

Masterton School (Schools)

1909

1909	785	Masterton	Jackson	William H	D1	Headmaster	£400	\$63,564
1909	785	Masterton	Haslam	Charles N	C1	Assistant Master	£275	\$43,700
1909	785	Masterton	Wolff	Rosabel	E1	Assistant Female	£215	\$34,166
1909	785	Masterton	Bunting	Nelson	D2	Assistant Master	£200	\$31,782
1909	785	Masterton	Sutton	Howard H	D3	Assistant Master	£180	\$28,604
1909	785	Masterton	Munro	Isabella	E1	Assistant Female	£155	\$24,631
1909	785	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	D2	Assistant Female	£155	\$24,631
1909	785	Masterton	Bunting	Elizabeth	E2	Assistant Female	£125	\$19,864
1909	785	Masterton	York	Mary		Assistant Female	£117	\$18,592
1909	785	Masterton	Hogg	Ellen C	E2	Assistant Female	£105	\$16,686
1909	785	Masterton	Pinhey	Ellen G		Assistant Female	£95	\$15,096
1909	785	Masterton	von Keisenberg	Ern		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,302
1909	785	Masterton	Compton	Winifred		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£55	\$8,740
1909	785	Masterton	Wilton	Rubina		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£55	\$8,740
1909	785	Masterton	Hare	Minnie K		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£55	\$8,740
1909	785	Masterton	McKenzie	Ivy V		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	\$7,151
1909	785	Masterton	Campbell	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	\$7,151
1909	785	Masterton	Turner	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher 1	£45	\$7,151
1909	785	Masterton	Bee M A	John G	A1	Secondary		
1909	785	Masterton	Williams B A	Ethel	B2	Secondary		
1909	785	Masterton	McLanress M A		B2	Secondary		

8th January 1909 Miss Lois McGregor, daughter of Mr Jas. McGregor, of Wangahu, and teacher at the Masterton District High School and the Knox Church Sunday School, left during the week for Hokitika to enjoy a short holiday.

15th January 1909 The Masterton School Committee met last evening. There were present Messrs R. Brown (in the chair), J. Carpenter, J. N. Buttle, A. W. Chapman, H. H. Cork, and H. J. O'Leary. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs G. Townsend, C. Perry and E. H. Waddington.

The Wellington Education Board wrote, stating that it was willing to find a place for one member of the secondary school staff in the school of instruction in elementary, agriculture and nature study, which takes place in Greytown from January 25th to February 5th, provided the assent of the headmaster was obtained. The Chairman stated that the letter had been referred to the headmaster. It was decided to apply to the Trust Lands Trust for the second instalment of the annual grant. It was reported by the Secretary that a donation of £1 had been received from the executive of the Presbyterian Summer School.

No headmaster's report was received on account of the vacation. Messrs Chapman, Cork and O'Leary were appointed visiting members for the month. Accounts amounting to £7 14s 2d were passed for payment

29th January 1909 The Lansdowne School Committee has been notified by the Education Board that arrangements are being made to open the new Lansdowne School on Monday

next. It is expected that a temporary teaching staff will be appointed to commence work, and the permanent headmaster and assistants will probably take charge in about six weeks or two months' time. Mr P. L. Hollings, Chairman of the Committee, is in communication with the Education Board's secretary, and if the Board's arrangements for opening the school on Monday are completed this week, an announcement will be made in the local papers to that effect.

3rd February 1909 Misses Rhoda Messenger and Florrie Kay, formerly pupil teachers at the Masterton District High. School; have commenced' their duties as relieving assistant teachers at Masterton. Both young ladies have just completed a course at the Teachers' Training College, Wellington *At end of 1910 Florence Kay was teaching at Roseneath School in Wellington and Rhoda Messenger at Matahiwi School*

12th February 1909 Mr C. W. Palmer, hon. secretary of the Wellington branch of the Navy League, arrived in Masterton to-day, and will address the scholars of the Masterton District High School this afternoon on naval matters. This evening a meeting of the local branch of the League will be held, at which officers will be elected and other business of an important nature will be transacted.

17th February 1909 Ninety-two children attended Lansdowne school yesterday.

19th February 1909 MASTERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee held last evening. was attended by Messrs R. Brown (Chairman). C. Perry, H. H. Cork. E. H. Waddington, W. Chapman, J. Carpenter, and Rev. J. N. Buttle. The treasurer reported a cr balance of £38 Is 2d.

The Headmaster's monthly report was as follows :—Attendance—Main School, roll 641, average attendance 571 percentage of attendance 89; Side School, 153, ' 133 and 87; Secondary Classes, 92, 83 and 90. School reopened on the 1st inst., after the summer vacation. At the Main School, 43 new scholars were admitted, and at the Side School 19. From the Main School 22 children have been transferred to the Lansdowne School, and from the Side School 18. The attendance for the past fortnight has been very satisfactory. The desks for the new classroom were given their last coat of varnish this week. The room will be ready for occupation next week. The Trust Lands Trustees, at their last meeting. resolved to undertake the removal of the old Technical School building to a site at the side of the school gardens, for the purpose of establishing a school museum, if the Technical School Managers will make a free gift of the building to the Trust, and if the School Committee will undertake the care of the institution when established I am authorised to state that the Technical School Managers will very cordially agree to the proposal. I sincerely trust that the School Committee will give its hearty co-operation to the scheme.

The following pupils of this school passed the recent matriculation examination and also the solicitors' general knowledge examination :—Aileen M. Murray, Ronald Miller, Reginald R. Burrige and Victor Sutton. Three of these pupils will enter Victoria College next month. The following pupils of this school passed the recent Junior Civil Service examination, the first four being placed in the credit list:—Olive Sutherland. Grace Waddington. Gladys Cork. Wilfrid Hampton, Eva Dagg, Constance Evans, Harry Heyhoe, Alfred Ibbetson, Albert Dawson and George Miller. The following pupils of this school won senior scholarships, at the Education Board's recent scholarship examination:—Olive Sutherland, Grace Waddington. Gladys Cork and Wilfrid Hampton. These scholarships are open to pupils

attending any College, High School, or District High School in the Wellington Education District, and are tenable at any of the above named institutions or at a Technical School. The following pupils of this school won junior scholarships at the Education Board's recent junior scholarship examination : Berta Scott, Reginald Wilton and Lander Thompson. These scholarships are open to pupils under fourteen years of age and are tenable at the same institutions as senior scholarships. All the scholarships won are of the value of £40 a year for two years, if the winner is compelled to live away from home, and £5 a year for two years if the winner is not compelled to live away from home. From the school gardens thirty-five entries were made this year in the school horticultural classes in connection with the A. and P. Show this week, and sixteen prizes were awarded to the school exhibits. There are several leaks in the roof at the Main School, and one or two broken panes at the Side School. The surface water trouble in the girls' playground needs remedying.

On the motion of the Chairman, the committee resolved to accept the care of the old Technical School building for the purposes of a museum.

It was decided to compliment the Headmaster and staff upon the results from the High School at the recent examination, also upon the success of the exhibits from the school garden at the A. and P. Show.

The Wellington Education Board notified that Miss A. Murray had been appointed to the teaching staff at the District High School. " —This the Committee approved of.

The Committee decided to apply to the Education Board for copies of the Navy League map of the world, which the secretary stated were to be obtained gratis.

Messrs Perry, Townsend and Waddington were appointed visiting members for the month.

Accounts amounting to £28 8s 2d were passed for payment.

26th February Wellington Education Board Miss A Murray Miss Olive Dagg appointed pupil teachers. *Neither were teaching at Masterton by the end of the year Olive Dagg was at Takapau (In Hawkes Bay) School and Miss Murray was at Wellington Training College*

12th March 1909 Reference to the poorly-attended nature of the annual meeting of householders to elect school committees was made at the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening. Members generally concurred in a remark by the Secretary that the Education Board did not nearly sufficiently advertise the meeting. The Committee decided to augment out of its own funds the meagre advertising of the meeting, which the Board considers sufficient

12th March 1909 At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, reference to the departure from the district of two very enthusiastic and valuable members of the Committee was made by the Chairman (Mr R. Brown). Eulogistic remarks were general from the Committee as to the excellent work done by Mr H. H. Cork and the Rev. J. N. Buttle, the two members referred to, and the best wishes were expressed for the future welfare of both these gentlemen. The complimentary remarks were suitably replied to by the recipients thereof, who each emphasised the splendid co-operation of members of the Committee in all the work carried out by them and expressed their keen regret at severing from the Committee.

12th March 1909 The Drum and Fife Band which, though not generally known, has been in existence at the Masterton District High School for some considerable time past, will be temporarily disbanded, this decision having been arrived at at the meeting of the School Committee last evening. Mr A. W. Chapman reported to the meeting that in a conversation he

had had with the instructor, Mr. Candy, the latter referred to the lack of enthusiasm shown by the boys, and he was of opinion that a temporary disbandment would be a wise course. Mr Candy thought the Band might be re-organised later on a new principle. Members of the Committee regretted such an unsatisfactory state of affairs, considering the expense that the Committee had been put to in regard to the Band; but Mr Candy's suggestion was adopted as being the only expedient one for the present. A reorganisation later, it was stated, might be attended with better results. The Committee appointed Messrs Chapman and Waddington to report later when they thought it advisable to start a fresh Band.

The danger to children arising out of the swings in the playground of the Masterton District High School was briefly discussed at last night's meeting of the School Committee. Mr A. W. Chapman brought the matter forward and made reference to several accidents which had been caused through the swings. In his opinion they were a dread to parents, and the Committee might well abolish them without causing any inconvenience or depriving the scholars of any great pleasure. This view was shared by other members of the Committee, and it was resolved to ask the Headmaster's approval to dismantle the swings. Probably some other form of amusement will be substituted for the swings.

Tenders are invited by the Masterton School Committee for the supply of ten cords of firewood.

12th March 1909 The ordinary meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening and was attended by Messrs R. Brown (chairman), G. Townsend, J. Carpenter, A. W. Chapman, E. H. Waddington, H. H. Cork and Rev. J. N. Buttle.

The monthly report of the Headmaster was as follows :—

I have the honour to submit the following report for the past month :—Attendance. —Main School, roll, 625; average attendance, 576; percentage of attendance, 92. Side School, roll, 153; average attendance, 141; percentage of attendance, 92. Secondary Classes, 92; average attendance, 87; percentage of attendance, 95. The attendance for the month has been very good. I have no absentee report to present. Two new assistant teachers joined the staff on the 1st inst., Mr Gordon McIntosh and Miss Ellen Pinhey. Miss Olive Dagg, a senior secondary pupil, has been appointed a pupil-teacher in the place of Miss Aileen Murray, who has entered the Training College. One of the female assistant teachers has been absent since the 25th ultimo, through sickness, and has received from the Board further leave of absence till the end of the month. On the 8th inst., Inspector Fleming paid a visit of inspection to the classes in the secondary department. During the present year there will be twelve students attending the Victoria College who have matriculated from this school. Eleven of them are receiving a £10 grant from the Trust Lands Trust and one a £40 grant, towards the cost of their university education. The classes established at the school for tuition in swimming and life-saving are doing splendid work, and remarkable progress is being made. Every scholar above the second standard is, this year, being given the opportunity to benefit by this tuition, and without the slightest cost to parents. Before closing the classes for the present season I have arranged a programme of swimming competitions for boys, and also a programme for the girls. The finals in all the events on both programmes will be contested on two separate afternoons next week. I have not applied for the sole use of the baths for these occasions, and no school charge will be made. The parents and friends of the competing scholars will therefore be able to witness these interesting competitions on complying with the Borough

Council's regulations regarding charge for admission and sex restrictions. There are 231 entries in the competitions for boys and 126 in those for girls. I have to acknowledge the Committee's congratulations to the staff of the school on the past year's work, and the success of the pupils in the university and scholarship examinations. I desire to thank the Committee, for the staff and myself for its letter of appreciation. I should be glad if the Committee would make arrangements for the winter's supply of firewood. I should like to have it stored before the wet weather sets in. I find dry firewood much more economical than wet, in addition to other advantages. Favourable reference was made to the satisfactory nature of the report, particularly to the progress being made by the swimming classes. The Committee adopted a suggestion by Mr Chapman that two prizes of one guinea each should be donated for swimmers of each sex at the swimming carnival next week, the details to be left to the visiting member and the headmaster Messrs Brown, Carpenter and Rev. Buttle were appointed visiting members, and they were deputed to attend to the firewood supply.

13th March Masterton Trust Lands Trust The secretary of the Masterton School Committee wrote stating that the Committee agreed with the proposal of the Trust to establish a museum near the High School and would undertake the care of the building. A letter was also received from the Technical School Managers agreeing to give the old school building to the Trust for a museum, on condition that the Trust undertook the work of removing the building. The Trustees decided to invite tenders for the removal of the building, and the chairman and Mr Daniell were authorised to supervise the work. It was decided to make a donation of £1 Is to Mr E. H. Richards, late custodian of the museum, for caring for certain museum exhibits since September.

17th March 1909 Part of a long article and report of the special Committee of the Masterton Borough Council appointed to confer with the Committee of the Trust Lands Trust with reference to obtaining a grant from that body to supplement the donation of £500 by Dr W. H. Hosking towards the construction of Ladies' Swimming Baths in Masterton. was laid before the Council last evening.....

18th March 1909 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

SWIMMING SPORTS. Swimming sports in connection with the Masterton District High School will be held in the Borough Baths to-day and to-morrow. This afternoon the boys' events will be decided, and to-morrow the girls' events. The following are the boys' and girls' programmes (the first event starting each day at 2 p.m.) : BOYS' PROGRAMME. 25 Yards Handicap, 14 years and over (23 entries, [following left in].— James Ah Lop, William Wagg, Meredith Ewart, Harry Heyhoe, Percy Fraser, George Miller, Tom Harding, Lesley Cook, William Pendray, Eric Wickens, Joseph Ewington, Herbert Wimsett, Reginald Yarr, Harold Baillie, Hugh Fraser, Isaac Wyber. 25 Yards Handicap, under 14 years (23 entries, following left in). —George Forman, Ormond Hooper, Louis Butler, Claud Jarrett, Hamilton Logan, Bertie Harrod, George Ah Lop, Stanley Ashton, Harry Bannister, Stanley Porter, Richard Te Tan, Philip Shaw, William Jackson. 25 Yards, this year's swimmers, over 13 years (12 entries, following left in). —Burnett Brunton, Henry Montgomery, Harold Martin, George Ah Lop, Jack Kelley, Eric Pryor, Philip Butcher, Noel Hendry, Harry Bannister, Bertie Ah Lop. 75 Yards Handicap (11 entries, following left in).—Eric Wickens, Hugh Eraser, William Wagg, George Forman, Percy Fraser, George Miller. 25 Yards, this year's swimmers, under 13 years (15 entries, following left in).— George Ah Lop, Jarrett, Eric

Candy, Frank Sewell, Ernest Easthope. School Championship, 50 yards.— Eric Wickens, George Forman, James Ah Lop, Percy Fraser, William Wagg, Hugh Fraser, Joseph Ewington, Reginald Yarr, Stanley Porter. 15 Yards, this year's swimmers, under 12 years (12 entries, following left in).—Jack Hunter, Howard Devonport, Herbert Jarrett, Noel Cook, Walter Peterson. Junior Championship, 25 yards, under 13 years (21 entries, following left in).— Claude Jarrett, Hamilton Logan, Richard Te Tan, Bertie Harrod, James Tait, George Ah Lop, Garnet Permain, Kenneth Melton, Harold Deadman, Ernest Easthope. 15 Yards, this year's swimmers, over 12 years (23 entries, following left in).—Albert Dawson, D. Pryor, Hy. Montgomery, Percy Wimsett, George Ah Lop, Jack Kelley, Bertie Ah Lop, Alex. McKenzie, John Candy. 15 Yards Handicap, under 10 years.—Herbert Caselberg scr, Alf. Wood scr, Richard Geange scr, Cecil McCormack 2 sec, Jack Eton 8 sec. Obstacle* Race, 50 yards (51 entries, following left in).— George Miller, William Wagg, James Ah Lop, Harry Heyhoe, Percy Fraser, Joseph Ewington, Reginald Yarr, Joseph Darville, Eric Wickens. Cyril Sykes, Ormond Hooper, Eric Pryor, Stanley Porter, Philip Shaw, Hugh Fraser, Richard Te Tau, Hamilton Logan, Lincoln Murray, George Ah Lop, Bertie Harrod, Herbert Jarrett, Edwin Meredith, Harold Baillie, William Pendray. Diving, senior boys.—Percy Fraser, Meredith Ewart, Eric Pryor, Edward Perry, Louis Butcher, Joseph Ewington, Joseph Darville, Harold Bai lie, Reginald Yarr, Philip Shaw, Stanley Porter. Diving, Junior boys.—Edwin Meredith, Hamilton Logan, Lincoln Murray, Claude Jarrett, Oswald Sykes, Maurice Fly, A. McCormack, Stafford Pinhey, Harold Devonport, Isaac Wyber, J. Tornquist, Harold Jepson, Herbert Jarrett, Stanley Moore, Garnett Permain. Swimming in clothes, 25 yards. ~ George Miller, William Wagg, Harold Martin, B. Brunton, Edward Perry, Hugh Fraser, George Forman, Ormond Hooper, Herbert Jarrett, Reginald Yarr, Alex. McKenzie, George Wagg, Stanley Porter, Harold Lett, Roy Tait. Rescue Event, points for . speed and style.—James Ah Lop, George Miller," Percy Fraser, Ormond Hooper, Eric Pryor, William Pendray, Reginald Yarr, Joseph Darville, Stanley Ashton, Joseph Ewington, Harold Baillie, Raymond Baillie, Edward Perry, Eric Wickens, Cyril Sykes, Burnett Brunton, George Forman* Bertie Harrod, Edwin Meredith, Hamilton Logan, Harold Jepson, Stafford Pinhey. Egg and Spoon Race, 25 yards (59 entries, following left in).- Eric Wickens, Cyril Sykes, Bertie Harrod, Maurice Fly, Harold Jepson, James Tornquist, Edwin Meredith, George Ah Lop, Percy Fraser, Bertie Ah Lop, Thomas Harding, Reginald Yarr, Henry Montgomery, Harold Baillie, Joseph Darville, Herbert Wimsett, Stanley Porter, Richard Te Tan, Roy Tait. GIRLS' PROGRAMME. 25 Yards Handicap, 14 years and over.—Evelyn Waddington scr, Helen McGregor scr, Myrtle Reed 2sec, Hazel Fuller 2sec, Berta Scott 2sec, Esmee Waddington 2sec. 25 Yards Handicap, under 14 years (14 entries, following left in) —Myre Wickens, Alma Perry, and Jessie Miller scr, Olive Andrew and Mina Waddington 2secs, Statia Hourigan and Agnes McCormack 4sec. 15 Yards, this year's swimmers, over 14 years.—Vera Hunter, Eva Dagg, Chrissie McKenzie, Nilla Hyde, Olive Henderson Altrta Stock-ley-Jones. 15 Yards, this year's swimmers, under 14 years (19 entries, following left in).—Maud Williams, Violet Reardon Alma Carpenter, Agnes McCormack. Ruby Maltby. 15 Yards Handicap, 13 years and over (23 entries, following left in).— Myra "Wickens, Olive Andrew and Gladys Lett scr, Hazel Jamieson, Pearl Cooper and Olive Wilton 2sec. 15 Yards Handicap, under 13 years (24 entries, following left in).— Statia Hourigan, Alma Perry, Mina Waddington, Violet Reardon, Alma Carpenter scr, Florrie Pinhey, Iris Duffy, and Ruby Maltby 2sec, Mary

McGregor and Kitty Pownall 4sec, Jessie Waddington Bs-3C. School Championship, 50 yards.— Helen McGregor, Eveline Waddington, Annie O'Leary, Esmee Waddington. Junior Championship, 25 yards, under 13 years. —Statia Hourigan, Olive Wilton, Agnes McCormack, Maud Williams, Violet Reardon, Alma Perry, Alma Carpenter, Mina Waddington. .

Fancy Swimming.—Annie O'Leary, Evelyn Waddington, Helen McGregor. Neatest Header, over 13 years.— Evelyne Waddington, Alma Perry, Olive Andrews, Annie O'Leary, Maud Bentley. Neatest Header, under 13 years.— Ruby Maltby, Agnes McCormack, Iris Duffy, Alma Perry. Rescue Race, prize for highest points. —Annie O'Leary, Evelyne Waddington, Alma Perry, Olive Andre w. Obstacle Race. —Hazel Fuller , Helen McGregor, Berta Scott, Myrtle Reed, Annie O'Leary, Esmee Waddington. Swimming on Back, points for pace and style.—Violet Reardon, Maud Williams, Agnes McCormack, Evelyne Waddington, He -n McGregor, Esmee Waddington. Egg and Spoon Race.— Gladys Lett,' Myrtle Reed, Hazel Fuller, Evelyne Waddington, Berta Scott, Helen McGregor, Esmee Waddington.

18th March 1909 meeting of the Masterton branch of the Navy League was held last evening, Mr J. D. Cruickshank presiding, it was reported by Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of" the Masterton District High School, that eighty-six pupils, of whom fifty-six wore boys and thirty girls of the secondary department and standard (5, had become members of the League. These will receive the literature and badges as soon as they come to hand. The question of a school excursion to Wellington next month, to visit the warships in port, was discussed, and an effort will be made to achieve that end. The branch, which was reported to be on a sound financial footing, resolved to make arrangements for a lantern lecture to the school children at an early date.

19th March 1909 MK H. H. CORK TO LEAVE MASTERTON. While the very many friends of Mr H. H. Cork, sub-Postmaster at Masterton, will be heartily pleased to hear that he has been promoted to be postmaster at Levin, they will feel the keenest regret at his being dissociated from his departmental post at Masterton. Mr Cork has been stationed at Masterton for a number of years past, and his unvarying courtesy, combined with his very intimate knowledge of post office routine have..... *Mr Cork was a member of Masterton School Committee*

19th March 1909 SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

An event of importance to the boys attending the district High School was the holding of their swimming sports, yesterday afternoon, at Borough Baths. Although not ideal day the weather remained fine until the last race was in progress, when light rain set in. Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr W. H. Jackson, head-master, who was indefatigable in the position of director. He was ably assisted in the carrying out of the programme by Messrs Haslam, Bunting, Sutton and McIntosh, of the teaching staff, and several prominent officials of the local Swimming Club and members of the School Committee. Large entries had been received for the different events—too large to be decided in one afternoon. Heats had therefore been decided prior to yesterday, and even this process left large " fields" for the finals as many as five heats being required to be got off" before the winners could be declared.

A varied programme had been arranged. There was no waiting between the events. All the starters were "triers," and were cheered on by lusty schoolboy shouts of encouragement, some keen contests witnessed, the result being a most enjoyable afternoon.

It is a pity that a greater number of parents did not avail themselves of the opportunity Of seeing their boys disporting themselves in the water. Their progress in the valuable and healthy art of swimming, diving, etc., would, we feel sure, have been most gratifying to them. Afternoon tea was dispensed to all and sundry by a ladies' committee, consisting of Mes-cla-nes W. H. Jackson, R. Brown, C. Perry, H. H. Cork, C. N. Haslam, E. G. Eton, W. Cook and E. R. Cameron, and was highly appreciated. Altogether the inaugural Swimming Sports in connection with the school can be voted a complete success and must have been a source of gratification to Mr Jackson, who worked hard in promoting them. The girls' classes are holding their sports this afternoon, under the supervision of the lady teachers, assisted by friends, and given fine weather, an equally successful gathering should be consummated. Detailed results of yesterday's competitions are as follows :— 25 Yards Handicap, 14 years and flK over, 23 entries.—Eric Wickens, scr, *"" 1; Wm. Pendray, 2sec, 2. Time, 18 4-osec. 25 Yards Handicap, under 14 years, 23 entries.—Clande Jarrett, 4sec, 1 ; Stanley Porter, scr, 2. Time, 22 2-osec. 25 Yards, this year's swimmers, 12 entries. --Harry Bannister, 1; George Ah Lop, 2. Time, 24 1-ssec. 75 Yards Handicap, 11 entries. — Geo. Forman, 4sec, 1; Eric Wickens, scr, 2. Time, 5 2-osec. 25 Yards, this year's swimmers, 15 entries.—Clande Jarrett, 1 ; Frank Sewell, 2. School Championship, 50 yards.— Eric Wickens (gold medal), 1; Hugh Fraser, 2. Time, 41 2-ssec. 15 Yards, this year's swimmers, under 12 years, 12 entries.— Harold Devonport, 1; Herbert Jarrett, 2. Time, 11 2-ssec. Junior Championship, 25 yards, under 13 years, 21 entries.—Clande Jarrett, 1 ; Richard To Tau, 2. Time, 22sec. Diving, senior boys. — Reginald Yarr, 1; Percy Fraser, 2. Diving, nnior boys.—Harold Devonport, 1 ; Herbert Jarrett, 2. 25 Yards, fully dressed. —Ormond ,, Hooper, lsec, 1; Reginald Yarr, scr,"ek 2. Time, 2(ssec. "^" Rescue Event.—Eric Wickens, 1; Cyril Sykes, 2. Time, ISsec. 15 Yards, ttiis year's swimmers, over 12 years, 23 entries.—George Ah Lop, 1; Henry Montgomery, 2. Time, 10 3-ssec. 15 Yards Handicap, under 10 years. —Jack Eton (> years) 1; Herbert Caselberg, 2. Time, liJsec. Obstacle Race, 50 yards, 51 entries. —Eric Wickens, 1 ; Hugh Fraser,*2. Time, 47 4-ssec. Egg and Spoon Race, 25 yards.— Joseph Darvill, 1 ; Eric Wickens, 2. Time, 22 4-ssec.

20th March 1909 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

GIRLS' DAY.

In spite of the unfavourable weather conditions, the girls' competition in connection with the Masterton School Swimming Carnival took place in the Borough Baths yesterday afternoon. A programme of 15" events, with 141 entries, was got ' through in good style by the starters and judges. The girls entered into the contests very keenly,- and gave a fine display of swimming in its various branches. The judge .reported that the School Championship race was an excellent display of strong swimming on the part of girls and also that wonderful improvement was shown in all the events, both in style and pace. Very -complete arrangements were made by the Headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, and the function was most successfully carried through by the ladies who were in charge of it.

The judging was ably performed by Mrs J. W. Blackman (President of the Ladies' Swimming Club), Mrs D. M. Graham, Mrs J. Caselberg, and Miss M. Payton. The starters were Misses Munro and Williams. Miss Wolff, assisted by the other lady teachers, marshalled the competitors for each event, and the whole of the contests were got off with great regularity and promptitude. Afternoon tea was served by ' Mesdames W. H. Jackson, R. Brown, C. N: Haslam, C. Perry,' Cook and Cameron;

Mr and Mrs Palls, the custodians of the baths, rendered every assistance and helped to make the function the great success it proved to be. The trophies won will be presented next week, together with the prizes won in connection with the gardens, the Horticultural Show prizes, and the shooting prizes won by the cadets. / The following is a complete list of the winners of the swimming events: —>

25 Yards Handicap, 14 years and over. —Esmee Waddington, 2sec, 1; Evelyn Waddington, scr, 2.

25 Yards years.—Mina Waddington, 2sec, 1; Alma Perry, scr, 2. 15 Yards, in: s gear's swimmers, over 14 years.—Jessie Milne, 1; Alma Stockley-Jones, 2. 15 Yards, this year's under 14 years.—Alma Carpenter, 1; Violet Reaidon, 2.

15 Yards Handicap, 13 years and over. —Olive Andrews, scr, 1; Hazel Jainieson, 2sec, 2.

15 Yards Handicap, under 13 years.—Mina Waddington, scr, 1; Alma Carpenter, scr, 2.

School Championship, 50 yards.—Annie O'Leary, 1; Esmee Waddington, 2.

Junior Championship, 25 yards, 1 under 13 years.—Anastatia Honrigan, 1; Alma Perry, 2. ' Fancy Swimming.—Evelyne Waddington, 1 ; "Annie O'Leary, 2. Neatest Header, over 13 years.—Annie O'Leary. Neatest Header, under 13 years. Alma Perry. A special prize was donated by Mrs J. Caselberg to the girl placed second in this event—Agnes McCormack—a very small competitor, who gave a good display. Rescue Event.—Evelyne Waddington, 1; Annie O'Leary, 2. Obstacle Race.—Annie O'Leary, 1; Helen McGregor, 2. Swimming on Back.—Esmee Waddington, 1; Helen McGregor, 2. Egg and Spoon Race. —Helen McGregor, 1; Evelyn Waddington, 2.

20th March 1920 MODERN EDUCATION. SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING

The swimming competitions for boys carried out at the Borough Baths on Thursday afternoon, in connection with the Masterton District High School Swimming Carnival, afforded ample justification for the Borough Council's action in granting the free use of the Baths to school children. It is probable that a display on so large a scale and so full of merit has not been witnessed in connection with any other school in the Dominion. In the programme of events for boys' competitions, there were 22 competitors. Included in this number were 22 entries made by boys who have learned to swim since the beginning of this year. Apart from all considerations regarding the healthiness of such an exercise, and its value in connection with physical development—and in this respect it is probably the finest of all physical exercises—the question of its utility stands out very prominently. The recent wreck of the Penguin, with its attendant terrible loss of life, is still fresh in our minds. In an insular country like New Zealand, carrying on a great proportion of its communication by sea, wrecks are sure to happen, just as certainly as day is succeeded by night. The many sad drowning cases we have to record would be fewer by far if the young people of the Dominion were given the opportunity now enjoyed by Masterton children of acquiring the art of feeling "at home" in the water. It was indeed a pleasure to see, at the School Carnival on Thursday,

boys from six years of age and upwards showing that they could not only take care of themselves in the water, but also prove that they knew how to rescue. in the most correct way, other persons who may be in danger of drowning. The function so successfully carried out reflects credit not only on the Masterton School, but on the town itself.

20th March 1909 Parents of Masterton and the community generally interested in swimming will doubtless feel grateful to the Headmaster of the Masterton District High School, Mr W. H. Jackson, for the very splendid interest he is displaying in the aquatic education of the scholars under his charge. With his usual perception of what is valuable and what is also interesting and of a noble order, Mr Jackson has encouraged the taking up of swimming among the scholars at the School in a most enthusiastic way and has personally worked very hard to make the aquatic exercises of pupils of a congenial kind and likely to prove permanently beneficial. The recent School swimming sports represent in a concrete form the results of the Headmaster's efforts, and it must be admitted that those results are highly creditable to Mr Jackson, to whom, as we have laid, the community owes a deep debt of gratitude therefor.

31st March 1909 The prizes won by the pupils attending the Masterton District High School at the recent Swimming Carnival, and at the A. and P. and Horticultural Shows, will be distributed by the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr R. Brown) at the School tomorrow afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Advantage will also be taken of the assembling of the scholars, by the officers of the local branch of the Navy League, to deliver short addresses and to distribute the literature of the League among the juvenile members.

2nd April 1909 DISTRIBUTION OF FRIZES. Yesterday was a red letter day in the lives of quite a large number of boys and girls attending the Masterton District High School. The trophies and prizes won in connection with the recent swimming carnival, the Masterton A. and P. prizes for gardening work, and the Horticultural Society's prizes for competition at the recent Horticultural Show, were all presented to the lucky winners yesterday afternoon. With the exception of the gold medals for the championship events, the silver medals for junior events, and the special trophies donated, the whole of the prizes were selected by the winners themselves. A marvellous variety of tastes was disclosed. The fancy of the girls went in the direction of silver belt buckles, leather bound prayer books, silver-mounted glassware, poets' and other books, and in one case a well-bound Bible. The boys fancied Waterbury watches, carving tools, hair brushes in cases, and in a good many instances books. The total number of prizes distributed was eighty. The presentations were made by Mr R. Brown (chairman of the School Committee). The recipients were heartily applauded by their school mates, a special volley being given to a tiny little chap of six years, Jack Eton, who won the 15 yards race for small boys. At the conclusion of the presentations Mr W. H. Jackson, Headmaster, took occasion to thank the donors of trophies, the Borough Council for the facilities afforded the teachers, who had taken such keen interest in the swimming instruction, and also to Mrs J. W. Blackman, who had rendered very great assistance in connection with the girls' classes. Hearty cheers were given in each case by the scholars.

Mr J. D. Cruickshank, the promoter of the Masterton branch of the Navy League, then addressed the scholars on the aims of the Navy League. He expressed the hope that the Masterton School branch of the League would develop into a strong and enthusiastic institution. He urged both boys and girls to try to become loyal and good subjects of the

King, and to maintain the reputation which New Zealand has established. He asked the scholars to give three cheers for Sir Joseph Ward for his action in offering, in the name of New Zealand, & battleship to the Mother Country. Cheers were heartily given by the young Leaguers, and "God Save the King" was heartily sung. The Rev. H. Watson then addressed the scholars. He reminded them that though they may not all be able to carry off prizes and trophies as I their schoolmates had done, they could all try to do something quite as meritorious. To everybody came, some time or other, opportunities of showing that they could be noble and good. In a small way, as well as in a large one, a boy could become a hero. If this ideal were lived up to by the boys and girls of the Dominion, New Zealand would never have to feel ashamed of her sons and daughters. At the conclusion of the addresses cheers were given by the scholars for the visitors present, among whom were officers of the Masterton branch of the Navy League, members of the School Committee, and parents. The gathering, which comprised all the High School pupils, and Standard 5 and 6, was held in the infants' room, on account of the rain. This necessitated a limit being placed on the juvenile audience. Over 250 of the biggest boys and girls had to be crowded into a room with accommodation for not more than 100. The assembly room, which the Committee and Headmaster have been endeavouring to obtain, would have been put to good use yesterday afternoon. On the conclusion of the proceedings an adjournment was made to the cookery room, where afternoon tea was served to the visitors by the lady teachers and the girls of the High School.

3rd April 1909 It has been arranged that on the last Thursday of the present month a lecture on the British Navy and the object of the Navy League shall be delivered to the scholars of the Masterton School. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern views of an interesting character, Dr. R. V. Hosking having kindly consented to be responsible for the views. The Executive of the Sub Branch of the Navy League or some of its members are displaying laudable efforts to carry out the programme suggested by Lieutenant Knox, R.N., when he recently visited Masterton, but unfortunately other members do not take an equal interest in the work which really has as its object the maintenance of the Empire. We shall refer to this question again at an early date, when we hope to be successful in emphasising how great the potentialities of the Navy League are if its members are only sufficiently patriotic and enthusiastic to endeavour to develop them.

7th April 1909 Keen interest is being taken by children attending the Masterton District High School in their branch of the Navy League, and the membership has now reached one hundred.

10th April 1909 At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee on Thursday evening last the Chairman expressed the hope that there would be a large attendance of householders at the annual meeting on the 26th inst. and trusted that the best Committee obtainable would be elected. No doubt all parents approve of the Chairman's sentiments, for the Masterton School has not only an excellent reputation, but it is the institution of the greatest importance to the community. It is not going too far to say that upon the success of the School the welfare of the town depends. The Masterton School is an institution of which the town is proud, and it is pleasing to be able to state that the Committee during the past year have worked enthusiastically and successfully for the cause that they have at heart. The Chairman hopes that the best Committee obtainable will be elected on the 26th inst., and we echo his wish, at

the same time, it may fairly be questioned whether a better Committee than that which is retiring could be elected. We trust that the incoming Committee will acquit itself as well.

10th April 1909 The ordinary meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held on Thursday evening, there being present Messrs U. Brown (chairman), H. J. O'Leary, A. W. Ohaptnan, G. Townsend, H. H. Cork, and C. Perry.

The Treasurer reported a balance of £40 10s 6d.

The Education Board wrote notifying that it had decided to accede to the committee's request to advertise more freely the annual meeting of householders.

The Headmaster's monthly report showed that the attendance had been as follows:—Main school—roll 019, average attendance 558, percentage of attendance 90 ; side school—roll 157, average attendance 14:?, percentage of attendance 01 ; secondary classes roll 100. average attendance 8-1, percent of attendance 93. Rain reduced the attendance on one or two half days (during the month, otherwise the attendance has been good. The season for swimming classes was now drawing to a close and the headmaster was pleased to be able to report that swimming and life-saving, as a subject of tuition in the school, has become firmly established. The Borough Engineer has not been able to take in hand the asphalt paving arranged for, in the boys' playground. If it could be done, it would suggest that the holes in the present asphalt and tar finished work be repaired or the ground will break up badly in the winter. The school branch of the Navy League has become strong and enthusiastic and there are now over 100 senior girls and boys enrolled as members.

Mr Cork reported that the Borough Engineer had informed him that he would be able to attend to the asphalt paving of the boys' playground very shortly.

Certain repairs at the school were left in the hands of the visiting members.

The question of dismantling the swings at the school, which was before the committee at last meeting, was again mentioned, and was referred to the visiting members.

Before the meeting concluded Mr Perry recognised the enthusiastic and earnest work of the secretary, Mr W. M. Easthope, and on his motion it was resolved to place on record an appreciation of Mr Easthope's services.

The Chairman remarked that the committee had worked exceedingly well during the year and its members had taken an intelligent interest in the welfare of the school. He hoped the householders would show their appreciation by turning up at the annual meeting on April 10th and electing the very best committee possible.

On the motion of Mr Chapman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his able services during the year. Messrs Chapman, Cork and O'Leary were appointed the visiting members. Accounts amounting to £19 11s 6d were passed for payment.

24th April 1909 The annual meeting of householders will be held on Monday next, at 8 p.m., in the Drill Hall, for the purpose of electing the Masterton School Committee. Parents and guardians of children are invited to attend the meeting.

26th April 1909 More interest appears to be manifested than usual in the annual meeting of the Masterton School Committee, this evening, and we expect a better attendance of householders and a larger list of nominations than were recorded last year. A School Committee, notwithstanding its limited powers, can do much for a town like Masterton, if it feels it has the community at its back. The late Committee has undoubtedly done its duty by the school; but it certainly did not start under favourable auspices when the meagre

attendance at the last annual meeting is recalled. Masterton has every reason to be proud of its public schools; but its residents should emphasize this sentiment by putting in an appearance at the annual meeting this evening.

27th April 1909 ANNUAL REPORT. The folk wing is the annual report presented to the meeting of householders last evening:—Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the following report on school matters for the past year. The attendance has been good as the table herewith shows

Main School, average roll, 653; average attendance 589; percentage of attendance, 90.

Side School, average roll, 189; average attendance, 172; percentage of attendance, 91.

Secondary Classes, average roll, 80; average attendance, 75; percentage of attendance. 94.

The total average number on the roll in all three departments has been 922 scholars, while the staff consists of the headmaster, 15 assistants, 6 pupil-teachers and 1 probationer. The Main School, the Side School and the High School have been conducted in a manner thoroughly satisfactory to your Committee, and highly creditable to the Headmaster and his staff. The Inspectors' reports show that your school, in all its departments continues to maintain its prestige. The highest marks for efficiency and discipline, have again been awarded by the Inspectors on the annual examination results. Your High School has again done an excellent year's work, and the examination results obtained have been most gratifying. In the Matriculation examination four pupils passed, all four obtaining a pass in the Solicitors' General Knowledge examination also. In the Junior Civil Service examination 10 pupils passed four being placed in the Credit List, In the Education Board's Senior Scholarship examination for 10 scholarships, ten pupils qualified and four of the scholarships. £40 a year for two years, were awarded to the pupils of your school. In the Board's Junior Scholarship examination, nine pupils qualified, and three scholarships, £40 a year for two years, were awarded to pupils of your school. At the present time there are no less than twelve students attending the New Zealand University, all of whom matriculated from your school, and all of whom are receiving from the Trust Lands Trust grants towards their University expenses. One of the pupils who passed the recent matriculation examination has won a Theological scholarship of £25 a year. The opening of the new school at Lansdowne, at the beginning of the year, drew about twenty scholars from each of your schools—the Main School and the Side school, but this number was more than made up by new scholars entering the school. After many months at strenuous endeavour your Committee succeeded in getting the Education Board to build a much needed room on the south wing of the Main School, and this addition has made the two wings level. Your Committee is of opinion that the time has come when the Masterton School, like all other modern schools, should be provided with an Assembly Hall, wherein all the pupils can be gathered when occasion arises. As the two wings are now level your Committee thought the space between could be roofed over at small expense and thus form the Assembly Hall Your Committee approached the Board, and the Board asked the Government to provide the necessary funds but met with a refusal. When the Minister for Education —the Hon. Geo. Fowlds, visited Masterton, your Committee invited him to the School and renewed its request. The Minister, however pleaded that so much had been spent recently in the Masterton district—nearly £3,000 for the Lansdowne School—that the Government could not see its way to provide the £500 or £600 required for the Assembly Hall, and the matter was brought up. Your Committee will not let the matter drop

but will seize the first favourable opportunity to renew its request for an Assembly Hall. Your Committee regrets that so far it has not been able to establish Advanced Sewing and Dressmaking classes. The Board has been urged to appoint a teacher who would visit the various schools and teach classes in Advanced Sewing and Dressmaking in the same way that Cookery is taught, but it appears the provision made for the payment of such a teacher is inadequate, and nothing can be done until a different method of payment is adopted. Your Committee believes that it would be of great advantage if the elder girls could have a thorough course of advanced sewing and dressmaking, and it will continue to agitate for this very desirable object. The Cookery Classes, under Miss Talbot have been continued with the usual excellent results. The graceful act of the Borough Council in granting free bathing for the school children has been taken the fullest advantage of. Nearly 500 of the children attending your school are receiving free tuition in swimming and life-saving. For some years past the school playground has been in an undesirable condition during wet weather. To remedy this your Committee has arranged with the Borough officials to grade and asphalt a large part of it, with a view of having it all done as funds permit. The work will shortly be taken in hand, and to provide money for its payment the Committee has carried forward a credit balance which will be sufficient for the purpose. Your Committee has again to ask you to join us in thanking the Trust Lands Trustees for their generous grants--grants which make your school the envy of the whole Education District, and which enable your Committee; to provide advantages quite beyond the reach of less favoured schools. The Technical School Managers have given the Hall Street Technical School, and the Trust Lands Trustees have agreed to remove the building to a site adjacent to the school gardens, fit it up and hand it over to your Committee for use as a School Museum. Your Committee desires to express its gratitude to both Boards for such a magnificent donation and will make every effort to develop the museum into a really useful educational institution. Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that a branch of the Navy League has been established in your school. The branch has grown very strong and enthusiastic, over 100 of the senior boys and girls being enrolled as members. It is most desirable that the sentiment of patriotism should be fully developed in our children, and that a knowledge of the greatness of the Empire of which we form a part, and of the might and power represented by the flag we all delight to honour should be imparted to the rising generation, and perhaps no better means have been devised of attaining these objects than by means of the Navy League.

In July last Mr W. A. Fendall left Masterton and resigned his seat on the Committee, and Mr H. J. O'Leary was called to fill the vacancy. Your Committee regrets that it is also to lose the services of the Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr H. H. Cork, both gentlemen having left Masterton, and wishes to place on record its very high appreciation of the work done by these gentlemen on the Committee. Your Committee also deems it right to express its appreciation of the promptitude, efficiency and care with which its Secretary, Mr W. M. Easthope has discharged his duties. Twelve meetings of the Committee have been held during the year, and the attendance has been as follows:—Mr Chapman H, Mr Cork H, Mr Brown 10, Mr Carpenter 9, Mr Buttle 8, Mr Waddington 8, Mr Townsend 8, Mr Perry 7, Mr O'Leary 5, Mr Fendall 4.

27th April 1980 HOUSEHOLDERS

The annual meeting of householders was held in the Drill Hall last evening to elect a School Committee for the ensuing year. There was an unusually large attendance, and Mr R. Brown

presided. The annual report and balance-sheet, which appear on page 3 of this issue, were read by the secretary. In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman made a very complimentary reference to the splendid results obtained at the school by the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) and his efficient staff. The results of recent examinations were proof of the excellent work being done. The Masterton School, Mr Brown stated, was one of the best equipped in the Dominion. This was mainly due to the splendid foresight of the founders of Masterton, who created the present valuable Trust.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr E. McEwen.

Mr J. Prior asked why no reference was made to the School Cadets. Was the body defunct?

Mr Brown stated that, in keeping with other departments of the school, the Cadets Corps was in a very flourishing condition. It was, however, impossible to mention everything in the report. The adoption of the report was carried unanimously.

The election of a Committee was then proceeded with. Three further nominations were received, and the ballot resulted in the following Committee being elected:—Messrs R. Brown, A. W. Chapman, Chas. Perry, J. Carpenter, G. A. P. Townsend, E. H. Waddington, H. J. O'Leary, A. Hendry and T. J. Thompson. Each of the elected members thanked the meeting for their support.

Votes of thanks were passed to the headmaster and to the retiring Committee.

The statutory meeting of the newly-elected Committee was afterwards held, and Mr R. Brown was reelected Chairman for the year.

Mr Easthope was re-elected secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the headmaster and teaching staff.

28th April 1909 A lecture under the auspices of the Masterton branch of the Navy League will be given to the pupils of the Masterton School to-morrow afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock.

4th May 1909 The membership of the Masterton District High School branch of the Navy League now totals 130.

7th May 1909 RAMBLERS v. MASTERTON HIGH SCHOOL. A match was played on the School grounds, yesterday afternoon, between the Ramblers and Masterton District High School teams. A fast and interesting game was witnessed by the large number of spectators present. In the first spell there was no score, though the Ramblers had the best of the play. Shortly after the commencement of the second spell a splendid piece of play on the part of Miss Vera Hunter resulted in that player scoring a goal for the School. Ramblers then made determined efforts individually to equalise matters but failed until Miss N. O'Leary by tricky play broke through the School defence and registered a goal. There was no further score, the game resulting in a draw—one goal each. The Ramblers had somewhat the best of the game, but sadly lacked combination. The School girls put up a plucky fight against their old and more experienced opponents. Mr B. Iveson was referee.

14th May 1909 The ordinary meeting of the Committee of the Masterton District High school was held last night. In the absence of the Chairman (Mr R. Brown), Mr C. Perry was voted to the chair. There were also present Messrs

A. Hendry, A. Chapman, G. Townsend, J. Carpenter, T. J. Thompson and H. O'Leary. An apology for absence was received from Mr Waddington.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The Headmaster reported as follows : —Main School, roll 621, average attendance 558, percentage of attendance 90; Side School, roll 159, average attendance 150, percentage of attendance 94 ; Secondary Classes, roll 88, average attendance 81, percentage of attendance 92. The attendance during the three school days of Easter week is usually below the average. This was again the case this year. A number of parents take their children away for the week, and this, of course, affects the attendance. In spite of this, however, a good record of attendance has been made for the month. The Side School attendance has been excellent and indicates the almost total absence of sickness. The Truant Officer recently took proceedings in one or two cases, and he is again visiting the school for the same purpose in a fortnight's time. One of the assistant teachers was absent from duty on the 4th and 5th inst., through sickness. The cookery classes have again commenced for the winter session. The new classroom has enabled me to use the cookery room entirely for cookery tuition, and I have therefore arranged to make the fullest use of the services of the cookery instructress, Every girl above the fourth standard is receiving instruction in cookery. The membership of the school branch of the Navy League has now reached one hundred and thirty. On Thursday, the 20th ult., a lantern lecture was given to the school members of the League in the afternoon. The lecture was delivered by the Rev. H. Watson, and the lantern was operated by Dr R. Hosking, assisted by Messrs E. R. B. Daniell and Levien, The views and the descriptive matter were interesting and instructive, and were much appreciated. The annual inspection visit is being made to-day to the Main School by the chief inspector, Mr T. R. Fleming.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The treasurer reported that the balance on March :31st was £50 2s Id. The total receipts during the past month, including the above balance, were £173 17s 10d, of which the principal items were: capitation £27, Government special grant £31 7s, Trust grant £31 17s, subsidy £31 11s 9d. The expenditure during the month totalled £34 5s 0d, leaving a credit balance of £130 12s 4d, the greater part of which is earmarked for the use of the school ground.

Mr Perry extended a hearty welcome to the new members who, he felt certain, would carry out their duties in a capable manner.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr Chapman, on behalf of the visiting Committee, reported having paid a visit to the Main School and Side School. The teacher pointed out necessary repairs to the roof of the latter, which had since been carried out. Allusion was also made to the necessity for some metal on part of the playground but the committee were of the opinion that if a man were sent up to rake the metal already there, present requirements would be met. With regard to the proposed removal of the swings, Mr Jackson, the headmaster, was averse to their removal, and had pointed out there was an element of danger in any game.

Mr Townsend moved that the swings be removed.

Mr Hendry suggested that the swings be fenced off so that children playing about would not run under them while they were in use. It seemed rather a pity, he stated, to take the swings away from the children.

Mr O'Leary was of the opinion that wire netting was the only thing that would stop the children.

No seconder was found for the motion and the matter was left in the hands of the next visiting committee.

Messrs G. Townsend, T. J. Thomson, and E. H. Waddington were appointed a visiting committee for the month and the meeting terminated.

21st May 1909 Under the capable instructorship of Miss Talbot. the cookery classes at the Masterton District, High School are now in full swing. The whole of the scholars above the fourth standard are receiving instruction in the art of preparing tasty and wholesome articles of diet. Thursday and Friday in each week are devoted to the work. On alternate weeks demonstrations and lessons are given by the instructress, while the scholars themselves, in the intervening weeks, carry out in classes of twenty-four the instructions imparted by their teacher and vie with each other in turning out the daintiest edibles under her supervision. The articles cooked are readily disposed of to the children at the cost of the materials used and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

22nd May 1909 Miss Wolff. mistress of the. infants' class at the Masterton District - High School has "been suffering for several days with an illness which has prevented her from attending her duties..

24th May 1909 MASTERTON HIGH SCHOOL.,PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION
SALUTING THE FLAG

The annual demonstration in honour of Empire Day took place at the Masterton District High School on Friday afternoon, it having been deemed advisable that the scholars should be given the benefit of an uninterrupted holiday on Monday. It was originally intended to mass the children outside in the school-grounds, where they were to be addressed, but unfortunately rain fell about the time of the commencement of the proposed demonstration, and besides keeping the pupils inside the school, prevented some townspeople and members of the School Committee from attending who might otherwise have been present. Mr A. W. Chapman represented the Committee, and with the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, delivered speeches to the scholars in the class-rooms. The Sixth Standard was first visited, and Mr Jackson pointed out to the boys and girls the significance of the occasion and outlined the history of the patriotic spirit that inaugurated Empire Day. He referred to the love of country as one of their highest duties, and introduced Mr Chapman, who would speak further on the great importance of maintaining the prestige of the British Empire. Mr Chapman dealt ably with the urgency of progress in matters of defence, and commended to the boys the splendid example set to cadets throughout the Dominion by Colour Sergeant Friar, of Onehunga, the champion boy marksman. It should be quite possible for some of the Masterton cadets to emulate that lad. The girls also might take their part in upholding the standard of Empire. He felt sure that, in sympathy with the general patriotism shown by New Zealand. the girls would not be found wanting when called upon to perform such services as are required of nurses, for instance, in time of national trouble. Addressing the Fifth Standard boys. Mr Jackson said that the 24.th of May was a date which all English boys and girls should remember as long as they lived—not only because it was Empire Day, but because it was the anniversary of the birth of the greatest Sovereign honoured in history. Queen Victoria was the ruler who did the most good for the country over which she reigned. In contemplating the meaning of Empire Day, they would still think of the one who built up the great British Empire. When she died, her name was so universally honoured that everyone desired to perpetuate the observance of her natal day. and consequently the anniversary was kept up under the name of Victoria Day. Later its designation was changed to Empire Day for

patriotic reasons. Mr Jackson recounted the stories of brave boys, commending their unswerving devotion to the right cause to his young hearers. Mr Chapman noted with pleasure the strength of the cadet movement, as evidenced by the number of military jerseys worn by the boys. He also brought before the cadets' notice the laudable idea that one of their number should be found fitted to enter for the Empire boys' shooting competition established by Lord Roberts. The School Committee and the masters would have great pleasure in assisting such an enterprise. When the call to arms was sounded, the boys would discover the benefit of the training they had received at school. They could not help but take an interest in the military movement, with the enthusiasm displayed by their teachers. The speaker, in conclusion, said he felt sure that the boys would take part in the ceremony of saluting the flag with heartiness and genuine patriotism. The Secondary Classes were next addressed, Mr Jackson, in his opening remarks, stating that if the school possessed the assembly room, which had been advocated, the scholars, with their parents, could gather together and carry out the function appropriately in spite of weather conditions. Mr Jackson here also traced the development of the Empire Day movement and referred to the great admiration and respect in which the late Queen Victoria was held. The object of Empire Day was in a great measure to foster feelings of patriotism among young people, and induce them to grow up good men and women, and to fill their places in the Empire nobly and well. The boys must learn to shoot well, because on that might depend the safety of their own homes as well as of the country. When the time came for New Zealanders to defend their country—they were only a small community—each would have to do more than one man's work. The European countries would not be making all the preparations with which they were at present concerned unless some coming contest was anticipated. With the British cadet system, and its shooting practices, there were many opportunities for making the material of a large army. Every boy should make up his mind to be a true soldier. Mr Chapman pointed out that the object of calling the scholars together was the encouragement of the patriotism which was such a successful feature of the Empire of which they formed a part. The speaker repeated the advisability of endeavouring to secure the representation of the Masterton School in the Empire shooting competition. He also spoke to the girls concerning the useful services they might render in the capacity of nurses in war time. Functions of the nature of the present one helped to keep patriotism foremost in the eyes of the people. All the speeches were heartily applauded by the scholars. The cadets, of which there are four companies, were afterwards marshalled in the playground, under Major Haslam, and the ceremony of saluting the flag was performed. The boys formed three sides of a quadrangle and looked very neat and soldier like. They presented arms in true military fashion, the buglers sounded the "Salute," and the function terminated with three hearty cheers for King Edward.

28th May 1909 The resignation of Miss G. 'Flux (Worser Bay) and Miss O. Dagg (Masterton) were accepted.

10th June 1909 A meeting of the Masterton Sub Branch of the Navy League was held last evening, Mr J. D. Cruickshank in the chair. A report was received from the Masterton District High School Branch, which showed this Branch to be in a most flourishing condition. It was decided that steps be taken to establish branches in the various schools at an early date. Several accounts were passed for payment.

11th June 1909 , The ordinary meeting of the Masterton District High School was held Inst night. There were present Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Chapman, G. Townsend, A. Hendry, C. Perry, T. J. Thompson, J. Carpenter, H. J. O'Leary and E. H. Waddington. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received from Miss Olive Dagg, resigning her position as pupil teacher in the school.—Received.

The secretary of the Education Board wrote stating that nominations were being received for the election of a representative of the Wairarapa Ward. —Left in the hands of the members of the Committee.

A letter was also received from the Education Board, stating that arrangements had been made for two courses of instruction to teachers in cookery and singing, the former to start on Saturday, 12th inst., and the latter in August.—Received.

The Visiting Committee reported having visited the school and having come to the conclusion that it would be as well to let the swings stand, as it is understood the bigger children do not use them.—The report was adopted, and a number of necessary improvements decided on.

Mr Chapman asked if the time was not opportune to encourage the cadets in shooting, and if the Committee could not vote a sum towards a miniature rifle range or Morris tubes. If this were done it might be the means of developing some good shorts.

The Chairman stated they really required a Finance Committee who could go into the question of probable receipts and expenditure during the coming year. They would then be in a position to take a definite course of action. He moved that a Committee consisting of Messrs Chapman, Perry and Thompson be set up to report on the question of shooting, and report at the next meeting.—Seconded by Cr Waddington and carried.

Messrs Brown, Hendry and Thompson were appointed a Finance Committee for the year. HEADMASTER'S REPORT. Number of roll Main School 621, Side School 160, Secondary Classes 84. werage attendance, 563, 144, 79.

The attendance for the month has been good in all three departments, and there are no names for the absentee report. The senior female assistant was absent from the 18th to the 29th ultimo through illness. One of the junior female assistants was absent on the 7th inst., through unavoidable circumstances. The recently appointed pupil-teacher has resigned in order to take up a position in another district. The 1st term holiday was observed last week, and school re-opened on Monday last with a good attendance. It is very unfortunate that the Borough Engineer has not been able to take in hand, during the recent fine weather, the asphaltting arranged for. He informs me that he has not had the material or men to do the work. Unless something is done the grounds will be in a very bad state during wet weather. It would probably be beneficial to have the preliminary grading done now with finely crushed metal.

For several years past our cadets have been placed at a great disadvantage in connection with their tuition in shooting. No rifle range is available, and, although good work is being done in military drill with every boy in the school, one of the most valuable and attractive portions of the training has to be omitted. A movement is on foot among some of the enthusiastic members of the National Defence League, to assist in providing a miniature rifle range for our large body of cadets. I trust the Committee will give its hearty support to the project.

The Chairman of the Education Board, Mr Robert Lee, paid a visit to the school. On Wednesday he gave a most interesting and instructive address to the scholars of the

secondary classes on "The Present Day Remains of Ancient Rome." On Thursday he was good enough to devote the greater part of the afternoon to a very interesting talk on Italy, its people, buildings and art, to the pupils of the Sixth Standard. Both addresses were listened to with great attention, and hearty cheers were given for Mr Lee at the conclusion of his addresses. Some of the beautiful pictures used by him as illustrations have been kindly promised to the school for the decoration of the walls.

The Board's Truant Officer paid a visit to the school on Thursday to satisfy himself regarding one or two cases of which he is taking notice.

11th June 1909 Even school teachers sometimes make slips in their grammar. At the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, last night, one of the members quoted the following, which had been addressed to the pupils by a teacher: "Get into line and don't make no noise neither!" He naively asked if it was customary for teachers to have a knowledge of grammar.

11th June 1909 THE "AGE" CUP. HIGH SCHOOL v. KIWI. A match in which considerable interest was taken was played on the Schoolgrounds this afternoon, between the Kiwi (Dalefield) and the Masterton District High School teams. The game was productive of some very good hockey and was fast and keenly contested all through. The following were the teams:—Masterton District High School. —Goalkeeper, Miss G. Evernden; full backs, Misses I. McKenzie and J. Millar; half backs, Misses E. Dagg, R. Wilton, G. Lett; forwards, Misses O. Dagg, V. Hunter. M. Reid, B. Scott, C. McKenzie.

Dalefield. Goalkeeper, Miss L. Smith; full hacks, Misses I. Lindop, R. Abbott; half backs, Misses M. Harding, A. West, V. Sayer; forwards, Misses M. Reading, B. Ordish, M. West, B. Waterson, A. Neilson. The first spell saw some brilliant rushes on the part of the School team, Misses B. Scott, M. Reid, and O. Dagg giving the opposing team plenty of work to do to defend. In this latter respect Miss L. Smith, Abbott and M. West put in some splendid play. The determination of the home team was at last rewarded, Miss Scott scoring a pretty goal. Shortly after, from another rush, in which Misses O. Dagg, B. Scott and R. Wilton were prominent, the former scored. There was no further score during the spell. In the second spell both teams made the play faster, and good combined work by both sides was witnessed. The Kiwi forwards played with great dash, and several times swept down the field, only to be sent back by the good hitting of Misses I. McKenzie and J. Millar. Towards the close of the spell Misses Scott, C. McKenzie, M. Reid, V. Hunter, and O. Dagg repeatedly attacked the visitors' goal, but the defence was too sound, and the whistle sounded without any further score being recorded, the school thus winning by two goals to nil. Mr B. Iveson was referee. The Kiwi team were afterwards entertained by the School team at afternoon tea,

12th June 1909 . At the meeting of the Trustees of the Trust Lands Trust, last night, grants for the various schools were made as follows :—Masterton District High School, £98 4s; Fernridge, £25; Lansdowne, £28; St. Patrick's, £31 8s; Technical, £100.

The Trust Lands Trust received a letter from the Masterton School Committee, last night, asking what steps were being taken to remove the old Technical School to the Masterton School, where it is to be used for a Museum. Mr C. B. Daniell stated the question had been under consideration, and arrangements had been made for the early removal of the building.

15th June 1909 a paragraph in Friday's issue, it was mentioned that a member of the Masterton School Committee had stated that the instruction, "Get into line, and don't make no

noise neither," had been addressed by a teacher to the class. We are now informed that the word actually used was "any," and not "no." And still the sentence appears somewhat shaky as regards grammar.

24th June 1909 As a result of the discussion at the last meeting of the Masterton District-High School Committee,' with regard to the question of procuring a miniature rifle range for the school Cadets,' -Mr. Easthope, secretary, has written to the Education and Defence Departments asking for information. Major: McDonald has replied to the effect that the matter appears to one for the officer commanding the school cadet forces to deal with He understands, however, that the question of constructing.. miniature rifle ranges for school, cadets is receiving the consideration of the Department. Meantime no grant could be made. The Education Department has also- written stating that hither to they, had not contributed towards miniature rifle ranges were regarded as chargeable against cadet funds, but a suggestion had been some time 'ago' that, in the centres a subsidy might be granted for such purpose. They asked for: information with regard to the situation of the rifle butts; and their distance, from -Masterton. Also whether any other schools than Masterton would use the range if formed, and what would be the estimated cost. The information required has been supplied.

25th June 1909 Rugby The following will represent the Masterton District High School against Greytown High School at Masterton on Saturday :—Falk, Montgomery, Ewington, Hoar, Ibbetson, Wickens, Brunton, Wyber, , Sykes, Leahy, Heyhoe, Wagg, Au Lop (2), Miller.

28th June 1909 On the School ground, on Saturday, a match was played between the Greytown and Masterton- High School hockey teams, Mr B. Iveson, acting as referee. After a hard fought game the Greytown girls were declared the winners by 2 goals to nil. The Greytown team played a good game, but the Masterton team was not up to its usual good standard, partially owing to the loss of one of its best players. Misses F. Gazley and A. Hawke scored the goals, these two young ladies and Miss D. Bicknell (captain)and N. Feist doing good work for the winners. The best players in the Masterton team were Misses E. Dagg (captain), A. O'Leary, B. Scott and I. McKenzie The Masterton team afterwards entertained their visitors to a social at the School.

29th June 1909 Miss Minnie Hall has been transferred from Johnsonville School to the teaching staff of the Masterton School, and took up her duties last Monday

30th June 1909 A letter has been received from Major McDonald, officer commanding the Public School Cadets, by Mr W. M. Easthope, secretary of the Masterton School Committee, stating that whole question of miniature rifle ranges is being considered by the Department. The application from the Masterton District High School is therefore being held over.

6th July 1909 The old technical school, which is to be used as a museum at the Masterton School, was removed to its site yesterday. The structure is to be thoroughly/renewed, and fitted up on modern lines.

9th July 1909 At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee, last evening, the Chairman (Mr R. Brown) drew the attention of the committee to a speech that had been made by the Minister of Education, in which he remarked that secular education was costing too much, and the question would have to be considered as to whether the people should not bear a proportion of the cost. Forecasts such as those made by the Minister usually had something

behind them, and if the responsibility of raising the money was cast upon the local bodies, then it meant the end of the present system, which has worked so satisfactorily for many years. It was a question that every school committee in the Dominion, and a little discussion on it would prove beneficial.

9th July 1909 The following appointments, under the Wellington Education Board, are announced:—Matahiwi School, sole teacher, Miss Rhoda Messenger;

At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, the Chairman (Mr R. Brown) proposed that a small committee should be set up to look after the interests of the museum, which was now being erected in the vicinity of the School grounds. For some time past the whole of the contents of the museum had been stowed away, and mixed up generally. An effort should be made to get a Government official to classify the whole of the exhibits. The committee should also endeavour to secure for the museum any agricultural exhibits suitable specimens of brass and iron work from the rough to the finished articles, veterinary exhibits, showing diseases of stock and numerous other things that would prove of interest and make the museum attractive. A committee consisting of the Chairman and Messrs Waddington and Chapman was set up as proposed.

9th July 1909 The ordinary meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night. There were present Messrs R. Brown (chairman), J. Carpenter, A. H. Chapman, G. Townsend, C. Perry, E. L. Waddington, J. O'Leary, T. J. Thompson and A. Hendry. Major McDonald, officer commanding the New Zealand School Cadet Forces, was also present. MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE. Major McDonald, at the request of the Chairman, briefly addressed the Committee with regard to the proposed miniature rifle range. During the day, he said, he had inspected the proposed site, and found that as it stood at present it was of the worst class—that was to say, it was not safe. It was dangerous because when firing they had on the left flank a public road, while on the right there would be the school children. At the back of the place where the target would be there was a church and also several private houses. Therefore, it was absolutely impossible to fire without danger to life. The range could, however, be made one of the safest in the Dominion, and, with that object in view, he had decided that the best thing to do was to construct a semi-open range. To cover it in altogether would entail a great deal of expense, and the semi-open range would be absolutely safe. This range would necessitate the construction of a screen made of 2x3 scantling, on either side of the firing point, while a stop bank would have to be erected at the back with 6-inch scantlings. These would be boarded up on each side, so as to give three inches of timber and the space (six inches) filled up with sand. A stop-bank of the kind was absolutely essential, as the bullets would easily travel over a hundred yards beyond the target if not stopped. It would require to be eighteen feet high, and to extend from six to ten feet on either side of the target, making it, say, twenty feet long altogether. There would also require to be at the back of the target an iron plate an eighth of an inch thick, which would effectually prevent the possibility of any damage being done. The grounds over which the firing would take place was eminently suited to the purpose, as there was nothing better than grass for preventing ricochets. He advised also that the point from which the boys fired be raised about twelve inches from the ground, while the screen should be raised proportionately and could be supported by struts. If they did this, they would have one of the most complete ranges in New Zealand. He estimated the cost at about £30. It was not possible, he said, to make a set

pattern for ranges of this kind, as the nature of the ground and surrounding, had to be taken into consideration. He congratulated the Committee on their action in this matter, and stated that if they carried out their proposals they would, in all probability, be the first school in New Zealand to possess a range of the kind. He also paid a tribute to Mr Jackson, the headmaster, who, he stated, had always taken the keenest interest in the cadet movement. During the day he (the speaker) had inspected the Masterton High School Cadets, under the control of three teachers. Their discipline was excellent, and their physique was also good. These two qualities alone would count as fifty per cent, towards efficiency, and the boys and their officers were to be congratulated.

In reply to a question he stated that if his duties permitted he would be only too pleased to supervise the construction of the target, and would also endeavour to prepare some plans for their guidance. The site was as safe as any that could be chosen, and if the target was erected on the lines laid down there could be no possible danger. Asked if the Government would give any judicial assistance he stated he could only say it was in sympathy with the movement. They had to bear in mind the fact that the Government had not only the Masterton School to deal with but all the schools throughout the Dominion. Replying to a further question he said that in the event of the boys wanting to use the range at night footlights could be placed in front of the target protected by a small shelter. Miniature rifle shooting was absolutely essential for a beginner, who should start at the shortest range possible and carefully learn how to fire, restrain his breathing and take site, etc. Having had a good training in this respect he was well equipped for firing "at long ranges. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Major McDonald for his information and he then withdrew.

Mr Brown stated the matter should be pushed on with all despatch, and the Shooting Committee were re-appointed with instruction to that effect.

10th July 1909 Allusion was made by the Chairman (Mr Brown), at the last meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, to the policy of retrenchment that was being carried out by the Government. From a speech that had been recently made by one of the Ministers, he stated, it appeared as though the pruning knife were about to be applied to the Education Department too. If this were done it would mean the destruction of our free and secular system of education. It would mean that the cost of education would be thrown upon the shoulders of the people; it would mean the establishment of sectarian schools throughout the Dominion. At this stage it was hardly possible, of course, to say who would have to bear the cost; it would certainly have to be borne by someone if the Minister's forecast was given effect to. There was not much doubt, he continued, that the Government intended to throw cost of administering the various charitable aid boards upon the local bodies, and he believed also that an attempt would shortly be made to stop the subsidies to local bodies, or, at least, to municipal corporations. "It appears," he concluded, "as though they are going to throw as much expense as they possibly can on the people

12th July 1909 The Masterton District High School girls were defeated by the Greytown School girls, at Greytown, on Saturday last by six goals to nil. The Masterton School girls team was a weak one, some of their best players being absent.

12th July 1909 Football The Masterton School team defeated the Greytown School team at Greytown, on Saturday morning last by 17 points to nil. Ewington (2), Hoar, Ah Lop and

Ibbetson scored tries, one of which Hoar converted. In the afternoon the Masterton School team defeated a South Wairarapa Schools team by 3 points (a try scored by (Ewington) to nil 29th July 1909 When the question of re-modelling the curriculum for the secondary department, in connection with the Masterton District High School, comes up for discussion, a proposal to establish wool classes at the school will receive serious consideration. Mr Jackson, headmaster, considers that the classes would be a decided advantage, and could be run in conjunction with the Technical School classes. He proposes also to devote more time to the study of agriculture.

Mr R. Brown, Chairman of the Masterton District High School, in the course of a conversation with a Daily Times reporter with regard to the collection of stuffed alligators, snakes and other reptiles which the Committee had been asked to purchase for the Museum, stated that donations amounting to £12 10s had already been promised. This sum would carry with it a £ for £ subsidy, and it was not anticipated that there would be much difficulty in raising the £50 required.

5th August 1909 the erection of the Museum on the site opposite the Masterton District High School. As soon as the building is ready the Museum Committee appointed by the Masterton School Committee, consisting of Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. H. Waddington and Rev. A. T. Thompson, will arrange the opening day. As the result of an offer, which was too tional to refuse, the Committee has been successful in securing a unique collection of reptile?, stuffed and mounted, comprising lizards, alligators, crocodiles and several species of snakes.

Included in the collection is a case containing a valuable assortment of poisonous fangs v It is proposed to defray the cost of the collection by means of public subscriptions and considering the value of the addition to the museum from an educational standpoint the appeal should meet with a ready response. Hearing' that I here nas a prospect of securing the skin of the sea-lion recently shot at Castlepoint, Mr Brown placed himself, in communication with Mr W. Andrew, who promised to have it forwarded to the museum. This interesting specimen is expected to arrive in Masterton to-day.

7th August 1909 **MASTERTON HIGH SCHOOL.**

A VISIT FROM MR HOGG

Yesterday, Mr A. W. Hogg, M.P., paid a visit to the Masterton District High School, and was taken through the various class-rooms by the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson. The cooking class was in full swing, and Mr Hogg had the pleasure of seeing the pupils learning to bake bread, make pastry and cook fish. It was somewhat regrettable, he stated, in conversation with a Daily Times reporter, that, owing to the depression a number of families had left Masterton and the attendance had suffered slightly in consequence. It was anticipated, however, that the attendance would soon come back again to its normal figures. He was greatly interested in the museum which is being established in connection with the school. The building is erected about 12 feet from the school garden, and between it and the garden is a site for the proposed miniature rifle range. With regard to the building itself, it has received a complete overhauling and the interior has been divided into two rooms, one of which is devoted to natural history and the other to agricultural exhibits. All the exhibits from the old museum that are worth preserving will be shown. There is also a splendid collection of reptiles, which has recently been acquired at a very satisfactory figure and is a decided acquisition. Taken

altogether, the museum is an institution of which the pupils will have every reason to feel proud.

13th August 1909 THE SCHOOL MUSEUM.

At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, Mr' W. H. Jackson, Headmaster of the District High School, in reporting on the new museum now being erected on the site opposite the school, stated that the senior scholars had contributed the sum of .£5 towards the purchase of museum exhibits. This, with the other contributions promised and the subsidy, would give the Committee the sum of £37 towards the £50 required. He had also received from the parents of scholars several good exhibits for the natural history section. The chairman (Mr R. Brown) explained the conditions of the purchase of the collection of reptiles for the museum, particulars of which have 'already appeared in these columns. It was proposed to raise the balance of the purchase money by public subscription, which) he thought should meet with a ready response, considering the great educational value of the collection. Mr Chapman said that good progress was being made with the erection of the museum, the gas being fitted up, and with the exception of the painting there was not a great deal of work required for its completion. The chairman said as soon as the museum was declared open the matter of keeping it open for the public at certain times would require to be dealt with, and there was also the question of a custodian for the building. Mr Chapman was of opinion that ' something should be done to provide a fund for meeting the expenditure of preparing exhibits for the museum as they were received. It was decided to write to the Minister for Mines, asking if the services of a geologist could be procured to assist the Committee in classifying the exhibits of the mineral section. The question of organising some form of entertainment to raise funds for the museum was discussed at length, and it was resolved that no steps be taken until the visiting members had interviewed Mr W. H. Jackson.

