pupil teachers or probationers are listed in this first staffing list

Francis Bennett started as an assistant teacher for Wellington Education Board at Mt Cook Boys' in 1879. From 1880 to 1882 he was at Te Aro . 1883 to 1885 he was at Johnsonville and 1886 to 1889 at Newtown. From 1890 to 1894 he was Headmaster at Eketahuna followed by 1895 to 1900 at Carterton still as Headmaster. 1901 he was at Karori and side school . and was at Berhampore until at least 1921.

8th February 1941 The death occurred yesterday of Mr. Francis Bennett, Everest Street, Khandallah, at the age of 81.

Mr. Bennett was born in Durham, England, and came to New Zealand at the age of 20, He . started teaching in England in 1872, and when he retired in New Zealand had completed 51 years of. teaching service. At the seventieth anniversary (in 1937) of the Johnsonville School, where he taught for some years, he was presented with a silver medal as a mark of appreciation for the interest he had taken in the school and also because he was the oldest teacher present. Mr. Bennett will be widely remembered by pupils of the other schools. where he taught These schools include Tinui (Masterton), Eketahuna, Carterton, Karori, and Berhampore, where he was headmaster for many years. He was a member of the. Civic League, and for six years was a member of the Hospital Board. A keen bowler, he was a foundation member of the Carterton and Karori Bowling Clubs, a former member of the Wellington Bowling Club, and a member of the Khandallah Bowling Club. He was interested in the activities of the Masonic Lodge. He joined the Order in Carterton some .50 years ago.

His wife died two years ago,

Mr. Bennett is survived by two sons, Mr. J. R. E. Bennett, a member of the legal profession in Wellington, and Mr. W.B. Bennett, of Christchurch, and three daughters, all of whom live in Wellington.

The funeral will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday.

Prior to the commencement of play at the Karori Bowling Club today the president. Mr. A. Dempster, referred to the death of Mr. Bennett,' and at his request members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Henry Miller started teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1915 at Berhampore and was there until at least 1919. The years 1921 to at least 1923 was at Masterton West school

John Duggan taught at Shannon in 1910 and Berhampore in 1915 for the Wellington Education Board

Irene Hurley taught as an assistant female 1911 to 1914 at Levin DHS and then at Berhampore to at Least 1923. From around 1921 she was infant mistress . Retired from Island Bay school in December 1935

Eva Sparrow BA taught at Levin DHS in 1914 and at Berhampore in 1917 In 1919 was at the Normal School and for 1921 and 1923 was at Terrace School

Rae L Ziman BA [AKA Rachel Rachel Lena] From 1904 to 1906 Rae L Ziman was a pupil teacher Mount Cook Boys'. Then she had 197 and 1908 at training college. 1909 at Normal School. 1910 at Masterton as a secondary teacher. 1911 and 1912 at Stokes Valley as sole teacher. 1913 in the secondary dept of Petone DHS. 1914 at the terrace school and 1915 to around 1919 as an assistant at Berhampore

22nd February 1921 The Misses Ziman, .who recently left Wellington, have taken up their residence permanently in New York, and will reside with their step-brother, Mr Lewis,' a well-known lawyer there.

Margaret C Scott had long career for the Wellington Education Board. She was a pupil teacher 1897 to at Newtown 1897 to 1899 and at Terrace School 1900 to 1903. In 1904 and 05 she was an assistant at Taueru School [Just East of Masterton] In 1906 she was at Waikanae and 1907 to 1914 at South Wellington. 1917 to at least 1921 she was teaching at Berhampore

Mrs M Beggs only taught under her married name at Berhampore around 1915

Lizzie G Tonkinson started for the Wellington Education Board at Levin DHS 1910 to 1912 as an assistant . 1913 to 1914 she was at South Wellington and 1915 Lizzie was at Berhampore, Resigned in May 1916 from the Wellington Education Board

31st March 1914 Wellington Education Board: GOVERNMENT GRANT. The Department wrote, stating that it was prepared to give a grant of £5885 for the Britomart school, South Wellington,

12th February 1915 BRITOMART' STREET SCHOOL, Separate Applications, which also close at Noon of 'FRIDAY,' 19th February, are invited for the various Positions on the Staff of this new School, which is built to accommodate an average of about 430 when full. The Board cannot guarantee that the numbers will immediately reach Grade VI.A (401-450), but shortly they should do so, when the salaries will be for that Grade as follows. Applicants should indicate the positions applied for by the letters marked:—

A—Headmaster, £370 to .£400 and £50 housing allowance.

B—Assistant Master, .£260 to .£280.

C—Infant Mistress, £190 to £220.

D—Assistant Master—£190 to .£220.

E—Assistant Master, £150 to £180

F—Assistant Mistress, ,£120 to £140.

G—Assistant Mistress, .£120 to £140.

23rd February 1915 Through the congestion in the South Wellington and Island Bay Schools, the Education Board has decided to establish a new school at Brittomart -street, Berhampore. This involves the creation of a new school district, and the Board to-day decided to call a conference of delegates from the school committees of school districts adjacent, together with the town members of the Board, to determine the new boundaries. The committees concerned are Brooklyn, South Wellington, New town, and Island Bay.

Brittomart March

5th March 1915 It is understood that Mr. Francis Bennett, headmaster or the Karori School, nas been appointed headmaster of the new school at Brittomart Street, and that Miss Holm, of the Mount Cook Girls' Staff, has been appointed first assistant.

12th March 1915 Mr F. Bennett, who for fourteen years has been in charge of the Karori public school, -has been appointed headmaster of the new school at Brittomart street, Newtown. He has been a teacher for forty-three years, for the last thirty-five of which he has been in the service of the Wellington Education Board. Following are the other appointments to the staff of the new school;—Assistant master. Mr H. Miller; infant mistress, Miss I. Hurley; assistant master, Mr E. H. Rowntree; assistant mistress, Miss M. C. Scott; assistant mistress, Miss R. L. Ziman.

5th May 1915 BRITTO MART STREET. The first meeting in connection with the new public school at Brittomart Street was held in the Masonic Hall, Mr. A. A. Whitelaw presiding. The new headmaster, Mr. F. Bennett, was introduced to the meeting by the chairman. The following committee was elected:—Chairman, Mr. J. P. Shand; secretary, Mr. G. W. Ivey; committee, Mrs. Ellen C. Mills, Miss M. Jolly, Messrs. R. A. Gray, A. A. Whitelaw, B. C. Watt, E. T. Hoy, and — Richmond.

5th May 1915 ' tri Karori householders have expressed their high opinion of ' the school "headmaster, Mr F Bennett, who has been, appointed, -to take charge of the new school at Brittomart street, in the following terms:—"That this meeting of householders of Karori desire to placer on record their high appreciation of the services of Mr Bennett as of the school. They recognise that their school has attained a - high degree off; efficiency under his control; and they congratulate him on his well-deserved promotion, to a-larger sphere."

14th May 1915 Wellington Education Board: Call for tenders at Brittomart School for asphaltting, Metalling etc.

21st June 1915 The new State school at Brittomart Street, Berhampore, will be opened on Monday next, Juno 28, for instruction. The official opening will take place on the following day (Tuesday, Juno 29).

23rd June 1915 Mr. Hugh Miller, of the staff of the/ Masterton District High School, who has been appointed first assistant at the Brittomart Street School, leaves for on Monday next (says our Masterton correspondent).

24th June 1915 Mr. Jno. Duggan, who has been recently appointed to the new Brittomart Street School, was the recipient of several tokens of esteem upon the occasion of leaving Waipawa. Mr. Duggan took a keen interest in civic and patriotic matters and was prominent in the Hawke's Bay Educational Institute.

25th June 1915 Next Tuesday the new school at Brittomart street will lie opened by the Minister for Education (the Hon. James Allen) at 11 a.in. The Mayor (Mr J. P. Luke) will also be present.

28th June 1915 Karori School report included: A token of esteem from the teachers was also presented to Miss N. Scott, who is leaving the South Wellington school for an assistantship in the new school in Brittomart street.

30th June 1915 OPENED BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION. The new Berhampore School, in Brittomart Street, was officially opened, by the Minister of Education (the, Hon. Jas. Alien) yesterday morning, in the presence of a large gathering. The Minister, who was accompanied by Mrs. Allen, was met on arrival by the chairman of the Wellington Education Board (the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken) and there were also present: The Mayor (Mr. J. P. Luke), Messrs. R. A. Wright, A. H. Hindmarsh, and R. McCallum, M.P.'s, F Bennett (the new schoolmaster), J. P. Shand (chairman of the School Committee), and members of the Education Board and School Committee. The Minister's arrival was the signal for the National Anthem, to be sung by the scholars, and Mr. Aitken then welcomed Mr. Allen. For the Education Board and School Committee he said they felt highly honoured that at such a time and with so much on his shoulders as Minister of Defence and Education, that Mr. Allen should have spared time to open the school. As Minister of Education they fully realised the good grip he's had on the educational system of New Zealand and realised that the measure he brought down in the last Parliament was an advance upon any pleasure of education previously in existence. He thought he could say that the Act would go very smoothly and sweetly. As instancing the advance in

the educational advancement of the City during the last ten years Mr. Aitken said that the board had had to rebuild the Wellington South School, and also erect new schools at Northland, Maranui, and Ngaio. and provide additions to seven schools. Ten years ago they had 5992 children attending the schools within the Wellington City, and to-day they had 7630. For the new Brittomart 'School they already had enrolled 236 children, and that number would have been exceeded had the school opened at the beginning of the term.

The Mayor, in introducing Mr. Allen, said that it was essential that if they were to be a progressive people they must have a sound, broad system of education lying as the basis of their life. The new school was another evidence of their progress. He could say on behalf of the people of New Zealand—and it did not matter what Government had been in power—that they had ever given a wide system of education, commensurate with their position as people of a great country and a great Empire. In that respect he would be failing in his duty if he did not say how much he appreciated the work of Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen, before opening the school, referred to the pleasure he felt at being present, and said that it would be a sad day to him, when the time came, as inevitably it would come some day, when he had to give up the work connected with the educational branch. It had been the greatest pleasure of all his work. He only regretted that he had not had more time to give to the matter. The Education Act of last session was, he thought, an advance, at any rate it "had the effect of putting the teaching profession, and education, on a higher standard, and he thought that when they saw this year's Estimates they would realise so far as money went, and money after all was not everything, that Parliament had not been backward in making better provision, for their teachers and for inspectors' arid .education generally. (Applause.) He had no doubt that it would find reflection in the good work of the teachers.

Mr. Allen addressed those present on the possible outcome of the war, as reported elsewhere. He then opened the school with a gold and silver key, presented by the contractors, Messrs. Sanders Bros. Ho thanked them for the key, and for faithful work in the construction of the building.

On the motion of Mr. Shand a vote of thanks was then carried to Mr. and Mrs. Allen, and cheers were given for them, the Mayor, and the School Committee.

The visitors were then entertained to morning tea.

30th June 1915 Wellington Education Board: he Brittomart street school committee wrote, asking that the district and school be named Berhampore.— It was decided to postpone decision until a reply had been received from the City Council, which had been asked for the boundaries of Berhampore.

28th July 1915 An application that the Brittomart street school have its name changed to that of “ Berhampore ” was agreed to.

4th August 1915 Wellington Education Board: The Wellington Education Board opened a new school at Britomart Street, Berhampore, four weeks ago on Monday. To-day there are 420 pupils on the register of that school. It is considered that the school will be well-filled within .the year. In' the construction of the school provision was made for future extensions

1st September 1915 Wellington Education Board: Salaries of State school teachers are based on average attendance: When a new city school is established it has at once to be filled to capacity if its teachers are to receive emoluments 'equal to those paid to old-established' schools with a full roll number. That this may entail hardship on the innocent is, adduced in the case of the Brittomart Street, the big, new school at Berhampore. The attendance now is

quite satisfactory, but for the month or two during which it was filling the attendances were naturally not so good as in the case of the older-established schools, 'yet' those attendances are not only to be taken as a basis of teachers' salaries for this year but will weigh in the average attendance on which next year's salaries will be apportioned. This matter was explained to the Education Board yesterday -by the chairman (the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken), who pointed out that the new school had filled up whilst the other schools in the vicinity were quite full. Pointed out, the disabilities under which the teachers at Brittomart Street laboured and stated that he had - informed a- deputation that waited on the Finance Committee' that representations would be made to the Education Department. ;He moved in this direction, and the board agreed

29th October 1915 On behalf of my committee," writes the chairman of the Berhampore School Committee in a letter to the Libraries Committed of the City Council, "permit me to express our high appreciation of the generosity in forwarding the selection of volumes for the use of the children attending the Owing to our present position, as a recently-opened school, we are labouring under disabilities that can only be overcome by time and experience, and therefore we the more appreciate your action in so readily assisting us at a time when we were somewhat handicapped. Our children were delighted to receive the books, and we can assure you they will be thoroughly enjoyed by all of them.

24th November 1915 Military Hospital Guild: Pupils Berhampore School, 26 Balaclavas, 2 scarves, 87 eye bandages, 49 face cloths;

10th December 1915 Mr. J. Duggan, of the Berhampore School; is leaving to-day for Melbourne via the south on a health-recruiting trip.

17th December 1915 t. NEW BERHAMPORE SCHOOL.

Mr J P Shand chairman of the School Committee, presented the proficiency and -attendance certificates at the Berhampore School. He referred: to the school, the work already done and to the staff. ; Hearty cheers' and the singing of the National Anthem brought the ceremony to a close. It is interesting to note that although the school was opened last June, 506 names have been enrolled. At the present time there are 451 names on the books, and for this Quarter the average attendance, was 413

It is fully anticipated that separate infant rooms will be needed in the near future, although the present building can accommodate over 500.

Proficiency Certificates (only two boys in Standard VI).—Albert Shackleton, Francis Reeves. Competency (only one girl in Standard VI) Lily Judd.

Attendance Certificates.—Standard V, First Class: Alfred Wilcox, Robert Laurenson, Noel Golf, George Warwick, Sidney Rapley.

Second Class: Arthur Hillier, Selwyn Bedell, Errol Dawson, William Archer, Leslie Archer, Philip Beales, Albert Hedgman, John Hutchings, Phyllis Dawson, Hazel Wilkinson; Dorothy Poynter, Ivy Tomlin, Vhea Vaughan. ,

Standard IV.—First Class: Isabel Barker, Audrea Bedell, Hilda Collier, Rita Tidey, Thomas Wildermoth. Second Class: Enid Christie, Mavis Edwards, Cressell Vaughan, Thomas Chipper, Hazel Dewhurst, Evelyn Spearman, Lilian Braid, Maurice Harman, Albert Randell.