13th August 1909 The Education Board Inspectors will pay their annual examination visit to the Masterton School during the first week of next month. At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee, last evening, it was reported that Miss E. Von Keisenberg had been selected by the Education Board to fill the vacancy in the Masterton School, caused by the transfer of Mr G. Macintosh, the junior assistant during the discussion on the proposed miniature rifle range, at the meeting of the Masterton School Committee, last evening, Mr Chas. Perry produced a very neat cardboard model of the range, showing all the details of its construction. Judging by the model the range will be a most elaborate affair, the arrangements for preventing bullets from straying being the essence of ingenuity. "The grounds at the front of the Side School have become very unsightly," stated the Headmaster of the District High School in his report to the School Committee last evening. "The rank grass has grown into tussocks, and it is impossible to use either scythe or mower on it with satisfactory results. I recommend the Committee to have the rough grass chipped off, the ground levelled and re-sown, an expenditure of £4 or £5 would make a vast improvement in the appearance of the front of the School." The visiting members of the School Committee for the month were instructed to deal with the matter. The Headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported that the attendance at the School during the past month was as follows:—Main School, roll 613; average attendance, 539; percentage of attendance, 91.5 Side School, roll 161; average attendance, 145; percentage of attendance, 90. Secondary Classes roll 78;

average attendance, 75; percentage of attendance, 96. A very low attendance was recorded on the 2nd inst., owing to the very bad weather experienced on that day. A very satisfactory percentage of attendance for the month has been made in all three departments in spite of the great reduction on the day named--I forward the usual absentee report..

13th August 1909 the monthly meeting of the members of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening. There were present:—Messrs R. Brown chairman, and H. O'Leary, A. Hendry, Thompson, J. Chapman, C. Perry, Townsend, E. H. Waddington and J. Carpenter. It was decided that Messrs Perry, Waddington, and the Chairman be appointed a committee to consult the Headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, in connection with the agricultural syllabus forwarded by the Education Board, and report at the next meeting. The Defence Department wrote stating that they were prepared to allow a small subsidy in certain cases towards the construction of miniature rifle ranges. Messrs Thompson and Perry, who had been appointed to enquire into the matter of an estimate of the cost of the proposed miniature rifle range on the lines suggested by Major McDonald, reported that the range would, according to the estimates received cost about £50. This estimate was much higher than the sum mentioned by Major, McDonald. It was resolved to write to the Department, enclosing the estimated cost along with the plans and make application for the subsidy. The School grounds were reported to be in a bad condition, and the Visiting Committee were instructed to ascertain what requirements were needed. Messrs Thompson, Townsend and Waddington were appointed visiting members for the month.

1st September Masterton Borough Council That on the application of the Headmaster of the Masterton School the Committee recommended that he be given a rebate of 2d on each gallon of tar sold to him for the purpose of the district school at 6d per gallon.

10th September 1909 HEADMASTERS' REPORT. The Headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported as follows to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening:— The attendance during the past month was as follows. —Main School: Roll 581. average attendance 581, percentage of attendance 95; Side School: 166, 151. 91; Secondary Classes: 78. 76. 96. The attendance has been very good during the whole month. There are no names for the absentee report. Staff.—Miss Braddock has been selected by the Board to fill the position of pupil teacher, rendered vacant by the promotion of Miss von Keisenberg to an assistantship on the staff. Annual Examination. —The annual examination of the three departments of the school was completed on Friday last by Inspectors Fleming, Bakewell and Pennant. Term Holiday.—School closed on Friday afternoon 1st for the term holiday of one week.

10th September 1909 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening. There were present— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), H. J. O'Leary, A. Chapman, J. Carpenter, I. J. Thompson, A. Hendry and G. A. P. Townsend. An apology for absence was received from Messrs E. H. Waddington and C. Perry. Mr A. Snowball wrote stating that "Life-saving Classes" were being formed in Masterton and suggesting that similar classes be formed at the school. It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the visiting committee to confer with the Headmaster, and report at the next meeting.

In connection with the proposed Miniature Rifle Range for the school, the Education Board wrote in reference to the Masterton application, and asked if a place could not be selected for the Rifle Range where the expenditure necessary would be considerably less. They also asked

what other schools had been invited to make use of the Rifle Range if erected, and what each would contribute. A communication was also received from Major McDonald, stating that he was of the opinion that the range could be erected for £30. despite the other estimates of £50 submitted to the Committee If the committee thought it desirable they could have a tube range instead at a cheap price The writer felt sure that the Department would not subsidise the range to the extent of £25. The matter was fully discussed, and it was decided that the Range Committee, Messrs A. Chapman, J. J. Thompson and C. Perry, go into the question and submit recommendations to the committee at the next meeting. The secretary of the State School Bible Teachers' Association at Nelson forwarded particulars of the Nelson system of Bible teaching in schools It was decided to write to Mr S. Pearson, who was interesting himself in the matter of instituting the system in Masterton, and was responsible for the correspondence received, stating that the committee were not prepared to move in the matter until it was brought formally before them by the local clergymen or others interested. Messrs K. Brown, J. Carpenter, and A. Chapman were appointed the visiting members for the month. The chairman, in referring to the Inspectors' report on the Side School, stated that it was a most satisfactory one. Reference had been made by him to the satisfactory work of Miss Yorke, the mistress and staff, the kindly discipline prevailing and the excellent care taken of the children.

10th September 1909 At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee, last evening, a letter was received from the Mines Department in answer to the Committee's request for the services of a geologist for the purpose of classifying the minerals at the new school museum. The Department intimated that they were unable to comply with the request at present, owing to the pressure of more urgent matters. As an alternative they suggested that if the Committee forwarded the minerals to Wellington they would be classified there. The matter was discussed, and the Committee considered this inadvisable on account of the great number of specimens in the collection. It was eventually decided to make a further application to the Department.

10th September 1909 DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.
MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Masterton District High School was held last night. There were present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), H. J. O'Leary, A. Chapman, J. Carpenter, T. J. Thompson, A. Hendry and G. A. P. Townsend. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs E. H. Waddington and C. Perry.

CORRESPONDENCE. The following correspondence was dealt with :— From A. Snowball, stating that life-saving classes were being formed in Masterton, and suggesting that similar classes be formed at the District High School.—It was resolved that the Visiting Committee confer with the headmaster and report at the next meeting. From the Education Board, asking if some site could not be selected for the proposed miniature rifle range where the cost of construction would be less, inquiring what other schools had been invited to make use of the range, and how much each would contribute. From Major McDonald, officer commanding the school cadets, stating that, despite the estimate of £50 that had been supplied the Committee for the construction of the miniature rifle range, he was convinced it could be done for £30. Did they deem it desirable, they could, of course, construct a tube range at a considerably lower figure. He was certain that the Department would not agree to subsidise

the range to the extent of £25. —It was resolved that the Range Committee, comprising Messrs A. Chapman, T. J. Thompson and C. Perry, go into the matter as fully as possible and report at the next meeting.

From the secretary of the State School Bible Teachers' Association, giving particulars of the system of Bible teaching in schools in vogue at Nelson.—It was resolved to write to Mr S. Pearson, who was responsible for the communication, and inform him that the Committee were not prepared to move in the matter until it was brought before them by the local clergymen or others interested.

From the Mines Department, with reference to the request made by the committee that the services of a geologist be granted them to classify the mineral specimens at the school museum, and stating that at present, owing to the pressure of more urgent matters, the request could not be complied with. It was suggested, however, that the minerals be forwarded to Wellington, where it would be possible for an officer of the Department to classify them.—It was considered that it was inadvisable to comply with the suggestion owing to the number of specimens in the collection, and it was resolved that a further application be made to 'the Department.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster's report showed the attendances during the month to have been as follows :—Main School, roll, 611; average attendance, 581; percentage of attendance, 95; Side School, roll, 166; average, 151; percentage, 91; Secondary Classes roll, 78, average attendance, 76; percentage, 96. The attendance had been very good during the whole month. There were no names for the absentee report. Miss Braddock had been selected by the Board to fill the position of pupil teacher rendered vacant by the promotion of Miss you Keisenberg to an assistantship on the staff. The annual examination of the three departments of the school was completed on Friday last by Inspectors Fleming, Bakewell and Tennant. School closed on Friday afternoon last for the term holiday of one week.

The report was adopted.

The Chairman stated that the report of the inspectors, referred to in the headmaster's report, was a very satisfactory one. Reference was made in it to the excellent work that was being done at the Side School by the mistress, Miss Yorke, and her staff, the discipline and care of the children being excellent. Messrs R. Brown, J. Carpenter, and A. Chapman were appointed a visiting committee for the month. Accounts totalling £18 10s 9d were passed for payment.

11th September 1909 Referring to the proposed alteration of the school curriculum by the Education Department for the introduction of a certain course of agricultural instruction, Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton School Committee, states that the step is certainly in the right direction. He would, however, like to see the manual part of the course of instruction extended even further in the higher divisions of the school. If this were done, and special tuition given to students according to the particular avocation they intend to follow, the result would mean that they would be equipped with a store of practical knowledge that would prove useful immediately after they left school. At present the system provided for the same instruction to all, no matter what were the inclinations of students. In a great many cases certain branches of instruction were of no use whatever.

14th September 1909 The pupils at the Masterton District High School have completed the preparation of their seed plots for agricultural experiments, in which they are taking the

keenest interest. An improvement has been effected, too, by "the laying down of the extensive space about the gardens in asphalt.

1st October 1909 Wellington Education Board Mr H H Sutton given leave to sit examinations from 15th to 22nd October

15th October 1909 MASTERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening. There were present,— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. H. Waddington, C. Perry, T. J. Thompson, H. J. O'Leary, A. Hendry, G. A. Townsend A. W. Chapman.

Accounts amounting to £47 19s 2d were passed for payment. Messrs A. Hendry, H. J. O'Leary, and C. Perry were appointed visiting members for the month.

The Treasurer's statement showed balance from last month £34 10s 11d expenditure £23 4s 3d, balance at date £61 6s 8d.

The Headmaster's report for the past month was read as follows: Attendance.—Main School, roll 607, average attendance 554, percentage of attendance 91: Side School, roll 175, average attendance 156, percentage of attendance 90; Secondary Classes, roll 72. average attendance 68, percentage of attendance 94. The attendance for the month has been good in all three departments. I have pleasure in stating that a good percentage of attendance is now being regularly maintained For the year ended on the 31st December last, the percentage of attendance for the whole school was 90.5 In the annual report of the-Minister of Education, which was presented to Parliament on Tuesday last, it will be noticed that the percentage of attendance for the whole of the schools in the Dominion, during the past year was 87.1 Otago district came first with 89.2 per cent., and Wellington second with 88.1 per cent. I anticipate that our percentage of attendance for this year will be even higher than that of last year. I have no names for the absentee list this month. Staff.— Miss B. Turner commenced duty as pupil teacher, on the 4th inst., in the place of Miss Braddock, who was unable to take up the appointment. Cookery Room.—The whole of the floor of the cookery room has been covered with inlaid linoleum. The work has-been done in a very satisfactory manner, and the room has now a greatly improved appearance. Donations.—I have pleasure in handing to the Committee the sum of £7 4s, contributed by the senior scholars towards the cost of the recently acquired museum exhibits. The report was adopted .

15th October 1909 The lot of school committees in some of the small country districts is evidently not always a happy one. It was stated by the chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee last night that in some cases they had to do their own cleaning, and worse, as no one could be found to undertake the work. The method of the Education Board in selecting only one candidate for vacancies for teachers that occur at schools and submitting that candidate's name for the local school committee "to select from" was characterised by the chairman of the Masterton High School Committee last night as a farce and an insult to the intelligence of the committees.

At last night's meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School, the Chairman, Mr R. Brown, brought up the question of forming a School Committees' Association in the Wairarapa. There was an association of the kind already in existence in the Wairarapa, he stated, which did not appear to be giving any sign of life. The difficulty was to get the country schools to take the interest in it they should do; yet it was the very thing needed to assist them to ameliorate their condition. He thought it might be a good idea to form an

association for the whole of the Wairarapa with branches in the outlying districts. The matter was held in abeyance.

15th October 1909 At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee, last evening, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Napier District School, stating the Nelson of system Bible-reading had been adopted in the Napier School and was carried out by the clergymen of all the denominations who came into the school. The Chairman, Mr R. Brown, stated that he understood the local clergymen were moving in this matter, and no doubt the Committee would be approached by them in due course.

Messrs T. J. Thompson and A. W. Chapman, the sub-committee, appointed by the Masterton School Committee to deal with the proposed miniature rifle range, stated at the meeting of the Committee, last evening, that matters were not proceeding very satisfactorily. They had been in communication with the Defence Department but the replies from that source regarding financial assistance were most indefinite. The Department, however, had suggested substituting certain parts with wood instead of iron, thereby reducing the cost of construction. After discussion it was decided that the Committee be empowered to proceed with the work, provided arrangements could be made for the extra money required for the erection of the range.

27th October 1909 A meeting of Masterton clergymen, convened by Rev. H. Watson, and attended besides by Revs. A. T. Thompson, O. E. Porter, and A. Hodge, has decided, after full discussion of the question, to wait on the Masterton School Committee at its next meeting, with the request that half an hour in each week be allotted for religious instruction, on the lines of the Nelson system.

1st November 1909 MINIATURE RIFLE RANGES.

The enthusiasm displayed by the Masterton School Committee in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the school has often been commented on. There is invariably a full attendance of members, who take a keen and intelligent interest in every subject that is brought forward. One question they have been interesting themselves in lately, and which calls for more than passing attention, is the construction of a miniature rifle range for the school. From the first mention of the movement, the Committee, recognising its great importance, immediately set to work to gather all the necessary information relating to the scheme. The officer commanding the school cadets was communicated with, a probable site selected, and plans drawn. Subsequently an estimate of the cost of erecting a range was procured, but it proved a prohibitive one. Since then the Committee have been modifying the plans in order to try and get a more reasonable estimate for the work. In the meantime, however, the Wellington Education Board have been taking the matter up, and at their meeting last week they decided that before beginning the construction of ranges, school committees must obtain the sanction of the board and the officer commanding public school cadets. Several schools also made application for approval of proposed ranges, and it was resolved to approve a subsidy for the range lately opened up at Northland. Judging from this, if Masterton makes an application for a subsidy for its range it will be granted, for it has certainly an equal, if not a much better right, to receive assistance than the case instanced. It is understood that the defence Department are willing to assist, and that if a subsidy is forthcoming from the Board there should be little difficulty in arranging for the balance of the cost of constructing the range.

6th November 1909 A letter has been received by the secretary of the Masterton School Committee from the Dargaville School Committee, asking if his committee will use its influence with the schools in the district and recommend that they give practical support to the proposal of raising a sum of money by one penny subscriptions by the school children for the purpose of presenting a quick-firing gun to the first Dreadnought or cruiser which may be built by New Zealand. The object of the proposal is to encourage the loyalty of school children throughout the Dominion.

12th November 1909 RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS. The ordinary meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night. There were present:— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), H. J. O'Leary, E. H. Waddington, J. Carpenter, T. J. Thompson, G. Townsend and A. Chapman.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster reported that the attendances had been as follows :— Main School, 601; average, 548; percentage of attendance 91; Side School, 179, 165 92; secondary classes, 68, 63 93. The attendance for the month has been good. The accompanying absentee report contains the names of several scholars whose cases are being inquired into by the Board's Truant officer. One of the assistant masters has received leave of absence from the Board for a number of days to enable him to attend university examinations. The examination for sixth standard certificates will be conducted by one of the Board's inspectors on the 24th inst. The annual examination for promotions will commence next week. The matriculation examination, the Junior Civil Service examination and the scholarships examinations will take place at the beginning of next month. For all of the last three examinations a very satisfactory number of pupils have been entered. The front grounds at the side school are again overgrown with rank grass, which will need early attention. It will be impossible to make the front of the school present a neat and tidy appearance until this rough grass is chipped off and a little levelling done. The committee will be pleased to learn that the new scheme of work for the secondary classes will include classes in advanced sewing and dressmaking. The museum rooms are now ready for occupation. The floors constitute the only unsightly feature in connection with the building. These have been so cut about that a floor covering is absolutely necessary. I recommend the committee to apply to the Board for the cost of covering the two museum rooms with cork lino, the cost of which will probably not exceed £30. If this is accomplished the floors will then be in keeping with the walls and ceilings, which now present a very pleasing appearance. It was resolved that the Museum Committee consult with Mr Jackson with a view to arranging for the opening ceremony for the Museum, and that an application be made to the Education Department for a grant towards covering the floors with cork lino. The report was then adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The treasurer reported as follows: — Balance last month, £61 6s 5d ; capitation, £27; Government subsidy, £32 14s; subscriptions, £7 5s 9d; total, £128 6s 5d. Payments totalled £58 13s 9d; balance to date, £69 12s 8d.— Adopted.

MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE. A letter was received from the Education Board, enclosing the following resolutions with regard to the proposed miniature rifle range : —Before beginning the construction of a miniature rifle range, the Committee is required to obtain the sanction of the Board; the application should be accompanied by a plan of the proposed range and a plan of the school grounds, and the proposal of the Committee must, before presentation to the Board, have been approved in writing by the officer commanding the

Public School Cadets. The Board regrets that it has no funds which it can expend on the construction of miniature rifle ranges.

Mr Chapman reported that arrangements had been delayed somewhat owing to the fact that they were uncertain as to whether or not the ground would be vested in the school committee. As a matter of fact a contract had been let for the construction of the range, but work was being held in abeyance pending a further communication from the Trust Lands Trust.

The chairman stated that though the Education Board had refused to assist them he had noticed by one of the Wellington papers that a grant of £4 10s had been made to the Northlands School.

It was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the committee already set up. GENERAL. The secretary of the Dargaville School Committee wrote asking the committee of the Masterton District High School to use its influence with the schools in the district and recommend that they give partial support to the proposal of raising a sum of money by one penny subscriptions by the school children for the purpose of presenting a quick-firing gun to the first Dreadnought or cruiser which may be built by New Zealand. The object of the proposal is to encourage the loyalty of schoolchildren throughout the Dominion. The matter was left in the hands of the visiting committee to consult with Mr Jackson.

Messrs Townsend, Thompson and Waddington were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

APPROVED BY MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A deputation, consisting of Revs. H. Watson, a. Hodge, C. E. Porter and . A.T.Thompson waited on the Committee of the Masterton District High School at their meeting last evening with regard to the Bible in Schools question. Rev. Watson said that he had been asked to speak on behalf of the other members of the deputation to bring before the Committee the matter of introducing into the schools here the Nelson system of religious instruction. This system allows for the one half hour of religious instruction one day in each week. The school hours were five hours a day, and the minimum four hours, so that it was possible for the school hours to be reduced from five to four and a half hours on the day proposed and they thought the best time for it was from 9 to 9.30 a.m. Mr W. H. Jackson, the Headmaster, had been approached in the matter, and had expressed his willingness to give them every assistance in the matter. The deputation had agreed to do the best they could if the Committee thought fit that the system should be given a trial. Rev. Hodge said that it was not clear whether the Committee had the power to grant the permission, but he hoped so. He hailed the opportunity given to them, not because the Nelson system was the best but because it was the only plan. He would like to see Bible history taught, and not religion at all, as a minister had his opportunity to do that at the right time and place. It was not from the fear of denominationalism that he advocated this—in fact he was convinced that there would be no trouble in this direction at all. He hoped the Committee would sanction the half hour a week for the purpose.

Rev. Thompson said they were quite prepared to do their duty towards the children, and they'd rely on the support of the parents. The time at their disposal on Sundays was very limited, and they did not reach the children as sufficiently as they would like. He was sure there would be no trouble on the score of denominationalism. Nothing would please them better than imparting further instruction than could be done on Sundays.

Rev. Foster said on one occasion it had been his privilege to actually take part in the Nelson system at one of the schools there as one his most enjoyable experiences.

Mr Chapman asked Mr Porter if the children appeared to take much interest in the work. .

Rev. Porter said as he was only a visitor there he could not say, but it was evident that the children did not look upon it as an extra task imposed. ,

The Chairman (Mr R. Brown) said he would not like to see the movement commenced and not continued. He had always held the opinion that it was extraordinary that the Bible should be absolutely prohibited from schools. The time for teaching on Sundays was far too short and personally he saw no reason why religious instruction should not be given during the week.

Rev. Watson stated that they expected to have seven engaged in the work, and they would be prepared to start at the beginning of the year. The question had also been discussed of introducing the system to the infant school, but as it only opened four hours each day in the week some difficulty might be experienced in carrying out the proposal.

Rev. Hodge said their idea was to divide the school into divisions so that each man would have his own division, and the teaching would be consecutive. The deputation then withdrew. The matter was discussed by the Committee, and on the motion of Mr Thompson, seconded by Mr Carpenter, the following resolution was carried:—"That the Masterton District High School Committee approve the setting apart of half an hour during school hours on one day in each week for Bible instruction in the Masterton District High School on the Nelson system, and that the Committee take the necessary steps to ask the Ministers Association to give such instruction, the visiting committee to confer with the chairman and headmaster, and co be a committee to give effect to the resolution."

13th November 1909 Dominion: The committee of the Masterton District High School last evening passed a resolution approving the setting apart of half an hour during school hours on one day in each week for Bible instruction on the Nelson system, and that the committee take the necessary steps to get the Ministers' Association to give such instruction

The Masterton School Committee considered at its meeting last evening a letter from the Dargaville School Committee asking if the local committee would use its influence with the schools in the district and recommend that they give practical support to the proposal to raise a sum of money by penny subscription by the school children for the purpose of presenting a quick-firing gun to the first Dreadnought or cruiser which may be built by New Zealand. The object of the proposal is to encourage the loyalty of the school children throughout the Dominion. After discussion it was decided that the visiting members of the Masterton Committee consult with the headmaster of the Masterton school on the matter.

25th November 1909 FROM AN EDUCATIONAL POINT OF VIEW. A RETROGRADE STEP. The proposed alterations to the Wairarapa railway timetable, if enforced, will have a retrograde effect as far as education is concerned, and will give a serious check to the educational development of the whole of the district of the Wairarapa. The new service will penalise the whole of the children whose homes are situated anywhere between Featherston and Pahiatua. Their junior free places, or senior free places, will be absolutely to them, unless their parents can afford to pay for board and lodging.

The particular effect on the Masterton District High School will be the lowering of the status of its secondary department. On an average there are ten scholars from the district north of

Masterton attending the secondary department of this school. These pupils are the holders of Junior free places, or senior free places. They will not be able to continue their free secondary education when the new train service is inaugurated. The loss of pupils will result in a reduction of the staff and a reduction in the salaries of the remaining secondary teachers. This will mean that the positions will not command the same quality of teaching ability as is the case at the present time. This will also apply in the case of other District High Schools in the Wairarapa. A special loss to the children from the Bush districts will be that they will be debarred from the benefits of the extended course in agriculture, to be inaugurated at this school at the commencement of next year, in accordance with the scheme proposed by the Education Department

29th November 1909 Mr W. H. Jackson, of the Masterton District High School, has been conducting a very interesting experiment with nitro-bacterine. He prepared a culture some three weeks ago which was inspected under a microscope by a representative of this journal on Saturday. The culture is only supposed to retain its inoculating properties 48 hours after its preparation, but in the surprise of the pressman it showed some very vigorous signs of life on Saturday. It should be mentioned that the culture had been filtered through a filtering paper and a little litmus added for colouring purposes. It is just possible that the litmus may have neutralised the action of the acid on the culture to some extent and thus prolonged the life of the nitro-bacteria. If so, it will form a rather interesting and a decidedly useful discovery.

Experiments are being conducted at the Masterton District High School gardens with inoculated seeds, generally legumes, which are grown against uninoculated, unmanured and manured seeds of the same kind. The first inspection of the results seems to show that the manured seeds present at present the most vigorous growth, although, of course, it is difficult to make any definite statement till the crops have fully matured.

3rd December 1909 Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton District High School, is taking steps in conjunction with other District High School Committees interested, to bring before the Hon. G. Fowlds, Minister for Education, the manner in which pupils will be deprived of the means of attending secondary schools in the Wairarapa owing to the alteration in the railway time-table. He proposes to communicate with the Minister and ask him what arrangements he will make for bringing the pupils to the schools.

4th December 1909 A daughter of Mr E. Collinge, of Masterton, had a fall from a swing at the Masterton school yesterday, and suffered a badly cut leg, which will necessitate the child being laid up for some time.

4th December 1909 The Masterton District High School Cadets, under the supervision of Major Haslam, have been getting in some good target practice on the range kindly put at their disposal by Mr P. Te Tau. Judging from some of the scores put up, they stand a fair chance of annexing the Championship Shield, which is to be competed for shortly

10th December 1909 The Headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the Masterton School Committee last evening on the promotion examination as follows: -"I am very busily engaged at the present time in completing the annual promotion examination of the school. I am finding the work well up to the usual high standard. The examination of the sixth standard was completed by Inspector Bakewell on the 24th ult. Of those who passed 80 per cent, obtained proficiency certificates, which entitle the holders to free secondary education up to the age of 17 years."

10th December 1909 The Secretary of the Wellington Education Board has notified the Masterton School Committee that when the Navy League maps come to hand one would be supplied to the Masterton School.

10th December 1909 DISCUSSION AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, the chairman, Mr R. Brown, brought forward the question of the alteration in the railway time table, pointing out:

1. The free place scholars who came by train daily to this school for secondary education will no longer be able to attend. At present there are seven such pupils in attendance whose homes are between Masterton and Eketahuna. This is a smaller number than is the case earlier in the year.

2. No children who live between Masterton and Pahiatua will have the opportunity of receiving free secondary education. Their junior free places will be of no value to them.

3. The reduction in the roll number of the secondary department of this school will lower the status of the department and cause the loss of one of the secondary teachers on the staff.

The chairman referred to the fact that both the Masterton and Greytown District High Schools were seriously affected by the alteration in the railway time table. A number of children were deprived of the advantages of secondary education, and he had instructed the secretary to write to the Minister of Education, asking him if some provision could not be made to bring these children to the schools. He had gathered a good deal of information which went to show that the schools throughout the Taranaki and Hawke's Bay and New Plymouth districts were badly affected. So far as the Wairarapa was concerned, the alterations in the train service had put the district back fifteen years from a commercial point of view. He had always understood that it was the object of the railway department to develop the country by giving facilities for convenient transit for passengers and produce, but under the present management the reverse object was apparently being aimed at. The policy seemed to be to get people from Auckland to the Bluff and vice versa, as quickly as possible, irrespective of the interests of the various districts. Mr Thompson thought that sustained protests should be made against the present time table. The matter should not be allowed to rest simply because the Minister had not seen his way to meet the suggestions of previous deputations. He understood that future protests were to be made.

10th December 1910 MASTERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORDINARY MEETING.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, those in attendance being Messrs R. Brown (chairman), G. Townsend, A. T. Thompson, R. Hendry, A. H. Chapman, C. H. Perry. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs H. O'Leary and E. H. Waddington. The tender of Mr F. Franks at 1s 11d per square yard for asphaltting the boys' playground was accepted. Mr Chapman moved that in face of the fact that accidents periodically happened at the school swings they be removed. He had no wish to deprive the children of any amusement, but he moved in the interests of the children. The motion was carried.

Messrs Brown, Carpenter and Chapman were appointed visiting members for the month. The Headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported inter alia, as follows: Attendance. Main School: Roll 593 average attendance 535, percentage of attendance 93; Side School: 179, 157, 88; Secondary Classes: 66, 62, 94. The attendance for the month has been good. The Side School attendance is slightly affected by a few cases of whooping cough. The new train service has

caused a reduction in the roll of the Secondary Department. The transfer of employees has also taken several families of children from the primary school. From the accompanying absentee report it will be noticed that quite a number of parents have broken the School Attendance Act by withdrawing their children, during the school term for holiday making. I think it is probable that the Board's Truant Officer will institute proceedings in that yesterday's meeting of the Education Board, it was decided, as already reported, to inform the Masterton School Committee that the board's regulations do not allow religious instruction during the ordinary school hours. Mr. J. G. W. Aitken, who expressed sympathy with the object of the school committee, gave notice of motion for next meeting that the regulations be altered so as to shorten the ordinary, school hours from 25 to 24^h per week, which will enable half an hour's religious instruction to be given without any additional demand upon the scholars attendance

10th December 1909 Talk of Mr Hogg doing harm by his speeches," said the Chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee while discussing the new time-table last, night; "I think the Minister for Railways is doing a great deal more by his actious.

The question of allowing canteens in volunteer rifle camps came up briefly for discussion at the meeting of the committee of the District High School last evening, it being held by one or two of the members that they, as parents of boys who were cadets, were more or less interested, as, if compulsory military training came into force, the cadets, after a certain age, would become members of the volunteer forces and would then be subjected to the temptation to drink at the canteens. Other members held that the matter was outside the committee's jurisdiction, pointing out that at encampments the cadets were kept in a separate camp to that of the volunteers and that every care was taken that; they did not come into contact with anything in connection with the canteens.

13th December 1909 The asphaltting of the boys' playground at the Masterton District High School is being carried out by Mr A. E. Franks, at a cost of 1s 1 ½ d per yard (labour only).

13th December 1909 The letter from the secretary of the Masterton District High School Committee, complaining of the new railway time-table, was read at Friday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board. Mr A. H. Vile considered that the Board should back up the Masterton Chamber of Commerce and the School Committee in regard to the time-table. The new order of things would injure the secondary department. Mr A. W. Hogg, M.P., said the new time-table was doing an injustice to the young people living along the railway line. They could not now receive the education they were entitled to. It was decided to forward the correspondence to the Minister of Railways.

18th December 1909 The garden plots at the Masterton School grounds are striking and pleasing evidence of the progress that is being made in instructing the boys in scientific gardening and horticulture. Yesterday a representative of the Wairarapa Age was courteously shown over the gardens by the Headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson), who explained the valuable character of the work that is being done. The proper rotation of crops forms an important part of the teaching, while the lads are instructed in pruning, the training of fruit trees and in all matter appertaining to successful horticulture on scientific lines. The soil, which was of poor quality, is being steadily improved by the judicious application of fertilisers, and by thorough working. The plots, although they vary a good deal in excellence, are as a whole, evidence of the interest and ability displayed by the pupils, and of the careful manner in which their work

is supervised. The small are an especially pleasing feature—raspberries and gooseberries that would delight the heart of the most exacting horticulturist may be seen, while the red currants are a perfect picture. The red currants show what may be accomplished when proper cultivation and suitable conditions are combined, the trees being literally laden with bunches of luscious fruit. The trees, which are indigenous to New Zealand, planted in the foreground of the garden, are all coming on well and in a few years' time will form a most pretty and interesting sight. A great improvement has been effected by asphaltting the footpaths. The boys display very decided interest in their work, and it is gratifying to learn that in a practical manner they show their appreciation of the valuable opportunities at their disposal

16th December 1909 The Masterton District High School, the Side School, and the Lansdowne State School will this afternoon break up for the Christmas holidays. The pass lists will be read, out, and the attendance certificates distributed. The Sixth Standard proficiency and competency certificates will also be presented.

17th December 1909 The "breaking-up" ceremony of the Masterton District High School took place yesterday afternoon. The Chairman of the School Committee (Mr R. Brown) and the Headmaster (Mr W. H Jackson) addressed the classes at the Main School and the Side School, and Mr Brown also distributed the attendance certificates. The results of the annual examination were announced by the Headmaster. A Standard VI proficiency certificate entitles the holder to a junior free place, with free tuition, at a High School, District High School, or Technical School, until the pupil reaches the age of seventeen years. Following is the pass list:— .

Standard VI.— Proficiency certificates— Boys: Frank Blackman, Burnett Brunton. Hugh Buckthought, Louis Butcher. George Cooper, Harold Falk Horace Fernee, Stephen Gough, Nelson Hendry, John Hunter, John Johnson, Victor Jones, Patrick Leahy, William Langley, William Lenz, Alex. McKenzie, Calvert Moore, Edward Perry Eric Pryor, George Saker, Frank Stains. Ivan Sutherland, Percy Wimsett.

Girls: Daisy Barker, Doris Challis, Olive Cook, Brenda Cross, Iris Duffy, Evelyn Jones, Alma Stockley-Jones, Annie O'Leary, Alma Perry, Edith Pinhey, Eileen Pinhey, Ethel Pond, Cora Ralph, Olive Rayner, Alice Robbins, Marine Robertson, Lillian Ussher. Amy Vaughan, Minnie Wallis, Myre Wickens, Maud Williams.

Standard VI.— Competency certificates—Boys: George Forman, Frank Henson, Charles Hoffeins, Dennis Hourigan , Herbert Newcombe, Wallace Ross, Edward Smith, Cyril Sykes Cyril Varnham, Eric Wickens.

Girls: Olive Andrew, Lily Cameron, Myrtle Hadley.

Promoted to Standard VI.—Boys: Arthur Andrews, David Buckthought, Richard Cameron, William Corlett, Leonard Corlett, William Davidson, Victor Davis, Howard Devonport, Maurice Fly. Allan Fuller, Roy Gardner, Peter Hartmann, Alfred Hodge, Leopold Jackson, Harold Jepson, Cecil Johnston, Claude Jarrett. Leo von Keisenberg, John Kelly, Albert Lewin, Frank Long, Lincoln Murray, Edwin Meredith. Albert McCormack, Robert Peterson, George Pember. Stafford Pinhey, Oswald Sykes, Eric Tooby, Herbert Tornquist, Clarence Tyacke, Archie Williams, Cecil Williams, Herbert Wood, Isaac Wyber, John Young. William McMichael.

Girls: Hattie Brooks, Odoska Blockley, Alice Bedford. Aileen Cooney, Alma Carpenter. Elma Chapman. Vida Dixon, Jane Davies, Mabel Darlington. Lily Easthope, Alice Golder,

Edna Graham, Louisa Gourlay, Marion Hayes, Ruth Hausmann, Olive Joyce, Hazel Jamieson, Verna Knowles, Eva Lenz, Dorothy McKenzie, Agnes McCormack, Clarice Maxted, Doris Madeley, Ruby Maltby, Pearl Pond, Ella Pinhey, Olive Pryor. Doris Perrin, Violet Reardon, Agnes Rees, Leva Shackleton. Mabel Saker. Elizabeth Stringer, Olive Wilton, Olive Wooding, Eunice Wyber, Margaret Williams.

Promoted to Standard V.— Boys: William Candy, Herbert Caselberg, Noel Cook, Maurice Cronin, Daniel Davey, Robert Davey. Leonard Davis, Leo Dixon, Henry Emerson, Roy Franks, Reginald Graham. James Harris. Guy Holmes, Rupert Hounslow, Herbert Jarrett, Henry Johnson, Archibald Lea. William Leach, Arthur Levick, Harold Miller, Stanley Moor, William Morris. Wilfred Payne. Garnet Permain, Edgar Perrin, Walter Peterson, John Petherick, Roy Pond, Edward Pinkney, Arthur Saker, Lawrence Sykes. John Tait, Victor Valler.

Girls: Eiola Andrew, Dorothy Butcher. Mabel Budd, Bernice Billington. Nita Blockley, Lucy Barker, Gladys Collett, Myrtle Cairns, Eileen Clark, Ada Deane, Hilda Davidson, Eileen Ewington. Violet Field, Grace Hooper, Eva Hausmann. Violet Hoffeins, Edith Harding, Isabel Judd. Chrissie Jamieson, Lily Jorgensen, Lily Lumley, May Lewin, Muriel La Roche, Chrissie McMaster. Clemmie McKay, Ethel Madeley, Eileen Noble, Esmee Petherick, Fanny Pond, Nella Pragnell. Lizzie Peters. Mary Ross, Agnes

Robbins, Lily Simonsen, Jennie Stains, Violet Sillars, Olive Volheim, Eileen Wilton, Ethel Welch, Gladys Ware.

Promoted to Standard IV.— Boys: William Ash, Walter Bedford. Harold Bedford, Eric Candy, Donald Christie, Alfred Cameron, Douglas De Castro, Harold De Castro, Percy Davidson, Harold Deadman, Reginald Deadman, Francis Davies, Earnest Easthope, Rangi Elers, Walter Garrett, Alfred Henson, George Harding, Leslie Henderson. Hector Hendry, George Hayes, Fred Keen, John McMaster, Stanley McEwen, Clarence Miller, Cecil ' Maundrell, Harold Montgomery, Mervyn Nicol, Clive Newcombe, Olive Pederson, Allan Reed, Zaki Saba. Hannon Thompson, Richard Tyacke, Geoffrey Wooding, Charles Wellington, Frank Yalden, Murray Noble.

Girls: Leta Budd, Dorothy Cant, Olive Cross. Iris Dorset, Isla Ewart, Phyllis Falloon, Mabel Hooper, Annie Hausmann, Lily Holmes, Lily Gordon, Madge Gardner, Lillian Kendall, Clara Leach, Ethel Leach, Mary McGregor, Mary McKenzie, Grace Moorhouse, Eileen Newcombe, Kitty . Pownall, Lexie Pownall, Lillian Pember, Grace Pinkney, Chrissie Peters, Florence : Pinhey, Leila Porter, Eva Reed, Mina Waddington, Doris Webb, Dorothy Stanyer, Edna Welch, Myrtle Williams.

Promoted to Standard III.—Boys: Wyndham Cook. William Collett, Alex. Dowling, Fred Dickenson, Sidney Dickenson, Stanley Dixon, Clarence Davies, Major Eton, Errol Fuller, Frank Giddings, Fred Gourlay, Roy Harris, Walter Jepson, Norman Jepson, Jack Johnson, John Judd, Alfred Lenz, Patrick Lee, Colin Mackersey, Cecil McCormack, Clarence Meredith, Hardy Meredith. Clifford Miles, Edgar Moore, Leonard Price, Andrew Saba, Arnold Townsend, Alfred Wood, George Welch, George Wilson, Percy Yalden. Girls: Ida Anderson, Lily Barker, Muriel Blockley, Connie Butement, Grace Christie, Connie Corlett, Doris Chilton, Ivy Cole. Elsie Deadman, Ethel Edge, Reta Falloon, Olive Hughan, Eileen Jackson, Florence Kerr, Dora Kyle, Alice Leach, Eva Nicol, Doris Remington, Alice Wagg. Doris Wilkes, Ream Woodward, Florence Wells.

Promoted to Standard 2.—Boys: Fred Benge, Fred Corlett. Henry Cole, Gordon Cook, George Clifford, Roy Dowling, George Deadman, Jack Eton, Frank Charles Grantham, William Hayes, Walter Henson. Edward Hughan, Stanley Johnson, Rupert Lenz, Ernest Lee, Reggie Millar, Gordon Pauling, Roy Peterson, Horace Palmer, Lester Pryor, Harold Porter, William Rooderkirk, Reginald Shackleton, Jack Snell, Edwin Tucker, Ernest Waters, Robert Whittaker, Edgar Wilton, Ian Wyber.

Girls : Lulu Bannister, Pearl Butcher, Winnie Brewer, Stella Cairns. Sarah Candy, Alice Cole, Lydia Clayton, Lizzie Clifford, Myrtle Davidson, Maggie Donald, Jessie Elder, Norah Henderson. Mabel Hunter, Ivy Larson, Doris Martin, Lottie Midgeley, Olive Newcombe, Iris Pinkney, -Myrtle Pragnell, Jessie Riddell, Ethela Sykes, Aileen Thompson, Connie Donald, Inez Varnham.

Promoted to Standard I.—Boys: Edward Swanson, William Feist, Aeldred Moore, Gordon Coleman, Andrew Donald, Fred Butcher, Wellsford Truscott, Alex. Hausmann, Lewis Dally, Cyril Evernden, Royal Hatfield, Frank Shackleton, Ralph Dally, Roy Anderson, Ronald Webb, Laurie Christian, Reginald Santon, Cecil Blockley, Jack Rayner, Bertie Payne, Hart Harding, Edward Wells, Fred McDougall.

Girls: Mildred Bannister, Ella Wilton, Dorothy Rutherford, Cynthia Buttle, Ethel Collinge, Alison Cook, Grace Chapman, Gertie Peters, Jessie Leach. Alma Judd, Alice Pond, Ruth Lynam , Alice Remington, Ruby Peters, Flora Cole, Eva Volheim, Doris Maxted. Madge Judd, Nora Butement, Dolly Johnson, Olive Lenz, Adeline Cole, Becky Morris.

24th December 1909 In reply to a communication to the Minister for Education with regard to the pupils who are debarred from attending secondary schools in Wairarapa owing to the alteration in the timetable, the secretary for the Masterton District High School Committee has received a reply.to the effect that the proper manner to approach the Minister on the question is through the Education Board.

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1910	775	Masterton	Jackson	William H	D1	Headmaster	£400	\$62,708
1910	775	Masterton	Haslam	Charles N	C1	Assistant Master	£280	\$43,896
1910	775	Masterton	Wolff	Rosabel	E1	Assistant Female	£220	\$34,489
1910	775	Masterton	Miller	Hymen	D3	Assistant Master	£180	\$28,219
1910	775	Masterton	Murphy	Arthur P	D3	Assistant Master	£165	\$25,867
1910	775	Masterton	Munro	Isabella	E1	Assistant Female	£160	\$25,083
1910	775	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	D2	Assistant Female	£160	\$25,083
1910	775	Masterton	Bunting	Elizabeth	E2	Assistant Female	£130	\$20,380
1910	775	Masterton	York	Mary		Assistant Female	£121	\$18,977
1910	775	Masterton	Hogg	Ellen C	D4	Assistant Female	£110	\$17,245
1910	775	Masterton	Bland	Elsie M		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109
1910	775	Masterton	Lazarus	Frances		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109
1910	775	Masterton	Compton	Winifred		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£60	\$9,406
1910	775	Masterton	Wilton	Rubina		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£60	\$9,406
1910	775	Masterton	Hare	Minnie K		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£60	\$9,406
1910	775	Masterton	McKenzie	Ivy V		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	\$8,622

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1910	775	Masterton	Turner	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher 1	£45	\$7,055
1910	775	Masterton	Dagg	Evaline		Female Pupil Teacher 1	£45	\$7,055
1910	775	Masterton	Evans	Constance		Female Probationer 1	£30	\$4,703
1910	775	Masterton	Bee M A	John G	A1	Secondary		
1910	775	Masterton	Williams B A	Ethel	B2	Secondary		
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CORRESPONDENCE. Correspondence was dealt with in under :— From the Wairarapa Amateur Swimming Club, asking the Committee to make their own arrangements with regard to the school events at the forthcoming carnival.—Messrs Perry, Thompson, Hendry and the Chairman were appointed to act. From the Education Board, with regard to Bible reading in schools, and pointing out that the Education Act, section 1-1:3 (b), directs that instruction in school hours shall be entirely secular in character. The Board's regulations provide that each school day shall be of five hours' duration, and that therefore under the Act and regulations religious instruction cannot be given within the five hours' school time mentioned.—Held over till next meeting. From the Minister for Education, acknowledging the receipt of the letter re the time-table arrangements, and stating that it, was the practice of the Department that representations on such matters should be made through the Education Board, to whom the Committee was referred. — Received.

The treasurer's statement was as follows:—Balance from last month, £64 15s 8d receipts, £9 15s; expenditure, £19 9s 9d ; credit balance to date, £51 11s 2d, less unrepresented cheque £46 4s 6d.

Accounts totalling £14 18s 9d were passed for payment.

Messrs Hendry, O'Leary and Perry were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

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At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, reference was made to the recent bereavement sustained by the Chairman (Mr R. Brown) in the loss of his eldest daughter, Mrs R. Robinson. Mr C. Perry, in moving a vote of sympathy to Mr and Mrs Brown and family, said he had known Mrs Robinson from very early youth, and he had always found her of a most kindly disposition. She had, he said, endeared herself to all with whom she came into contact. As a wife and mother there was none better, and in her Mr Robinson had lost an exemplary helpmate. He felt sure that his fellow committee men who knew the deceased lady endorsed in full all he had said. Mr Brown feelingly responded.

7th February 1910 The Secretary of the Wellington Education Board wrote to the Masterton A. and P. Association on Saturday, stating that the Board desired to establish, in connection with its country District High Schools, an extended rural course for boys and girls which would include domestic science for the girls and woodwork for the Boys. On application being made to the Managers of the Technical School, it was found that their woodwork room was utilised for wool classing so that it would not be available for woodwork. The headmaster (Mr Jackson) had informed the secretary of the Board that perhaps the produce

room on the Association's grounds might be placed at their disposal after the Show. *The Showgrounds are where the Rugby grounds are in 2018*

Mr T. R. Fleming, Chief Inspector of Schools under the Wellington Education Board, and Mr Grant, instructor in woodwork, attended the meeting in support of the letter. Mr Grant stated he would like first of all to thank the members of the association for the interest they had taken in any work of an educational nature in Masterton. An attempt was being made, as they were no doubt aware to introduce a course of rural instruction at the Masterton District High School in conjunction with others. The course, it should be borne in mind, was not intended to make farmers of the young people; it was intended rather to impart to them such knowledge as could be applied to the farm in the event of their following that calling. Instruction in woodwork was part of this course, and they waited on the Association to see if they could procure the room alluded to in the letter for the class.

Mr- Summerell stated the next Show would be the last held on the present grounds, and it would thus be only for a certain time that they would be in a position to grant the use of the room in question. Some of the members had thought, however, that the dining-room would be suitable, and suggested that that be used instead of the produce hall as proposed. It had also to be considered that on March 31st the Association's interest in the grounds ceased, but no doubt some arrangement could be arrived at with the syndicate that was taking the grounds over. On the motion of Mr D. McGregor junior., seconded by Mr Welch, it was resolved that the Education Board be allowed the use of the room under the grandstand free of charge up to March 31st, provided they pay any additional insurance that may be incurred.

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It was decided to procure a model of each island. The Headmaster's report was read as follow:—Main School, roll 586, average attendance 510, percentage of attendance 87; Side School, roll 160, average attendance 144, percentage of attendance 90. Secondary classes, roll 62, average attendance 58, percentage of attendance 93. The school re-opened on 31st ult. There were 68 new admissions in the primary departments and four in the secondary from outside districts. The total withdrawals in all departments at the end of the year was 102, of whom a large proportion represent boys and girls, who have taken up employment or entered on home duties. The remainder have left the district. Owing to the reduction in roll numbers during the last two quarters the school has lost the services of a junior assistant. The senior assistant mistress has been granted three months' leave of absence. The vacancy is being filled by the retention of the junior assistant mistress for the three months. Two probationers have been appointed to the school. One, Miss Eva Hogg, has taken up her duties this week. I have received from the Education Board, for the use of the Third Standard, a reading book and an arithmetic book for every pupil in the class. The reader is the British Empire Reader Book 3, and the arithmetic book the Southern Cross Book 3. Of the four new admissions to the secondary department, from outside districts, one comes from Tinui, one from Kopuaranga, one from Mauriceville West and one from Mikimiki. Only one of these travels daily, and he is unable to arrive at school before 11.45 a. m. The train service is largely

responsible for the reduced roll in this department. Unless the average attendance is maintained at over 70 the secondary department will lose one of its teachers shortly.

The whole of the school cadets, except recruits, will take part in the parade for inspection by Lord Kitchener, on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th inst. The whole of the male assistants will go in charge of them. I shall be glad of the assistance of members of the School Committee in connection with the entertainment on the 24th inst. I have pleasure in reporting to the Committee that this school has again been very successful in the examinations named. For the Matriculation nine candidates were presented and eight passed, all the eight obtaining a pass in the Solicitors' General Knowledge examination also. For the Junior Civil Service examination sixteen pupils were presented and thirteen passed. One of the successful candidates was awarded a Senior Board Scholarship of £40 a year for two years, if compelled to live away from home, or £5 a year if not compelled to live away. The Chairman stated that the decrease in pupils generally was due to the number of people leaving the district, that matters were improving, however, was evidenced by the noticeable decrease in the number of empty houses in the town. The Chairman, in referring to the Matriculation and Junior Civil Service examination passes stated the results reflected the good work being done by the staff. Mr Waddington also referred to the fact that the standard of Matriculation had been raised, and the marking altered. It was decided that the Committee place on record its appreciation of the work of the Headmaster and the teachers of the school. The Treasurer's report showed—Balance last month, £46 4s fid; Trust Lands Trust grant and subsidy, £90 3s 9d; total receipts, £138 3s 3d; payments, £39 17s 9d; credit balance to date, £98 10s 6d.

11th February 1910 Messrs G. Townsend, T. J. Thompson and H. Waddington were appointed visiting members for the month at the meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School last night A letter declining to sanction. in the schools in Masterton was read from the Education Board at a meeting of the Committee of the Masterton District High School, last evening. It was decided to instruct the Secretary to write to the Ministers in the town interested in the Bible reading in schools movement expressing their regret that the Education Board had declined, to allow the Committee to take half an hour on one day during the week for Bible-reading.

At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee, last evening, a letter was read from the Education Board stating that owing to lack of funds they had not been able to grant the request of the Committee for linoleums for the School Museum. The Chairman (Mr R. Brown) stated that no reply had yet been received from the Board with regard to fencing the Museum site. It was most unsatisfactory and unless something was done there might be a danger of the Trust Lands Trust withdrawing their generous offer in connection with the Museum. It was decided to write to the Board drawing their attention to the unsatisfactory condition of affairs caused by their delay.

Some time ago the Masterton District High School Committee wrote to the Wellington Education Board, drawing their attention to the unsatisfactory nature of the present railway timetable with regard to pupils attending secondary schools in the Wairarapa. Last night the Committee received a reply from the Education Board to the effect that a strong statement of the case had been placed before the Minister of Railways, who had replied that it would receive his consideration when the question of altering the timetable came under review. The Chairman stated that the school had already lost a teacher and had been reduced in grade in

consequence of the unsatisfactory timetable. It was probable that later on a reduction would be made in the salary of teachers doing secondary work.

11th February 1910 FOR DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. MASTERTON COMMITTEE'S VIEWS. A STRONG PROTEST. At the meeting of the Committee : of the Masterton District High School last evening, a very keen discussion took place on the portion of the Headmaster's report relating to the new rural course for District High Schools. ; The particular part of the report : referred to was follows:—"The Education Board has decided to adopt in the Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Pahiatua and Levin District High Schools a new programme of work on the lines of the Rural Course laid down by the Education Department. For boys the following will be the subjects: English, Geography, Civics, Arithmetic, and Bookkeeping, Physical drill, Elementary geometry, and Surveying, Woodwork, Scale drawing and building construction and Agriculture to include— Elementary physics and chemistry, Botany, Physiology (farm animals) and practical outdoor work.

For girls —English, Geometry, Civics, Arithmetic and bookkeeping, Physical drill, Hygiene, domestic economy dressmaking, Cookery, Physiology and first aid, and Agriculture to include Elementary chemistry and physics, botany, and practical outdoor work (More time devoted to horticultural work, and if possible, bee and poultry keeping, and care of milk in home. Special instructors will direct the work in Agriculture, Woodwork, Cookery domestic economy and dressmaking. The course is to be compulsory for all pupils entering the secondary department. Pupils wishing to enter for the matriculation examination will be permitted to apply for exemption from the rural course, after they have completed two years of the latter." The chairman (Mr R. Brown) said that like many other matters connected with the Board the new syllabus had been introduced without the wishes of the Committee or of the people being taken into consideration. It would naturally affect their school to a considerable extent. A theory was apparently held that outside of Wellington, Hutt and Petone they were "Country bumpkins" who were only able to go in for agricultural work. It was thought that the course was to be optional, but the Department now said it was to be compulsory, and parents and school committees had no say in the matter. The standard of matriculation had now been raised to a four years course, and they could be granted certificates of exemption after two years had been undertaken. This meant that two years of the course would be absolutely wasted. It seemed rather strange, too, that while they were endeavouring to encourage the study of agriculture in the district, no provision was made for settling the young people on the land. According to the syllabus it appeared that the country schools were being debarred from getting the facilities offered to the city schools. They could have understood it if the system had been made optional.

Mr C. Perry considered that they ought to enter a protest. It meant that the pupils were practically losing the opportunity of matriculating. The children should be able to get the best education at a minimum of cost.

The chairman said that it came particularly hard on the Masterton School on account of the valuable endowments of the Trust Lands Trust. To a great extent they would now be debarred from taking advantage of their generosity.

Mr A. Hendry thought that it would be a good idea to communicate with other School Committees affected in the same way with a view to taking concerted action in the matter.

After further discussion it was decided that "This committee enters a very strong protest in regard to the compulsory nature of the new syllabus, and the taking away of the matriculation standard, and that the committee communicate with other country district high Schools affected with a view to taking concerted , action.

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12th February 1910 The Wellington Education Board has declined to accede to the request of the Masterton school committee that Bible Lessons be given to the children attending the Masterton school. This decision will be greeted with satisfaction by a wide circle of residents who held the common-sense view that the Sunday school is the proper place for delivering Biblical lessons to Children

12th February 1910 Tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for the erection of woodwork rooms at the Masterton school.

22nd February 1910 Teacher examinations passes included Class D Masterton. —Lilian Ainsworth (Rakanui), Alice Campbell, G. Ralph, Lily Robertson, Mary Hogg

22nd February 1910 Mr D. Grant, woodwork expert in connection with the new rural course for the District High School in the Wellington District, commenced his classes at the Masterton District High School yesterday

The Committee of the Masterton District High School have during the late vacation, had a large portion of the boys' playground graded and laid down with asphalt. Further work of the kind is now being done during the present spell of fine weather in the girls' playground.

23rd February 1910 The Masterton School Committee asked the Levin committee to join .with it in/ protesting against the new course in elementary agriculture for district high. Schools being made compulsory, The Levin committee has replied to the effect that it recently sounded parents and prospective pupils and met -with an almost unanimous response in favour or compulsion.

23rd February 1910 The Wairarapa Battalion of School Cadets leave for the Hutt Park today in connection with Lord Kitchener's visit, where they will camp until Saturday, returning to their homes on the latter day.

A grand Bioscope entertainment by the Keystone View Company, of the United States, will be given in the Town Hall to-morrow evening. The net proceeds will go to a fund for the purchase of stereoscopes and views for teaching purposes in connection with the Masterton District High School.

24th February 1910 Wellington Education Board An expression of regret was made by the Masterton High School Committee that the board had not yet moved in the matter of accepting the offer of the Town Lands Trust of a building for a museum for the school. It was pointed out that if the property was not taken over the offer might be withdrawn. The chairman explained that there had been some delay in the matter in connection with the fencing of the ground. On Mr. J. G. W. Aitken's motion the matter was referred to a subcommittee with power to act, but not to pledge the board to any expenditure.

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25th February 1910 The bioscope entertainment in the Town Hall last night given by the Keystone Victor Company proved quite a success. The attendance was good and included a large number of school children, who appeared to keenly appreciate the various views. After expenses have been deducted about £30 will remain to be handed over to the Masterton District High School Committee, to be devoted to the purchase of stereoscopes and stereoscopic views for purposes of instruction.

The Education Board has accepted the tender of Messrs Rose and Mason, of Masterton. at £102 10s for the erection of woodwork rooms at the Masterton High school

The parents of School Cadets of this district will be pleased to know that their boys in camp at the Hutt are being well looked after. Major Haslam, of the Masterton School, who is in charge of the Wairarapa battalion, in reporting to Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, wires:— "Had a strenuous day. The boys' behaviour was splendid. All are in good form. Thirteen battalions paraded..

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11th March 1910 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held in the secretary's office last evening. There were present,— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), C. Perry, A. Hendry, J. Carpenter G. Townsend, R. Chapman, T. J. Thompson, E. H. Waddington, H. v/Leary, and W. M. Easthope, (secretary). A letter was read from the secretary of the Pahiatua District High School Committee, stating that the Pahiatua Committee had protested against the new rural course .being made compulsory. A letter was also received from the secretary of the Levin School Committee, stating that the majority of parents of children attending the Levin School were in favour of the rural course. The secretary said that the Carterton District High School Committee had passed a resolution against the rural course being made compulsory. Considerable discussion ensued on this subject, and finally, on the proposition of Mr C. Perry, seconded by Mr A. Hendry, it was decided to inform the Education Board that the Committee who had listened to Mr Fleming's explanation of the new rural course, were still of the opinion that the rural course should not be made compulsory, and that children attending the country schools, should have the same facilities for passing the matriculation examination as the city schools. Correspondence was received from the secretary of the Education Board in reference to the Woodwork Building, stating that tenders for its erection were to be called at once

The Museum Committee (Messrs Brown, Waddington and Thompson) were appointed a committee to deal with any question that may arise in connection with the building.

The Headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, reported, inter alia, that the attendance for the month was as follows "Main School.—Roll 587, average attendance 543. Side School.— 165, 153". Secondary Classes. —65, 63. An excellent record of attendance has been made for the month. The accompanying absentee report contains the names of a number of scholars who were allowed by their parents to extend their mid-summer vacation by several weeks and thus to interfere with the attendance record, and also the work of the school for the first week or two after the holidays. This experience is usually met with after every holiday, and it is much to be regretted.

Two of the teachers of the staff have received appointments in other schools. Miss McLandress, M.A., of the Secondary Department, has been appointed to the Greytown District High School and Mr H. Sutton to the Karori School. The two probationers appointed to the staff— Miss E. Dagg and Miss C. Evans—have both taken up their duties.

A good start has been made with the new subjects of the rural course programme. Both teachers and scholars are entering on the work with enthusiasm. For the 75 per cent, of our secondary pupils who do not remain long enough for matriculation, the new course is undoubtedly more beneficial than the old one, from both an educational and a utilitarian standpoint. It is essentially a course of practical work and gives little scope for "cram." For the matriculation pupils I have arranged with the chief inspector to modify, within the limits allowed, the programme, in order to admit of Latin and Mathematics being included in their subjects. I have pleasure in reporting to the Committee that, in spite of the bad weather experienced, our school cadets were so well looked after that no one appears to have suffered in any way. Major Haslam, and the other officers of our school in reporting to me, state that excellent discipline was maintained, and that the behaviour of the boys was all that they could wish.

The Chairman read a communication from the Rev. H. Watson, requesting the committee to still further pursue their representation to the Education Board for introducing the Nelson system of religious instruction in the Masterton School, and respectfully suggesting that the opinion of the parents be obtained. It was decided to act on the latter suggestion and Messrs Brown, Thompson, and Hendry were appointed to frame a circular, to be sent to the parents, asking their opinion.

The visiting committee, Messrs Townsend and Thompson, recommended that part of the asphalt in the girls' playground be repaired, and the ground flushed. It was resolved to proceed with this work at once.

Messrs R. Brown, E. H. Waddington, and R. Chapman were appointed a visiting committee for the month

The treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £104 16s 1d, and accounts amounting to £39 were passed for payment.

17th March 1910 The Hon. J. A. Miller, Minister for Railways, is at present on a visit to Masterton in connection with various matters appertaining to the local train service. This morning the Minister was interviewed by Mr R. Brown, Chairman of the Masterton School Committee, who pointed out that the altered service had seriously affected both the Masterton and Greytown High Schools. The loss of scholars had reduced the Masterton school a grade, but the most serious aspect of the question was that an increasing number of children were deprived of the education to which they were entitled. Mr Brown pointed out that under the old time-table the morning train left Woodville at 6.10 and arrived at Masterton at 9.30. If this were reverted to, the difficulty would be overcome without increasing the service. This would enable children from north of Masterton to attend the school and the general public would not be at all inconvenienced.

The Minister stated that he would give the matter favourable consideration. He pointed out, however, that the number of children affected was comparatively small. He understood that the present running of the morning train suited the general public better than when it left Woodville at an earlier hour. School children were carried free by the Railway Department, and if a special train were run to suit them there would not be sufficient traffic to make it pay. He promised to consider whether matters could be satisfactorily arranged without running an additional train.

31st March 1910 A special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held in the office of the secretary, Mr W. M. Easthope, last evening, there being present— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Hendry, T. J. Thompson, H. J. O'Leary, and A. W. Chapman. The business of the meeting was to consider applications for the position of teacher in the secondary department. Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, explained that Miss McLandress, in fear of losing her present position because of the low percentage of attendance, had applied for a position at the Greytown School, to which she has been appointed. The secondary school is at present entitled to three teachers for three months, after which one would be substituted by a pupil teacher. The chairman moved, that if such action can be taken without prejudice to Miss McLandress' position, the Board be asked to allow the Committee to retain the services of Miss McLandress until the expiration of three months, failing which they appoint Miss R. Clayton to the position. This was seconded by Mr O'Leary

and carried unanimously. The tender of Mr Thomas Lupton was accepted for the supply of the winter's firewood to the Main and Side Schools.

15th April 1910 MONTHLY MEETING. The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last night. Present— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Carpenter, Thompson, Townsend, O'Leary, Chapman, and Hendry. The secretary reported the books had been made up and posted to Wellington for audit. They were sent down on the 2nd last and had not yet been returned.

The secretary reported he had received, no replies from the Board to recent letters. It was resolved that the secretary write to the Education Board and ask for a reply to correspondence:

The Headmaster's report was read as follows: Attendance. Main School, roll 591, average attendance 552, percentage of attendance 93; Side School 170, 155, 91; Secondary Classes, 67, 62, 93. A highly satisfactory record of attendance for the month has been made in all three departments. The pupils whose cases were dealt with last month by the Board's truant officer have made full attendances for the month. The accompanying absentee report contains only town names. Two of the pupil teachers have been absent for one or two days through illness.

The contractor has delivered the supply of firewood arranged for, and I have pleasure in reporting that it is highly satisfactory in regard to both, quality and measurement. General satisfaction was at high percentage of attendances at the school.

In respect to the visit of the Governor, it was arranged for the secretary to ascertain the time the Governor was expected to arrive and to notify the committee with a view to receiving the Governor at the school if convenient to him to attend.

The firewood contract was for payment, twelve cords at 30s. It was resolved to approach the Council with a view to getting the sewer at the side school put in order.

Sundry accounts amounting to '£16 5s 8d were passed for payment.

The following were appointed as visiting members :Messrs Hendry, O'Leary and Perry

The secretary read a draft report for presentation to the annual meeting. The subject matter was discussed, and with slight amendments approved. It was resolved to specially advertise the annual meeting and take steps to secure, a good attendance of parents and Guardians.

21st April 1910 At the luncheon to his Excellency the Governor, at the Club Hotel yesterday, there were present—the Mayor (presiding), Lord Plunket, Hon. T. McKenzie, Minister for Agriculture, Miss McKenzie, daughter of the Minister, Capt. Shannon, A.D.C., Messrs W. C. Buchanan, M.P., A. W. Hogg, M.P., and W. H. Beetham. Mr W. J. Welch (County Chairman), Mr W. T. Mansfield (Town Clerk) of Masterton, Captain McKillop and Lieutenant Whittaker, and Crs Morris, Prentice, Pragnell, Rigg, Hoar and Temple. His Excellency and party afterwards left for the District High School, the Convent and the Hospital. At the High School the cadets, under Major Haslam, formed a guard of honour, and his Excellency was received at the school gates by the headmaster, Mr Jackson. At the entrance to the school he was met by Mr R. Brown, the chairman of the School Committee, and he and his party were taken through the various classrooms. Lord Plunket showed a happy knack of being able to adapt his remarks to the ages of the children and visited every class. He impressed on the boys the necessity for working, and upon the girls the value of a good example, stating that if they set the example the boys would in all probability follow. He

also addressed the cadets and complimented them on their appearance. He granted them a half holiday in honour of the occasion. The children applauded loudly, and cheers were given with a will. -

21st April 1910 TO THE EDITOR.. Sir. —I should like to ask the householders of Masterton to attend the election of the Masterton School Committee, to be held in the Drill Hall on Monday evening next, and to vote for a progressive Committee, so our school children may benefit. In the old days of the Masterton School, prizes were given every year to the best scholars and to those who had made the most attendances, in anticipation of which the scholars put their best energies into the work and attended with regularity. Now, Sir, what I should like to see on Monday night is the nomination of some of the old school boys who attended the local school when Mr W. H. Jackson first took charge. There are a number still living in Masterton, happily married and with large families. I am quite sure that they would take more interest in school affairs than the old Committees have done in the past. I admit that the capitation granted by the Education Board does not allow the Committee to do much for the children, but under the regime of a committee such as I have suggested the funds would be augmented by means of concerts and similar functions, as the result of which the scholars should not want for prize books, etc. This means of rewarding deserving pupils is adopted in many towns. Why should Masterton be behindhand in this respect? I trust that the Old Boys will wake up and show the householders what Messrs W. T. Grundy and W. H. Jackson have done in the way of turning out good public men.— I am, etc., AN OLD SCHOOL BOY. Masterton, 26th April.

23rd April 1910 A painful accident occurred at a noon, yesterday, near the Masterton District High School, to a little girl of six years, named Eileen Yalden, " daughter of Mr W. Yalden, of Kuripuni. The child had just left the school to go home to lunch, when a dray came along as she attempted to cross the road. Two lady cyclists happened to be behind the dray and passing it at the moment that the little girl ran across, one of them knocked her down, Mr E. Jenkins, who was cycling some distance behind, witnessed the occurrence, and, as the child did not appear to be able to walk, he carried her home, Dr. Archer Hosking was called in, and it was then discovered that the small bone of the girl's leg was broken. On inquiry at a late hour yesterday afternoon the little sufferer was progressing as well as could be expected. Mr Jenkins states that the accident appeared to him to be quite unavoidable

26th April 1910 ANNUAL REPORT. Following is the annual report of the Masterton School Committee which was presented at the householders' meeting last evening:— it gives your Committee much pleasure in making this annual report to be able to say that, notwithstanding adverse circumstances, your school, during the past year, has fully maintained its prestige as one of the best educational establishments in the Wellington educational district. Your Committee regrets that the attendance, in both the Primary and Secondary departments, has fallen off during the year and in consequence the status of your school has been reduced one grade, and the services of a primary teacher have been lost. The Secondary department will also suffer the loss of a teacher and there will be a reduction in the salaries of the teachers remaining. The causes of the falling off in numbers are two. Masterton, in common with the rest of the Dominion, has during the past year, suffered from a severe trade depression, and a number of people have left the district, taking families with them, and this has led to reduce the attendance at the primary schools; the other cause, especially affecting the Secondary

Classes, is the alteration in the railway time-table. Formerly pupils from as far north as Eketahuna and from intervening places, came daily to the District High School, but now the trains are so timed that they cannot do so. Your committee has strongly represented this matter to the Government, and has moved the Education Board to do likewise, but hitherto without avail. The following figures show the falling off. The average roll number for this quarter in the Secondary Classes is 66 while for the corresponding period of last year it was 85, a difference of 19, and nearly all this loss is to be attributed to the fact that the alteration in the railway time-table prevents scholars from a distance attending our school. The average roll number in the primary department at the Main School is 602 as against 653 for last year, and at the Side School 168 as against 189 last year. The staff now consists of the Headmaster. 14 assistants. 6 pupil teachers. 2 probationers and 3 visiting instructors for special subjects. At the recent examinations nine pupils were presented for matriculation and eight passed, and these eight obtained passes in the solicitors' general knowledge examination also. In the Junior Civil Service examination, sixteen pupils were presented and thirteen passed, and two pupils have had senior Board scholarships awarded to them. No other High School or College in the Wellington education district can show results equalling these, and your Committee does not think it too much to say that pupils attending the Masterton District High School have a better chance of passing these examinations than the pupils of any other scholastic establishment in the district.

Great changes in the system of higher education are being made by the Education Department, by the introduction of what is known as the New Rural Course. The new rural course offers to girls' instruction in advanced sewing and dressmaking, cookery and household management, and to boys' instruction in wood-working, agricultural science, and other branches of technical education, and to the average boy and girl it will prove of the highest value. Your Committee regrets, however, that this new course has been made compulsory. Your Committee has held a conference with the chief inspector on this subject, and has made representations to the Education Board, and it hopes that while all the valuable features of the new course will be retained, this objection will be removed, and will not be allowed to stand in the way of the University education of any bright pupil who wishes to engage in a commercial or professional career.

Some months ago the Ministers' Association of this town informed your Committee that the Nelson system of religious instruction had been introduced into a number of schools in New Zealand, and asked your Committee to endeavour to introduce it into your school. Before giving a reply your Committee made full enquiries and obtained the opinions of headmasters and committees of the schools adopting the Nelson system, and found it was giving satisfaction wherever tried. Your Committee, after careful consideration of the matter in all its bearings, was unanimously of opinion that it would be to the advantage of your school to taking half-hour of each week for religious instruction, such instruction not to be compulsory on any child, and to be of a non-sectarian character, and eight ministers of the town volunteered to give the instruction. The Education Board, however, by the casting vote of the Chairman refused to give its sanction, and without it the proposed half-hour cannot be taken for this purpose. Your Committee is of opinion that a large majority of parents would be pleased if the proposal could be given effect to, and it is intended at an early date to take a vote on the subject.

Your Committee, while recognising to the full the conscientious and painstaking work of the headmaster and staff in bringing about the splendid results attained in your school, would - impress upon you that the high position of your school could not have been reached had it not been for the generous and whole-hearted support of the Trust Lands Trustees. Your Committee has not only to thank the Trustees for the usual grant in aid, which, carrying with it as it does a Government subsidy, has enabled your Committee to do work and provide appliances which otherwise could not have been obtained, but the Trustees have provided and equipped the museum building and set aside a considerable area of ground for tree planting and agricultural experiments, which will prove of the utmost value to the school in connection with the new rural course. Your Committee is of opinion that this meeting of householders should join with the Committee in an expression of warm thanks to the Trustees for their continued generous support of your schools. .

For some time past your Committee has desired to improve the condition of the school playgrounds, which in wet weather are often in a bad state. During the past year a part of the ground has been graded and asphalted and the Committee hopes that its funds permit this very necessary work will be done over the whole playground.

Your Committee has been able to buy some very interesting natural history exhibits for the School Museum, and these, together with exhibits provided by the Trust Lands Trustees, now make the museum of much use to the school

Your committee has had in view for some time the building of a miniature rifle range for the use of the school cadets. This is a very necessary adjunct to the school inasmuch as there is no rifle range near at hand where the cadets can obtain shooting practice. The cost, all told, will be nearly £50 and the Committee has earmarked a sum sufficient for this purpose. During the year your Committee has held thirteen ordinary and one special meeting at which the attendance has been as follows:---Mr Thompson 14, Mr Brown 13, Mr Chapman 13, Mr Hendry 13, Mr O'Leary 12, Mr Townsend 12 Mr Carpenter 11, Mr Perry 11, Mr Waddington 9

26th April 1910 Mr Joseph Carpenter, who was defeated last for a seat on the Masterton School Committee, has served that body for the past seventeen or 20 years, and this is the first occasion upon which he has been defeated 'During his long term of Office Mr Carpenter was a very active and earnest worker

26th April 1910 ANNUAL ELECTIONS. MASTERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE, The annual meeting of householders for the purpose of electing a committee of nine members for the Masterton District High School, was held in the Drill Hall last evening. There was a large attendance of householders, and Mr R Brown was voted to the chair. The balance sheet showed the receipts for the year to be £482 2s 5d, the principal items being Education Board grants £140 7s, Government subsidy 116 14s 9d, and Trusts grants £109 8s 9d. The expenditure amounted to £440 10s 8d, leaving a balance at bank of £41 12s. The main items expenditure were:— School cleaning £109 2s 1d, asphaltting £65 19s 1d, and museum £50 12s 6d. The secretary explained that the balance-sheet had not been audited, but the bank book, cheque book and vouchers had been forwarded to Wellington for audit on April 2nd. There had been ample time to audit the accounts and he was at a loss to know why this had not been done.

The election of a committee for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Thirteen candidates were nominated and the following nine were elected:—Messrs R. Brown, C. Perry, A. Hendry, A. W. Chapman, Rev. C. Porter, J. T. Thompson, E. H. Waddington, G. Townsend and J. F. Heyhoe.

Mr J R. Brown, in formally moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, paid a high tribute of praise to the efficiency of the teaching staff, at the Masterton District High School, and also to the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson. He regretted that the alteration to the railway timetable, had interfered considerably with the attendance at the secondary department. Mr Brown referred to the debt of gratitude that the School Committees owed- to the Trust Lands Trust, and also spoke on other matters appearing in the report. The report was adopted. Mr Krahagen moved a vote of thanks to the retiring committee, which was carried by acclamation.

28th April 1910 AN EDUCATIONAL DIFFICULTY.

PROPOSED RURAL COURSE

The resolution passed by the Masterton School Committee in objection to the rural course proposed to be instituted at the District High School, was brought before the Wellington Education Board on Tuesday, and gave rise to some discussion. The Chairman (Mr R. Lee) said that he was given to understand that the proposed course would not be an impediment, as was thought, by the Masterton Committee. The Chief Inspector (Mr Fleming) stated that there appeared to be some misapprehension as to what was implied by the phrase "four years' course. , ' What was actually meant was that the work accomplished by a matriculation student should be equivalent to a four years' course A clever student would do the work in less The board had really accepted the policy suggested by the Education Department with regard to the programme of work for rural high schools, so that they could not afford, for financial and other reasons, to give scholars in these schools the option of a "rural" and a "grammar school" course. It was quite possible for a student who had taken the "rural" course and covered the work properly to matriculate.