Standard III.—Attendance Certificates. —First. Class: Jean Hedgland, May Crawford, Percy Warwick. Second Class: ' Erica Parrish, Iris Wilkinson, Elsie Barker, May Randell, Louie Radcliffe, Phyliss Howe, Dorothy Douglas, Alfred Welch, Thorpe Bedell, Percy Bydder, Henry Muller, 'William Tate, Tera Marriner.

Standard II.—First Class Certificates: Rosa Boniface, Doris Bamforth, Emily Wilson, Thomas Thomson, William Corley, Cyril Lowe, Irving Randell. Second Class: Florence Muller, Ivy Charles, Walter Brydges, Arthur Davies, Ernest Tidey, Charles Watt, Frank Lord, Mabel Jamieson, Daisy Henderson, Florence Robinson, Marion Davidson, Thelma' Yarlett.

Standard I.—First Class: Gwen Morrell. Second Class: Clifford Collins, Alfred Thomson, Stuart Lord, Valmar . McFarlane, Allan Shand, Richard Marriner, Robert Caveny, Gladys Hughes, Carla Palliser, Elisa Jorgenson. Mona Hay, Gladys Poynter, Marion Poynter, Agnes Douglas, Patricia Taylor, Gwen Lamont, Lily Loveless, Leslie Ayres.

P.III-IV.—First Class: Edward Winter, Hilda Luckman, George Taylor, Stanley Wilson, Grenfall Costin. Second Class: Daphne Payne, Joyce Eagle, Albert Murch, Blanche Charles, Edward Peek, Isabel Lane, Mary Henderson, Chrissie Reith Muller, Ada Coveney, Roy Radcliffe, Kenneth Davey, Eileen Turner, Gladys Borrows, Margaret Armstrong, Zillah Douglas.

1916-1917

1917	501	Berhampore	Bennett	Francis	D-16	Head	£390.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Miller	Henry	D-41	Assistant	£280.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Hurley	Irene N	C-50	Assistant	£210.00
1917	501	Berhampore	McLandress MA	Isabella	B-60	Assistant	£200.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Sparrow BA	Eva T	A-72	Assistant	£160.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Scott	Margaret C	D-75	Assistant	£150.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Ziman BA	Rachel L L	B-70	Assistant	£140.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Gooder	Hazel N	D-93	Assistant	£120.00
1917	501	Berhampore	O'Meara	Eileen J	B-98	Assistant	£120.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Cameron	Lilly I	C-89	Assistant	£110.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Griffiths	Amy C		Probationer 2	£35.00
1917	501	Berhampore	Hind	Helen M		Probationer 2	£35.00

Isabella McLandress MA was at Masterton with a MA 1906 to 1910 then at Levin DHS 1911 to 1914. In 1915 she was sole teacher at Makuri between Pahiatua and Pongaroa. Then 1917 to at least 1919 she was at Brookland School Resigned from Wellington Education Board December 1919

NZ History: Isabella McLandress was born in 1866, the daughter of John McLandress, a bootmaker who ran the Dundee Boot and Shoe Warehouse on Princes Street, Dunedin. Most young women of Isabella's class had little chance of a university education. However, in 1885 she won the Scott Scholarship, which entitled her to receive 20 pounds a year for three years towards the costs of her higher education. She received her B.A. degree in 1889. Her father was declared bankrupt the same year, but she continued studying and in 1890 she was awarded an M.A. with Third Class Honours in Chemistry from the University of Otago. During the 1890s she taught in Dunedin, but after her father's sudden death in 1896 she left home to work in the North Island. On 15 June 1900 she was appointed first assistant at the Napier Girls High School, and in 1901 she became headmistress of the Waipawa District High School. In 1905 she was the sole teacher at Makairo School, but by 1906 she was 'female second-assistant' at Masterton District High School, where she also passed a First Aid Examination with high marks. Sadly, the new century held tragedy as well as adventure for Isabella. In 1908 her older sister Jessie died at the age of 43, and in 1918 her brother John's body was found in Auckland

Harbour, a suspected suicide. [1] Some time after her brother's death, Isabella moved to Australia. By 1933, she was living in Auburn, NSW, and apparently still teaching. She remained in Australia until she died on March 8, 1939

Hazel Ninian Gooder started her career as a pupil teacher at Terrace School as a pupil teacher 1909 to 1913. In 1915 and 1915 she was at Levin DHS as a substitute teacher covering for a teacher away at war. In 1917 she was at Brooklyn, 1919 at Tokomaru and 1921 back in Wellington at Lyall Bay.

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Eileen J O'Meara was an assistant teacher at Tawa Flat in 1915 and at Berhampore around 1917 to at least 1919.

Lilly I Cameron was sole charge teacher at Alfredton in 1915 and in 1917 was at Berhampore as an assistant

Amy C Griffiths was a probationer 2 at Berhampore Presumably she was at training college in 1919 and by 1921 to at least 1923 was at Mt Cook Infants' as an assistant

Helen M Hind was a probationer at Berhampore and was at training college by 1919 and in 1921 was teaching in the secondary Department of Eketahuna In January 1923 H M Hind appointed to secondary assistant Wairoa

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26th January 1916 Wellington Education Board: Grant for Brooklyn. Landings on path asphalt etc.

28th January 1916 Vhea Vaughan (1 Mile) and Cresswel Vaughan (250 yards) got swimming proficiency certificates at the Te Aro Baths

1st March 1916 Wellington Education Board The board cannot see its way to comply with the request for a right-of-way over the Berhampore School site.

29th March 1916 The board yesterday approved of this course. Berhampore School, built only last year, now needs more room. The population in the locality has grown, and the school has attracted more scholars than were anticipated. The Education Board has decided to await the report for the current quarter before taking any action.

14th April 1916 Berhampore (nine to be elected).— Messrs. J. P. Shand, G. W. Key, P. C. Watt, A. A. Whitelaw, R. Richmond, F. S. Hoy, B. Warwick, C. W. Burd, and E. W. Burd. With the exception of Messrs. Warwick and Burd (2), all were members of the old committee.

18th April 1916 The first committee to take charge of the affairs of the newly-erected Berhampore School was presided over, by Mr. J. Shand, with Mr. G. W. Key as Secretary. The annual report recorded appreciation of the excellent service rendered by the headmaster and his staff. "After a short period of eight months," the report continues, "some of the residents will be surprised to learn, than we are at this early period of our history in need of increased accommodation for our infant department. ' our committee has placed the matter of our urgent need before the Education Board, but so far no definite reply has been received as to what action is-to be taken to meet the urgency of this matter

19th April 1916 Wellington Education Board: In regard to an application from Berhampore for an addition to the new school, it was decided to intimate that the average attendance did not, under the existing space regulations, justify compliance.

20th April 1916 Mr. A. A. "Whitelaw presided over the meeting at the Berhampore School, which was attended by about twenty five people.; Mr. A. H. Hindmarsh, member, for

.the district, explained the Government's scheme very lucidly, and replied to a good many questions, chiefly concerning the personal canvass. Finally it was decided "That in the opinion of this 'meeting the Recruiting Board's scheme in its present form is unworkable

20th May 1916 St Johns Ambulance Gifts included; Berhampore School, 21 face cloths, 24 eye bandage, 1 pair slippers, 2 balaclavas', 25 handkerchiefs;

31st May 1916. Wellington Education Board: Miss Tonkinson resigned

8th July 1916 Arbor Day: At the Berhampore School trenches, had been dug during the week by the senior boys and soil obtained in preparing the ground for completing the tree-planting of last year. The work gave much pleasure to the pupils, and about fifty new trees were planted yesterday afternoon. An English oak tree, the gift of Messrs. F. Cooper, was planted in the morning in the girls' playground.

18th July 1916 Wellington Education Board: ;Appointment Berhampore, assistant, Miss L. Cameron;

24th July 1916 At the last meeting of the Petone District High School Committee, a reply was received from the Minister of Education, in reference to the Education Board's decision respecting the liability for accidents school children. The communication stated that apart from the question of expense it was well-nigh impossible to deal with cases of accidents to school children, as it would be extremely difficult to determine whether such accidents were due to a boy's recklessness or not. It was resolved to forward a copy of "the reply to the Berhampore School Committee, who had asked for information on the subject.

11th September 1916 THE PURPLE COURTIERS!L" L COSTUME. COMEDY, ENTERTAINERS Miss Fanny Joplin, Soprano. Miss Lilly -Chapman, Comedienne and monologist " Mr. Arthur Nees, Baritone : Miss Margaret Wilson, Contralto. Mr. Percy Martin, Tenor. Mr. George Peck, Comedian. Mr Will McKeon,: Monologist - and ;. Comedian. Pianist—Miss Bartley. Performance in Aid of Sports Funds of the. Berhampore. School. ;Admission .Is...Children, 6d.

13TH September 1916 A performance in aid of the sports fund' of the Berhampore School will be given in St. Thomas's Hall, Newtown, this evening by the costume comedy company known-as "The Purple Courtiers." Several talented local amateurs are included in the company. The programme comprises songs by Miss Fanny Joplin, Miss Margaret Wilson, Mr. Percy Martin, Mr. Arthur Nees; character sketches by Mr. George Peck and Mr. Will. McKeown ; monologues by Miss Lily Chapman; and duets and combined items by the company. An entertaining evening is assured.

14th September 1916 At St. Thomas's Hall, Newtown, last evening, the Purple Courtiers gave an entertainment in aid of the sports fund of_ the Berhampore School. There was a fair attendance, and though the weather was very disagreeable the amount realised is expected to be substantial. Miss Margaret Wilson was unable to be' present, and her place was taken by Miss Alice McKeon. The other performers were Misses F. Joplin, Lilly Chapman, Messrs. A. Nees, P. Martin, G. ;Peck, and W. McKeon. Miss Bartley presided at the piano.

28th September 1916 Military leave has been granted by the Education Board to Mr C. G. Jenkins, sole teacher at Tauherenikau, and Mr J. Duncan, assistant at Berhampore.

16th December 1916 Mr. J. P. Shand, chairman of the committee, attended at the Berhampore School and addressed both the infant and the upper classes in the open air, congratulating them on the splendid success that had attended the new school. In both the number of scholars and the progress made under the guidance of Mr.. Bennett the results hail been most satisfactory.

Ho wished the scholars a bright and happy holiday and a very merry Christmas. The certificates for proficiency, competency, and attendance won during the year were presented during the morning,

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES. ' Boys.—William Archer, Selwyn Bedell, Philip Beales, Cecil Bradshaw (top boy), Ivy Charles, Noel Golf, Valentine Gunnion, Albert Hedgman, Arthur Hillier, Robert Hollis, .John Hatchings, George Stark, George Warwick, Malcolm Warwick.

Girls'. —Winnifred Dawson, Jean Dempsey, Agnes Glassford, Dorothy Poynter, Ivy Tomlin (top girl), Hazel Wilkinson

COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES. Boys.—George Harris, Gilbert Key.

Girls—Phyllis Dawson, Vhea Vaughan, Myrtle Wilcox.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. Standard VI.—Boys: William Harold Archer, Selwyn Lloyd Bedell, Percy James. Charles, Noel Owen Thomas Golf, Valentine Eraser Gunnion, George Thomas Harris, Robert Leslie Sydney Hollis, George William Henry Warwick, Malcolm Benjamin Warwick, James Alfred Wilcox. Girls: Phyllis Mabel Dawson, Agnes White Glassford, Myrtle Eunice Essie Wilcox.

Standard V.—Boys: Hedley Boulton, Jack Brewer, James Byles, Claude Ferguson, Maurice Harman, . Ronald Jones, Philip' Mason, Henry Rowe, Bernard Somes, Thomas Wildermoth. Girls: Myra Agate, Isabel Barker, Kitty Barker, Andrea Bedall, Mavis Bradshaw, Alziere Coles, Hilda Collier, Edna Davies, Hazel Dewhurst, Mavis Edwards, Elsie Henderson, Rita Tidey.

Standard IV.—Boys: William Charles, Arthur Duff, Albert Ellingford, William Harris, Claude Jansen, Tera Marriner, Fredrick Muller, Roy Sutcliffe, Percival Warwick. , Girls: Elsie Barker, Pearl Bradly, Grace Brown, Frances Crawford, Dorothy Douglas, Ruahine Dunbar, Eileen Gunnion, Minnie Hart. Ellen Hastie, Vera Radcliffe, Eileen Taylor, Ella Welch, Edith Yarker, Joyce Stanley.

Standard III.—Boys: Arthur Davies, Ernest Tidey , Colin Davidson, Thomas Thomson, Andrew McKillop, Robert Yeatts, Charles Watt, Richard Hayes, Cyril Lowe, Albert Barrett, Kenneth Stevens, Arthur Hembrow, Joseph Radcliffe, Sydney. Washer, William .Longhurst, Reginald Massey, Frank Mumme. Girls: Elsie Forsyth, Irene Bourborough, Emily Wilson, Phyllis Philp, Molly Nicholls, Ivy Bradley, Daisy Henderson, Rosa Boniface, Fanny Douglas, .Annie McCoy, Elsie Ellingford, Dorothy Dewhurst, Florence Muller, Doris Bamforth, Doreen Hare, Ilma Hoy, Kathleen McCarthy.

Standard II.—Boys: Horace Anderson, Joseph Bretis, Ronald Brown, Reginald Ellingford, Leslie Hedgman, William Leach, Stewart. Lord, Peter Mills, Allan Shand, Alfred Thomson, Charles Washer. Girls: Doris Brown, Agnes Douglas, Mona Hoy, Hazel Johnston, Gwen Morrell, Marjorie O'Brien. Ethel Robertson.

Standard I.—Boys: Henry Meach , Valmar McFarlane, Edgar Peterson, Edward Peek, Charles Hart, Fredk. Harris. Girls: Bertha Anderson, Ethel Bird, Rena Brown, Maire Diamond, Zillah Douglas, Gladys .Jacobsen, Hila Luckman, Daphne Payne, Evelyn Peek, Ivy Yeatts, Olive Boniface. Blanche Charles, Joyce Eagle, Mary Henderson, Lynda Lewis.

P. IV.—Boys: Bert Aers, Harold Clayton, Stuart Duff, Charles Powrie, Harold Ross, William Thomson. Girls: Ruth Morrell, Doris Boulton, Owen Edwards, Dulcie Green, Emma Jacobs, Natalie Philip, Lizzie Page.

P. III.—Boys: Ian McFarlane. Raymond Peterson, George .Joseph Stevenson Girls: Bessie Birss, Vera Crawford, Frances Diamond. Frances Hawking Una Ruth Key, Maude Nichols. The certificates were presented by Mr. .T. P. Shawl, chairman of the School Committee, who expressed the best wishes of the committee to the children and teachers before distributing the certificates.

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1st March 1917 Wellington Education Board: The chairman announced' that a special school grant for school readers, which had been stopped, had been made available again. An application for participation in the grant from the Berhampore School was referred to the officers of the Board.