Mr Allan asked whether scholars would not be better equipped if they took the "grammar school" course. The inspector said they would certainly be better trained. The position had been fully explained to the Masterton Committee, who had met him courteously in the matter. Mr Fleming also remarked that the committee's letter indicated a considerable advance since the previous communication. He suggested that his report to the board should be forwarded to the committee. This was agreed to. The report contains the following statements:—

(a) The main objections to the proposals were (1) that the course was compulsory for the first and second year students; and (2) that scholars who wished to pass the matriculation examination and prepare for any professional course were seriously handicapped.

(b) At each school a modification of the programme was arranged whereby those who wished to enter for matriculation were enabled to devote some time to Latin. The headmaster and his staff in each case were satisfied that the work of matriculation could be covered in four years by these scholars There were thus two groups of scholars, a "Latin" group, and a "non-Latin" group, the former representing a small proportion of the scholars, except in Masterton. where the proportion was equal. Experience had shown that of the "Latin" group few remained longer than two years, and that the time devoted to that language was of very little benefit to the "scholars. At Carterton, Pahiatua and Levin the programme was generally commended,

and even the Masterton Committee could not deny that it benefited the majority of the scholars.

29th April 1910 OUR HEADMASTER pro THE EDITOR,

Sir,— At the annual meeting of householders called to elect a School Committee for the Clyde-quay (Wellington) School, attention was called to the fact that Mr W. T. Grundy had been headmaster of that school for a period of twenty-one years. It was at once decided to mark the occasion by some form of testimonial to Mr Grundy. It will be remembered that prior to his appointment to Clyde-quay Mr Grundy had charge of Masterton School, and when he left many felt there would be difficulty in getting a worthy successor. Mr W. H. Jackson was then appointed, and the steady, consistent development of education" interest in various forms in Masterton is largely the result of his ability and persistent effort. The incident at Clyde-quay suggests that we too in Masterton may well express our appreciation of the services of the headmaster of the Masterton District High School. Mr R. Brown, the chairman of our School Committee, is just now away from Masterton, but as the result of speaking to several this morning hearty agreement with the suggestion is found to exist, and it is proposed to restrict the subscription to one shilling, that all may join in. Pending a meeting to be called, Mr George Cullen, solicitor, Mr Wise. Daily Times office, or myself will be glad to confer with those interested.—I am, etc., CHAS. E. DANIELL

29th April 1910 The suggestion which is made by Mr C. E. Daniell, in a letter appearing in this issue, to make some presentation to Mr W. H. Jackson, to mark the completion of his twenty-one years' service as headmaster of the local school, will meet with general approval. The Masterton school has an honourable record, and citizens will welcome the opportunity of making some tangible recognition of the headmaster's long and devoted service. Mr Jackson's life is undoubtedly given up to his work, and there is probably no schoolmaster in the Dominion prepared to make greater personal sacrifices for the advancement of his school. It is fitting that the suggestion to make a presentation to Mr Jackson should come from the chairman of the Trust Lands Trust, and we believe the movement will meet with the hearty response, which it deserves. Those who are able to estimate Mr Jackson's services at anything like their true value will hope that he will retain the headmastership of the Masterton District High School for another twenty-one years.

29th April 1910 The hockey match, played between the Ramblers and the Masterton District High School girls on the Schoolgrounds yesterday afternoon, resulted in a draw each side scoring a goal.

3rd May 1910 At the Masterton District High School, yesterday, the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, made a presentation from the staff and scholars to Miss E. Von Keisenberg, who has been appointed assistant at the Levin School. In making the presentation Mr Jackson paid a high compliment to the teaching abilities of Miss Von Keisenberg and pointed out that she had been connected with the Masterton School right from the infant classes until she became a teacher". Besides she was a universal favourite with her pupils. The gifts included a handsome travelling rug and holder, and silver buckles, a silver-mounted button hook, and a silver-mounted scent bottle.

4th May 1910. The Masterton District High School Committee has decided to recommend the appointment of Mr H. Miller, at present on the staff of the Carterton High School, to the vacant position at the Masterton School.

10th May 1910 Mr R. Brown, Chairman of the School Committee. Sent the following to the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward—"The scholars of the Masterton District High School desire me to express their deep sorrow at the death of our beloved King and their sincere sympathy with the Royal Family in their sad loss. In this message the teachers and School Committee join, feeling the national loss to be almost too deep for words."

The Premier answered as follows:—"I sincerely thank yourself, the Committee, teachers and scholars of the Masterton District High School for your kind expressions of sympathy at the death our beloved Sovereign.—J. G. WARD."

12th May 1910 Mr. Nelson Bunting, who has been for some years a popular member of the staff of the Masterton District High School, is resigning his position to take up the secretaryship of the Wairarapa Hospital Board. Mr. Bunting is well fitted for the position.

13th May 1910 The first meeting of the newly elected Committee of the Masterton District High School was held in the office of the secretary (Mr W M. Easthope) last evening, there being present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Hendry, A. W. Chapman, G. Townsend," O. Perry, J. Heyhoe and Rev. O. E. Porter. An apology for absence was received from Mr T. J. Thompson. CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Wellington Education Board, disapproving of the action of the Committee in appointing Mr Miller assistant teacher at the school, —it was resolved, on the motion of the chairman, that, the secretary be authorised to write stating that the Committee are strongly in favour of the appointment of Mr Miller to the position. The headmaster's report was read as follows .—Attendance—Main School, roll 612, average attendance 571, percentage of attendance 93; Side School, 175 166 and 95; Secondary Classes, 63, 61 and 96. A highly satisfactory record of attendance for the month has been made in all three departments, that of the Side School being especially commendable. Miss Wolff, senior 'assistant mistress, resumed her duties on the 2nd inst., after her three months' leave of absence. Miss Von Keisenberg, assistant, retired from the staff on the 30th ult ; Mr Sutton, third assistant, and Miss McLandress, secondary assistant, will retire at the end of the present month. The first assistant has been absent one or two days through illness. The recent storm smashed one of the gates at the Main School, and several windows have been damaged at the Side School and at the Main School. During the present month I am conducting the first term examination of the school, and I am pleased to be able to report that the excellent attendance is being reflected in a high standard of work. The school will break up on Friday, the 27th, for the term holiday of one week.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

A petition signed by a number of householders was received by the committee, urging the adoption of the Nelson system of Bible reading in the Masterton School.

Rev. Porter moved, that in the event of a largo deputation waiting on the Premier, the committee appoint a number of members to join the deputation. The motion was seconded by Mr Hendry and carried unanimously.

Mr Heyhoe moved that the Wellington Education Board be requested to allow the Nelson system of Bible reading to be introduced in Masterton. Rev. Porter seconded the motion, which, after a short discussion, was carried without dissent.

GENERAL. Mr Chapman brought up the matter of accommodation for children who took their dinners to school. At the present time the children were obliged to go into the small

sheds, which were very inconvenient in the winter months. He moved that the Board be asked to erect an assembly hall for the use of the children during the dinner hour in the winter. The motion was seconded by Mr Heyhoe and carried.

Mr Brown spoke with regard to Mr O. E. Daniell's letter to the press, suggesting that a suitable testimonial be presented to Mr W. H. Jackson, who has completed twenty-one years as headmaster of the Masterton District High School. Mr Brown was strongly of opinion that the matter should be taken up forthwith. It was decided, on the motion of Mr Heyhoe seconded by Mr Hendry, that the committee place on record its appreciation of Mr Jackson's services during his term of office. A copy of the resolution is to be forwarded to Mr Jackson.

On the motion of Mr Chapman, seconded by Rev. Mr Porter, it was resolved, that a public meeting of old Masterton School pupils and of parents be called at an early date with a view of arranging a suitable form of recognition of Mr Jackson's services.

Mr Chapman moved that the Committee acknowledge the valuable services of Messrs J. Carpenter and H. J. O'Leary to the Masterton District High School during their term on the committee.

Mr Perry seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The treasurer's statement showed the balance to date to be £72 5s Gd. Accounts amounting to £19 15s 11d were passed for payment. Messrs Thompson, Townsend and Waddington were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

13th May 1910 The Masterton State School will break up on Friday, the 27th inst, for the term holiday of one week.

At last night's meeting of the Masterton School Committee eulogistic reference was made by all present to Mr W. H. Jackson in recognition of his having completed twenty-one years' service as Headmaster of the Masterton School. On the motion of Mr Heyhoe it was decided to forward to Mr Jackson a letter of appreciation of his services at the school during so long a period.

14th May 1910 The Masterton School Committee is not deterred by the action of the Wellington Education Board, which recently decided that what is known as the "Nelson system" of religious instruction' could not be introduced during the hours set apart for secular education. At its meeting on Thursday evening the committee resolved, after considerable discussion, to request the board to permit the Nelson. system to be introduced to the Masterton School.

Mr. W. H. Jackson, who succeeded Mr. W. T. Grundy (now of Clyde Quay School) as headmaster of the Masterton District High School, will' shortly complete twenty-one' years" service in his present position. Advantage is to .be taken of the occasion: to present him with a suitable memento. . A meeting of old pupils of the school is being convened to make arrangements for a presentation.

16th May 1910 A match was played between the Masterton High School ladies' hockey team and the Dalefield team, in the Age Cup competition, at Carterton on Saturday. The match resulted in a win for Dalefield by three goals to one. Goals were shot for Dalefield by Misses B. Ordish, E. Gallon, and P Ashton. and Miss B, Scott scored for the school.

16th May 1910 ON THE WARP. TRUANCY INSPECTOR ACTIVE.

MASTERTON COMES OUT CREDITABLY - . Some interesting remarks were made by Mr J. Dineen ,Truant Inspector for the Wellington Education Board, during the course of an

interesting interview, which the inspector courteously gave to a representative of the Wairarapa Age on Saturday afternoon last "Are you dealing with many cases of truancy this trip?" queried the pressman. , "Yes, a fair number," was the reply. "In fact cases were before the Court at Carterton during the week. Several more are to be heard in Eketahuna on Monday, and there is another case set down for hearing at Pahiatua on the 18th inst." "How do you find things in Masterton?" "I find the attendance at the Masterton school most satisfactory," stated the Inspector. "I have called on a few who have not been quite up to the mark and in each case have received promises of regular attendance."

"Are the attendances of the natives satisfactory," was next asked. "On the contrary," stated Mr Dineen, "the Maoris of the Wairarapa district are making some unsatisfactory attendances. Unless the recent case dealt with at Carterton has the desired effect of improving attendances it is my intention to make a regular crusade against the particular defaulters, as I find nothing short of police Court proceedings will bring them to a sense of their responsibilities in this particular connection." Speaking generally, the Inspector further stated that the attendances as a whole in the district in the lower divisions of the schools is much affected by whooping cough of a mild nature. "This," he stated, "is not peculiar to the Wairarapa alone, but to the whole of the Wellington district."

17th May 1910 The annual meeting of the Masterton branch of the Navy League was held in the Borough Council Chambers last evening, there being present—Messrs H. G. Williams (chairman), W. T. Mansfield, J. Caselberg, J. D. Cruickshank, W. H. Jackson, and the secretary (Mr E. R. B. Daniel).

The annual report was read as follows:—"Your Committee congratulate the members on the success of the first year's work. The balance sheet shows a credit balance of £4 5s 11d. There is now an adult membership of fifty-six, and a juvenile membership of one hundred and eighty-six making a total membership of the branch of two hundred and forty-two. The total amount of subscriptions received from members was £38 15s. During the year the officers of H.M. S. Encounter, the Acting Premier (Hon. Mr Carroll) and the Maori members of Parliament were entertained at a smoke concert. Judged from a financial point of view, this was a failure, the balance-sheet disclosing a deficiency of £11 3s 1d; otherwise the entertainment was a success. Lantern lectures were given during the year at the following schools: District High School (by Rev. H. Watson), Lansdowne School (by Dr R. V. Hosking). Fernridge School (by Mr W. T. Mansfield), and St. Patrick's School (also by Mr W. T. Mansfield), which resulted in branches of the League being formed at the District High School (150 members), Lansdowne School (21 members) and Fernridge School (35 members). A branch has yet to be formed at St. Patrick's School. Your Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. H. Watson, Dr R. V. Hosking and Mr W. T. Mansfield in giving the above lectures; also by Mr A. O. Levien as lantern operator. The lantern was kindly lent by Dr W. H. Hosking for each occasion.".....

19th May 1910 THE Masterton School Committee invites Parents and Old Scholars of the Masterton School to meet on TUESDAY, 24th inst, at 8 o'clock, in the Dominion Hall, to consider the question of suitably recognising the services of Mr W. H. Jackson, who has occupied the position of headmaster for twenty-one years.

23rd May 1910 On Saturday morning, at Carterton, the Carterton High School defeated the Masterton High School by nine points to three. Meyrick and Beard (2) were the scorers for the winners, and Hooper for Masterton.

25th May 1910 TWENTY-ONE YEARS' SERVICE.

HEADMASTER OF HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday evening a meeting of those interested in the proposed testimonial to Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, was held in the Dominion Hall with a view of deciding what steps to take and generally arranging preliminary details. The attendance included a number of ladies and pupil's of the school. Mr R. Brown presided and explained the object of the meeting, stating that, it had been thought only fitting that some recognition should be accorded Mr Jackson on the completion of his twenty-one years' service at the school. The meeting resolved itself into a committee to arrange for an immediate canvass or the town, it being decided to invite pupils and others desirous of doing so to join in. It was resolved to appoint Mr P. L. Hollings treasurer and Mr W. M. Easthope honorary secretary. It was further resolved to hold a social in the Town Hall on the evening of the presentation, Mr G. Branson' undertaking to arrange a musical programme for the evening in which will be included items by past, and present pupils of the school. Considerable enthusiasm was shown in the matter, the ladies present promising to decorate the stage. It was arranged to close the lists on June 1st, and the meeting was then adjourned to June 2nd at - , 7.30 p.m., the place to be arranged by the secretary. Lists can be obtained on application to Mr W. M. Easthope.

28th May 1910 . At the Masterton District High School, at the breaking up yesterday, Miss I. McLandress, M.A , who is retiring from the secondary staff, was made the recipient of two presentations. The first was from the staff and consisted of well finished silver watch and silver-mounted hand mirror. The second was from the girls of the junior secondary class and consisted of silver-mounted articles for the dressing table. The headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, in making the presentation, expressed the regret felt by the staff end scholars in Miss McLandress's removal.

1st June 1910 The teaching staff of the Masterton School has undergone a considerable change of late, several of the responsible teachers having either retired or been transferred. Mr. H. Miller, assistant teacher at Carterton District High School, has been appointed to succeed Mr. N. J). Bunting, and Mr. A. P. Murphy, of Pirinoa, has beet appointed to the' other vacant assistantship.

1st June 1910 The Wellington Education Board yesterday received application from the Masterton School Committee for permission to introduce the Nelson system of religious education in the school. It was pointed out that a new Committee had been elected practically on this question, as a large majority of the parents desired the Nelson system.. The Board resolved to decline the application, as it had previously decided in the case of To Aro School. The Chairman, Mr Robert Lee, remarked that the Board had taken up the position that it was administering a secular system.

3rd June 1910 Collection. W. H. Jackson Presentation,

The COMMITTEE invites all Persons who desire to subscribe to the Presentation to be made to Mr W. H. Jackson, to celebrate his 21 years' service as Head Master of the Masterton

School, to forward their subscriptions to the treasurer (Mr. P. L. Hollings), before the 16th June. W. M. EASTHOPE, Secretary.

3rd June 1910 A feature of the movement in connection with the presentation to be made to Mr W. H. Jackson of the District High School, is the interest that is being taken by ex-pupils, a good many of whom have now their own children attending the school, and who can therefore appreciate from the standpoint of the parent the value of capable management in a matter where the interests of their children are concerned

A meeting of the committee in connection with the presentation to be made to Mr W. H. Jackson, celebrate his 21 years' service as headmaster of the Masterton School, was held last evening, Mr P. L. Hollings presiding in the absence of Mr K. Brown. Subscriptions 'Were reported to be coming in very freely, but a general desire was expressed for longer time, and it was therefore decided to keep the lists open for a further fortnight. The committee decided that an address in folio form with the names of the subscribers written in, should be prepared, and a sub-committee was set up to carry out all the necessary details.

7th June 1910 Mr. A. Murphy, who has been in charge of the school at Pirinoa for some time, has been appointed an assistant master at Masterton, in place of Mr. H. Sutton, transferred to Karori.

7th June 1910 TWENTY-ONE YEARS

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVICE RECOGNISED. CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL. PRESENTATIONS MADE BY HOUSEHOLDERS. OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM. The New Century Hall was crowded to the doors last night, the occasion being a householders' "social" in honour of the headmaster of the Clyde quay school. Mr W. T. Grundy.....It was worthy of note that the Masterton School Committee had started a similar effort to show appreciation of their headmaster, who also had served for twenty one years, and who had taken charge of the school when Mr Grundy left to take over the Clyde quay school. [Grundy and Jackson were brother in Laws. Jackson's first wife was a sister of Mrs Grundy]

10th June 1910 The Masterton School Committee decided last evening to take steps to have the School Museum opened at as early a date as possible

At the monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School, last evening, the resignation of Mr N. D. Bunting, second master at the District High School, was received. The resignation was accepted with regret, and a motion unanimously carried expressing appreciation of Mr Bunting's long and devoted service to school work.

The Chairman of the Masterton School Committee stated last evening that he was not at all satisfied with the present rural course. The whole curriculum he thought, should be revised. The present style of teaching was not calculated to give the best result as far as the individual scholars were concerned. It was the intention to specialise in the secondary classes, but this ought to be done earlier in the scholar's school life. When the average boy left school he had little or no knowledge of the special line of business he was about to enter. Mr Perry referred to an excellent system which was in vogue at Wellington College when he was a scholar there. Boys who showed special ability in any subject were transferred to the class above while that particular lesson was being taken. The system worked admirably and produced the most satisfactory results.

10th June 1910 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, there being present Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Chapman, G. Townsend, E. H.

Waddington, A. Hendry, J. Heyhoe, T. J. Thompson and C. Perry. An apology for absence was received from the Rev. O. E. Porter.

Miss Clayton wrote stating that she had decided not to accept the position of secondary assistant at the Masterton District High School, as the appointment would be only temporary and there was no guarantee of reappointment at the end of the term. A letter was received from the secretary of the Education Board, referring to the Committee's representation in favour of the appointment of Mr Miller to the position vacated by Mr Bunting. It was stated that the Board had twice advertised for male teachers to fill the position vacated by Mr Sutton, and the applications did not furnish any others, except Mr Miller, of merit equal to those selected at the Board's April meeting. The Board had therefore decided to appoint Mr Murphy to the second position.— On the motion of Mr Heyhoe, seconded by Mr Chapman, it was decided to send a letter of thanks to the Board for acceding to the wish of the Committee with regard to the appointment of Mr Miller.

The secretary of the Education Board wrote as follows :—" Replying to your letter of 13th May, in which you request the permission of the Board to introduce the Nelson system, I am directed to inform you that the subject has already been before the Board during the present year, when it decided that it could not see its way to accede to the request of the Committee which made the application."—It was decided to take no further action at present.

The Headmaster reported as follows :— I have the honour to submit the following report for the past month : Attendance.—Main School, roll, 624. average attendance 562, percentage of attendance 90; Side School 177, 150, 94; Secondary Classes 63, 59, 94.

School re-opened on the 6th inst., after the term holiday. The attendance has been highly satisfactory for the past five months, but has commenced to suffer through a number of children being affected with minor ailments. I enclose an absentee report for the month.

Staff.— Three members of the staff retired on the 31st ult.—viz., Mr N. D. Bunting, second assistant, Mr H. H. Sutton, third assistant, and Miss I. McLandress, secondary assistant. Mr H. Miller has been transferred from Carterton District High School to the position of second assistant. A relieving teacher (Miss Bradford) is filling, for a time, the position vacated by Mr Sutton. Miss Ziman is acting temporarily as third assistant in the Secondary department. One of the senior assistants was absent on the 19th ult., through illness, and one of the junior assistants on the 5th inst. Miss Bradbury, the tenth assistant on the primary staff, has received an appointment under the Hawke's Bay Education Board, and will retire from the staff of this school in a few weeks' time.

NZ History Online 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.

Visits of Inspectors.—On the 18th ult. the Secondary Department of this school was inspected by the Education Department's Inspector of Secondary Schools (Mr T. H. Gill), and on the 19th and 20th ultimo, the Main School, the Side School and the Secondary Department were inspected by the Education Board's Inspectors, Messrs F. H. Bakewell and J. S. Tennant.

Repairs.—A number of small repairs have been put in hand by the visiting members.

Thanks.—I desire to express to the Committee my grateful thanks for their generous appreciation of my twenty-one years' service as headmaster of the Masterton School, as expressed in their letter of the 13th ultimo. Strenuous as my work has been, during the long period named, it has been made pleasant by the hearty co-operation of the one and twenty committees I have "been associated with. Next to the continued prosperity of my school, my earnest desire is, that I may retain the hearty goodwill and co-operation of my committees, as representing the parents of my scholars, and this I shall endeavour to deserve and secure, as long as I remain the headmaster of the Masterton School.

The visiting "members for the month are Messrs R. Brown. A. Chapman and A. Hendry. Accounts amounting to £18 18s 3d were passed for payment. The treasurer reported a credit balance at date of £79 1s 7d.

10th June 1910 In returning thanks to the members of the Masterton School Committee for their generous appreciation in the form of a very hearty letter, of his twenty-one years' service as headmaster of the Masterton School, Mr W. H Jackson says: "Strenuous as my work has been, during the long period named, It has been made pleasant by the hearty co-operation of the one and twenty committees I have been associated with. Next to the continued prosperity of my school, my earnest desire—that I may retain the hearty goodwill and co-operation of my committees, as representing the parents of my scholars, and this I shall endeavour to deserve and secure, as long as I remain the headmaster of the Masterton School."

10th June 1910 . "Some of the committee men have : not been doing their duty," jocularly [remarked the chairman of the Masterton School Committee last evening, when the treasurer reported a credit balance of £79 15s 7d. "Oh," retorted one member, " We'll soon find some leaks in the roof of the school building upon which to spend some of the money"—a remark that, caused a general smile

17th June 1910 A football match was played on the Showgrounds yesterday between teams from the Hikorangi Maori College and the Masterton District High School. The Maoris proved too heavy for the Masterton players and secured a victory by eleven points to three.

29th June 1910 At Masterton the High School team secured a -well-merited victory over Huia by two goals to one after a keen struggle. Misses' J. Miller, E. Dagg, B. Scott, R. Wilton, Terry, A. O'Leary, and Hunter for the High School were the most noticeable for their

splendid play. Miss Hollis, for Huia, played the best forward game on the ground, while she was ably assisted by Misses Johnson, Richards, Ball, and Bannister.

11th July 1910 W. H. JACKSON PRESENTATION.

The Public are invited to attend the Presentation to W. H. Jackson, Esq., to celebrate his 21 years' service as Head Master of the Masterton School, which will take place at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 13th inst., at 8 p.m. An Attractive Programme has been provided under the management of Mr Branson. Admission FREE. Parents of School Children and Old Pupils specially invited. W. M. EASTHOPE, Secretary.

11th July 1910. GREYTOWN SCHOOL v. MASTERTON SCHOOL. Played at Masterton and won by Masterton by 29 points to nil. Brunton 4, and Blackman, Sewell, and Webber, one each, scored tries for Masterton, four of which Forman converted

14th July 1910 . PRESENTATION TO MR W. H. JACKSON.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS' SERVICE

A public meeting of those interested in the presentation to Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, in honour of his completion of twenty-one Years of service, was held in the Town Hall last evening. The Mayor (Mr J. M. Coradine) presided, and there were also present on the stage—Messrs R. Brown (chairman of the School Committee). W. M. Easthope (secretary). E. H. Waddington, Hendry, Thompson, C. E. Daniell, P. L. Hollings, D. Caselberg, Rev. C. E. Porter, W. H. Jackson, and Mrs Jackson. The gathering was of an enthusiastic nature and was largely attended by both parents and old boys of the school. The Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present, and as Mayor his appreciation of the action that was being taken to recognise Mr Jackson's services. He asked those present to throw as much enthusiasm into the proceedings as Mr Jackson had always thrown into his work, an enthusiasm that was responsible to a very great degree for his success. The people of Masterton had been singularly fortunate in having a man of such high ability in their midst to train the young people, a man who had used that ability unsparingly and without thought of himself. His enthusiasm had been contagious, and the speaker had sometimes wondered if Mr Jackson would not in time annex the whole of Masterton for the District High School. (Applause.) He (the Mayor) had been associated with Mr Jackson at the Technical School, but through it all the latter had still retained his keen interest in the school, and concentrated the whole of his ability and energy in its progress. The benefit that Masterton was deriving from having a man in its midst who devoted himself so well to the training of the children could hardly be over-estimated. He felt sure that the appreciation that was being shown would stimulate others to similar effort. As Mayor of the town he was pleased and proud to preside over the gathering.

Mr C. E. Daniell thanked the audience for their attendance. He alluded to Lord Beresford's services to the British Empire, and an incident in Egypt when the Admiral ran up the signal, "Well done, Condor." He thought the people of Masterton could say with equal justice, "Well done, Jackson." (Applause.) The speaker had been associated with Mr Jackson for many years, and during that time the latter had always worked for the school, realising that the sowing of good seed in the minds of the boys and girls was the best thing for the country. (Applause.) As a parent Mr Daniell spoke feelingly of the work done by Mr Jackson in educating his (Mr Daniell's) children. Mr Jackson had also interested himself in the Technical School, and for fifteen years had persistently helped to push it on towards success. As a

result, they had now 306 students in it, and an attendance of seventy-five per cent. (Applause). With regard to agricultural training, Mr Jackson had helped the boys and girls with the same enthusiasm that characterised all his actions. (Applause.) It was pleasing to note that a very large number of citizens had subscribed to the testimonial, thus showing their appreciation of Mr Jackson's services. (Applause.)

Mr R. Brown, chairman of the District High School Committee, stated that the duty that devolved on him of making the presentation to Mr Jackson was one of the pleasantest that had ever fallen on his shoulders while acting as chairman of the committee. He alluded to the care that had to be taken by a schoolmaster to discover the idiosyncrasies of each child and to watch over each one almost as a doctor. The reports received by the committee in regard to the school had been to the effect that its tone and morality were excellent and its honour beyond all praise. (Applause.) As a man, Mr Jackson was all that was upright and honourable. (Applause.) He requested the secretary of the committee, Mr Easthope, to read the text of the address that was to be presented, which was as follows : — Masterton July, 1910.—To W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the District High School.—

Dear Sir,—The members of the School Committee and many of your old pupils and friends wish to mark in a tangible way their appreciation of the fact that you have completed this year twenty-one years' service as headmaster of the Masterton School, and therefore ask your acceptance of this testimonial. Under your care the Masterton School has grown from a comparatively small country school to a District High School, by far the largest outside the city in this education district, and while it has increased in numbers it has also increased in efficiency until the results attained by the Masterton District High School have placed it in the front rank of the educational establishments of the Dominion, and the efficiency is due in a very large measure to your devotion to the work of your school and to the sacrifice of your own personal interests to those of the children under your care. While congratulating you upon the attainment of your majority they desire to express their warm appreciation of your work and to acknowledge that many of these children have obtained responsible and honourable positions, and all have been better fitted for the battle of life by your kindly interest in their education and welfare, and one and all join in the hope that you may long be spared to carry on your good work in the Masterton School. Signed on behalf of the Masterton District High School Committee and the subscribers hereto.

R. BROWN, Chairman. W. M. EASTHOPE, Secretary.

Mr Jackson was then presented by Mr Brown with a handsome, solid silver tea and coffee service and an address in album form containing the names of 500 subscribers and engraved with Mr Jackson's monogram. Mr Jackson, on rising to respond, was received with loud applause. No words could convey to them, he said, his appreciation of their kindness. If he said "thank you," no matter how earnestly, it did not convey any idea of his feelings. He had been fortunate in having a good school and in following one of the finest teachers the Dominion had had (applause); he had been fortunate in having been able to keep in touch not only with the children but the parents of the children (applause); he had been fortunate also in having a loyal set of colleagues, who had done all in their power to assist them (applause). Since December 16th, 1888, he had admitted to the school up to date 8876 children. There were then 567, while at present there were 860, so that altogether he had had under his care 9443 children. (Applause.) In conclusion he thanked them again very sincerely presentation.

A thoroughly enjoyable musical programme under the supervision of Mr G. Branson, was rendered during the evening, as follows:—Misses McKenzie and Milne, pianoforte duet; Mr W. S. Jago, song; Miss W. Daniell, recitation (encored); Miss W. Jones, pianoforte solo (encored); Mr A. Webb, recitation; Misses W. Jones and I. McKenzie, pianoforte duet (encored);

Miss G. McKenzie, song (encored); Miss Waddington, pianoforte solo; Mr L. Webb, recitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs O. Pragnell, O. Perry and H. O'Leary

14th July 1910 A WORTHY MASTER. PRESENTATION TO MR W: H. JACKSON.

GATHERING AT TOWN HALL,

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather last evening, there was a large attendance at the public meeting held in the Town Hall for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr W. H. Jackson, who has occupied the position of Headmaster of the Masterton District High School for the past 21 years. Mr J. M. Coradine (Mayor) presided, and the stage was also occupied by members of the School Committee and other public bodies in Masterton, and prominent citizens. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs O Pragnell, C. Perry, and H. O'Leary of Wellington, all whom expressed appreciation of the valuable services Mr Jackson had rendered as Headmaster of the Masterton District High School.

The Mayor said he was pleased to be present at such a gathering. He desired to take this opportunity of thanking those who had promoted the presentation. Masterton had been greatly favoured in having a gentleman like Mr Jackson at the head of its school. He had abilities most suitable to the position he held. Those who knew Mr Jackson in public life were aware of his devotion to the school. "Mr Jackson is so interested and devoted to his school that he would annex Trust Lands Trust, Borough Council, in fact the whole town, for the school," said Mr Coradine. (Applause). Where was therein the Dominion a more capable and enthusiastic schoolmaster than Mr Jackson. His devotion to the children of his school was a strong and excellent trait in his character. His whole life seemed centred in the school children, and he as Mayor was proud to preside at such a function in honour of so worthy a gentleman as Mr Jackson. (Applause).

Mr C. E. Daniell said that first of all he would like to thank the audience for having braved the elements that night. It was a high compliment to Mr Jackson. (Loud applause). He had been associated publicly with Mr Jackson in many ways, They had held different views at times, but they had got on excellently together. As the Mayor had said, Mr Jackson was always fighting for the schools-looking for something for the benefit of the "boys' and girls of Masterton. As a parent he was deeply indebted to Mr Jackson for the interest he had taken in the school and he was pleased to be able to thank Mr Jackson in this connection from a public platform. "My children have been better for Mr Jackson's advice and guidance in their school Days said the speaker. Mr Daniell referred to Mr Jackson's excellent service in regard to the Technical School, The agricultural garden at the Main School was a standing monument to Mr Jackson's interest in his children. (Loud applause.)

Mr K. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, in presenting Mr Jackson with a solid silver tea and coffee service, and an address in album form, suitably engraved, and containing the names of 500 subscribers, said that it had fallen to his lot to make a presentation at one of the most pleasant functions he had ever taken part in in his capacity as chairman of the school

committee. He paid a high tribute to Mr Jackson's abilities, and placed particular stress on his devotion to the children, and the keen interest he takes in them. In the confidential reports received by the committee concerning the Masterton School, the tone, discipline and morality of the school were always referred to as excellent.

Mr Brown then made the presentation to Mr Jackson amid rounds of applause. Mr Jackson on rising to reply, was greeted with rounds of applause. "Mr Chairman, ladies and gentleman old boys and girls, and members of my present family," commenced Mr Jackson, amid laughter. When he had gained success at college at Home, his father had said to him: "Teach well, my boy, and teach straight," and he had always endeavoured to carry out this advice. He had been one of the fortunate teachers. He had taken over the Masterton School from a good teacher, Mr Grundy, who was one of the best masters in New Zealand. He had taken charge of a school that was then looked upon as the model school of the Wellington Province. It was a hard task when one took over a school having such an excellent reputation to keep it up to its high standard and make a good show. He had been fortunate in having worked under 21 splendid school committees, all of whom had helped him. He had been fortunate, too, in having a loyal set of colleagues assisting him at the school each day. He had never had a difference with a teacher and had never had occasion to dismiss a boy from the school. When he had taken charge of the school on September 16th, 1888, there were 567 pupils attending the school. He had admitted since 8,876 children; 9,443 children had passed through the school, "860 of whom are with me now as my present family," said Mr Jackson. (Applause). There had always been an excellent teaching staff at the school, and he instanced the present headmasters of the Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, Lansdowne, Eketahuna, and Mangatainoka Schools, three first assistants of the largest school in Wellington, and Mr Robert Darroch, Mr Hopkirk, Inspector Bakewell, and Miss Craig, all of whom had at one time or another been teaching at the Masterton School. In conclusion he thanked all those who had subscribed to the presentation. Words could not adequately express his feelings for the honour done to him that evening. He expressed his thanks to those present for attending and to the Mayor and other gentlemen for the part they had taken in honouring him.

Before the gathering dispersed Mr Brown moved a hearty vote of thanks to those who had rendered musical items, the programme having been drawn up by Mr G. Branson. This was carried by acclamation

The following is a copy of the address presented to Mr Jackson:— "Masterton, July, 1910

To Mr W. H. Jackson, Headmaster of the District High School. Dear Sir, — The members of the School Committee, and many of your old pupils and friends, wish to mark in a tangible way their appreciation of the fact that you have completed, this year 21 years' service as headmaster of the Masterton School, and therefore ask your acceptance of this testimonial. Under your care the Masterton School has grown from a comparatively small country school to a District High School, by far the largest outside the city in this education district, and while it has increased in numbers it has also increased in efficiency until the results attained by the Masterton District High School have placed it in the front rank of the educational establishments of the Dominion, and the efficiency is due in a very large measure to your devotion to the work of your school and to the sacrifice of your own, personal interests to those of the children under your care. While congratulating you upon the attainment of your majority, they desire to express their warm appreciation of your work, and to acknowledge

that many of their children have obtained responsible and honourable positions and all have been better fitted for the battle of life by your kindly interest in their education and welfare and one and all join in the hope that you may long be spared to carry on your good work in the Masterton School.—Signed, on behalf of the Masterton District High School Committee and the subscribers hereto > R. BROWN, Chairman; W M. EASTHOPE, Secretary.

During the evening items were given by the following ladies and gentlemen Miss Daniell (encored), Mr A. Webb. Mr L. Webb, Songs: Miss G. McKenzie (encored), and Mr W. S. Jago. Piano solos: Misses McKenzie and Milne, Miss W. Jones, Miss Waddington, and Misses McKenzie and W, Jones.

15th July 1910 The monthly meeting of the, Masterton School Committee which was to have been held last evening lapsed for want of a quorum, those present being Messrs K. Brown, A. Chapman,. W. Hendry and the secretary, Mr W M. Easthope

1st August 1910 Miss Bradbury, who is severing her connection with the Masterton District High School, to take up a position under the Hawke's Bay Education Board, was last Thursday presented with a set of Japanese work boxes by the pupils of her class as a mark of their esteem. Miss Bradbury was also the recipient of two other presentations, one from her ex-pupils and the other from the staff of the school, who gave her a silver mounted smelling salts bottle and gold pearl pendant, respectively. *Miss Annie Bradbury went to Clive School*

4th August 1910 A letter has been received by the chairman of the Miki Miki school from the Education Board, advising that the Miki Miki school be closed this week as for a winter vacation, owing to there not being a relieving teacher immediately available. The settlers in the district are indebted to Mr Vile, a member of the Education Board, for his prompt action in the matter, and the school will be reopened on Monday next, either by Miss Bright, the teacher appointed, or by a relieving teacher from the Masterton school.

12th August 1910 The Rev. C. Porter, who has left the district, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Masterton District High School Committee. The resignation was last night; accepted with regret, and Mr J. L. Hughes was appointed to fill the vacancy caused on the Committee by the resignation.

In his monthly report to the Masterton District High School Committee, last evening, Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, mentioned that there were several children who had made no attendances for months. These children were affected with scabies, contracted before they came to Masterton, and their attendance was prohibited until they were reported free from the disease. The children had now lost the greater part of a year's schooling. Mr Jackson stated that to him it was pitiful that these children, who were intelligent youngsters, should be so neglected when they could have been cured in two or three weeks. The Secretary reported having made certain enquiries in the matter. A suggestion was made that the Education Board be addressed in reference to the case, and this suggestion was adopted

12th August 1910 The Masterton School Committee has confirmed the appointment of Miss I Bland as an assistant at the Masterton District High School

12th August 1910 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present Messrs R. Brown (chairman), G. Townsend, T. J. Thompson, A. W. Chapman, W. C. Perry. A. Hendry and E. H. Waddington.

The treasurer reported a credit balance at last meeting of £93 lie, and at the present meeting, after paying accounts, of £74 13s. The first instalment from the Trust Lands Trust had been forwarded to the Education Board. ,

The report of the headmaster showed the roll number at the main school to be 613; average attendance, 543; and percentage of attendances, 89. The side school showed roll number 177; average attendance, 152; and percentage of attendances, 86. In the secondary classes the roll number was 60, average attendance 56, and percentage of attendances 93." It was also reported that Miss Hogg, assistant, who was granted a month's leave of absence on account of eye trouble, she has returned to her duties. Miss Bradbury, assistant, retired from the staff on the 29th ult. Miss White, of the Board's relieving staff was at present temporarily filling the vacancy. The third assistant in the secondary department was absent on the 4th and 5th inst. on account of illness. One of the pupil teachers had been absent this week from the same cause.

Accounts amounting to £17 9s 11d were passed for payment. Mr Chapman, one of the visiting members, reported having visited the side school, in company with Mr Waddington and the headmaster. It was recommended that the school grounds be graded and asphalted, and that the native grass be destroyed. It was thought that the Education Board would probably contribute a portion of the cost. The visiting members suggested that estimates of the cost of the work be obtained.—On the motion of Mr Hendry, seconded by Mr Perry, the matter was left in the hands of a sub-committee with power to invite tenders for the work, and it was decided to make application to the Education Board for one-half the cost.

The attendance report for the month was received, and action decided upon in certain cases.

Messrs Thompson, Townsend and Waddington were appointed a visiting committee, and the meeting adjourned.

13th August 1910 A skin disease has broken out among the children attending the schools in one or two parts of the Wairarapa. The Masterton District High School Committee intends approaching the Education Board on the matter.

15th August 1910 The session of Miss Talbot's cookery class at the Masterton District High School concluded on Friday last, when the senior pupils entertained the teaching staff at afternoon tea. The whole of the refreshments, which were of a toothsome character, were provided by the pupils themselves.

31st August 1910 The Wellington Education Board has made a vote of £20 to assist the Masterton District High School Committee to asphalt the playground at the infant school.

31st August 1910 Master T. R. Hancock, of Tinui, a promising pupil in the Masterton District High School, has surrendered the scholarship that he won, having accepted a cadetship in the Land Office at New Plymouth.

6th September 1910 HIGH SCHOOL FOR MASTERTON Probably there is no township in New Zealand more liberally endowed, from an education point of view, than Masterton. Here we have a Trust, created by our forebears specially dedicated to the cause of education. The revenues of this Trust are annually increasing, and the moneys are being dispensed as the demands of the district occur and the wisdom of the Trustees dictates. Splendid work has been achieved in the past in assisting the various scholastic institutions under the jurisdiction of the Trust, and there is more important work to be done in the future. From the configuration of the district, Masterton is the natural centre of a large and fertile area of

country. It is the distributing market for a population of nearly 30,000 people. As such, it is in duty bound to maintain its local institutions in keeping with its important, environments. For some years past the district has been served with a District High School under the able control of Mr W. H. Jackson. The secondary classes at the school have been well patronised, and they have served a useful purpose so far as the educational requirements of the district are concerned. But, at the most, they are only a small stage removed from the higher primary classes which existed a few years ago. They do not furnish the education required to fit a child for the Civil Service or the University. The education imparted in the District High School is not to be compared with that of the Wellington College or Girls' High School And yet. the boy who takes a proficiency certificate in a Wellington primary school is-entitled to a free place in the Wellington College. Why should Masterton not have a High School proper, which would afford the children of the district an opportunity of acquiring an extended higher education? The District High School at Palmerston North, which was instituted after that of Masterton, was disestablished some years ago in favour of a High School proper. The Dannevirke District High School followed suit, and now a strong agitation is afoot among School Committees in the Hutt Valley for the establishment of a High School there. Why should Masterton be satisfied with a District High School, when, with practically no effort, it could secure a High School, with the services of a Rector and an efficient staff? The value of such an institution to the district cannot be over-estimated. At the present time dozens of boys and girls of the wealthier classes in this district are sent to Wellington, Wanganui, Dunedin and other colleges. For why? Because we have no institution in the district which imparts the education required. With such a splendid endowment as the Trust Lands, coupled with the revenues ,of School Commissioners' reserves which at present go to the Wellington ,and other colleges, Masterton should possess a High School which would not only serve the requirements of the immediate surroundings of the town, but which would attract scholars from all parts of the Wairarapa and Forty-Mile Bush, besides other portions of the Dominion. The establishment of a High School would involve the disestablishment of the present District High School. On the broad ground of educational policy, this would be a very desirable thing. The cost of providing a High School would, perhaps, be considerable, but the benefits which would accrue to the -whole community would be of such a substantial and permanent character that the question of expense should be regarded as a secondary matter. Masterton has shown its ability to carry through any project it takes in hand. Here is one which must appeal to all who have at heart the welfare of the rising generation and of the township in which they live If the School Committees of the district, together with the Trust Lands Trust, were to confer upon the subject, a scheme would be very quickly propounded which would make for the good of the community. Possibly the Trust Lands Trustees, who are, presumably, animated with a desire to do permanent to the cause of education, will see their way clear to give this matter their consideration.

9th September 1909 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held in the office of the secretary (Mr W. M. Easthope) last evening, there, being present—Messrs A. W. Chapman (in the chair), J. L. Hughes, A. Hendry. G. Townsend, T. Thompson, J. Heyhoe, O. Perry and E. B. Waddington. An apology tor absence was received from Mr R. Brown, who, however, attended the meeting later in the evening.

CORRESPONDENCE. Correspondence was dealt with as follows : — From the Wellington Education Board, stating that the inspector' annual visit to the Masterton District High School would be paid on or about September 20th.— Received. from same, stating that the Board had authorised a grant of £20 for drainage in accordance with the application of the Committee, provided that the Committee undertake to find the balance necessary to complete the work. —It was decided to proceed with the work. From same, stating that the Board had appointed Miss E. Bland.to the position of assistant at the Masterton School, and that the new teacher would commence her duties on September 12th.— Received. From same, forwarding the following resolution :—" That before any structural attention of any school building, or site alteration or improvement, is undertaken by a School Committee, the sanction of the Board should be obtained by the committee, " —Received.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The. headmaster's report was read as follows : — Attendance.—Main School, roll 595, average attendance 545. percentage of attendance 92; Side School 180. 161, 90; Secondary Classes, 60, 55, 92. The attendance for the month has been good. I enclose the usual absentee report. Staff.—Miss N. Pinhey, of the Side School staff, retired on the 2nd inst., in order to take up another appointment. (Sole Teacher at Judgeford School) The second assistant master was absent last week through illness.

Annual Examination.—I have received intimation that, the annual examination of the school will be conducted by Inspectors Bakewell and Tennant on Monday, the 20th inst., and the following days.

Secondary Classes.—I have pleasure in reporting to the committee the, success of one of the pupils of our secondary classes Thomas Hancock, who was one of the thirteen successful Civil Service candidates from our school, and who was awarded a senior Board scholarship, has just been given a Civil Service appointment. Of the successful ,matriculation pupils from this school sixteen are at present attending Victoria College, one the Otago University and one Canterbury College.

Donations.— I have pleasure in reporting the following donations to the school funds for school garden work : Mr H. G. Williams £1, Mr J. Wingate 5s, W.F.C.A.. special seed potatoes, Loan and Mercantile Co., per Mr F. W. Carey, supply of artificial manures.—W H. Jackson, headmaster.

GENERAL. Mr J. L. Hughes was welcomed to the committee by the chairman. A vote of thanks was accorded the donors of subscriptions, seeds and manures for the school gardens. The secretary was instructed to advertise for tenders for asphaltting at the school, and to notify the Board of the work.

Messrs Brown, Chapman and Hendry were appointed a visiting committee for the month. The treasurer reported the receipt of capitation £27 and trust grant £30 18s 6d. The credit balance at the bank was £108 6s. Accounts totalling £22 7s were passed for payment.

9th September 1910 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening,, there being present "Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Hughes, Hendry, Townsend, Thompson, Heyhoe, Perry, and E. H. Waddington. The Education Board forwarded a grant of £20 towards /asphaltting at the side school. Mr .Hughes, the new member, took his : seat, and was welcomed by the chairman. It was stated that a person was in the habit of stealing the flowers at the side school grown by the children

10th September 1910 The report furnished by Mr W. H. Jackson to the District High School Committee on Thursday night, to the effect that sixteen ex-pupils of the school were now attending the various Universities of the Dominion, is matter for sincere congratulation. The fact, however, does not in any way remove the necessity for the establishment in Masterton of something more pretentious than a District High School. What is wanted -is an institution which will attract students from Wellington and outside districts, and thus make Masterton an important educational centre. With such a valuable endowment as is possessed by the Trust Lands Trust, there is no reason why this district should not offer educational facilities far in advance of those already possessed, and which will bear favourable comparison with those of Wanganui and other parts.

13th September 1910 Miss F. Lazarus, formerly of Hobart, has been appointed assistant mistress at the Masterton District High School.

26th September 1910 The tender of Messrs Rose and Mason has been accepted by the Wellington Education Board for the erection of a fence round the workshop and museum in connection with the Masterton School.

1st October 1910 In his annual report, just issued, the secretary of the Wellington Schools' Cricket Association says:— The annual match with Wairarapa was played at Masterton on the 19th March in glorious summer weather and resulted in a victory for Wairarapa by 38 runs. Our boys were accompanied on the trip by Mr Cowles, of the Normal School, and myself, and we desire to place on record some small notice of the handsome way in which we were all treated the boys, under sunny skies, received a thorough insight into the pleasures of country life, and the treatment extended to Mr Cowles and myself was one long banquet. I feel that special mention must be made of Mr and Mrs Jackson, whose hospitality is legion, the lady teachers and girls of the Masterton District High School, Messrs Haslam and Bunting, the Golf Club, and the Masterton Club.

3rd October 1910 The annual examination of the scholars of the Masterton District High School was completed on Friday by Inspectors Bakewell and Tennant, and the children are today enjoying an "inspector's holiday."

14th October 1910 Misses F. Lazarus and E. Bland have been appointed to fill the vacancies on the Masterton School staff caused by the resignations of Misses Bradbury and Pinhey

14th October 1910 The headmaster of the Masterton School (Mr. W. H. Jackson) submitted the following report in regard to the attendances at the school during the past month to the meeting of the School Committee last night:—Main School: Roll 607, average 559, percentage 92. Side School: Roll 185, average 167, percentage 90. Secondary Classes: Roll 59, average 54, percentage 92.

The headmaster reported, inter alia, to the Masterton School Committee meeting last evening.—The attendance for the month has been very good. I enclose the usual absentee report. Of the six names in 'the report, four have appeared in every report for many months. I anticipate that, for a time, future absentee reports will contain a fairly large number of names until parents, have adapted themselves to the more stringent attendance regulations contained in the new Education Act Amendment Act. A parent is now required to send his child to school every time the school is open. At the present time there are a large number of parents who allow their children to lose the full 20 per cent, of attendances permitted by the old regulations. The operation of the new regulations resulted in greatly improved school

attendance. For the year 1889 the percentage of attendance at your school was 81. For the present year, it is 91. The new regulations -should result in. a still higher percentage.

14th October 1910 The monthly meeting of the Masterton. School Committee was held last evening. There were present Messrs R. Brown, chairman, Townsend, A. Hendry, L. J. Hughes, J. Heyhoe, and T. J. Thompson. The treasurer's statement showed, balance at last meeting, £108 6s 1d; receipts, £33 0s 4d; expenditure, £21 12s; balance to date,, £11 14s 5d. Accounts amounting to £28 1s 5d were passed for payment.

Mr Hendry moved that it be a suggestion that the day on which the Navy League School Excursion to Wellington be held be a Wednesday, either the 16th or 23rd of November. This was seconded by Mr Thompson and carried.

Mr R. Brown moved that the sum of £5 be voted for maps and diagrams and £5 for scientific appliances. —Carried.

It was decided that the Committee obtain the consent of the Trust Lands Trust and Education Board. in reference to the erection of the miniature rifle range to be erected on the land adjoining the School Museum. Messrs Heyhoe, Hughes and Perry were appointed a visiting committee.

15th October 1910 Mr. E. G. Eton asked, at the. meeting of the Masterton Trust Lands Trustees last evening, if the Trust justified in making scholarship funds towards children who came from outside the Small Farm Settlement. It appears that a pupil from Eketahuna attended the Masterton District High School, matriculated, and was granted a scholarship of £10. It was pointed out that there was a resolution on the minutes of the Trust, to the effect that the grant should be made to all children matriculating at High School.

17th October 1910 THE "UPPER HOUSE." MR BROWN'S APPOINTMENT WANTED.

The following is the text of a petition now being largely signed in this district, asking the Prime Minister to appoint Mr Richard Brown to the Legislative Council:—

We, the undersigned residents of the Wairarapa and Pahiatua electorates, desire humbly to petition you to appoint to the Legislative Council Mr Richard Brown, J.P., of Masterton. We desire respectfully to point out in support of our petition the fact that in a district extending from Palliser Bay to Woodville there is not a single representative on the Legislative Council, notwithstanding the fact that the said district is important and populous. In recommending the appointment of Mr R. Brown, we feel sure that we have selected a gentleman possessing very high qualifications for the position. He has for over thirty years occupied the position of Town Clerk in Masterton, and during that time acquired an invaluable knowledge of every kind of local body work, and an intimate acquaintance with local bodies' legislation. He is a recognised authority for a wide distance round on the statutes pertaining to municipal administration, and he himself was instrumental in securing amendments to many Acts governing local bodies. The Municipal Association was practically formed on the lines suggested by him to the Wellington City Council when Mr Hutchison was Mayor, and during the late Mr George Fisher's Mayoralty. He has also been active in proposing and pushing on the question of superannuation for local body servants. Mr Brown has drafted Bills for the Masterton Trust Lands Trust and Masterton Borough, and attended meetings of Parliamentary Committees in this connection, and in that of the Fire Brigades Act, certain amendments to the original Act being of his suggestion. Since as far back as 1876 Mr Brown has kept closely in touch with general politics and particularly where matters of national importance have

been concerned. In 1876 he energetically applied himself to land reform, and through his assiduity in bringing the matter under Parliamentary notice by means of deputation from the Masterton Small Farmers' Association the Land Acts of 1877-D were passed. For several years Mr Brown has been chairman of the Wairarapa School Committees' Association, and he has held the chairmanship of the Masterton District High School Committee for a number of years. He is regarded as holding exceedingly progressive and enlightened views on the matter of education, and his reputation in this connection is not merely local. In practically every institution and organisation having for its object the advancement of the district in every respect Mr Brown has been an untiring and wholly unselfish worker. Above all other personal Qualifications possessed by Mr Brown, your petitioners value his well-balanced and superior intelligence. his philosophic temperament, combined with keen assimilative powers, befit him admirably for a position in the Upper Chamber having the functions of our Legislative Council, and we feel assured that his appointment to the Council would give universal satisfaction. He is held in the highest esteem throughout a wide district, in the midst of which he has laboured actively for a very long period

19th October 1910 Sir,—I believe that you have a museum in your little township, of which, I understand, you are very proud. Will you kindly tell me where it is. and if it is open to the public? Has it any distinguishing mark or sign about it by which it may be known? I have been in your dry town about six weeks now and have not had the pleasure of looking upon your preserved snakes and such which I understand are a rarity now that No License obtains. — Thanking you kindly in anticipation, I am, etc., HERR VON PEDERAST.

(There is only a small museum maintained in connection with the Masterton High School. A quantity of methylated spirits, taken internally, will, however, generally produce an interesting variety of snakes. —Ed. W.D.T

22nd October 1910 Nelson's column in Trafalgar Square was decorated to-day in honour of the 105th anniversary of his great victory. Many wreaths were sent, including one from the descendants of the officers who fell at Trafalgar, and several from colonial branches of the Navy League. At THE MASTERTON SCHOOL. The scholars attending the Masterton District High School assembled yesterday afternoon in honour of Trafalgar Day. The headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, addressed the children and pointed out the effect that great battle had had upon the history of the world. In the course of his remarks Mr Jackson stated that the day was not kept as a day of rejoicing, because the British had beaten the French, but that it was the last bid England was forced to make for her freedom, and she had won. Mr H. G. Williams, President of the Masterton branch of the Navy League, also spoke, and the Cadets saluted the flag, and were dismissed.

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board The Health Department notified that on account of the difficulty in dealing with certain children in Masterton, who were suffering from scabies, it was proposed making a short amendment of the Act including scabies in the list of infectious diseases.

26th October 1910 Permission was granted the Masterton District High School Committee at yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board to erect a miniature rifle range in the school grounds.

11th November 1910 The Masterton School Museum has been presented with a fine collection of mineral specimens from Australia, including silver, tin, copper and other ores, by Mr W. M. Cole.

11th November 1910 The monthly meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School was held in the office of the secretary (Mr W. M. Easthope) last evening. There were present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), O Perry, A. W. Chapman, A. Hendry, T. J. Thompson, Q. Townsend, J. Heyhoe and J. Hughes. An apology for absence was received from Mr E. H. Waddington, to whom leave of absence was granted.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported as follows:— Attendance : Main School roll 631, average attendance 588, percentage of attendance 94; side School 188, 175, 91; Secondary School 57, 54, 95. The attendance for the month has been highly satisfactory. The four children who were affected with scabies, and whose attendance was prohibited, have been re-admitted on the production of a medical certificate stating that they are now free from the disease. There are no other cases in the school. All the five cases we have had were Imported into this district. The museum rooms are now nearly ready for the reception of the exhibits to be handed over by the Trust Lands Trust. I shall be glad to confer with the museum sub-committee regarding the laying off of the paths round the buildings.

GENERAL. Mr Chapman reported that the subcommittee set up to deal with matters in connection with the museum had let a contract amounting to £9 for the erection of benches at the museum.— The action, of the subcommittee was confirmed, _ Mr Chapman also reported that the sub-committee had let a contract for the erection of the miniature rifle range. The amount of the tender was £35, and the contractors, Messrs Rose and Mason, intended commencing the work immediately.—this action was also confirmed. The secretary was instructed to write to the Government Geologist with a view of obtaining his services to arrange the exhibits in the museum. ,

Messrs Thompson, Townsend and Waddington were appointed a visiting committee for the month. The treasurer's statement showed that the balance at last meeting was £120 18s 5d, receipts since £107 9s 7d, expenditure £33 9s 5d, balance at date £140 19s. Accounts amounting to £60 5s 2d were passed for payment.

16th November 1910 NEXT WEEK'S EXCURSION,

EIGHT SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING. The Navy League School excursion for the Wairarapa to Wellington on Thursday, the 24th, promises to be a great success. Already eight schools have notified the Secretary that they intend to take advantage of this easy and cheap manner of spending a good day's outing, and Masterton, Lansdowne, Te Ore Ore, Taueru, Fernridge, Clareville, Featherston, and Martinborough are sending contingents. The train will only stop at Clareville and Featherston to pick up the children and at Kaitoke for refreshments. The timetable will be as follows: Down—Masterton, 8 30 a.m.; Clareville, 8.50 a.m.; Featherston, 9.40 a.m., and Wellington, 12.45 a.m. Up—Wellington, 6-7 p.m.; Featherston, 9.14 p.m.; Clareville, 9.55 p.m., and Masterton, 10.15 p.m. Very liberal fares have been arranged by the Navy League, and are as follows, the fares being return—From Masterton, under 15 Is 2d, senior scholars and teachers 2s 10d. adults 3s 9d; from Clareville, Is 4d. 2s 6d and 3s 3d; from Featherston Is 1d, Is 11d, and 2s 6d. On the arrival of the train at Wellington the carriages will be locked, and those desirous of leaving their coats, etc., in the

carriages will not need to carry them around during their visit to the warships. It is probable that both the Governor, Lord Islington, and the Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, will address the children on landing, and also that the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Richard Moore, will say a few words to the Navy Leaguers when aboard the Powerful.

22nd November 1910 SPECIAL MEE'ING. > A special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held in Mr R. Brown's office last evening, there being present Messrs R. Brown, chairman, J. Heyhoe, A. Chapman, A. Hendry, T. J. Thompson, G. A. Townsend, and L. J. Hughes. Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, and Messrs H. G. Williams and E. B. B. Daniel, representing the Navy League, waited on the meeting in regard to the train excursion on Thursday next. It was explained that a difficulty had arisen owing to there being only 127 children's tickets and 30 adult tickets available for the Masterton School, in addition to the Navy League children, leaving several hundreds unprovided for. Mr Jackson had received applications from 169 parents, and it was quite impossible to fix up the excursion under the circumstances. After fully discussing the matter, it appeared that the Railway Department had offered to put on three extra carriages on to the ordinary first morning train to Wellington, but the passengers by that train would have to return by the 3.30 p.m. train. It was stated that the Railway Department positively declined to provide any further accommodation than for 800 on the excursion train, and that the accommodation was fully taxed by those who had already been provided for, including, besides Masterton, the Fernridge, Lansdowne, Te Ore Ore, Clareville, and Featherston Schools. Regret was expressed by the members of the School Committee at the failure of the Department to provide for more of the Masterton School children and parents, and it was finally decided to accept the three extra carriages by the ordinary morning train and make the school excursion on a scale accordingly.

23rd November 1910 A SCHOOL EXCURSION.

- OR A SHOPPING EXPEDITION ? "Queen-Street", writes as follows to the, editor of the Age:—"From the reports which are appearing in your paper it, is quite evident-that the so-called school excursion on Thursday is to be nothing more nor less than a "shopping expedition" for parents. I am told that fully a couple. of hundred heads of families are going to Wellington, not to show their offspring the sights of the city and the man-o'-war, but to see friends and do a little shopping. Special cars are being put on the early train, chiefly for the benefit of parents who want the cheap trip. All of this is very nice. But it is very bad for the town. Why should people be given cheap fares to go to Wellington to do their shopping? The thing, at any rate, should be made cut both ways. ' The Navy League, or some other League, should get the Wellington schools closed for a day and bring' the youngsters and their parents, to Masterton to -see the benefits of No-license., and to spend a few of their spare sixpences with our tradesmen."

25th November 1910 THE NAVY LEAGUE. CHILDREN'S EXCURSION.

AN ENJOYABLE OUTING,

The Navy League excursion to the flagship of the Australasian fleet, an outing that had been anticipated with a great degree of pleasure by school children in this district, took place yesterday. The weather was perfect for the journey-and remained so throughout the day—and it was a gay assembly of smiling, happy children that was to be seen at the Masterton station at half-past eight in the morning. _ The Journey Down. The panting and puffing engines drew

away from Masterton a heavy train-load of youngsters, who had come from the Masterton, Lansdowne, To Ore Ore and Taueru schools. The first stop was made at Kuripuni, where the Fernridge children were taken aboard. The Clareville, Kahautara and Kaiwairangi schools were also picked up along the line. At Featherston the Tauherenikau children were waiting in three extra carriages, which were connected without much loss of time. A good deal of shunting took place at Cross Creek, where no fewer than five of the powerful hill climbing engines were attached, one in front of every three carriages. There were in all three thousand people on board. The spectacle was it marvellous one, and photographers evidently realised that fact, for they were in evidence at several places along the line over the hill. From the Summit, where the engines were again changed, it took a very short time to run down to Kaitoke, where the excursionists invaded the tearooms. Apart from a few broken cups, everything went off smoothly. The train then made a non-stop run to Wellington. On Board the Powerful. The arduous journey over, the children, whose faces expressed keen delight, were lined up ready to go on board H.M.S. Powerful. The train was met by Mr C. W. Palmer, secretary of the Wellington branch of the Navy League, who, together with the officers of the Masterton branch, very quickly and systematically placed the children in marching order. Headed by a Boy Scout, carrying the Union Jack, and the Masterton Battalion Band, the company marched through a portion of the city, down to the Ferry Company's wharf. Here the members of the Navy League boarded the Government's steamer Janie Seddon, which conveyed them to the flagship. Non-members of the League were conveyed in the Ferry Company's Duchess. The officers received the excursionists, and with much care showed them completely over the great warship. Many of the children were astonished at the size of the vessel, and they listened attentively to, and were greatly interested in, what was told them by the officers and sailors. The Powerful is a magnificent vessel, measuring some five hundred feet in length. One of the most interesting portions visited was the engine-room. The excursionists were taken right through, and the nature of the engines was thoroughly explained to them. There are two sets of engines, one for each of the twin screws. Many thousands of horse-power can be developed, and the vessel be driven at a speed of eighteen knots an hour. The engines were originally built for 22-knot service but are forty or fifty years old and not able to supply full speed. The men were seen at work at the stoke holes. Of these latter there are twelve for the purpose of heating the forty eight boilers. The whole of the ship is lighted by electricity, and the machinery for the purpose is very complete. There is an excellent dynamo, which was also inspected by the children, who were much interested. The guns had a greater fascination, however. Two 9 2-inch, sixteen G-inch. twelve 12-pounder and nine 3 pounder guns are carried. One child was heard to remark that he liked seeing the guns, but he would much rather hear them "go off." The torpedo tubes attracted a great deal of attention but were a mystery to a great many of the children, although the officers did their best to give a simple explanation of their working. The visitors were allowed to take a peep into the conning-tower—a strongly-built compartment that is used when the warship is in action. For purposes of peaceful navigation the vessel is steered from the quartermaster's deck.

Delighted with the experience of inspecting the Powerful the trip on the water, short though it was added greatly to the enjoyment of the outing. An ice-cream cart was a feature of one of

the ferry steamers. Just as the crowd left the warship three ringing cheers were given for the officers and men of the Powerful for the kindness they had shown towards the excursionists.

Fire Brigade Display

Not the least interesting part of the day's outing was a display by the Wellington Fire Brigade. The children marched to the Fire Brigade station and were arranged in a position where everything could be seen. The Brigade has a very up-to-date plant and every facility for quick turning out. The firemen, at a given signal, donned their hats and coats, and proceeded with surprising rapidity to prepare the plant for turning out to a fire. The doors of the horse-boxes opened, and the horses, without being driven, ran to their allotted places, where the men harnessed them to the engine. In eight seconds from the time of the sounding of the dong the Brigade was out on the street. Needless to say, the youthful spectators were immensely pleased with the work of the Brigade.

25th November 1910 THE TRIP TO WELLINGTON. "A SERIES OF MISTAKES." "A series of mistakes," is how the hon. secretary of the Wellington, branch of the Navy League (Mr. C. W. Palmer) describes the excursion of Wairarapa school children to Wellington yesterday in connection with the young Navy Leaguers' visit to the flagship. According to Mr. Palmer there were large numbers of children from the Wairarapa who were not members of the league and had no interest in it, nor in the British Navy nor in the flagship. For them "England's all," as it was represented- in Wellington Harbour by the Powerful, the Encounter, and the Cambrian, possessed no attractions. All they were down for was a cheap trip to Wellington, and they got it. Young Masterton residents and their parents and other adult friends had a trip to town at 1s 6d for children and 3s for grown-ups, as against 5s 8d and 11s 4d respectively, the ordinary fare; but "although they travelled under the auspices of the league," says- Mr. Palmer, "they had no interest in it." Then, being with their parents, they got out of control of the schoolmasters, Some went out to Newtown Park, some spent the time in looking, at the shops, others, visited Wellington friends. The bona fide leaguers, to the number of 250, together with 135 teachers and other adults and the Masterton Brass Band, went off in the Janie Seddon to the flagship. There they had a good time on board, but the officers and crew of the flagship expected far many more guests, and the decks were accordingly cleared for action. The Ferry Company's Duchess, capable of carrying 1000 passengers, was specially put on for -conveying non-leaguers and others to the flagship. She took "nearly " 100. DWINDLING NUMBERS. A few missed their passages it is true, and, after hanging around Admiralty Steps in the vain hope of getting off in the Admiral's gig or at least the Maltee's bumboat, gave up waiting and rambled off to see the town instead. There were expected, too, at the special City Fire Brigade display some 700 or 800 children; there were about 250. At the organ recital in the "Town Hall there were expected fully as many : the vast hall contained a sprinkling of about 150 children but the City Organist (Mr. Maughan Barnett), undismayed, undiscouraged, played on. Mr. Cecil Palmer by this time realised that a stampede had set in, that even the few faithful leaguers were a fast melting company, notwithstanding that liquid refreshment had been provided for them at the Town Hall.

THE- CHILDREN STAMPEDED. "I telephoned to Government House," Mr. Palmer informed a Post reporter, "in order that His Excellency should know the state of affairs, and so leave it to him to decide whether it was worth while addressing the fast dwindling children. Alas, I could not get a reply in time. With bucket and swab I personally cleared up

the mess the children made in the Town Hall in drinking the liquid refreshment, and then dashed off to the Mission to Seamen's Hall. Here, you know, it had been arranged that His Excellency should 'address the ' children. We expected between 800 and 1000 — over 1000 came down. But there were not 100 children and adults present. The headmasters, or most of them, were there; so were Mr. Hugh Williams, the Masterton president, and Mr. Daniel, the local secretary. His Excellency decided not to give an address. "At the railway station," Mr. Palmer continued, "children were arriving an hour before time — some of them — fearful of losing their train. It was impossible to get the children together for the Governor's address — they were scattered all over the city, and many of them were at tea. They were beyond control of their schoolmasters. There has been a 'series of mistakes. It was most unfortunate, because with the Manawatu children who came down the day before we were successful. They enjoyed their visit to the ships and to the city ; but then they were all bona fide.as members of the league.

29th November 1910 —Evening Post I cannot allow to pass unnoticed the local in your issue of today, re the above event. No one regrets the unfortunate incident in connection with the Governor's address more than I do, but neither I nor anyone else could have prevented the breakdown of the "mad programme." Just fancy the insane folly of arranging for the crowd of excursionists to be addressed in a hall a quarter of a mile remote from the railway station at 5.45 p.m. (5.40 your contemporary the Age says) 22 minutes before the departure of the huge train, and two hours after 150 of the Masterton excursionists had left Wellington! At the very time named for the address to be given, the headmaster of the Masterton School, and other teachers were busy entraining scholars for the return journey and making sure that no scholars was missing. There would have been a big howl if the teachers of the different schools had allowed themselves and their scholars to be stranded in Wellington through missing the train, which left strictly to time. The secretary of the local branch of the Navy League disclaims all responsibility for the drawing up of the "mad programme," the whole object in connection with was, instead of being the pleasure comfort of the Navy Leaguers, for lime light effect only. Our local secretary, who was in complete control of the undertaking, should not have allowed himself and his Navy Leaguers to be committed to such stupid arrangements. The excursionists went to Wellington to see the battleship and any places they wished to visit, and not to be dragged about from the time their train arrived until it left. Here are the items on "the programme," which the Wellington Secretary evidently intended should be taken as "orders" :—On arrival, march to the ferry wharf (they were marched along the quay to the Queen's wharf and back to the ferry wharf!), march from the wharf, after leaving the battleship, to the Town Hall, march from there to the Seamen's Mission Hall, march from there to the train ! Is it to be wondered at that things went wrong? The Masterton School Committee and its staff undertook the control and care of the young people on the train journeys, and the supply of liquid refreshment, and this was carried out to the letter on all four trains. The school committee notified the secretary of the local branch of the Navy League, several weeks ago, that it would do this, and that it would require the Navy League officers to return to the train and custody of the committee and staff, the scholars the Navy League had taken charge of in Wellington. In reply to my inquiry, on our arrival in Wellington, regarding the arrangements made for the control of the marching from place to place, our local secretary informed me that the band was going to do that. Twenty-four

parents were prevented from accompanying their children to enable the band to do this ! My greatest regret in connection with the whole affair - that I allowed myself to be connected with an undertaking of the kind, the management of which was not in the hands of my committee and myself.—I am, etc.. W. H. JACKSON, Headmaster.

16th December 1910 Master Richard Webber of the Masterton District High School, has put up something in the way of a record, having attended school without a break for nine consecutive years. The Masterton school must now hold a record for New Zealand both as regards boys and girls. A former girl pupil attended school for eleven years without missing—in other words, this young lady, who is now pursuing a University course, has it to her credit that she attended school without a lapse from the day of her admission until she entered the University.

1st December 1910 Inspector Bakewell is at present ' making his annual examination of " the Masterton District High School.

5th December 1910 Excellent progress has been made with the construction of the miniature rifle range in connection with the District High School, and it is now nearing completion.

9th December 1910 The monthly meeting of members of the Masterton School Committee (to have been held last evening) lapsed for want of a quorum.

The miniature rifle range at the Masterton District High School will not be opened until after the Christmas vacation

The sanitary system in vogue at the Masterton District High School is one of the best in the Dominion. The method employed for disinfecting the school buildings has been favourably: commented upon, and is now being adopted elsewhere. Sawdust is mixed with Little's sheep dip and sprinkled on the floor every evening before the school is swept. This method has been adopted for the last fifteen years, and the school has been practically immune from disease.

The monthly report of the Headmaster of the Masterton School (Mr W. H. Jackson) stated, inter alia, in regard to the attendance:—Main School, roll 623, average attendance 591, percentage of attendance 95; Side School, 184, 168, 92; Secondary Classes, 53, 49, 92. The attendance record for the month is a very good one, and particularly so in the case of the Main School. In the latter department only 32 scholars, out of a roll of 623, have been absent, on the average, every day. " This indicates, of course, that there is very little sickness prevalent, and also that the daily disinfecting of the class-rooms is worth the extra trouble and expense .it entails.

16th December 1910 The Masterton District High School "broke up" yesterday for the Christmas holidays. The School Committee was represented by Mr I. J. Thomson, one of its members Who distributed the certificates addressed the scholars of the different classes. Following is the pass list:— Sixth Standard. Proficiency Certificates. - Arthur Andrews, Roy Brunton, Richard Cameron, Robin Darling. Alfred Easthope. Maurice Fly, George Forman, Roy Gardner, Joseph Gray, Peter Hartmann, Reynolds Hodge, Charles Hoffeins, Ormond Hooper, Cecil Johnson, Leo von Kaisenberg, Jack Kelly, William McMichael Edwin Meredith. Lincoln Murray, Herbert Newcombe, George Pember. Robert Petersen, Stafford Pinhey, Oswald Sykes, Leo Welch, Herbert Wood, Archibald Williams, John Young, Herbert Tornquist, Lily Cameron, Alma Carpenter, Elma Chapman. Phyllis Coutts, .Vida Dixon, Lily Easthope. Alice Golder, Louisa Gourlay, Edna Graham, Myrtle Hadley, Mary

Henson, Eva Lenz. Doris Madeley. Agnes McCormack, Dorothy McKenzie, Dorothy Perrin, Olive Pryor, Lena Shackleton, Elizabeth Stringer. Dorothy Vile, Maggie Williams, Eunice Wyber.

The above certificates entitle the holders to a Junior Free Place in a High School, or Technical School.

Competency Certificates. Leonard Corlett, William Corlett, William Davidson, Howard Devonport Albert Lewin, Frank Long, James McArley, Albert McCormack. Aileen Cooney, Kathleen Franklyn, Clarice Maxted, Violet Reardon.