26th April 1917 The school flag at Berhampore School, Britomart Street, was hoisted yesterday morning;, and later put at half-mast. After the teachers had spoken to their scholars, an address to grouped standard classes was given by the headmaster, who pointed out , the origin and the significance of the day and why it should ever remain a red-letter day in the history of the war and of New Zealand'. The sacred scenes were illustrated by large maps of the Gallipoli Peninsula and of the Dardanelles, and after the singing of the National Anthem the scholars were allowed to go home for the rest of the day

27th April 1917 The patriotic work of school children has been the subject of much appreciation on the part of the authorities concerned, and in this direction the pupils of Berhampore, School have accomplished much good. The whole of the sewing time is now devoted to the making of soldiers' comforts, while contributions to different funds have resulted in large amounts being available for the relief of distressed ones. A children's carnival, says the headmaster's second annual report, is being arranged in aid of patriotic funds, and the juveniles are entering with spirit into the preparations

27th April 1917 The need for increased accommodation at the Berhampore School is dealt with in the second annual report of the committee to be presented to the householders of the district. No action can be taken at the present time, but the board has supplied the school with additional desks, and this, with a rearrangement generally, has enabled the committee to accommodate more scholars without interfering with the school's general efficiency. Owing to the excellent work and effort made during the' year, many matters of financial difficulty have been successfully overcome, runs the report. The committee, assisted by the headmaster, staff, and householders, made several effective efforts to raise funds; for the piano fund the sum of £21 5s was raised by a scheme evolved by Mr. F. S. Hay, a member of the committee. The committee extends special thanks to all who assisted in raising funds, by entertainments, and, to the board for subsidy. The school has now a large library, mainly brought about by financial assistance from the board, and a generous loan of books by the City Council library Committee. The effective educational work of the school is emphasised in the inspector's report, which shows the excellent progress made during the year. Reference is made in the committee's report to the services of the caretaker, Mr. Robinson, and to the general good conduct of the school.

1st May 1917 Reference to the increasing attendance at Berhampore School was- made at the householders' meeting last night. The headmaster's , report, which dealt fully with the- working of the school, stated that it was now classed in grade 6 B, a position brought about since, last year by the increased attendance, which showed signs of still further increase, and threatened to overtax the present accommodation. Reference was also made to the difficulties of staffing

the school due to enlistments, only one male assistant being on the staff. At present the teachers were taxed to the utmost in their endeavour to comply, with educational requirements. The infant department of the school should receive consideration in the near-future, as there was a lack of suitable accommodation, and consequently a large number of children had to be delegated to one teacher. On the recreation side the school had done well, having won the junior cricket shield, and being runners-up for the football championship, a fact due solely to the interest taken in these matters by the assistant master, Mr. Millar. The householders present unanimously carried a resolution expressing their appreciation' of his efforts. During the evening musical items were contributed by Misses Burd and Black, and Messrs. Burd, Shand, Whitelaw, and Master Keys. The meeting terminated' with the singing of the National Anthem.

1st May 1917 Berhampore School Committee elected was, as follows: Messrs J. P Shand (chairman), F. S. Hoy (secretary), B. W. Burd, T. C. Watts, G. W. Key, R. Richmond, W. C. Burd, B. Warwick and A. C. H, Beu

11th May 1917 Teacher Killed: Lieutenant -Young was- for two, .years' a teacher, in the - Newtown: School, and just before leaving he was appointed assistant master at the Berhampore School.

12th May 1917 As a mark of respect to the memory of the late 2nd Lieutenant Albert Young,, a former teacher at the Berhampore School, who was killed in action on 1st May, the scholars attending the school were drawn up on the playground yesterday and stood at attention with uncovered heads whilst the flag was slowly run up to half-mast.

27th August 1917 In a long article on Montessori Teaching was this: though the school is largely utilised for the instruction of teachers in our district engaged in infant work, as well as Sisters of the Catholic schools, and teachers from Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Canterbury, Otago and Wellington (Karori, Island Bay , and Berhampore Schools), who have all been made welcome and every facility accorded for studying our methods.

6th October 1917 Debate in Parliament included: Only a few years ago a new school was erected at Berhampore, Wellington. Already it was overcrowded, and he wanted to know why the authorities could not have looked further ahead. Schools should not be overcrowded, and it was impossible for a teacher to teach 80 children, in a class, as had to be done in some cases at present.

21st December 1917 Mr. J. P. Shand (chairman of the School Committee) presided at the "break-up" ceremony at the Berhampore School. On behalf of the committee, he expressed appreciation of the good work of the teachers. It was pointed out£ that the rapid growth of the school had raised it into Grade VII. a, owing to the yearly average being 501. Since the school opened 915 have been admitted, and there are now 565 on the school roll. Mr. Bennett reciprocated the kindly sentiments and the good wishes of Mr. Shand and mentioned how much the hearty co-operation of the committee had conduced to the successful working of the school.

Proficiency Certificates. Russell Billows, Hedley Boulton, Jack Brewer, William Cullimore, Fred Eagle, James Elder, Claude Ferguson, Maurice Harman, Ronald Jones, Eric Key, Gilbert Key, Fred Mumme, Clinton Petersen, Henry Rowe, Edward Scott, John Scott, Bernard Somes, Thomas Wildermoth, William Wildermoth, Kitty Barker, Isabel Barker, Andrea Bedell, Mavis Bradshaw, Lillian Braid, Enid Christie, Alziere Coles, Hilda Collier, Edna Davis, Phyllis Dawson, Hazel Dewhurst, Elsie Henderson, Eileen Kelly, Hilda Lloyd, Violet Loveless, Elsie Smith, Evelyn Spearman, Rita Tidey, Cressell Vaughan, Myrtle Wilcox, Gwen. Wing.

Endorsed Competency Certificates. Philip Mason, Albert Randell, Eric Wing, May Craighead, Mavis Edwards, Margaret Thomson.

Attendance Certificates. Standard VI.—Russell Billows, Hedley Boulton, Jack Brewer, William Cullimore, Claude Ferguson, Maurice Harman, Ronald Jones, Eric Key, Gilbert Key, Philip Mason, Frederick Mumme, Clinton Petersen, Edward Scott, Nixon Scott, Bernard Some, Thomas Wildermoth William Wildermoth, Eric Wing, Isabel Barker, Andrea Bedell, Enid Christie, Hilda Collier, May Craighead, Hazel Dewhurst, Edna Davis, Rita Tidey, Cressell Vaughan, Myrtle Wilcox, Gwen. Wing.

Standard V.—Percy Bydder, William Charles, Thomas Chipper, Arthur Duff, Arnold Key, Henry Muller, William Tate, Percy Warwick, Rowland Bailey, Albert Ellingford, Claude Jansen, William Harris, Grace Brown, Eileen Gunnion, Phyllis Howe, Brenda Johnston, Joyce Stanley. Dorothy Douglas, May Stott.

Standard IV.—Harry Barker, Albert Barritt, Walter Brydges, Ewen Cameron, Arthur Davis, Robert Downie, Arthur Hembrow, Richard Hayes, Reginald Massey, Raymond Mason, Frank Mumme, Thomas Thomson, Allan Tomlinson, Charles Watt, Ashley Cullimore, William Douglas, Albert Everitt, Cyril Lowes John Nichols, Robert Scott, Ernest Tidey, Kathleen Amooore, Doris Bamforth, Rosa Boniface, Ivy Charles, Fanny Douglas, Elsie Ellingford, Elsie Forsyth Minnie Hart, Florence Muller, Emily Wilson, Thelma Yarlett, Daisy Henderson, Pearl Stuart, Nellie Tomlinson.

Standard III.—Irene Bourborough, Dons Brown, Kathleen Inniss, Evelyn Jacobson, Phyllis Philp, Ethel Robertson, Gwen Urquhart, Gladys Welshford, Ethel Wildermoth, Madge O'Brien Lily Scott, Gwen Forrell, Nora McCarthy, Doreen Boyd, Horace Anderson, Joseph Bretis, Ronald Brown, Reginald Ellingford, Leslie Hedgman, William Longhurst, Andrew McKillip, Malcolm McWhirter, Allan Shand, Kenneth Stevens, Sidney Washer, Robert Yeates, William Moore, Raynham Middleton, Colin Whyte.

Standard II.—Leslie Ayres, Bert Ayres, Bernard Bailey, Albert Cullimore, Henry Meach, Edgar Peterson, Gordon Saddler, Ritchie Stevenson, William Thomson, Laurence Watt, Charles Washer, Fred Harris, Albert Burd, Stephen Bamforth, Lloyd Bydder Ken Byles, Charles Hart, Alex. Hembrow, Eric Mewton, Charles Powrie, Victor Thomson, Alfred Thomson, Stanley Wilson, Marjorie Harman, Phyllis Howard, Sybil Hart, Gladys Jacobson, Bessie Lane, Daphne Payne, Lizzie Page. Nathalie Philp, Sarah Scott, Phoebe Blandford, Rena Brown, Ngaire Bradshaw Ethel Burd. Doris Boulton, Zillah Douglas, Agnes Douglas, Jessie Hobbs, Hazel Johnston, Jean Joss, Helen Joss, Isabel Lane, Hilda Suckman, Maude Mecham, Rose Somee, Ruth Morrell.

Standard I.—Geoffrey Amooore, Jack Birrell, Raymond Edwards, Ronald McWhirter, Bertha Anderson, Blanch Charles, Alma Lowe, Ruby Pycroft, Gladys Lowe, Lynda Lewis, Pearl Tyree, Elizabeth Biros, Frances Hawkins, Emma. Jacobs. Maud Nichols, Verna Wilson, Isabel Young.

Infants.—Harold Avery, Herbert Barker, Frederick Beu, Fred. Howell, Eric Lamont, Archibald Paton, Andrew Pearson, George Stevenson, Mabel Winter, Ina Birriss, Alice Cronin, Molly Hart, Una Key, Myrtle Washer.

22nd December 1917 BERHAMPORE. Mr. J. P. Shand, chairman of the committee of Berhampore School, Britomart Street, presided at the "break-up" ceremony. After presenting the "proficiency," "endorsed competency," and "attendance" certificates, Mr. Shand specially emphasised the importance of the many privileges open to children of the present time Ho

urged them to embrace every opportunity of advancement, for they little knew 'to what positions in life attention to the various duties might lead them. After expressing the best season's greetings of the committee, cheers were given by the children for Mr. Shand, the committee. and the teachers. At morning tea Mr. Shand, on behalf of 'the committee, expressed their appreciation of the good work of the teachers. It was pointed out that the rapid growth of the school had raised it into Grade VIIa, owing to the yearly average being 501. Since the school opened 915 have been admitted, and there are now 565 on the school roll. This week the committee applied for immediate increased accommodation at the school.

1918-1919

1919	502	Berhampore	Bennett	Francis	D-16	Head	£470.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Miller	Henry	D-39	Assistant	£350.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Hurley	Eileen N	C-46	Assistant	£305.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Duncan	Stuart	C-45	Assistant	£345.00
1919	502	Berhampore	McLandress MA	Isabella	B-60	Assistant	£275.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Scott	Margaret C	D-70	Assistant	£255.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Ziman BA	Rachel L L	B-68	Assistant	£220.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Blomquist	Henrietta V	C-78	Assistant	£200.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Carrick	Margaret A	C-91	Assistant	£175.00
1919	502	Berhampore	O'Meara	Eileen J	D-94	Assistant	£175.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Whitwell	Rebecca L	D-99	Assistant	£165.00
1919	502	Berhampore	De Montalk	Jeffrey A V		PT4	£75.00
1919	502	Berhampore	Ferris	Edna F		Probationer 1	£65.00
1919	502	Berhampore	McDonald	Eileen A		Probationer 1	£65.00

Stuart Duncan was a pupil teacher at Petone from 1899 to 1901 and an assistant there in 1902 From 1903 to 1905 he was sole teacher at Waione north of Pongaroa. 1906 to 1915 he was headmaster of Waikanae School. He was not teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1917 and then From 1919 to 1923 at least was teaching at Berhampore. Appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1927

Henrietta V Blomquist taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1904 to 1906 and at Te Ore Ore school just out of Masterton in 1907 and 1908. Then she was not back for the Wellington Education Board until around 1919 at Berhampore school.

20th February 1909 Miss Blomquist, who has been for some time past assistant teacher at the Te Ore Ore School, and who has been transferred to the Karangahape School, was entertained at a farewell social by a number of friends last evening.

12th August 1920 Bay of Plenty Times: A- farewell was' given to Miss H. V. Blomquist recently by the scholars and teachers* of the Berhampore (Wellington) School. After an interesting function both children ana teachers presented her with tokens of their kind regard and appreciation of her services to the school. It was pointed out that all connected with the school deeply regretted her departure. The headmaster spoke in words of praise of her splendid influence and work during the whole time that she had been on the staff. Miss Blomquist left for England by the Arawa.

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Margaret A Carrick started teaching for Wellington Education Board as an assistant in 1917 at Newtown. By 1919 she was at Berhampore in 1921 and 1923 was at Island Bay. In 1924 appointed to Island Bay

1925/3827	Margaret Anne Carrick	John Albert Edward Kerslake
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Rebecca L Whitwell. In 1917 was an assistant at Johnsonville and from 1919 to 1923 was teaching at Berhampore. Passed her exam into Class C teachers in 1923

Jeffrey A V De Montalk only taught the Wellington Education Board around 1919

Edna F Ferris only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Berhampore around 1919 to at least 1921

Eileen A McDonald only taught the Wellington Education Board as a Probationer around 1919

25th January 1918 The Berhampore School Committee is to be informed by the City Council that the question of effecting improvements to the approach' to the Brittomart street cutting will be considered in connection-with next year's estimates, and also requested to instruct the headmaster to warn the school children to keep a look-out for tramcars at the intersection of this street with Adelaide road. A warning notice-board is being erected by the city engineer, and instructions have been issued to tramway motormen to keep a strict watch when approaching city schools.

5th April 1918 Wellington Education Board: Assistantships -£120 to £140, Cross Creek, Muritai. Assistantships—£110 to £120, Berhampore, Martinborough, Shannon, Island Bay. 1 Temporary

17th April 1918 Members of the Education Board will to-morrow afternoon pay official visits of inspection to the Berhampore, Kilbirnie, and Miramar schools. At this morning's meeting of the board the chairman (the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken) said, in reply to a question, that the matter of new schools and other matters had to be considered in connection with the places named.

23rd April 1918 Some sixty householders attended the annual meeting-in the Berhampore School last night. The retiring' chairman of committee, Mr. J. B. Shand, who resided, presented a report congratulating' the headmaster and his staff, on the good progress made .in all branches 'of ;work. The library was in a highly' satisfactory position. Considerable improvement had been, made in the school grounds and it was hoped that the year would see some improvement in .the dangerous Britomart street cutting. The position of the school was very, satisfactory, there being a credit balance of £34 and the liabilities were nil.