Promoted to Standard VI,

Arthur Andrews, William Candy, Noel Cook, Maurice Cronin. Alfred Davidson, William Douglas, Reginald Graham, Frank Hoar, Guy Holmes, Archie Lee, Arthur Levick, Hamilton Logan, Harold Miller, Roy Moore, Wilfred Payne. Garnet Permain, Walter Peterson, Walter H. Peterson, Roy Pond, Sidney Pragnell, Arthur Saker, Victor Valler, Eiola Andrew, Bernice Billington, Hilda Davidson, Eileen Ewington, Grace Hooper, Muriel La Roche. Christina McMaster, Lizzie Peters. Fanny Pond, Nella Pragnell, Gladys Ware, Eileen Wilton, Mabel Build, Lucy Barker, Gladys Corlett, Myrtle, Cairns, Ada Deane, Violet Hoffeins, Isobel Judd, Chrissie Jamieson, Lily Jorgensen, Lily Lumley, May Lewin, Clementina Mackay, Ethel Madeley, Eileen Noble, Agnes Robbins, Violet Sillars, Ethel Welch. Leonard Davis, Daniel Davey, Henry Emerson. Roy Franks, Frederick Hunt, William Leach, Stanley Moor, Jack Petherick, Jack Tait, Violet Field, Eva Hausmann.

Promoted to Standard V.

William Ash, Harold Bedford, Walter Bedford, Alfred Cameron, Eric Candy, Donald Christie, Douglas De Castro, Harold Deadman, Reginald Deadman, Ernest Easthope, Rangi Elers, Alfred Fox, Walter Garrett, George Harding, Leslie Henderson, Hector Hendry. Alfred Henson, John McMaster. Stanley McEwen, Cecil Mandrell. Clarence Miller, Olive Newcombe, Mervyn Nicol, Murray Noble, Olive Pederson, Alan Reed, Hanan Thompson, Richard Tyacke, Charles Wellington, Arthur Williams, Geoffrey Wooding, Frank Yalden, Percy Davidson, Frauds Davies, Leta Budd, Dorothy Cant, Olive Cross, Grace Darling, Isla Ewart, Phyllis Falloon, Madge Gardner, Mabel Hooper. Annie Hausmann, Lily Holmes, Nellie Kendall, Dorothy Kelleher, Clara Leach, Mary McGregor, Mary McKenzie, Grace Moorhouse, Eileen Newcombe. Kitty Pownall, Lexie Pownall, Lilian Pember. Grace Pinkney, Chrissie Peters. Florence Pinhey, Eva Reid, Dorothy Stanyer, Mina Waddington, Doris Webb, Edna Welch. Violet Jimmieson, Mabel Newland, Harold De Castro.

Promoted to Standard IV.

Stephen Bishop, Wyndham Cook, Arthur Candy, Frank Cross, Alex. Dowling, Fred Dickinson, Sydney Dickinson, Stanley Dixon, Clarence Davies, Willie Corlett, Major Eton, Roy Flaws, Fred Gourlay, Gerald Gardner, Walter Hoar, John Judd, Alfred Lenz. Clarence Meredith, Hardy Meredith, Clifford Miles, Edgar Moore, George Mitchell, Len Price, Andrew Saba, Arnold Townsend, Kenneth Tinkham, Douglas Wood, Alfred Wood, George Welch, Harry Wilson, Baden Williams, Colin Mackersey, Willie O'Hara, Ida Anderson, Mary August, Lily Barker, Muriel Blockley, Connie Butement, May Beale, Grace Christie, Connie Corlett, Doris Chilton, Elsie Cragg, Elsie Deadman, Esme Dixon, Kathleen Dyer, Ethel Edge, Elsie Edmond, Trilby Falk, Ivy Garrett, Ethel Hunt, Ruby Jackson, Florrie Kerr, Bessie von Keisenberg, Alice Leach, Daisy Maxted, Kathleen McArley, Gladys Miller, Maud McKenzie,

Eva Nicol, Eva Patrick, Doris Remington, Beryl Payne, Pearl Smith, Ream Woodward, Florrie Wells, Hilda Webb, Grace Wellington, Ruby Wilton, Kate Young, Violet Webb, Promoter! to Standard 111. Rupert Blinkhorne, Fred Bengé, Cecil Crosbie, Kenneth Cameron, Fred Corlett, Gordon Cook, Arthur Clough, Clifford Dixon, Roy Dowling, Jack Eton, Frank Ewart, Bertie Fox, Douglas Graham, Stanley Johnson, Robert Keen, Reginald Lea, Rupert Lenz, Clinton Ladner, Nathaniel Miller, Cyril Porter, Roy Peterson, Lester Pryor, Willie Rooderkirk, Reggie Shackleton, Jack Snell, Edwin Tucker, Rupert Uren, Eric Volheim, James Wyber, Ernie Waters, Edgar Wilton, Lulu Bannister, Winnie Brewer, Stella Cairns, Sarah Candy, Lydia Clayton, Myrtle Davidson, Maggie Donald, Connie Donald, Mabel Hunter, Gladys Hunter, Dulcie Hughes, Violet Hesp, Elsie Jones, Dora Kyle, Doris Martin, Lottie Midgley, Lucy McKenzie, Jessie Miller, Stella McCullough, Mairi Moore, Olive Newcombe, Iris Pinkney. Myrtle Pragnell, Doris Permain. Grace Pond, Ethela Sykes, Patience Saker, Myrtle Salter, Violet Sutton, Aileen Thompson, Irene Uren, Inez Varnham, Jessie Waddington, Ruby Webster.

Promoted to Standard 11. Mildred Bannister, Cynthia Bittle, Nora Butement, Adeline Cole, Flora Cole, Grace Chapman, Ethel Collinge, Florence Creelman, Phoebe Cooley, Ruby Gunther, Alma Judd, Maud Judd, Dorothy Johnson, Jessie Leach, Olive Lenz, Doris Maxted, Ella O'Hara, Gertie Peters, Alice Pond, Myrtle Pauling, Annie Pinhey, Dorothy Rutherford, Alice Remmington, Rosalie Sutton, May Tinkham, Eva Volheim, Ella Wilton, Melba Whittaker, Roy Anderson, Cecil Blockley, Fred Billington, Fred Butcher, Gordon Coleman, Andrew Donald, Albert Deadman, Cyril Evernden, Peter Emerson, Willie Feist, Willie Faulkner, Hart Harding, Maurice Hausmann, Alfred Moore, Fred McDougall, Willie McCormack. Colin McKenzie, Bertie Payne, Edward Swanson. Frank Shackleton, Valentine Spackman, Reggie Santon, Welsford Truscott, Alwyn du Temple, Ronald Webb, Edward Webb, Charlie Whittaker, Charles Hartmann, Frank Lane, Malcolm Falk.

Promoted to Standard I. Stanley Bengé. Harold Butcher, Reggie Boagey, James Biggs, Hector Bishop, Albert Crawford, Rupert Davis, Ray Davidson, Sidney Edwards, Jack Ewart, Dick Evernden, Reggie Feist, Victor Goodin, Adolph Hartmann, Stephen Henson, Stanley Hole, Alec Haslam, Willie Judd, Willie Ladner, Reuben McMaster, Percy Morris. Charles McCullough, Max Campbell, Douglas Pauling, Thomas Redman, Lionel Rutherford, Waldyve St. George, Jack Townsend, Eric Varnham, Willie Wilson, Freda Anderson, Zelma Bannister, Ivy Bengé, Kathleen Cooney, Connie Deadman, Alma Edge, Zeta Hunter. Lily Hole, Elsie Hooper, May Hesp, Enid Pragnell, Rhena Permain, Connie Palmer, Mavis Santon, Doris Wyber. Lorna Moore.

SIDE SOHOOL. Promoted to .Standard 3,

Archie Amundsen, Percy Cotter, Archer Easthope, Andrew Fielding, Robert Falla, Robert Graham, Newman Hoar, Sydney Jenkins, Basil Norman, Thomas Russell, Etta Dixon, Grace Easthope, Violet Fly. Mollie Fisher. Grace Hawke, Olive Johnson, Vera Judd, Lily Kielberg, Gertrude Morris, Eileen Samson, Rita Ware, Iola Trower.

Promoted to Standard 2. Charles Arnold, Roy Bennett, Douglas Brogden, Gordon Beale. John Cotter, Timothy Cragg, Eric Gully, Ian Gibson, Alex. Hausmann, Maurice Hoffeins, Thomas McArley, Vincent Simonson, Walter Tyacke, Seymour Willoughby. Ethel Arnold, May Crosbie, Ella Edwards, Rebecca Morris, Irall Maltby, Vervian Minifie, Una Norman. Thelma Nisbett, Florence Pickering, Margaret Peters, Grace Scott, Gladys Williams.

Promoted to Standard 1. Albert Andrew. Rongo Cole, Eric Fisher, Fred Graham. Allan Gardner, Carl Hausmann, Arthur Jackson, Arnold Noble, Vincent Pinkney, Victor Payne. Don Sutherland, Albert Trower, Leonard Webb, Alfred Winteringham. Jack Stewart, Thelma Braggins, Nora Cochrane, Jean Falla, Myrtle Feliding, Grace Johnson, Eva Lee, Dorihi Fellingham Grace Reynolds, Rita Rooderkirk, Edna Voyce, Elsie Bennett, Mona Wellington. 16th December 1910 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

GOOD ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES, 1910. To scholars who have not missed any attendances during the whole year, the Education Department awards a Good Attendance Certificate of the First Class, and to scholars who have missed not more than five attendances, a Good Attendance Certificate of the Second Class. The following is a list of the scholars of the Masterton District High School who have earned Good Attendance Certificates for the year 1910, the figures after the names indicating the number of certificates the scholar has earned: —

SECONDARY CLASSES. First Class Certificates.—Richard Webber 9, Burnett Brunton 5, Jack Hunter 3, Fred Matthews 2, Nelson Hendry 2, David Speedy, Nora Speedy. Second Class Certificates.—William Lenz 7, Minnie Wallis 5, Lander Thompson 5, Murray Jackson 2, Alex McKenzie 2.

SIXTH STANDARD. First Class Certificates—Roy Brunton 5, Peter Hartmann 5, Albert Lewin 5, Herbert Wood 3, Howard Devonport 2, Alice Bedford 2, Doris Madeley 2, George Pember, John Young, Herbert Newcombe, Roy Gardner, Clarence Tyacke, Hazel Jamieson. Second Class Certificates. —Oswald Sykes, Leo Welch, Reynolds Hodge, William McMichael, Arthur Andrews, Stafford Pinhey 2, Archibald Williams, Lena Shackleton, Dorothy McKenzie 2, Violet Reardon, James McArley.

FIFTH STANDARD. First, Class Certificates. — Myrtle Cairns 6, Clementina Mackay 6, Roy Franks 6, William Leach 6, Stanley Moor 5, Gladys Corlett 4, Violet Hoffiens 4, Archie Lea 5, William Candy 4, Arthur Levick 4, Fanny Pond 4, Guy Holmes 3, Wilfred Payne 2, Lizzie Peters 2, Christina Jamieson. Second Class Certificates.— Eiola Andrew 5, Leonard Davis 2, Violet Sillars, Henry Johnson, Leo Dixon, Hamilton Logan 4, Victor Valler.

FOURTH STANDARD.

First Class Certificates.—Douglas De Castro 6, Charles Wellington 5, Harold De Castro 5, Madge Gardner 4, Ethel Leach 4, Leta Budd 4, Harold Bedford 3, Walter Bedford 3, Mary McKenzie 2, Doris Webb 2, Alan Reed 6, Lexie Pownall, Nellie Kendall. Second Class Certificates. Chrissie Peters 3, Eva Reed 3, Clara Leach 2, Olive Cross 2, Richard Tyacke 2, Isla Ewart 2, Donald Christie.

THIRD~ STANDARD.

First .Class Certificates.— Sydney Dickinson 2, Fred Dickinson 2, Cecil McCormack 4, Arthur Candy 5, Doris Wilkes 2, Doris Chilton, Elsie Edmond, Kate McArley, Grace Christie. Second Class Certificates. —Major Eton 2, George Welch 3, Harry Wilson 2, Douglas Wood 2, Ivy Cole 4, Ivy Garrett 3, Grace Wellington 4, Alice Leach 2, Clarence Davies, William Collett.

SECOND STANDARD, ,f- - First Class Certificates.— Ian Wyber 3, Reginald Lea, 3:, Lucy McKenzie 3' Roy Peterson 2, Matthew Adams, Sarah Candy. Second Class Certificates.— Fred Corlett 3, Eric Volheim 3, Robert Whittaker 3, Jack Eton 2, Frank Ewart 2, Dulcie

Hughes 2, Winnie Brewer, Alice Cole, Gladys Hunter, Annie Palmer, Elsie Jones, Clinton Ladner, Henry Cole, Douglas Graham.

FIRST STANDARD. First Class Certificates.—Charles Whittaker 3, Ethel Collinge 2, Alma Judd 2, Jessie Leach 2, Alice Pond 2, Eva Volheim 2, Bertie Payne 2, Welsford. Truscott. Second Class Certificates.— Olive Lenz 2, Willie Feist, Reggie Santon, Ronald Webb, Cynthia Bittle.

INFANT CLASSES. First Class Certificates.— Doris Wyber 3, Willie Judd 2, Thomas Edge, Edward Maloney, James Biggs, Rupert Davies, Millie Carr. Second Class Certificates.— Rhoda Clark 2, James Bittle, Norman Swanson, Raymond Davidson, Jack Martin, Thomas Redman, Gladys Collinge, Alma Edge, Harold Butcher, Willie Ladner.

SIDE SCHOOL.

SECOND STANDARD. First Class Certificates. — Grace Easthope 3, Archie Easthope 2, Basil Norman 2, Olive Johnson 2, Newman Hoar, Etta Dixon. Second Class Certificates.— Sydney Jenkins 2, Violet Fly 2, Grace Hawke 2, Archie Amundsen, Iola Trower.

FIRST STANDARD. First Class Certificates.—Roy Bennett 2, John Cotter 2, Eric Gully 2, Thomas McArley 2, Una Norman 2, James Edmond, Maurice Hoffeins, Seymour Willoughby. Second Class Certificates. Myrtle Fielding 3, Rodney McRae, Jack Stewart, Arthur Jackson, Leonard Wrigley; Gordon McArley, Cyril Stinson, Thelma Braggins, Elsie Bennett, Annie Johnson, Second Class Certificates.— Charlie Cole 2, Neil Gibson, Jack Gardner, Stanley Willoughby, Albert Andrew, Robert Allen, Victor Payne, Charlie Groombridge, John Hoffeins, Eric Threadwell, Gordon Wood, Lewis Morris, Bessie Peters, Rita Rooderkirk.

19th December 1910 Ah Lop, the Masterton Chinaman who has just returned from a trip to the Flowery Land, states that his sons do not intend returning. They were- educated at the Masterton school, and, being able to speak English fluently, they have secured responsible positions under the Chinese Government.

24th December 1910 The Masterton School Museum has been presented with a fine collection of mineral specimens from Australia, including silver, tin, copper and other ores, by Mr W. M. Cole.

28th December 1910 Miss Wolff, of Masterton, leaves on a visit to Auckland this week.

30th December 1910 One solitary copy of the Decalogue does service at the Masterton District High School. It adorns the walls of the headmaster's office and is only called into requisition on special occasions. If a boy or girl seriously misconducts his or herself, the Ten Commandments are produced, and the offender is made to stand for a given time and read them

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1911	809	Masterton	Jackson	William H	D1	Headmaster	£400	\$63,260
1911	809	Masterton	Haslam	Charles N	C1	Assistant Master	£285	\$45,073
1911	809	Masterton	Wolff	Rosabel	E1	Assistant Female	£225	\$35,584
1911	809	Masterton	Miller	Hymen	D2	Assistant Master	£185	\$29,258
1911	809	Masterton	Murphy	Arthur P	C3	Assistant Master	£165	\$26,095
1911	809	Masterton	Munro	Isabella	E1	Assistant Female	£165	\$26,095

1911	809	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	D2	Assistant Female	£165	\$26,095
1911	809	Masterton	Bunting	Elizabeth	E2	Assistant Female	£135	\$21,350
1911	809	Masterton	York	Mary	Lic	Assistant Female	£128	\$20,283
1911	809	Masterton	Hogg	Ellen C	D4	Assistant Female	£115	\$18,187
1911	809	Masterton	Bland	Elsie M		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,234
1911	809	Masterton	Lazarus	Frances		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,234
1911	809	Masterton	Reynall	Lillian G	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,234
1911	809	Masterton	McKenzie	Ivy V		Female Pupil Teacher 5	£55	\$8,698
1911	809	Masterton	Turner	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£50	\$7,908
1911	809	Masterton	Hunter	Vera		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	\$7,117
1911	809	Masterton	Pryor	David		Male Pupil Teacher 2	£45	\$7,117
1911	809	Masterton	Dagg	Evaline		Female Probationer 2	£45	\$7,117
1911	809	Masterton	Evans	Constance		Female Probationer 2	£25	\$3,954
1911	809	Masterton	Bee M A	John G	A1	Secondary		
1911	809	Masterton	Williams B A	Ethel	B2	Secondary		

13th January 1911. The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening. There were present:—Messrs R. Brown (presiding), G Townsend. A. Hendry, J. L. Hughes, J. T. Thompson and E. H. Waddington. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Heyhoe, Perry and Chapman.

The treasurer's report was as follows :—Balance at last meeting, £50 19s 10d ; payments during the period, £57 15s 8d; balance at bank, £57 4s 7d. The Education Board wrote enclosing a cheque for £31 0s 4d. being subsidy on the Trust Lands Trust grant. —Received. A circular from Fletcher's Target, Ltd., Auckland, containing particulars of a target for the miniature rifle range was submitted and referred to the special committee already appointed. The Chairman reported that the asphaltting at the side school-had been completed in a very satisfactory' manner by the contractor, Mr Franks.

Messrs Brown, Chapman and Hendry were appointed visiting members for the month.

1st February 1911 . Mr J. J. Pilkington, formerly headmaster of the Masterton School, has resigned from his position of master of the Porirua School. [At Masterton 1878-1880]

3rd February 1911 Miss Vera Hunter and Master Pryor have been appointed pupil teachers in the Masterton District High School

4th February 1911 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the' Masterton District High School, has received a letter which was posted on the ill-fated .steamer "Eastern," from" Master EL (Bertie) Ah Lop, who went to China with his parents some months, ago. The boy, with his two brothers, who were born and educated ;in Masterton, have remained in China, ; and have secured responsible positions. : "Jimmy" Ah Lop is working as a clerk in H.M. Naval Yard, and is receiving a salary of £7 per month, which is reckoned very good for China. The writer of the letter H. Ah Lop, is with a Hongkong firm of general merchants and commission agents. In concluding an interesting type-written missive, he says: "My father has gone back to New Zealand, but he does not want us to go back, as he thinks we can make a better living over here. . . . With kind regards, and with best Chin. Chin."

4th February 1911 The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Masterton District High School was held in the office of the Secretary (Mr W. M. Easthope) last evening, when there

were present :— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), G. Townsend, A. Hendry, J. L. Hughes, T. J. Thompson, O. Perry and A. W. Chapman.

CORRESPONDENCE. Correspondence was received from a parent of the Upper Plain, complaining of the treatment her children had received at another school, and asking if they could be transferred to the Masterton School.—It was decided to leave the matter with the Chairman and the Headmaster.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster reported the roll at the opening after the annual vacation to be as follows.—Main school, 608; side school, 161; secondary classes, 63. Schools re-opened on the 30th ult., with a very satisfactory attendance in all three departments.

At the main school, seventy-seven pupils have been admitted this week, twenty-seven of the number being promotions from the side school, and fifty-nine have left. Of the latter a large number have obtained employment, and the remainder have left the district. At the Side School, twenty new pupils have been admitted, and sixteen have left through removal from the town. In the secondary department, there have been six admissions from other school districts, two from Lansdowne, and one each from Te Wharau, Waterfalls, Tinui and Rongomai, and twenty-six of our own proficiency certificate pupils have entered as secondary scholars. Of the number on the secondary roll at the end of last year, twenty-two have left. The total roll in all three departments at the end of last year was 852. The total roll to-day is 831. Two of the pupil teachers, Misses R. Wilton and M. Hare, have gained admission to the Training College. The vacancies have been filled by the appointment of Miss Vera Hunter and Mr David Pryor, both of whom have passed the matriculation examination and junior Civil Service examination at this school.

The following candidates from this school passed the recent matriculation examination, and also obtained a pass in the solicitors' general knowledge examination :—Meredith Ewart, Vera Hunter, Christina McKenzie, Alberta Scott, David Pryor. The following candidates from this school Qualified in the recent junior Civil Service examination for Senior Board Scholarships, Division A:— Reginald Wilton, Lander Thompson, Fred Matthews, William Terry and Murray Jackson. Scholarships to the maximum value of £40 a year each have been awarded to the two first named of the successful candidates.

The whole of the Trust Lands Trust's exhibits have now been removed to the School Museum building. I shall be glad of the assistance of members of the Committee, during the evenings of next week in staging and arranging the exhibits. The report was adopted.

GENERAL. The treasurer reported a balance at last meeting of £57 4s 7d; receipts during the month, £2 10s; expenditure, £24 11s 2d ; balance at date, £35 3s od. Accounts totalling £15 18s were passed for payment. Messrs Heyhoe, Hughes and Perry were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

4th February 1911 At a meeting of the Masterton School Committee, held last evening, it was decided to place on record the Committee's appreciation of the efforts of the Headmaster and staff in connection with the recent Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge Examinations. The five Masterton scholars who sat for the examination all "passed strong," being well up in the list of successful candidates.

The Headmaster's report read at the meeting of the School Committee last evening, showed the opening attendance of the School to be 831, a falling off of 21 pupils since the closing

down of the School at the end of last year, when the attendance was 852. But the deficiency is expected to be made up within a few mouths, when the school has thoroughly settled down to the year's work.

4th February 1911 AT THE MASTERTON SCHOOL. The miniature rifle range at the Masterton District High School is now completed. The contractor has carried out the work in an excellent manner, and the cadets will soon be able to commence shooting practice. Formerly the Masterton cadets were compelled to go either to Fairview Range or To Ore Ore Range for shooting practice, so that the erection of the miniature range will be a great convenience. All that is required now is that the construction of the range be approved by the Commandant of the cadet forces, Major Mac Donald. At last night's meeting of the School Committee a letter from the Commandant was read, in which, the latter stated that he intended coming to Masterton to inspect the range as soon as the Timaru camp was over, which was to have been at the end of January. It is now expected that the Commandant will visit Masterton at a very early date.

20th February 1911 In a match at Greytown on Saturday last the Masterton school defeated Greytown by an innings and 32 runs. Masterton made 76 (Speedy 14, H. Miller !) and Greytown 16 and 28. Perry (1 wicket for 12 runs) and Hoar (6 for 10) for Masterton, and Puki Mason for Greytown bowled best.

24th February 1911 SWIMMING CARNIVAL. A SUGGESTION,
["TO THE Editor]

Sir,—The success of the ladies swimming carnival in Masterton yesterday was such as would warrant the Club going a step further next season, and endeavouring to get New Zealand championships—or, at any rate, Wellington provincial championships—decided at its carnival. The function has now grown to such dimensions that it easily ranks as the premier concern of its kind in the Dominion. . There were sixty-three competitors yesterday, and as the Club are favoured with the best ladies' swimming baths in New Zealand—the gift of Dr W. H. Hosking, of Masterton—I certainly think steps should be taken to make the carnival more than a local concern. In everything but name it is already a Dominion function, and the club should, before next season, bring their swimming sports prominently under the notice of lady swimmers in all parts of New Zealand, and make a bold bid to hold a New Zealand championship meeting here. The support necessary to carry out such an important function, would be quickly forthcoming, and yesterday's excellent arrangements showed plainly that the ladies—assisted by those energetic gentlemen who so unselfishly placed their services at the disposal of the Club—are quite capable of conducting the biggest kind of swimming carnival it is possible to hold. The Club possesses one of the most important essential to the successful carrying out of such sports—viz., members who are unceasing in efforts to promote the welfare of the Club; for what similar institution of its kind in New Zealand has a more popular, more tactful, or more enthusiastic and hardworking president than Mrs P. R. Cook, a better committee of ladies who thoroughly understand their work, or a more typical secretary than that general favourite, Miss Kitty O'Leary. They have further, a body of swimming enthusiasts in Messrs Snowball, Crosbie, Gillies, Pryor, and Noble Campbell, who are always ready to give their valuable services for the benefit of the club. the we have the swimmers here, for where is the superior of Annie O'-Leary, the smart Masterton school girl, who is going to stand right out on her own as a New Zealand champion one of these days,

and I very much doubt if she has a superior in the Dominion to-day; and where are there more promising "colts"—if I may use the term—than Misses Kitty Pownall, Ella O'Leary, N. O'Dowd, Alma Perry, Esmee Petherick, Jessie Waddington, Esmee Waddington, Mabel McCalmont, or little Lexie Pownall? There are also such excellent supporters of the Club as Dr and Mrs W. H. Hosking, Mesdames (Dr) Cook, Graham, Coradine, (Dr) Cowie, M. Caselberg, A. Caselberg, Bunny, Eton, Kendall, Blackman, O'Leary, Noble-Campbell, J. Caselberg, O. Perry and Misses Gillespie, Burnett, Hathaway, and others whose names I cannot call to mind just at the moment, whose efforts to assist the Club to the very front rank cannot be too highly praised. Masterton possesses everything necessary for the holding of a big Dominion carnival, and next season I hope we shall see the first New Zealand ladies championship carnival in Masterton. Wishing the Club the success it thoroughly deserves.—I am, etc., BEN IVESON.

1st March 1911 Part of a long article on new railway timetable the early train for will in future reach Eketahuna about 8 a.m., and Masterton at 9.30 a.m., instead of 12 as at present. This will enable qualified pupils from the primary schools in the country to reach the District High School classes in Masterton in ample time, and it should have an immediately benefiting influence on the secondary classes, which, owing to reduced attendance, have lately lost some of their teachers. It will also enable settlers and business people from Eketahuna, Mauriceville, and other centres to transact their business in Masterton and get back to their homes by the noonday train, instead of being detained the whole day, as at present. Alterations of a satisfactory character will also be made with regard to the trains running North from Masterton. No passenger trains in future will start from Cross Creek, only goods or stock trains. The passenger train from Wellington to Masterton now leaving the city at half-past 3 will leave after 4 o'clock, thus giving country visitors about an extra hour in which to transact their business and reaching Masterton at 8.30 instead of 8 p.m. Mr. Hogg is assured that further alterations will be made at a future time if it is found that they are desirable.

2nd March 1911 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

'TEACHERS' CLASSES. the recommendation', of the Inspectors, the Wellington Education Board on Tuesday decided to establish the following classes for teachers, and probationers' at the Masterton District High School: — Drawing and Handwork.— Pupil teachers and probationers Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Mr Grant instructor. Singing.— That Mr Parker continue his singing class at Masterton during the latter part of the year. It was also recommended that a class be established for the purpose of training teachers in practical work two hours each to be given; Mr Stuckey, M.A., be appointed instructor at a remuneration of £25, to be paid from the department's grant for the instruction of teachers. It was further stated that a class be established for the purpose of training teachers in practical work in physiology or another branch of domestic science; 30 lessons of at least two hours each to be given; that the remuneration for the instructor be £25, to be paid out of the department's grant. The instructor is to be appointed later. "We also recommend," added the report, "that the school of instruction in agriculture postponed, from January, 1911, be held at Greytown from 29th May to 9th June inclusive." ~

2nd March 1911 An additional senior scholarship has been awarded to the Masterton District High School, the successful candidate being Arthur L. Thompson.

3rd March 1911 A sixth standard schoolboy in the Masterton District High School has : worked out an interesting little problem in arithmetic. He estimates that if the New Zealand national debt were converted into copper it would construct a bridge across the whole, of the water between the Dominion and London and enable him to proceed on his bicycle to the coronation

6th March 1911 A match was played at Carterton on Saturday between the Masterton school team and a team selected from the Carterton and Greytown schools. The Masterton team compiled 41 and the combined team 40. Bowling for the Masterton team, Harold Miller did the "hat trick, The following were the scores :—

Masterton school.—Miller, b Kemble 1; Perry, b Beard. 20; Blackman, b Grace, 7; Hoar, b Beard, 0; Speedy, c Mason, b Denby, 0; Newcombe, b Denby, 0; Hodge, c and b Kemble, 2; Sewell, b Grace. 3; Corlett, not out, 2; Franks, b Mason, 0; Peterson, b Mason, 0; extras, 9; total, 44. Bowling analysis: Grace, 2 for 1; Mason, 2 for 1; Denby, 2 for 1; Beard, « for 9; Kemble, 2 for 15. Combined Team: Fairbrother, run out, 3; Dudson, b Hoar, 5; Wilson, c Newcombe, b Perry. 4; Denby, c and b Perry. 8; Mason, b Perry. 3; Kemble, b Perry, 0; Beard, b Miller, 15; Grace, h' Fuller, 2; Nicholls, c Speedy, b Millar, 0; Meyrick, c Speedy, b Miller, 0; Tunnicliffe, not out. 0; total, 40. Bowling analysis: Miller, 4 wickets for 2 runs; Perry, 4 for 13; Hoar, 1 for 25.

10th March 1911 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening. There were present: Messrs R. J Brown (chairman), J. Heyhoe. A. Hendry, T. J. Thompson, G. Townsend, T. J. Hughes, and A. W. Chapman.

The treasurer reported a balance at the bank of £54 5s, a Trust grant in the hands of the Board £62, a subsidy to Trust grant £32, and a subsidy for the rifle range £10. Accounts amounting to £71 2s 3d were passed for payment. Messrs Thompson, Townsend and Waddington, were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

Messrs Miller and Betty were the tenderers for the supply of firewood, at 30s per cord.

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the meeting as follows:— Attendance.— Main school, roll 617, ' average attendance 595, percentage of attendance 97 ; Side school, 178, 165, 95; Secondary classes. 65, 61, 94. The effect of the new Attendance regulations is plainly reflected above. Out of the roll number of 617 in the Main school, only 21 children have been absent, on the average, every day. and only 37 out of a total roll number of 860 in all three departments. Besides indicating that there is very little sickness among school children at the present time, this also makes plain the fact that there has been a leakage in attendance in the past. The accompanying absentee report contains a larger number of names than usual. The reason is that the names of scholars absent, even for a single half-day, for other causes than illness, are now included in the list. secretary was instructed to to the Wellington Education Board with regard to that body bearing the cost of painting the whole of the exterior of the woodworking room. The headmaster reported that the experiments in connection with the School garden were most satisfactory. At the A. and P. Show held recently the school had been successful in securing a prize for every class in which it entered.

10th March 1911 FORMAL OPENING. The miniature rifle range and museum at the Masterton District High School are now practically completed,, and it has been decided' to hold a formal opening of the two departments at an early date, when the public will be afforded an opportunity of inspecting the buildings, including the new wood-working room.

The exterior iron walls of the firing, shelter have yet to be painted with two coats of oil paint, of approved colours, and the roof with one good coat of oxide paint, and roofs and exterior parts of screens above the fence line with one coat of oxide. The walls and ceiling of the unpainted room in the museum are also to be treated with three coats of oil paint, of approved tints, The headmaster has been authorised to obtain quotations, for some glass that is - required to cover one of the show cases in the museum, and the members of the committee have decided to arrange the exhibits on Tuesday night next. It is understood that Major McDonald has passed the work of. the contractor in connection with the rifle range, but an official report' is not yet to hand.

11th March 1911 The Keystone View Company is giving, in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening next, the second entertainment for the benefit of the Masterton District High School. Last year the school was able to acquire £35 worth of additional apparatus for teaching purposes through, the medium of the Keystone View Company's splendid entertainment. It is hoped that as large a. sum will be available for further purchases this year. A very interesting, instructive and amusing programme will be presented on Wednesday evening. Parents and those interested in the school children 'should give the entertainment their hearty support.

11th March 1911 The miniature rifles intended for use at the new range in connection with the Masterton District High School have now arrived, and shooting will be commenced at an early date.

On Wednesday evening next the Keystone View Company will give a picture entertainment in the Town Hall in aid of the Masterton District High School funds. Last year through the medium of the Keystone Company the school was enabled to secure £735 (Sic) worth of additional apparatus for teaching purposes. A first-class programme oft up-to-date pictures will be screened on Wednesday and parents and those interested should give the entertainment their support.

14th March 1911 Miss F. Hogg has been appointed assistant mistress at the Taueru School, and Miss Compton assistant mistress at Nireaha. Both taught at Masterton

16th March 1911 The takings at the Masterton Town Hall last evening on the occasion of the "Keystone" moving picture entertainment amounted to about £40. With the subsidy added, a sum of nearly £80 will be available for procuring-new apparatus for the Masterton District High School.

The money raised at last night's picture entertainment in the Masterton Town Hall is to be devoted to the purchase of a first class lantern and equipment, to be used in connection with the teaching of science and geography, and for illustrating nature study work. Mr W. H. Jackson, in the course of a short address in the Town Hall last evening, paid a warm tribute, to the Masterton School Committee. He said that Committee was always willing to second his efforts on behalf of the school, arid were not afraid to take their coats off. They were now very busy arranging the exhibits at the school museum.

28th March 1911 A teacher at the Masterton District. High School was, one day last week, talking to her class about the tremendous stones at Stonehenge. in Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire, South England, when, she asked the scholars to try and find out how the stones had got there. The locality in which these immense slabs of rock are, is nowhere near any place where stones could easily be obtained, and there have been many conjectures concerning the means employed to place them in their present position. Next day the teacher received several

suggestions from the children. Some said they were dug out others held that they were brought there in a train ; but the best answer was one given by a little girl, who said that her uncle had told her the devil brought them in his apron

1st April 1911 The "children of the Masterton. District High School were given instruction yesterday by the teachers concerning the method of filling in a census paper

11th April 1911 The officer in charge of the Masterton corps of the Salvation Army recently wrote to the Masterton School Committee, asking permission for Major Rowley to address the school children on the objects of the Antismoking and Anti-gambling League. The Army has received a reply from the Committee, which, it is understood, favoured religious instruction in schools, to the effect that it regretted that, for various reasons, the permission. asked for could not be grant

13th April 1911 An inspection of the miniature rifle range in connection with the Masterton District High School was made by an officer of the School cadets yesterday. He expressed himself as being satisfied and the range was finally passed

15th April 1911 he chairman (Mr R. Brown) reported at the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, on Thursday evening, that a further subsidy of £5 would probably be secured from the Education Board for the miniature rifle range.

15th April 1911 In his monthly report to the Masterton District High School -Committee, the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) said:—"Miss W. Compton retired from the pupil-teacher staff on the 31st inst., to take up the position of assistant at the Nireaha school. She completed her pupil-teachership at this school in a very creditable manner and developed good teaching ability during her four years' apprenticeship. . The third assistant master and the third assistant mistress were absent for several days each during the month, through illness. The third assistant in the secondary department is absent for two days on leave. Miss E. Robertson has been appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy on the pupil-teacher staff."

15th April 1911 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

MONTHLY MEETING

The last monthly meeting for the year of the Committee of the Masterton District High School was held on Thursday evening. There were present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Chapman, A. Hendry. C. Perry, G. A. Townsend, E. H. Waddington, T. J. Thompson, and J. L. Hughes. The Treasurer reported a credit balance to date of £16 12s 3d. Accounts amounting to £30 2s 1d were passed for payment when funds permit. The Chairman reported that there was a probability of securing a further subsidy of £5 from the Education Board for the miniature rifle range. The Chairman and Messrs Chapman and Hendry were appointed visiting I members for the ensuing month.

The preparation of the annual report was left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary.

The headmaster's report was read as follows :

"I have the honour to submit the following report for the past month : —Attendance: Main school, roll 634; average attendance. 601; percentage of attendance, 95. Side school. 176, 159. 90: secondary classes, 66, 63. 95. A number of children in the infant at the Side school have been ill with measles during the last week or two. and this has reduced the attendance somewhat. In spite of this however, the attendance for the three departments is. on the whole, highly satisfactory. It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that the attendance for the

whole school for the month just ended reached the very high percentage of 96. This is the highest record for the quarter—that the school has never attained. and is plainly indicative of the full effort of the New Attendance regulations. , Further proof is afforded in the Monthly Attendance Return. The list contains nine names from the main school roll, and the total number of absences of the nine scholars amounts to 18 half days for the five weeks included in the return.

15th April 1911 SCHOOL MUSEUM AND MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE.

OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

At the meeting of the Committee of the Masterton District High School on Thursday evening, the Headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported that the miniature rifle range was now ready for opening, and that the remaining work in the Museum would be completed in a week or ten days. Mr Jackson suggested that the official opening of the two institutions be fixed for either, Thursday, April 27th, or Thursday, May 4th. The clearing of the specimens and cases had been a heavy task, but the remainder of the work could be completed in time for either of the opening days mentioned.

The chairman (Mr R. Brown) said that both these institutions were a credit to the school and district, and that the committee should do everything to make the opening arrangements as complete as possible. He suggested that they form a committee of all the members of the School Committee, together with the Headmaster, to make the necessary arrangements for the opening, and that the Acting Minister for Defence and the Minister for Education be asked to be present. This was agreed to, and it was decided to issue invitations to the Mayor and Councillors, Trust Lands Trustees, Managers of the Masterton Technical School, and representatives of other bodies to be present. The opening date was arranged for Thursday, May 4th, subject to this date being convenient to the Ministers for Defence and Education.

18th April 1911 The Masterton High School, I understand, will be unable to enter a team for the Wairarapa Ladies' Hockey Association's championship this season. This is very much to be regretted. In the past the school have performed very creditably, and at one time were the only team able to give Kia Toa a tussle for the championship. A large number of tip-top players have been turned out by the School, many of whom have obtained representative honours. As with every team, so with the School—a period arrives when the old players leave the ranks and there are no new ones to fill the vacancies. For the sake of their splendid record of the past, one hopes that next season, at any rate, will see the Masterton School again represented in the competition. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. Owing to the inability of the School to place a team in the field this season, the Ramblers will probably be able to enter two teams for the competition, as some of the School players have decided to throw in their lot with the wearers of the green and blue. These will include, I am told, Misses Annie O'Leary, E. Dagg and McKenzie, whose presence in the team should strengthen it consider

21st April 1911 TRUANCY PROSECUTIONS. Richard Jackson was charged that he did fail to scud two children to school. John Dineen, Truant Inspector, stated that defendant was the guardian of the children in question, who had not attended school for several months He had called at Mr Jackson's place and had asked him to send the children to school, pointing out that he was liable to a penalty for refusing to do so. Defendant, however, had refused to do as requested

Mrs Thompson appeared and stated that one of the children was hers and that he was not allowed to go to the Masterton School and she did not want him to go to the Fernridge school.

The Inspector stated that there was no room, whereas there was ample room in the Fernridge school.

Mr Dineen stated that he had been instructed to ask for a substantial penalty as the children had not attended school since last year.

A fine of 5s with costs was imposed in each case.

A charge against Duncan McLachlan of failing to send his child to school was dismissed.

One against Mrs Frederick Lee was adjourned.

On a similar charge, Alexander Annan was fined 2s and costs, 7s.

22nd April 1911 Following is the Masterton District High School Committee's annual report to be presented at the householders' meeting on Monday evening next:—

Your Committee has very great pleasure in being able to report that during the year just passed your school, under the very capable management of Mr W. H. Jackson (the Headmaster) and his able staff, has fully maintained the very high state of efficiency of past years. At the recent examinations every pupil presented by Masterton School gained a pass. Five pupils passed the Matriculation examination, and also gained a pass in Solicitors' General Knowledge, and five pupils passed the Junior Civil Service Examination and qualified for Senior Board Scholarships, two of the candidates being awarded scholarships of the maximum value of £40 a year each. The attendance for the past year has been remarkably good. With an average roll of 861, there has been an average percentage of 93. On the 1st of January last the new School Attendance Act came into force, and under that all children are required to attend: school every time the school is open. The alteration is of very great benefit to school children in general, and the result of it is showing by the attendance for the past quarter, which reached the average of 96. Last year your committee' reported that the new Rural Course of Instruction for pupils in the Secondary Department had been commenced. This course has now been in operation for a year and is being taken by 58 pupils out of the 67 on the Secondary roll, the remaining 9 forming the Matriculation and Junior Civil Service class. This new Rural Course appears to be of very great value, and the following table shows the various subjects and the number of children taking them : Agriculture, Botany, and; the Chemistry of Every-day Life, 28 boys, 31 boys; Physic of Agriculture, 26 boys; Dressmaking, Domestic Economy, Physiology, Hygiene, 31 girls; Applied drawing and woodwork, 27 .boys. Various causes have operated to delay the official opening of the Museum and Miniature Rifle Range, but all difficulties have been overcome and arrangements are now being made to hold the official opening on Thursday, the 4th of May, when it is hoped that the Minister of Education and; Defence will be present. The Museum has been fitted up with the necessary glass cases for the proper display of the exhibits, all of which have been arranged and labelled, and altogether make a very interesting display; while the Rifle Range has been described by a competent authority as perhaps the most complete and well finished Rifle Range in the Dominion.

During the year the footpaths and surroundings of the side school have 'been graded and asphalted, and at the main school the asphalted area has 'been considerably extended. This will add much to the comfort of the children in wet weather. As funds permit, your

Committee intends to continue the work until the main school playground is also asphalted. The adjuncts to your school are now fairly complete, comprising as they do, school gardens, the Museum, the Rifle Range, and the Woodwork room, but they leave a long-felt and urgent want, and that is an Assembly Room. At present the school cannot be assembled as a whole except in the open air, and occasions arise not infrequently when it is most desirable to address all the children at once. Your Committee has represented very frequently to both the Board and the Department the urgent need of an Assembly Room, but it has been put off on the plea of want of money. Your Committee intends to continue pressing for this very necessary room which is now added to all modern school buildings. Last year the Keystone Picture Company gave an, entertainment in the Town Hall in aid of the school funds, which resulted in the sum of £34 being available, and this was expended in the purchase of stereoscopes and views. This year the Keystone Company again gave a picture show, which, with subsidy, will produce about £70 for the purchase of microscopes and other scientific instruments. Your Committee is very much indebted to Mr J. C. Ewington, who very kindly lent his traction engine to provide power for the picture show, and also to the Thompson-Payne Picture Company of this town, who not only lent the cable and other electrical appliances, but very generously paid freight on these things to and from Napier. duo to the kindly help of these gentlemen, and others who assisted, that the entertainment proved so successful.

Your Committee wishes again to place on record its very high appreciation of the generous and wholehearted support that is given to your school by the Trust Lands Trustees. The results attained by the school show that you are singularly favoured in having very competent Headmaster, and a very capable staff, but the teachers with all their skill and ability would be unable to attain their very high standard of efficiency were it not for the appliances and conveniences that the Trust Lands Trustees so generously enable your Committee to provide. Your hearty thanks, as well as those of the Committee, are due to the Trust Lands Trustees.

In August last the Rev. C. Porter resigned his seat on the Committee, and Mr J. L. Hughes was appointed to the vacancy. Your Committee has held 13 meetings, at which the attendance has been : Mr Brown 13, Mr Hendry 11, (Mr Thompson 11, Mi- Chapman 10, Mr Townsend 10, Mr Heyhoe 8, Mr Waddington 7, Mr Hughes 7, Mr Perry 6, Rev. Porter 1.

25th April 1911 Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster of the District High School), stated that he had a few vacancies on the shelves of the school museum for native birds. There were several native birds that he would like to procure, and he was anxious to make the museum representative of New Zealand fauna.

25th April 1911 ANNUAL MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDERS. MASTERTON. The annual meeting of householders for the election of a District High School Committee was held in the Masterton Drill Hall last evening. About fifty persons were present. The chair was occupied by Mr R. Brown (chairman of the retiring Committee). The report for the past year (already published in the Age) was read. In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman paid a tribute to the teaching staff, and stated that the Committee was indebted as well to the Trust Lands Trustees for their usual liberal grants. Mr Brown pointed out that the question of the agricultural classes was now on a satisfactory footing. Referring to a portion of the report dealing with the assembly room at the school, Mr A. H. Vile said he would be glad if the Committee would renew its application. As a member of the Education Board, he would do

his best to impress the Department with the importance of the building. The motion for the adoption of the report was then put and carried.

On the motion of Mr H. O'Leary, it was decided that renewed application be made to the Education Department, through the Board, for a grant in aid of the assembly hall. The election of a Committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows: R. Brown 49 A. Hendry 47 A. W. Chapman 45 T. J. Thompson 45 E. H. Waddington 45 G. Hyde 43 W. E. Perry 39 L. J. Hughes 37 E. Pragnell 37 A. Snowball 27 The first nine were declared elected. The various members present returned thanks for their election. On the motion of Mr Chapman, seconded by Mr W. H. Jackson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring Committee. Votes of thanks were also passed to Messrs Thompson and Payne, J. C. Ewington, and the teaching staff. At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr R. Brown was reelected chairman and Mr W. M. Easthope secretary

4th May 1911 Inspectors Fleming and Tennant, of the Wellington Education Board, paid an inspectional visit to the Masterton District High School yesterday.

8th May 1911 Wairarapa Rugby Union Masterton District High School applied for, and were granted, the ball presented by the Union for the winners of the School Championship.

9th May 1911 SCHOOL MUSEUM. VISIT OF THE ACTING-PREMIER

The official opening of the miniature rifle range and the museum, in connection with the Masterton District High School, will take place on Monday next, at 2:30 p.m. The Acting-Prime Minister has notified the chairman of the Committee that he will be present.

Details in connection with his reception are to be arranged by a special meeting of the Committee of the District High School this afternoon. He will be met at the railway station by Mr A. W. Hogg, M.P., the Mayor (Mr J. M. Coradine), Mr R. Brown (chairman) and the members of the Committee. From there he will in all probability be taken for a short drive and shown the various places of interest about the town.

It is possible, also, that a public meeting may be called in order to discuss the question of extending to him a fitting welcome, while an effort will probably be made to get some of the Maoris in the district interested and to enlist their support.

During his stay in Masterton the Hon. Carroll will be the guest of his Worship the Mayor. The Hon. G. Fowlds. Minister for Education has expressed regret that he will be unable to attend.

9th May 1911 INFANT ROOM OVERCROWDED.

OLD FURNITURE AND BAD VENTILATION.

Mr Hogg, M.P., accompanied by Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton School Committee, visited the school yesterday. The Headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) showed them over the new Museum, which is to be opened in a few days, and also the miniature rifle range. Their principal attention was directed to the urgent want of an Assembly Hall, and the overcrowded condition of the infant room. Under the charge of Miss Wolfe and her staff of pupil teachers, the conduct and discipline of the young children seemed entirely beyond criticism, but it was evident that they laboured under disadvantages of a serious nature. In long wooden seats, with desks in front that suffered from the amateur carvings of a past age, each little boy with his legs screwed under him seemed a "Jack-in-the-box," and each little girl—only that she was clean and tidy and neatly dressed—a Cinderella making pothooks.

"What a lot of trouble your mothers must have, washing so many little faces and combing and tying up so many heads, and them cooking breakfast!" said the member. Then he added: 'And your teachers, too; showing you how to make figures on your slates."

These words, addressed to the youngest, mostly genuine infants, secured no reply, but Miss Wolfe, in kindly tones, exclaimed: "Oh, they're very good, Mr Hogg; they're very good!" Quite 150 were present, and the mistress said about thirty were away with the measles.

"Now how many of you have had the measles?"

"All you that have had measles, hold up your right hand," said Miss Wolfe.

The reply was a revelation. The hands of about two-thirds of the crowd addressed went up.

"You that want to have the measles, hold up your hand,"-facetiously exclaimed Mr Brown.

There was no response.

The young people seemed closely packed together, and Miss Wolfe admitted that the room was too crowded. Then the children sat with their backs to the light, and the teachers had the windows constantly in their eyes.

"Fit only for firewood," was the comment passed on the post and rail seats and desks where the youngsters were imprisoned with their legs and feet cramped up like offenders in the stocks.

"How long have these instruments of torture done duty?" was the question ,put to the Headmaster.

"Thirty years, about," was the answer.

"And they still hold together?"

"With the help of my hammer and nails," retorted Mr Jackson.'

"They are often mended," remarked Miss Wolfe.

The most serious defect of all had yet to be tackled. "What's the good of these ventilators?" queried Mr Hogg, looking at the little squares in the walls between the widely open windows.

"Oh, these are patent ventilators," Mr Jackson replied, and he gave them their technical name.

"I don't- care," was the stubborn reply., "Inventors and architects ought to be hanged. Fancy keeping little children in a poisoned tank."

"Oh, but this is a patent process," was. the assuring rejoinder, and Mr Hogg was led out to see the corresponding little squares in the outside walls. Then it was explained that the -fresh air from the outside was admitted and travelled through tubes.

Mr Hogg was not to be convinced. "Where is the fresh air distributed?" he asked. "It is admitted from the outside bellow and distributed in the interior, a long way above the heads of the children."

"What's the good of that? They are drinking in poison all the time. How do you stand it, Miss Wolfe?"

"Not very .well," was the sad reply.

And then Mr Hogg thought of the little ones, getting their shoulders made round and their backs twisted out of shape, and their legs nearly screwed off in the wooden racks they had to occupy for hours together, and again he complained of the ventilation.

"Well, if that is the fault you bad better have a look at the recently built secondary classroom," suggested the Headmaster.

This room was visited. Mr Haslam was at work among his students. All the windows were open, and the ventilators were above the windows.

"Another poison tank," said Mr Hogg. "Don't you suffer from the bad air?"

"On a warm day I often feel sick," was Mr Haslam's reply.

"And the unfortunate students!" sighed Mr Hogg.

In a letter that he has written to the chairman of the Wellington Education Board, Mr Hogg points out in reference to the infant room:—"It is true that the walls are supplied with patent ventilators, and all the windows are wide open, but the fresh air is admitted from a height considerably over the heads of both children and teachers. The consequence is that the children and teachers are, for hours every day, 'working in a wooden walled tank of poisonous exhalations. This state of things is, in my opinion, most injurious, nay destructive to teachers and their pupils. In rooms, practically unventilated, consuming the waste products of their lungs—carbonic acid, ammonia, urea and organic refuse—they are for 'hours undergoing slow poisoning. . Hence the frequent applications for sick leave and the prevalence of epidemics. ... In some of our churches and public buildings warm air is conveyed under the floors and circulated through 'gratings. Cannot fresh air be conducted in, the same way? Mr space and overhead ventilation are of little use in crowded apartments. The atmosphere above saves no one from drowning. Impure air laden with poisonous gases will not travel upwards unless forced by the admission of pure air from, beneath."

12th May 1911 The committee- of the Masterton District High School met last evening. There were present:—Messrs G. Perry, E. H. Waddington, T. I. Thompson, A. Hendry, E. Pragnell, J. L. Hughes, A. W. Chapman, and G. Hyde. An apology for absence was received from Mr R. Brown (chairman). Mr Perry was appointed to the chair.

The treasurer reported the receipts during the month to be £66 4s 7d. expenditure £21 18s 7d, leaving a credit of £44 6s.

It was decided to meet at 7.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. during the winter months.

The secretary was instructed to apply to the Masterton Trust Lands Trust- for the usual grant.. The headmaster's report was as follows: — Attendance. —Main School, roll 632, average attendance' 567, percentage of attendance 90; Side school ? [Sic]; Secondary Classes, 65.61.94. The measles epidemic has greatly reduced the attendance at the Side School, and also, though to a less extent, in the infant department at the Main School. There have been very few absence's for other reasons. The accompanying absentee report contains only a few names. Staff-Miss R. Ziman, the third secondary assistant, retired from the staff on the 30th ult., and the secondary staff of assistants is now reduced to two. Inspections: The annual inspection visit to the school was made by Inspectors Fleming and Tennant on Thursday the 4th. and Friday the 5th insts. The Education Department's Technical Inspector (Mr E. C. Isaac is inspecting the work in Manual and Technical subjects to-day and tomorrow. The Board's Truant Officer- paid a visit to the school to-day to inquire into the attendances of scholars whose names have appeared on previous lists. Term Holiday and Coronation Holiday: The Board has elected to close its schools for the above holiday for a .fortnight, from the 19th proximo.— Adopted.

12th May 1911 At the meeting of the Masterton District- High School Committees last evening, Mr Perry, the acting-chairman, took the' opportunity of extending a cordial welcome- to the- two new committeemen, Messrs E. Pragnell and G. Hyde. Both returned thanks, and stated that they would do all in their power to justify the confidence placed in them by the householders

At the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, Mr Hendry brought up the question of securing an assembly-room for the public school, and proposal that the Committee apply to the Wellington Education Board for a grant of about £500 for the purpose of building an up-to-date- room. The motion was seconded by Mr Waddington and carried.

12th May 1911 Mr E. C. Isaac, the Government Technical Inspector, is at present engaged inspecting the work in manual and technical subjects at the Masterton District High School.

16th May 1911 NZ Times: VISIT TO MASTERTON ACTING-PRIME MINISTER. OPENS SCHOOL MUSEUM. The Masterton District High School has a remarkably fine experimental garden, and now it boasts a school museum housed in a special building, also a well-designed miniature rifle range, both of which were opened by the Acting-Prime Minister, Hon. James Carroll, this afternoon, in the presence of several hundreds of the residents.

Mr Carroll reached Masterton by the mail train from Wellington, and was met by the Mayor, Mr J. M. Coradine, who, with a number of leading citizens, including Mr A- W. Hogg M.P., and Mrs Hogg, drove the Minister around the suburbs. He was afterwards entertained at lunch by Mr and Mrs Coradine,

OPENING THE MUSEUM.^ Faced by a largo muster of the smart High School Cadets and surrounded by several hundreds of the public the Acting-Prime Minister sat on the verandah of what was once Masterton's post office and is now the school museum. The opening ceremony had to be an open-air one, owing to the lack of an assembly hall at the school, a deficiency duly impressed upon the Minister by nearly everyone he met.

The chairman of the Masterton school committee, 'Mr J. Brown, mentioned how the museum started. He had first commenced collecting, but the work eventually became too arduous and heavy, for his pocket. Therefore he handed it over to the Trust Lands Trustees. It had' been through dark days when it was poked away in different places out of sight of-the people. Now it had been handed over, not for the town, but what was even better, to the children. The district owed .a . great deal to .the . foresight of those pioneers who set aside certain areas of land as an endowment for a grammar school, for it was this which had done so much to benefit education in the district.

Mr A. W. Hogg, M.P., spoke of the value of the museum as an incentive to research and observation. Becoming jocular he suggested that the Minister and himself hoped some day to, get on the track of that, ancient 'institution (the National Ass) and have it stuffed and-presented to some museum.. (Laughter).

Mr' A. H. Vile, who. with Mr Hogg represented the Wellington Education Board, "stated that . Masterton .was the first North. Island town to have a District High School.

Mr C.E. Daniells, a member of the Trusts Lands Trust Board, congratulated the Masterton school committee, upon its forward move. ' In a pastoral and agricultural country the great : business 'was to get .the best out of the land, and the 'committee had started school gardens, of which the parents ought to be proud. The Trust Board had, purchased the old post office; and moved and repaired it at a cost of £130, and this was the homo of the museum which Mr. Brown had so carefully got together.

The Mayor of Masterton, Mr Coradine,, welcomed the Acting-Prime Minister,

Mr Carroll, in declaring the museum, open said he could not but marvel at the zeal shown by the public men of Masterton in forwarding the interests of education. The remarks of the Trust Lands Board representatives opened up a vista of what could be brought about by able administration of educational endowments. So much stress was put upon the education of the young by direct natural objects that a museum was a valuable feature of school work. In the olden days the Maoris were familiarly acquainted with their own country. They knew the names of the smallest plant, and its uses. The bush, the plain, and the beach were their 'museum. , He congratulated the people of Masterton upon the activity they had always displayed in regard to the education of their children. ,

Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, stated that the generosity of the Trust, Lands Board was represented by, the lease of the museum site at a nominal rental and the provision of the building, equal altogether to an expenditure of £1400.

The Minister declared- the museum open, inspected its highly interesting collection of agricultural exhibits, the.. mineral section and many .curios, and then opened the miniature rifle range by firing an inner.

16th May 1911 A large share of the credit for the complete arrangements at the Masterton school museum is due to the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson), who has been working night and day for several months past. Not only have showcases been varnished and repaired, but the exhibits have been enumerated and displayed in such a manner as to show them off to the utmost advantage.

17th May 1911 THE MASTERTON SCHOOL.

{To The Editor.} Sir, — On the occasion of the recent visit of the Hon. J. Carroll to Masterton, it was stated that the ' great want at the public school was an assembly room. As a visitor to the school, what struck me as being the greatest need was an entirely new school built on up-to-date lines. I think it would be a grave mistake to spend any more money on such an obsolete building, as the present school. To add an assembly room would be to put back the prospect of a new building many years. The class rooms are not healthy for the pupils, and all the patching in the world will not make them healthy. Parents should agitate for a new building entirely, and not waste their energies on any side issue. A new building would include an assembly room and healthy class rooms, and that is what parents- ought to fight for. I am, etc., PARENT.

17th May 1911 Seventeen scholars who had matriculated at the Masterton District High School received grants of £10 each last year from the Masterton Trust Lands Trust,

24th May 1911 Mr Jackson defended the £10 grant to matriculated students. "Ninety per cent, of your children," he continued, "can never touch secondary education, and therefore. I say, do the best for that ninety per cent, that it is possible to do. " Every child and every settler in the Small Farm Settlement, he held, should receive some benefit from this magnificent endowment, and he would do all possible in that direction. He was not on the Trust on behalf of the Masterton District High School; his vision was broader and his interest in education deeper than that. He gave the Trustees every credit for their business like administration of the Trust; but the credit due to them for their financial operations was infinitely greater than the credit due on account -of their work for education.

27th May 1911 Mr B. Byrne, who has just returned to Masterton from a visit to South Africa, has brought back some rather interesting specimens and curios which he intends presenting

to. the Masterton school museum. The specimens include a remarkably fine piece of gold-bearing quartz, with a good showing- of iron pyrites galena, and other minerals. The specimen, except for the peculiar transparency of the quartz, resembles very much some of the complex sulphide ores to be found in the Thames district. Mr. Byrne has also a curio in the shape of a wire bound walking stick, and an enormous pod containing "lucky" beans.

27th May 1911 Part of an article on the Masterton Technical School. The monthly meeting of the Managers of the Masterton Technical School was held last evening. There were present: Messrs W. H. Jackson (Chairman), C. E. Daniell, J. M. Coradine, and E. H. Waddington

31st May 1911 Wellington Education Board It was decided to make renewed application to the Government for a grant for an assembly hall at the Masterton District High School.

9th June 1911 Mr W. H Jackson reported at the meeting of the District High School Committee last evening that during the recent measles epidemic over 300 scholars at the Masterton school had. been affected, and in spite of this handicap they had had a satisfactory percentage of attendances.

9th June 1911 MONTHLY MEETING. The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present: Messrs A. W. Chapman (in the chair), T. J. Thompson, A. Hendry, J. L. Hughes, E. Pragnell, G. Hyde, E. ,H. Waddington, and C. Perry.

The treasurer reported, as follows: —Balance at last meeting, £44 6s; receipts since, £41 1s; expenditure £64 11s, leaving a credit balance at date of £21 11s.

Accounts, amounting to £33 1s 5d were passed for payment as funds permit.

The committee appointed to go into the matter of obtaining a more commodious meeting room reported that Mr R. Brown's office could be used at a small cost.— The recommendation was adopted. The visiting committee reported that everything at the school was in a. very satisfactory condition. Several necessary works were authorised. The committee recommended that a tank be obtained to burn rubbish at the school, and that .steps be taken to poison weeds on the paths. —The report was adopted. Messrs Pragnell, Chapman, and Waddington were appointed the visiting members, for the month.

9th June 1911 The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported at last night's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee with regard to the attendance as follows.—Main school, roll 633, average attendance 555, percentage of attendance, 88; side school, 169, 157, 93; secondary classes, 65, 57, 88. The attendance for the month has been slightly reduced by the continuance of the measles epidemic. The side school attendance, which was the first affected, has now quite recovered. In the main and secondary classes the attendance has nearly reached the normal percentage again.

At last night's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, Mr J. L. Hughes complained that the bell signalling the time for the children to come out of school was very irregular, and was very seldom rung punctually at twelve o'clock, noon. Mr Thompson stated that parents liked to have their dinner with their children, but they were generally home too late to allow the parents to return to their business at one o'clock. [Mr Perry stated the children were apt ito loiter on the way home, but Mr | Hughes sated that he had made observations for months past, and the ; bell was rung more often late than up to time. The visiting members were authorised to approach the headmaster with reference to the matter.

The visiting members were also authorised to make enquiries as to how the rifle range was being used.

16th June 1911 The schools in the Masterton district will break-up to-day for a fortnight's Coronation holiday

21st June 1911 The Masterton Borough Council decided last evening to donate a Flag to the Masterton School in connection with the Coronation of His Majesty King George.

22nd June 1911 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, yesterday received the Coronation medals for presentation to the children of the local school. The medals are a little larger than a half crown and are made of a special metal. On one side are the heads of the King and Queen, and on the other the Imperial coat of arms. The medals are suspended from a clasp of red, white, and blue. They will be presented to those children attending the school today. Should the weather be wet, however, they will be handed to the scholars when school resumes.

28th June 1911 Wellington Education Board It was stated by the Secretary, in answer to Ma-Vile, that plans have been agreed on for a new assembly hall at the Masterton District High School, and that application would be made to the Government in the matter at once.

1st July 1911 Mr W. Harris, of Lansdowne, has grown a freak maize cob. The cob, which is somewhat smaller than usual, has round its base six smaller cobs all containing well-developed maize, and about half the length of what may be termed the parent cob. The thing is a curiosity in its way and has been presented to the school museum.

3rd July 1911 In a letter to the Petone West School Committee, Mr Pierce C. Freeth says— "The Masterton school is not teaching agriculture. It is merely growing cabbages and potatoes. It is wasting the valuable hours of its childhood by playing at farming." This will be news to Mastertonians.

3rd July 1911 The Committee of the Masterton District High School, as well as the parents of children attending the school, will read with interest an article published in another portion of this paper concerning the rural course at the local school. If the facts are as stated, that only eleven hours per week are devoted to ordinary instruction, an immediate change will be demanded. If, on the other hand, the statement that has been published in Petone is devoid of truth, it should be given a prompt denial. The Headmaster of the school (Mr W. H. Jackson) would appear to have hinted that other subjects are being neglected for the rural course. It is a question, however, how far Mr Jackson is justified in criticising the curriculum of the school, and whether he has justification at all in communicating an opinion to another district which he may not have represented to his own Committee. If the rural course is being carried to extremes at the Masterton school, it is the manifest duty of the Committee to enter a protest in the right quarter

8th July 1911 An extract from the "Petone Chronicle," published in the Age on Monday last, made it appear that Mr W. H. Jackson, Headmaster of the Masterton District High School, had expressed himself to a Petone resident as opposed, in certain respects, to the rural course of education. Mr W. Jackson has shown us the letter he wrote upon the subject, and this, far from supporting the interpretation placed upon it, demonstrates that he has expressed himself favourable to the rural course. Mr Jackson and his staff are naturally annoyed that the achievements at the Masterton School in connection with the rural course should have been represented in an erroneous light. As a matter of fact, the course in question, while it occupies

a prominent place in the school curriculum, does not consist entirely of agricultural instruction. It embraces English, geography, woodwork and various other subjects. Since the course has been adopted, excellent work has been, done by the permanent staff, in co-operation, with the agricultural instructor (Mr Davies), and to assert that the rural course consists of the "growing of cabbages and potatoes" and the "playing at farming," is to talk absolute nonsense. Mr Jackson has furnished us with information' which warrants us in saying that the attempts made to prejudice the adoption of the rural course at Petone by depreciating the good work done at Masterton are quite unwarranted. We are exceedingly sorry that the Petone paper should have given publicity to statements which, do not Represent the position in what we consider a proper light, and we regret that the re-publication, of these statements in this paper should have occasioned annoyance to Mr Jackson and his staff. The work done at the Masterton School has been of such a uniform excellent character that no adverse criticism can be justified, let alone sustained.

14th July 1911 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, which was to have been held last evening, lapsed for want of a quorum, the only members present being Messrs R. Brown, E. H. Waddington and E. Pragnell.

18th July 1911 THE AGRICULTURAL COURSE. ALLEGED SERIOUS REFLECTION. Messrs Hollings and Pragnell, solicitors, of Masterton, have addressed the following communication to the proprietor of the "Hutt and Petone Chronicle":—

"We have been consulted by Mr W. H. Jackson, the Headmaster of the Masterton District High School, in regard to an article published in your newspaper of the 1st July 1911, which casts a serious reflection upon him. and upon the staff working under him in the rural course of the Masterton District High School.

In your article you specifically single out the Masterton School, for criticism, and in commenting upon the work carried on there, you say:

'The Masterton School is not teaching agriculture. It is merely growing cabbages and tomatoes. It is wasting the valuable hours of its childhood by playing at farming.'

This statement is absolutely false, and clearly bears the construction that our client, 'Mr Jackson, and the "staff" working under- him are either incapable of imparting the scientific principles of agriculture for which the rural course as established, or that our client is grossly neglecting this duty, which he is paid to discharge, and the children are suffering in consequence.

Whatever right you may have to comment upon the general system of rural instruction, you clearly have no right to single out our client's school, and make a false assertion regarding it, which, reflects upon him and the teaching staff, and which is calculated to seriously damage our client's reputation as headmaster, having the control, supervision, and responsibility of the various branches of instruction, including the rural course, carried on there.

Moreover, the whole of your article is leading and objectionable and has been compiled from improper use of a communication made by our client to Mr Foster, the headmaster of the Petone District High School, (in answer to inquiries made by that gentleman), which communication has been so distorted as to misrepresent our client's attitude to the rural course, and improperly hold him out as an adverse critic upon his own school, its staff, and its work.

The objectionable words, which we have quoted in the second paragraph of this? letter, Are undoubtedly a defamatory libel upon our client in his capacity of headmaster of tie Masterton School, and we are instructed by him to demand a public retraction- of same, and an apology for having published them, as well as a correction of the whole article published by you, so that our client s attitude towards the rural course may be correctly set forth.

The paragraph complained of has been copied into the Wairarapa Age, circulating in this district, and has subjected our client and his staff to a good deal of ridicule and annoyance.

The last mentioned newspaper has, at our client's request, corrected the article, and we trust you will recognise that it is your duty to do the same.

Our client will also expect, you to pay all legal expenses which he has incurred in the-matter.

If you are not prepared to ,comply -with our request, we are instructed to forthwith issue a writ against you to recover damages for libel.

We wall wait till the 17th inst. for your reply."

It is understood that the proprietor of the "Chronicle" has declined to apologise.

22nd July 1911 Mr G. H. York, caretaker of the Masterton District High School, who has been laid up during the past five weeks, as the result of an accident to his leg, will resume his duties on Monday next.

24th July 1911 At a meeting of Petone householders last week, at which a resolution was passed favouring the establishment of a rural course in connection with "the District High School, the Masterton school was quoted by several' speakers as an illustration of the success of agricultural instruction

2nd August 1911 Mr W. T. Grundy, who is acting as Inspector for the Wellington Education Board during the absence of Inspector Tennant, and who is at present examining, the schools in the Masterton district, was headmaster of the Masterton school about twenty five years ago

11th August 1911 At last night's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported that a fine collection of sea shells had been forwarded to him for the museum by Mr Cornelius Dixon, an erstwhile old resident of Masterton. Gifts from Mr A. O. Levien and Miss H. Hodge were also acknowledged. Votes of thanks were accorded the donors.

A good start has been made with the planting of the grounds round the Masterton school museum. The whole of the two frontages have been, completed with lace barks, golden akeakes, and cabbage trees. The whole of the two latter kinds of trees were kindly presented by Mr E. Hale.

Mr Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, reported as follows to the Committee last night, in connection with the staff:—"In order to strengthen the infant room staff at the main school, the Board has agreed to appoint an assistant, and transfer one of the pupil teachers to another school. , Miss Eva Dagg, one of the probationers on the staff, is absent from duty, being ill with pneumonia."

11th August 1911 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held list night, there being present:— Messrs E. H. Waddington (in the chair), A. Hendry, C. Perry, G-. Hyde, E. Pragnell, and J. L. Hughes. An apology for absence was received from the chairman (Mr R. Brown). The Headmaster (Mr W. H, Jackson) reported, inter alia, as follows —Attendance.— Main School: Roll 635, average attendance 588; percentage of attendance 93; Side School: 169, 152, 90; Secondary Classes: 5.9,, 55, 93. The

attendance has now quite recovered after the measles epidemic, and is, for a winter period, in a very satisfactory state. The accompanying absentee report contains the names of one or two unsatisfactory cases.— The report- was adopted.

The Treasurer reported receipts since last meeting £23 15s, expenditure £9 12s, credit at date £14 2s 4d.

Accounts, totalling £41 15s 1d were passed for payment as funds permit. The visiting members for the month will be Messrs Hughes, Hyde and Perry. ?

30th August 1911 At the meeting of the Wellington Education Board yesterday, Mr A. H. Vile asked how far the negotiations in regard to an assembly room at the Masterton District High School had proceeded, and what reply, if any, had been received from the Government relative' to this matter .

The Secretary stated that an application, had been put in for a grant, but no reply had yet been received. A very good case had been made out, as the school was entitled to increased accommodation by reason of the attendance.

7th September 1911 THE PROPOSED ASSEMBLY HALL, The Wellington Education Board has received the following communication from Sir Edward Gibbes, .secretary for Education, in reference to an application for increased accommodation at the Masterton District High School by the building of an Assembly Hall. "I am directed to inform you that in this Department's' opinion it would be much preferable to build an infants' school detached from the existing buildings and to ask the Board to be good enough, to take this 'Suggestion, into consideration. It is considered that a central hall, divided into class .rooms by movable partitions, would be unsatisfactory both for ventilation and for light, .and, moreover, it is a. form of 'enlargement which the Department has declined to adopt .in several other cases."

15th September 1911 MONTHLY MEETING. The monthly meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School was held last evening. There were present Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Thompson, Hendry, Chapman, E. Pragnell, Perry, Hughes and Waddington.

An apology for absence was received from Mr G. Hyde.

The treasurer reported a credit balance at date of £14' 11s 6d. Accounts amounting to £29 13s were passed for payment.

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson), in his report, stated that the number of names on the main school roll was 641, the average attendance 598, and the percentage of attendances 93. For the side school the figures were 181, 166 and 92, and for the secondary classes 54, 49 and 91. The attendance at the main school and at the side school has been very satisfactory during the month. The majority of the pupils in the .secondary classes are attending with commendable regularity. In a few cases the attendance is far from satisfactory. It is probable that the free places of one or two scholars will be cancelled at the end of the quarter, on account of unsatisfactory attendance.

Mr York, the school cleaner, applied for an increase in pay and a free house.—The application was referred to the chairman and headmaster.

An application from the Solway Recognition Committee for a half holiday for the school on October 8th, the date of the picnic, was referred to the chairman and headmaster.

The secretary of the Education Board wrote covering a reply from the Education Department in regard to the assembly hall.—This was held over to be dealt with by the Committee as a whole, to meet at the school on Monday morning and Tuesday evening next.

Messrs Pragnell, Thompson and Waddington were appointed visiting members for the month.

15th September 1911 Miss Fairbrother, one of the pupil teachers on the staff of the Masterton District High School, has been transferred to another school, and Miss Murray has been appointed as assistant temporarily. Miss E. Dagg probationer, is still absent through illness.

19th September 1911 The Masterton District High School Committee met at the main school yesterday morning and discussed certain improvements which are necessary to the school buildings and grounds

20th September 1911 At a meeting last evening the Masterton School Committee decided to terminate the contract for cleaning the school, and to call fresh applications for the position at a salary of £2 per week and a bonus of £5 at the end of twelve months if the work has been satisfactorily carried out.

25th September 1911 The monthly meeting of the Wellington Education Board is to be held tomorrow. The reply of the Education Department concerning the assembly hall for the Masterton school will be discussed at this meeting, together with the motion of which notice has been given by Mr A. H. Vile, regarding the establishment of a school of agriculture in the Wairarapa.

27th September 1911 At a meeting of Wellington Education Board held yesterday a letter was received from the Education Department suggesting that instead of an Assembly Hall an infant room should be attached to the Masterton District High School. The Chairman (Mr Lee) stated that a Central Hall was more desirable than an additional infant room and he moved and Mr J. Kebble seconded that the Department be again written to urging the necessity for a central Hall. Mr W. C. Buchanan opposed the resolution stating that a good deal of money had been expended on the Masterton School and that the 'backblocks' school had been neglected. Messrs A. H. Vile and J. G. W. Aitken denied that the backblocks' schools had been neglected. Mr Buchanan's amendment was not seconded and the motion was carried on the voices.