In his annual' report the headmaster, Mr, F. Bennett, stated that the work of the. school had' .been 'earned 'on in"; a most commendable manner, and a high; .tribute -was paid to the loyalty and earnestness of the' staff. The average, attendance for 1917 was 511, and the school was now in a Higher grade -VIIA."

The reports, were /adopted with .little, discussion As only nine Nominations,, the number .required, were received, for the coming year's committee, the following -were declared elected :—Messrs. G. W. Key (chairman), B. Warwick, R. T. Bailey, F. J. Shand, R. Richmond , A. C. H. Beu,, W. Husband, M. F. Glading, and :E.,W Burd (secretary).. .Messrs .,R. T., Bailey and W. Husband were- appointed' delegates to the School Committees' Association

Votes of thanks .were accorded the school staff, the retiring committee, and the Municipal Library .Committee.

23rd April 1918 Pa-rents do not generally realise that they have the privilege of visiting the city schools while the periodical medical inspections of children are being made by Dr.

Paterson and Nurse Willis, for the purpose of consulting the doctor about their children. This point was made clear by the headmaster of the Berhampore school, Mr. F. Bennett, at the annual meeting of householders last night. He reported that highly satisfactory results were being obtained from the properly organised system of physical drill, and especially the formation of a special drill class for more weakly children.

26th April 1918 The scholars of the Berhampore Public School were given special addresses by the headmaster and teachers on the landing at Gallipoli, and how the word "Anzac" became world-famous. Afterwards the scholars were drawn up in "hollow square" formation, and after the headmaster had explained to the scholars the reason of the sounding of the "Last Post," in honour of the memory of those who had fallen in the fight for liberty and honour, they were stood to attention during the sounding of the "Last Post" by Mr. B. T. Bailey (a member of the committee). The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

7th May 1918 A novel form of "drive" is being-organised to take place on Saturday next in aid of the Red Jersey appeal by Mr. Clark, of Evans Bay, in which 90 members of an Eastern Suburbs' Committee will take part, assisted by four brass bands. The idea of the drive is that every house will be visited in turn and the householder invited to buy a card, adorned by a red gun. If the householder refuses, the four bands will play till he changes his mind. Having purchased the card, he is expected to display it in a prominent place, otherwise his house is liable to be raided again. The drive will be an imposing turn-out, and one which will certainly make its appeal heard—with four brass bands.....The Berhampore School Committee held a meeting last night, when it was unanimously decided that all members form themselves into a committee for the purpose of raising funds for the Red Jersey appeal. In order to obtain every possible assistance & Meeting of householder* will take place in the schoolroom on Thursday evening next at 7.45 p.m. The general organiser, Mr. P. Razey, who was present by invitation, outlined the Red and Blue Artillery scheme, and the committee decided to enter the battle on the Red aide.

19th June 1918 Messrs Increased accommodation must be provided in the immediate future at the following schools: Berhampore, Muritai, Eastern Hutt, Masterton West (where a site has been acquired), Lansdowne, Khandallah, and Plimmerton.

22nd June 1918 Messrs. T. Forsyth and J. P. Shand have been nominated by the Berhampore School Committee for two vacancies on the Education Board. Mr. Shand was until recently the chairman of the Berhampore School Committee, having been elected at its inception.

25th June 1918 City Council School Libraries report included: A letter conveying the appreciation of the householders, as expressed at the annual meeting, has been received from the secretary of the Berhampore Committee

20th] July 1918 Copper Trail [Where pennies of half pennies were laid down attempting to meet a goal. There were 12 pennies in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound.] Berhampore School (per Mr. Bennett), £2 [This was a national event]

10th August 1918 At the breaking up for the winter holidays, a roost enthusiastic send-off was accorded Miss L. O. Taylor, senior assistant at the Porirua public school for the past five years, on the occasion of her transfer on promotion to Berhampore school. [In December 1919 Miss Taylor was teaching at Clyde Quay School]

4th July 1918 Wellington Education Board: A deputation from Berhampore waited upon the board to protest against the erection of the new infants' department on the already too small playground of the Brittomart Street School. The board resolved to make representations to the

Education Department as to the view of the deputation. The chairman stated that the board also would like to see the new department erected elsewhere, and he suggested the purchase of a piece of land in Adelaide Road for the purpose. The Government, however, had authorised a grant of £1000 for the infant school on condition that it was erected on the present, site, and to endeavour to secure a change of site would result in delaying the erection of the department for at least another month. The deputation stated that they would prefer the delay if the change could be effected

9th October 1918 There "was a long discussion at this week's meeting of the Berhampore School Committee regarding the attitude of the Education Department in restricting the number of candidates who desire to sit for the National Scholarships to 10 per cent, of those eligible, and the following motion was passed:—"That this committee enters its most emphatic protest against the action of the Education Department in restricting the number of candidates to 10 per cent, of those eligible to sit, and urges that the said regulation be immediately repealed; and that this committee endorses the action of the School Committees' Association in this connection.

25th September 1918 ADKIN.—Died of wounds on the 10th September, 1918, at Base Hospital, Rouen, France, Gilbert Denton Adkin, dearly loved husband of Ivy O. A. Adkin, and son-in-law of Francis Bennett, headmaster Berhampore School.

29th October 1918 Mr. William Husband who went into camp with the October draft of C1 Class reservists, is a keen rifle shot. At the time of entering camp he was a regimental sergeant-major of the 5th Wellington Regiment. He was employed on the staff of Mr. Henry E. White, F.N.Z.L.A., F.L.A., structural engineer, of Sydney and Wellington. Mr. Husband was a member of the Berhampore School Committee, and was also a delegate to the School Committee' Association

22nd November 1918 Flu Epidemic : BERHAMPORE. Yesterday there were only five cases for the doctor's attention at Berhampore-. This very marked improvement is due to the untiring efforts of the Sisters of the Home of Compassion and the splendid assistance of the residents of the district.

There were a lot of other reports of the Flu epidemic at Brooklyn not copied

21st December 1918 The names of the winners of certificates and promotions for 1918, are as follow :—

Standard VI;— Proficiency Certificates —Boys : L. C. Avery, E. Bailey, P. Bydder, W. Charles, T Chipper, A. Duff, W. Harris, A. Key, H. Muller; F Newson, E. Puddle, B. Sutcliffe, W Tate, P. Warwick, A. Whelsh, H. Welsford, G. Williams, C Williamson, C. Parsons. Girls : M. Beddie, G. Brown, E. Dunbar, E Gunnion, P Howe, B. Johnston, J. Stanley, M. Stott, I. Thompson, M. Urquhart, S Williamson, I. Wilkinson, U. McKenzie.

Endorsed Competency Certificate. — Boys : .C. Jansen. Girls : I. Coles, D. Douglas, E. Taylor, E. Yarker..

Promoted to Standard VI.—Boys : D Archer, H. Barker, A. Barritt, A. Cullimore.. A 1 Davies, D. Dempsey, A. Hembrow, L. Holz, S. Lloyd, J Middleton, F. Mumme, I. Randall, A. Tomlinson. Girls : K. Amoor, D. Bamforth, E. Barker, E, Boniface, I. Charles, X). Dewhurst, H. Douglas, E. Ellingford, D. Hare, M. Hart, I. Hoy, D. Henderson, E. Mounter, V. Muller, L. Radcliffe, F. Robinson, P. Stuart, N. Tomlinson, E. Walker, E. Whelsh, E. Wilson.

Promoted to Upper Standard V.—Boys : B. Downie, R. Green, E. Hayse, W. Hollis, B. Kinnaird, E. Tidey, P Martin. Girls : E. Forsyth, B. Headifin, M. Martin, K. McCarthy, E. Percival, M. Stott.

Promoted to Standard V.—Boys: .J. Bretis, R Ellingford, A. Everett, L. Johnston, W. Leach, W. McDougall, A. McKillop, M. McWhirter, R. Middleton, W. Miners, W. Moore, A. Shand, S. Washer, R. Yeatts, M. Watson. Girls : R Astill, D. Boyd, D. Brown, I. Burborough, J. Glassford, N.' Gleed, M. Hoy, G. Hughes, K. Inmiss, G. Lamont, L. Loveless, A. McCoy, L. Meacham, G. Morrell, M. Nicholls, P. Philp, G. Pointer. E. Robertson, M. Stark, D. Smith, G. Urquhart, G. Welsford, J. Whyte, E. Wildermoth, E. Wilkinson, M. Brown, D. Roberts.

Promoted to Upper IV.—Boys: R. Brown, C. Edwards, W. Longhurst, J. O'Neill, K. : Stevens, G. Tarpley, J. Jacobson. Girls: P. Gray, G. Hunt, N. McCarthy, M. O'Brien, C. Rickard.

Promoted to Standard IV.—Boys: B. Aers, L. Ayres, B. Bailey, S. Bainforth, C. Boyd, A. Burd, L. Bydder, K. Byles, H. Chisholm, A. Cullimore, M. Glading. A Hembrow, P. Keslef, H. Meach, C. Millanta, R. Noman, E. Peterson, R. Randall, G. Sadler, R. Severson, A. Stott, G. Taylor, V. Thompson, W. Thomson, C. Washer, C. Whyte, S. Wilson, L. Watt. Girls:- G. Avery, F. Beardsmore, M. Bianchi, E: Biddle, E. Bird, O. Boniface, G. Borrowes, N. Bradshaw, R. Brown, I. Cocking, E. Coulson, D. Clayton, A. Dempsey, M. Diamond, A. Douglas, Z. Douglas, E. Draper, J Eagle, M. Harman, j. Hobbs, M. Jacobson, G. Johnson, H. Johnson, J. Joes, H. Joss, B. Lane, H. Luckman, D. Payne, N. Phjlp, M. Poynter, P Williams, G. Beddie.

Promoted to Standard III.—Boys: H. Ambridge, G. Amoor, F. Beu, J. Birrell, H: Clayton, K Davey, S. Duff,, C Edwards, R. Edwards, C. Fuller, A. Gill, S. Glensor, H. Harris, J. Hollis, A. Luckman, E. McWhirter, S. Meatcham, F. Miners, A. Murch, E. Peek, R... Peterson, E. Rowntree, K. Sadler, C. Stalker, H. Stevens, G. Stevenson, A. Taylor, W. Walker, J. Watt, G. Whiteley, C. Wilton, C. Wilton, E. Winter. Girls: B. Anderson, J. Barker, M. Beales, I. Birrs, B. Charles, D. Duncan, G. ; Dawson, A. Coveney, M. Callam, G. Edwards, L. Falstick, A. Gill, E. Greeks, D. Green, B. Holland, V. Johnston, U. Key, C, Kinnaird, E. Lamont, L. Lewis, A. Lowe, G. Lowe, J. Morris, V. Newson, R. Pycroft, C. Rawlings, V Wahren, G. Wischnowski, M. Fountain, E. Birrs, I. Borrowes, F. Diamond, W. Green, F. Hawkins, E. King, M. Nicholls, D. Pugh.

Promoted to Standard I. —Boys: E. Coveney, J. Dempey, J. Douglas, C. Jackson, W. Jackson, J. Johnson, F. Howell, P. Harlen, E. Lamont, E. Love, L. Luckman, H. Middleton, A. Millanta, L. Murch, J. Poole, J. Standen, P. Taylor, L. Thompson, A. Watkins, J. Henderson, A. Paton. Girls: .G. Bi}lows, P. Borrowes, M. Collins, E. Davey, D. Fenton, M. Fox-Yeates, E. Gill, M. Hart, T. Husband, G. Jeffs, D. Lane, J, Loveless, B. McCarthy, M. Mackay, J. Maxwell, G. Millanta, J. Moore, L. ; Newson, I. Percival, A. Rawlings, M.. Washer, B. Whelsh, V. Wilson, M. Winter, M. Thompson, "D. Munn, J. Dowson, R. Falconer, E. Greeks, D. Holland, V. Williams.

Promoted to Standard 1.—Boys : A. H. Avery, H: Barker, G. Bray, P. Brewer, J. Brydges, H. Chipper, . W. Cowley, J. Drew, H. Draper, D. Duncan, H. Edwards, H. Glensore, W. Harris, K. Hoy, H. Holland, V. Jacobs, C. Knigge, I}..' Lamb, D. Lamb, R. Murrell, R. Nash, R. Poole, A. Roberts, A. Scott, M. Shackelford, W. Williams, S. Watt, G. White, H. Whyte, C. Wills, E. Young. Girls :I. Allen, J. Avery, M. Bedell, N. Boyd, I. Bradshaw, 0. Buckley, T. Beu, I. Chipper, E. Coveny, 0- Dawson, M. Douglas, E. Davey, K. Edwards, V.- Edwards, A. Fenton L. Garland. P. Garrett, N. Howe. V. Harris, H. James, D. Jackson, R. Goss, D. Masters, J. Philp,

M. Richmond, J. Riddick, M. Shore, K. . Thomson, M- Tarpley, R/- Wing, M. .Whiteley, E. FoxYates.

Attendance Certificates. — Standard VI. : L. Avery, R. Bailey, W. Charles, T. Chipper, A. Duff. W. Harris, A. Key, H. . Muller, F. Newson, R. Sutcliffe, W Tate, P. Warwick, H. Welsford, .A. Welch, C. Parsons, D. Douglas, R. Dunbar, E. Gunnison, B. Johnston, M. Urquhart, E. Yarker.

Standard V. : D. Archer, 'A. Barritt, D. Dempsey, R. Downie, A. Hembrow, L. Holtz, R. Massey, T. Thomson, D. Bamforth, D. Dewhurst, E. Ellingford, M. Hart, K. McCarthy, F. Robinson, P. Stuart, E. Walker, H.. Barker, A. Davies, W. Douglas, R. Hayes, W. Hollis, R. Kinnaird, F Mumme, K. Amooore, R. "Boniface, F. Douglas, E. Forsyth, D. Henderson, F. Muller, M. Stott, M. Tomlinson,. E. Wilson.

Standard IV.—R. Brown, E. Ellingford, L. Johnston, L. Loveless, G. Morrell, M. O'Brien, G. Urquhart, G Welsford, E v Wilkinson, A. Everett, W. .Leach, W. Longhurst, E. Middleton, W. Moore, K. Stevens, S. Washer, R. Yeatts, D. Brown, E. Jacobson, N. McCarthy, A. McCoy, M. Stark.

Standard III.— F. Harris, C. Hart,. H. Meech, E. Peterson, W. Thompson, L. Watt, P. Blandford, D. Boulton, R. Brown, Z. Douglas, M. Harman, H. Joss, C. Kesler, B. Lane, R. Morrell, L. Page, N Philp, I. Yeats, L. Ayres, C. Boyd, A. Burd, K. Byles, P. Mills, G. Sadler, A. Stott, H. Luckman, M. Poynter. G. Taylor, C. Washer, S. Wilson, F 'Beardsmore, E. Biddle, E. Burd, Q. Boniface, G. Borrowes,, N. Bradshaw, I. Cocking, A. Dempsey, S. Hart, G. Jacobson, H. Johnson, J. Joss.

Standard II S. Duff, R. Peterson, K. Sadler, C. Stalker, B. Anderson, M. 'Beales, I. Birss, A. Cronin, M. Henderson, S. Lewis, G. Amooore, J Birrel, H. Clayton, S. Glenson, A. Luckman, J Watt, E. Winter. J. Barker, E, Birss, B. Charles, E. Jacobs, E. King, A. Lowe, G. Lowe, M. Nichols, G. Wischnowski, I. Young.

Standard I.— E. "Lamont, D. Fenton, M. Hart, D. Lane, M. Winter, J. Dempsey, L. Thompson. A. Watkins, J. Loveless, B. McCarthy,, M. McKay, J. Maxwell, J. Moore, I. Percival, A. Rawlings, M. Wachter, V. Wilson.

Primer,—H. Avery, H. Chipper, H. Holland, R, Lamb, D. Lamb, B. Murrel, T Nash, A. Roberts, I. Bradshaw, T. Beau, I. Chipper, M. Douglas, K Edwards, J. Riddick, K. Thompson, M. Whitely.

P.I Room.—V. Moran, A. Charles, II Birss, I. Bodmin, C. Bowley, W. Barker E. Lamont.

[Schools were closed and few reports are available]

1919

7th February 1919 LOST, Gold Brooch, keepsake, Wednesday morning, between Dee and Rintoul streets. Reward on returning to Headmaster , Berhampore School.

11th February 1919 Wellington Education Board: Mr S Duncan appointed assistant Berhampore

20th February 1919 Mr J Duggan resigned from Berhampore

9th April 1919 The annual report of the Berhampore School Committee records satisfaction at the conclusion of hostilities and expresses the committee's sympathy with those who have suffered in any way. The school year was a very successful one, although several severe setbacks were encountered. The infant school has given the committee a lot of anxiety. The plans for the new infant building, which will contain two rooms each 26ft. x 24ft., were ready last

July, but the building has only just been started, because the committee felt that an injustice was being done to the school and the children by placing the building on the present school grounds. The committee had in mind an adjacent section, and applied to the Education Board, and also sent a deputation to press the opinion that the building should be put on this section and not on present grounds. In spite of this no satisfaction was obtained. The honours board was erected during the year and has now on it the names of two scholars who have gained scholarships. In case of accidents a box of necessities, approved by the St. John Ambulance Association, has been placed in the school. Endeavours were made to obtain a tennis court for the children, but so far the committee has not been able to procure sufficient funds to carry out the work. . The committee also recommend the erection of seating accommodation in the playground The Brittomart Street cutting was widened and rendered considerably safer as a result of the energies of the committee, and thanks are given to the City Council for carrying out the necessary work. Owing to the loss of time during the year it was reluctantly decided to abandon the picnic, which in future will be an annual fixture. The financial position of the school is stated as being good, there being a credit balance of £21. In conclusion, the committee thanks the headmaster and staff for the continued high state of efficiency obtaining in the school, and the parents and guardians of the children for their regularity of attendance, which helps to make the efficiency possible. Also, it notes with satisfaction the conscientious and faithful work of the caretaker.

15th April 1919 At Berhampore. the following committee was elected Chairman, Mr G. W. Key; secretary and treasurer, Mr E. W. Burd; committee, Messrs M. F. G lading, R T. Bailey, B. Warwick, W. Osborn, J. H. Duncan, G. J. Scott, H. S. Bedell.

17th April 1919 Wellington Education Board: Additional Grant Berhampore Infant Room £91 17s

19th June 1919 Wellington Education Board : Addition to infant department £1897

4th July 1919 Wellington Education Board: Appointed Miss J L Mackellar Berhampore assistant

16th July 1919 Wellington Education Board: Accommodation is now urgently needed at Berhampore

10th October 1919. Wellington City Council: Cricket wicket allocation included: Wakefield Park: Berhampore School, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3.30 to 5 p.m.

11th October 1919 Debate in Parliament included: Mr. P. Fraser said there was scarcely a school in Wellington of which the people had any reason to be proud. The Berhampore School was an exception, A big scheme of rebuilding was necessary. Mr. P. Mander urged that teachers' salaries still required improvement. Mr. Semple pressed for the acquisition of land adjacent to the Berhampore School for the enlargement of the site.

Minister Replies. Sir James Allen, who was in charge of the Estimates, said that it was recognised that many school sites were not satisfactory, but an endeavour had been made in recent years to improve many sites. As to the Berhampore site, the owner of the adjoining land was being notified that the land would be taken under the Public Works Act.

10th December 1919 Wellington Education Board Miss I McLandress resins from Berhampore.

12th December 1919 Wellington Education Board: Miss H V Blomquist appointed assistant

1920-1921

Colin C Grant commenced his career as a pupil teacher at Brooklyn in 1908-1909. He was at training college 1910 and 1911. In 1912 at Worsler Bay. 1913 he was at Dyer just south of Martinborough and 1914 and 1915 at Rangitumau North of Masterton. In 1917 he was at Johnsonville as an assistant and 1919 at Rongokokako west of Eketahuna as sole charge. In 1921 and 1913 he was at Berhampore

Eufryn Evans was a pupil teacher Te Aro in 1912 and 1913. At training college in 1914 and at Island Bay in 1915. Wadestown in 1917 and 1919 and at Berhampore in 1921 and wasn't working for the Any Education Board in 1923

Lily Feist started her career as an assistant teacher at South Wellington in 1911 until 1919 By 1921 she was at Berhampore and was still there in 1923. 21st December 1925 Lily was going by ship to Honolulu and Islands

Grace E Bird was a pupil teacher at Maranui in 1913 and Newtown in 1914 before going to training college. 1917 and 1919 she was at Newtown and 1921 and 1923 was at Berhampore

Margaret L M O'Donoghue only taught for Wellington Education Board at Berhampore as an assistant teacher by 1921 to 1923 In 1916 was teaching in ethe Waikato

Grace M Aplin In 1917 was a probationer at Karori she then was at Training College and at Berhampore in 1921 and in the Secondary Department at Levin when my records end in 1923

Grace M Patterson was an assistant at Berhampore in 1921 and at South Wellington in 1923

Eva B Mills only taught under this name in 1921 as a reliever at Berhampore

Mary E Gilbert only taught as a probationer at Berhampore around 1921

Mary E O'Donnell only taught as a probationer at Berhampore around 1921

Alma W Douglass only taught as a probationer at Berhampore around 1921

Remembering my records end in 1923

17th January 1920 Wellington Education Board: Assistantships Berhampore (Male) £250 to £270: Assistantship £130 to £140

21st January 1920 Wellington Education Board Berhampore Assistant Master Mr S Duncan. Assistant Master Mr E Evans

4th February 1920 Navy League membership: Berhampore 121

9th March 1920 School Committee Association: The Berhampore school committee wrote with reference to the question of the appointment of teachers, by the Education. Board and urged that the board should send more than one name to school committees for selection.'

13th March 1920 The establishment of a memorial to those soldiers from Berhampore, who fell during the war, was considered at a meeting in the Masonic Hall, Adelaide Road, last evening, Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of the Berhampore School, being in the chair.....

17th March 1920 Miss B Astley probationer resigned as from 20th April

22nd March 1920 BERHAMPORE SCHOOL, BRITTO MART-STREET.. A PPLICATIONS for Position of Caretaker will be-received until -27th March Full particulars' from Mr. G. W. Key, 74, Herald Street, Chairman of Committee. E M BURD, Hon. Secretary

10th April Apple Day Committee: Mr. Fox, the organiser, reported that 300 cases of apples had been sold already, and 25 were on order.....The schools had been circularised to take apples, and replies had been received from Karori, Kelburn, Hataitai, Kilbirnie, and Berhampore Schools. He thought that about 20 cases of apples would be required to fulfil the

demands from here. He had asked for the assistance of some Boy Scouts on Friday next. He had secured about 7000 paper bags for the day. .

14th April 1920 The chairman of the Berhampore School Committee, in his annual report to householders in the district, says that the past year has been the most successful since the school was opened five years ago. The new infant school was opened last October, and the roll number has now reached the maximum fixed by the regulations.

A section adjoining the school grounds had been secured for an extension of the school site, and the report expressed thanks to the Education Board for the securing of the land. Sport was not being forgotten at the school, and the sports account at present stood

at £114. The outgoing committee recommended that the new committee should do all in its power to foster sport, and also recommended the provision of additional seating in the playground. A gas heater was needed to facilitate the serving of hot drinks to children in the winter.

27th April 1920 Tour of Inspection: A visit of inspection to various schools in the city were paid yesterday by Mr. T. Forsyth, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, and Colonel G. Mitchell, M.P., secretary of the Wellington Progress League. After viewing the site of the proposed school at Vogelstown, a visit was paid to Berhampore and "Wellington South schools. These, said. Colonel Mitchell were the most up-to-date schools in the city, and provided a striking contrast to the others.

29th April 1920 The meeting of Berhampore householders last night carried a resolution urging the City Council to erect danger signals in the vicinity of schools, so that motorists might slow down on seeing them.

29th April 1920 "During the past eighteen months there have been 22 changes in the staff," said Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of Berhampore. "Even this year two changes are likely to take place within the next two months." Mr. Bennett added that, even with three extra classrooms, some classes were much larger than was desirable. This could be relieved if they could have two more assistants appointed, but this the present regulations would not allow. If the needs of the classes were the decisive factor, instead of average attendance, it would be much better for the education of the children. Average attendance was the basis upon which both staff and salaries were determined. In no other Department would such a state of affairs be tolerated. Mr. Bennett mentioned that, on the fine-weather attendance they would probably gain extra assistance, but sickness and wet weather brought down the average. OTHER MATTERS. A new feature of school instruction was mentioned by Mr. Bennett, headmaster, Berhampore. A specialist from Sumner had started a class at Thorndon School for children, who have defective speech and for stammerers. The class is held at Thorndon twice a week.

29th April 1920 The Berhampore householders elected: —Chairman, Mr G. W. Key; secretary, Mr E. W. Burd; committee, Messrs E. T. Amooore, K. T. Bailey ; , W. E. Gilbertson, N. S. Glading, W. Husband, B. Warwick. S. B. Watson. ... ;.....,- . Resolutions urging upon the Education Board the necessity of increasing the size of the teaching staff and reducing the size of the classes were adopted

6th July 1920 Wellington Education Board: Assistant £160 to £200

24th July 1920 SICK NURSING CLASSES. Classes start at Berhampore, on THURSDAY, 29th, 7.30, at Britomart-street Public School. (Signed) FRANCES FINLAYSON, _ , ,, Secretary. Telephone 24-254,

31st August 1920 Mr R. A. Wright (Wellington Suburbs) asked the Minister for Education if any steps had been taken to purchase the two acres of land which were necessary for the extension of the playgrounds of the Berhampore School, and which had been, under offer for some time to the Wellington Education Board.. The Hon. C. J. Parr replied that Cabinet Had dealt with the matter last week, and as a result he had made a proposal to the board, which he thought would be found a very fair- one, that the Department would find the money for one acre, the board purchasing the second acre

20th September 1920 I am sending you an abstract from an American paper with a worldwide circulation, showing that the lack of teachers is a danger to the public schools of America. The facts speak for themselves and should certainly claim the serious consideration of all who have the best interests of our children, at heart. ,, Conditions in New Zealand in the teaching service are causing much anxiety, and it behoves those in authority to see that they are most satisfactorily improved, so as to prevent such a state of things prevailing here.—I am, F. BENNETT, Headmaster, Berhampore School. 18th September. (Extract, dated 25th June, 1920.) " 400,000 children in the United States with no schools to go to this autumn. " 18,000 schools with closed doors for want of teachers. "Our coming citizens are deprived of the right of an education.....

24th September 1920 The first annual meeting of the Berhampore Tennis Club was held in the school on Wednesday night, Mr. F. Bennett (patron) being in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. This club was founded last year, and leased the court laid down at the Berhampore School, and the membership has grown so rapidly that a limit had to be placed to it. This has now been fixed at thirty, and the list is filled.

4th November 1920 Wellington Education Board: Assistantship Berhampore £160 to £170

30th November Wellington Education Board Appointment assistant Mrs E Mackay

4th December 1920 Save the Children Fund £5 6s Berhampore School Britomart street

16th December 1920 Ever since the Public Schools Athletic Association's first big annual meeting on the Basin Reserve on Thursday last, the children have been keen to learn exactly how the championship points went and who was on top. The result has now 'been' available. The Clyde Quay School (Girls 1 Boys 24 total 25)came out on top with Mount Cook (14,6 20) second, and Berhampore (9,10,19) third.'

18th December 1920 Mr. G. W. Key, chairman, Mr. Burd and Mr. Bailey represented the school committee at the break-up of the Berhampore School on Thursday, Appropriate speeches were made, and the - season's greetings were extended to both the committee and the staff of the school. The singing of the National Anthem brought the ceremony to a close.

Proficiency certificates were won as follow :—

Boys: Stanley Bade, Albert Everett, Raymond Green, William Hollis, Leonard Johnston, Andrew McKillop, Malcolm McWhirter, William Miners, William Moore, Allan Shand, Ernest Tidey, Maurice Watson.

Girls: Beatrice Bade, Marin Brown, Norah Gleed, Gladys Hughes, Mona Hoy, Beatrice Headifen, Kathleen Inniss, Leila Meatchem, Gwendrith Morrell, Annie McCoy, Flora McKay, Olive Mitchell, Gladys Poynter, Ethel Robertson, Margaret Stark, Mabel Stott, Gwen Urquhart, Gladys Welsford, Ethel Wildermoth.

Endorsed Competency.—Walter Brydges, Cyril Lowe, Reginald Massey.

1921

2nd March 1911 On Friday last the sports in connection with the Berhampore School were held under ideal weather conditions at Karori Park. Members of the School Committee, together with the staff of the school, and aided by Messrs. Key (Chairman), Burd (secretary), Warwick, Bailey, Husband, Glading, and Amooore, carried out the long programme of events in record time.' Results:—Girls' Events: Flat Race—50 yards :T. Newdick 1, J. Avery 2; 60 yards: M. Collins 1, K. Thomson 2; 75 yards: J. Joss 1, Z. Douglas 2; 100 yards: D. Moran 1, F. Beardmore 2 ; 150 yards: M. Baylis 1, Z. Douglas 2. Potato Race—8 years to 11 years: 0. Dawson 1, T. Husband 2; 11 years and over: Edna Davey 1, J. Joss 2. Skipping Race—7 to 9 years,: J. Avery 1, B. Williams 2; 9 to 11 years: T. Bedell 1, T. Husband 2; 11 to 14 years: J. Joss 1; Z. Douglas 2. Egg and Spoon Ran!— 7 to 11 years: E. Coveney 1; 11 years and over: J. Bade 1, Zillah Douglas 2. Three-legged Race—8 to 11 years: E. Davey 1, R. Dawson 2; 11 to 13 years: V. Bieleski and Clare Rawlings 1, D. Fenton and M. Winter 2. Former Girls' Race—Leila Meatchem 1, Ivy Charles 2.