2nd October 1911 Mr Hugh Morrison, President of the Masterton A. and P. Association, has very generously placed the Association's rooms at the disposal of the Education Board for the conference on the question of establishing an agricultural school in the Wairarapa. The conference will probably take place on Saturday, October 21st. Representatives of the Trust Lands Trust, and of the Masterton, Wairarapa, Pahiatua and Woodville A and P. Associations are to be invited to attend.

13th October 1911 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, when there were present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), J. L. Hughes, X Pragnell, G. Hyde, T. J. Thompson, A. Hendry, E. H. Waddington, and A. W. Chapman. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £12 12s.

The secretary of the Education Board wrote stating that the Board intended to take further action in connection with the Assembly Hall.

It was decided to request the Borough Council to curb and channel the footpath running alongside the school in Russell-street.

A motion was passed placing the responsibility of looking after the museum on' Thursday evenings rest with the visiting committee in future.

Messrs Perry and Hughes were authorised to spend up to £5 in providing additional sports materials for the school.

In his monthly report the Headmaster stated that the attendance for the month was: Main school, roll 632, average attendance 580, percentage of attendance, 93; side school 182, 164, and 90; secondary classes, 49, 45, and 92. The wet weather experienced on the 19th and 20th ultimo caused a big drop in the attendances on those days. With these exceptions the attendance of the month was very good. He enclosed a copy of the monthly attendance report to the Education Board, containing the names of scholars whose parents have not complied with the requirements of the Attendance Act. The two members of the staff who were absent through illness the whole of last week, had resumed their duties. The probationer, who had been ill with pneumonia since the 28th of July, also resumed duty this week. During the month he had received a number of gifts of specimens for the school museum, chiefly from the scholars. He was desirous of adding to the collection of Native birds, and would welcome the gift of any of the following:—Tui, weka, kakapo, morepork, bell-bird, penguin, etc. Accounts amounting to £21 6s 9d were passed for payment.

Messrs Brown, Chapman and Hendry are the visiting members for the month.

26th October 1911 A holiday is to be observed at the Masterton District High School today in honour of the Carterton show.

28th October 1911 Arrangements are being made -or the holding of an entertainment in aid of the sports fund of the Masterton District High School.

4th November 1911 The efforts of the staff and committee of the Masterton School to provide the necessary material for the scholars to engage in healthy recreation, should receive the warm support of parents and public. The entertainment to be given on Wednesday evening next in the Town Hall 'should draw a crowded house.- Dr. Rowe, the celebrated illusionist "Mora," the "White Mahatma," whose wonderful thought-reading feats have mystified large audiences, and "Koko" the Japanese lady artiste, will contribute a large portion of the programme. A body of picked scholars will render a number of glees. The box plan is at Mr H. Hendry's, Queen Street.

4th November 1911 THE HIGH SCHOOL.

A NEW ASSEMBLY ROOM TO BE ERECTED GRANT OF £1040.

Mr A. W. Hogg, M.P., has been advised by the Minister of Education that Cabinet has authorised a grant of £1040 10s, for additional accommodation at the Masterton District High School. It is intended to build over the large space between the two buildings which at present comprise the school, and thus create a large hall.

The Education Board and the local committee have, for a long time past, been making repeated applications to the Department for a grant for the enlargement of the school, which, owing to the crowded state of certain of the class-rooms, was becoming more necessary as time passed. When Sir Jas. Carroll was in Masterton recently the opportunity was taken by Mr Jackson, the headmaster, of bringing under his notice the desirability of adding an assembly hall to the school. We understand that Mr McDougall, the Education Board's clerk of works, has a very good plan of the new building already prepared, so that it seems probable that tenders will be called and the work put in hand without delay

6th November 1911 TOWN HALL, MASTERTON. WEDNESDAY NEXT, 8 p.m. GRAND ENTERTAINMENT. In aid of the Masterton School Sports Fund. BALDWIN'S MAHATMA CO. GLEES BY SCHOLARS. Circle, 2/- ; Stalls, 1/-. Scholars half price. Box Plan at Mr A. Hendry's.

8th November 1911 Borough Council A deputation from the Masterton school committee consisting of Messrs R. Brown, W. H. Jackson, C. Perry and Hughes waited on the Council in reference to grading a water table in the vicinity of the school, in order to allow surface water in the school ground to get away. After hearing the deputation the Borough Engineer read his report on the matter as follows:—

I have the honour to report upon the matter of kerbing and channelling Russell-street. The footpath is in a fair state of repair but the channel is very low and water floods back in the street, caused partly through a culvert at the entrance to the school yard being high and too narrow, also by the continual chipping that has gone on in the street; each time it has been chipped. A little more of the ground has been, taken out and now the water lies in pools about it. It is not much use filling up the channel to a grade, as where there are so many children playing about, it will be puddled up

9th November 1911 SCHOOL BENEFIT. BALDWIN'S MAHATMA CO.

The entertainment given by the above Company in, the Masterton Town Hall, last evening, in aid of the District High School sports fund, was a pronounced success. During the past week the school children had, been successful in disposing of large numbers of tickets, which assured a large audience. Before the curtain went up the body of the Hall was packed, and the circle was steadily filling. The performance was opened by .Dr. Rowe,, the magician, who did not take long to convince the large audience that he was a past master in the art he practices. His sleight of hand tricks were quite a revelation. None the less interesting was the performance of Mora, the White Mahatma, who, in clairvoyant stages, unravelled mystery ' after mystery concerning both public and personal events. She even foresaw the result of the coming elections, and her answers were received with delight by all present. Several glees were rendered by school children, and, judging by the way they were received, did great credit to the conductor, Mr Miller. As a result of last night's, entertainment, the school sports fund will benefit by a considerable amount.

10th November 1911 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night. There were present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), C. Perry, A. W. Chapman, G. Hyde, T. J. Thompson, E. H. Waddington, A. Hendry and J. L. Hughes. The treasurer reported a credit balance at date of £49 10s.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board and urge upon them the necessity of proceeding with the work of erecting the Assembly Hall during the Christmas holidays. It was also decided to instruct the secretary to point out to the Board the fact that none of the four local applicants for the position of assistant teacher at the school were submitted to the Committee for selection.

The Headmaster's report contained the following:—One of the assistant teachers on the Side School staff was absent three days last week through illness. At the end of the present year the senior pupil teacher and the two probationers will retire from the staff. They possess the required qualification for admission to the Wellington Training College and will probably be

admitted to studentships. Donations to the museum were acknowledged from Messrs O. Feist and J. Stone.

It was decided to ask the Borough Council to supply the levels of the channel in Russell-street, with a view to draining the surface water from the schoolground into the water table, in accordance with permission formerly given. Accounts amounting to £39 13s 3d were passed for payment. Messrs Hughes, Perry and Hyde are the visiting members for the month.

10th November 1911 On the motion of Mr J. L. Hughes, seconded by Mr E. H. Waddington, the Masterton District High School Committee 'has decided to ask the Borough Council to survey the levels of the channel in Russell Street, with a view to draining the surface water from the schoolground into the water table, in accordance with permission formerly given

Donations to the Masterton school museum from Messrs O. Feist and J. Stone were acknowledged at last night's meeting of the School Committee. The museum is becoming more popular every day, .and.is patronised by a large number of the general public.

As a result of the entertainment held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, the sports fund of the Masterton District High School will benefit to the extent of £12.

10th November 1911 Miss G..L. Raynell has been appointed assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School.

11th November 1911 Masterton Trust Lands Trust A letter was received from the Masterton School Committee, asking the Trust to repair a cottage leased by them and to remit the rent for the period from October 19th. The Building Committee recommended the expenditure of £22 on the cottage.—The report was adopted, and the request for a remit of rent was declined. ‘

29th November 1911 Fresh plans have been prepared' for the new assembly hall at the Masterton District High, School. These were approved, by the Education Board yesterday, and will be sent on.to the Minister for his confirmation. - As soon as they are finally approved, tenders will be called for the work. It is-hoped that the contract will be' put in hand during the summer vacation. The new hall will be 53 feet by 53 feet (53 feet = 16.44 metres) It will be well ventilated and will be lighted from the roof as well as the outer walls.

12th December 1911 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee, which was to have been held on Thursday evening, has been adjourned till December 21st, on account of the second ballot.

14th December 1911 Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton School Committee, attended the breaking up function at the District High School and Side School yesterday and presented the Good Attendance Certificates. Short addresses were delivered in all the rooms in which the children had been massed, and after cheers had been given for the chairman, the headmaster and staff the school broke up for the holidays. The following is the list of names of scholars who have earned the Education Department's Good Attendance Certificates for the present year. First-class Certificates are issued to those scholars who have not missed an attendance during the whole year, and Second Class Certificates are granted co those who have missed not more than five half days. The figure after the name of a scholar indicates the number of certificates such scholar has earned. Secondary Classes. —

First Class Certificates —Minnie Wallis 6, Wm. Terry 6, Roy Gardner 6, John Hunter -1, Ivan Sutherland 3, George Saker 1. Second Class Certificates Arthur Andrews 4, Richard Cameron 2, Leo Welch 1.

Sixth Standard.—First Class Certificates—Guy Holmes 4, Wilfred Payne 3, William Douglas, William Thompson, Leonard Davis 3, Arthur Levick 5, Arthur Saker 4, Victor Valler 2, William Candy 4, James McArley, Stanley Moor 6, Roy Franks 6, Nella Pragnell 2, Olive Wooding, Mabel Budd 7, Ada Deane, Lilian Smallwood 3, Myrtle Cairns 6, Clementine Mackay 6, Ethel Madeley 4, William Leach 7. Second Class Certificates John Tait, W. R. Petersen, W. H. Petersen, Clarence Tyacke, Gladys Ware, Agnes Robbins, Violet Hoffeins 5, Christina Jamieson 4, Eiola Andrews 6, Fanny Pond 5. Hilda Davidson 3.

Fifth Standard.—First-class certificates : Douglas de Castro 7, Harold De Castro 6, Walter Garrett 5, Leslie Henderson 3, Henry Johnson, Allan Reed 8, Hannon Thompson 3, Charles Wellington 6, Frank Yalden, Leta Budd 5, Lily Holmes 2, Dorothy Hunter, Ethel Leach 5, Mary McKenzie 3, Esma Petherick. Second-class certificates: Wm. Ash, Alfred Cameron, Leonard Eagle, Hector Hendry, Alfred Henson, John McMaster, Clive Pedersen, Edgar Perrin, Dorothy Cant, Olive Cross 3, Grace Darling 3, Isla Ewart 3, Annie Hausmann, Lexie Pownall 2, Florence Pinhey 2.

Fourth Standard.—First-class certificates: Ida Anderson, Grace Christy 2, Ethel Hunt, Kathleen McArley 2, Eva Patrick 2, Beryl Payne, Grace Wellington 5, Dorothy Smallwood 2, Elsie Edmond 2, Arthur Candy (5, Fred Dickenson 3, Major Eton 4, Douglas Wood 3, Sidney Dickenson 3. Second-class certificates: Roby Jackson 3, Florence Kerr, Alice Leach 3, Gladys Millar, Bessie von Keisenberg 2, Mabel Backhouse, Alex Dowling, Stanley Dixon, Clarence Davies 5, Alfred Lenz 4, Edgar Moore, George Welch 4, Colin Mackersey, D'Arcy Smith 2.

Third Standard;—First-class certificates : Fred Bengé, Kenneth Camron 2, Archie Easthope 3, Clinton Ladner 2, Nat Miller 5, Cecil McCormack 5, Basil Norman 5, Roy Peterson 3, Arthur Thomson 3, Rupert Uren, James Wyber 6, Percy Yalden, Arthur Clough, Doris Wilkes 3, Etta Dixon 2, Lucy McKenzie 4, Grace Hawke 3, Grace Easthope 4, Doris Martin 3, Annie Kerr, Dulcie Hughes 3. Second class certificates : Eric Waters 3, William Rooderkirk 3, Reginald Shackleton. Percy Cotter, Sydney Jenkins 3, Olive Johnson 3, Winnie Brewer 2, Jessie Elder 2, Jessie Miller 2, Violet Sutton, Myrtle, Saker, Maire Moore, Ivy Ridgway, Aileen Thompson, Violet Fly 3, Iola Trower 2,

Second Standard.—First-class certificates—Matthew , Adams 2, Cyril Evernden, Charles Hartmann, Gordon Pauling 3, Welsford Truscott 2, Ian Wyber 3, Pearl Butcher 3, Alice Cole 2, Ethel Collinge 3, Anna' Judd 3, Olive Lenz 3, Una Norman 4, Annie Palmer 3. Second-class certificates Willie Feist 2, Willie McCormack, Colin McKenzie, Kenneth Newland, Bertie Payne 3, Frank Shackleton, Val Spackman , 4, Bobbie Whittaker 4, Charlie Whittaker 5, Ruby Gunther, Nora Henderson, Jessie Leach 3, Rosalie Sutton.

First Standard. —First-class certificates—Freda Anderson, Ivy Bengé, Alma Edge 2, Zola Hunter, Doris Wyber 4, James Biggs 2, Rupert Davies 2, Willie Judd 3, Reuben McMaster. Second-class certificates— Albert Crawford, Jack Ewart, Dick Evernden, Reggie Feist 2, Stephen Henson, Eric Varnham 2.

Infant Classes.—First-class certificates—Tom Carr, Alec Hendry, Millie Carr, Maisie Wilkes, Frank Biggs, Tom Edge 2, John McKenzie. Second class certificates—Harold Candy, Caroline Hunt, Violet Peterson, Eileen Weyland, Edwin Feist, Leonard Morris.

15th December 1911 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS, 1911.

Proficiency Certificates.— The following have obtained proficiency certificates (Sixth Standard): William Candy, William Corlett, Arthur Dalrymple, Leonard Davis, William Douglas, Henry Emerson, Reginald Graham, Guy Holmes, Frank Hoar, Arthur Levick, James McArley, Harold; Miller, Roy Moore, Wilfred Payne, Garnet Permain, Walter H. Petersen, Roy Pond, Arthur Saker, Jack Tait, Ormiston Thompson, Clarence Tyacke, Victor Valler, Eiola Andrew, Lucy Barker, Mabel Budd, Hilda Davidson, Eileen Ewington,, Violet Field, Kathleen Franklyn, Violet Hoffeins, Grace Hooper, Isabel Judd, Muriel La Roche, Clementina Mackay, Ethel Madeley,, Christina McMaster, Lizzie Peters, Fanny Pond, Nella Pragnell, Violet Reardon, Agnes Robbins, Violet Sillars, Lily Smallwood, Emily Thompson, Gladys Ware, Eileen Walton.

The above named holders of proficiency certificates are entitled to free tuition at a High School, District High School or Technical School, until they reach the age of 17 years.

Competency. Certificates The following have obtained Sixth Standard Competency Certificates: — Daniel Davey, ' Howard Devonport, Stanley Moor, Walter R. Petersen, Myrtle Cairns, Eva Hausmann, Lily Lumley, Ella Pinhey, Olive Wooding, Eric Tooby. Promoted to Standard 6. Alfred Cameron, Eric Candy, Donald Christie, Douglas De Castro, Harold De Castro, Percy Davidson, Reginald Deadman, Leo Dixon, Ernest Easthope, Leonard Eagle, Alfred Fox, Walter Garrett, George Harding, George Hayes, Hector Hendry, Alfred Henson, Leslie Henderson, Geo. Innes, Henry Johnson, Ronald Land, John McMaster, Reginald McIntyre, Stanley McEwen, Norman Nicol, Clive Newcombe, Clive Pedersen, Edgar Perrin, Allan Reed:, Kenneth Stewart, Harmon Thompson, Richard Tyacke, Harold Varnham, Charles: Wellington, Arthur Williams' Geoffrey Wooding, Frank Yalden, Frederick Laurie, Leta Budd, Phoebe Bannister, Dorothy Butcher, Josephine Burling, Dorothy Cant, Olive Cross, Grace Darling, Isla Ewart. Phyllis Falloon, Gertrude Fell, Madge Gardner, Mabel Hooper, Annie Hausmann, Lily Holmes, Dorothy Hunter, Nellie Kendall, Dorothy Kelliher, Clara Leach, Ethel Leach, Mavis Miller, Mary McGregor, Mary McKenzie, Grace Moorhouse, Beatrice Mackersey, Eileen Newcombe, Kitty Pownall, Lexie Pownall, Grace Pinkney, Florence Pinhey, Esme Petherick, Lilian Pember, Jeannie Stains, Daphne Stockley-Jones, Doris Webb.

Promoted to Standard 5 . Arthur Candy, Alex Dowling, Fred Dickenson, Sidney Dickenson Stanley Dixon, Clarence Davis Major Eton, Roy Flaws, Fred Gourlay, Waiter Hoar; John Judd,, Alfred Lenz, Clifford Miles, Edgar Moore, George Mitchell, Leonard Price, Andrew Saba, Zaki Saba, Arnold Townsend, Douglas Wood, Alfred Wood, George Welch, Baden Williams, Colin . Mackersey, Harold Montgomery, John Inns, John Smith, Henry Lawton, Stanley Prosser, Arthur Liddell, Ronald Witt, Edward Harris, Ida Anderson, Mary August, Lily Barker, Grace Christie, Connie Corlett, Elsie Cragg, Esmee Dixon, Elsie Deadman, Ethel Edge, Elsie Edmond, Trilby Falls, Roby Jackson, Florrie Kerr, Daisy Maxted:, Kathleen McArley, Gladys Millar, Maud McKenzie, Eva Patrick, Beryl Payne, Joan Ross, Beam, Florrie Wells, Hilda Webb, Grace Wellington, Dorothy Smallwood, Irene Woolf," Elizabeth Von Keisenberg, ' Mabel Backhouse, .Myrtle Douglas, Ruby Wilton.'

Promoted to Standard 4. Walter Andrews, Archibald Amundsen, Fred Corlett,- Percy Cotter, Rupert Blinkhorne, Fred Benge, Cecil Crosbie, Kenneth Cameron,, Gordon Cook, Clifford Dixon, Roy Dowling, Jack Eton:, Frank Ewart, Bert Fox, Robert Falla, Archie Easthope, Douglas Graham, Frank Giddings, Newman Hoar, Cecil Higgs, James Hunter, Stanley

Johnson, Sydney Jenkins, Robert Keen, Albert Liddall Rupert Lenz, Clinton Ladner, Ernest Lee, Nat Milder, Cecil McCormack, Basil Norman, Roy Peterson, Lester, Pryor, Reginald Shackleton, Russell Thomas Longshaw, Arthur Thomson, Rupert Uren, James Wyber, Ernest Waters, Edgar Wilton, Willie Wilson, Murray Wilson, Percy Yalden, Arthur Clough, Lulu Bannister, Winnie Brewer, Stella Cairns, Lydia Clayton, Myrtle Davidson, Etta Dixon, Maggie Donald, Connie Donald, Grace Easthope, Rita Elliott, Violet Fly, Alice Harris, Grace Hawke, Dulcie Hughes, Eileen Jackson., Olive Johnson, Elsie Jones, Vera Judd, Annie Kerr, Dora Kyle, Doris Martin, Lottie Midgeley, Lucy McKenzie, Maire Moore, Olive Newcombe, Doris Permain, Iris Pinkney, Grace Pond, Myrtle Pragnell, Janet Prosser, Ivy Ridgway, Margaret Sneddon', Madge Spicer, Violet Sutton, Ethela Sykes, Aileen Thompson, Iola Trower, Iren Uren, Inez Varnham, Irene Douglas, Linda Devenie, Olive Hughan, Alice Mantell , Alice Wagg, Ruby Webster, Rita Ware, Doris Wilkes, Jessie Waddington.

Promoted to Standard 3.— Roy Anderson, Matthew Adams, Fred Butcher, Gordon Coleman, Henry Cole, Andrew Donald, Norman Devenie, Cyril Evernden. Willie Feist, Willie Falconer, Malcom Falk, Edwin Hughan., Charlie Hartmann, Charlie Holmwood Walter Henson, Norman Haggis, Frank Lane, Robert Livingstone, Aeldred Moore, Willie McCormack, Colin McKenzie, Kenneth Newland, Bertie Payne, Gordon Pauling, Edward Swanson , Frank Shackleton., Val Spackman, Welsford Truscott. Ronald Webb, Edward Wells, Bobbie Whittaker, Ian Wyber, Frank Wilson., Arthur Witt, Gladys Adams., Mildred Bannister, Pearl Butcher; Eileen Barber, Alice Cole, Grace Chapman, Ethel Collinge, Florence Creelman, May Crosbie, Ivy Douglas, Ruby: Gunther, Nora Henderson., Maud Judd, Jessie Leach, Olive Lenz, Done Maxted, Una Norman, Ellen O'Hara, Gertie Peters, Alice Pond, Myrtle Pauling, Annie Pinhey, Annie Palmer, Dorothy Rutherford, Alice Remington, Rosalie Sutton. Ilene Smith, Eva Volheim, Ella Wilton, Melba. Whittaker.

Promoted to Standard 2. Edward Allsworth., Stanley Benge, Reginald Boagey, Harold Butcher, James Biggs, Tom Browne, Robert. Ball, Walter Crawford, Albert Crawford, Max Campbell, Arthur Carkeek, Rupert Davies, Jack Ewart, Dick Evernden, Reggie Feist, Victor Goodin, Alex Haslam, Stephen. Henson, Willie Judd, Willie Ladner, Reuben McMaster, Charles McCulloch, Douglas Pauling, Victor Pinhey, Thomas Redman, Lionel Rutherford. Arthur Spicer, Jack Townsend, Eric Varnham, Willie Wilson, Leonards Whittaker, Freda Bannister, Ivy Benge, Edith: Beach, Alma Edge, Eila Elliott, Elsie Hooper, Zeta Hunter, Gwen Godfrey Eileen Land, Lorna Moore, Nonie Malmo, Enid Pragnell, Rhena Permain, - Mavis Santon , Doris Wyber

Promoted; to Standard I.— Rupert Bannister,' Harold Candy, Arthur Clayton, Laurie Donald, Tom. Emerson, Leslie Falloon, Willie Greenbank, Alack Hendry, Victor Hooper, Kenneth Easton, Jack Martin, Alex. McGregor, Neil McGregor, Percy McCormack, Sidney Moorhouse,' Fred Namana, Stanley Newland, Lawrence' Norman, Archie Reardon, Ronald Sneddon, Norman Swanson, Cecil'. Spencer, Albert Volheim, Clarence Watson, Roy Wilton, Hedley Wilton,' Jack Wagg, Myrtle Barker, Rhoda Clark, Millie Carr, Clarice Cossar, Coyla Cairns, Gladys Collinge, Gwen. Crosbie, Hilda Edwards, Carrie Hunt, Anna Hartmann Ervine Hadley, Mary Hall, Myrtle Hunter, Irene Pinhey, Violet Peterson, Fanny Sneddon, Mattie Spackman, Rita Wilton, Maisie Wilkes, Marian Watson, Eileen Weyland

SIDE SCHOOL. Promoted to Standard 3.—Douglas Brogden, Gordon Beale, John Cotter, Timothy Cragg, James Edmond, Eric Gully, Ian Gibson, Alex. Hausmann, Maurice Hoffeins,

James Laing, Joseph Madeley, Thomas McArley, Thomas Nini, Vincent, Simonson, Walter Tyacke, Seymour Willoughby, May Cronin, Ella Edwards, Rebecca Morris, Irall Maltby, Vervain Minitie, Fannie Nini, Florence Pickering, Grace Scott, Grace Sinclair, Gladys Williams.

Promoted to Standard 2.— Alan Gardner, Carl Hausmann, Arthur Jackson, Victor Payne, Donald Sutherland, Jack Stewart, James Stinson, Albert Trower, Alfred Wintringham, Rodney McRae, Thelma Braggins, Jean Falla, Doris Fellingham, Grace Johnson, Eva Lee, Constance Peterson, Grace Reynolds, Rita Rooderkirk, Edna Voyce, Mona Wellington, Margaret Hawkins.

Promoted to standard 1— Noel Andrew, Robert Allan, Claude Andrew, Charles Cole, Alfred Garrett, Neil Gibson, Jack Gardner, Robert Gower, Charles Groom Bridge, John Hoffeins, Cecil Judd, Alfred Petersen, James Scott, Eric Threadwell, Stanley Willoughby, John Stalker, Arthur O'Donnell, Thomas Lee, Gordon McArley, Llewellyn Morris, Gordon Wood, William Sinclair, Doris Alderslade, Doris Amundsen, Mary Bennett, Grace Crawford, Dorothy Mead, Maud Hawthorne, Annie Johnson, Annie Madeley, Hilda Pinhey, Eileen Dupre, Dorothy Friend, Mary Jackson, Eileen Pook, 'Amelia Saba, Leila Smith, Kathleen Smith, Molly Smith, Ruby Hooper, Edith Wellington.

20th December 1911 Wellington Education Board The tender of Messrs. Rigg Bros., of Masterton, was accepted for the additions at the Masterton District High School.

Miss Morrison transferred from Lansdowne to Masterton as pupil teacher

22nd December 1911 Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster) reported to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening that the average attendance at the main school during the past month was 605 out of a roll number of 632, at the side school 180 out of 191, and at the secondary classes 43 out of 46. For the year over 240 good attendance certificates had been earned by scholars, this being indeed a splendid record.

The Masterton school committee held its monthly meeting last evening. Mr R. Brown presided and there were also present Messrs C. Perry, A. W. Chapman, G. Hyde, T. J. Thompson and A. Hendry. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £85. Messrs E. Pragnell, T. J. Thompson and E. H. Waddington were appointed the visiting committee for the month and were authorised to make arrangements with Mr C. N. Haslam for the holding of the shooting competitions during the holidays for children who are not absent, from the town holiday making. It was stated that the classes at the school which will be disturbed during the erection of the Assembly Hall would be carried on in the buildings on the old Dixon-street Showgrounds.

23rd December 1911 The Masterton school committee intends to hold shooting competitions, during the next month among the children, who are not away holiday-making.

At the annual meeting of the Workmen's Friend Building Society the retiring directors (Messrs W. H. Jackson, F. B. Braggins, and B. Chapman), being the only nominations, will be re-elected. Messrs E. Pragnell, E. H. Waddington, and T. J. Thompson have been appointed visiting members for the Masterton school committee for the ensuing month.

The classes at the Masterton High School, which will be disturbed during the erection of the Assembly Hall, will be carried on in the old A. and, P. buildings in Dixon street,

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1912	811	Masterton	Jackson	William H	D1	Headmaster	£400	\$61,344
1912	811	Masterton	Leslie	David E	C1	Assistant Master	£290	\$44,474
1912	811	Masterton	Wolff	Rosabel	E1	Assistant Female	£230	\$35,273
1912	811	Masterton	Miller	Hymen	D2	Assistant Master	£190	\$29,138
1912	811	Masterton	Murphy	Arthur P	C3	Assistant Master	£170	\$26,071
1912	811	Masterton	Munro	Isabella	D1	Assistant Female	£165	\$25,304
1912	811	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	D2	Assistant Female	£165	\$25,304
1912	811	Masterton	Bunting	Elizabeth	E1	Assistant Female	£135	\$20,704
1912	811	Masterton	York	Mary	Lic	Assistant Female	£128	\$19,668
1912	811	Masterton	Hogg	Ellen C	E2	Assistant Female	£120	\$18,403
1912	811	Masterton	Stone	Blanche	D3	Assistant Female	£105	\$16,103
1912	811	Masterton	Hogg	Mary F		Assistant Female	£95	\$14,569
1912	811	Masterton	Lazarus	Frances		Assistant Female	£90	\$13,802
1912	811	Masterton	Banks	Catherine M		Assistant Female	£90	\$13,802
1912	811	Masterton	Murray	Aileen		Assistant Female	£90	\$13,802
1912	811	Masterton	Hunter	Vera		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	\$8,435
1912	811	Masterton	Parsons	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£50	\$7,668
1912	811	Masterton	Bee M A, M sc.	John G	A1	Secondary		
1912	811	Masterton	Williams B A	Ethel	B2	Secondary		

4th January 1912 The additions to the Masterton school will probably not be complete! for fully a month after the resumption of school.

12th January 1912 The Masterton District High School Committee has appointed Messrs C. Perry, E. Pragnell and J. L. Hughes to control the boy's events at the swimming sports on Anniversary Day

The visiting, committee of the Mn District High School Committee is to consider a new scheme for the opening of the museum to the public. A report will be submitted at the next meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, there being present: Messrs" A. Hendry (in the chair), E. Pragnell, J. L. Hughes, T. J., Thompson and G. Hyde. Mr J R. Brown attended later. The treasurer reported a credit balance of. £66 17s 11d.. Accounts totalling £10 8s 3d) were passed for payment. Messrs Brown, Chapman, and Hendry were appointed a visiting committee for the month.

25th January 1912 Mr H. Miller, assistant teacher at the Masterton School, who has been on a visit to Sydney and Melbourne, returned to Now Zealand by the Ulimaroa this week.

25th January 1912 Miss Grace Waddington, one of the Masterton scholarship students at the Wellington Girls' High School, was awarded second prize for algebra, second for geometry, and third for arithmetic in Form VI for last year's work.

29th January 1912 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, has arranged that several of the school classes will receive instruction in the building on the old showground during the progress of the alterations to the main school. The whole of the

classes will assemble at ; the main school this morning, and then will be drafted out. [The old showground was where the Cameron Sportsground is in Dixon Street in 2018]

30th January 1912 Apart from the additions to the Masterton District High School, the buildings are being given another coat of paint, and are being generally repaired.

30th January 1912 Miss Thompson has been, appointed a temporary assistant teacher at- the Masterton District High School.

31st January 1912 At the meeting of the Wellington Education Board yesterday, permission was granted for the substitution of an assistant for two pupil teachers at the Masterton District High School

9th February 1912 MONTHLY MEETING. The Masterton School Committee held their monthly meeting in the secretary's office last evening, there /being present.— Messrs A. r . Chapman (in the chair), J. L. Hughes, T. J. Thompson, E. Pragnell, A. Hendry, G. Hyde and O. Perry. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs R. Brown and E. H. Waddington. . A motion was carried, placing on the minutes a record of the Committee's appreciation of the high success attained by .the. pupils in the primary 'and secondary schools at the annual examinations. It was decided to renovate the water service at the side school, and to ask the Education Board to bear the cost entailed.

The headmaster (Mr Jackson) was complimented on the organisation of the school classes under the existing difficulties, caused by the alterations to the school. A letter was received from Mr J. W. Moorhouse, offering several museum exhibits for sale. -The matter was left in the hands of the chairman and Mr Jackson to report on. Messrs J. L. Hughes, C. Perry, and G. Hyde were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month. Accounts amounting to £22 1s 4d were passed for payment.

9th February 1912 In his report to the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) stated that there was an impression in the minds of a number of parents that a scholar could be withdrawn from school after passing the fifth standard, whether such a scholar is over fourteen years of age or not. Mr Jackson rightly points out that (this is a mistake. The standard of exemption is now the sixth standard, and no excuse other than ill-health or stress 'of weather is accepted.

10th February 1912 The Trust Lands Trust made the following grants to schools last evening:—Masterton School £31 4s, Lansdowne School £13 5s 4d. St. Patrick's School £9 14s 8d, Fernridge School £8 6s. 8d, To Ore Ore School £2 10s.

10th February 1912 The first 4 paragraphs of a long piece on A " BREEZE." TRUST LANDS GRANT. WHO HANDLES THE MONEY? MR JACKSON'S POSITION CHALLENGED, The air was electrical for about ten minutes at the meeting of the Trust Lauds Trust last evening, and warm words passed between some of the members. The "breeze" originated over a grant, that had been made to the Masterton School Museum. Mr W. H". Jackson had asked that the grant (£12) be passed for payment.

Mr Wagg: "It appears to me that it is hardly right that a member of the Trust should have the handling of money which he, as a member of the Trust, had voted. ' Take, for instance, the law as applied to Borough Councils. No member can now sit on a Council who is directly interested in the spending of thevmoney. You all know the case of Mr Pauling, who though only manager of a company earning Borough money, had to resign."

Mr Jackson: "I wish to deny emphatically that I have received Trust money. I do not have the handling of the money, and I have nothing whatever to do with it, as it goes to the School Committee. It is the latter body which spends the money, not I."

Mr Wagg: "The matter is common talk in the town."

19th February 1912 A SCHOOL MATCH.

A match was played at Greytown on Saturday between the Masterton and Greytown schools, resulting in a win for the former by an innings and 2 run. Scores: —

MASTERTON. — First Innings.— F. Hoar, b Mason 10; H. Miller, b Mason, 3; McLeod, b Mason, 0; Speedy, b Mason, 0; Devonport, 1 > J. Feast, 8; Hunter, c Mason, b Beard, 3; Harris, b Mason, 3; Welch, b Mason, . B. Hoar, b Mason, 1; Franks, b Mason, 4; Moore, not out, 1; extras, 17; total, 52.

Bowling.—Mason, 8 wickets for) runs, Beard 1 for 5, Feast -1 for 15, Day 0 for 4.

GREYTOWN.—First Innings H. Bowling.— F. Hoar 5 wickets for 5 runs, H. Miller 5 for 5. Second innings.— 39 Bowling Analysis.—McLeod 3 for

12, Speedy 2 for 5, Franks 2 t for }, B. Hoar 2 for 12.

21st February 1912 MASTERTON has reason to be proud of its Young lady swimmer, Miss Annie O'Leary, who, after winning two handicap races at the Christchurch Carnival, succeeded yesterday in beating the pick of New Zealand's lady swimmers and annexing the 100 yds New Zealand championship. Miss O'Leary is only sixteen years of age, and she has won the Wairarapa Club's Ladies' Championship three years in succession. When she took up swimming first about three years ago, Miss O'Leary showed at once that she was a swimmer above the ordinary by carrying off the school championship and most of the open events in the Carnival at the Dixon-street baths. Last year Miss O'Leary went to the Wellington Carnival, and added to her laurels by annexing the 50 yds championship in New Zealand record time, 36 secs—a remarkable performance for a girl of fifteen A private, letter received in Masterton from the manager of the Wellington team at the Championship Carnival (Mr Atkins) speaks in terms of the highest praise of Miss O'Leary, and says she is a prime favourite with the public at Christchurch, the spectators being most enthusiastic regarding the performances of "our little champion." Miss O'Leary will compete in another handicap event on Thursday over a course of 66 2/3 yards [Pools were 33 1/3 yard long so that 3 laps = 100 yards]

26th February 1912 A match was played on Saturday between the Masterton and combined Greytown and Fernridge Schools. The latter batted first and made 65 (S. Feist 19). Masterton replied with 79 (Wilton 14). In their second attempt the Combined team made 66(S. Feist 24, Day 16). Masterton required 53 to win, but could only get 51, the Combined team thus winning by one run. Full scoreboard not listed here.

27th February 1912 . A lad named — Cameron, son of Mr. Cameron, of the Bank of New South Wales, was engaged in a wrestling bout at the Masterton School to-day when he fell and fractured his leg.

28th February 1912 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence was granted to Mr H. Sutton, teacher at Tinui, for a month, and to Mr A. B. Charters, (Greytown), Mr D Robertson (Carterton), and Mr C. N. Haslam (Masterton), to enable them to attend the Territorial camp

5th March 1912 Miss Annie O'Leary, of Masterton, New Zealand's first lady swimming champion, was presented by the members of the Wellington team which competed at

Christchurch with a beautiful gold bangle, to mark their appreciation of her splendid performance at Christchurch. The bangle is inscribed "To the First New Zealand Lady Champion."

6th March 1912 Miss F. Hogg, who has been assistant in the Taueru School for a little more than a year, is leaving on Friday next to take up a position in the Masterton School, writes our Taueru correspondent. Miss Jackson, of Masterton, is relieving until another assistant is appointed

15th March 1912 Mr D. Pryor, pupil teacher at the ; Masterton District High School, has tendered his resignation to the Wellington Education Board. Mr Pryor is proceeding to the Otago Masterton to take up the scholarship awarded him at Knox College.

15th March 1912 The first portion of the new supply of free books for the Masterton District High School have come to hand, and consist of writing material chiefly —exercise books and paper.

It is expected that the new assembly hall of the Masterton District High School will be completed in three weeks' time. The opening ceremony will probably take place after the Easter holidays.

The headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported at the meeting of the Committee last evening that there is .practically no sickness among the scholars at the present time, with the exception of a few cases of mumps, which have only slightly affected the attendance.

Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, reported at the meeting of the Committee last evening that the attendances at the district schools for the month of February were as follows: — Main school, roll 628, average attendance 591, percentage 94; side school, 18 , 174, .94; secondary classes, 70, 65, 93

15th March 1912 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present,— Messrs It. Brown, C. Perry, E. Pragnell, A. Chapman, G. Hyde, F. J. Thompson, E. H. Waddington and A. Hendry. The headmaster's report was read and confirmed and considered highly satisfactory. A letter was read from the Wellington Education Board, stating that Miss F. Hogg was the Board's selection for the position of assistant mistress at the Masterton School. A member of the Committee stated that he had had complaints from a parent in reference to the keeping in of a boy who was not strong, and who did not have sufficient time to go home and return during' dinner hour.— It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the visiting committee.

The matter of making arrangements to have a befitting opening ceremony of the new assembly hall was discussed, and a committee was set up to make all necessary arrangements, and to determine what should be the most suitable manner in which to celebrate the event:

Various supplementary works in connection with the new building were referred to the visiting committee.

Messrs E, Pragnell, F. J. Thompson and E. H. Waddington were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month.

It was decided that during the winter months the Committee meetings would be held at 7.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m., as at present. Accounts amounting to £33 10s 1d were passed for payment.

22nd March 1912 Miss O'Leary honoured. A very pleasant function took place at the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, when the High School girls gave an afternoon tea in honour of Miss Annie O'Leary, first champion lady swimmer of New Zealand, and a former High School girl. Mr W. H. Jackson was chairman, and amongst the guests were Mr A. W. Hogg, of the Wellington Education Board, Mr R. Brown (chairman), and Messrs J. T. Thompson, E. H. Waddington and E. Pragnell, of the Masterton School Committee; Mrs P. R. Cook, president of the Ladies Swimming Club, and Mrs J. W. Blackman, vice-president of the club. A number of the old High School girls and members of the teaching staff were also present.

The tea took place in the cookery room, which was tastefully decorated. A centre table was loaded with the trophies and presentations which were won by and presented to Miss O'Leary, and which were examined and much admired by those present. Speeches were made by Messrs W. H. Jackson, R. Brown, A. W. Hogg, E. H. Waddington, J. T. Thompson, and E. Pragnell, testifying to the pleasure it gave them to participate in a function of such general interest.

During the afternoon recitations were given by -Miss Dorothy Vile and Miss Hogg.

The visitors were royally entertained at the tea, the tables being laden with delicacies and fruit of every description. The toast of the guest of the afternoon was proposed in a felicitous speech by Mr A. W. Hogg and greeted with acclamation. Mr Jackson, on behalf of Miss O'Leary, suitably responded.

Mrs P. R. Cook, on behalf of the Ladies' Swimming Club, of which Miss O'Leary was a member, thanked the High School Girls and all concerned for the splendid manner in which they had honoured the lady champion.

27th March 1912 Part of a long Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board A RURAL DECLINE. COMMENTS BY INSPECTOES. "Though the steady annual increase in the roll number for the district as a whole is maintained, the increase is practically confined to city and suburban schools and the schools on the Manawatu line," comment the Wellington school inspectors, in reviewing the year's operations. They go on to point out that if the Masterton town schools are included with the city schools, there is a marked decrease in the roll numbers of the rest of the district, as a comparison with the corresponding totals of ten years ago clearly shows:—

This means that, omitting the two Masterton schools, the rolls of the schools north of the Rimutaka and south of the Hawke's Bay line show a decrease of 9 per cent, in ten years, although the actual number of schools has in the same period increased from 93 to 103.

3rd April 1912 On Thursday last, at Taueru School says our correspondent Masterton. a presentation was made by the school children to Miss F. Hogg, whose transference to the Masterton School has been postponed until after Easter. The presentation took the shape of a very dainty leather handbag and a nicely written address, in token of the very high esteem in which she is held by the children and parents of the district.

12th April 1912 The Masterton School Committee decided at its meeting last night to call tenders for the usual quantity of firewood. The attendance at the Masterton District High School has been slightly affected during the past month by the prevalence of mumps. For the quarter ending March 31st. the attendance at the Masterton District High School returned a percentage of 95,

12th April 1912 MONTHLY MEETING. (By Telegraph—Press Association) The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present,— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. Pragnell, A. Chapman, G. Hyde, C. Perry, A. Hendry, R. . Thompson, L. Hughes and E. H. Waddington: Mr W. H. Jackson head master, was also present, Masterton The treasurer reported a credit balance of £32 17s . A letter was read from, the Wellington Education Board in reference to asphaltting and gas arrangements in connection with the new Assembly Hall.— Received.

The headmaster's report was read and adopted.

A motion, of thanks was passed to Mrs Everett, and Messrs Booth and Crooks for gifts to the school museum.

A sub-committee consisting of Messrs Brown, Thompson, Hyde and Pragnell was appointed, to confer with the headmaster in connection with the furnishing and equipment 'of the new Assembly Hall. The chairman and secretary were appointed a committee to deal with the annual report. It was decided to leave the matter of admission to the entertainment in Connection with the opening of the Assembly Hall to the headmaster and sub-committee

13th April 1912 Miss A Murray appointed assistant mistress

18th April 1912 It is proposed to officially open the assembly hall at the Masterton District High School on afternoon of May 2nd. The Minister for Education (Hon J. A. Hanan)" is to be asked asked to perform the function, A children's plain and fancy dress ball will be held in the hall in the evening

22nd April 1912 The following report of the Masterton High School Committee will be presented at the annual meeting of householders to-night:—

Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting its report. The attendance for the year has been very satisfactory, the percentage of attendances over the whole school for the year being 93. The number of scholars on the roll of the whole school is 868, with an average attendance of 806. The staff now consists of the headmaster, fifteen assistant teachers, two pupil teachers, and four itinerant teachers for special subjects. During the year the policy of appointing adult assistant teachers in place of pupil teachers has been adopted by your Committee on the recommendation of the Headmaster. The staff now consists almost entirely of adult teachers. The work done in the High School has been well maintained . In the Matriculation, Civil Service, and other examinations, very creditable results were obtained by the pupils presented, and your Committee has every reason to be proud of the work done in the High School.

The rural course, as your Committee anticipated in its report of two years ago, has proved most useful. The boys are now being taught practical drawing, surveying, woodwork, and agriculture, and the girls hygiene, physiology, cooking and dress-making, and thus both boys and girls are being educated in a manner calculated to fit them for the battle of life. Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that the schools under its charge have experienced an almost complete immunity from the various epidemics that have prevailed in other schools. This your Committee attributes largely to the daily disinfection of the rooms and to the care and vigilance of the staff.

The School Museum is very liberally patronised by the scholars and the general public. During the year many gifts have been received, and your Committee desires to express its gratitude for the generous support accorded. Your Committee again asks you to join in a very

hearty vote of thanks to the Trust Lands Trustees for the generous help given your school. Not only has the usual grant in aid been made which has enabled your Committee to draw Government subsidy, but special grants have also been made which have enabled your Committee to equip your school in a manner that few schools can attain to. Year after year your Committee has come before you with a statement of efforts made to obtain a much needed assembly hall. This year your Committee has the satisfaction of being able to report that the assembly hall has been obtained, and at an early date your Committee will have the pleasure of inviting parents and scholars to assist at the official opening of the hall. The hall has been built at a cost of over £1000 and is a very spacious room about 50ft square. This will be divided into class rooms by removable partitions, or when occasion arises for an assembly at the school can be thrown into one large room. Your Committee, in conclusion, desires to record its very great satisfaction with the conduct of the schools under its charge during the past year by the headmaster and his very able staff, and to cordially thank the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, for the manner in which he has worked with the Committee, and helped its efforts for the advancement of your school. Your Committee has held 17 meetings during the year—13 ordinary and 4 special—and the attendance has been as follows: —Mr Hendry 15, Mr Hughes 14, Mr Pragnell 14, Mr Hyde 14, Mr Thompson 18, Mr Brown 12, Mr Perry 12, Mr Waddington 11, and Mr Chapman 11.

23rd April 1912 The annual meeting of householders for the election of a School Committee for the Masterton District High (School was held in the Drill Hall last evening. There was a large attendance, over eighty persons being present. Mr Richard Brown was voted to the chair. The Secretary (Mr W. M. Easthope) read the annual report, which has already been published in the Age, together with a statement of accounts which showed the total receipts to have been £416 5s 3d, and the expenditure £387 19s 6d, leaving a credit balance at date of £28 5s 9d.,

The chairman in moving the adoption of the reports, commented upon the satisfactory condition of the school the absence of epidemics, the opening of the museum, and the provision of an assembly Hall

Mr H. O'Leary seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously

The election of a School Committee then took place, there being fourteen candidates for the nine seats

Messrs R Krahagen and D. Smith acted as scrutineers. The voting was as follows:

R. Brown 56

.W L .Falconer 49

J Shackleton 49

W. Kemp 48

D. Threadwell 47

W. Gourlay 44

A. W. Chapman 36

G Hyde 33.;

E; Pragnell.. 32

A. Hendry 27

W. C. Perry.. 24, .

L. Hughes . 23

E. H. Waddington .23 ;

T. . Thompson . 22

The first nine candidates were declared elected. Only four of the retiring members were among those elected. A number of the elected and defeated candidates returned thanks, and votes of thanks were passed to the Retiring Committee, the school staff and the scrutineers

At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr R. Brown was re-elected Chairman

23rd April 1912 The School Committee. Last night a surprise was sprung upon an unsuspecting public when the latest political fledgling in the town—to wit, the Masterton Labour Party—took the annual meeting of householders by storm and managed to get the five of its members who had been nominated all elected on the School Committee. It is in the nature of bantams to try how well they can crow, and we do not blame the Labour Party for its histrionic bow to the people of Masterton. But we think it only fair to point out that the new Committee is in no sense superior to the old one, which, indeed, was a very good and earnest Committee, whose record entitles them to the public commendation. Nobody suspected that Labour was going to picket the town last night and pack the meeting for the purpose of securing a political advantage in a non-political atmosphere, otherwise it is possible that the old Committee might not have been so easily disposed of.

26th April 1912 Invitations are being issued for the official opening of the new assembly hall at the Masterton . District High School on Thursday, May 2nd, at 2.30 P.m. The Prime Minister (Hon. T Mackenzie) and Minister for Education (Hon. A. Hanan) have been invited to be present.

1st May 1912 Wellington Education Board An "application for gas installation at Masterton, declined by the finance committee, was referred back for further consideration.

3rd May 1912 The Masterton .School Committee, and the headmaster of the District High School are to be congratulated upon the 'happy' consummation of their efforts to bring the scheme of local education into still greater prominence. Masterton has reason to feel proud of its educational institutions, and of those who are controlling their destinies. In Mr W. H. Jackson the district possesses an educationist whose enthusiasm shows no bounds, and - whose demands will not permit of refusal. He has been ably supported in the agitation for an Assembly Hall by the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr R- Brown), and by the Committee as a whole. The-.history of the movement which led up to the ceremony of yesterday is one which would bear investigation by the most skilled diplomat, it certainly redounds to the credit of Mr Jackson. 'The speeches made yesterday (with one little exception which need not be emphasised) were in excellent taste, though bordering, perhaps, on the idealistic. The Hon J A. Hanan delivered himself of quite a masterful peroration while the Hon. Te Rangihiora showed himself blessed of all the poetry which is the attribute of a cultured Native.

3rd May 1912 THE NEW ASSEMBLY HALL. The Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister of Education, paid an official visit to Masterton yesterday, to open the assembly hall at the District High School. The Minister was met, at the railway station. by Mr O. R. Sykes, M.P., His Worship the Mayor (Mr . M. Coradine), Messrs A. W. Hogg and A. H. Vile (members of the Education, Board), Mr R Brown (chairman), and members of the School Committee. The Minister was taken to the- Club Hotel where he lunched with the School Committee. He was afterwards motored round the town in company with the Hon. Dt Buck, who had been here

for a day or two on Native business. The function at the school took place at 2.30 p.m., the new assembly hall being crowded with visitors and children. The chair was occupied by Mill. Brown (chairman of the School Committee), and tin© members of the Education Board and School Committee occupied seats upon the platform. Mr R. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, m introducing the Hon. A. Hanan, Minister of Education,, said that they were there to open a. new branch of the Masterton District School for which they had worked for a considerable time, and on behalf of the School Committee he had to thank the Minister for coming to open the new hall, and he also wished .to thank the Hon. Te Rangihiora for attending the function. Mr Hanan as the new Minister for Education, had already made a start in fostering education in New Zealand by talking steps to introduce the medical inspection of schools, for which he (the speaker) considered there was great need. The Minister was. also moving in. the direction of giving greater facilities to University education. He (Mr Brown) thought that a great deal could yet he done in. the way of bringing practical education more in touch with theoretical work.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr M Coradine) in extending a welcome to the Minister for Education and the Hon Te Rangihiora said that it was a pleasure to welcome such distinguished visitors to Masterton, whose presence should be -thought highly of, as the time of the ministers of the Crown was very fully occupied, and their presence there that day showed that they were in sympathy with the work of education.. In concluding, Mr Coradine hoped that the visitors would see enough of Masterton on this occasion to cause them to return on some future occasion.

Mr G. R. Sykes, M.P., in welcoming the Ministers, to Masterton for the first time, in a Ministerial capacity, said that it was a pleasure to the people of Masterton to welcome the Ministers of the Crown, who would see for themselves what a prosperous and important district this was. The task of a Minister was a very delicate :ne at timer, and required delicate .handling. the thanks of the people of Masterton were- due to the hon. gentlemen for sparing the time to visit Masterton on this important occasion. In referring to the Minister of Education, he was sure .that Mr Hanan would prove a worthy successor of Mr G. Fowlds, late Minister for Education. Thirty years ago |the Masterton School was looked upon as of such Large dimensions that it was not thought that any increase in the size of the building would e necessary. But time had altered all that, and .the school had to be greatly enlarged to cope with the increase in the roll, and now these additions were culminated in the present commodious assembly hall .He (the speaker) looked to Masterton as-an important seat of learning, and children from outlying districts came to the school to receive a higher education, as in Masterton the people had a splendid educational centre, the equal of any -institution in the Dominion. (Applause). This result was due to the excellent management and educational acumen of the worthy headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson who, ably assisted by a capable staff, had brought the Masterton School to its present high standard of efficiency. He (Mr Sykes) hoped that by the aid of the Trust Lands Trust, Government subsidies, and the assistance of wealthy citizens, Masterton would at some future date have an important college in which its boys, and girls might receive a higher education,. In conclusion, he extended, on behalf of the people of Masterton, a hearty welcome .to the Ministers, who, he hoped, would make this the first of many visits to the district.

Mr Lee, chairman' of the Wellington Education Board, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to again visit Masterton. That the people of the town had the true interests of education at heart was obvious. Masterton had undoubtedly, one of the best., if not the' best, school in- the Wellington Education district. It was many years since he first visited the Masterton School, and anyone who came under his supervision then must be quite fifty years old now, and he had pleasure in recently renewing an acquaintance with some of the old boys of the school. There was a large .number of men who had come under his jurisdiction in Masterton, and he hoped they were none the worse for it. He had been an enthusiast in education all his life, and had always taken, the greatest interest in the welfare of the young men. It was always a pleasure to address gathering of children., and to say something to them which would leave an impression on their minds. The question as to what was meant by education had not yet been fully answered. In his opinion- education meant learning to live, and tended to make men and women. It meant the training of the body and mind to gain impressions which would be useful in after life. No two minds were alike, and so the world was full of varied occupations, suited for men- and women of different abilities and tendencies. A child often struck out in the very opposite direction to that which was at first thought to be suited for him. Boys and girls must be educated, in order to fit them for the great battle of life. New methods were being brought into schools at the present day, and new subjects were being taught. He had nothing but praise for the rural branch of instruction which was being introduced' into the schools of the Dominion, while the work of technical schools was of the greatest value and importance and fitted a boy for any branch of life he might (have an aptitude for. In reference to military training, which he was pleased to see was in force in the Masterton School, he considered it an excellent thing. It was not only from the military aspect, but it was good to be taught discipline and to learn to obey. He was pleased to see that the question of medical inspection was to be considered, as he thought it tended to make boys and girls grow up of sound stamina, and sound mind. It was astounding how little parents and sometimes teachers knew about the ailments of their children. Since medical inspection, of children had been introduced in England, a great improvement was noticeable, and the parents took greater notice of the medical wants of the little ones. Health, said Mr Lee, was the first' wealth, and education combined with it made a healthy and prosperous community. He was pleased to come to Masterton and see that the people placed proper value upon education In this respect they .resembled the Scotch, who set greater store en education than did. The English or the Irish. Some districts gave more attention, to education than others, and Masterton was one of them. Two men did much to bring education to its present position in Masterton, and without friction he said that Mr Grundy and Mr W. H. Jackson were responsible for the excellent attainments of the Masterton School. In conclusion, Mr Lee hoped that every hoy and girl before him would remember that they had a character to make, and he advised them to endeavour to find out their special faculty, and develop lit fully, and they would come cut well.

Mr Jackson, headmaster, expressed his gratitude to those who had assisted in the obtaining the building. Many times he had been, asked what purpose the hall would fulfil. The hall would be of the upmost importance in the life of the school. Just as people required a dining room, so did the school require a daily life room which they now had in the new building. He had a letter from Mr J S. Tennant, who had recently returned from the 'Continent, where he

had studied all the latest advancements in education, and that gentleman, who, Mr Jackson said, was one of the highest educationalists in N.Z.,-in his letter he offered congratulations on- the opening of the 'splendid and necessary adjunct to school life. The assembly halls in Educational England are looked upon as of first importance. The hall had not been given for the first time of asking, but nothing that .was of great value was secured. at first request. Mr Jackson thanked the-late Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, and Sir James Carroll, for procuring for them the hall, and, he (Mr -Jackson). assured the people of Masterton that excellent use would be made of it for the benefit of the children. Several necessary articles we're yet required for the building but he was sure the Minister for Education would see to it that the room would not be marred for want of furniture.. Mr Jackson also referred to the museum, which he regarded as a most valuable accessory to the school, and in connection with which excellent and valuable work would be done. He thanked all for their presence there, and especially those who Masterton assisted in securing the assembly hall. He assured them all that his work was not a task, but a pleasant duty, and he would not change places with the Minister of Education himself.

The Hon. Te Rangihiora, said that it gave 'him great pleasure to be present at such an important function, He heartily congratulated the people of Masterton on their splendid assembly room, which was an excellent adjunct to the school. As a medical man he considered that the building would be of the greatest use in developing the best interests of the children. He also congratulated Masterton on the splendid museum, which had opened Iris eyes, and was the first of the kind he had seen in connection with any school in the country. The use of the museum would certainly be great as a factor of education. He wished to offer his congratulations to the people .of Masterton on the very capable headmaster and staff who had charge of the school. If there was one person to whom the Maori race looked up to it was to the Native schoolmaster, and this he was sure was equally true of Europeans. After mature consideration, he came to the conclusion that no calling was of more importance to the State than that of the teacher who had the important duty of preparing the children for the duties of life. .Europeans were a highly civilised race thousands of years before the Maori race had emerged from wat was called the stone age, relics of which he had noticed in, the school museum. When Captain Cook came to New Zealand a century or so ago, the Maoris were still shut up in the stone age, while the ancestors of the Europeans commenced their emancipation close upon 3000 years ago," and civilisation had been slowly working, until the European race had arrived at its present advanced state, chiefly through the advancement of Education. The Maoris began to emerge less than a hundred years ago, and he now looked to education to 'bridge- the gap which existed between the two races. Modern education should be open .to everyone, and not be confined to the children of the Masterton wealthy, as was the case in the past, Masterton The Scotch, as a race, were the only people who seemed able to send their boys to, the University their parents might be in humble circumstances, and it was from the sons of poor parents that the best brains of Scotland had sprung in the, past. If they could struggle through under these adverse circumstances, many more should be able to do the same. New Zealand must have an avenue for all to go to the High School and on to the- Universities., Senior and junior free places had given everyone an' opportunity of gaining a higher education., and his chance should be extended to all, so that they might attain- the best position education could offer. The speaker remembered when he twenty years ago,

came to Masterton, to work on- a sheep station, but not being satisfied. with his position, he saved enough money and gained a University education and a medical degree. If he did not have that opportunity he might be- today a rouseabout on a station. He was sure that there were boys and girls amongst them that day who were capable of doing the same if they had the opportunity. All that was required was; a good sporting chance. In mentioning the medical inspection of children the speaker said that this question was often lost sight of .by the parents, and there were many cases where a boy or girl was accounted dull, while suffering from deafness or some other complaint, which if taken in hand at the proper .time might be easily-cured. If the physical fitness of tine children was to be developed, they must look after their health., and to this end medical Masterton inspection of children was "a step in the right direction. Teachers would have a hand in this, and all ailments would be reported upon. The Government would no doubt consult with the British Medical Association as to the best methods to be adopted, as the' medical profession must be considered in the matter, and so work in harmony with the Education authorities. A sound mind and a sound body was what was required. The physique of the young should be carefully guarded, so that the future New Zealander could be no disgrace to the original people of the country, and that was the Maori race.

The Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister thanked his hearers for the splendid reception given his colleague Dr Buck, and himself. It was a great pleasure to visit the district. He had not previously visited the district, but he had heard a great deal about the prosperity of the locality, from his friend and late colleague, Mr A. W. Hogg, who had on many occasions urged' the claims of the district and mentioned its great resources. He was pleased .to see his old friend amongst them again in restored health. He was also pleased to see so much evidence of the prosperity of the town and district, and the many indications that the people were promoting public institutions and .municipal buildings. He was glad to see the evidence of facilities. for educating the young which was a hopeful sign, as interest in. education was the leading essential to the prosperity of the country. A high education system should be aimed at, which would be an. inspiring ideal. To have right social state it was necessary to have the- right men. Legislation had done much good country and to the community in bringing about- good conditions. The spirit of self-help and the developing of. unselfishness were necessary essentials to individual advancement. Temperance and self-reliance never, were agencies and influences which induced high 'ideals and progress. .The higher democracies must be intelligent and of strong character. There was a great need for an educational system to properly equip the young people for the battle of life. New Zealand had a splendid system of State education.

Dr Buck had stated to them what education had done for him. The ideal of a free University was to be kept in view. Much had already been done by secondary education. Boys and girls went to High School, irrespective of position, and he thought the University should be opened in the same way, in order .to develop the best talents and brains of the people. The best investment a country can have is that which improves the body and mind of the young people. He could see around him the nucleus of a great nation. The future of the country rested with the boys and girls of New Zealand, who would help to make a great nation. There had been many changes in the teaching of the young, and education now sought at specialising in subjects, so that children might be fitted for the various callings in life. What

the country wanted was skilled men. If New Zealand was to hold its own, it must have artisans-skilled in head and hand. If agriculture was to be a success in the country .the farmers must be trained to scientific methods of production. He congratulated the Boards of 'Education for establishing agricultural courses in the schools. The Wellington Education. Board was to be especially congratulated for their work in this direction. In referring to the museum in connection with the school, Mr Hanan said that the museum. was of great value as an adjunct to the school work. Masterton was Ito be congratulated on having such an able headmaster and an excellent staff, which, the speaker said was of the utmost importance, as it was necessary to have the best teachers. Their appointment was a sacred matter, and should be made only according to merit, which should be the only passport to the position. If a man were capable, no matter where he hailed from, he should receive the appointment. Every teacher' of merit should have the opportunity of attaining to the highest positions of a profession. which was the noblest in the land. Good teachers were wanted to build up a national spirit amongst the children, they should be taught to admire patriotism, said to develop a love for New Zealand, and a pride in their country which would place .New Zealand in a high' position amongst the nations' So he hoped the boys and girls would keep up their studies after leaving school. Many think that when they leave school their education is complete, when they really only have had a grounding. The technical school was a splendid institution, which should be availed of by the boy's ..and girls when they leave the primary school. The importance of continuation classes could not be too much enlarged." The future of the country lies with the trained thinker and the skilled worker. A system of medical inspection was productive of splendid results and should be supported by every right thinking man and woman in. the community.. . Mr Hanan referred to the wants of the back blocks and said that before money would be granted scientific education, primary education in the back country would have to be attended to. Primary education the first duty, and it. was his duty to bring about a sound system of education, and he therefore wanted to see the money spent to the best advantage. He congratulated Masterton,. on its new hall, "which, would be a splendid, adjunct, to the school, and would help to develop the Social life of the school. The proceedings were terminated with cheers for the various speakers, and also for the headmaster, which were given vociferously.

Afternoon tea was dispensed by the children, and during the afternoon the visitors were escorted to the different places of interest in connection with the school.

3rd May 1912 A holiday will be observed at the Masterton District High School to-day. The museum and agricultural garden at the Masterton District High School were freely patronised by the public yesterday The museum is quite a feature of the scholastic institutions in Masterton.

4th May Opening statement of a long article on selection of teachers. SELECTING SCHOOL TEACHERS REMARKS BY THE MINISTER OP, EDUCATION, Speaking at the opening ceremony, of the new Assembly Hall of the Masterton District High School -on Thursday, the Hon. . J A. Hanan. (Minister of Education) said that in some respects we were parochial in our system of appointing teachers. He regretted to find a desire on the part of some controlling bodies to confine the selection of teachers to those employed in their own districts. The appointment of teachers was almost sacred in importance, and should be viewed from a broad standpoint, .and made according to merit alone

4th May 1912 MASTERTON SCHOOL.

FANCY DRESS PARTY.

A plain and fancy dress party was held in the new Assembly Hall last evening, when there was a very large gathering of scholars, parents, teachers and visitors. The hall was beautifully illuminated, and the coloured dresses added a touch of brilliancy to the scene. The headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, was indefatigable in his efforts to promote the success of the function, and he had the assistance of all the teachers, who entered into the spirit of the gathering with great zest. The success of the party was due in a large degree, to the work of the lady teachers, who decorated the supper room and supplied the refreshments, and to them the highest praise is due. The great success of the whole function clearly indicates the excellent spirit of esprit de corps which characterises the staff of the Masterton School. The M. C's. were Messrs A. W. Chapman, C. Perry and H. M. Boddington (the two latter are old boys of the school) and the male members of the teaching staff. Competitions were held in connection with the dance, the prizes being presented to the successful scholars by Mr P. R. Cook. The judges were: Dancing -Mesdames D. M. Graham and H. B. Dyer; costumes—Mesdames P. R. Cook, . B. Moodie and C. A. Tabuteau. The prize winners were as follows:—

6th May 1912 In the published reports of the fancy dress party at the Masterton District High School on Friday night last, some inaccuracies were contained in the list, of costumes. Following is an accurate list: — Costumes.—Under six—Nella Johnston, Duchess of Devonshire; R. G. Wells, Brown Paper Parcels (W.F.C. A.) Under ten —H. Candy, Golly -wog; Janet Prosser, Old English Lady. Under fourteen —Girls: A. Thompson, Puritan Maid; A. Pownall, Juliet. Boys: Douglas Wood, Dutch Boy. Over fourteen —Girls: B. Mackersey, Pierrot; Mina Waddington, Mad Hatter. Boys: G. Saner, Lord Chatham. Special Prizes.—Girls: T. Tankersley, Lady Out of Date. Boys: . Eton, Admiral. Dancing Prizes. —Under six—Nella Johnston, R. G. Wells, D. Wells, E. Leathwick, K. Whitton, N. Wood, C. List, R. Cohen. Under fourteen— Nellie Kendall, Eila Ewart, and C. O'Hara. Over fourteen -Dorothy Vile and Percy Eraser.

4th May 1912 A match was played on the Masterton school grounds this morning between Carterton and Masterton schools, and resulted in a walkover for Masterton by 26 points to nil. For the local team Speedy, Dickenson and Harris were the best of the forwards, Speedy being particularly noticeable for his splendid work, on one occasion running through the whole opposition. Of the backs Macintyre , McLeod and Leach were the pick. The Carterton team were a very poor lot, and with the exception of Hudson, none showed to advantage. Tries were scored for Masterton by Speedy (3), McLeod, Harris, and Dickenson and McLeod converted two tries and kicked a penalty goal.

7th May 1912 SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,— I would like to draw the attention of the Committee of the Masterton District High School to several things that, require looking into—(1) Detaining children for punishment in their dinner- hour. Surely after school hours is a more suitable time. (2) Compelling children in the infant class to act as scavengers, picking up paper in the schoolgrounds, etc. ; and the use of the cane on children six and seven years of age. I have no objection to the use of the strap on my children, but the cane is altogether too severe a punishment for children of tender

years. Hoping that the Committee will enquire into these complaints, I am, etc., PARENT. Masterton, May 4th, 1912.

(With regard to the statements contained in the above letter, the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) says there is no truth in the first complaint, no children having been detained during the dinner hour. Children have been made to pick up paper in the grounds, but this, we quite agree with Mr Jackson, is only teaching them to be tidy. As to the use of the strap, we are quite sure that the headmaster exercises proper discretion in this matter, and the application of the cane usually does more good than harm.—Ed. W.D.T.)

10th May 1912 The attendance at the Masterton District High School has been considerably affected by an epidemic of mumps during the past month

10th May 1912 The monthly meeting of the Masterton High School Committee was held last evening, in the secretary's office, there being present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Chapman, . Shackleton, W. Gourlay, E. Pragnell, W. H. Falconer and G. Hyde.

The treasurer's report was read, and showed a credit, balance of £111 0s 3d.

In the report of the headmaster the attendances were given as follows:— Main school, roll 637, average attendance 540, percentage 85: side school, 188, 142, 80; secondary classes, 69,60, 87.

A notification was received from the Wellington Education Board, stating that Miss .Murray had been appointed to the position of assistant teacher in the High School.

In reference to the installation of gas in the new building, it was decided to leave the matter for further consideration.

In reference to complaints from children or parents, the chairman pointed out that, it would be advisable for members of the Committee to make enquiries for themselves before any action should be taken, as in the past there had been experience of cases in which there were no grounds whatever for the complaints laid.

A motion of thanks was passed to those who gave donations of money and specimens towards the School Museum.

A motion of thanks and appreciation was passed to Mr W. H. .Jackson and those who assisted for their unsparing efforts to make the opening ceremony in connection with the new assembly hall the success it undoubtedly was, and also in connection with the function on Friday evening last.

The question of appointing a Finance Committee was left over till next meeting.

Messrs Gourley, Hyde and Kemp were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month. The question of weekly visits to the School Museum, and the matter of changing the meeting room, were deferred till the next meeting.

Accounts amounting to £8 17s 6d were passed for payment.

29th May 1912 At its monthly meeting yesterday, the Wellington Education Board decided that it could not see its way clear to install gas throughout the Masterton District High School. It was pointed out that no other school in the education district has such an installation.

12th June 1912 Mr C. N. 'Haslam, first Assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School, has been appointed to be headmaster of the Island Bay near Wellington. Mr Haslam was one of the four country teachers selected by the Education Board from a list of forty-two applicants for the position. Ho has been for some years in the Masterton school, and has done

excellent work as a teacher. He has also taken a keen interest 'in- military matters, and has filled the position of Lieutenant to the local Volunteer and Territorial corps. In school sports he has also taken an active interest. . His loss to the Masterton school will be very severely felt, but his .numerous friends will be pleased to know that his new appointment .means a well-deserved promotion.

14th June 1912 A specimen of a material that is said to be plentiful in certain parts of the Masterton district, has been given to the Masterton School Museum. The Masterton material possesses all the qualities of oil, and when set alight burns readily and gives off an odour strongly resembling kerosene. A specimen will no doubt be forwarded to the Government Analyst for examination.

The attendance ' at the Masterton District High School is still affected by the epidemic of mumps, which has been prevalent during the past month or two.

In the headmaster's report, presented. at the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Masterton District High School, the following returns were presented:—Main school, roll 639, average attendance 557, percentage 87; side school, 182, 158, 87; secondary classes, 67, 62. 97.

14th June 1912 Messrs T. R. Fleming and F. G. Stuckey, Inspectors of the Wellington Education Board, visited, the Masterton District High School this week. At last evening's meeting of the Masterton School Committee, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman to place on record the Committee's appreciation of the excellent work done by Mr C. N. Haslam during the seven years he had been connected with the Masterton school.

14th June 1912 The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Masterton District High School was held last evening there being present,— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), . Shackleton, G_ Hyde, A. Chapman, W. Kemp, W Gourlay and D. Threadwell.

The Headmaster's report was read and adopted-

The Education Board wrote, forwarding the sum of .£20 16s 8d for asphaltting done in the school playgrounds.

In connection with the asphaltting, it was decided that the visiting members inspect the grounds, which, are to be asphalted, and report on the matter at next meeting of .the Committee

A vote of thanks was passed for Mrs Arnot, of Masterton for donating specimens to the School Museum

It was decided that future meetings of the Committee be held at Mr Brown's office, Mr Kemp withdrawing his motion in reference to holding the meetings in the school.

It was decided, in connection with the opening of the School Museum for the winter, that the visiting members for. the month confer with Mr Jackson in reference to having an official present on Thursday evenings, the matter to be -reported at next 'meeting.

Messrs Pragnell, Shackleton and Threadwell were elected visiting members for the ensuing month

Accounts amounting to £46 14s 4d were passed for payment

14th June 1912 Miss A Murray has commenced her duties at the Masterton school. At the end of June Miss E. Bland will sever her connection with the staff. *Miss Bland went to Te Aro School in Wellington*

15th June 1912 FURNISHING OF ASSEMBLY ROOM.

At last night's meeting of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, Mr T. Wagg moved, in accordance with notice of motion given, that a special grant of £100 be made to the Masterton District High School for the purpose of furnishing the new Assembly Hall. Mr Wagg explained that his motion depended upon the granting of a £ for £ subsidy from, the Wellington Education' Board. This sum, if granted by the Trust, together with the Education Board grant and money already granted, would be sufficient to furnish the hall in a manner befitting so fine a building.

Mr O. N. C. Pragnell in supporting the motion, said that in making such a grant the Trust would be benefiting the many and adding to the comfort and convenience of the little ones who attended the school. It was the duty of the Trust to assist in matters of this nature.

Mr Caselberg said that while he thought, the idea, was a good one, as far as the Trust was concerned, it was purely a matter of finance. He favoured leaving the matter in the hands of the finance committee, and if the money was available the grant should be made, if not the full amount, a smaller grant could be made. There were so many demands on the Trust that it would be hardly fair to neglect other deserving objects.

Mr Daniell supported Mr Caselberg's idea and said that while the object was in every way a most deserving one, he thought it would be advisable to leave the matter to the finance committee.

Mr Robinson thought that the finance committee should deal with the matter, with a recommendation to make the grant if the money was available.

Mr Jackson explained the requirements of the Assembly Room in regard to furnishing, etc., and the ultimate cost. He was pleased that the Trust was favourably disposed towards assisting to furnish such an important adjunct to the school, in so doing which they were helping the most important work of education. "

The chairman favoured the matter being dealt with by the finance committee.

Mr Daniell moved that the question of the grant be referred to the Finance Committee to be considered when the estimates came up for discussion;

Mr Caselberg seconded the motion. Mr Wagg withdrew his motion in favour of the latter motion, which was carried.

27th June 1912 Mr D.E. Leslie, M. A., of Gisborne, who has been appointed to succeed Mr .C. N. Haslam as first assistant at the Masterton school is, thirty-eight years of age, and married. He holds a CI certificate and has an experience in teaching of twenty-five years. For the last 7 ½ years he has been first assistant at the, Gisborne District High School. [Did he start teaching at age 13?]

2nd July 1912 Visitors to the Masterton District High School comment very favourably on the new Assembly Hall. The hall is 54ft by 44ft, and is strongly constructed, the stringers and pillars being of jarrah timber. The acoustic properties are excellent. The inside is painted a light colour, and the joinery and jarrah timber is varnished in dull finish. Light is obtained from windows in the end of the hall and a large lantern-light. There are two lobbies, with lavatories fitted with hand-basins for washing. By the additions, the headmaster is provided with a commodious office. There have also been extensive additions to the shelter-sheds. The whole, of the school;- shelter-sheds,, several class-rooms,-etc .have. recently been painted - the work being carried out in first-class style by Mr W H. Cole. The carpentering work .was done by Messrs Rigg Bros

8th July 1912 Wairarapa Rugby Union Communications were received from Messrs V. Higgins, Carterton School, G. Kidson, Greytown School, and H Millar, Masterton School, thanking the Union for the assistance rendered to encourage school football. Mr Millar also applied for the championship football won 'by the Masterton School last year. Decided to forward same at once.

12th July 1912 MONTHLY MEETING. The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening Mr R. Brown presiding over an attendance of seven.

The treasurer- reported a credit balance of £139 5s 11d.