Boys' Events, —Throwing Cricket Ball—Edgar Petersen 1, Joe Bretis 2. Championship Race, 200 yds—Leslie Ayres 1, Clive Fuller 2. Flat Race—Over 13 years: Leslie Ayres 1, Jo. Bretis 2; 11 to 13 years: Clive Fuller 1, Ron. McWhirter 2; 9 to 11 years:' Bald. Adams 1, Har. Avery 2; 7 to 9 years: Ron. Leonard 1, Harry Draper 2. Relay Race Over 13 years (team of four): Bretis, Ayres, Hembrow, and Bailey; 11 to 13 years (team of four): Glading, Falconer, Stott, and G. Taylor. Long Jump—Alf Thomson 1, Alb. March 2. Hop, Step, and Jump—Over 12 years: Alf Thomson 1, Bert Burd 2; 10 to 12 years: Les. Noble 1-, W. Thomson 2. Potato Race— Over 11 years: L. Ayres 1, H. Mounter 2. Monkey Race—Alf Thomson 1, Les. Noble 2.

12th April 1921 One hears so many complaints of late as to the disgraceful, the shameful, scandalous, shocking, outrageous, pitiful, atrocious, the deplorable (according to the strength of the vocabulary of school committees) state of Wellington's schools that a paragraph in the annual report of the committee of the Berhampore School Committee comes as a very pleasing change. That committee is satisfied, for the report states:—

"The residents of the district have every reason to be proud of the fine buildings in which' their children receive their daily instruction. One could hardly conceive of anything more suitable, being both clean and airy, well lighted and ideally ventilated. In the cold winter days the heating arrangements are ideal, and everyone is comfortable. Our many visitors during the year were one and all enthusiastic in their praise and acclaim our conditions as those of an ideal school." The committee congratulates itself on its choice of a caretaker in Mrs. Hunter, and, referring to recent improvements, mentions the extension of the playground, the institution of a sand table for demonstration purposes, and, the purchase of a piano, largely through the efforts of the headmaster, Mr. Bennett, and staff. There is now no liability on -the tennis court, and the hope is expressed that parents will encourage their children to take part in the game. The school choir, the report goes on, has been a great success and has assisted at several functions. Lastly, the committee refers to the financial state of affairs, and in this respect as well the report is quite a happy one. The members of the retiring committee have apparently enjoyed their work during the past year, for all offer themselves for re-election.

26th April 1921 Wellington Education Board in defence of spending on schools by the Government was the explanation of actual spending Berhampore had £3388 spent on buildings and £1300 on sites in the last year.

[inflation adjusted: Value in September 2021:£3388 = \$313 903.38 and £1300=\$120447. 07]

13th May 1921 The claims of New Zealand schools to the notice of distinguished visitors were advanced by several speakers at the civic 'reception to', two American officials of the United States Education and Labour Departments yesterday. The Mayor, Mr R. A. Wright, M.P., replying to the remark of one of the visitors, that the school buildings she had seen were rather old, suggested that she should be taken to see the Berhampore school. "Why, ! that's only a land-crab compared with the "Wanganui schools," retorted Mr F. Pirani. "Send Mrs Fitch to Wanganui. There she will see an up-to-date school, run on American lines, with the Montessori system in operation, and with gardens in ninety percent. of the district schools

17th May 1921 Wellington Hockey Ass.: A letter was received from the Berhampore School Committee stating that it was not possible to form a Berhampore School team but suggesting that a team be formed to be known as the Berhampore Boys' team. —It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary with power to act

5th September 1921 Children's Day at Wellington Competitions included The Napier children sang very well in their first; number, for they had good balance and' rhythm, but they lost points in the unaccompanied test. Nevertheless Mr. Hudson has reason to be well pleased with the showing which the children made. : ;The .Berhampore School kiddies under Mr. Vryn Evans, fell behind in points, but more will probably be heard of those children next year... 1; Napier West; .178 points, ;2; Berhampore School, 154 points

7th September 1920 Final. Napier West School (Mr E. V. Hudson, conductor), 180 points
1 Berhampore School (Mr V. Evans; , 140 points
2 Aro Street Methodist Sunday School, 120 points
3 He had! been agreeably surprised by the work in this section. The winners had given a tuneful rendering, their tonal gradations being most effective. The work was also beautifully phrased. The Berhampore school's choral balance had been fairly good; their expression a little faulty.

21st December 1921 Navy League membership Berhampore School 113 Members

22nd December 1921 Mr. G. W. Key, chairman of the committee, who was accompanied by Messrs. Bailey, Husband, and Glading (members) "presided at the annual breaking-up of the Berhampore School. After the distribution of the certificates and a gift to each child, appropriate speeches were made, and cheers were given for the committee and staff. The singing of the National Anthem brought the school year to a close.

The following gained certificates :— Proficiency.—Gladys Avery, Joy Bade, Florence Beardsmore, Ngaire Bradshaw, Zillah Douglas, Edna Draper, Marjorie Haman, Lilian Harrison, Evelyn Ivan, Hazel Johnston, Hilda Luckman, Ethel Lyons, Gladys Poynter, Cicely Rickard, Bernard Bailey, Joseph Bretis, Albert Burd, Lloyd Bydder, Horace Chisholm, Morton Glading, John Gregory, Alex. Hembrow, Raymond Randell, Gordon Sadler, Richard Stevenson, George Taylor, Victor Thompson, William Thomson, Colin Whyte, and Stanley Wood,

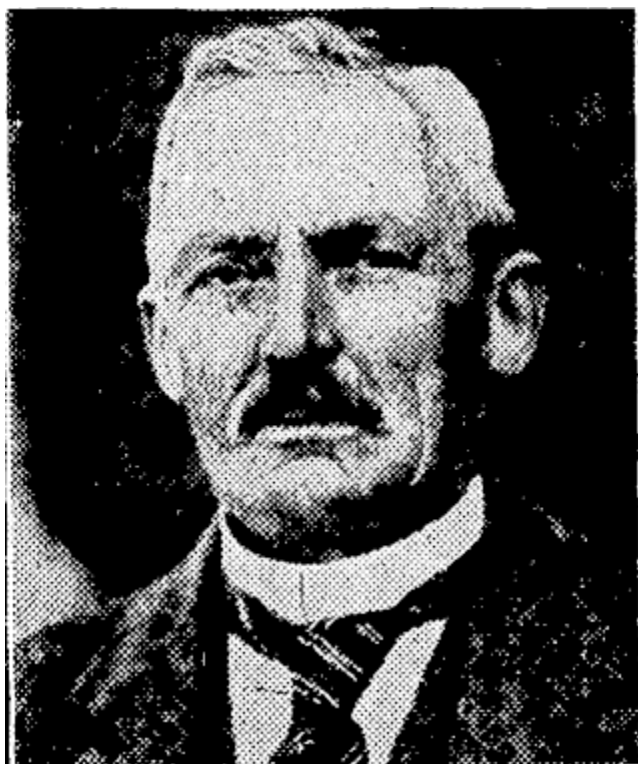
Endorsed Competency.—Arthur Stott, Frederick Wilkinson, Olive Boniface, Myrtle Jacobson.
Competency.—Edgar Peterson,

1922-1923

1923	521	Berhampore	Bary	Charles	D	Head	£490.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Duncan	Stuart	C	Assistant	£435.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Hurley	Irene N	C	Infant Mistress	£353.00

1923	521	Berhampore	Wilkinson	Isabella A (Mrs)	D	Assistant	£333.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Grant	Colin C	B	Assistant	£333.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Magill	Maggie E	C	Assistant	£263.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Feist	Lily	C	Assistant	£263.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Bird	Grace E	C	Assistant	£225.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Whitwell	Rebecca L	D	Assistant	£205.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Pitkowsky	Minnie	B	Assistant	£195.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Tackaberry	Ethel (Mrs)		Reliever	£260.00
1923	521	Berhampore	O'Donoghue	Margaret I M	C	Assistant	£190.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Fielder	Leonard A L	B	Assistant	£175.00
1923	521	Berhampore	Warren	Gwendolyn A	`	Probationer 2	£78.00

Charles Bary started working for the Wellington Education Board in 1884 at Newtown until 1901 with 1889 being sole charge teacher at Pahautanui. From 1902 to 1909 he was at Roseneath. 1910 to 1921 at least he was headmaster of Mt Cook Boys; and by 1923 was at Berhampore



6th December 1926 Part of a long article: EDUCATIONAL RECORD BERHAMPQRE'S POPULAR HEADMASTER MR CHARLES BARY To have entered upon the fiftieth year of service in the cause of education, and that under one board, never having been absent and only once late, is the proud record of Mr Charles Bary, the esteemed end popular headmaster of the Berhampore School, and a record that is unique in flew Zealand. On September 1st he entered upon his fiftieth year under the Wellington Education Board, and hopes to retire at the end of 1927, when his golden jubilee will have become an accomplished fact. He is a native of New Zealand, and first saw the light of day on the other side of Cook Strait in 1863, although this Fact is not borne out by his appearance and general activity. It was m September, 1877, that he became a pupil teacher' at Ren wick, Marlborough, where he served for four years. Although not supposed to receive a salary in the first year the board granted him the munificent sum of 2s 6d a week, paid quarterly, and he recalls the pride with which he drew his first three months'

salary. It was a nasty shock when the teaching profession, in common with other Civil servants, suffered a reduction of 10 per cent, in salaries, brought about during the premiership of Mr Harry Atkinson, and even Mr Bary's modest earnings were not exempted. He completed his pupil teachership at Blenheim, upon which he was appointed third master at the borough school, Blenheim, under the late Mr J.' P. Lucas. -In March, 1884, he joined the staff of Newtown School,.....

Died 14th August 1934 aged 72.

Isabella A Wilkinson Mrs appeared to be in Wellington with her family at least to 1941 Only record I could find for her teaching was at Berhampore school Came from a very large family in Canterbury at least 11 others daughter of John and Louis Rennie

Wife of Samuel Henderson Wilkinson — married 21 Jan 1898

1898/11234	Wilkinson	John Martin	Isabella Ann	Samuel Henderson
1899/10073	Wilkinson	Winifred Louise	Isabella Ann	Samuel Henderson
1901/4229	Wilkinson	Sylvia Henderson	Isabella Annie	Samuel Henderson

Maggie E Magill started as a pupil teacher at Newtown in 1906 to 1908. 1909 to 1912 she was at Pongaroa as an assistant teacher from 1909 to 1912. 1913 and 1914 she was Muratai 1915 to 1921 at school Mt Cook Boys' and when my records end in 1923 was at Berhampore' Researcher's Piece. I knew Maggie Magill well she lived around the corner from our house in Eastbourne in the 50s and 60s. She was on a number of committees with my mother. And when I worked for the Post office in the holidays she was usually at the gate waiting and had a chat. It makes me feel old . Signed as a JP my application for training college.

Margaret Emma Magill (1888 – 6 November 1962) was a teacher and school principal from New Zealand. She was the first woman to serve as the head of the New Zealand Education Institute(NZEI) and served on the Eastbourne Borough Council, as well as serving as deputy mayor for multiple terms. She lived openly with her lesbian partner and was part of a lesbian circle which included her sister and the sister's partner as well.....

Minnie Pitowsky taught at the Terrace school as a pupil teacher in in 1919. Was at training college in 1921 and was at Berhampore as an assistant in 1923

22nd September 1926 The Rev C. H. Pitowsky, assistant Rabbi of Wellington, and Mrs. Pitkowsky are leaving shortly for the United States and Canada, to be present at the wedding of their daughter, Miss Minna Pitkowsky, B.A., to Dr. A. Hollanberg, M.A. B.Sc., M.D., of Winnipeg, Canada. The Bey. Pitkowsky will officiate at the wedding. Miss Pitkowsky, who has been teaching in Winnipeg for some time, was educated at the Clyde Quay School, the Wellington Girls' College, and Victoria University. Mr. and Mrs. Pitkowsky will be absent for four months.

Ethel Tackaberry Mrs only taught as a married women as a reliever around 1923 at Berhampore: 20th July 1923 Miss May Agnew and Mrs Ethel Tackaberry. two Canadian teachers who are exchanging with New Zealand teachers, are expected to reach Auckland on Friday by the Makura.

Leonard A L Fielder only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1923 when my records end at Berhampore.

Gwendolyn A Warren only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1923 when my records end at Berhampore

1st March 1922 Callander Scholarships for Plumbing: Plumbing.— G. W. Key, 74, Herald-street, Berhampore School; G.T. Harris, 15, Luxford Street, Berhampore, Berhampore School. 15th March 1922 the Wellington Education Board was to-day notified of the retirement of Mr. F. Bennett, the popular headmaster of the Berhampore School. Mr. Bennett has been a teacher for 50 years and has been in the service of the Wellington Education Board for 42 years. He therefore has a record which can hardly be surpassed by any members of the board's staff, and his retirement on superannuation is well deserved. In accepting Mr. Bennett's resignation, the board to-day placed on record its high appreciation of the splendid work which had been carried out by him and tendered to him its hearty congratulations on his success as a teacher and extended the best wishes for his future welfare.

Mr. Bennett was appointed a supernumerary teacher at the beginning of 1879 and was later appointed an assistant at the Ghuznee-street School, now the Te Aro Infant School. He next taught at the Mount Cook Boys' School, the Newtown School, and at the Tinui School. He was second assistant on the original staff at the Willis-street School, and an assistant at the Newtown School for four years. He has been headmaster of the following schools:—Karori (with Mr. Joplin) in 1881, Johnsonville for three years, Eketahuna for five years, Carterton for six years, Karori for 14 years, Berhampore for 6 years.

11th April 1922 An interesting lantern-slide lecture on the Gallipoli campaign, in aid of the Berhampore School funds was given at the Masonic Hall, Berhampore, last evening by Mr. G. Mitchell, M.P. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Mitchell briefly traced the strategy of the campaign and related many humorous incidents of soldier-life. The landing, on the beach, the struggle for a foothold on the cliffs, and the fighting around the "posts," now so famous, were all touched upon. The second portion of the evening was devoted to the campaign in France. During the evening appreciable musical items were contributed by Miss E. Buckmaster and Messrs. F. W. Burd and W. McKeon, Miss McKeon was accompanist.

22nd April 1922 Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of the Berhampore School, will retire on 21st May. Genuine regret at his loss is expressed in the annual report of the Berhampore School Committee, which says that Mr. Bennett has been a most conscientious master, a friend and wise counsellor to each child, and, further, a thorough gentleman. "We heartily congratulate him on his long and honourable career, and we desire to assure him that he carries with him the sincerest good wishes of the residents of Berhampore, and appreciation of work well and faithfully done" says the report. "May his remaining years be full of joy and blessed with good health."