In connection with the transfer of Mr Haslam to the Island Bay school the school committee, at its last meeting, forwarded a resolution to the Education Board disagreeing with the request of the latter body that Mr Haslam should be allowed to proceed to Island Bay before the end of the month.

The Education Board wrote stating that Mr Haslam would commence his duties at Island Bay on July 15th, and that in the interval, till Mr Leslie commences duty at Masterton on August 1st, Mrs Gordon, who holds the best certificate issued in Scotland, will act as relieving teacher at Masterton. Had the appointed been already engaged within the Board's district, the Board could probably have arranged for his transfer to Masterton at the time Mr Haslam is leaving. The board could not agree to Mr Haslam remaining in Masterton till July 31st. Mr Brown explained the circumstances connected with the matter and that the Board had the absolute right to order Mr Haslam to go to Island Bay. Mr Brown also said that the committee had not requested that Mr Haslam should remain in Masterton; it was the Board who made the request that he should be allowed to go earlier. The committee had no further power in the matter and the relieving teacher would now no doubt be sent up to Masterton. ‘

No action was taken in the matter.

Messrs Falconer and Threadwell were appointed to represent the school committee on the Beautifying Committee.

Messrs Brown, Chapman and Falconer were appointed the visiting committee for the month. The headmaster reported as follows: —Attendance—Main school, roll 650, average attendance 600, percentage of attendance 92; side school, 167, 159, 95; secondary classes, (64, (61. '95. The attendance for the month has been good. It is still slightly affected by a few cases of mumps and "after effects" of the latter. Two of the assistant teachers were absent on one or two days last week through illness, and two are absent to-day on leave. Miss Bland, assistant, retired from the staff on the 30th ult., and her position is being temporarily filled by Mrs Balding. Mr Haslam has received instructions from the secretary of the Education Board to commence duty at Island Bay on Monday next. The presentation to be made to him by the staff and scholars will take place to-morrow, in the Assembly Hall, at 5 o'clock. A cordial invitation to the function is extended to members of the Committee.

12th July 1912 Mrs Balding is at present acting as relieving assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School.

13th July 1912 A POPULAR TEACHER. FAREWELL TO MR HASLAM

A very pleasing function took place in the Assembly Hall at the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, when the scholars and staff assembled to bid farewell to the late assistant headmaster, Mr C. N. Haslam. Mr W. H. Jackson presided. Mr R. Brown chairman of the school committee, in apologising for the unavoidable absence of members, said that the

Committee appreciated the very valuable services of Mr Haslam in connection with the cadets and school sports in general. He (Mr Brown) hoped every success would attend Mr Haslam wherever he might go. Mr Jackson said he could not express the sorrow he felt at the departure of Mr Haslam. His association with that gentleman dated back twenty-nine years, when Mr Haslam had been his pupil. During the seven years which Mr Haslam had been assistant-headmaster they had never had the slightest disagreement. He had no doubt that under their new teacher the Island Bay school would progress greatly. He then presented Mr Haslam, on behalf of the scholars and staff with a magnificent solid silver afternoon tea service. He hoped that this would always remind Mr and Mrs Haslam of the scholars and staff of the Masterton District High School. Master George Saker spoke on behalf of the scholars. He said that Masterton owed much to the great character-building abilities of Mr Haslam. Parents were always satisfied their children were in good hands when in his class. He also referred to the departing master's work in the sports department of the school. On behalf of scholars he wished Mr and Mrs Haslam every success. Mr Haslam, on rising to reply, was greeted with prolonged applause. He hoped that they did not expect a speech from him, as he had been trying for the last hour to keep down a lump in his throat. He felt anything but happy in leaving the school with which he had been associated for the last seven years. As regards the staff he could only say they had been a very happy family. The representatives of the scholars had eulogised his work with his classes. If he had done any great good the scholars had assisted him to do it. He thanked them on behalf of himself and Mrs Haslam for the magnificent present. (Prolonged applause). Mr Jackson called for cheers for Mr Haslam, and the building shook with three cheers from the lusty lungs of four hundred scholars. The function terminated with the singing of the National Anthem. During the afternoon items were contributed by Miss Pragnell, pianoforte solo; Misses Cross, Leach and Hooper, songs; Miss D. Vile recitation: W. Douglas, song.

Mr Haslam will take up his residence in Wellington next week. During the seven years he has resided in Masterton, he has become recognised as a citizen of sterling qualities. Besides his connection with the Masterton District High School he has been connected with the local Territorials and has been a member of the Masterton Golf Club. Masterton's loss is Wellington's gain, and we wish Mr Haslam every success.

1st August 1912 The resignations of Miss G. Reynell assistant teacher at the Masterton school, and of Miss R. Wiesner, sole teacher at the Tane school, were on Tuesday accepted by the Wellington Education Board. Leave of absence granted to Miss N Hogg

3rd August 1912 Mr D. E. Leslie, M.A., who was appointed first assistant at the Masterton District High School, has arrived from Gisborne, and will take up his duties on Monday next.

3rd August 1912 There was something of a commotion in Perry-street yesterday afternoon the central figures being a well-known settler and a schoolboy. It appears that the former had had a package of chocolates stolen and, on the information of two boys, he stopped another boy in Perry-street and accused him of the theft, using language which, it is said, was anything but polite, and dragging the boy to the corner of Perry and Chapel streets to confront him with the other boys who had made the accusation. The accused boy stoutly denied the theft, or that he had ever been near a certain building, but the accusers stuck to their story. The settler in question would not listen to the protestations of innocence made by the boy and used some threatening language. The boy subsequently made a complaint and enquiries were instituted

at the Masterton school, and eventually the story was proved to be correct. The two accusers admitted that they had been mistaken, and it is stated that the real thief has been traced. The parents of the boy who was accused have put the matter in the hands of a local firm of solicitors and some interesting developments are expected.

9th August 1912 It is expected that the work of furnishing the new Assembly Hall in the Masterton District High School will be begun in the course of a week or two.

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School last evening, reference was 'made to the excellent work done in connection with the school museum by the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, who spends a great deal of time in making the various exhibits as attractive «s possible.

The headmaster of the Masterton District High School, in his monthly report, returned the attendances as follows:—Main School, roll 646 , average attendance 571, percentage 88. 'Side School. 170, 144, 85. Secondary classes, .57, 92.

9th August 1912 MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last, evening, there being present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman). E. Pragnell, G. Hyde, W. L. Falconer, W. Kemp, D. Threadwell, J Shackleton and D. Chapman.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted, showing a credit balance of £155 18s 8d. '

A letter was received from the Wellington Education Board in reference to the appointment and transfer of teachers. It was decided that the letter be received.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Masterton High School Establishment Committee asking for. return of scholars attending the Masterton District School, who have obtained proficiency certificates, and whose parents are entitled to express their intention of enrolling such children at a high school, which it is proposed to establish in Masterton, and also stating that the secretary will be pleased to hear from any of the Committee wishing to become members of the High School Establishment Committee.—It was decided to refer the applicants to the Wellington Education Board, as the : Committee did not consider that the matter came within their jurisdiction.

The Education Board wrote stating that the vacancy for an assistant teacher at the Main School would be re-advertised, as no applications were received when the position was previously advertised. The headmaster's report was read and adopted.

Messrs Gourlay, Hyde and Kemp were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month.

9th August 1912 TO THE EDITOR.!

Sir, As a voter I call on Mr Jackson to resign his position on the Trust. In the first place, as a Civil Servant he is debarred from taking a part in local oi Dominion politics. The rights or wrongs of this is not for me to .argue. Suffice it that he is ineligible.

Secondly, being personally financially interested in the proceedings of the Trust, he is ineligible.

Thirdly, as the matter of a High School for Masterton is about to eventuate, in the interests of Masterton and education generally it were better that he now stood down. I am sorry, Mr Editor, that I cannot sign my name to this, but promise MORE ANON. 'Masterton, August 9th, 1912.

(We publish this letter because it comes to us from a reputable citizen of the town. At the same time, we are obliged to state that, in our opinion his remarks concerning Mr W H

Jackson are quite uncalled for. Mr Jackson is an expert educationist, who possesses a Dominion reputation. He has rendered the most valuable and-unselfish services to the cause of education in this district, and, for a quarter of a century his, actions, have shown him to 'be actuated by a rare enthusiasm and an altruism which, have lent a value to the' training which thousands of children have received under his guidance out of all proportion to the normal benefits of State education.,; On a Board of Trustees who have to administer an estate in the interests of education no more valuable member than Mr Jackson could occupy a seat. —Ed. W. D. T.)

10th August 1912 Masterton Trust Lands Trust It was decided that the sum of £100 be at once paid to the Masterton School Committee to enable them to obtain the necessary furniture for the new Assembly Hall.

19th August 1912 A match was played at Pahiatua on Saturday between the Masterton school team and the Bush schools' team resulting in a win for the Masterton boys by 10 to 0, after a very even game. The Masterton team had a day off and had it not been for the great individual displays of Speedy in the forwards, and McLeod in the backs, would have been defeated. Flaws, in the backs, also played a good game. For the winners Dickenson and Harris scored, and McLeod, with a beautiful kick, converted one try. During the day the visitors were the guests of the local boys, and in the evening were entertained at East's, where a very pleasant function took place. Speeches were made by Messrs Miller and Scott, and the gathering terminated with cheers for the latter gentleman, who was responsible for the entertaining of the visitors.

23rd August 1912 School Committee Panic-Stricken. The Masterton School Committee is panic-stricken, and has rushed in. Last night—again at the eleventh hour—it held a special urgent meeting in camera at which, so the chairman informs us this morning, the following resolution, moved by Mr W. L. Falconer, and seconded by Mr Shackleton, was carried unanimously:— " That the strongest protest be made against the proposal, contained in the Robinson Committee's report, which proposal will, if given effect to, rob the scholars of the Small Farms Settlement of their birthright—a share of the funds of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust—and that this Committee calls upon parents, and other School Committees concerned, to strongly oppose such an iniquitous proposal." It would be interesting to have definite and unequivocal answers to the following questions:— (1) Who drafted the above resolution? (2) Why was a special meeting of the School Committee summoned to pass resolutions upon proposals which have not yet been officially expounded? (3) Why was the meeting, contrary to custom and precedent, held in camera? (4) Who had the temerity to assert that it is proposed to " rob the scholars" of their birthright. (5) Who engineered the whole of this ill-informed and worse-considered intervention ? , ' We have no hesitation in asserting that this gratuitous and ill-timed action on the part of the School Committee more clearly discloses the hand of class and party interest in opposition to reform than anything else could. The voice is the voice of Falconer, but the hand— ah, the hand! The Case for Reform. Messrs Robinson, Wagg, and Michell stand for reform—for drastic reform.....

24th August 1912 Two lads attending the Masterton District High School have, sustained dislocated knees while playing football this week. On Thursday a lad named Moore was injured in this way, and yesterday another named Frank Marshall dislocated his knee. In each

case first aid was rendered. In the latter case, however, it was found necessary to call in Dr Cowie.

24th August 1912 The large crowd which assembled at the Masterton Town Hall last evening to have an hour's fun, was somewhat disappointed. The proceedings were almost as dull as dishwater. Mr George Heron hit the nail on the head when he said that the whole business was a "tempest in a tea-cup. and not worth five minutes' consideration." There was no necessity for the meeting. Nobody had asked Mr Robinson to vindicate himself. A lot of blank cartridge had been discharged during the last few weeks and no body had been hit. The Trust Land Trustees have yet to consider the report brought down by Mr Robinson. If they do their duty, they will emasculate it if they do not actually throw it overboard. The decision of the meeting (which did not represent one-third of the voters'), that the time had arrived when Masterton should have a High School, is not binding upon the Trust or upon anybody else. It has yet to be shown that a High School is necessary, and that sufficient facilities are not already offered for manufacturing clerks and professional men. When the matter comes before the Education Department, if it should ever reach that far, the policy of preparing the youth of the Dominion for the more pressing invocations in rural life will be a determining factor, as it has been in preparing the school syllabus in recent years. Meanwhile. Mr Robinson is vindicated, the High School in the dim perspective, and everybody is happy.

26th August 1912 The Masterton school team defeated Greytown on Saturday by 17 points to nil. Scores were tried by Dickenson (2), Speedy and Innes. McLeod converted one and kicked a penalty goal. McLeod, as usual, was the outstanding back of the winners, while Speedy, Lawlor and Franklin were the best of the forwards.

26th August 1912 Mr W. H. Jackson, in charge-of the Masterton District High School and a member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, remarked that the rural course taken in the district High Schools led nowhere. The Board Inspector had strongly urged the need of the establishment of such an institution. Practically all opposition' to the introduction of the rural science course in the District High Schools had disappeared. If such a college was established the eight county councils; in the district, the Masterton, Wairarapa, and Pahiatua A. and P. Associations, the Greytown Trust Lands Trust, and a number of settlers would give scholarships, and the Masterton Trust Lands Trust would undoubtedly make a Special grant in aid of the institution. Mr W. H. Jackson, in charge-of the Masterton District High School and a member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, remarked that the rural course taken in the district High Schools led nowhere. The Board Inspector had strongly urged a need of the establishment of such an institution. Practically all opposition' to the introduction of the rural science course in the District High Schools had disappeared. If such a college was established the eight county councils; in the district, the Masterton, Wairarapa, and Pahiatua A. and P. Associations, the Greytown Trust Lands Trust, and a number of settlers would give scholarships, and the Masterton Trust Lands Trust would undoubtedly make a Special grant in aid of the institution.

27th August 1912 THE SPIDER AND THE FLIES.
MASTERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
PANIC STRICKEN REGARDING GRANTS.
A PROPOSED CONFERENCE,

The Masterton School Committee is inviting all the other School Committees interested in Trust grants to a conference- to be held on Thursday, if convenient to other Committees, for the purpose of discussing the- proposals contained in the report of the Robinson Committee of the Trust Lands Trust in regard to doing away with the Trust grants to primary schools in the Small Farm Settlement and the borough of Masterton. It is also proposed to form a deputation at the conference to wait on the Trustees to protest against the proposed cutting off of grants to the school. Discussing the Robinson report this morning with a Daily Times reporter, Mr R. Brown, Chairman of the Masterton School Committee, stated that as far as the establishment of a High School in Masterton was concerned, the Committee were in favour of that project, but they were strongly opposed to the grants from the Trust being taken away from the schools now receiving the same and given to the proposed High School. The Committee was entirely in favour of anything that would advance education in the district and provide better facilities in connection therewith. Some years ago the School Committee amongst, others had discussed the High School proposal, being then, as now, very much in favour of such a school. Those interested had met Mr Hogben, Inspector General of Schools, in conference, and after fully discussing the matter with that gentleman the conference arrived at the conclusion that the time was not ripe for the establishment of a High School in Masterton.....

28th August 1912 Wellington Education Board The Government intimated that a grant of £500 had been made for the erection of a new school at Masterton

The Masterton High School Educational Committee (Messrs H. C. Robinson, A. T. Thompson, Dr Cowie. and T. Wagg, with power to add to their number) forwarded a request for information regarding parents and pupils attending the Masterton District High School.— It was decided that the matter be referred to. the Masterton District High School Committee

Mr A. H. Vile asked leave to move a resolution as a matter of urgency, but eventually gave notice to move. "That in the event of legislation being introduced this session in the direction of extending the scheme of agricultural instruction, the Minister of Education be requested to adopt the recommendation of the Education Commission, that as soon as the attendance in the secondary department of a district high school in an agricultural or pastoral district reaches an average of eighty (this Board recommends fifty) an. agricultural high school should be established on the lines of those recently set up in Victoria and New South Wales.

30th August 1912 THAT HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN

THE QUESTION OF CAPITATION SCHOOL COMMITTEES IN CONFERENCE

A special meeting, called by the Masterton District High School Committee, at which representatives of the Lansdowne, Te Ore Ore, Fernridge, and St Patrick's School Committees were invited to be present, was held last evening, to consider the advisability of sending a deputation to wait upon the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, and protest against the proposal contained in Mr Robinson's report relative to depriving the primary schools of the capitation grants from the Trust Lands Trust.

Mr R. Brown, Chairman of the Masterton District High School, presided, and explained the object of calling the meeting.

Mr E. Hale, Chairman of the Lansdowne Committee, asked if every member of the various committees had been notified of the meeting.

Mr Brown: "Oh, that was quite impossible."

Mr Hale: "Well, I beg to move that this meeting be rejourned until the members of the committees be given a proper opportunity of discussing the matter."

Mr Brown: "You might sit down. Surely you are not in such a great hurry?"

Mr Hale: "I am in a hurry. My time is valuable. I am not to be called here by a party. You have issued an invitation for us to come here, without due notice."..... [The above three pieces are the opening part of each long long article. Note this is not all the articles on the matter]

30th August 1912 An extract from a long article We really do not know what to make of the Masterton District High School Committee, and of Mr Jackson. It is said that it is only necessary to give some men enough rope, and they will hang themselves. In the light of the recent behaviour of the gentlemen referred to, we have no difficulty whatever in understanding that old saying, of which a very practical illustration was provided by the peculiar meeting held last night, a full report of which appears elsewhere in this issue. We can readily understand that the High School Committee should feel annoyed that the inherent injustice of the capitation system

3rd September 1912 As a result of the campaign which the conductors of this journal have thought it their duty, in the public interest, to maintain lately against the policy of the Trust Lands Trustees, a very regrettable difference has arisen between the Daily Times and Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the District High School, who is also one of the Trustees. This difference has been the occasion of a couple of letters addressed by Mr Jackson to the editor of the paper. The public have had the opportunity to form their own opinion of the merits of Mr Jackson's recriminations, and perhaps we might content ourselves with the obvious reassurance which such an opinion offers. But, so firmly are we convinced of the rectitude of the views which have been sustained in these columns, that we are the more anxious to remove any possible grounds for misconception which may have been created by what—we are fair to confess—seems to us to be a very ill-considered intervention on the part of Mr Jackson. Both as headmaster of a school which has hitherto enjoyed extraordinary benefits at the hands of the Trust Lands Trustees, and as one of the Trustees-himself, we think that Mr Jackson would have been better advised had he studiously avoided any active participation in the very important' discussion which is at present taking place concerning a question of profound importance to the public. Mr Jackson has thought his duty to be otherwise. We have no right to be the examiners of his conscience, and we have no intention to pass upon his motives. But, Since he has come into the open, it is our duty to .examine his attitude,

No Prejudice.

Mr Jackson presents himself in three aspects,—as a private person, as headmaster of the District High School, and as one of the Trust Lands Trustees. As a private person, it is scarcely necessary for us to point out that he does not interest or concern us. We believe him to be a fine citizen and a splendid father. But, as we have said, his private life is no concern of ours. As headmaster of the District High School, he comes before us in one of his public capacities, and in that capacity we have a right to discuss him. Precisely the same right inheres when we consider him as one of the Trust Lands Trustees. Now, we desire to point out that, in so far as he appears before the public as the headmaster of the District High School, this paper has had nothing but praise for him. We defy anybody to turn to our back files to show that we have animadverted against Mr Jackson as a headmaster. On the

contrary, we have lavished praise upon him. When the new Assembly Hall was opened, we paid him the highest compliments. When an anonymous correspondent wrote to us calling upon Mr Jackson to resign his seat as a Trust Lands Trustee, we again defended him, pointing out that he had rendered most valuable services in the cause of primary education in Masterton, and expressing the view that such a man with an expert knowledge of educational questions, must be considered to be a valuable member of an educational trust. In view of these facts, nobody can assert that we are prejudiced against Mr Jackson, and if, therefore, we now criticise him, some other explanation for our criticism must be found. If we were not unduly prejudiced in his favour when we complimented him upon his career as a headmaster, it cannot in fairness be contended that we are unduly prejudiced against him when we ' criticise him as a Trustee. We still assert that an authority on educational questions is capable of filling a most important and valuable position on a board administering an educational trust. We still maintain that Mr Jackson 's passionate regard for his own school has led him into an erroneous, and, we willingly believe, an unconsciously erroneous, view of his duty as a Trust Lands Trustee. We do not blame him for this. We simply say, in the words of Dryden, that "the force of nature could no further go."

Headmaster and Trustee. We have, we hope, finally established the fact that our criticism of Mr W. H. Jackson has been asserted in no spirit Masterton hostile to himself. We are well able to overlook his unhappy invective. When time has sufficiently elapsed, we feel confident that Mr Jackson will be the first man to assert that this paper has been actuated by no dictation purely and solely by consideration of the public good. The position is a perfectly plain and equally natural one. As a headmaster, Mr Jackson is an enthusiast beyond reproach. As an educationist, Mr Jackson is capable of affording invaluable advice to an educational trust. But, like the rest of us, he is only human, and, being only human, his duty as a Trustee has unconsciously been affected by his enthusiasm as a headmaster. It is perfectly obvious to everybody that Mr Jackson, the Trustee, has been unduly influenced by Mr Jackson, the headmaster, and the proof of this is afforded by the fact that as soon as this journal ventured to point out that the system of making capitation grants is radically unsound and unjust, Mr Jackson, who had been praised for years in these columns, chose to become a violent opponent, and to accuse us of unfair treatment. In the whole of this controversy we have been actuated solely by what we conceived to be the public interest. We have, therefore, nothing with which to reproach ourselves in this matter. So far as Mr Jackson is concerned, our whole argument amounts to the suggestion that his zeal has outworn discretion, and this he virtually admits when he avoids answering questions of great public interest, and wastes his energy in making several irrelevant attacks upon a public newspaper at whose hands he has experienced repeated kindnesses in the past twenty years. Who is Mr Jackson that he should not be criticised? To him we would address the Biblical admonition: "How canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

5th September 1912 TEACHING THE TEACHERS
AN AGRICULTURAL SPRING SCHOOL

On Monday last a score of teachers from various parts of the education district of Wellington assembled at the District High School, Masterton to attend a series of lectures given by Mr C. A. Gunning, the Board's expert in agriculture. The lectures are being given in connection

with a Spring School in agriculture and chemistry, which, we understand, is the first of its kind that has been held in Masterton. On the formation of soils and means of maintaining soil fertility, the lectures have been most instructive and interesting.

Analysis of soils, together with experiments on the same illustrating a scheme of practical work, will be of great use to teachers - taking agriculture as a subject in the curriculum of their schools.

The information about insects beneficial and detrimental. And the method of asking "the best use of this information for nature work, was also interesting and much appreciated; . . . Lectures are being given on plant disease, and methods of treating, especially with reference to those commonly met with. The teachers present are also doing microscopic and practical work in this direction. In connection with this they are most fortunate in having at their disposal one of the best equipped science laboratories in the Dominion. Another aspect of the work is seen in the woodwork room, where a rather curious sight is to see lady teachers busy at work with hammers and saws, making small models in wood. This, we understand, is the latest idea of handwork for schools, and, judging by the enthusiasm shown, Messrs Grant and Howe, the instructors, should be well pleased with the result. The classes continue next week, when Dr Cockayne, the Government biologist, will give a lecture on "Impure Seed." and he will also join in a "field day" which is to take place next Wednesday.

9th September 1912 MASTERTON HIGH SCHOOL
ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE,

The Committee met this morning to make final arrangements for the meeting of district representatives to be held in Murray's Hall next Wednesday afternoon, to consider the questions of a High School, Agricultural Education, and the consolidation of the rural courses of education. The committee have received an interesting communication from the Rector of the Waitaki High School, giving particulars of the Agricultural side of that school. This communication will be laid before the conference and should serve to explain very fully the nature of the training given at High Schools with an agricultural side—and the value of such an institution to the district that is fortunate enough to possess it.

9th September 1912 Mr H. Millar, Masterton School, wrote thanking the Union for the support accorded school football this season, and asking for the championship school shield won' by Masterton in order that the team may be photographed. —It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary

12th September 1912 MEETING OF DELEGATES-
FORMATION OF AN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of delegates from School Committees and local bodies convened "by the Masterton High School Establishment Committee was held yesterday afternoon in Murray's Hall to consider

(1) The establishment of a High School (proper) for the town and district in which secondary education in all its branches, can be carried to the highest level of attainment..... Those present were Messrs . Prentice, W. Candy, E. Flanagan, . C. Ewington (Borough Council), W. Welch, . Miller (County), A. W. Hogg, A. H. Vile (Education Board), Spencer and . Morris (Te Ore Ore School Committee), C. E. Daniell (Trust Lands Trust), H. Evans (Fernridge School Committee), D. Threadwell (Masterton School Committee), E. Hale, C. C. Ross, A.Cooper (Lansdowne School Committee), .

Bannister (Longbush School Committee), H. Morrison (A. and P. Association), A. Stone-Wigg (Opaki School Committee), D. Hebenon (Farmers' Union), C. C. Jackson, H. Donovan, H. Blatchford, C. A. Cameron, H. M. Boddington, H. C. Robinson, Rev. A. T. Thompson, and Dr. Cook.

12th September 1912 A Short excerpt on the High School We have no desire to pursue the headmaster of the District High School unnecessarily. He is a beaten man. But as he has thought fit not to take his beating, and to divert public attention from the real issues by employing captious arguments, some reply to his speech must be made. The public will understand that the question at issue at this moment is that of providing better facilities for the secondary education of our children in this district than at present exists. Mr Jackson says that he is not opposed to higher education. He also says that we do not want another school in Masterton. We leave it to our readers to decide whether another school is wanted or not.

13th September 1912 The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee-last evening that the attendance for the past month at the District High School and side school were as follows:—Main school, roll 593, average 592, percentage 92; side school, 171, 158, 90; secondary classes, 59,56, 95, Mr Jackson also reported that for the past month the attendance had been little affected by sickness

The committee of the Masterton District High School met last evening. There were present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. Pragnell, G. Hyde, A. Chapman, W. Kemp, D. Threadwell, W. Gourlay, W. L. Falconer and . Shackleton. It was decided that a list of the names of children attending the secondary classes of the District High School be supplied to the committee of the proposed Agricultural High School. It was decided to write to the Trust Lands Trustees expressing satisfaction at their action in declining to interfere with the capitation grants to primary schools. Messrs Pragnell, Shackleton and Threadwell were appointed visiting members for the month.

13th September 1912 Miss Stone, who was recently appointed to the position of mistress at the Masterton District High School, will take up her duties at the beginning of October. The many friends of Miss Hogg, of -Masterton, who is at- present in Australia on a recuperating trip, will be pleased to know that her health, is much improved.

23rd September 1912 SNEAKS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. (To the Editor.) 'Sir—I should like to enter a protest against a custom which, I understand, is encouraged at the Masterton Public School, namely, what is known as "standing out against" another pupil. The meaning of the phrase is as follows. If a boy does anything wrong, in or out of school, another boy can "stand out against" him, that is, he can stand up in his class and inform the teacher all about it. If this kind of thing is allowed, it appears to me to be simply teaching and encouraging the boys to be sneaks. The custom is prevalent in the lower standards, but whether throughout the whole school, I am unable to say. What kind of treatment would a boy receive, say, at Wanganui College, if he "stood out against" a fellow-pupil? He would receive a good drubbing from the "fellow-pupil" and would be "sent to Coventry" by the remainder of the school. To my mind the custom is a most, pernicious one, and should be put clown with the strongest hand.—

I am, etc., INDIGNANT PARENT. Masterton, Sept. 23, 1912.

(We submitted the above letter to Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, who supplies us with the following reply:— "If 'Indignant Parent' means that 'bullying' is put down at the Masterton District High School, he is quite right. If he does not

mean this he had better make his complaint to the School Committee or to the headmaster. He will be given every satisfaction." —Ed. W.D.T

25th September 1912 The Wellington Education Board has granted eight months' leave of absence to Miss L McGregor, assistant at the Masterton School, and a similar leave to Miss K. Campbell, head teacher at Kaipororo

25th September 1912 Sir,—There is a persistent report in circulation that if a High School were established in Masterton, it would be under the control of a Board of Governors, and that religious instruction would form part of the curriculum. . Can you tell me if this is correct?—I am, et.", PARENT.

(It is quite true that a High School, if established, would be under a Board of Governors. The Act provides that the Board of Governors would be nominated by the Government, the Education Board and the parents of children attending the school. Religious instruction may be introduced at the discretion of the Board of Governors.—Ed. Age.)

9th October 1912 F. A. Hornibrook, of Christchurch Physical Culture Institute, arrived by this morning's train, with him being a team of six men, three heavy and three light-weights. These men look in walking attire like giving a good account of themselves. Undoubtedly the competitors at to-morrow's championships are the absolute pick of New Zealand's physique.....It is understood that Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, has arranged to allow all the boys who wish to attend as spectators, as well as the boys composing the teams from his school, to have leave of absence for this purpose. Schoolboys of any age will be admitted at half price. There are 49 competitors entered in the various classes.

11th October 1912 MONTHLY MEETING. The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present Messrs R. Brown (Chairman). D. Threadwell, . Shackleton, W. Gourlay, M. L. Falconer, A. Chapman and W. Kemp. The treasurer's report showing a credit balance of £9 7s 2d was read and adopted. A communication was read from the Wellington Education Board thanking the Committee, headmaster and staff of the Masterton school for the assistance given during the recent course of agricultural instructions held in the school. The report showed that excellent work had been done during the holding of the class. A letter was received from the secretary of the Masterton Agricultural High School Establishment Association acknowledging information regarding scholars attending the school who have gained proficiency certificates. It was decided that the Masterton Borough Council be approached and asked to present to Masterton School Library any suitable books, which may not be found to be required in the Municipal Library. Accounts amounting to £19 were passed for payment.

11th October 1912 A rather interesting live exhibit, in the shape of a pure white mouse, has been secured for the Masterton School Museum.

A number of valuable and interesting exhibits have been received by the Masterton School for the school museum. The Masterton school museum is now in very up-to-date order and the numerous exhibits are of a most interesting character. It was stated at last night's meeting of the Masterton School Committee that it was a rather remarkable fact that the country schools were in many cases better provided with school libraries than were the town, schools.

23rd October 1912 The headmaster {Mr W. H. Jackson) of the Masterton District High School, in his monthly report, presented at last evening's meeting of the School Committee,

stated that attendances for the month were as follows: Main School, roll 646, average 618, percentage 96; Side School, 185, 172, 93; Secondary Classes, 57, 54, 95. 2 .

The secretary of the Masterton School Committee made application for a gift of reference, scientific or other books discarded from the public library, and suitable for the public, school. The letter was referred to the sub-committee which is dealing with the library
23rd October 1912 AN INSATIABLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Masterton School Committee is quite insatiable. When, upon a spurious plea of poverty, it is not busy in maturing schemes for the extraction of special grants for luxuries out of the Trust Lands Trust, it indulges in the cognate pastime of playing at grab with the Borough Council. But the credit for this acquisitive tendency, if credit there be, is probably due to the headmaster, whose bumps in that direction are remarkably well developed. The School Committee itself, pace Mr Richard Brown, reminds us of a tame and well-behaved domestic cat which never fails to do what it is told by its master. Everybody in Masterton knows full well that the School Committee exercises vicarious authority delegated to it by Mr W. H. Jackson. Has he not frequently said so? "My Committee always do as I tell them" —the phrase has passed into the proverbial philosophy of this town —it is the first article of the Kuripuni Credo. There appears to be reason, however, for supposing that the cat has fallen from grace. The School Committee has written to the Borough Council, inviting it to present to the school discarded reference, scientific and technical books from the Public. Library. This request has been gravely referred to the Library Committee, who will certainly see in it one of the richest bits of humour of modern times. The request is, of course, purely and simply ridiculous. Books discarded from the public library are quite out of date, and of no earthly use to anybody. Moreover, there can be no possible use for such books at Kuripuni — primary scholars would not understand them, whilst the secondary pupils would probably find them to be far in advance of the matriculation syllabus, and in any case useless owing to age. There is no rhyme or reason about the request, which is obviously prompted by the "old clothes Mr Jackson will have to chastise his cat for making him look ridiculous. We know that he has had no hand in this business, because some time ago he informed us that he had found so much vermin in the library books that he had long since ceased to go to the library, preferring, don't you know, to build up his own private library. 'Mr Jackson likes bacteria in his museum, where he can control them even better than he can the cat, but he does not want them inside the school.

8th November 1912 Mr Arthur H. Vile yesterday tendered his resignation as a member of the Wellington Education Board. He finds it impossible to devote that attention to the business of the Board that its importance deserves. Mr Vile has been for about ten years a member of the Board, having been elected in the first instance against such formidable opponents as Dr Chappie, Mr C. H. Izard and Mr . T. M. Hornsby. It is understood that Mr Richard Brown, chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee, will be a candidate for the vacancy on the Board.

12th November 1912 Miss E Von Keisenberg appointed assistant mistress

13th November 1912 Mrs C. M. Banks, of Masterton, has been appointed assistant mistress at the Masterton District High School

14th November 1912 AT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. A pleasant and interesting function eventuated at the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, when the team which

won the Thompson-Payne Shield at the recent Physical Culture at Masterton was presented with the shield. Mr G. E. Sykes, M.P., presented the trophy, and remarked that it was rather notable that the youngest team had been successful, and paid a tribute to the value of deep breathing exercises, as this of juveniles practically owed their success to the lessons received in His department from the instructor. Mr JR. Jarrett. Mr Sykes said that the Minister of Education had already stated his intention to have a course of physical training carried out in the primary school, and for this purpose instructors were to be appointed. Mr Sykes also referred eulogistically to the excellent work done by Mr Jarrett in this connection and gave a resume of the ground covered during the past few years, until now physical culture and deep breathing were looked upon as almost essential to good health. After the presentation of the Thompson-Payne Shield Mr A. W. Hogg, member of the Wellington Education Board, presented the Wairarapa Rugby Union Challenge Shield to the High School team, winners for the 1912 season. Mr Hogg made a strong appeal to the boys to always "play the game," which remarks were greeted by ringing cheers. Mr R. O. Jarrett also made a brief speech.

15th November 1912 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman) E. Prague]], . Shackleton, W. Kemp, W. L. Falconer, A. Chapman, G. Hyde, Gourlay and Threadwell. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £27 13s. It was decided that the visiting committee inquire into questions relating to the supply of stationery to the school. It was decided that the school cleaner be paid the usual yearly bonus of £5. . A number of suggestions were made by the members of the visiting committee with regard to improvements to the grounds at both schools. It was decided that the report of the committee set up to go into library matters lie held over till next meeting. It was resolved that the whole committee inquire into the alterations necessary to be made to the school tennis lawn, and also deal with general improvements necessary at both schools, the committee to meet at the High School for this purpose on Tuesday, 19th inst. It was decided that small repairs requiring immediate attention be put in hand forthwith. The headmaster's report was read and approved. Messrs Gourlay, Hyde and Kemp were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month'.

Accounts amounting to £26 4s 7d were passed for payment

15th November 1912 At last evening's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, the headmaster {Mr W. H. Jackson) reported that the attendances for the month were as follow: — Main School, roll 637. average 611, percentage 96; side school 191, 175, 92; secondary, 53, 51, 96; The headmaster reported that a good attendance would be necessary during the next five weeks, or otherwise the school would lose the services of a junior teacher.

A number of improvements to the grounds at the Masterton District High School and side school are contemplated by the committee. William Knox, who was found guilty in Wellington of performing an illegal operation, was sentenced to five years' hard labour. . The furnishing of the new Assembly Hall at the Masterton District High School will be taken in hand immediately.

The examination for sixth standard proficiency at the Masterton District High School will commence on 25th inst- and for senior free places and junior Civil Service on 19th inst.

20th November 1912 Sir You seem to have made up your mind that the Bible is not to be introduced to our State schools, and that our children are not to be given an opportunity of

learning the Truth as it is taught in Holy Writ. If you will observe the habits of the youth of to-day, after they have been turned out from our "secular" institutions, you will, I think, agree with me that a, little Bible teaching would do no harm. It seems to be that we are training our children solely for sport and amusement, and that no effort is being made to inculcate noble ideals into the minds of the young. I am sure that the headmaster of the Masterton District High School must feel humiliated when he studies the habits of those who have passed through his hands.—I am, etc., PARENT.

(Our correspondent must be aware that the children are afforded ample opportunity at the various Sabbath, schools, and in the home, to learn the "Truth," as he terms it. We are not aware that the habits of the children who have passed through the Masterton school are such as to humiliate the headmaster. The statement is a gratuitous libel.—Ed. Age.)

20th November 1912 A HIGH SCHOOL. AND DISESTABLISHMENT

Mr C. C. Jackson, who is a candidate for the vacant seat on the Board of Education, recently wrote to the Education Department asking the Department to inform him whether there are any grounds to justify a statement which has been in circulation lately to the effect that should a High School be established in Masterton, this would involve the disestablishment of every district high school in the Wairarapa Ward.

Mr Jackson has received the following reply from Dr. Anderson, Assistant Inspector-General of Schools: —

Education Department,
Wellington, Nov. 15th, 1912

Sir, — In reply to your enquiry of the 11th instant, I have the honour to state that the Department is not aware of anything in the Education Act to warrant the assumption that the disestablishment of the Masterton District High School and the establishment of a High School proper in its place would require also the disestablishment of any other District High School in the Wairarapa Ward. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, G. A. ANDERSON, Assistant Inspector-General of Schools.

23rd November 1912 Wairarapa Age A writ claiming £600 for alleged libel (being £200 on three separate causes of action) has been issued out of the Supreme Court by Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, against the proprietor of the Wairarapa Daily Times, for alleged libel. The case will probably be heard at the next sitting of the Supreme Court in Masterton. Messrs Hollings and Pragnell are acting for Mr Jackson. We understand that the case is to be defended. Mushrooms are now fairly plentiful in the country surrounding Masterton.

13th December 1912 The attendance at the Masterton District High School has been affected by scarlatina during the past few weeks. The closing ceremony in connection with the Masterton, District High School takes place on Thursday next, when the summer holidays of six weeks will commence. The pupils of the Masterton District High School have forwarded £13 10s to the fund for the assistance of the six-year-old school child, Clyde Redshaw who recently lost both hands through a railway accident at Huntly.'

13th December 1912 The Masterton District High School will close for the summer holiday of six weeks on Thursday afternoon next. An entertainment is to be given by a number of the school children at the breaking up, which members of the School Committee will attend.

Mr Wrench, the world organiser for the Overseas Club, who is now touring New Zealand, will visit Masterton on the 30th inst. The local branch will hold a committee meeting at the Arcadia, tea rooms next Monday, at 8 p.m., to elect a committee to make arrangements for Mr Wrench's visit.

The Wairarapa Amateur Swimming Club held a 75 yds handicap event in the Park Lake last evening. Eight competitors started, and after an excellent race resulted as follows: — D. Welch, 11 sec, 1; G. Forman, 1 sec, 2; F. Phillips, 3 sec, 3. Welch won by inches. Time, 66 seconds. A tub race was also held, and resulted:— W. Scott 1, C. Hoffeins 2. '

The headmaster of the Masterton District High School (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the meeting of the School Committee last evening that the number of children attending the school during the past month was as follows: —Main school, roll 637, average attendance, 598, percentage, 94; side school, 189, 170, 94; secondary classes, 51, 49, 96.

The late Mr .I. T. Fowler, of Masterton, always took a keen interest in the welfare of the Masterton school, and his son, Mr C. Fowler, in the name of his late father, has presented to the Masterton school the whole of the journals of the Royal Geographical Society from 1800 to the present date Mr H. G. Williams has made a donation of £10 to the museum fund of the school.

The Masterton District High School Committee held its monthly meeting last evening, there being present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), . Shackleton, W. Gourlay, D. Threadwell, W. L. Falconer, D. Kemp, and A. Chapman. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £33 4s 6d. Votes of appreciation were passed to Messrs R. C. Fowler and H. G. Williams for donations to the school library and museum. It was decided to ask Mr Archer (Borough engineer), to inspect the tennis courts and asphalt in the school grounds, and to report, to the Committee as to the best means of carrying out the work in a proper manner. It was decided that a number of repairs be completed, before the commencement of the next term, the visiting committee to attend to the matter. Messrs E. Pragnell, . Shackleton, and D. Threadwell were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month. A

Accounts amounting to £23 18s 5d were passed for payment.

17th December 1912 SCHOOL CONCERT

AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES. The annual concert and prize-giving ceremony in connection with Miss L. E. Hampton's private school was held in St. Matthew's Schoolroom, Masterton, last evening. There was a large attendance of pupils, parents and friends, the building, which was decorated with beautiful bunches of flowers, being taxed to accommodate those present. A lengthy programme of vocal and instrumental music was much appreciated by the audience, a number of the items being of exceptionally high merit.

Then followed a long list of prize winners

19th December 1912 MASTERTON v. CARTERTON. The above match was played on the school ground on Saturday and resulted in a win for Masterton by 16 runs on the first innings. The scoring was very low on both sides, and of the Carterton team nine players failed to score..

19th December 1912 The pupils of the higher classes at the Masterton District High School will give a production of "Trial by Jury" in the Assembly Hall this afternoon.

The breaking-up ceremony of the Masterton District High School takes place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. An invitation is extended to parents to be present

20th December 1912 BREAKING-UP CEREMONY. LIST OF EXAMINATION PASSES.

The annual "breaking-up" ceremony in connection with the Masterton District High School took place yesterday afternoon. The attendance certificates won during the year were presented in the presence of the assembled children, members of the School Committee, and a number of parents. A little entertainment was then provided in the Assembly Hall, in the shape of a production of "Trial By Jury." This proved most interesting and enjoyable. Following is the result of the ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

STANDARD VI.—Proficiency Certificates.— Boys: Alfred Cameron, Eric Candy, Donald Christie, Percy Davidson, Douglas De Castro, Harold De Castro, Leonard Eagle, Hector Hendry, George Innes, Henry Johnson, Alex. Johnson, Stanley McEwen, John McAlister, Cecil Maundrell, Clive Newcombe, Clive Pederson, Frank Shaw, Hannon Thompson, Charles Wellington, Arthur Williams.

Girls: Diana Bennett, Josephine Burling, Dorothy Cant, Grace Darling, Gertrude Fell, Madge Gardner, Mabel Hooper, Nellie Kendall, Ethel Leach. Mary McGregor, Mary McKenzie, Lilian Pember, Esma Petherick, Florence Pinhey. All the above named pupils are entitled to junior free places for two years at a technical school. (With the exception of two who are over the age limit) all are entitled to junior free places for two years at a High School, or at a District High School until they are 17 years of age.

STANDARD VI.—Competency Certificates. —George Hayes. Ronald Land, William Leach, Edgar Perrin, Everard Roberts, Richard Tyacke, Harold Varnham. Jeffrey Wooding, Leta Budd, Myrtle Cairns, Lulu Cotter. Isla Ewart, Dorothy Hunter, Violet Jimmieson, Beatrice Mackersey, Grace Pinhey, Jennie Stains Doris Webb

Promoted to Standard VI. —Boys: William Ash, Arthur Candy. Henry Dagg, Clarence Davies. Fred. Rickenson. Stanley Dixon. Alex. Dowling, Major Eton, Roy Flaws, Fred. Gourlay. Edward Harris, Leslie Haxton. Walter Hoar, Jack Innes, Edward Jenkins, John Judd, Sidney Lawton, W. and R. Lee, Arthur Liddall, Clifford Miles, Harold Montgomery. Edgar Moore, Stanley Prosser, Andrew Saba. John Smith, Albert Spicer Arnold Townsend, George Welch Baden Williams, Ronald Witt, Alfred Wood, Douglas Wood.

Girls: Ida Anderson. Mabel Backhouse, Lily. Barker, Edith Bennett, Grace Christie, Constance Corlett, Elsie Cragg, Esmee Dixon. Ruby Jackson, Bessie von Keisenberg. Florence Kerr. Daisy Maxted. Kathleen McArley, Maud McKenzie, Eva Patrick, Beryl Payne, Joan Ross, Bella Scott. Dorothy Smallwood., Gladys Snell, Hilda Webb, Grace Wellington, Florence Wells, Ream Woodward.

Promoted to Standard V'.—Boys: Walter Andrews, Archie Amundsen, Rupert' Blinkhorne. Fred. Benge, John Bennett. Percy Cotter, Kenneth Cameron, Fred. Corlett. Gordon Cook. Arthur Clough. Willie Collett, Clifford Dixon, Roy Dowling. Frank Ewart Archie Easthope Bertie Fox, Robert Falla. Douglas Graham, Frank Giddings, Newman Hoar, William Hayes, Sidney Johnson,' Cecil Higgs, James Hunter, Sidney Jenkins. .Robert Keen. Arthur Kilgour. Albert Kiddall, Rupert Lenz, Clinton Ladner Ernest Lee. Nathaniel Miller. Cecil McCormack. Andrew- McGrath, Clarence Meredith Hardy Meredith, Basil Norman. William O'Hara. Roy Peterson, Keith Snell. Reginald Shackleton. Russell Thomas, Arthur Thompson, Rupert Uren. Ernest Waters. Edgar Wilton, William Wilson, Murray Wilson, Henry 'Wilson.

Girls- May Beale, Elizabeth Ball, Winnie Brewer. Lydia Clayton, Linda Devinic, Myrtle Davidson, Etta Dixon, Margaret Donald, Constance Donald. Rita Elliott, Grace Easthope, Violet Fly, Annie Ford, Olive Grantham,. Grace Hawke, Ethel Hunt, Alice .Harris, Dulcie Hughes, Olive Johnson, Eileen Jackson, Elsie Jones, Vera Judd. -Dora. Kyle, Alice Leach, Lorna Leslie, Doris Martin. Lottie Midgeley, Lucy McKenzie Alice Mantell, Olive Newcombe, Myrtle Pragnell. Grace Pond, Iris Pinkney, Janet Prosser Doris Remington, Ivy Ridgway. Ethella Sykes. Madge Spicer, Aileen Thompson. Irene Uren. Inez Varnham, Ruby Webster, Doris Wilkes. Jessie Waddington. '

Promoted to Standard IV.—Boys: Roy Anderson, Gordon Beale, John Cotter, Timothy Cragg, Andrew Donald. Norman Devinie, Cyril Evernden, Willie Feist, Malcolm Falk. Eric Gully. Inn Gibson, Edwin Hughan, Charles Hartmann, Charles Holmwood, Norman Higgs. Alex. Hausmann, Maurice Hoffeins, Hart Harding, Walter Henson, Frank Lane, Charles Livingstone. James Laing, Eldred Moore,' William McCormack, Joseph Madeley, Thomas McArley, Thomas Nini," Kenneth Newland, Bertie Payne, William Rooderkirk, Edward Swanson, Frank Shackleton, Val Spackman, Vincent Simonson, John Snell, Arnold Snell, Alywn du Temple, Walter ,Tyacke, Welsford Truscott, Redvers Thomson. Robert Whittaker, Ian Weber, Frank Wilson, Seymour Willoughby, Ronald Webb. Edward Wells.

Girls: Mildred Bannister, Eileen Barker, Pearl Butcher, Elsie Calwell, Sarah Candy, Grace Chapman, Ethel Collinge, May Cronin. Florence Creelman, Jessie Elder, Josephine Ford, Ruby Gunther Nora Henderson. Maud Judd, Rhoda Land, Vera Lawton, Jessie Leach, Olive Lenz, Doris Maxtel, Jessie Miller, Vervian Minifie, Estella McCullough, Blanche Newland, Fanny Nini, Ellen O'Hara, Alice Pond, Myrtle Pauling, Annie Pinhey, Dorothy Rutherford, Patience Saker, Myrtle .Saker, Eileen 'Sampson, Grace Sinclair. Eileen Smith. Gladys Williams. Ella Wilton, Melba Whittaker.

Promoted to Standard III. —Boys: Edwin Allsworth, Albert Andrew, Stanley Benge, Reginald Boagey. Harold Butcher, Tom Brown, George Ball, Albert Crawford, Max Campbell, Angel Caselberg, Walter Crawford, Eddie Calwell, Rupert Davies, Jack Ewart, Richard Evernden, Reginald Feist. Victor Goodin, Stephen Henson. Carl Hausmann, Willie Judd, Arthur Jackson, Willie Ladner. James Liddall, Reuben McMaster. Charles McCullough, Roderick McRae, Victor Pinkney. Tom Redman. Lionel Rutherford. Arthur Spicer. Clarence Smith, Jack Stewart. Reginald Santon , Jack Townsend. Eric Varnham, Willie Wilson, Alfred Wintringham.

Girls: Frieda. Anderson, Zela Bannister, Ivy Benge, Eila. Elliott, Gwen Godfrey, Elsie Hooper, Zeta Hunter. Ethel Harvey, Dorese Jamieson Eileen Land, ,Lorna Moore, Enid Pragnell, Rhona Permain, Mona Page, Mavis Santon, Nettie Sutherland, Doris Wyber, Gladys Wilmshurst.

Promoted to Standard II—Boys: Harold Candy, Arthur Clayton, Raymond Davidson, Laurie Donald, Kenneth Easton, Tom Emerson, Leslie Falloon, Edgar Grantham, Adolph Hartmann, Alick Hendry, Victor Hooper, Claude Kilgour, Jack Martin, Alick McGregor, Neil McGregor, Percy McCormack, Percy Morris, Fred. Namana, Stanley Newland, Lawrence Norman, Wallis Jamieson, Archie Reardon, Ronald Sneddon, Roy Snell, Norman Swanson, Cecil Spencer, Jack Stalker, James Scott, Harry Smith, Eric Threadwell, Joe Fong, Albert. Volheim, Clarence Watson, Roy Wilton, Hedley Wilton, Jack Wagg, Willie Elder, John Leach, Eric Searle. Hector Varnham, Willie Wise.

Girls: Myrtle Barker, Alice Ball, Millie Carr, Ethel Carr, Coyla Cairns, Gladys Collinge, Clarice Rhoda Clark, Connie Deadman, Hilda Edwards, Irvine Hadley, Mary Hall, Annie Hartmann, Ruby Hooper, Myrtle Hunter, Margery Jenkins, Annie Johnson, Ina Lawton, Violet Liddall, Joan Leslie, Mina Laing, Evelyn McKenzie. Ida Picken, Violet Petersen, Irene Pinkney, Fanny Sneddon, Mattie Spackman, Kitty Saker, Rita Wilton, Maisie Wilkes. Eileen Weyland, Ruth Bennett, May Johnson, Thelma Land. Olive Walton.

Promoted to Standard I. —Boys: Earle Campbell, Edwin Feist, Oscar Fowle, Leslie Ford, Clarence Goodin, Bernie Hooper, Charles Holmes, Ned Harris. Tom Jackson. Willie Johnson, Allan Lane, Rupert Lee, John McKenzie. Phil. McCullough, Len. Morris, Colin Pragnell, Fred. Pinkney, Robert Russell, Douglas Rutherford, Tom Snell, Henry Tinsley, Rex Vile, Ray Vile, Robert Edyvane. Jack Palmer.

Girls: Jessie Crozier, Alice Eton. Rita. Fox, Melva Hilton. Myrtle Jamieson, Mabel Leathwick, Marjorie McGregor, Ellen McCormack, Gladys Newland. Bernice Page, Tina McGregor, Bessie Pauling, Margaret Prosser. Olive Ridgway, Hilda Shackleton, Winnie Smith. Nellie Samson, Ethel Stoke, Mavis Rose, Nellie Thompson. Ethel Vine, Doris Walker.- Alma Wilton. Dorothy Ward, Neta Hanley Kathleen Blake.

SIDE SCHOOL. Promoted to Standard 111. —Boys : Allan Gardner, Kingi Governor, Cecil Lee, Victor Payne, Donald Sutherland, James Stinson.

Girls: Thelma Braggins, Jean Falla, Dorih Fellingham, Margaret Hawkins, Grace Johnson, Eva Lee, Constance Peterson, Grace Reynolds, Rita Rooderkirk, Edna Voyce, Mona Wellington.

Promoted to Standard II. —Boys: Robert Allen, Claude Andrei, Neil Gibson, Jack Gardner, Charles Groombridge. Jack Hoffeins, Charles Hawkins, Gordon Hultquist. Cecil Judd, William Kelso, Llewellyn Morris, Gordon McArley, Arthur O'Donnell, Alfred Pinkerton, Jack Richards, William Sinclair, Stanley Willoughby, Gordon Wood. Wray Milner, Brook Lee.

Girls: Doris Alderslade, Doris Amundsen. Muriel Cameron, Dorothy ' Friend, Helen Henry, Maude Hawthorne, Mary Jackson, Annie Madeley, Eileen Pook, Hilda Pinhey, Amelia Saba, Mary Smith, Kathleen Smith. Cora Stretch, Edith Wellington, Maisie McLeod.

Promoted to Standard I.—Boys: Arthur Beattie, -Harry Banks. Terence Duffy, Spencer Finlayson, Austin Gully. James Kelso. Hector Keen, Clarence McIvor. Edward Messenger, Hector Madsen, Charles Parton, Robert Pook. Keith. Ralph, Cyril Stinson, Lloyd Williams. Campbell Sutherland, Archie Wellington.

Girls: Muriel Alderslade. Urita Brown, Elmo Beale, Irene Coffee. Marjorie Gray, Mollie Henry. Gladys Judd, Edith Jackson. Dorothy Lee. Mary McRae. Rhoda Nicholson. Bessie Pomeroy. Ida Standen. Margaret Sutherland, Lottie Wood, Ivy Welch. Alice Wylie.

GOOD ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES, 1912.

To scholars who have not missed any attendances during the whole year, the Education Department awards a Good Attendance Certificate of the First-class, and to scholars who have missed not more than five half day attendances" a' Good Attendance Certificate of the Second-class. The following is a list of the names of scholars of the- Masterton "District High School who have earned Good Attendance Certificates for the year 1912. The figure. after a scholar's name the number of certificates the scholar has earned.

SECONDARY CLASSES.—First class Certificates: Ivan Sutherland 4, Roy Gardner 7, Lander Thompson 6, William Candy 5. Arthur Levick 6, "William Douglas 2, James McArley 3, Clementina McKay 9, Ethel Madeley, Flora Burling 8, Second-class Certificates: .George Saker 2, Agnes Robbins 2. Jack Hunter 5.

STANDARD VI—First-class Certificates : Alfred Cameron 3, Charles Wellington 7, Arthur Williams, Ethel Leach 6, Mary McKenzie 4, Dorothy Cant 2. Second-class Certificates: Douglas Do Castro 7. Hector Hendry 2, Clive Pederson 2, Hannon Thompson 4, Olive Cross 4, Nellie Kendall 2 a Lilian Pember.

STANDARD V.—First-class Certificates: Fred. Dickenson 4, Sidney Dickenson 4, Alex. Dowling 2, Leslie Haxton 3- Arnold Townsend, Alfred Wood, Daisy Maxted. Kathleen McArley, Eva Patrick 3.. Ida Anderson 2. Grace Wellington 6. Second-class Certificates: William Ash 2. Roy Flaws 2, Edward Jenkins, George Welch 5.

STANDARD IV—First-class Certificates: Nathaniel Miller 6, Cecil McCormack 6, James Wyber 7, Lucy McKenzie, Grace Hawke 4, Doris Martin 4, Winnie Brewer 3. Second-class Certificates: William Collett 2, Roy Dowling, Frank Ewart 3, Violet Fly 5, Olive Johnston 5, Grace Easthope 5. Olive Newcombe, Inez Varnham 2, Etta Dixon 3. Ivy Ridgway 2

STANDARD III.—First-class Certificates : Roy Anderson, John Cotter 4, Charles Hartmann 2, Thomas McArley 4, Ian Wyber 5. Patience Saker 2. Eva Volheim, Ethel College 4, Olive Lenz 4. Alma Judd 4. May Cronin 2. Second-class Certificates': Matthew Adams 5. Andrew Donald, Maurice Hoffens 3. Charley Livingstone, William McCormack 2, Frank Wilson 2, Jessie Elder 3, Doris Maxted. Alice Pond 3,

STANDARD II.—First-class Certificates: Harold Butcher 5. Jack Ewart 2, Richard Evernden 3 : Jack Stewart 3. Second-class Certificates: Frieda Anderson 2. Zeta Hunter 2, Doris Wyber 5. Edwin Allsworth, Eric Varnham 2.

STANDARD I.—First-class Certificates: Adolph Hartman, Jack Martin 2, Albert Volheim, Irvine Hadley, Wilhelmina Laing. Second-class Certificates: Raymond Davidson, Archibald Reardon, Joe Fong, John Staler, Eileen Weyland 2.

INFANT CLASSES—First Class Certificates: Charles Holmes, Leonard Morris 2, Olive Ridgway, Max Dowling. Nolan Franks, Jane Evernden, Nellie Elder. Second-class Certificates: Rita Norman, Willie Elder.

SIDE SCHOOL. STANDARD II.—First-class Certificates: Allan Gardner 2. Second class Certificates: Joan Falla, Grace Reynolds.

STANDARD I.—First-class Certificate: Arthur O'Donnell. Second class Certificates: Robert Allan 2, Llewellyn Morris 2, Eileen Pook. I

INFANT CLASSES—Second-class Certificates: Frederick Candy, Edith Jackson, Rhoda Nicholson

20th December 1912 "BREAKING-UP" CEREMONY.

A very pleasant function took place in the Assembly room of the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the "breaking-up" ceremony in connection with the Christmas vacation. The hall was crowded with scholars and parents

The most enjoyable portion of the programme was a sketch. "Bardell v. Pickwick, from Dickens' "Pickwick Papers," which was presented by the senior scholars. The sketch is a very popular one. It will be remembered that Mrs Barden sues Pickwick for a breach of promise of marriage, and among the characters are those immortal creations, "Sergt. Buzfuz," "Samuel

Weller," and " Nathaniel Winkle." In this sketch Dickens' dry humour is seen to perfection and the manner in which it was treated by the scholars reflects great credit on their instructor, Mr H. H. Miller. The great feature of this sketch is the oration of "Sergeant Buzfuz," which character was ably treated by G. Saker. Don Christie as "Sam Weller" was an entertainment, in himself, and he is to be complimented on his treatment of such a difficult role. The remaining characters were ably taken by I. Sutherland ("Sergt. Snubbin"), R. Gardner ("Mr Skimpin"), . Hunter ("Nathaniel Winkle"), Miss D. Vile ("Mrs Cluppins"), Miss I. Tankersley ("Mrs Sanders"), R. Wilton (Clerk of the Court), F. Hoar and W. Candy ("Dodson and Fogg"), L. Welch (Usher), H. Wood (Foreman of the Jury), and H. Miller ("Justice Stanleigh").

Speeches were delivered by Messrs W. H. Jackson, W. Kemp, D. Threadwell and A. Chapman, and Master G. Saker spoke on behalf of the departing scholars. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs G. R. Sykes, M.P., Hogg and Jarrett.

Mr Jackson presented the certificates won during the year and commented on the excellent work done by the scholars .

The function terminated with cheers for Mr W. H. Jackson and the staff.

A vote of thanks was passed to the scholars who took part in the sketch, and who had otherwise assisted in the production of the sketch.

26th December MASTERTON TRAGEDY HOSPITAL SECRETARY'S DRAMATIC SUICIDE. "FORGIVE AND FORGET A TORTURED SOUL!" Special to the "Times." MASTERTON. December 26. A sensation was caused yesterday afternoon by N. D. Bunting, secretary of the Wairarapa Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, shooting himself in the strong room at the board's cilice. Inspector Cairns, the board's health inspector, visited the offices about 2.5 p.m. He found the outside door locked, and thought the building was empty, but on going into the office he found Bunting there, engaged at work preparatory to closing the office for the Christmas holidays. Bunting appeared quite rational and conversed freely. He asked the inspector if he would mind taking the staff pay up to the hospital, as he was desirous that the staff should receive their money before the bank closed. Mr Cairns assented and left about 2.30 on his bicycle for the hospital. Returning about a quarter of an hour later, he found Bunting's coat on the table and a note in Mr Bunting's handwriting, which stated: "Forgive and forget an unworthy and tortured soul. Good-bye!" Mr Cairns then noticed the strong room door open, the keys in the lock.

Mr Bunting had taught at Masterton DHS from 1886 to 1909 with good comments

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1913	806	Masterton	Jackson	William H	D1	Headmaster	£400	\$60,000
1913	806	Masterton	Leslie	David E	C1	Assistant Master	£290	\$43,500
1913	896	Masterton	Wolff	Rosabel	E1	Assistant Female	£235	\$35,250
1913	896	Masterton	Miller	Hymen	D2	Assistant Master	£195	\$29,250
1913	896	Masterton	Murphy	Arthur P	C3	Assistant Master	£175	\$26,250
1913	896	Masterton	Munro	Isabella	D1	Assistant Female	£165	\$24,750
1913	896	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	D2	Assistant Female	£165	\$24,750
1913	896	Masterton	Bunting	Elizabeth	E1	Assistant Female	£135	\$20,250

1913	896	Masterton	York	Mary	Lic	Assistant Female	£128	\$19,238
1913	896	Masterton	Hogg	Ellen C	E2	Assistant Female	£120	\$18,000
1913	896	Masterton	Stone	Blanche	D3	Assistant Female	£105	\$15,750
1913	896	Masterton	Hogg	Mary F	D4	Assistant Female	£100	\$15,000
1913	896	Masterton	Elliott	Evelyn M	C5	Assistant Female	£95	\$14,250
1913	896	Masterton	Banks	Catherine M		Assistant Female	£90	\$13,500
1913	896	Masterton	Atkinson	Agnes G	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$13,500
1913	896	Masterton	Tankersley	Iris		Female Probationer 1	£50	\$7,500
1913	896	Masterton	Parsons	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	\$6,750
1913	896	Masterton	Wallis	Minnie F		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45	\$6,750
1913	896	Masterton	Bee M A, M sc.	John G	A1	Secondary		
1913	896	Masterton	Brown	Alexandra	D3	Secondary		

8th January 1913 The many friends of Mr Reginald R. Burrige, son of .Mr W. .Burrige, of Masterton, an ex-scholar of the Masterton District High School, will be pleased to learn that he was successful in passing the third section of the L.L.B. degree at the last November law examinations.

10th January 1913 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, there being present, Messrs R. Brown (chairman), W. Pragnell.-D Threadwell, A. Hyde, W. Kemp, Falconer and W. Gourlay.

The treasurer's report showing a credit balance of £44 9s 8d. was read and adopted.

A letter was. received from the headmaster making suggestions regarding the asphaltting of the boy's playground and enclosing a rough plan in connection with same. It was decided that the matter be 'held over until a report is received from the Borough Engineer, the latter to be asked to give a report on the whole work of asphaltting and the formation of tennis -.courts.

The Visiting Committee reported that arrangements had been made for making a number of minor improvements- at both schools. The committee also reported that the sanitary conditions at the side school were in a bad state. It was decided that the matter be inquired, into and remedied prior to the reopening of the school. The secretary reported that no tenders had been received for the furnishing of the new assembly hall, and it was resolved that Messrs Pragnell, Falconer, Gourlay and Kemp be appointed a committee to act in conjunction with the headmaster to obtain the necessary furniture. Messrs Brown. Chapman and Falconer were appointed visiting members for the ensiling month. Accounts amounting to £16 3s were passed for payment.

30th January 1913 Miss E. Bunting, assistant teacher at the Masterton school, has been granted leave of absence for three months from February 3rd. Miss R. Wolff has been granted one month's leave from the same date.

30th January 1913 Dorothy Tully and Minnie F Wallis appointed pupil teachers and Iris Tankersley appointed probationer

4th February 1913 FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

(To the Editor.) Sir, —I am sorry that you have not continued the agitation that, was started so vigorously in your leading columns against the withdrawal of free school books from our schools. Is it that you have not received the support from School Committees, that you should have received? In April last the Labour Party schemed to put in a Committee of its own choice. I should .like to know what this Committee has done by way of protest against the Education Board withdrawing the concession of free schoolbooks. Has it done anything? Only to-day I had to pay six shillings out of mv limited wages for school books and apparatus. Then we hear people counselling us to keep the cradles full. Bah! Full cradles and £2 8s a Week to maintain a family on and provide .school books! It's cruel!?. —I am, etc., WORKER. Masterton, February 3, 1913.

14th February 1913 Twenty of the pupils who obtained proficiency certificates at the Masterton School in- December last, have been admitted to the High School, together with seventeen from other school districts. Of the latter five came from Lansdowne, one from Fernridge, one from Miki' Miki, three from Mauriceville, one from Waterfalls [Tiraumea], two from Bideford, one from Mangamahoe, one from Tinui, one from Palmerston North, and one from Christchurch.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, Mr A. Chapman occupying the chair. The monthly report' was read and adopted and showed a very satisfactory attendance of pupils. A letter of apology for absence was received from Mr R. Brown. . The meeting complimented the pupils of the school on their satisfactory work during the past year. Tenders were received for the supply of chairs for the furnishing of the Assembly Hall. It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the Furnishing Committee to confer with the headmaster. It was decided that defects in the school water supply be immediately attended to.

Messrs Gourlay, Hyde and Kemp were appointed visiting members for the ensuing year.

At the monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School, held last night, the following attendance report was presented by the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson). —Main Main School: Roll 629, average 592, percentage 94; side school 176, 166, 94; secondary classes! 66, 65, 98.

The headmaster of the Masterton District High School (Mr W. H. Jackson) further reported to the meeting of the School Committee, last night, regarding the scholarship examinations:— " Two .of the successful Civil Service candidates have already received notification that appointments will be given them in the-Civil Service at Wellington. Three of the successful matriculation candidates have, received appointments, two as probationers and one as a pupil-teacher. "

The School Committee last evening passed the following resolution: —"The Committee receives with the fullest satisfaction the report upon the results attained by pupils of the Masterton District High School in the examinations for Matriculation, Junior Civil Service/ and Senior Board Scholarships. The results are such as cannot be surpassed, or even equalled by any other educational institution in the Dominion, and this Committee offers its warmest congratulations to the headmaster and staff.

14th February 1913 Leave, of absence has been granted by the Wellington Education Board to Miss Wolff of the Masterton school for one month, and to Miss Bunting for three months. Miss D'Emden and Mr D. Pryor 'have been given temporary appointments on the staff at the Masterton school. Miss L. McGregor has been granted eight months' leave of absence to enable her to visit the Old Country.

14th February 1913 SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS. The following is a list of the pupils of the Masterton District School, who were successful in passing matriculation, Junior Civil Service, and Senior Board Scholarship examinations :

Matriculation (names of all pupils presented).—Winifred Evans, Iris Tankersley, .Minnie Wallis, George Saker, Lander Thompson, Reginald Wilton. (All passed with credit.) And the above named pupils were credited with a pass in the solicitor's general knowledge examination on their matriculation work. Four of them completed their matriculation course in three years.

Junior Civil Service (names of all pupils presented). —Reginald Wilton, Iris Tankersley, Roy Gardner, Ivan Sutherland, and Minnie Wallis passed with' credit, and George Saker, Winifred Evans, David Speedy, Eileen Cripps and John Hunter passed.

Senior Scholarship Examination (b) Scholarships (names of all pupils presented). —Roy Gardner and Leo Welch were awarded scholarships," and Herbert Wood passed. The above-

named scholarships (five in number) are open to all secondary pupils in the Wellington Education District. The test in the Junior Civil Service examination, including agricultural subjects. The first-named pupil obtained the top marks awarded in the examination. These scholarships are tenable for two years, and are of the value of £5 a year, if the pupil lives at home, or £40 a year if compelled to live away from home.

Senior Scholarship Examination (a) Scholarships.—Ivan Sutherland, Winifred Evans and John Hunter passed. The above-named scholarships (five in number) are open to all secondary pupils in the Wellington Education District. The test is the Junior Civil Service examination, excluding the 'rural course'. The first-named pupil was placed 6th on the list.

15th February 1913 The committee and staff of the Masterton District High School have reason to feel gratified, at the results of the recent matriculation, Civil Service and scholarship examinations. There is ample evidence that the Masterton District High School furnishes all that is immediately required in the way of secondary education in the district. What is necessary is a sustained effort to secure for the district an institution that would enable those qualifying by proficiency certificate's to obtain vocational instruction. In other words, what we want, and must insist upon getting, is an Agricultural High School.

15th February 1913 SECONDARY EDUCATION

(To the Editor.)

Sir, —Permit me to drive a nail into the cloven hoof of your morning contemporary, as disclosed this morning, in one of its inimitable leaderinos.

Thusly the Age this morning:— "There is ample evidence that the Masterton District High School furnishes all that is immediately required in the way of secondary education in the district. . . . What we want and must insist upon getting is an Agricultural High School. "

The Age has at last made a clear statement of its position. Notwithstanding our great endowment we are to be denied a free place High School. Our children are to be compelled to complete their education at our glorified primary school unless they are going to be farmers. How many fathers in the Trust Lands Area can afford to make their sons (and daughters) farmers? The Age will find at next Trust election -that it is once more up against it." With our £60,000 of resources we are going to have an Agricultural High' School. But it will be also a free place High School. In order to get it however, we will have to fight the anti High School party at next Trust election on a full ticket,

In case it may be suggested that my above quotations are unfair, I ask you to publish said leaderino as a- footnote. —I am, etc.. H. C. ROBINSON. Masterton, Feb. 15, 1912.

Here it is:

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. The committee and staff of the Masterton District High School have reason to feel gratified at the results 'of the recent matriculation, Civil Service and scholarship examinations. There is ample evidence that the Masterton District High School furnishes all that is immediately required in the way of secondary education in the district. What is necessary is a substantial effort to secure for the district an institution that would enable those qualifying by proficiency certificates to obtain vocational instruction. In other words, what, we want, and must insist upon getting, is an Agricultural High School.

17th February 1913 A match was played at Carterton on Saturday, between the Masterton and Carterton Schools, and resulted in an overwhelming victory for Masterton by 111 runs and 111 runs. For the winners, F. Hoar and H. Miller were the "star* performers, for, besides making 55 (retired) and 25 respectively, Hoar's bowling figures were 4 for 6 and 5 for 0, and Miller 5 for 6, and 4 for 6. Perrin also got double figures.

26th February 1913 A Murray resigned from 31st March

27th February 1913 Miss Wolff (Masterton) arrived in Wellington yesterday on her return from a visit to Queenstown

28th February 1913 The Education Board has decided that Mr D. Grant will conduct classes in drawing and handwork at the Masterton District High School, on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m., and Miss Lazarus will take classes in elementary hygiene and physiology. Mr Robert Parker will also hold singing classes at Masterton later in' the year

The majority of the competitors: who took part in yesterday's swimming carnival in Masterton, are pupils of the Masterton District High School, and were under the charge of Miss Munro, one of the senior mistresses on the High School staff. Ladies competition at Dixon Street Ladies Pool

1st March 1913 Part of a long article on swimming The swimming sports held on Thursday last under the auspices of the Masterton Ladies' Swimming Club afforded encouraging evidence that the art of swimming is being cultivated in Masterton. It came somewhat as a surprise to the majority of the spectators to see so many competitors—a number of whom were young children—possessing so valuable a knowledge of the art. Three or four years ago the number of girl swimmers in Masterton could easily be counted. To-day their number is legion. And this desirable state of affairs is -due to the excellent system of tuition carried out at the Masterton schools and the encouragement given by the holding of sports meetings such as that which took place on Thursday last. The school teachers of Masterton deserve every credit for the excellent work they are doing in instructing the children in swimming

3rd March 1913 Masterton School defeated Greytown School on Saturday by an innings and 103 runs. Masterton put together 149 extras 52. Welch 26, Hunter 22, Shaw 21 (retired) being responsible for most of the runs. Greytown compiled 19 and 27, F. Hoar taking altogether ten wickets for 23 runs, and H. Miller nine for 22.

In the three representative matches played by the Masterton High School this season these young boys have bowled unchanged. Hoar has taken twenty-six wickets for 40, runs, and Miller twenty wickets for 41—very creditable performances.

6th March 1913 . In a cricket match played at Masterton yesterday, the District High School team defeated a Lower Valley team somewhat easily.

8th March 1913 Miss McGregor and Miss Janet McGregor, of Masterton, left for Sydney yesterday en route for England.

10th March 1913 Opening piece of a long article: For some months past the Masterton Agricultural High School Establishment Committee has been in a comatose condition. By some strange convulsion of nature it has been restored to animation, and we now find it a real, live, "High School Establishment Committer." No longer is. it masquerading under the guise of an Agricultural High School Committee, No; agriculture has been entirely eliminated, and the Committee now appears in its true colours. From the first-, the people had been suspicious about it. They felt in their own minds that what the professional men were after was a High/School proper, a secondary and exclusive institution , where sectarian, influences might have their sway and there would be a distinction "between the classes and the masses. There is no longer need for doubt in the matter.

12th March 1913 Dr Elizabeth Gunn is expected to make a medical examination of the children attending the Masterton District High School in the course of a day or two

14th March 1913 The Masterton District High School Committee met last evening, there being present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), W. Chapman, W. Gourlay, A. Hyde, W. Kemp, J. Shackleton, D. Threadwell, and E. Pragnell. ' The treasurer's report, showing a credit balance of £12 13s 2d, was read and adopted. The headmaster's report was read and

approved. The attendance was as follows:—Main School, roll 630, average 597, percentage 95; side school, 178, 170, 95; secondary 'classes, 69, 67, 97. The sub - committee ,set up to go into the question of furnishing the new Assembly Hall reported that the purchase of the necessary furniture had been decided upon, the order to be divided between two firms.' It was decided that as the order would not be fulfilled for some time the money in hand for this purpose be placed in the Post Office Savings Bank, until such time as the amount is due. The visiting committee reported that no work of importance required attending to at the school during the past month. The tender of Mr .T. -A. Falconer has been accepted for supplying firewood to the school during the forthcoming winter.

Messrs' Pragnell, .Shackleton' and Threadwell were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month.

14th March 1913 Miss Murray, of the Masterton District High School staff, has resigned her Position

A junior Board of Education Scholarship has been awarded to Richard Chapman, of the Masterton' District High School.;

18th March 1913 SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE MATCH. . At Wellington yesterday the Wairarapa school representatives were defeated by the Wellington schools by 17 runs on the first innings. Wairarapa made 85 in their first innings, Hoar 42 and Miller' 17 being the chief scorers. The Wellington boys replied with 102 runs of which Bowers compiled 36. Wairarapa had lost six wickets for 39 runs when stumps were drawn in the second innings. Miller 17 and Hoar again the chief scorers. For Wairarapa. Kummer took 4 wickets for 26 runs, Dudson 3 for 20. Miller 1 for 28 and Hoar 1 for 20.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MATCH. At Island Bay the Masterton School junior team defeated the Island. Bay School team by an innings and nineteen runs. Island Bay made 28 in their first and 39 in their second innings while the Masterton boys knocked up 86 in their first innings.

20th March 1913 ALLEGED LIBEL. ACTION AGAINST A NEWSPAPER
AN INTERESTING CASE,

In the Supreme Court, Masterton, yesterday afternoon, a case was commenced in which William Henry Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, claimed £600 damages from Douglas Moore Graham, proprietor and publisher of the Wairarapa Daily Times, for alleged libellous statements, published in defendant's newspaper.

Mr P. L. Hollings appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr A. Myers (Wellington), and with him Dr Trimble for the defence.

The following jury was sworn in A. R. Sclanders (foreman), W. Whittaker, E. S. Wakelin, R. Reeves, G. Butler, J. Whittaker, J. Shearer, T. H. Wickens, J. Launson , T. Moore J. Scott, T. Whitton.

Mr Hollings, in addressing the jury, said this was an action for libel brought by W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton School, against D. Graham, proprietor and publisher of the Wairarapa Daily Times. Plaintiff had charge of the Masterton School for the past 25 years. For the past six-years he Had been a member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, and a manager of the Technical School for a number of years. The whole of his spare time had been given to other public institutions. Two of the charges against defendant, published in the Daily Times, made a brutal attack upon his position as a member of the Trust Lands Trust. The first charge, published on August 9th, 1912, took the shape of anonymous letter

published by defendant, and having a footnote attached. The meaning of the letter implied that as a civil servant, and being financially interested, the plaintiff was ineligible to be a member of the Trust. Plaintiff counsel said, was quite eligible to be a member of the Trust, and during the years of his membership he never received one penny from the Trust, although he put many a penny into it.' Another implication contained in the letter was that plaintiff was personally and financially interested in the Trust, and so not a fit and proper person to be a member of same. The statement that plaintiff was financially and personally interested in the Trust Lands Trust implied that he was not a fit and proper person to occupy a position on that Trust. Referring to the footnote, counsel said it was meant to be a bulwark, behind which the defendant might retire. It was difficult to reconcile "More Anon's" letter with the remarks by the editor, if the remarks of "More Anon" were quite uncalled for, as the footnote, stated, why were they published? The publisher of the newspaper recognised that the letter was uncalled for, and it should have been put in the wastepaper basket. The footnote to the letter made it ten times worse than it would have been without it. Plaintiff wrote to the editor and pointed out that the letter was grossly libellous, but at the same time he was not anxious to take any action, Mr Chevassus on receipt of plaintiff's letter, rang him up on the telephone and said the letter of "More Anon," had got into the paper by mistake; .

On November 9th a leading article was published, which implied that plaintiff was not a fit and proper person to sit on the Trust, and that he was voting on question in which he was personally interested. Plaintiff was accused of having a "pocket" interest in the Trust. Not satisfied with attacking plaintiff's position as a trustee, and challenging his position there, and doing the most cowardly and dastardly thing in attacking the plaintiff's position as headmaster, and in his relation to his committee. Defendants thought plaintiff stood in their way, and in order to remove him', they took the liberty of attacking him in his relations to his committee., and so trying to throw ridicule upon him. Mr Jackson was drawn into the discussion, when it was known full well that he had nothing to do with the business of the School Committee, Why was this? Was it not for the purpose of throwing ridicule upon him? Was it not done in order that the plaintiff would be driven to resign from the Trust Lands Trust. The defendant does not deny that these allegations made are false. It was for the jury to say whether the comments made regarding plaintiff were fair or not. Every member of the School Committee would state that plaintiff knew nothing of the business of the committee. The fact that plaintiff was called upon to resign from the Trust, was a direct challenge. Plaintiff has for the past six years been the leading trustee on the Trust, and this the defendant paper had admitted. This action was brought by plaintiff to vindicate his position. It was for the jury to decide whether the allegations were true or otherwise, and whether he shall give up his position, because he is interested in the Trust Lands Trust, from a personal and financial point of view. This action was not brought for money making purposes, but simply to vindicate his honour and position., Not even costs were asked for

W. H. Jackson, plaintiff, stated that he was headmaster of the Masterton District High School, a position occupied by him for 25 years. He had been for 35 years a schoolmaster, He was elected to the position of member of the Trust Lands Trust six years ago. Was one of the founders of, the Masterton Technical School some 17 years ago, and was now chairman of the Board of Managers. He was also a member of the committee set up by the Trust Lands Trust and the A. and P. Association, to inquire into the instituting of an Agricultural High

School. He read on August 9th the letter published in the Wairarapa Daily Times, and signed by "More Anon," also the footnote by the editor. . He took the letter to demand his resignation from the Trust. In reference to statement regarding being financially interested to the Trust Lands Trust, witness said he thought the statement meant that he had gained some direct financial benefit from being a member of the Trust. Plaintiff said that nothing had been said in-the Trust Lands Trust regarding a High School at this time, but a month afterwards a report, was brought down, asking the trustees to support a movement in favour of an Agricultural High School and witness and other trustees voted in favour of it. Witness said he was conversant with the Trust Act. He had never benefited one penny by his position on the Trust. Capitation grants were made to all 'Schools without favour. The grants go from the Trust to the Education Board and are transmitted to the schools

Scholarship grants were made to plaintiff's school and other schools, as the result of examinations, the basis of which was fixed by the Trust. Counsel's opinion had been taken in regard to these grants. The letter of August 9th was the commencement of the attacks on plaintiff. On August 10th he replied to "Mors Anon's" letter of the day before and challenged "More Anon" to reveal his identity. "More Anon" wrote a second letter, a few days later, and plaintiff replied to this letter also, and again challenged the writer to reveal his name, when he would be called upon, to stand a charge for defamatory libel. "More Anon" was not again heard from. The statements made in "More Anon's" letter were not true. Plaintiff stated that he wrote to Mr Chevassus, editor of the Daily Times, informing him that he (plaintiff) was informed by his solicitor that "More Anon's" letter contained defamatory libel. Mr Chevassus rang up five minutes afterwards and said he was sorry the letter had been published as it came in at the last moment. He would publish an explanation in his next issue, and assured him that the publication of the letter was a mistake. Plaintiff assured Mr Chevassus that he would accept the explanation and nothing more was done till he, (plaintiff) was further attacked as a member of the Trust Lands Trust. The statement, that counsel's opinion was not taken on the question of scholarship grants was most untrue, as also was the statement regarding Supreme Court proceedings being taken in regard to the Trust Lands Trust. On October 23rd another article published in the editorial columns of the Daily Time's. regarding the relationship between his committee and himself. He had nothing to do with the matters discussed by the committee and knew nothing about it till he read it in the newspaper "Regarding the statement that plaintive had said that the School Committee did what it was told it, plaintiff denied ever having made such a statement. He took this statement to be an attempt to bring his committee and himself into conflict. He never had any difficulty persuading the committee to work with him in the best interests of the school. He had also been on the most amicable terms with his committee. Plaintiff wrote to defendant, calling attention to the attacks made on him. and asking for a withdrawal of the charges. This letter was sent on November .19th". On the same day plaintiff the defendant met with a view to coming to a settlement. Another meeting was' also held, and as a result a remodelled form of retraction of statements was ,written, but was not agreed to by defendant. The previous letter of withdrawal also ignored by defendant. On November 20th defendant published an article which he- (plaintiff) did not consider a withdrawal of the statements or as an apology in any sense. Since the refusal by defendant to publish the second letter of retraction, plaintiff had not seen or heard from defendant. Cross-examined by Mr Myers, plaintiff stated that in the

morning paper a statement was made in reference to the meeting, in which Mr Robinson, had made a statement regarding a libel case. There was nothing in the paper to indicate how much or how little had been said by Mr Robinson at the meeting. Plaintiff had no communication from defendant since his last letter, and consequently he considered he was ignored by defendant. The writ may have been issued on November 21st or 22nd. There was a meeting to be held in the Town Hall on the 22nd, and there was no desire to have the writ issued before that meeting. In May, 1907, plaintiff was elected to the Trust Lands Trust. He was quite sure that matriculation grants had been made from the Trust before he (plaintiff) became a member. It was on his suggestion that matriculation grants were initiated by the Trust. No grants were probably paid until after he joined the Trust, Were the District High School to be disestablished his salary would be reduced by £30 after two years. But, before that time he would be entitled to superannuation. His school was not the only one whose pupils were entitled to matriculation grants. Only recently a grant had been made to a student from a private school in Masterton. He did move at a meeting of trustees on March 20th, 1908, that all scholars matriculating from the Masterton School be paid their grants in half-yearly payments.

Cross-examined -by- Mr- Myers,, plaintiff said that Mr C. E. Daniel had not made a statement as to the legality of plaintiff's position on the Trust; It was not a fact that he had asked for a grant of £10 for the museum at the meeting at which Mr Wagg made the objection. Mr Myers read from reports of the Wairarapa Daily Times in regard to Mr Jackson having asked that the grant be voted to the school museum. Was this true?

Mr Jackson: No.

Mr Myers read a similar statement from the Wairarapa Age. Was that true ? ,

Mr Jackson: It was not true that he had asked for the grant to be voted. The statements contained the reports of both papers were incorrect. He had noticed that he had been made by the papers to apply for the grant, but he had not contradicted them.

Mr Myers : Did Mr Daniell object also at the meeting?

Mr Jackson: No.

Mr Myers: Did Mr Daniell challenge your position. Mr Myers then read Mr Daniell's (remarks from a report of a Trust meeting.

Mr Jackson: I admit Mr Daniell said those words.

His Honor: Is that not a challenge?

Mr Jackson: I did not take it that way. Continuing, Mr Jackson said that there was a section of the public who considered: a free-place High School should be established in the district. He knew the establishment of such a High School would, if the Minister thought desirable, result in the disestablishment of the secondary classes at the Masterton District High School. He had not opposed the establishment of a High School in Masterton. He admitted that Mr Robinson's proposal was to establish High School in Masterton - this was among Mr-Robinson's other proposals; At the meeting held by Mr Robinson in the Town Hall on August 23rd he had, as was stated in Daily Times, defended . Damaged copy

. Prior to the first meeting in regard to the High School movement, he did not go round the class rooms with a member of the School Committee and address the pupils. No one in his presence had addressed the children against the High School movement. Parents had not been

advised to keep away from the meeting. He had made no statement to the children on the High School subject. He charged the paper with malice. He thought the footnote to "More Anon's" letter made the letter worse than it was. He was not prepared before the editor of the "Daily Times rang him up in regard to "More Anon's" letter to let the matter drop. The editor's explanation he considered satisfactory. By the expression "pouring oil and wine," contained in plaintiff's letter, to the editor, he wished to recognise what he thought was the editor's good intentions.

Mr Myers then read a laudatory article which the Times had published in regard to Mr Jackson.

Mr Jackson admitted that the leading article in August 24th concerning him was a nice one. He did not object to the leading article of September 3rd. There was no malice in that article. He admitted that the article treated him kindly and with every regard. It did not attack his personal honour., The article in the Times on September 4th sounded all right.

Mr Myers: Did you not only, want' the Times to put in the apology but to refrain from criticising you?

Mr Jackson (hotly): It is an infamous lie; I did not suggest it. It is a lie and it was circulated round town and I can tell you where it originated."

His Honor: We do not want to know that.

Mr Myers continued his cross-ex-amination. Mr Jackson said that as a general rule most of his recommendations were carried out by the School Committee.

Mr Myers referred to the case of Grace Waddington, who had been refused a matriculation grant, .and a boy named Matheson had been granted one, and asked if it. mighty not be thought an advantage to be a pupil of Mr Jackson's to which Mr Jackson replied in the negative.

Re-examined by Mr Hollings: He had no objection to criticism as long; as it was fair criticism."

Continuing, he said the winning of a scholarship grant by a boy or girl did not benefit him financially to the extent of a single penny. It was a prize solely to the scholar.

Alexander Wilson Hogg : said he was a- member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, and of the Wellington, Education Board. The grants made by the Trust Lands Trust went to the Education Board, and from, that body to the School Committee. . He thought the statements in. "More Anon's letter was a gross imputation on Mr Jackson's character. He considered that the letter of "More Anon" inferred that Mr Jackson had' no right to be on the Trust.

Robert Krahagen, chairman, of the Trust Lands Trust, said that he had' read "More Anon's" letter. He placed the interpretation on it that Mr Jackson was on the Trust for personal gain'. His opinion in regard to the article in the- Daily Times of November 9th was that Mr Jackson voted on .matters in which he had a direct interest. As far as he knew no action was being' taken to make an application to the Supreme Court, as suggested by the article in the Times. The trustees had taken legal 'opinion about the grants and based their action upon such opinion.

Cross-examined: He considered "More Anon's" letter a nasty one, but the. footnote was all right. Both before and after the publication of "More Anon's" letter the Times had spoken well of Mr Jackson.

Richard Brown deposed that he was chairman of the Masterton School Committee. Mr Jackson had nothing to do with the application made by the School Committee to the Borough Council and referred to in an article in the Times. Mr Jackson did not offer any advice on the matter. He considered that the reference to Mr Jackson and the School Committee meant that Mr Jackson exercised an undue influence over the committee. Mr Jackson had never adopted the attitude of dictator and master. -The committee would not allow him to do so. The relations between Mr Jackson and his committee had always been cordial. From memory he could not name any recommendation made by Mr Jackson, which the committee had rejected, though there had been some.

Arthur James 'Purvis- Hathaway, secretary of the-Trust Lands Trust, said that he was present at Mr Robinson's meeting of November 22nd. Mr Hollings was about to ask the witness about the article in the Times of that date, which had been handed to Mr Robinson, when Mr Myers objected, His Honor upholding the objection.

Cross-examined by Mr Myers Mr Jackson took part in the discussions and voted at Trust meetings.

This concluded the evidence for the plaintiff, and Mr Myers moved for a non-suit, on the ground that there was no libel, and His Honor reserved the point.

[Note: I have copied this whole document from the Age but have not copied all the other published pieces on this topic]

22nd March 1913 Daily Times Verdict SITTINGS AT MASTERTON.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20th, 1913,

(Before His Honor Mr Justice Chapman).

THE LIBEL ACTION. £25 DAMAGES AWARDED.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT ON TWO COUNTS.

The jury in the case of W. H. Jackson v. D. M. Graham, a claim for £600 on three counts for libel, retired on Thursday afternoon, at 1.10 o'clock At 3.20 o'clock the jury returned, and the foreman stated that they disagreed On two out of the three counts and desired to know if a majority vote would be accepted. His Honor replied in the negative, and the jury retired again. At 4.15 the jury-returned, and the foreman stated that on one issue they were unanimous, on another they had a three fourths majority, and on another they were divided. He wished to know if three fourths majority would be accepted His Honor agreed to take a three fourths majority. The jury retired and returned twelve minutes later to inquire if the jury were required to fix the costs. His Honour replied in the negative, and the jury again retired. Four minutes later the jury returned and the foreman announced their verdict as follows: — FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION That the defendant printed and published in the Wairarapa Daily Times, a newspaper printed and published in Masterton, and circulated throughout the Wairarapa and elsewhere the following statement: — On the 9th day of August, 1912, at Masterton aforesaid, the defendant falsely and maliciously printed and -published of and concerning the plaintiff in an anonymous letter in the aforesaid newspaper, the Wairarapa Daily Times, the following words:— "Mr. Jackson as Trustee. (To the Editor). —As a voter I call on Mr Jackson resign his position on the Trust. In the first place as a civil servant he is debarred from taking a part in local or dominion politics. The rights or this are not for me to argue. Sufficed that he is ineligible. Secondly, being personally financially interested in the proceedings of the Trust, he ineligible is. Thirdly, as the matter of a high

school for Masterton is about to eventuate in the interests of Masterton and education generally, it were better that he now stood down. I am sorry Mr Editor that I cannot sign my name to this, but promise

MORE ANON v "Masterton, August 9th, 1912.

"(We publish this letter because it comes to us from a reputable citizen of the town. At the same time we are obliged to state that, in our opinion, his remarks concerning Mr Jackson are quite uncalled for. Mr Jackson is an expert educationalist, who possesses a Dominion reputation. He has rendered the most valuable and unselfish services to the cause of education in this district, and for a quarter of a century his actions have shown him to be actuated by a rare enthusiasm and an altruism which have lent a value to the training which thousands of children have received under his guidance out of all proportion to the normal benefits of State education. On a board of Trustees have to administer an estate in the interests of education no more valuable a member than Mr Jackson ~could occupy a seat. —Ed. W.D.T. "The said words contained in the aforesaid anonymous letter and set out in the preceding paragraph mean that the plaintiff was improperly deriving some personal financial benefit from his position on the Masterton Trust Lands Trust. Alternatively they mean that by virtue of some personal financial interest he was ineligible as a trustee, and was improperly remaining thereon, and ought to resign therefrom. Alternatively they mean that the plaintiff was not a fit and proper person to be a member of the said Trust. The jury found that there was no libel in this and brought a verdict for defendant.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION. (That on the 9th day of November 1912, at Masterton aforesaid the defendant falsely and maliciously printed and published of and concerning the plaintiff in a leading article in the aforesaid newspaper, the Wairarapa Daily Times (dealing with the question of scholarship grants) the following words:—"We understand that steps are being taken to apply to the Supreme Court for an injunction to restrain the trustees from a further dissipation of their funds in an illegal manner. Perhaps that will bring them -up with a round turn. In this connection we feel it to be our duty to express the opinion that Mr Jackson has no business to be a member of the Trust Lands Trust. We believe that his position there is anomalous, if, in—deed, it is not illegal. He is frequently to be found joining in discussions and voting upon questions in which it is ridiculous to assert that he has not even an indirect interest. He has exercised a very ;potent influence on the Trust in favour of his own school, and even if, upon a narrow legal interpretation, he is not actually disqualified from being a Trustee,. common delicacy ought to restrain him from occupying a questionable position." The said words mean that the plaintiff was not a fit and proper person to be a member of the said Trust; alternatively, that he was improperly and illegally retaining his seat on the said Trust. Alternatively, the said words mean that he was guilty of misconduct in joining in discussions and upon questions in which he had a personal interest, in conflict with his position as a Trustee. And, alternatively, the said words mean that plaintiff was, with other trustees guilty of misconduct as a trustee in taking part in the dissipation of the Trust funds in an illegal, manner. The jury found for plaintiff in this count and awarded £25 damages. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION. That on .the 23rd day of October 1912, at Masterton aforesaid, the defendant falsely and maliciously printed arid published of and concerning the plaintiff in a leading article in the aforesaid newspaper, the Wairarapa Daily Times, the following words:—"The Masterton School Committee is quite insatiable. When, upon a

spurious plea of poverty it is not busy in maturing schemes for the extraction of special grants for luxuries out of the Trust Lands Trust, it indulges in the cognate pastime of playing at grips with the Borough Council. But the credit for this acquisitive tendency, if credit there be, is probably due to the headmaster, whose bumps in that direction are remarkably well developed. The School Committee, itself, pace Mr Richard Brown, reminds us of a tame and well behaved domestic cat, which never fails to do what it is told "by its master. Everybody in Masterton knows full well that the School Committee ' exercises vicarious authority delegated to it by Mr W. H. Jackson. Has he not frequently said so? 'My Committee. always do as I tell them' —the phrase has passed into the proverbial; philosophy of this town—it is ' the' first article of the , Kuripuni Credo. There appears to be reason, however, for supposing that the cat has fallen from ..grace. . . . ; Mr Jackson will have to chastise his cat for making him look ridiculous." The said words .mean that the plaintiff, as headmaster of the Masterton school, was exercising an improper influence over the committee of the Masterton school. Alternatively, they mean that 'he was exercising an improper control over them. Alternatively, they mean that by his improper influence and control he was preventing the School Committee from performing its duties independently and in a proper manner. Alternatively, they mean that the plaintiff had improperly boasted that hi. was master of the **School** Committee having jurisdiction over his **school**.

The jury brought in a verdict that there was no libel in this count and found for defendant.

Mr Hollings moved for costs on the second cause of action, and for a certificate for interrogatory proceedings.

Mr Myers moved costs on the other two causes of action.

His Honour entered up judgment for plaintiff for £25 on the second cause of action, and for defendant on the other two causes of action.

By consent, defendant was allowed ten days in which to file a notice of motion for a nonsuit or a new trial. His Honour said he would take his own time to fix the costs.

There were three causes of action, plaintiff claiming as follows:—

- (1) In respect of the first cause of action the sum of £200 damages.
- (2) In respect of the second cause of action the sum of £200 damages. (')} In respect of the third cause of action the sum of £200 damages.

31st March 1913 Dr Elizabeth Gunn, who is making a medical examination of the children attending the Masterton District High School to-day, will deal only with the children of the second standard on this occasion. Dr Gunn will be pleased to see parents at the school and advise them concerning the physical defects of their children.

1st April 1913 At a special meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, the appointment of Miss Elliott as assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School, in succession to Miss Murray, was confirmed

2nd April 1913 On Monday the teaching staff of the Masterton District High School presented Miss Murray with a silver entree dish as a mark of esteem. Miss Murray is very popular with the whole of the teaching staff and pupils of the Masterton school.

2nd April 1913 The medical examination of children attending the Masterton District High School was completed yesterday by Dr Elizabeth Gunn.

4th April 1913 VISIT OF H.M.S. "NEW ZEALAND."

The reply of the Railway Department to the inquiry made by the Masterton School Committee, through Mr G. R. Sykes, M.P., regarding excursion train arrangements for the conveyance of school children to Wellington on the occasion of the visit of H.M.S. "New Zealand" to that port, affords a striking illustration of the 'paralysing effect of red tape upon common intelligence. That reply, received by Mr R. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, reads as follows:—

"In connection with excursion school children to Wellington, an excursion for adults will precede the same. It is impossible to allow parents and children to travel together, as the train will be too large to negotiate the hill. Everything will be done for the convenience of children and adults. "

Why, in the name of common-sense, if two trains are to be run, parents and children cannot travel together, is one of those mysteries which defies mathematical lore. We suppose when the adults arrive in Wellington they will be lined up on the platform to await the arrival of the children's train and will then sort out the seven hundred odd youngsters. If that is not the surest way of losing some of the kiddies, we should like to know what is. But perhaps that is what is desired.

5th April 1913 Miss Evelyn Elliott, of the Fernridge school, who has been promoted to a position on the staff of the Masterton District High School, was yesterday presented with the scholars with a handsome token of regard. In making the presentation, Mr Henry Evans, the chairman of the Committee, made eulogistic reference to Miss Elliott's influence as a member of the school staff, and wished her every success in her new appointment.

7th April 1913 A shield, the property of the defunct Thursday Rugby Union, was procured for school competition, and was won by the Masterton school, who were undefeated during the season.

11th April 1913 The Education Department wrote to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last night, stating that the Committee's protest in regard to the discontinuance of free books to school children would receive consideration.

Last night the following members of the Masterton School Committee were nominated for re-election:— Messrs R. Brown, W. Kemp, W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, D. Threadwell, E. Pragnell, G. Hyde, A. Chapman.

"I consider that the Education Department should take up the matter and make arrangements with local dentists to extract the teeth of the school children at a nominal fee," said Mr E. Pragnell at the meeting of the School Committee last night, during a discussion in connection with inspection of children for dental troubles.

11th April 1913 MONTHLY MEETING,

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, there being present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. Pragnell, W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, A. Chapman, G. Hyde, W. Kemp, D. Threadwell.

In regard to the H.M.S. New Zealand school excursion, a telegram from the railway department to the stationmaster at Masterton was read and stated that the Government had now decided to issue free tickets to scholars and teachers. The Department desired, to know at once how many children were coming from Masterton. Unless the information was forthcoming, the Department could not make provision for carrying the children.

The telegrams, which had been published in the Daily Times yesterday in reference to the matter, were also read. The chairman fully explained the position and stated that matters were in a very unsatisfactory way. The committee should take a firm stand in the matter and obtain a definite answer from the Department.

Mr W. H. Jackson stated that the teachers and committeemen would find it impossible to undertake the care of the large number of children who would avail themselves of the free trip.'

Mr E. Pragnell said that the school committee should take a firm stand and insist on a Masterton school excursion. He moved that the railway department be asked to run an excursion for parents and children for Wellington.

Mr Threadwell seconded the motion.

Mr Kemp considered that if the committee did not get what they wanted the excursion should be abandoned.

Mr Hyde considered the Department's proposition impracticable.

Mr Gourlay was of opinion that the committee should stick to their guns. At every meeting of the committee the Railway Department brought forth fresh proposals, and it was time some finality was arrived at.

After other members had expressed similar opinions, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr Pragnell, a visiting member, reported that the library would be ready for use to-day. He considered that Mr Jackson was deserving of the warmest thanks of the committee for having repaired old books. Mr Threadwell, the other visiting member, endorsed Mr Pragnell's remarks.

Mr Jackson stated that there were 450 books in the library. There was an excellent number of books available, the reference library, in particular, being better than that of any similar institution. He would like to see a sum of £20 voted for the library.

Mr Falconer moved that a grant of be made. The secretary stated that £10 from last year's grant was still available. In the circumstances Mr Falconer "withdrew his motion, and it was decided to recommend the incoming committee to vote £10 to the library.

Messrs Brown, Chapman and Falconer were appointed visiting members for the next month.

It was decided to ask the Education Board to support the payment of better salaries to secondary teachers. The question of the medical inspection of the children at the school was briefly discussed. Mr Jackson stated that the reports of the doctor were confidential. Thirty-six reports would be forwarded to parents, the majority of which dealt with nasal, throat and dental troubles. It was decided to recommend the incoming committee to take up the matter.

Headmaster's Report. The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported as follows: Attendance: Main school, on roll 624, average attendance 590, percentage of attendance, 95; side school, 185, 169, 91; secondary classes, 73, 70, 96. The attendance for the month has been good. For the quarter ended on the '31st ult., the percentage of attendance for the whole school was over 95 per cent. Staff: The second assistant in the High School department is absent this week through illness. The third assistant master was absent on the 31st ult., on leave. Miss Elliott—the recently appointed assistant—commenced duty on the 1st inst. Medical Inspection: The Education Department's medical inspector—Dr. Elizabeth Gunn—paid a visit to this school on the 1st and 2nd insts. Her examination was confined to a portion of the Standard 2 children, and a few from other classes specially brought under her notice. Communications,

containing the advice of the doctor will be sent to a number of the parents whose children were inspected. Firewood: A great deal of inconvenience has been raised by the non-delivery of the firewood ordered. I should be glad if the committee would see that the whole of it is delivered as soon as possible.

12th April 1913 Miss Williams, who has been on the staff of the Masterton District High School for some years, and who has been a particularly capable teacher, has been appointed assistant teacher at the Lower Hutt school.

12th April 1913 Masterton Trust Lands Trust The Masterton School Committee wrote asking the trustees to make some alterations at the cottage occupied by the school caretaker and offering to pay Is per week increased rental when improvements were effected. The matter was referred to the building committee, with power to act, as far as putting the premises in a sanitary condition. Any alterations to the house to be reported on to the trust.

14th April 1913 Mr W. H. Jackson, in the notice of motion which he has given for the next meeting of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, has shown that he is anxious to assist the cause of higher education as far as possible. He proposes that a small sum of money be set apart every year, to form the nucleus of a fund .which will be increased as years go on, to subsidise a secondary institution to be established in the Small Farm Block. What the nature of that institution shall he will of course depend upon the legislation brought down by the Government. If an agricultural high school can be secured, the Trust will, as a matter of public duty, liberally endow such an institution. In the meantime, Mr Jackson is to be commended for having taken a practical step in the direction of applying the funds of the Trust to a permanent and -useful institution.

19th April 1913 The following information has been compiled by Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, at the request of the authorities, for the information of parents and others.

The special excursion train will leave Masterton at 6.30 a.m., and will stop at Solway to pick up excursionists, and will, arrive in Wellington at 11 a.m. On the return journey the train will leave Wellington (Lambton station) at 3.25, and will stop at Solway, arriving at Masterton at 8 p.m. On arrival at Wellington the girls will be formed into line at the north end of the platform, and the boys at the south end. The girls will be conducted by the lady teachers to the ferry wharf, where a cloak room has been provided, in charge of a lady attendant. The boys—for whom the whole of the lavatory accommodation is to be made available —will remain at the station for a few minutes and will then be conducted to the ferry steamer. The ferry steamer will leave for the battleship' at 11.30 and will take scholars and parents. A full hour will be spent on board, and the ferry steamer will return to the wharf at 1 o'clock. Scholars and parents and guardians in charge of them will then be free to spend the remainder of the time until the departure of the train as they may choose.

Parents are requested to see that their children are well supplied with food, and that the younger ones have a small drinking cup in their bag. A supply of milk will be provided for the little ones on the down journey. Although a short stop will be made at Kaitoke, it will not be wise to allow children to leave the train to obtain refreshments.

When the time arrives for leaving the battleship, the following signals will be given by the steamer's steam whistle —one whistle 15 minutes, two whistles 10 minutes, and three whistles 5 minutes before the departure of the ferry boat. Parents are requested to pay strict

attention to these signals, and to see that their children are on board the ferry steamer before the final signal is given. It is desired that parents and guardians will return their children to the charge of the teachers and committee at the train not later than 3.15, in order that the entrainment for the return journey may be made safely and comfortably.

22nd April 1913 The Masterton school children who participated in the excursion to the battleship New Zealand yesterday had a most enjoyable time. Five children missed the return train, but two senior teachers stayed behind to see to their requirements and safe return to Masterton. The train from Masterton at 6.30 o'clock conveyed 825 children, adults and teachers from the Masterton, St. Patrick's, Fernridge, and Tinui schools, while the second train contained children and adults from Lansdowne, Matahiwi, Kaituna, Te Ore Ore, Wangaehu, and other schools, to the number of about 600. The children and parents were conveyed free of charge to the Newtown Park, and a pleasant hour was spent viewing the zoo. Subsequently they were conveyed by the Tutanekei to the H.M.S. New Zealand and were shown round the warship by members of the ship's company, the latter being most courteous to the visitors. The return journey to Wairarapa was safely negotiated, thanks to the excellent supervision exercised by those responsible. The train arrangements during the day were very satisfactory, considering the heavy tax on the roiling stock.

28th April 1913 We would give a final reminder to the householders of Masterton that the annual meeting for the election of a School Committee is to be held in the Drill Hall this evening. A "householder" means any parent or guardian who has a child or children attending the school, or any person resident within the school district, whether a parent or not, who occupies a tenement for which he pays not less than £10 a year in rent. The qualification of the husband extends to the wife, so that men and women are both entitled to vote. In recent years, very little interest has been taken in School Committee elections. The people are awakening to the fact, however, that the future of the nation depends upon the education imparted to the young, and they are determined that this education shall be of the very best. In a large school such as that at Masterton, a School Committee may render most valuable service, it is to be hoped, therefore, that householders will attend, to-night's meeting in large numbers, and that they will return a Committee that will represent the best intelligence of the community.

28th April 1913 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Following is the report to be presented to the annual meeting of householders on Monday 28th April 1913: — Your Committee have much pleasure in submitting their annual report, with the accompanying balance sheet, for the year ended 31st March, 1913. You will be gratified to know that the high prestige of the school has been well maintained, due to the very able management and most enthusiastic work of Mr W. H. Jackson, the headmaster, and the whole staff. The attendance in all the Departments was very good throughout the year. In the main school the numbers for the year were: —Average roll 633, average attendance 587, percentage of attendance 92. In the side school: Average roll 183, average attendance 166, percentage 91. " In the secondary department: Average roll 62, average attendance 58, percentage 94.

The inspectors' reports on the primary work of the school show that a high standard of work has been reached, and the tone and discipline is excellent.

In the secondary department, also, excellent work was done by teachers and scholars during the year, and you have every reason to feel proud of the achievement of this branch of your District High School.

From the senior class of 20 pupils, 6 were presented for the matriculation examination, all of whom passed, and all with credit, three were presented for the Board's senior rural scholarship examination, and two out of the five scholarships available were won by two of the pupils and the third one passed the examination.

Of the six passes, four were obtained on a three years course, and the other two on a four years' course.

Junior Civil Service. —Ten of the scholars in the senior class were presented for the Junior Civil Service examination, all of whom passed, five of them with credit.

The work in connection with the rural course programme is being conducted in a highly satisfactory manner and is most useful in character. In addition to the general syllabus of work, instruction is given in cookery, dressmaking, hygiene and first aid to the girls, and in practical drawing, woodwork, and agriculture to the boys.

The results of the examinations indicate that the secondary education obtainable at the Masterton District High School is at least as good and sound as that given in any college or high school in the Dominion.

The school museum is now a recognised Masterton institution and much interest is taken in it by local residents and visitors from other places. A considerable addition has been made to the show-case accommodation, and many exhibits, both instructive and interesting, have been added.

Your thanks are due to all those who have presented exhibits and particularly to Mr Jackson for the amount of time and personal labour freely given. The museum has been kept open every Thursday afternoon and evening for the public, and the result is encouraging to all concerned.

The school library contains some 450 books available for the use of the scholars, and the reference library contains about 200 books, which are of considerable help to students.

In this connection application has been made to the Borough Council for a gift of reference, scientific, and other suitable books. It was understood that the Council proposed to discard this class of books as not being much used, and it was recognised that these books were admirably suited for the work of the secondary department.

Your thanks are due to the Trust Lands Trustees for substantial help during the year. In addition to the usual grant on a per capita basis amounting to about £90, the Trustees have given £100 towards furnishing the Assembly Hall. This sum, with the Government subsidy, has enabled your Committee to let contracts through local firms for the furniture needed for the new Hall, and we may expect shortly to have the first consignment to hand.

Your thanks, and those of all parents in the Trust district, are also due to the Trustees for resisting a very strong effort made during the year to deprive the whole of the primary children of the Small Farm Block of the benefit of the capitation grant.

Your Committee wish to make it clear that it is by no means opposed to a High School, and will welcome such when the way is clear for its establishment, but strongly deprecates the attempt that was made to injure your school by depriving it of a larger part of its income, by

reducing its status, and impairing its usefulness to the great majority of the children whose parents are unable to give them secondary education.

Your Committee regret very much that the Education Department' saw fit to dispense with the issue of free books, as the cost of providing these will press hardly on many ill able to afford it. In connection with the recent excursion to Wellington to visit our battleship, ,, your Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the efforts, courtesy, care and hospitality shown by all concerned. You are greatly indebted to the Railway Department, the Education Department, Education Board, and the officials who met and so kindly attended to the children and excursionists and catered for their creature comforts and entertainment. It will be a red letter day in the lives of the young generation.

During the year 19 meetings of Committees have been held, IS ordinary and C> special. The attendance has been as follows:—Mr Brown 18, Mr Gourlay 19, Mr Kemp 18, Mr Chapman 16, Mr Shackleton 15, Mr Pragnell 14, Mr Threadwell 14, Mr Hyde 13, and Mr Falconer 12.

28th April 1913 THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The first thought which will occur to the minds of those readers who take the trouble to study the remarkable report—perhaps we should call it a manifesto—of the Masterton School Committee, printed elsewhere in this issue, will assuredly be, "methinks they do protest too much." Nobody doubts! that good work is done at the Masterton District High School, but why a whole lot of matter laudatory, it is true, of things as they are, but utterly irrelevant in so far as the School Committee is concerned, is introduced this year into a report which in previous years has been quite formal and colourless, is one of those curious questions which we are all the more curious because they are so easy to answer; The report, in so far as the School Committee is **concerned** is in our opinion, a highly improper document because -it introduces partisan' views on highly controversial questions which it is not in the power or the competence of the School Committee to determine one way or the other. It is, in fact, as we have described it, a manifesto, and it will be noticed that in their anxiety to sustain a certain case, its compilers have indulged in special pleading, and at least, one beautiful " non sequitur. " The two following paragraphs, for instance, when compared, speak for themselves:—

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If the first of these two quotations means that the District High School is a satisfactory substitute for a straight out secondary school such as is to be found elsewhere in the Dominion, then all we can say is that it is the wildest nonsense that was ever enunciated, and that will be the verdict of every honest person who knows anything at all about secondary schools. The public will neither admire nor be misled by the latest tactics of the anti-High School party, who should have refrained from making a partisan use of the report of the

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Masterton School Committee. This paper has no patience with such manoeuvring and will expose it whenever it is resorted to.

29th April 1913 Sir, —The wisdom of profiting by the sentiments expressed in your leading article of yesterday was again apparent at the Masterton School Committee election last evening. Last year the Labour Party, by stealth, Captured the majority of seats on the School Committee, displacing more experienced and intellectual men. This year, through a journalistic trick, the idea was spread abroad that the Bible-in-Schools party were going to nominate and capture the seats. The Labour Party, being hostile to the Bible-in-Schools League, swallowed the "red herring," hence their thirst for power brought them along last night in strong force, together with their wives, their sisters, their cousins and their aunts. It would be a pity for the Labour Party, if their inordinate thirst for power, were to overdo the thing and get a set-back at to-morrow's municipal poll.—I am, etc.,

LABOURITE Masterton, April 29, 1913.

29th April 1913 MEETING OF MASTERTON HOUSEHOLDERS.

' -There was an attendance of about 350 at the annual meeting of the householders at Masterton last evening-

Mr R. Brown as elected chairman of the meeting.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, and in doing so said that the school had done well during the past year which was largely due to the splendid manner in which the staff had worked together for the benefit of the school, He drew attention to the fact that the school museum was open to the public on Thursday afternoon.

Mr Robinson stated that he had not intended, to be present at the meeting, but for the fact that certain controversial matters had been introduced into the annual report. He thought that those matters in connection with the proposed high school should have been left out of the report, He did not propose to deal with the report at that meeting but would take the opportunity to criticise such matters as related to the high school question on the platform at the Trust Lands Trust, election. He desired to know why the committee had left out reference in the report to two teachers leaving the school, and as to their resignations and why they resigned.

The chairman, in reply to Mr Robinson, stated that the committee got resignations every year, and the committee invariably placed on record appreciation of their services. A teacher did not always desire to remain in the one place, and they could not be blamed. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE. Fourteen candidates were nominated for the nine positions on the committee, the voting being as follows: —R. Brown -243 A. W. Chapman 179 G. Hyde 174 A. Hendry 173 , E Pragnell 169, W. L. Falconer 167, W. Kemp 164 .J. Shackleton . 157 W. Gourlay 153

D. Threadwell 146, .J. L. Hughes 126. M. R. Varnham 120, J. H. Naylor 78, E G Williams 56. The first nine, eight of whom were on the old committee, were declared elected.

Free School Books. Mr A. H. Vile, moved That this representative meeting of Masterton householders views the withdrawal by the Education department of the concession of free school, books with disapproval, and trusts that the Minister of Education will see his way clear to restore the concession at the earliest possible moment, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the acting-Minister for Education."

Mr Lambourne seconded the motion "with the utmost disgust." (Laughter;). It was another of those remarkable efforts of the Reform Government, taking away a concession from the workers.

In reply to the seconder. Mr Vile stated that the Government was not responsible for the alteration, it being a recommendation of the Education Department and had been contemplated before the present Government came into power. (Applause,).

The motion was carried unanimously.

The chairman called for an expression of opinion in regard to the mode of holding the election, he considered the method of conducting School Committee elections could be much improved upon. He would like to see a day fixed for the closing of nominations such as was in vogue in connection with other elections.

Mr Giddings thought all nominations should be in at least three days before the election. Agricultural High School. Mr Vile referred to the rural course at schools and considered that an agricultural high school should be established. An agricultural high school was not intended for the benefit of farmers, children alone, as it would provide instruction in scientific agriculture, domestic, science, cookery, dressmaking, etc. He moved "that this meeting of householders of the Masterton School district urges upon the Government the necessity for amending the Education Act in the direction suggested by the 'Education Commission, so as to permit the establishment of Agricultural High School in Masterton and other important centres, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and Minister of Education.- ,-'

Mr Robinson .stated that the Agricultural High School Establishment Committee did not desire to starve the lot of the general run of children because of the children of the farmer. The Rev. Thompson had recently visited Victoria and had investigated the agricultural high school system in vogue there, and it did not fill the bill of the local agricultural high school committee. He contended that the motion was an attempt to frustrate the efforts of the Agricultural High School Establishment Committee. Mr Vile was the most formidable opponent this movement had.

Mr Vile said that the school proposed by the local Agricultural High School Committee would encourage an increase in the professional men, of which there were plenty in New Zealand now. Mr Vile was referring to the benefits of the Agricultural High School of which he was a supporter, when Mr Robinson rose to a point of order. He was met with cries of "sit down," there being some uproar.

Mr Vile then sat down. A request by Mr "Robinson to ask Mr Vile a question .was refused by the-chairman, and the motion was declared carried, though there appeared to be an equal number of " ayes " and " noes."

On the motion of Mr Krahagen, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Jackson and his staff for the valuable services rendered in the education of the children at the Masterton school. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr Jackson suitably replied and referred to the work of the school during the past office. He gave an interesting account of the exhibits contained in the museum.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting.

New Committee. At a meeting of the new committee held subsequently, Mr R. Brown was elected chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Brown thanked the committee for the honour

bestowed upon him and welcomed Mr Hendry to the committee. He was pleased to see eight of the old committee re-elected. He would be quite satisfied if they worked together as amicably as they did last year. It was decided that the meetings of the committee be held in the same order as previously. Messrs Brown and Chapman were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

29th April 1913 A PRIVILEGE WITHDRAWN. At the meeting of the Masterton householders last evening, Mr A. H. Vile moved, "That this representative meeting of Masterton householders views the withdrawal by the Education Department of the concession of free school-books with disapproval, and trusts that the Minister of Education will see his way clear to restore the concession at the earliest possible moment; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Acting-Minister for Education." Mr Lambourne seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

29th April 1913 AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Government urged to establish THEM, Press Association. MASTERTON, April 28. The following resolution was earned at a largely-attended of householders in Masterton: ' that this meeting of householders or Masterton School District urges upon the Government the necessity for amending the Education Act in the direction suggested by the Education Commissioners so as to permit of the establishment of Agricultural High Schools in Masterton and other important agricultural centres, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Acting-Minister of Education and the Minister of Agriculture."

30th April 1913 Wellington Education Board: The Masterton and Manakau schools committees thanked the board for attention that had been devoted to teachers and children visiting H.M.S. New Zealand. It was decided to place on record the work of the secretary (Mr G. L. Stewart) and the teachers in connection with the visit of [children to the warship

3rd May 1913 . The children attending the Masterton District High School have contributed a sum of nearly £7 to the Ewington benefit fund

5th March 1913 DEATH OF MASTERTON MAN. MR R. ,T. EWINGTON SHOOTS HIMSELF. News was received in Masterton this morning of the accidental death in the ranges, at the back of Martinborough, of Mr Robert J. Ewington, of Masterton. ' Mr Ewington and Mr W. Harding were spending a week in the Lower Valley on a shooting expedition, and last night Mr J. C. Ewington received word that his brother had met with an accident in the ranges, the- ambulance had left Martinborough and a party of men were also proceeding- to the scene of the accident to carry the injured man in from the hills. Mr J. C. Ewington left by-motor car for Martinborough early this morning, and this forenoon he telegraphed to Masterton that his brother had died last night, having accidentally shot himself. The body will be brought to "Masterton this afternoon. Deceased was well known and respected in Masterton, and his sudden death will conic as a shock to his friends. His relatives will have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. The late Mr Ewington would have \ been thirty-five years of age on the 26th inst-. He leaves a wife and five children —two girls and, three boys. There are three brothers, all residents of Masterton—Messrs J.C., H. L and C. A. Ewington.

9th May 1913 The School Committee. of the Masterton High School, at last night's meeting, passed a vote of appreciation to Mr G. B. Sykes, MP., for the valuable assistance rendered in connection with the recent school excursion to Wellington. ; A vote of appreciation of the

services rendered by Mr D. Threadwell, while a member of the Masterton School Committee, was passed at last night's meeting of the new committee

Miss Bunting, assistant teacher at Masterton side school, has been granted leave of absence till the end of the present year.

At the monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, it was decided to place on record the committee's appreciation of the excellent and faithful work done by Miss E. Williams, in the secondary department. Miss Williams, who has been connected with the school for seven years, has received an appointment in the Lower Hutt District High School, and takes up her duties there on June 1st. .

12th May 1913 A schoolboy named Frank Hoar, playing for Masterton school against Greytown school on Saturday last, put up a fine performance. He potted three goals and scored two tries, thus scoring seventeen points out of the twenty points registered by his team. The Greytown school failed to score. The other try for Masterton was scored by V. Flaws.

21st May 1913 MR W. H. JACKSON.

The Humbug Party continues to assail Mr W. H. Jackson because that gentleman, being headmaster of the Masterton District High School, which receives certain financial assistance from the Trust Lands Trust, is also a Trustee. Why Mr Jackson's position should be assailed, when everybody knows that his connection with the District High School has not influenced, and cannot influence the Trustees in the making of school grants, is inexplicable. It would seem that the Humbug Party, has set itself the task of driving Mr Jackson from public life. To effect this purpose it resorts to the most despicable methods of misrepresentation. For instance, in spite of the fact that Mr Jackson has given notice to move that a sum of Trust money be set aside as the nucleus of a fund for subsidising an agricultural or other secondary school, when it is established, he is deliberately charged with having neglected to do anything for secondary education. When the Humbug party can descend to such tactics as these, its case is indeed hopeless.

22nd May 1913 LADY CANVASSERS.

(To the Editor.) Sir,—During the last few days two "ladies"—I suppose they consider themselves such—have called at my house and sought to drum into the ears of my wife the fact that a High School is wanted for Masterton, so that the poor man's child will be given a chance. Fortunately, my wife is not to be caught, by such a bait. She knows as well as I do who this High School movement is intended to benefit. The "ladies" need not waste their breath over the wives of working men. The Trust lands were never intended to be used to subsidise a "class" institution, and the electors will show by their votes next week that they are not going to be led by the nose by professional men. —I am, etc., WORKER. Kuripuni, May 21. 1913.

22nd May 1913 [This letter follows a long report of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust annual meeting and covers the points raised at that meeting Report published on the 22nd May 1913]
MR W. H. JACKSON AND THE MASTERTON TRUST LANDS TRUST.

(To the Editor.)

Sir In your Tuesday's issue you devoted a column and a quarter to a leading article dealing with my position as a member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust. Many of my friends will,

I know, tell me I should have taken no notice of your unfair attack. I am, however, going to reply to it.

I will grant you, at the that the actions, speech and conduct of any man elected to a public position are always open to fair criticism on the part of the public and the press. A man who is not prepared to meet this should not aspire to a public position. In my capacity as a duly elected member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust I am a person occupying a public position, and I challenge you to prove that I have not discharged my duty faithfully and well as a trustee during the six years I have been a member of that body.

As the schoolmaster of Masterton, I am not a person elected to a public position. I am an officer appointed by and responsible to my employers —the Wellington Education Board, and not to the Daily Times.' In connection with the discharge of my duties as schoolmaster I have never sought the flattery of your paper, nor have I ever bestowed ""exaggerated compliments," on you or your journal, for your eulog- (sic)

In your article you are very emphatic in stating that you know me only as a member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, and as the schoolmaster of Masterton. As a private person you do not know me from Smith, Brown or Robinson, you say. This may be my loss — or otherwise. I am quite prepared to bear the loss. As the chairman of the Board of Managers of the Masterton Technical School, and as a duly elected member of that Board for some seventeen years, you do not know me that is, it suits your argument not to know me in that public capacity. As a manager of the Technical School I receive and spend the largest educational grant, made by the Trust year by year. Why do you not criticise me in this connection? If there is the least ground for your objection to my being a trustee because I am the schoolmaster, surely the argument is infinitely stronger against my being a Technical School Manager and also a trustee. As the headmaster of the school I do not receive, or spend, the Trust grants, nor do I receive any benefit from them. As the chairman of the Technical School Board I both receive and spend the grant made by the Trust.

You say the Masterton School "is the chief beneficiary under the Trust." I should be glad if you would tell your readers whether this is a wilful perversion of the truth, or merely a statement made in ignorance. The Masterton Technical School is, and has been ever since its formation, "the chief beneficiary under the Trust," and yet you do not object to my being a manager and also a trustee of the Masterton Trust Land Trust

In your issue of the 9th. August last you stated that no more valuable, a member could occupy a seat on the Trust than myself. The insincerity of the foregoing statement is now quite apparent. When I first offered myself for a seat on the Trust I stated that: "Every child in the Masterton Small Farm Settlement should receive some educational benefit from the Trust endowment. Primary education, technical education, secondary education, and physical culture should be equitably dealt with in making grants."

During the past six years I have stuck manfully to the above policy—a policy in connection with which I had the advice and support of the late Mr Joseph Payton. You do not agree with it, and hence your strenuous effort to prejudice my candidature for a seat, on the Trust.—

I am, etc., W. H. JACKSON. Masterton, 21st May 1913.

Our article was not written to convince Mr Jackson that he would be better advised not to sit on a board from which the school of which he is headmaster derives such substantial benefits. We deemed it our duty to draw public attention to the position, and whether he likes it or not,

we shall continue to discharge a duty which we conscientiously feel we owe to the public. Mr Jackson's shuffling amuses us. With Mr Jackson, criticism is always "unfair attack." It is true that so far we have not referred to his position as a manager of the Technical School, which, of course, is in a different position to the District High School, but no doubt the public will agree that the facts adduced by Mr Jackson constitute an additional argument against his being one of the Trustees. Mr Jackson went on the Trust in spite of the advice of some of his friends. He occupies an invidious position there—a position which has been questioned by some of his own co-trustees. As for his position as headmaster of the District High School, he is a public servant paid with public money. In any case, we have never adversely criticised him as a schoolmaster. Why, then, does he drag this in? Mr Jackson must not underestimate the intelligence of other people. As regards his allusion to the opinion expressed by us on August 9th, we have already explained more than once that after August 9th we made a far more exhaustive study of Trust affairs than we had done before, and, as a result we ceased to hold the opinion referred to much in the same way the pupils in the higher classes of Mr Jackson's school cease, we hope to make the mistakes they made in the lower classes. As regards the concluding paragraph of Mr Jackson's Letter and our strong advocacy of a High School, the following appeared in this paper on May 23rd, 1907, in a leading article entitled "A Masterton College":—"The Town Lands Trust is financially strong enough, if it only concentrated its resources, to give a lead in an enterprise of this kind. For twenty years the Trust has been wont to fritter away its revenue on comparatively small undertakings. For our own part, we would gladly see it attempt some great achievement, such as a Masterton College. These words were written by the late Mr Joseph Payton in the year Mr Jackson joined the Trust. Mr Jackson himself, in his speech to the electors after his return, said:—"His idea was to take the fullest advantage of the presence of the Trust in the town, to make the educational facilities of the inhabitants second to none of any town in New Zealand." He is now—six years later—trying to give effect to that object by impeding the present High School movement at every turn. — Ed. W.D.T.]

24th May 1913 An interesting ceremony took place in connection with the breaking up for the winter vacation of the Masterton District High School yesterday, when the children saluted the Union Jack in honour of Empire Day. There was a large attendance of parents, while members of the Masterton School Committee and Overseas Club were also present. Addresses to the children were delivered by Messrs A. W. Hogg, E. Brown, W. H. Jackson, and D. Hebenton, secretary of the Overseas Club. Mr Hogg conveyed a message to the children from Captain Halsey, of H.M.S. New Zealand, and Mr Hebenton read a message from Mr Evelyn Wrench, organiser of the Overseas Club, in connection with Empire Day. The ceremony was brought to a conclusion by the children giving three cheers for the visitors and the singing of "God Save the King."

26th May 1913 THE WORKING MAN AND THE HIGH SCHOOL.

(To .the Editor.)

. Sir, —Few persons who may have read the leading article, in your yesterday's issue, and bearing the above heading, will fail to appreciate it at its true worth. By fair means or foul, you are determined to do your best—or rather your worst—to discredit me. Your article is a deliberate attempt to prejudice my candidature for a seat on the Trust Lands Trust. You will tell me I know, that the matter in the said article is fair criticism. To this I reply that it may be

what the present editor of the Daily Times considers fair criticism. Other people have another name for it, and they will tell you, as I have no hesitation in telling you, that it is not in accordance with the best traditions of the Wairarapa Daily Times under the former regime. These last words you have read before, and you know where they come from. Your methods are not manly; they savour too much of the tactics of the bully. You know that I am not afraid to stand up to you. You have tried open fighting and in-fighting, fair fighting and foul, and as a last resource you ask "the working man to come and help you to administer to me a knockout blow, and this under the pretence that I am trying to do his children an injury. "The Working Man" will give you his answer on Thursday next, and let me tell you I am quite prepared to accept his answer, and I am also prepared for a continuance of your campaign of abuse and misrepresentation. When a man takes on a newspaper fight with a journal, he knows he is fighting against odds—the newspaper man always claims the right to give the last blow, the effect of which he hopes will make him appear the winner. You exercised this right in your footnote to my last letter. I will refer to the last statement in that footnote in due course. I, first of all, want you to tell me why you did not reply to my question—whether your statement that "the Masterton School is the chief beneficiary under the Act," was a wilful perversion of the truth, or merely a statement made in ignorance? I do not ask you to tell me what effect you wished the statement to have. I know that.

While you are answering questions, will you also kindly tell me whether the following is a perversion of the truth, or a statement made in ignorance: "We have precisely the same facilities now that we had then—no more, no less." Does not the Masterton Technical School count with you? Mr Robinson had to plead that he had forgotten to include the Technical School (and other institutions) when his proposal to cut up the Trust estate, to found endowments, was under discussion. What have you to say regarding your statement? I may tell you that the Technical School has been built and -equipped during the time I have been a member of the Trust Lands Trust, and that with Mr Jas. Coradine Mr M. C. O'Connell, and others, I took a leading part in securing this further educational facility for Masterton.

Next, please tell me whether the following is a wilful perversion of the truth, or merely a statement made in ignorance: "There is no other town in New Zealand, of the size of Masterton, which has not already got its High School." While you are answering this last question, please tell me the name of the Free Place High School at Wanganui. (I suppose you will admit that Wanganui is a town " of the size of Masterton," although I daresay you could prove that it is not). Wanganui has a good High School—the Collegiate School, but its Governors have decided, as the governors of all High Schools are given the right to decide, that they will not admit pupils to free places.

Wanganui has no free place high school. The winners of free places are educated in the District High School.

In this connection, please tell me the name of the free place high school in Wellington available to the scores of bright children of the working men of Wellington—children who have won the right to free places, but cannot obtain them.

The above questions do not call for any great display of dialectical gymnastics. The working men you are appealing to would prefer plain answers. Now I will deal with the- final sentence in your footnote: "Ho is now— six years later—trying to give effect to that object—by impeding the present High School movement at every turn." You know this is untrue, and

you also know that the "half-truths" contained in your article are "worse than lies." Any intelligent person reading the published address of the three retiring Trustees will need no further proof.—I am, etc., W. H. JACKSON. Masterton, 24th May. (This is the letter of a very angry man. We leave it to the judgment of our readers. —Ed. W.D.T.)

27th May 1913 SCHOOL EXPENDITURE.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish the balance sheets of the Masterton School Committee and the Wellington Terrace School Committee. A comparison of the two statements of accounts should prove and will provide food for reflection, especially in view of a letter from a correspondent signing himself "Interested," printed elsewhere. It is true that the Masterton School is somewhat larger than Wellington Terrace, but the difference is negligible in comparison with the budgets of the two committees, and it must be borne in mind that the secondary classes at Masterton receive a special capitation. It will be observed that the total income of the Terrace School was less than £180, and that it lived within its income whilst being able to find a sum of no less than £41 10s 7d for picnics and prizes, whereas in Masterton not a penny was spent for those purposes, although the income was nearly four times that of Wellington Terrace. Now, we do not grudge the Masterton School anything it can get in reason which will be of real benefit to the pupils attending that school. But it is a well-known fact that the more money you have the more you spend. It is never difficult to spend large sums of money, though the necessity of doing so is not apparent when smaller sums will gain the object in view, and we ask the reader, in studying the figures printed elsewhere, to bear in mind that primary education is after all only primary education, and that the advantages to be derived from a primary school cannot be extended indefinitely by the mere process of spending more and more money upon it, whereas the policy of so doing may very well retard the provision of higher education. It is also worth bearing in mind that the other schools in the Small Farms area have not been treated on a footing of equality with the District High School by the Trust in regard to special grants. It would be interesting to know why. Surely they need at least as much assistance as the opulent institution at Kuripuni.

28th May 1913 RURAL SCIENCE AT MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

AN EXPERTS OPINION. Mr C A Cumming the Wellington Education Board's agricultural instructor during a conversation with an Age representative said that recently a great deal had been heard about what is being done in rural science in almost every place except Masterton, and it was time that a little information was given concerning the scope of work in agriculture at the Masterton District High School. One would think Mr Cummings said, by the remarks made concerning the system in Victoria, New South Wales, and in Marton and other places in the Dominion, and by the silence concerning the work done in Masterton that this side of education is totally neglected here.

Careful inquiries had been made about the school work in agricultural science at many places outside the district and Dominion, but not at Masterton, and he feared that some people went to a lot of trouble to obtain that which is at their own doors. Did such people imagine that three specially trained teachers, employed to help in carrying out the rural course, spent all their time in what has been termed a little gardening?

From personal visits and training at agricultural schools and colleges in Victoria and New South Wales, and from four years correspondence with agricultural colleges in Canada and

United States of America, backed with a long and varied teaching experience, Mr Cumming considered that he should be capable of comparing other systems of rural education to that of Masterton.

There are, he said, District High Schools in the Wellington Education District taking the rural course. Every pupil in these schools, for tihis first two years in the secondary classes, takes the science course and may elect to continue agriculture for three or four years. The programme of work is based on the American and Australian systems. Should any careful, investigator desire to look at the detailed programmes and registers of work in rural science subjects, they shall be placed at his disposal.

The science subjects taken at the Masterton D.H.S. are as follow:— Principles of agriculture, with laboratory and garden practice; agricultural chemistry, with individual laboratory practice; agricultural botany; elementary hygiene and first aid. Boys: Woodwork, elementary surveying and building construction. Girls: Cookery and domestic economy and dressmaking. The syllabus at 'Marton continued Mr Cumming, is essentially the same as here, but the local farmers have taken a lively interest and placed farms, implements and stock at the disposal of the pupils. The pupils thus get farm practice.' The same could be given at Masterton, if sufficient opportunities were given; but it is rather doubtful if boys just out of Standard VI. would be quite ready for farm practice. They should have previous training in science to enable them to make careful observation and correct deduction.

The object of the instructors, at least for the first two years in the secondary class was not to teach farm practice, but to give a general science training and an. idea of the correct principles underlying good farm practice, and to prepare the pupils for subsequent training at agricultural colleges, demonstration farms or good private farms. Mr Gumming concluded by saying: "I think the syllabus and work in agronomy, in the Masterton District High School compares very favourably with that in any other D.H.S. or High School in the Dominion. The examination results gained in the rural course and matriculation examinations speak for themselves."

30th May 1913 ANTI-HIGH SCHOOL PARTY SUCCESSFUL. Special to the "Times" MASTERTON, May 29. Elections were held to-day for ordinary and extraordinary vacancies on the Trust Lauds Trust and resulted as follows: —Ordinary: W. H. Jackson 1087, D. Caselberg 996, R. Krahagen 964 were elected: H. C. Robinson 601, A. Pickering 595, H. Evans 553. Extraordinary: A. McEwan (Labourite) 859 was elected; E. Feist 778, The four elected candidates belonged to what was termed the anti-high school party, and the defeated men were in favour of establishing a high school in Masterton. The elections were fought out on these issues.

13th June 1913 . Miss A. M. Brown, B.A., has been appointed to the vacancy on the teaching staff of the Masterton District High School, created by the departure of Miss Williams.

13th June 1913 In his monthly report presented at the monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening the headmaster stated that the school was very free from epidemics which was due largely to the new disinfectant—lzal —which has been used for some time. The report stated that a number of inquiries had been deceived regarding the methods adopted at the Masterton school in connection with disinfection and sanitation.

At the monthly meeting of _ the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, a communication was received from the Prime Minister stating that the resolution passed at a

meeting of householders in Masterton protesting against the withdrawal of free school books would be 'forwarded to the Minister of Education for his consideration.. – The second resolution asking for an amendment of the Education Act to enable District High Schools to be_ disestablished and Agricultural High Schools established in their stead in rural districts would receive careful consideration when Parliament met.

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) of the Masterton District High School reports the following attendances for the past month.: Main school, roll 623, average 578, percentage 93; side school, 173, 159, 92; secondary classes, 70, 66, 94. . The report stated that the attendance was remarkably good, during the month, the worst days attendance being on the 12th ultimo, when 132 children were absent owing to bad weather. The best day's record was on the 19th when only 33 pupils were absent out of the total roll of . 868. His report indicates that very little sickness was prevalent during the month

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District- High School Committee was held last evening there being present Messrs R T Brown (chair) W. Kemp, A. Hendry, A. Chapman, "W. L. Falconer and W Gourlay .The treasurer, reported a credit balance of £94 6s 3d. It was decided, on the motion of Mr Chapman. that the report brought down by the sub-committee, in regard to the appointment, duties and. of a custodian, be adopted. The report of the visiting committee, embracing a number of recommendations for minor improvements, was read and adopted. Messrs Kemp, Falconer and Pragnell were appointed a sub-committee to carry out the recommendations of the visiting committee. Accounts amounting to £13 17s 11d were passed for payment.

13th June 1913 At the monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, Mr D. Threadwell was appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee, caused by the resignation of Mr J. A. Shackleton.

Mr J A Shackleton has tendered his resignation as a member- of Masterton School Committee. At last evening's meeting of the committee it was decided to place on record the committee's appreciation of the work done by Mr Shackleton during his term of office.

16th June 1913 Mr Daniell is reported at last Friday's Trust meeting as follows: — Mr Daniell congratulated Mr Jackson on his election, and on the position occupied by him at the poll. The election had been made most interesting, and Mr Jackson's honour and integrity had been attacked. It was the duty of the other trustees to stand by him, and they had done so. His suggestion apparently is that it was unfair attacks upon Mr' W. H. Jackson by the High School party that caused him to change sides. The only thing that I know of that could be distorted into an unfair attack on Mr Jackson was my reply to his suggestion of unfairness that appeared in your columns supported by a letter from Mr Richard Brown. Before that date, however I was informed that Mr Daniell had started working against the High School Party. I would not trouble to refer to the matter had not the suggestion involve all the members of the High School party, but under the circumstances I feel constrained to make that party's defence. It is easily made: All I desire to do is to call upon Mr Daniell to state frankly and intelligently what these attacks were. Upon his answer, or his failure to answer. I am content that the High School party —and Mr Daniell —be judged.—I am. etc., H. C. ROBINSON, Masterton, June 16th 1913

21st June 1913 The island Bay and Masterton school football teams will be the guests of the Masterton Picture Company at the entertainment at the Town Hall tonight.

23rd June 1913 On the local schoolgrounds on Saturday, the Masterton school second fifteen defeated Island Bay school by 30 points to nil.

1st July 1913 VALEDICTORY. Miss E. WILLIAMS.

Miss E. Williams, B.A retired from the staff of the Masterton District High School yesterday. Prior to her departure, she was entertained by the staff, and was made the recipient of several handsome presentations.- Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, in his valedictory speech, paid a well deserved tribute to the earnest work and personal influence of Miss Williams during the seven years she has been on the staff. Mr Jackson stated that the position Miss Williams had so successfully filled was one of the most difficult on the staff. To take over a class of big boys and girls who, on leaving the sixth standard, had passed out of the hands of an able first-assistant master, and to create and engender an enthusiastic spirit for work—the highest and best form of discipline a teacher could employ—was an accomplishment any teacher might be proud of. So well had Miss Williams done this, that only on rare occasions had it been necessary for him to take action. While congratulating Miss Williams on the appointment to a better-paid position, Mr Jackson expressed his regret on losing so valuable a teacher from his staff and his personal feelings at the departure of a loyal and enthusiastic colleague. Mr R. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, in making the presentations, voiced the regret felt by the committee. In the name of the Masterton committee he wished Miss Williams success and happiness in her new sphere of work. In responding, Miss Williams thanked her fellow-teachers for their nice presents and said she had been so happy in her work at the Masterton School during her seven years' service that she felt very sorry to have to say good-bye. From the High School pupils Miss Williams received a set silver-mounted cut-glass ware, and from the staff a handsome mirror and other articles in solid silver

2nd July 1913 n the Dunedin primary schools' competition last week, Kensington scored 70 points to nil against Arthur Street school. Cameron ten tries and converted six of them. In a match vi Masterton a few years ago, H. Milne, of the Masterton school, score-d thirteen tries against Greytown.

9th July 1913 Arbor Day will be suitably celebrated at the various schools in the Wairarapa on Wednesday, July 16th, and tree planting will take place. The question, of what form the celebration at the Masterton school will take will be discussed at the next meeting of the local school committee

With the sanction of the Masterton School Committee, it was arranged last year that the course of agriculture for the teachers who desire to pursue that subject in the schools should be held in the Masterton school, which has a well equipped laboratory. The arrangements were so entirely suitable that the Wellington Education Board desires to hold, at Masterton, during the coming September term holiday and the following week, another course on much the same lines. This spring course of instruction in agriculture will be held under the direction of Mr C. Cumming, the Board's inspector of agriculture.

11th July 1913 The attendance at the Masterton District High School for the month of June showed the following averages : Main School, 583; side school, 155; secondary classes, .66. The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being seven members present. A letter was read from the Hon. James. Allen, Minister of Education, -with reference to the resolution regarding free class books, recently passed by, the meeting of householders. The .Minister stated that the supply of free school

books was discontinued only after careful consideration of the matter from all points of view. He also stated that every effort was being made for the supply of literature to school children in the form of libraries

12th July 1913 The Trust Lands Trust last evening decided to make the following grants during the ensuing year:—Technical school £100, Masterton school £93 16s; Lansdowne school £50 2s; St. Patrick's school £31 12s; Fernridge school, £25; To Ore Ore school, £2 10s; V.M.C.A., £10; Museum, £12; Competitions £10, Masterton Municipal Band, South Band", Fire Brigade, Fire Police £5 each

18th July 1913 . Arbor Day was celebrated at the Masterton district High School yesterday afternoon, where a large number of trees were planted in the museum ground by the school children, Mr E. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, Mr W. L. Falconer, a member of the School Committee, Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster), and Mr Cumming agricultural inspector. The work was carried out under the direction of Mr Jackson. It is intended to plant the grounds in native trees, etc., with the object of making it one of the most complete collection of native flora in New Zealand

19th July 1913 A special meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening to consider the appointment of a school-cleaner and custodian for the school. Thirty-one applications were received, and the number was reduced to five. The final selection will be made at a special meeting on Tuesday evening next. .

Seven or eight scholars attending: the secondary classes at the Masterton District High School absented themselves, from school' on Thursday afternoon, presumably to attend a football match. The headmaster of the school has suspended them, pending a satisfactory explanation

19th July 1913 . . THE EXPELLED BOYS. INDIGNANT PARENTS.

APOLOGY REQUIRED FROM MR JACKSON

The action of Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton School, in suspending several boys for having attended a football match on Thursday afternoon was one of the topics of conversation yesterday. The expelled boys feel the position very much, and some of the parents of the boys are very indignant over the action of the headmaster. The boys state that one of their number, who was in the junior secondary class, was yesterday morning placed in the sixth standard as punishment for going to the football match, but he absented himself in the afternoon on account of the treatment meted out to him. "I consider it very high-handed business on the part of the headmaster in expelling those boys," said the parent of one of the suspended boys. "I gave my boy permission to attend the match, and what right has Mr Jackson to insult me by disgracing my boy in this manner? I consider the headmaster's conduct outrageous, and I do not intend to let my boy go back to school again until Mr Jackson comes and apologises to me for the insult. " "Who does Mr Jackson think he is?" said another parent. "Is he the Czar of Russia, or only a paid servant of the people of this country. Mr Jackson's action was uncalled for as far as my boy was concerned, as he had my permission to stay away from school for the half day. ' He would obtain far more enjoyment and instruction out of a football match than by wasting his time with such an absurd thing as agricultural lessons or tree planting. My boy is not going back to the school until Mr Jackson apologises for the disgrace he has brought on him —a disgrace that may be thrown up to him in after life."

"What have I got to say in the matter." echoed another parent. "Oh, nothing much. But"—with emphasis—"just wait till Mr Jackson approaches me on the subject, and I will talk to him in a manner that will impress him with the extent to which I feel the slur cast on my boy. I'm just waiting, that's all!" The suspension or expulsion of the boys is all the more serious when their general conduct at school is taken into consideration. The conduct of the boys has been exemplary, and they are smart pupils, having passed their examinations with credit; in fact one of the boys obtained marks entitling him to a junior scholarship.

21st July 1913 FIRED OUT.

THAT CIRCULAR. SOME OPPOSITE COMMENTS.

The following is a copy of a circular letter which Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster at the Masterton District High School, has forwarded to the parents of the boys who were expelled or suspended last Friday:—

Masterton District High School, July 19th, 1913

Your son absented himself from school on Thursday afternoon to witness a football match. In answer to my inquiry, on the following morning, he stated that he had no excuse or explanation to present from his parents regarding his absence. 'Your son is the holder of a Free Place at this school, and in order that he may continue to hold that Free Place I have to supply to the Education Department a certificate, every three months, stating that 'his attendance, conduct, diligence and progress have been fully satisfactory' during the said three months. When these conditions are not complied with, I am compelled to submit a special report regarding any scholar. An adverse report results in the withdrawal of the Free Place, or scholarship, and in consequence, the expulsion of the scholar from the school. This is of frequent occurrence in other districts, but has never happened at the Masterton School, and I hope it never will happen.

"When a free place scholar at this school has committed an indiscretion, I always seek the co-operation of the parent, in order to save the boy from the consequences that would follow an adverse report to the Department. In every case the best result has always been experienced, as many parents can testify.

"In order to explain the position to you, and the conditions under which your boy holds his free place, I sent your boy home with a request that you would as early as possible, come and see me. Your boy was not expelled, nor was this action in any sense a punishment. He was told he could leave his books at school if he placed them away safely, or he could take them home, until the matter was settled and he was able to return to his class. A consideration for your boy's best interests was the only motive I had in taking the course I have named, and the best results would have followed but for the indiscreet and mischievous interference of the 'Daily Times,' in spite of my protest that the matter was one to be settled by the parents of the boys and myself.

"I desire your co-operation and assurance that your boy will comply with the free place regulations, and your boy's promise that he will do his best to earn his certificate to the Department every quarter that 'his attendance, conduct, diligence and progress' has been fully satisfactory.

"If you will be good enough to call on me, as early as possible, and at any time convenient to yourself, I will arrange accordingly, if you will let me know, and the matter can be settled and the unpleasant incident forgotten

"Lest you may not know the fact, I may state that, neither you nor I have authority to grant permission for a scholar to be absent from school for the purpose of witnessing a football match. The only grounds on which an exemption from attendance can be granted are illness of the scholar, infectious disease in the house, distance and impassable roads.