22nd April 1922 Surprise is expressed in the annual report of the Berhampore School Committee that a reduction of 10 per cent, has been made in the committee's capitation. "During the coming winter," says the report, "we shall find it hard to make ends meet. Our protest to the board elicited the reply that the Government had reduced the grant for incidental expenses, and, of course, it had no option but to pass it on. This reduction is all the more surprising and disappointing, because the Minister of Education promised to expend the sum of £750,000 last year on primary education, but, for some reason or other, this has not been done, in spite of numerous protests. Education of the children is the most important function of the State, and well-educated children its greatest asset, and we think a great mistake has been made in cutting down the grant, and incidentally depriving the children of the best that can be bestowed on them."

26th April 1922 At the annual meeting of Berhampore (Britomart-street) householders Mr. (G W. Key presided, It was explained that no improvement!! had yet been made in the new school area, as the title had not been obtained, the owner being an absentee. The Headmaster (Mi', F. A, Bennett), who is shortly retiring, expressed his great appreciation of the assistance he has always received from members of the committee. The work of the school had been commended by the inspectors. The report' was adopted with eulogistic references to its highly satisfactory character. The first assistant, Mr. Duncan, was also congratulated on the excellent results obtained in the sixth standard. A ballot for the election of the committee resulted:—E W. Burd 60, W. E. Gilbertson 58, M. F. Glading 57, B. Warwick -55, W. Whiteley 53. W. Husband 51, R T. Bailey 50, S. B. Watson 48, D. Catchpole 44 (elected), J. W. Butler 27, A. Smart 20, A. J. Froud 12, FJ. 'Niall 8.

26th April 1922 Illustrating the difficulties with which headmasters have to contend, Mr. F Bennett reported at the annual meeting of Berhampore householders that' last year there were twenty changes in the teaching staff, and already this year there had been six changes.

27th April 1922 Mr. G. W. Key, who has been a member of the Wellington South and Berhampore School Committees for fifteen years, and chairman of the Berhampore Committee for some years, has been compelled to retire this year owing to pressure of business. Monday night's meeting of householders expressed its great appreciation of Mr. Key's efforts on behalf of the State school. He had been a member of the committee from its inception, two years as secretary, and four years as chairman. "We regret sincerely his decision not to seek re-election (states the resolution), and trust that the time will not be long before he again offers himself as a candidate for election."

27th April 1922 Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of Berhampore School since its opening, will retire from the teaching service on 31st May. In presenting his final report on Monday night, Mr. Bennett stated that 1719 pupils had been entered on the roll since the opening of the school, and 90 teachers and students had been engaged in the work. He regretted very much leaving the school but felt that the strain of recent years had been too much. He had now been teaching for fifty-one years, forty-three years of which had been spent in New Zealand. The chairman (Mr. G. W. Key) said that Mr. Bennett had had the interests of the children, the parents, and the' district at heart. He knew every child and had conscientiously carried out his duties at all times. Only the members of the committee knew how much Mr. Bennett had done for the school and the district. The meeting adopted the following motion by acclamation : " That this meeting of the householders of the Berhampore School desires to place on record its appreciation of the work done for the cause of education by Mr. F. Bennett, and regrets his retirement from the position as headmaster, and expresses the hope that he will be long spared to enjoy his well-earned rest." Mr. Bennett warmly expressed his thanks for the motion. He had spent some of the most strenuous years of his life at Berhampore, but he had loved the children and loved the work, and he had some compensation in seeing the results of his work around him. It was stated that the committee had decided to arrange a fitting farewell to Mr. Bennett.

28th April 1922 It is evident that oversea visitors are sometimes impressed! regarding our State school buildings. Mr F. Bennett, headmaster of the Berhampore school, instanced that a visitor to the school—viz., Miss Louise Mack, of London, an education authority and journalist—had written the following in the visitors' book:—"I have been all over the world, but have never seen a more delightful school,, nor have I met more delightful boys and girls, and the

atmosphere of the school is obviously the reflection of the headmaster and teachers, and I am glad to have had the opportunity of this most interesting visit to the most upto date school.”

1st June 1922 . At the request of the Education Board, Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of the Berhampore School, has decided to remain in charge of the school until the end of June
17th June 1922 Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of Berhampore School, will be retiring at the end of the present month after a teaching career extending over a period of 51 years. With a view of showing appreciation of Mr. Bennett's work, the householders at Berhampore propose, making him a presentation. The arrangements are in the hands of the Berhampore school committee, and all ex-students are invited to give practical demonstration of the esteem in which they hold Mr. Bennett.

17th June 1922 51 YEARS SERVICE. In This issue the Berhampore School committee is directing attention of all ex-pupils to the presentation to be made to Mr F. Bennett on his retirement after 51 years of service. The secretary (Mr R. T. Bailey) has issued a letter which states, inter alia:— “Mr F. Bennett, headmaster, is retiring at the end of June, 1922, after a long and honoured career extending over a period of 51 years. It is impossible to estimate the value of his 51 years* service as an educationist, hut it was felt that there are hundreds throughout New Zealand who owe much of their success .in life io Mr Bennett’s self-denial and devotion to duty. Therefore, with a view of giving an opportunity of showing appreciation of his life's work, it is intended to make a presentation to Mr Bennett. With this end in view, donations ore solicited. Mr Bennett’s service must be unique in so far as New Zealand is concerned, and it is hqped that the presentation will demonstrate the esteem by which Mr Bennett is held for his work’s sake

19th June 1922 The Berhampore School Committee held a very successful concert in. St. Thomas's Hall, Newtown, on Saturday, the building being packed. Mr. V. Evans, B.A., had spent considerable time in training the children, and his efforts were appreciated. The following artists assisted: Misses Ivy Charles, Edna Coulson, . Mirie Brown, Greta Stark, Leila Brown, and Messrs H. E. Wilson, George Peck, W. Prouse, and H. Bindon. The scholars of standard 5 rendered several part songs, and gave a cantata entitled Soot and the Fairies arranged by Mr. Evans, Mr. E. T. Bailey (hon, secretary thanked those who assisted, and pointed out that lie Berhampore School Committee wan endeavouring to raise sufficient funds to put down additional tennis courts.

22nd June 1919. Wellington Education Board” In a long piece on whether the Wellington Education Board would appoint a new head teacher to Berhampore using the grading lists or transfer a teacher less qualified as this: Mr A. J. White said that he would vote against Mr Darroch or any .other teacher being pitchforked into a position by transfer, to which the department had hitherto objected, in order to suit the powers that be.

Mr Grundy also objected to Mr Darroch’s appointment to either the Terrace or the Berhampore School, and ed that Mr Darroch should be offered an appointment as headmaster at Carterton or the Martinborough School, which would be a slight improvement in his position as he left the board's service. Mr G. T. London and Mr C. T. Harkness also objected to the suggested transfers to the Terrace or the Berhampore School, urging that the board should strictly adhere to the grading list, as otherwise it would do an injustice to the teachers on the list who had remained in the service of the board.....

24th June 1922 wing to the necessity of again advertising the vacancy of the headmastership of the Berhampore School, the Education Board asked Mr. F. Bennett, the present headmaster,

to continue in his present position until 4th September next, and: he has consented to fall in with the board's desire, '

18th August, 'Mr Charles Bary, who has been appointed headmaster of the Berhampore School, was farewelled on Wednesday by ' the School Committee and 'teaching staff of Mount Cook School, with which Mr. Bary has been associated, for fourteen year The; gathering took place in Dustin's Rooms and was well attended.

18th August 1922 FAREWELL TO MR BENNETT PRESENTATION TO BERHAMPORE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL. FIFTY YEARS*SPLENDID SERVICE. The popular Wellington headmaster, Mr F. Bennett, upon the occasion of his retirement from the position of principal of the Berhampore School, was officially farewelled at the school yesterday afternoon Mr E. Burd (chairman of the school committee) presided, and besides a large attendance of Berhampore residents and school children, there were also present:—The Mayor (Mr R. A. Wright, M.P.), Colonel G. Mitchell, M.P., and Messrs H. A. Parkinson (secretary New Zealand Educational Institute), T. Forsyth (chairman Wellington Education Board), E. Dixon, M.P., -J J Clarke (Education Board), Rev. Rich, and Mr E. T. Bailey (secretary and treasurer of the Berhampore school committee).

UNFAILING SUCCESS: UNREMITTING DEVOTION.

Some apologies for non-attendance were received. In each case the writer spoke of the valuable services rendered by Mi Bennett and of his loyalty and devotion to the cause of education. Mr F. K. Bakewell, chief inspector of schools, wrote as under:— “May I add my personal regrets to those of the board on the occasion of your retiring from active service. Both, as your fellow-teacher and as an inspector I have had for nearly thirty years the privilege of the closest intimacy with, you in your school work, and there is no one more competent than to testify to your unflinching zeal and your exceptional ability as a teacher.

"Every stage of your career, right up to your present responsible position as headmaster of one of the largest schools in the Dominion, has been marked by unflinching success and unremitting devotion to duty.

"I regret, I assure you, the severance of so long and so cordial an association. The benefit from the co-operation and example of men of your stamp is one of the most important factors in the successful management of such a district as this, and while my official reports have always shown my appreciation of your value in these respects, I could not let the opportunity pass without expressing to you my sense of personal obligation. "I wish you every enjoyment of the ease and comfort to which your long and arduous services so justly entitle you, and I should be indeed glad if, when my own time comes (which it will next year) I could leave such a splendid record behind me.**

"A FRIEND AND ADVISER." In presenting Mr Bennett with a handsome marble clock, on behalf of the scholars and staff of the school, Mr Duncan said that they felt that they were losing a friend and an adviser The speaker then congratulated Mr Bennett of his long and meritorious service and wished him and Mrs Bennett every happiness in the future Mrs Bennett was presented with a beautiful bouquet by one of the tiny tots of the school.

MR BENNETT'S REPLY. EDUCATION: "THE GOLDEN AGE" TO-DAY. Mr Bennett said that to suitably reply to Mr Duncan was a very difficult duty. Two of the teaching staff, Miss Scott and Miss Hurley, had been attached to the school since it was first opened. Miss Scott, who was indisposed, was unable to be present at the function, but the speaker emphasised the fact that she was in the front rank of her profession. Mr Bennett did not dispute that he had a

very long .service and looking back over the fifty years many things came into his mind. In his youth, about the year 1872, the educational system was not as it is to-day. At his old school, the headmaster was a Crimean veteran and a very competent man, but the peculiar part about the school was that the pupils were obliged to pay for their tuition, and one who paid the most money was at the top of the class. At the next school which he attended, even though only thirteen years of age, he was called upon to be a teacher. At this time he did not know very much—not even what an atlas was—so the boys and girls present could understand what an advantage they had over the pupils of those days. The boys and girls of the present period were living in a golden age—an age of great privileges, and if they tried to make their work a pleasure, their efforts would surely bring a suitable reward. Amid loud cheering Mr. Bennett then thanked Mr Duncan, as representative of the scholars and staff, for their very useful gift.

HELD IN HIGHEST ESTEEM. Called upon by the chairman, Mr. R. ; A. Wright, M.P., said Mr Bennett was held in the highest esteem by his present pupils as ‘well as the pupils whom he had instructed in the past. Schoolmasters, continued the speaker, often had unpleasant duties to perform, but it was by fearlessly performing his duty, as Mr. Bennett had done, that teachers earned the respect of their pupils.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE TEACHER - . Mr G. Mitchell, ALP., endorsed the statements of the previous speakers as to Mr Bennett's long and excellent record. The speaker himself had not had a long scholastic training, being obliged to leave school at the age of ten years. Apart from a child's parents, no one exercises more influence over him than his schoolmaster, who is largely responsible for the pupil's rise or fall in the future. The speaker continued that no human being who ever knew Mr Bennett could do other than esteem him, and Mr Mitchell expressed the hope that on the retiring headmaster and Mrs Bennett should -descend all the good gifts which God gives to his people on this earth.

EDUCATION BOARD'S CHAIRMAN. Mr. T. Forsyth expressed his pleasure at being present at the function and said that his only regret was at losing such a man as Mr Bennett. He congratulated Mrs Bennett, since, he said, to a man's wife must go the greater part of the credit for any successes achieved. Mr Forsyth went on to say that he quite believed that Mr Wright had been a bad boy at school, but he (the speaker) on the contrary had been an exceedingly well-behaved boy. He had often done wrong, but, unlike Mr Wright, he had never been caught. That, however, was the fault of the teachers. Fifty years' service was a wonderful record, and the speaker expressed the hope that when Mr Bary, Mr. Bennett's successor retired, he would also leave behind him a record such as this.

AN OLD PUPIL'S APPRECIATION. An old pupil of Mr. Bennett's, Mr. E. Dixon, M.P. for Patea, said it was forty one years since he had been taught by Mr Bennett, and yet he remembered being instructed by this splendid master. Teaching was a noble service since it laid the foundation of character and the foundation of one's country. Being one of the highest and noblest professions it should be treated as such, and steps were being taken to so increase the salaries of school teachers as to be an inducement to the cleverest and most competent scholars. Teachers did not engage in their occupation because of the salaries they received, but a person, however, could not be expected to undertake such a responsible duty at a small remuneration. Speaking to the pupils, Mr Dixon counselled them not to despise a child who was poorly clad, for underneath a ragged garment might beat a heart of gold. Through life they should always look for the person who was "down and out" and give him a helping hand. Each citizen had three duties, first to God. then to King, and finally to country. The persons who

fulfilled those three requirements would not have lived in. vain. Mr Dixon then expressed his admiration of both Mr and Mrs Bennett, saying that when Mr Bennett had chosen his wife he had been a good “picker.”

PERSONAL FRIEND AND FELLOW TEACHER. As an old personal friend and as a fellow-teacher, Mr. Parkinson congratulated the retiring headmaster on his unparalleled record. The speaker had often heard of men retiring after twenty, thirty, and forty years' service, but fifty years was almost without equal, since long before serving that time the average man had broken down, and, like the speaker, was “on the shelf.” Mr. Bennett was also about to take up his situation “on the shelf,” and Mr. Parkinson expressed the hope that he would have a very good time there. Mr Clark, who at one time had been a pupil of Mr. Bennett’s at Newtown school, spoke briefly of his experiences at that institution, and on behalf of Mr. Bennett’s old pupils wished the retiring headmaster and his wife every success and a happy life in the future. The .chairman then spoke in glowing terms of the feeling of the Berhampore residents towards Mr. Bennett, on behalf of whom he presented the retiring master with a handsome silver tea service, suitably engraved.

A FINAL "WORD. In conclusion, Mr Bennett said that he knew his successor, Mr C. Bary, very well, and he was certain that his position was being filled by a capable and experienced man. He had not needed any tangible token of the goodwill of the Berhampore residents, but all the same he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their handsome gift. The proceedings were then terminated by the singing of “God Save the King.”

5th September 1922 Mr C. Bary, late headmaster of Mount Cook School, commenced his new headship at Berhampore School to-day.

November Both

10th October 1922 Wellington Education Board: Mrs J A Wilkinson appointed 3rd assistant at Berhampore

18th November 1922 The monthly meeting of the Berhampore school Committee was held on Tuesday, evening. Mr.' E. W. Burd, chairman, presiding. The Bennett Efficiency Challenge Cup for competition among, the classes of the school was handed to the headmaster by the chairman, who explained that the trophy was presented to perpetuate the late headmaster's - association with the school since its inauguration., and his long period of service in the cause of education. The Executive Committee of! the Queen Carnival Campaign now in' progress .reported that the carnival would conclude with a two-days' bazaar,, and the coronation ceremony would take place on ,a date to. be arranged. At the conclusion of the meeting, a vote of condolence was passed with .the chairman upon the. recent bereavement he had sustained in his family.

24th November 1922 TO-NIGHT! , TO-NIGHT! BERHAMPORE SCHOOL CARNIVAL, GRAND CONCERT and MINSTREL ENTERTAINMENT, To be held in ST. THOMAS' HALL, NEWTOWN, At 8 o'clock Tickets, Is. Children, 6d

29th November 1922 The Berhampore school is holding a bazaar and queen carnival in St. Thomas' Hall to-morrow and Friday. The bazaar will be open each day at 3 p.m., and to-morrow Mr. G. Mitchell, M.P., will officially inaugurate the effort. A baby show will be a feature of Friday's programme, on which day the queen competition will conclude at 10.15 p.m. Tomorrow evening the . Boys' Institute Band will lead a procession from Britomart street, leaving there at 6.30. Fancy costumes are to be a feature of the procession, and special prizes will be allocated for boys and girls, as well as for adults.

1st December 1922 In continuation of the campaign to raise funds for the improvement of the grounds at the Berhampore State School, Britomart street, the pupils, staff, and committee commenced a grand bazaar in St. Thomas' Hall yesterday. There were very large attendances, and excellent business was done during the afternoon and evening-. The outstanding feature of the bazaar, which is being continued this afternoon and evening, 's the Queen Carnival contest, in which there are eight candidates from various classes in the school. The carnival commenced six weeks ago and has since been carried on by the supporters of each queen by the holding of dances, euchre parties, bazaars, jumble sales, etc., and each threepence collected counts as one vote. Competition has been very keen and was particularly so at the bazaar yesterday. An extensive variety of goods was on sale, and amusement was to be found in plenty. The bazaar was opened by Mr. G. Mitchell, M.P.

At ,the conclusion' of last night's proceedings in the hall a total of 23,314 votes had been recorded, that number representing £291 8s 6d. The position of the candidates was as follows:—No. 2 Queen, Blanche Charles, standard 6, 4240 votes; No. 3 Queen, Gladys Lowe, standard 5, 3790; No. 10 Queen, Lilian Brooker, infants, 3349; No. 6 Queen, Edna Burd, standard 3, 3114; No. 9 Queen, Jean Gilbertson, standard 1, 3091; No. 7 Queen, Vera Glading, standard 2, 2736; No. 5 Queen, Dorothy Masters, standard 4b, 1775; No. 4 Queen, Nancy Shelton, standard 4a, 1219. The crowning ceremony is to take place on the 15th December, and the final result of the voting will be announced to-night.

13th December 1922 Winners of certificates at the Berhampore School were Proficiency:—Boys: John Baldwin, Mark Brown, Bernard Corcoran, John Coles, George Fraser, Richard Fuller, Sydney Glensor, John Hollis, Robert Luckman, Lawrence Lyons,, Sydney Meatchem, John Morgan, Ronald McWhirter, William Nevill, Geof Patchett, Frank Turnbull, Leslie Yarlett, Albert Hay. Girls: Thelma Adams, Jean Barker, Pearl Bolland, Blanche Charles, Edelene Clarke, Edna Coulson. Lena Faulstick, Anna Graham, Sybil Hart, Ellen Kink, Evelyn Lamont, Dulcie Leonard, Ruth Morrell, Joan Morris, Sylvia Olsen, Ena Watson, Hazel White, Winifred Wood, Olive Wright, Irene Pascoe.

Endorser Competency: Harold Clayton, Elizabeth Birss, Moira Callaghan., Gwen Edwards, Ruth Holland, Myrtle Jacobson, Isabel Lane, Alma Lowe.

Competency: Alfred Gill, Fred Miners.

14th December 1922 In the Berhampore school award list published yesterday, the name Helen Kink, In the list of proficiency certificates, should have been Helen (Nellie) King. '

19th December 1922 BERHAMPORE SCHOOL MEETING OF COMMITTEE. The monthly meeting of the above committee was held on Tuesday evening. The committee decided to erect an honours board to contain the names of the dux of the school since its inception, and to add to the scholarship honours board, already erected, the names of those children who had been awarded Trentham Scholarships. The headmaster reported upon the continued progress of the school and congratulated the late headmaster Mr F. Bennett) and the staff upon the successful year's work 'accomplished. Ho also announced that intending pupils should make early application for enrolment. Votes of congratulation and seasonable greetings from the committee to the headmaster and staffs, and also votes of thanks to donors of medals concluded the meeting.

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17th February 1923 WANTED A CARETAKER for the Berhampore School. Schedule of duties may be inspected at the School, or the undersigned Applications, stating salary required, close on the 20th inst. R. T. BAILY, Hon. Secretary. 5 Stanley street

1st May 1923 There is a sensible note in the report of the Berhampore School Committee on the need for sympathy from parents towards their children. The Committee has, no doubt, seen the necessity for its suggestion, and it has called attention to it in a temperate and reasonable fashion. Weak impulsiveness is to be avoided on the one hand and undue continuance of estrangement of feeling" on the other. Much is said about lack of parental control in these days, and its deplorable results are often the subject for lectures from the Bench. Too* much,/it is to be feared, is sometimes made by young and self-confident writers of novels of the rigidity of parental control of the latter half of the last century. On the whole, parents generally in those days seemed to know their work better than many of those of to-day, if the testimony of magistrates, schoolmasters, and clergy is to be trusted. A school for parents is unthinkable, but it should have many advantages, for the children, the parents, and for the general good. Solomon's conviction that sparing the rod spoilt the v child has lost much of its support by parents and teachers. It seems as if a better way has been found in dealing with children, especially those who require "managing," .in the schools. , School has lost much of its terrors for children that it used to possess. At the same time, a little wholesome titillation with a cane is sometimes necessary. A distracted Taranaki teacher once-asked the local committee if there was not some officially recognised instrument for corrective purposes and received the reply that there was nothing of the kind, but that a bit of horse trace had been found effective. The Berhampore Committee does not prescribe any instrument, but it condemns nagging, and impulsive slapping, and dour bitterness. In short, its message to parents is the use of common sense interlarded with love.

1st May 1923 In recording the retirement of Mu Bennett from the position of headmaster of the Berhampore School, after 51 years of service in the cause of education, the annual school report states that it is impossible to estimate the value of his life's work. In order to show our appreciation of his work in this district subscriptions were invited from parents, ex-scholars, and friends, and as a result the school committee presented to Mr Bennett a beautiful silver tea and coffee service. Many doctors, lawyers, commercial men, members of Parliament and others received their first tuition under Mr Bennett". As a parting gift, Air Bennett donated .the sum of £10 to the school funds, with which was purchased a silver cup, to be known as the "Bennett's Efficiency Cup,** open for competition between the classes. By this means the name of Mr Bennett will be perpetually before the scholars.

1st May 1923 The following members of the Berhampore School staff gained distinction at the recent University examinations ; —Miss Aplin, B.A.; Mr V. Evans, M.A., with first-class honours in economics.

1st May 1923 Terrace School Report included: "During tile year (added the report) the Education Board appointed our headmaster, Mr Leslie, to the Berhampore school, on the ground that the Terrace school was likely Vo fall in attendance. The committee, realising the grave injustice this step meant to the school, made a vigorous protest against this action, and pointed out that there was very little difference between the two schools and that the attendance at t.bo Terrace school would he easily maintained. The board was at last convinced and we

were allowed to keep our headmaster. That the action of the committee was a wise one is shown by the fact that there are now thirty-five more children on the roll than at this time last year.

2nd May 1923 An appreciation of the work, performed by the dental clinics and 4 medical inspectors, so far as school children are concerned, was contained in the report of the Berhampore School Committee. The committee placed on record its appreciation of the good work accomplished by those controlling the dental clinics and trusted that the Government would further extend the scheme, so as to give every child attending school the privilege of free dental attention. Much good work, had been accomplished by the officer in charge of the medical inspection branch of the Education Department's activities. The committee expressed the opinion that "to carry the scheme to a successful issue the State must provide free medical attention for all scholars.

9th May 1923 A party of about a hundred children of the upper standards of the Berhampore School paid a visit to the Parliamentary Buildings yesterday afternoon under the guidance of their headmaster, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. R. McKeen, S.I.P. The children were much interested in everything that they saw, particularly the copy of the Treaty of Versailles, and the pen with which it was signed by the Prime Minister. All the principal parts of the buildings were inspected, and many of the children took copious notes for use in the event of their having to record their impressions in "composition" form. Another visit will be paid when the House is sitting.

17th May 1923 Wellington Education Board: E Evans Berhampore resigned as from the 31st May.

12th June 1923 Wellington Education Board: Appointments included Miss M E Magill to Berhampore

24th July 1923 A party of teachers from Toronto, Canada, arrived at Auckland by the Makura on Friday last. They have come to New Zealand on exchange for twelve months. Two of them (Mrs. E. Thackaberry and Miss May Agnew) have been selected for schools in Wellington, the former to Berhampore and the latter to Roseneath. They came on to Wellington by the Main Trunk train yesterday and were welcomed on arrival by the Assistant Director of Education, Dr Marsden, and other education authorities.

17th August 1923 Mrs Thackaberry, of Canada, is a Canadian teacher on exchange in New Zealand. She is at present at Berhampore School but hopes before leaving New Zealand to be able to go to other places. Mrs Thackaberry has taken part in the woman's movement in Canada and can tell of the work done thereby by the different societies. These in the main strongly support women in all candidatures, so it is not surprising that there are more women in public positions in Canada than in New Zealand.

13th December 1923 There was a crowded and appreciative audience last night, when Miss Leah Hyman, A.T.C.L. (elocution), in conjunction with the Berhampore School, gave a delightful concert at St. Thomas's Hall, Newtown.

The programme, which was a varied one, consisted of recitations, dances, songs, etc. The dancing items were contributed by Miss A. Vaughan's pupils, who acquitted themselves very creditably. The rest of the programme, with the exception of four clever gymnasium girls, pupils of the Berhampore School, was contributed by Miss Hyman's versatile pupils, who were seen in sketches, dancing, monologues, old-fashioned scenes, etc. Miss Hyman herself contributed several items, which were very much appreciated, the chief item being a musical monologue, entitled "The Coward." So successful was the entertainment that Miss Hyman will

probably give another concert, working on the same lines, early next year. Among those who contributed were: Mona Mann, Averil Nelson, Garnet Cooper, Billy Murphy, Joyce Whitehead, Errol and Cedric Muir, Max Manton, Francis Small, Elsie Rawlings, Edna Burd, Dorothy and Nance Graham, Jean McKenzie, Beatrice and Kathleen Mehaffey, Mona and Doreen Shaw, Edna and Muriel Murray, Amy Carson, Joan Millar, Bella McMillan, Olive Wilcox, Rona Constable, Betty McKenzie, and Marie Davidson; powder puff ballet, Miss Voight's pupils, Iris Allen, Alice Morfeg, Eileen Davis, Harriet Harris, Ethel Millar; ball swinging, Ruby Harland; I. Bradshaw, Marjory Collins, and Annie Rawlings, Dorothy Holland, Evelyn Callaghan, Marjory Collins, Flora Ausland, Daisy Pugh, and Dulcie Diamond. 18th December 1923 Mr. E. W. Burd' presided over a full attendance of members at the monthly meeting of the Berhampore School Committee. The headmaster {Mr. C. Bary) presented his report, which showed that the scholars had had a very successful year. Standard L, 49 scholars, .46 passed, one was absent at examination; Standard 11., 83 scholars, 80 passed (one absent); Standard 111., 68 scholars, 59 passed (one absent); Standard IV., 65 scholars, 63 passed Standard V., 65 scholars, 64 passed; Standard VI., 30 proficiencies, 10 endorsed competencies, 5 recommendations for technical school, and 6 failed. Two of the scholars, .Alma Campbell and Jack Standem, had been awarded Trentham Scholarships of the value of £30. The dux of the school was Dorothy Duncan, who obtained 657 marks, with Dennis Smythe second with 643 marks'. The first eleven won the intermediate cricket championship, and Mr. C. Bary (coach) was heartily, congratulated. The following scholars have been awarded .medals in connection with Rugby:—Seniors: J. Whiteley," most improved back; R. A. Burns, most improved forward; W. Walker,' best all round player. Juniors A. Watkins, most improved player; H. White, best all-round player. The Standard VI. elect scholars are to entertain the scholars of Standard VL, who are leaving: school, at Day's Bay at an early date. _Mr R. T. Bailey reported on the financial success of tile recent breaking-up concert given by Miss Hyman's pupils.

It was resolved to convey to the scholars and staff the committee's hearty congratulations on the success attained at tile examinations. It was decided to hold the breaking-up ceremony on Thursday afternoon. Parents and ex-scholars are to be invited.to witness the presentation of proficiency and other certificates

18th December 1923 Berhampore School Proficiency—Victor Garnha, Philip Harlen, Frederick Harrison, Donald Howells, Prank McTaggart, Albert March, Archibald Paton, Kenneth Sadler, Philip Smith, Jack Standen, George Stevenson, Dennis Smythe, Alfred Taylor, Percy Taylor, Eric Thompson, Walter Walker, Albert Watkins, Joseph Whiteley, Eveline Callaghan, Alma Campbell, Jessie Dowson, Dorothy Duncan, Florrie Graham, Audrey Harper, Margaret Hall, Thora Husband, Winnifred Hay, Daisy Pugh, Nancy Shelton, Emily Thomas.

Endorsed Competency—Colin Bate, Clifford Catchpole, Kenneth Davey, James Dawson, George Guest, Richard Hunter, Edward Winter, Gladys Dawson, Doris Lane, Daisy Fenton.

Recommended for Free Place in Technical School—Christopher Osborne, Nancy Bissett, Ena Davey, Mollie Hart, Ilene Holler.

Dux of School—Dorothy Duncan.

Trentham Scholarships—Alma Campbell, Jack Standen