"I sincerely hope that this letter will convince you that I desire to do the best I can for your boy, and that you will receive it in the spirit in which it is written. Your boy's indiscretion is a breach of the free place regulations. I do not regard it as an offence against myself, and it is with sorrow, and not in anger that I desire to deal with it.— Yours faithfully, "W. H. JACKSON, "Headmaster."

A Parent's Comment. "That circular contains a series of threats," said one parent to a Daily Times reporter, "and I, for one, am going to let Mr Jackson know that he cannot threaten me. He owes me an apology for the disgraceful manner in which he has treated my boy, and who is not going back to school until Mr Jackson apologises. All that talk in the letter about committing an indiscretion and the consequences that would follow .an adverse report to the Department about the boys, and so on, is all twaddle, and it won't go down with those parents who value the characters of their boys. The absolute cheek of the headmaster in expelling boys who were given permission to stay away from school—well, I cannot find words to express my indignation at the attitude he has taken up."

Statement of Boys. Several of the boys state that they were asked for no excuse as to why they stayed away. "It is not at all correct to say, as Mr Jackson does, that in answer to an enquiry by him on the following morning I stated that I had no excuse or explanation to present from my parents regarding my absence," said one boy. "Mr Jackson did not ask me for any explanation, and he never asked the other boys in my presence. He took our names and did not ask for any explanation. When I mentioned that he had never asked the senior secondary boys if they desired to get off to see the football match, he said to me: 'Don't you dare argue with me.' I did not speak another word to Mr Jackson. The statement that I was sent home with a request that my parent would come as early as possible to see Mr Jackson is also inaccurate. I was told nothing of the sort. If I was told I could leave my books at school, well, I must have been deaf at the time. Mr Jackson distinctly told me—and other boys, too—that I was to take my books and get out of the school." Another Inaccuracy. The statement that one of the secondary pupils who had been expelled had returned to school is not correct. Six of the boys expelled were in Masterton this morning, and a "Daily Times" reporter was speaking to them. They said the boy who had gone back to school is not a member of the secondary school at all and belongs to the sixth standard.

21st July 1913 SCHOOL DISCIPLINE. - . . ' (To the Editor) Sir, —I notice that the headmaster of the Masterton District High School is being bitterly assailed because he is trying to maintain the discipline in his school. I, for one, think he did the right thing in suspending the lads of the secondary classes who absented themselves on Thursday. If my child, who is in the fourth standard, absents himself, I will be prosecuted, unless I produce a medical certificate or show that stress of weather was the cause. Why should parents of boys and girls in the higher standards have the power to withhold their children from school, while I have no such power The boys and girls in the .higher classes should be an example to those in the lower. I do not think much of the parent who defies the spirit of the Act by keeping his boy away for half a day to witness a football match. In my opinion the headmaster has done

the proper thing in suspending the youths, and the parents, if they have any respect for themselves and their children, will apologise, and support the master. If there is one thing that is required in our school, it is discipline. Apparently this is lacking in some of our homes.—I am etc., PARENT. Masterton, July 19, 1913.

21st July 1913 A match was played on Saturday, at Carterton, between Masterton and Carterton schools. The Masterton team was a very weak one on account of the absence of six members of the team who were among those suspended recently. The combination, though so weak, had no difficulty in defeating the Carterton team to the tune of 38 to nil. Tries were scored by .J. Hunter (3), V. Flaws (2), Hancock (2), Townsend (2), Lawton, Johnston and Montgomery one each.

22nd July 1913 It is very much to be regretted that a common-place, though regrettable incident at the Masterton District High School, should have been publicly discussed in such a manner as to seriously prejudice the discipline and efficiency of the school. . From the letter sent to the parents 'by Mr Jackson, it seems clear that certain boys in the secondary class, who should have known better, were guilty of a flagrant violation of the regulations under which they are permitted to Hold free places at the school. The most serious aspect of this violation is that it appears to have been not only countenanced but condoned by some of the parents of the boys. It need hardly be said that Mr Jackson was acting perfectly within his rights, and in the very best interests of his school, in suspending the boys until a satisfactory explanation was forthcoming. If the boys in the higher; classes of the school are allowed to defy the regulations, and to ride rough-shod over the teaching staff, the position in regard to education will soon become intolerable. We feel sure that Mr Jackson will not only have the support of parent who has a proper regard for discipline, out that he will' have the sympathy of the whole community in respect to the despicable and utterly unworthy attack that has been made upon him in a public print.

22nd July 1913 The reproduction in our columns yesterday of the circular addressed by Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, to the parents of the boys who "cut" school last week to attend a football match, two words were inadvertently omitted. Mr Jackson was made to refer to "the mischievous interference of the Daily Times," whereas his full reference was to "the mischievous interference and misrepresentation of the Daily Times." We hasten to repair the omission, and, in doing so, we challenge Mr .Jackson to show in what way we have misrepresented him over this matter. Mr Jackson will remember that we communicated with him before anything appeared in print, and that we published his version of the business. Unless, therefore, Mr Jackson can show that we have misrepresented him, he will again stand convicted of that irresponsible use of language which, alike in praise when he is commended and in condemnation when he is criticised, we have noted in his utterances before. It seems to us that it is not Mr Jackson who has been misrepresented in this matter but the Daily Times. We have never suggested—it would, indeed, be absurd to do so—that boys can be allowed to cut school with impunity, and that such a breach of discipline ought to be passed over nothing said. It stands to reason that boys who absent themselves without the leave of the headmaster to attend a football match ought to be reprimanded and punished. We have vivid recollections of the use of the cane, and of having to copy out five hundred lines of the Odyssey in years gone by for a similar offence. What we do say, and what we repeat, is that there is always something undignified in the elevation of a

molehill to the proportions of a mountain. We say that the headmaster could have vindicated his authority without going to the extreme length of forcibly interrupting the boys, studies by dismissing them to their homes and summoning the parents to his throne for admonishment and pardon. We have said before, and we say again, that in the great secondary schools such breaches of discipline are dealt with effectively by the masters without a panic appears to the parents the without giving the boys an enforced holiday, which most boys being boys would only be too glad to get. Mr Jackson has all along asserted that the District High School is as good as any secondary school. Why then, does he not adopt the disciplinary methods which long ago experience has shown to be successful in other secondary schools? That is the whole burden of our criticism, —a criticism described by our contemporary this morning as "a despicable and utterly unworthy attack." One word to the "Age": When we are driven to the dire extremity of taking lessons in journalistic practice and ethics from such a source, we shall break our pens and gaze moodily on the Waingawa, for our case will be hopeless indeed. In conclusion, we desire, if we can, to remove a possible source of misapprehension as to the motives which led us to comment upon this matter. Some time ago the "Daily Times" was unfortunately involved in a libel action with Mr Jackson, and we have no doubt that some people, especially those who are not friendly, to the policy of this paper, will interpret our criticism as the result of soreness arising out of the said libel action: We wish to disclaim any such feeling. Though he may not think so, we have the most friendly feeling for Mr Jackson. We recognise and admire the work he has done for the school of which he is the headmaster. But we cannot admit that Mr Jackson is infallible, nor do we accept, the view that friendly feeling should involve abstention from criticism, where such criticism appears to us, in the measure of our powers of judgment and discrimination, to be called for. Such being the case we can only confirm what we have written concerning the recent incident.

9th August 1912 The State is not paying its teachers adequate salaries and the teaching profession is much underpaid," stated Mr Pragnell, at the Trust Lands Trust meeting last evening. We have had very excellent teachers at the Masterton school, and I do not know how we have managed to keep them at the salaries they have received

9th August 1913 Last night the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, of which Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the District High School, is chairman, accepted a recommendation of its Education Committee to vote a sum of money not exceeding £50 by way of subsidy to increase the salaries paid to the teachers in the secondary department of the State School. No doubt such a grant of money may be justified by the strict letter of the Trust Act, but, in spite of that fact, we fancy that in the light of all the circumstances, this latest move will not produce a pleasant impression on the minds of the Masterton public. It means that the Trust is going to dictate to the Board of Education, and the Government the rate of pay which teachers are to receive. The salaries of the teachers in question were recently reduced owing to the fact that the attendance at the secondary classes at the school had fallen.

16th August 1913 Miss A. M. Brown, B.A., has taken up her duties as second assistant at the Masterton District. High School. The number of relieving. teachers has now been reduced to three, the permanent teachers absent on leave being Misses McGregor, Bunting and Lazarus. The Wellington Education Board's attendance officer paid a visit to the Masterton school this week He found very few cases of unsatisfactory attendance, and has taken in hand the two worst, cases, having interviewed the parents, in order to avoid, if possible, a prosecution.

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening that the attendance at the Masterton school during the past month had been as follows:—Main school, roll 622, average attendance 565, percentage 91; side school, 174, 148, 86; secondary classes, 64, 55, 86. The attendance has suffered a little during the past month through vaccination effects and measles.

"It is certainly time that the system of payment of teachers was overhauled, and put on a proper footing," said Mr R Brown (chairman) at the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening. "It is most unfair that teachers should suffer in regard to their salaries through a falling off in attendance—a matter which is beyond their control. I hope that the agitation which is taking place at the present time in regard to teachers' salaries will place teachers throughout New Zealand on a proper footing in this connection."

It was reported to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, by the headmaster of the Masterton District High School, that the number of scholars who had been recently vaccinated was 279. In some cases the children were affected rather severely, but the number rendered too ill to go to school was less than ten per cent of those operated on.

16th August 1913 MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening. Mr R. Brown occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs A. Chapman, W. Kemp, A. Hendry, G Hyde, W. Gourlay, W. L. Falconer, D. Threadwell. Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the school, was also in attendance.

The treasurer reported a credit balance of £217 11s 2d.

The Masterton Savage Club, which had had the use of the Assembly Hall at the school, donated a sum of £3 3s to the District High School for the purpose of providing works of art for the Assembly Hall. The Secretary stated that he had forwarded the amount to the Education Board, and it would carry a subsidy of £3 3s.

In regard to the spring school of instruction, Mr W. H. Jackson reported as follows:—"The Board has arranged for a spring school of instruction for teachers to be held at this school during the first two weeks in September. Eight of the teachers of this school desire to attend. After consulting the chairman of the Committee I notified the Board that the Committee and I were quite willing to agree to the absence of the teachers referred to, for the week provided the Board would supply a satisfactory number of relieving teachers to enable the school to be carried on."

Mr Falconer moved, and Mr Threadwell seconded, that the committee give the teachers an extra week's leave of absence, providing the Education Board supply relieving teachers; in the alternative the school to be closed for an extra week.

The headmaster reported that the improvements which had been effected in the front grounds of the Side school were highly satisfactory, and he had to thank the Committee for giving effect to his recommendation.

Several members of the Committee made reference to the excellent manner in which the work had been carried out by Mr Kemp.

Accounts amounting to were passed for payment. £29 10s 6d

Messrs Gourlay, Hendry, and Hyde were appointed visiting members for the month.

It was decided on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Chapman, that the Trust Lands Trust be thanked for their offer of £50 voted to the salaries of secondary teachers at the Masterton School. — Carried.

25th August 1913 At the meeting of the management committee of the Wairarapa Rugby Union on Saturday evening, a letter was received from H. Miller, of the Masterton school, applying for an increased grant from the Union towards encouraging school football, and pointing out that the sports fund was in arrears. The secretary stated that the amount received from the New Zealand Rugby Union had already been expended on the various schools in the district. After discussion it was decided to hold over the application until the requirements of the other large schools in the district had been ascertained, and to make a grant to each school.

27th August 1913 The secretary intimated that all arrangements had been completed for holding a course of elementary agricultural instruction at the Masterton School, beginning on Monday next and extending over a fortnight. Between 30 and 40 teachers were undertaking this course, and all of them were giving up their term holiday in order to attend.

30th August 1913 Miss N. Hogg, of the Masterton District High School, will spend her spring vacation at New Plymouth, and leaves for that township by the first train this morning. Miss Williams, formerly a teacher in the Masterton District High School, but now of the Lower Hutt, is at present visiting friends in Masterton.

1st September 1913 Mr D. E. Leslie, of the Masterton District High School, is spending his spring vacation at Wellington, and Mr H. Miller is spending the week at Napier.

9th September 1913 Miss Lois McGregor, of the Masterton District High School, who has been on a visit to the Old Country, leaves London on her return to New Zealand on Friday next. She will spend a short period in Sydney, en route.

13th September 1913 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, there being present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. Pragnell, W. Kemp, D. Threadwell, A. Chapman, A. Hendry, W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, G. Hyde.

Accounts amounting to £20 9s 6d were passed for payment. Routine business was transacted. It was decided to hold the next meeting at 8 p.m. Messrs Kemp, Pragnell, and Threadwell were appointed visiting members for the month.

The headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening that the attendances during the past month had been as follows:— Main school, roll 618, average attendance 575, percentage of attendance 93; side school, 172, 151, 88; secondary classes 61, 57, 93. With the exception of a few cases at the side school, the attendance has quite recovered from the effects of vaccination and measles, and a good record for the month has been made.

In connection with the spring school of instruction for teachers at Masterton, the headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported to the meeting of the committee last evening that a very successful school of instruction for teachers had been held in the District High School buildings during the past fortnight. Over forty teachers had been in attendance, including nine of the staff of the Masterton school. The Masterton School, stated Mr Jackson, was the only one under the control of the Wellington Education Board which possessed the special accommodation and equipment necessary for the effective working of such classes as

had been conducted during the fortnight. The teachers who had attended the classes "desired him to express their thanks to the Committee for the facilities afforded them .

15th September 1913 TEACHING TEACHERS.

SPRING SCHOOL AT MASTERTON.

The classes for teachers in nature study and elementary agriculture organised by the Wellington Education Board under the directorship of Mr C. A. Gunning, assisted by Miss F. C. Kilroe, and Messrs E. Howe and D. Grant, which commenced on September 1st, continued with unabated interest and vigour up till Friday. Mr Gunning in his lectures covered almost the entire gamut of nature study; soils and their fertilisation, plants and weeds, fungi, insects, beneficial and otherwise, the atmosphere, weather observations, were all discussed with more or less fullness, and the laboratory was in constant requisition for the carrying out of experiments in chemistry and physics. Microscopic work was also engaged in by a large number of the teachers, and on Thursday afternoon the school museum was thrown open for the use of the teachers, and much useful information was gleaned under the guidance of Mr W. H. Jackson and Mr Gunning.

Lectures and experiments in hygiene, physiology, the chemistry of foods, etc., were given and carried out under the direction of Miss Kilroe the course being specially designed to cover the requirements of the teachers' examinations.

The woodwork room was also largely availed of for the purpose of making the apparatus necessary for carrying out the experiments and observations suggested and illustrated in the lectures, and most of the teachers went away laden with appliances that will be valuable to them in their general teaching, as well as having formed some idea of the possibilities of work in wood and other materials as a medium of education.

During the past week the school was visited by Messrs Moss and Hogg, members of the Wellington Education Board, Inspectors T. R. Fleming, and F. G. Stuckey ; and Mr E. G. Isaac, Inspector of Manual Instruction for the Education Department, all of whom voiced their satisfaction with the work as carried out by Mr Cumming and his staff.

On Friday morning at eleven o'clock the teachers, staff, and visitors assembled in the domestic economy room to bid farewell to each other, when Mr D. E. Leslie and Mr Edie voiced the thanks and appreciation of the teachers for the pleasant and profitable fortnight they had spent at the Masterton school, and presented Mr Cumming and each of the instructors with mementoes of the 1913 spring school.

Mr Cumming in his reply referred to the assistance he had received from Mr Jackson, the headmaster, in placing at his disposal the equipment of the school, and Mr Jackson expressed his pleasure in being able to help the teachers by giving them access to whatever facilities for their work the school contained.

Mr Isaac, who was also present, spoke of the pleasure he had received from the visit, and his appreciation of the good work that had been accomplished at the school.

The school "choir" then contributed a parody on a well-known song, accompanied with the drum and fife band, and with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem, the teachers broke up to return to their various schools feeling highly satisfied with their fortnight's stay in Masterton.

23rd September 1913 A lawn tennis club was yesterday formed by the girls in the secondary division of the Masterton District High School. Miss Dorothy "Vile was elected secretary

1st October 1913 A special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee will be held on Thursday evening, when the Education Bill now before Parliament will be considered

3rd October 1913 The special meeting of the Masterton School which was to have been held last evening, lapsed for want of a quorum.

6th October 1913 Ladies' hockey, which was dead in Masterton during the past season, promises to regain its popularity before the next season opens. Steps are to be taken shortly to re-form the Ramblers Club (winners of the Morris Cup in 1911), and it is stated that the Masterton school will also be able to supply a team.

7th October 1913 The Masterton School Committee passed the following resolution last night: "That this Committee most strongly protests against section 4 of the Education Amendment Bill as a cruel injustice to primary education

7th October 1913 The Masterton School Committee held its monthly meeting last evening, there being present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. Pragnell, A. L. Falconer, W. Kemp, W. Gourlay, It. Hyde, and D. Threadwell. . It was decided that the secretary write to the Minister of Education recommending that book-keeping be added to the syllabus for primary schools, the subject to be taught in the fifth and sixth standards, and that, it be a recommendation to the Minister that uniform books be used in the schools throughout, the Dominion.

Messrs R. Brown, W. Chapman and A L. Falconer were appointed as visiting committee for the month.

The headmaster reported that the attendances for the past month had been as follows: Main school, roll 637, average 602, 95; side school, 175,154, 88; secondary classes, 58, 55, 95.

The proposed amendments to the Education Act were discussed, and the following resolutions were passed, and will be forwarded to the Minister of Education:—

(1) "That this committee does not regard the proposal in sections 11, 12 and 13 of the Education Amendment Act to be liberal enough and hopes that the increases named are to be taken as an indication that the whole scale of salaries will show increases in every grade in the measure to be placed before the House next session. , -"

(2) "That this committee protests against the proposal to alter the closing of the financial year of school committees from March 1st to the last day of February in each year, and considers the proposal of a retrograde character, March 1st being the financial period for Government departments and local authorities generally; and appears to be quite unnecessary in view of the proposal in section "

(3.) "That the first assistants in secondary departments are not sufficiently remunerated for the services rendered by them. "

7th October 1913 - At a meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, a resolution was carried favouring the introduction of uniform school books throughout the Dominion. A second resolution was passed urging the Minister of Education to make provision in the syllabus for instructing the fifth and sixth standards in primary schools in the various branches of bookkeeping

8th October 1913 The announcement that a Girl's School is being established in Masterton in connection with the Anglican community will read with considerable interest. There can be very little doubt that such an institution, conducted on the best educational and business lines, will be largely patronised. The lady Principal is of high scholastic attainments, and pupils will be taken right through to the University. If, as is anticipated, the institution develops into a

Boarding School, it will be of very considerable commercial value to the district. We are glad to see that private enterprise is being employed to advance the educational interests of the Wairarapa. , If the establishment of a Girls' Collegiate School is followed; by the provision of an Agricultural High School by the State, we shall soon have reason to be proud of our educational institutions.

22nd October 1913 Trafalgar Day was celebrated at the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, when the children saluted the flag and sang the National Anthem. An address on the Significance of Trafalgar Day was delivered by Mr Bakewell inspector for the Wellington Education Board

1st November 1913 In the physical culture competitions of New Zealand, held in Wellington yesterday, the Masterton District High School team succeeded in winning the championship of the schools' section of the competitions.

4th November 1913 Miss. E. M. Whitehead," the lady principal of the Girls' School in Masterton, will be assisted by Miss. G. Whitehead, who will take charge of the middle division, and Miss Phoebe Ronayne, who will have charge of the kindergarten department
Miss Whitehead was on the staff of Wellington Girls College

15th November 1913 Miss McGregor, of the Masterton District High School staff, who has been on an eight months visit to England, has resumed her duties at the school.

15th November 1913 Complying with a request from Mr E. O. Isaac, representative of the Education Department, four large cases of exhibits from the Masterton District High School will be forwarded to Auckland for exhibition purposes.

M G. Cooper, of Masterton, has presented a well-mounted Bird specimen to the Masterton, School Museum. Mrs J. McKenzie, of Masterton, has made a very interesting donation in the shape of a large meteoritic stone, which was discovered in the Pahiatua district. Both donors were accorded hearty votes of thanks at last night's meeting of the School Committee.

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) of the Masterton District High School reports the following attendances for the month of October —Main school, roll 638, average 591, percentage 93; side school. 178. 162, 91; secondary department 55, 51,, 93. The attendance for the month was very satisfactory. Several children have been absent from whooping-cough and measles.

In his monthly report presented at last night's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster) made, special reference to the performance of the physical culture team from the school, which recently won the Thompson-Payne Shield at the competitions at Wellington. As the team has now won the trophy twice, it now becomes the property of the school.

15th November 1913 The headmaster of the Masterton school reported to the school committee last evening that one of the senior male assistants had been absent for several weeks through illness, and one last week for the same reason. The pupil teacher at the main school had been absent this week with measles. The number of relieving teachers on the staff was now reduced to two —one in place of Miss Bunting and one in place of Miss Lazarus.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, there being present Messrs Chapman (chairman), Kemp, Falconer, Threadwell, Pragnell, Hyde, Hendry,

and Gourlay. The chairman and secretary were authorised to draft a letter to the Minister of Education, protesting against the proposal to abolish subsidies to primary schools.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Mr G. Coker, of Masterton, for presenting the school museum with a well-mounted bird specimen, and to Mrs J. McKenzie, of Masterton, for a donation of a large meteorolitic stone which had been discovered in the Pahiatua district.

There is no finer school museum in New Zealand than the one at the Masterton District High School, and, as the general public are apparently not aware that it is open for their inspection, the school committee desires it to be known that the museum is open every Thursday afternoon and evening, and on other days on application being made to the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson). The museum contains a very fine collection, of exhibits, and those persons visiting, it will find plenty to interest them

25th November 1913 Masterton School defeated Carterton School by 29 runs. For the winners H. M. Miller took six wickets for 34 and four for 13, and B. Welch throe for 5 and five for 6. and bowled well.

8th December 1913 match was played at Carterton on Saturday between 'the Masterton and Carterton District High Schools, Masterton winning by an innings and 35 runs. The winners made 55 (Shaw 15 and H. Miller 12), and the losers 12 and 8. H. Miller (4 for 7 and 7 for 4), and B. Welch (5 for 4 and 3 for 3), were the Masterton bowler

12th December 1913 Wellington Education Board The Masterton School Committee asked for a subsidy towards asphaltting and other improvements, which were, urgently required, and which should be carried out during the summer holidays.

After some discussion it was decided to instruct the Clerk of Works to report on the application, and power was given to the chairman and executive to act on that report.

13th December 1913 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, reported at the monthly meeting of the committee last evening that the annual examination had been completed, the results being highly satisfactory. Mr F. G. W. McLeod, Queensland, has presented a preserved skin of a carpet snake to the Masterton school museum. Other gifts to the museum include a fine specimen of coral, from Mr Rr McRae, and insect specimens, dolomites, etc., from other donors

At. the meeting of the Wellington Education Board on Thursday an application was received from the Masterton :District High School Committee for a subsidy towards improving; the playground." Mr hogg pointed out that the playground was lower, than the road, and stagnant water lodged in the lower portions of the ground, which was a menace to the health of the children. The sum of £90 was required, of which amount the board was asked to contribute £50, —it was advised to get the clerk of works to report on the conditions, and if the matter proved to be one of urgency the executive was empowered to deal with it.

13th December 1913 The secretary of the Wellington Education Board wrote in reference to the grant made by the Trust for the purpose of improving the salaries of the secondary master at the Masterton school, and suggesting that for the present the sum of £20 be allocated for this purpose, the balance of the grant to be held over till the effect of the Education Amendment Bill, now before Parliament, is determined.

18th December 1913 Mr J. G. Bee of the staff of the Masterton District High School, leaves to-day for a few days in Wellington, prior to his departure for Auckland and the north. Mr H.

Miller, of the Masterton District High School staff, will leave Masterton to-morrow, per s.s. Victoria, on a trip to Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide

18th December 1913 Standard VI (Proficiency).—Arthur Candy, Henry Dagg, Stanley Dixon, Alex Dowling, 'Major Eton, Roy Flaws, Fred Gourlay, Alfred Henson, : Leslie Henderson, Jack Innes, Edward Jenkins, William Lee, Clifford Miles, Edgar .Moore, Edgar Perrin, Andrew Saba, John Smith, Arnold Townsend Baden Williams, Ronald Witt, Douglas Wood, Joseph Tinsley; Thomas O'Dowd, Arthur Tarrant, Robin Reuben, Fred Thorne, Ida Anderson, Mabel Backhouse, Edith Bennett, Leta Budd, Grace Christie, Elsie Cragg, Esmee Dixon, Isla Ewart, Florence Kerr, Daisy Maxted, Eva Patrick, Beryl Payne Joan Ross, Dorothy Smallwood, Dons Webb, Bessie von Keisenberg. The holder of a proficiency certificate, who is not over 15 years of age on the 1st December last, is entitled to a free place at a High School for two years from January 1st next, or at a District High School or a Technical School until he or she is 17 years of age.

Standard VI. (Competency).—Leslie Haxton, Walter Hoar., Sydney Lawton, Olive Cross. Mina Waddington, Hilda Webb, Ream Woodward, Nellie Tarrant, Marjorie Yorke.

Promoted to Standard VI.—Archie Amundsen, Clinton Baddeley, Fred Bengé, Rupert Blinkhorne, William Bolton, Percy Cotter, Fred Corlett, Gordon Cook, Roy Dowling, Frank Ewart, Archie Easthope, Bertie Fox, Harold Harrington, Newman Hoar, Cecil Higgs, William Hayes, Sidney Jenkins, Arthur Kilgour, Albert Liddell, Alfred Lena, Rupert Lenz, Clinton Ladner, Colin Mackersey, Nat Miller, Cecil McCormack, Leslie McGrath, Clarence Meredith, Hardy, Meredith, Basil Norman, William O'Hara, Lester Pryor, Charles Reynolds, Reginald Shackleton, Russell Thomas, Arthur Thompson, Rupert Uren, Eric Volheim, Ernest Waters, Elizabeth Ball, Winnie Brewer, Stella Cairns Etta Dixon, Margaret Donald, Constance Donald, Iris Dorset, Rita Elliott, Grace Easthope, Violet Fly, Olive Grantham, Grace Hawke, Alice Harris, Dulcie Hughes, Olive Johnson, Elsie Jones, Dora Kyle, Lorna Leslie, Lucy McKenzie , Alice Mantell, Marie Moore, Olive Newcombe, Myrtle Pragnell, Grace Pond, Iris Pinkney, Janet Prosser, Ethela Sykes, Madge Spicer, Aileen Thompson, Irene Uren, Inez Varnham, Ruby Webster, Doris Wilkes, Jessie Waddington, Irene Wolff. Rita Ware.

Promoted to Standard V. —Roy Anderson, Gordon Beale, Seddon Burrige, John Cotter, Tim Cragg, Andrew Donald, Norman Devinie, David. Dickson, Cyril Evernden, Malcolm Falk, Eric Gully, Ian Gibson, Edwin Hughan, Norman Higgs, Alex. Hausmann, Charles Holmwood, Maurice Hoffeins; Hart Harding. Walter Henson, James Laing, Cyril Lovell, Aeldred Moore, William McCormack, Joseph Madeley, Thomas McArley, Kenneth Newland, Edward Swanson, Frank Shackleton, Vincent Simonsen, John Snell, Alwyn du Temple, Walter Tyacke, Welsford Truscott. Sidney Thorne, Robert Whittaker, Ian Wyber. Seymour Willoughby, Ronald Webb, Edward Wells, Percy Yalden, Henry Rangitakaiwaho, Mildred Bannister, Elsie Calwell, Sarah Candy, Mary Carrick Grace Chapman, Ethel Collinge, Florence Creelman, Jessie Elder, Eva Fail-brother, Ruby Gunther, Norah Henderson, Dorothy Johanson, Maud Judd, Rhoda Land, Jessie Leach, Olive Lenz, Doris Maxted Jessie Miller, Vervian Minifie, Stella McCullough, Essie Morris, Githa Naylor, Fanny Nini, Ellen O'Hara, Annie Palmer, Doris Permain, Annie Pinhey, Alice Pond, Dorothy Rutherford, Patience Salter, Myrtle Salter, May Shearer, Ilene Smith, Gladys Williams, Ella Wilton, Melba Whittaker.

Promoted to Standard IV. —Edwin Allsworth, George Ball, Stanley Bengé, Basil Bradley, Thomas Brown, John Bolton, Harold Butcher, Max Campbell, Angel Caselberg, Edward Calwell, Albert Crawford, Jack Ewart, Richard Evernden, William Falconer, Allan Gardner, Albert Grimes, John Hastie, Charles Hayes, Carl Hausmann, Stephen Henson, William Hourigan, Arthur Jackson, Cecil Lee, William Ladner, Charles McCullough, Colin McKenzie, Reuben McMaster, Roderick McRae, Douglas Pauling, Gordon Pauling, Victor Payne, Thomas Redman, Lionel Rutherford, Arthur Spicer, Jack Stewart, Reginald Santon, Donald Sutherland, Jack Townsend, George du Temple, Eric Varnham, William Wilson, Richmond Wintringham, Frieda Anderson, Dora Arnaboldi, Madge Anstice, Zelma Bannister, Ivy Bengé, Eila Elliott, Gwen Godfrey, Elsie Hooper, Zeta Hunter, Doreen Jamieson, Eileen Land, Lorna Moore, Rebecca Morris, Mona Page, Rhena Permain, Enid Pragnell, Gladys Thompson, Eva Volheim, Mona Wellington, Ethel Wilton, Gladys Wilmshurst, Doris Wyber, Grace Johnson.

Promoted to Standard III.—Fred Billington, Vickery Burrige, James Biggs, Harold Candy, Lawrence Donald Kenneth Easton, Peter Emerson, Willie Elder, Joe Fong, Edgar Grantham, Alice Hendry, Victor Hooper, Fred Harrington, Willie Harrington, Wallis Jamieson, Claude Kilgour, John Leach, Alex. McGregor, Neil McGregor, Percy McCormack, Percy Morris, Jack Martin, Fred Naniana, Stanley Newland, Lawrence Norman, Archer Reardon, Norman Swanson, Tack Stalker, Harry Smith, Eric Searle, Eric Threadwell, Albert' Vollheim, Hector Varnham, Clarence Watson, Hedley Wilton, Jack Wagg, Willie Wise, Myrtle Barker, Alice Ball, Ruth Bennett, Ethel Carr, Amelia Carr, Coyla Cairns, Gladys Collinge, Clarice Cossar, Jessie Carrick, Constance Deadman, Jessie Grimes, Ervine Hadley, Mary Hall, Ruby Hooper, Helena Hourigan, Dorothy Head,-Annie Johnson, Margery Jenkins, Thelma Land, Ina Lawton, Joan Leslie, Evelyn McKenzie, Irene Pinhey, Winifred Rutter, Mattie Spackman, Kitty Saker, Leila Smith, May Tarrant, Rita Wilton, May Wilkes, Eileen Weyland, Olive Walton.

Promoted to Standard II. —Frank Biggs, Earl Campbell, William Edyvane Leonard Grimes, Ned Harris, Joseph Hayes, Bernard Hooper, Thomas Jackson, Philip McCullough, John McKenzie, Leonard Morris, John Palmer, Frederick Pinkney, Collins. Pragnell, Robert Russell, Douglas Rutherford, Henry Tinsley, Raynor Vile, Rex Vile, Leslie Collinge, Lyla. Anstice, Gladys Attree, Jessie Crozier, Alice Eton, Melva Hilton, Myrtle Jimmieson, Violet Johanson, Mabel Leathwick, Elsie Mantell, Ivy McConkey, Ellen McCormack) Ina-McGregor, Marjorie McGregor, Mary McRae, Gladys Newland, Bernice Page, Bessie Pauling, Dorothy Pauling, lone Peacock, Peggy Prosser, Olive Ridgeway, Hilda Shackleton, Winifred Smith, Ida Standen, Ethel Stokes, Nellie Thompson, Edna Thorne, Ethel Vine, Doris Walker, Elsie Ware, Dorothy Ward, Lettie Woods, Madeline Carrick, Kathleen Blake, Janie Evernden, Florence Pragnell.

Promoted to Standard I, —Wilfred Uren, Ernest Anderson, Tom Carr, Walter Corlett,' George Crozier, Max Dowling, Charlie Emmens, Nolan Franks, Jack Hunn, Cyril Judd, Francis Jamieson, Arthur Lenz, James Pember, Ralph Tarrant, Jack Webb, Victor Welch, James White, Ray Woodward, Willie Atkinson, Elsie Bengé, Maisie Cossar, Myrtle Caldwell, Agnes Dean, Ivy Donald, Nellie Elder, Eva Hammond, Florrie Harding, Irene Hooper, Evelyn Jackson, Jessie Jackson, Minnie joy, Gladys Johnson, Jean Laing, Ena Leathwick, Lona. McKenzie, Vera Taylor, Rita Norman, Nita Permain, Loralie Peterson, Ivy

Sayers, Flo Sinclair, Lena Swanson, Madge Smith, May Truscott, Hilda Vollheim, Eila Wagg, Edith Wilton, Eileen Yalden, Grace Yalden.

SIDE SCHOOL.

Promoted to Standard 111. —Claude Andrews, Ralph Evans, Neil Gibson, Jack Gardiner, Charles Groombridj, Jack Hoeffens, Charles Hawkins, Cecil Judd, William Kelso, Llewellyn Morris, Gordon McArley, Arthur O'Donnell, Alfred Pinkerton Jack Richards, Stanley Willoughby, Cordon Wood; Doris Amundsen, Muriel Cameron, Dorothy Friend, Maude Hawthorne, Nellie Henry, Mary Jackson, Annie Madeley, Hilda Pinhey, Melia Saba, Dora Stretch, Ena Sharp Edith Wellington, Eileen Pook.

Promoted to Standard II.—Harry Banks, Edmond Congdon, Terrence Duffy, Spencer Findlayson, Austin Gully, Stephen Gallaher, James Kelso, Hector Keen, Clarence McIver, Archibald MacGrath, Hector Madsen, Ben Paine, Charles Parton, Hugh Parton, Owen Parton, Robert Pook, Keith Ralph, Campbell Sutherland, Keble Sharp. Archie Wellington, Lloyd Williams. Muriel Alderslade, Nita Brown, Molly Henry, Gladys Judd, Edith Jackson, Dorothy Lee, Mary Sutherland, Alice Wylie.

Promoted to Standard I.—Reginald Amundsen, Crawford Cameron, Archibald Coley, Frederick Candy, Jack Car rick, Ralph Gully, Basil Hawkins, Reginald Lee, Walter Lee, Cyril Morris, McLaren, George Marshall, Ian Mcintosh, Albert. Revell, Jack Retter, James Sedcole, James Sutherland, Ernest Taylor, Roy Wellington, Nigel Wood, Jane Burden, Grace Davis, Ena Findlayson, Clementh Hagarty, Stella Johnson, Ellen Kite, Edith Morris, Annie McCullough, Dorothy O'Donnell, Eileen Olliver, Daphne Payne, Irene' Stretch, Essie Sutherland, Nancy Taylor, Lottie Wallace.

19th December 1913 The list of attendance certificates for the Masterton District High School, that is published to-day, is interesting. It .shows that one girl has not missed an attendance for ten years, that one boy has attended without a break for eight successive years, and that several have a record of seven years.

19th December 1913 GOOD ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. A good attendance certificate of the first class is granted, by the Education Department, to every pupil who makes full attendance during the year, and a certificate of the second class to every pupil who is absent not more than five half days during the year. The following are those who have won certificates during 1913. The number after a scholar's name indicates the number of good attendance certificates that have been earned: —

Senior Secondary. Boys.—First Class: William Candy (7), Richard Chapman, Felix Franklin (4). Girls.— First Class: Clementine Mackay .(10)

Junior Secondary. Boys.—First Class: Harold de Castro (7), Douglas do Castro (8). Second class: Archibald King (3), Eric Candy (2), Hector Hendry (4). Girls.—Second class: Ella Reader, Mary McGregor (2).

Standard 6. Boys —First class: Arthur Candy (7), Henry Dagg, William Lee, Robert Lee, Edgar Perrin (2), Robin, Reuben (3), Second class: Alex Dowling (4), Leslie Henderson (5)', Jack Innes, Ronald Witt. Girls. —First class: Kathleen McArley (4), Joan Ross. Second class: Isla Ewart (4), Florence Kerr (2), Daisy Maxted (2), Dorothy Smallwood (4).

Standard 5. Boys —First class: Roy Dowling (2), William Hayes, Sydney Jenkins (4), Nat Miller (6), Cecil McCormack (6), Basil Norman (6), Reginald Shackleton (2), Rupert Uren (2). Second class: Frank Ewart (5), Archie Easthope (.o), Leslie Magrath, Russell Thomas,

Arthur Thomson (4), Harold Harrington (2). Girls. —First class: Elizabeth Ball, Etta Dixon (4), Grace Easthope (7), Grace Hawke (5), Dulcie Hughes (4), Lucy McKenzie (5), Inez Varnham (3). Second class: Winnie Brewer (4), Irene Urcn, Irene Woolf, Ruby Webster.

Standard 4 Boys. —First class: Seddon Burrigge (3), "Eric Gully (3), William McCormack (3), Thomas McArley (5), Welsford Truscott (3), Seymour Willoughby (3), James Wyber (6). Second class: Andrew Donald (2), Edwin Hughan (4), Percy Yalden (2). Girls.—First class: Maisie Carrick (2), Patience Saker (3), Myrtle Saker (2), Olive Lenz (5), Ethel Collinge (5), Eileen Barber, Blanche Newland (2), Jessie Leach (4). Second class: Alice Pond.

Standard 3. Boys. —First class: Cecil Lee, Reginald Santon (4), Roderick McRae (2), Rupert Davies (4), John Stuart (4). Second class: Charles McCullough, Walter Crawford, Victor Pinkney, John Ewart (3), George Ball, Edwin Allsworth (2), Harold Butcher (6), William Ladner (3), Fred Billington, Richard Evernden (4). Girls: First class: Gwen Godfrey, Zeta Hunter (3). Second class: Ethel Wilton, Eva Volheim (4).

Standard 2. Boys.—First class: Vickery Burrigge, James Biggs (4), Albert Volheim (2), Hector Varnham, William Wise. Second class: Wallis Jamieson, Jack Leach, Percy McCormack, Percy Morris, Lawrence Norman, Norman Swanson, John Stalker, Eric Searle, Clarence Watson, Lawrence Donald. Girls. —First class: Alice Ball, Ruth Bennett, Ervine Hadley (2), Ruby Hooper, Gladys Collinge (2), Mary Hall, May Wilkes (2), Olive Walton.

Standard 1. Boys.—First class: John McKenzie (2), Robert Russell, Raynor Vile, John Palmer. Second class: Frank Biggs (3), Philip McCullough, Rex Vile. Girls. —First class: Ellen McCormack. Second class: Alice Eton, Ina McGregor, Gladys Newland, Peggy Prosser. Infants. Boys.—First class: Leslie Collinge, Cyril Judd, Bobbie Stuart, Roy Wilmshurst, Alfred Wise. Second class: Stanley Smith, Leslie McGregor, Arthur Lenz. Girls: First class: Flora Weyland, Janie Evernden (2), Jean Laing, Vera Naylor, Eila Wagg, Aileen McCormack, Jean McKenzie. Second class: Ivy Flowers, Bessie Elder, Maisie Cossar.

24th December 1913 Miss A. Brown, B.A., of the staff of the District High "School, Masterton, left yesterday on a holiday trip to Auckland and Rotorua

1914

1914	798	Masterton	Jackson	William H	D1	Headmaster	£400	\$57,268
1914	795	Masterton	Leslie	David E	C1	Assistant Master	£290	\$41,519
1914	798	Masterton	Wolff	Rosabel	E1	Assistant Female	£240	\$34,361
1914	798	Masterton	Miller	Hymen	D2	Assistant Master	£205	\$29,350
1914	795	Masterton	Murphy	Arthur P	C2	Assistant Master	£180	\$25,771
1914	798	Masterton	Munro	Isabella	D1	Assistant Female	£170	\$24,339
1914	798	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	D2	Assistant Female	£170	\$24,339
1914	798	Masterton	Bunting	Elizabeth	E1	Assistant Female	£140	\$20,044
1914	798	Masterton	York	Mary	Lic	Assistant Female	£140	\$20,044
1914	798	Masterton	Hogg	Ellen C	E2	Assistant Female	£120	\$17,180
1914	798	Masterton	Stone	Blanche P	D3	Assistant Female	£115	\$16,465
1914	798	Masterton	Hogg	Mary F	D3	Assistant Female	£110	\$15,749
1914	798	Masterton	Elliott	Evelyn M	C4	Assistant Female	£105	\$15,033

1914	798	Masterton	Atkinson	Agnes G	D3	Assistant Female	£100	\$14,317
1914	798	Masterton	Banks	Catherine M Mrs	Lic	Assistant Female	£95	\$13,601
1914	798	Masterton	Wallis	Minnie F		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	\$7,874
1914	798	Masterton	Scott	Margaret M		Female Probationer 1	£55	\$7,874
1914	798	Masterton	Tankersley	Iris		Female Probationer 2	£30	\$4,295
1914	798	Masterton	Bee M A, M sc.	John Guthrie	A1	Secondary		
1914	798	Masterton	Brown	Alexander	D3	Secondary		

10th January 1914 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, when a considerable amount of routine business was dealt with.

12th January 1914 The Masterton School Committee invite tenders for the supply of firewood to the Masterton School.

29th January 1914 Miss Louisa J Chapman appointed probationer

6th February 1914 Miss Lazarus, formerly of the Masterton District High School, who for some months has been relieving in the District High School, Eketahuna, has been appointed second assistant there.

9th February 1914 In conversation with a Daily Times reporter this morning, Mr A. W. Hogg, a member of the Wellington Education Board, spoke strongly in favour of an open air school—that, is to say, a school having classrooms with a moveable partition which could be taken down during school hours, and the room exposed to the air and sunlight. Mr Hogg considers that such a proposal was desirable from a health point of view He intended to bring the matter before, the Wellington Education Board, and if the Board agreed to the proposal an experiment in this direction would probably first be tried at the Masterton school.

9th February 1914 The Hon. Jas. Allen, Minister of Education, paid a short visit to Masterton this morning. In company with Sir Walter Buchanan, M.P., and Captain Braden, the Minister first inspected the rifle range at Te Ore Ore, in connection with a suggestion that a portion of it be acquired for closer settlement purposes by the Government. At 9.30 o'clock, Mr Allen, accompanied by Sir W. C. Buchanan (who is a member of the Wellington Education Board), Messrs G. E. Sykes, M.P., A.W. Hogg (a member of the Wellington Education Board), R. Brown (chairman of the Masterton, School Committee), and W. L. Falconer (member of the Masterton School Committee) visited the Masterton District High School. The party were shown over the school, museum, woodwork department, and the grounds, by Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster. The Minister expressed himself as very pleased with what he had seen. To each class he inspected he addressed a few words. In view of this being the first official visit to the school of the Hon. Mr Allen, a half holiday was granted to the children. . After having partaken of refreshments at the school, the Minister (who was accompanied by Mr J. Matthews, his secretary) and Sir W. C. Buchanan, left for Carterton, where the District High School will be inspected. Subsequently the Greytown School will be inspected. The Minister is desirous of seeing for himself what work is being carried out at the principal district high schools in Wairarapa, and this was the reason for his present visit. .The Hon. Mr Allen will return to Wellington this afternoon. During his week-end stay in Wairarapa the Minister was the guest of Sir Walter Buchanan.

14th February 1914 Senior board scholarships have been awarded to Ethel Madeley, Frank Marshall and William Candy, of the Masterton District High School, as a result of the recent

scholarship examinations, at which the first-mentioned pupil topped the list. As only five scholarships were available for the whole of the Wellington district, the performance of these Masterton students is distinctly meritorious. The three successful candidates are continuing their studies at the Masterton School.

14th February 1914 The headmaster's report to the Masterton School Committee last evening stated that Miss Bunting had resumed duty at the Side School after a year's absence on leave. Miss Lazarus, of the Main school staff, had been appointed to the Eketahuna District High School. Miss Stone, of the Main school staff, had been granted leave of absence for a month on account of illness. Miss M. Scott, senior scholar of the High School, had been appointed a probationer on the staff.

14th February 1914 ABOUT A PIANO.

"MERELY A MISUNDERSTANDING."

SCHOOL COMMITTED MATTER

An account brought up at the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening—£70 for purchase of a piano for the assembly hall—occasioned some discussion. The chairman (Mr R. Brown) said the purchase of the piano had been authorised by the Education Board. A better piano had been purchased than was authorised, but the money did not come out of the committee's funds.

Mr E. Pragnell considered the committee should "have had a say in the matter."

Mr A. W. Chapman explained, that it was originally intended when furnishing the hall that a piano should be placed in the room, but the time for purchasing was not then fixed. Individual members of the committee had a feeling that local firms should have, been given an opportunity to supply the piano. They thought the committee had been somewhat ignored. Personally he considered the committee had made a good bargain.

The chairman said he regretted if any feeling had been aroused over the matter.

Mr D. Threadwell was of opinion that local firms should have been given an opportunity of putting in tenders. He understood the Trust Lands Trustees had contributed part of the amount for furnishing the hall, and that gave local people an interest in the matter.

W. L. Falconer said the Trust Lands Trustees had made a grant of £100 for furnishing the assembly hall, and this carried a Government subsidy of £100. After chairs, etc., had been obtained, £70 was left wherewith to purchase a piano. Although the instrument was not bought locally he thought they had made a good bargain.

The chairman said he must apologise if he seemed to have ignored the committee in any way. He had no intention of doing so. The money did not come out of their funds; it was merely handed over to them to be expended.

Mr E. Pragnell thought they could have got an equal bargain locally. All other things being equal, he considered they should have purchased a piano through the local agents.

The chairman agreed with the principle of a purchase locally, but he thought they had made a good bargain. Any blame in connection with the hurried purchase at the end he would take.

"Merely a bit of a misunderstanding," said Mr Falconer, and the discussion closed.

14th February 1914 The monthly meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School was held last evening, Mr R. Brown presiding over a good attendance of members. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £2 8s 9d, and accounts totalling £176 15s 2d were passed for payment.

The visiting committee reported that the asphaltting of the girls' and boys' playgrounds had been satisfactorily completed.

The tender of Mr Carlson, who had offered to supply wood fuel to the school at 35s per cord, was accepted.

The following gifts have been received at the museum of the Masterton District High School: A boars head, nicely mounted, from Mr John Montgomery; silver coins, 1d, and 2d, from Miss Leah Roberts; old prints, from Mr Joseph Prentice.

At the monthly meeting of the committee last evening, hearty votes of thanks were accorded the donors. The chairman (Mr R. Brown), in speaking of the museum, said it was a matter for congratulation that the museum was attracting considerable interest, and was regularly visited by large numbers of people, no fewer than forty townspeople inspecting the numerous specimens on Thursday afternoon and evening

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) of the Masterton District High School reports the following attendances. for the past month : —Main school: Roll 610, average 575, percentage 94. Side school: 173,155, 90. Secondary department: 69, 68, 99. Mr Jackson also reported that 97 new pupils were admitted —51 at the Main school, 33 at the side school, and 13 at the High School. Of the last named new additions, two came from each of the following districts Lansdowne, Bideford, Wangaehu, and one each from the following places : Rangitumau, Opaki, Fernridge, Matahiwi, Miki Miki, Mauriceville and Hunterville.

Of the 43 pupils who obtained Std. VI. Proficiency Certificates at this school in December last, 24 have been admitted into the High School, making, in all, 37 new admissions to that department.

14th February 1914 The following pupils of this school have been awarded “B” Senior Board Scholarships: Ethel Madeley, Frank .Marshall, William Candy, the first named being top of the list. These scholarships are worth £40 a year, if the pupil has to live away from home, and £5 a year if not compelled to do so. All three of these successful scholars are continuing their education at this school. Five scholarships were available for the whole of the Wellington district. The new show case, 21ft long and 6ft high, along the northern wall of the natural history room is now completed, and the exhibits arranged in it. Only one wall now- remains to be similarly dealt with. I have pleasure in reporting the following gifts:—Boar's head, nicely mounted, from Mr John Montgomery, silver coins, 1d, 1 ½ d and 2d, from Miss Leah Roberts; old prints, from Mr Joseph Prentice. The institution is being visited by a large number of people. General Business. Mr Falconer submitted a report on improvements carried out at the school and grounds during the holidays. He said the work had been done most satisfactorily. —The report was adopted, and Mr Falconer was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks. An account for tar was referred to a sub-committee.

It was decided to draw money from the Post Office savings bank as required for the payment, of accounts. The tender of Mr Carlson for the supply of twelve cords of firewood at 35s a cord was accepted. The visiting members for the month are Messrs W. Gourlay, A. Hendry, and G. Hyde

17th February 1914 At Greytown on, Saturday the Masterton school cricket team defeated Greytown school by* an innings and 78 runs. A return match will be played on the Park Oval next Saturday

19th February 1914 On Tuesday a child, while going across the road near the Masterton school had a narrow escape from being run over by a motor car, flic machine brushing the child's dress.

28th February 1914 A special meeting of the Masterton School Committee will be held on Monday night, for the purpose of appointing a teacher and dealing with the question of a half holiday on Thursday next, the occasion of the visit of the American athletes

3rd March 1914 At a special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, Miss S. Atkinson (*Agnes*) was selected from four others to ml the vacancy rendered by the appointment of Miss Lazarus to the Eketahuna school. Miss Atkinson has occupied a position in the Masterton school for some time.

3rd March 1914 The Masterton School Committee decided last night to grant the pupils a half-holiday on Thursday next, the occasion of the Wairarapa Athletic Club's meeting, at which the Americans will compete.

13th March 1914 A nine-year-old lad fell from a bicycle while returning to his .home from the Masterton School yesterday. His arm was severely injured, and he will go to the hospital today to have the X-rays put upon it, as Dr. Cowie thinks the bone may be splintered.

14th March 1914 The .Masterton School Committee held their monthly meeting last evening, Mr R. Brown (chairman) presiding over a full attendance of committee men. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £:54 4s 4d. The headmaster reported, the following attendances for the past month: —Main .School: Roll 610, average 578, percentage 95. Side School: .170, 159, 94. Secondary Classes: 72, 69, 96. Mr Jackson reported that during the month there has been very little sickness, consequently attendances were very satisfactory. A communication was received from the Wellington Education. Board, stating that a. course of physical instruction would be held for Wairarapa teachers at Masterton from May .11th to May 23rd. Accounts totalling £10 7s 3d were passed for payment; this amount includes £70 for the new school piano. Messrs Kemp, Pragnell and Threadwell were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

On Thursday and Friday next; the medical examination of children attending the Masterton District High School will take place;

18th March 1914 t is with' extreme regret that we have to announce the death of Mrs W. H. Jackson, wife of Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the-Masterton District High .School, "which occurred yesterday afternoon. ' The deceased lady was born at Oldbury. Birmingham, and was in her 46th year Some two years ago she became affected with muscular ' rheumatism, and thlenic anaemia supervening, made such rapid * progress since the beginning of the present year that the end came very suddenly yesterday afternoon.

The late Mrs Jackson was known to a wide circle of friends as a lady of the most kind and benevolent disposition and her demise will be widely mourned. To Mr Jackson and family the deepest sympathy will b« extended in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will leave the residence tor the Masterton Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday)

20th March 1914 The remains of the late Mrs W. H. Jackson were interred in the Masterton cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral cortege was very lengthy, and included members of the Trust Lands Trust, the School Committee, and large numbers of school children. The

floral tributes were so numerous that a special carriage was required to accommodate them. The ceremony at the chinch and the graveside was performed, by the Rev H. Watson.

24th March 1914 he numerous friends of Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District" High School, will regret to hear that he had a bad seizure yesterday, and was compelled to take to his bed.

25th March 1914 The. Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, Minister of Customs and Marine, arrived in Masterton by train from Eketahuna at 9.00 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Mr G. E. Sykes, M.P.

The. Minister visited the Masterton district High School - this afternoon and addressed the children.

25th March 1914 Mr. W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, though still confined to us house, was somewhat easier yesterday.

26th March 1914 Mr. W. H. Jackson; headmaster of the Masterton District; High School,, is still confined to his bed, and his condition yesterday was less satisfactory than on the previous day. He is suffering from cardiac neuritis.

7th April 1914 OPEN AIR SCHOOLS. AND MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Mr A. W. Hogg, of Masterton, has been making enquiries in reference to the introduction of the open-air system of school construction. Mr McDougal; the Board's architect, showed him the plans of extended veranda's that are being erected at Island Bay and Porirua. Those are intended to enable the children to dispense with shelter sheds at the same time providing facilities for lessons in the open air. The best practical effort yet made in this direction is at South Wellington, where the school committee, with the sanction of the Board, and under the direction of Dr Gunn, medical inspector of schools, is having a large room erected, with sliding doors, or spaces in the walls, so that it can be exposed or closed as the weather permits. In the meantime the secretary to the Board is communicating with the Education authorities in Australia, where open air schools have been established for a considerable time. Dr Gunn recognises fully the importance, in all cases, where the weather and climate is suitable, of having the instruction of the young carried out in rooms that, while fairly sheltered, will admit an abundance of air and light

Referring to her visit of inspection to the Masterton school, Dr Gunn informed Mr Hogg that, while highly pleased with the appearance and general bearing of the young people, she was bitterly disappointed at finding, in not a few instances, that the instructions given at her previous inspection had not been carried out. While making every allowance for the fact that a medical inspection of school children was a thing to which parents and guardians had never been accustomed, she still felt disappointed that her suggestions for improving the health and faculties were so frequently disregarded, especially by people who could well afford any cost that might be involved. What she feared was that too much reliance was placed on Government assistance. Without the co-operation of parents any substantial improvement was hopeless. A great many children suffered from complaints apparently very trifling in their nature, but which, if not attended to, would not merely affect their school life, but would partially or completely wreck their future.

Mr Hogg and the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, who was present at the interview, submitted that there were families, unfortunately, who could not well afford the cost of skilled treatment. This difficulty, the inspector believed, would have the consideration of the

authorities with a view to its removal. Mr Hogg assured the inspector that if the parents in Masterton did not respond with alacrity to the suggestions and advice given previously, she would find that as the importance of following up her directions became impressed on the heads of families, they would endeavour to comply with them, and he hoped complaints of parental negligence would disappear in the future.

11th APRIL 1914 The Hon. F. M. B. Fisher has presented relics of the South African war to the Masterton school museum, including a Musket rifle belonging to a member of the well-known family of Prinsloo, and some excellent 'specimens of kaffir heads and brass, work, belts, necklets, and wristlets.

14th April 1914 Among those who paid a visit to Napier during the Easter holidays were, Mr W. H. Jackson and Misses Jackson (Masterton)

15th April 1914 THE Age The Eketahuna. '-Express' says:— A representative of this paper had a few moments' chat with Mr. W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, on Thursday, The veteran has an unconquerable spirit, for he is in harness again, and on Thursday he unfolded in glowing and ardent terms, with all the enthusiasm of youth, a plan for converting the school into an open-air institution, which he hopes to see in operation next summer. There is something quite amazing about this educational Napoleon. He conceives projects, and he hypnotises committees, boards, Ministers, and to all these personages and bodies are giving effect to the wishes of the great organiser There are few men of such consummate power in this direction in our educational community.

18th April 1914 The headmaster of the Masterton District High School (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the School Committee last evening that the medical inspection of the school took place on the 3rd and 6th instants. The parents of 32 scholars received notices from the doctor that their children needed medical or dental attention. Of the children whose parents were notified, by the doctor last year 19 had not received the attention recommended The committee decided to recommend the incoming committee to approach the Education Board with a view to securing funds to enable children of poor people to obtain the "medical attention recommended.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, there being present Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Chapman, Gourlay, Falconer, Hendry, E. Pragnell, Kemp, and Threadwell: Permission was granted the Rev. H. D. Braddock to use a room in the school for a week, after school hours; in order to give a series of moral lessons The attendance at the Masterton schools for the past month was reported by the headmaster to be as follows:—..Main School: Roll number 605, average, attendance- 585 percentage of attendances 96. Side School: 171,161 and 91. Secondary classes 70, 65 and 94. Accounts amounting to £17 were passed for payment. Messrs Brown, Chapman and Falconer were appointed visiting members for the month.

18th April 1914 the attendance at the Masterton District High School during the past month has been very good. There has been a very slight amount of sickness amongst the children.

On Friday next a lantern entertainment is to be given in the Assembly Hall of the Masterton District High School, by Mr A. Guthrie-Smith, of Poverty flay, in aid of the school sports fund.

21st April 1914 The Masterton District High School has granted a clergyman the

use of a room in the school for the purpose of imparting religious instruction after school hours. No exception whatever can be taken to this concession, provided the teachers are not required to be present, and no undue pressure is brought to bear upon the children to induce them to attend the instruction class. It is for parents to say whether they desire their children to receive a better knowledge of the Bible than can be imparted to them in their homes and at the Sabbath School. There is nothing in the Education Act to prevent the school buildings being used after school hours for such an object. The proposed classes may serve a very useful purpose. They will show whether parents are, or are not, secure in their desire to see bible instruction implanted in our schools .

23rd April 1914 It is understood that the majority of the sitting members of the Masterton School Committee intend offering themselves for re-election

24th April 1914 MR LEE AT THE MASTERTON SCHOOL. Mr Robert Lee, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, visited- the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Messrs G. R. Sykes, M.P., A. W. Hogg (a member of the Wellington Education Board), and A. W. Chapman (a member of the Masterton School Committee). Mr Lee visited all the classes and delivered a few remarks to the boys and girls. Later, Mr Lee addressed the boys and girls in the upper standards in the Assembly Hall. Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster of the school) occupied the chair, and in introducing Mr Lee to the children, referred to the splendid work Mr Lee had done for the cause of education in- his long and varied career.

Mr Lee, who was greeted with cheers by the children, stated that Masterton had a splendid school and a schoolmaster who was a credit to it. (Applause). Mr Jackson had the interests of the school at heart and had done wonderful work in furthering education in Masterton. Mr Jackson took a fatherly interest in all the children, and their care and comfort was ever his first consideration. He was pleased to see so many happy and smiling faces in front of him that day, and their presence carried him back through the long vista of years to those times when he had as inspector examined their mothers and fathers, and perhaps their grandmothers and grandfathers, who were then children at the school. He advised the children to take up some hobby; if they did it would lead to good results. From little beginnings it was possible to make big results, and he instanced the great careers of Edison and Marconi. It was a fine thing to have a good library at a school, and Masterton was well supplied in this respect. It was good for children to take up a subject for which they had a liking—history—ancient history, such as that of Rome and Greece—poetry, or the biographies of great men and women. By such means they would cultivate good taste as well as improve their knowledge; and he liked to see good taste cultivated in boys and girls—especially in girls. "What you are doing at school to-day, girls and boys, is to build up your character," said Mr Lee. "And your character will be formed by your teachers. Cultivate a habit of observation. A child is not worth his salt who does not observe everything that is worth observing, and endeavour to improve himself." Mr Lee paid a tribute to the work the early school teachers had done in Masterton, and said that Mr Grundy was the first man to make the Masterton School what it is to-day. Mr Lee concluded by giving the children some good advice as to building up their future life. Mr Lee resumed his seat amidst loud applause. The gathering dispersed with rounds of cheers given by the boys and girls for Mr Lee.

24th April 1914 Mr. Robert Lee stated, in the course of his remarks at the Masterton District High School yesterday, that when he first visited this township the attendance at the school numbered thirty-eight. The roll number now stood at 853.

4th May 1914 A few years ago school committee elections were practically matters of routine, and in most cases the committeemen who held office during the previous year were again elected. Now that new parties have entered the field of politics, however, the election of these committees has become a matter of some importance. No election is too insignificant to attract the attention of party leaders in the different towns, and "tickets" are run at all elections from school committee and Trust Lands right along the line to the general election. Next Thursday evening the Masterton School Committee will be elected by the householders, and as it is more than likely that several "tickets" will have their supporters present in force, it behoves householders generally to be up and doing. It is a fact to be deplored that the party "machine" is brought to work in elections of this character, but seeing that such is the case, Aye advise those interested in our school to make a point of recording their votes next Thursday evening

5th May 1914 It was stated by the chairman of the Masterton School Committee (Mr R. Brown) at the special meeting last evening, that it was desirable to have the forthcoming school committee election carried out on better lines than the last one. It had been alleged that at the election last year that persons who were not entitled to vote had voted, while others had received two voting papers. It was a difficult matter to carry out an election satisfactorily with the present machinery allowed under the Act. "There will not be so many householders present this year as last," remarked Mr W. Kemp, "and consequently there will not be the same confusion." Eventually the committee decided that the chairman should arrange matters in connection with" the conduct of the election

Mr W. Kemp stated at the special meeting of the Masterton School Committee, last evening, that the people of Masterton were not aware of the fact that there was a splendid museum at the Masterton school. The Hons. Messrs Eraser and Fisher had. spoken in high terms of the museum, and on their recent visits to the school both these Ministers had been very interested in the museum. There were, said Mr Kemp, some very interesting exhibits in the museum, and everything was displayed in the best manner possible. He thought that the attention of the householders should be drawn to the valuable asset the school possessed in the museum. The committee decided to embody reference to the museum in the annual report, which is to be submitted to the householders at the meeting on Thursday night.

At the special meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening, Mr R. Brown (chairman) stated that he had received from the Education Board an official map and description of the boundaries of the Masterton school district. The school said Mr Brown, was bounded on the north by the Waipoua river (southern branch), on the east by the Ruamahanga river, on the south by the Waingawa river, and on the west by the railway line, and the Railway Road to the Bishop's Reserve at Akura, and thence along the town boundaries of that reserve to the Waipoua river. The district takes in all the settlers between the Ruamahanga, Waingawa and Waipoua rivers and the railway line, and in addition several sections beyond the railway station on the Akura side.

th May 1914 The annual meetings of householders to elect School Committees for the various schools in the Masterton district. will be held to-morrow evening at each of the different

schools. A special meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held on Monday evening to prepare the annual report for presentation to the householders. Mr. R. Brown presided, and there were also present: Messrs. W. Kemp, A. Hendry, A. Chapman, \. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, D. Threadwell, G. Hyde. The following report was approved by those present ladies and Gentlemen,—You are called together to receive the report and balance-sheet, and for the election of a new committee, a little later in the year than usual as a result of an amendment to the Education Act, which amended Act came into force on 1st February' last. Under the new Act the accounts of School Committees close on the 28th February, instead of 31st March, and the Board has power to extend the time for election of committee for four weeks longer than before. Your committee regrets to find that the Minister of Education did not see his way, while amending the Education Act to provide the issue of free school Books. The medical inspection of the school has recently been made by Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, and, as on previous occasions, it was found that some of the children required either surgical or dental attention. Last year thirty two such children were reported, and your committee has learned with regret that nineteen of them have not received the attention recommended. This matter came to your committee notice too late for action, but after discussion it was decided to recommend the incoming committee to consider how far the funds at the disposal of the committee would permit of assistance being given to provide the necessary attention for the children of parents- unable to provide it themselves.

Under the new Act, the salaries of teachers have been raised to a small extent, and there is promise that during the coming session further increase of salary will be made but meanwhile it was found very difficult, owing to the inadequate salaries to retain the services of the best teachers in our secondary classes. The Trust Lands Trust, learning of the difficulty, came to the rescue, and supplemented the High School teachers' salaries, and in this way made it easier to retain the services of qualified teachers, such as are required to maintain the high state of efficiency which has been characteristic of your school for so long a period. Your committee, assisted by a grant of £50 from the Education Board, has been able to drain the play-ground at the main school, and to asphalt a large part of it. The advantage of this will be felt during the coming winter, there will be no pools of water lying about to wet the children's feet, but the surroundings of the school will be dry and comfortable. A most excellent record of attendance has been made for the past year, a record which is highly creditable to the parents of children attending the school, and that points to not a little self-denial on the part of the mothers especially. The average roll for the year has been 867, the average attendance 805, and the percentage of attendance 93. In the higher examinations the pupils of the Masterton school again distinguished themselves, and your committee are highly gratified at the results obtained. Results which reflect highest credit to the headmaster, Mr W H. Jackson, and his able staff and called forth the thanks and commendation of your committee. During the year Mr. J. Shackleton resigned his seat on the committee and Mr D Threadwell was appointed to fill the vacancy. During the year the committee has held 17 meetings, 12 ordinary and five special and the attendance of members has been as follows, Mr Falconer 17- Mr Gourlay, 16, Mr Hendry 16, Mr Brown, 15; Mr. Kemp 15, Mr. Threadwell 15 ; Mr Chapman 13, Mr Pragnell 12 and Mr Hyde 10 . The school possesses a splendid museum which is of a high educational value. The excellence of this museum has been remarked upon by the Hons

Messrs J Allen and F M B Turner during their recent visits to the school. The school possesses an excellent lending library

8th May 1914 The annual "meeting of Masterton householders was hold last evening. Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton School Committee, presided, and there was an attendance of about 130 persons present. Annual Report. The chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. He referred to the medical inspection of children at the school and said that he thought that this was a matter for the Government to take up. Mr Brown stated that the position in regard to the salaries of secondary teachers was not satisfactory, but the Minister of Education intended to give this matter his attention. He considered the museum was well worthy of a visit from parents. He thought that a scholarship should be established 'in connection with the agricultural side of the school, and that the scholarship winners should be given the advantage of pursuing their scholarship course at the State farms. The chairman paid a high tribute to Mr Jackson's work in connection with the school and the museum. There was a splendid staff of teachers, and Masterton was to be congratulated on the excellence of the teaching staff at the school.

Mr W. L. Falconer seconded the motion and explained what had been done in regard to work carried out in the school grounds during the past year. He also referred to the success "of pupils of the schools at the examinations, which reflected the greatest credit on Mr Jackson and his staff. The motion was then put to the meeting and carried. Election of Committee. Eleven nominations were received for the nine seats on the committee, the voting being as follows:— Richard Brown 110 votes, A. Hendry 99, G. Hyde 88, A. W. Chapman 87, W. L. Falconer 84, W. Gourlay 81, W. Kemp 75, D. Threadwell 72, Rev. B. L. Thomas 70, E. Pragnell 65, G. Ross 62. The first nine were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded to the headmaster and staff of the school for their services during the past year. Place of Meeting. Mr E. Feist moved that in future the annual meeting be held in the Assembly Hall at the Masterton school. Mr D. Threadwell seconded the motion . Mr R. Krahagen moved as an amendment that the meeting be held in the Drill Hall. The amendment was carried by 46 votes to 22. Mr W. H. Jackson briefly addressed the meeting on what was being done at the school.

Meeting of Committee. At a meeting of the new committee, Mr R. Brown was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

8th May 1914 The Chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee touched upon one or two rather important phases of the educational system at the meeting' of , householders last night. -He very properly stated that the scheme for the medical inspection of school children cannot be effective until means are provided by which parents will be enabled to follow the advice given by the medical officer. The proposal that boys should be permitted to take up their scholarships on a State farm is hardly practicable, seeing that the State farms do not pretend to teach scientific farming. What are really required are a number of Agricultural High Schools, where lads would be taught scientific agriculture up to a given point. These schools would be the link required between the primary schools and the Agricultural College. Until such institutions are provided, our rural system of education .will continue to be defective.

11th May 1914 PHYSICAL DRILL.

TEACHERS ARRIVE AT, MASTERTON. CIVIC RECEPTION

The teachers, who are attending the physical training camp at Masterton, were accorded a civic reception in the Masterton District High School Assembly Hall this morning. There were about 180 teachers present. Besides the Mayor (Mr J. M. Coradine) there were also present, —Messrs G. R. Sykes, M.P., A. W. Hogg (member of the Wellington Education Board), Cr Winzenberg, the Town Clerk (Mr J. Archer), and several other citizens. The Mayor, in welcoming the teachers, said that Masterton had not been kind to them as far as the weather was concerned, but, nevertheless, the welcome to the teachers was a nonetheless hearty. On behalf of the town of Masterton he extended a hearty welcome to the teachers, and he trusted that they would have a pleasant and profitable sojourn in Masterton. Referring to the physical training of children "which had come into vogue, he said that in his boyhood days there was no such innovation for the purpose of developing physically the school children. He knew that the teachers would benefit by their training. (Applause)Mr Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton school, on behalf of the staff of the school, welcomed the teachers. The local staff and the Teachers' Institute had made arrangements for the entertainment of the teachers, and he detailed the arrangements which had been made.

13th May 1914 An item in General Orders, just issued, states that the formation of the Masterton District High School Senior Cadets (No. 113 Company Wellington) has been approved.

14th May 1914 The weather having cleared, teachers in camp at Masterton found their work very pleasant yesterday, although it was somewhat strenuous. Last night an enjoyable progressive euchre tournament was played in the Masterton school assembly hall. Misses Morrison and Wolff were the lady winners, and Messrs. R. J. Foss and Harrison the gentlemen. In the absence of Mr W. H. Jackson, the chair was occupied by Mr D. E. Leslie. On Saturday a hockey match ladies v gentlemen, will be played by the teachers on the school grounds; The ladies have undertaken to provide skirts for the men.

15th May 1914 Mr T. R. Fleming, M.A., Chief Inspector of Schools, will deliver a lecture on the new school syllabus in Masterton on Saturday afternoon.

The Hon James Allen, Minister for Education, will arrive in Masterton on Saturday morning, and will inspect the teachers' squads; in their several halls and at the camping ground. He will afterwards address the teachers as a body" in the Masterton school Assembly hall.

16th May 1914 TEACHERS' TRAINING CAMP

VISIT OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

The Hon. J. Allen, Minister for Education, reached Masterton this morning, and visited the teachers' physical training camp. He inspected the various squads at drill and was pleased with the work done. The "green squad," at the Exchange Hall this morning entertained the Minister at morning tea and presented him with a button-hole.

Subsequently Mr Allen visited the Assembly Hall, there being also present—Messrs G. R. Sykes, M.P., J. M. Coradine (Mayor of Masterton), A. W. Hogg (a member of the Education Board), and R. Brown (chairman of the Masterton School Committee), and Mr T. Bakewell (Chief Education Inspector).

Mr Allen briefly addressed the teachers on the physical training scheme and contended that the training would be of great benefit to the teachers themselves, and consequently of benefit

to the children they have to instruct. The social aspect in connection with such a large gathering of teachers was also a beneficial matter. He wanted a teacher's life to be bright and happy, and he wished them to be optimistic. They were exceptionally fortunate in gathering together such a good staff (Loud applause). There had been some criticism over certain appointments, but he did not care what was the criticism so long as he made an appointment which his conscience dictated was in the best interests. (Applause) . The last word in physical training had not yet been said, and the staff were continually on the lookout for improvements. He valued the junior cadet training, but that did not provide for the girls, and he ventured to say that the training of the girls was the more important. He looked to the scheme of physical training to provide a moral training of value to the boys and girls. They had a special duty to our girls and women, and he hoped this scheme would show to our young women that there was something more than physical training—the ideal home life. It was by providing the best of education systems that we bring about the ideal home—and physical training would assist in this matter. He paid a tribute to the enthusiasm of the teachers. In conclusion, he hoped they would all meet again.

Mr W. H. Jackson thanked the Minister of Education for having paid his visit to the camp.

Mr Bakewell conveyed to Mr Allen a wish of the teachers of Wairarapa to have an instructor for the district.

Mr Allen said that it was proposed To appoint instructors who would visit the various schools and keep the teachers from becoming "rusty" (Hear, hear).

A voice: "Couldn't we have a camp every two years?"

Mr Allen: "I would like to have a camp every year; it would be beneficial, but I have my colleagues to consult on the matter of expense."

Mr Coradine asked the teachers to carry a vote of thanks to Mr Allen by acclamation.

This was done to the accompaniment of cheers and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

18th May 1914 The teachers' physical drill squads will be dismissed at mid-day to-day to enable them to attend the lecture at the Masterton School on "The new Syllabus" by the Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr T. R. Fleming, M.A. The president of the Institute, Mr P. L. Coombs, B.A., will take the chair at 2 o'clock. The lady teachers will be entertained at afternoon tea by the members of the men's camp at 4 o'clock in the Masterton' School Assembly Hall.

23rd May 1914 Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, in a report to the Education Board to-day, made the following remarks concerning country schools: Masterton.—Not 30 per cent, of the children examined last year" had been attended to. The rooms in this school are much overcrowded, and in the old part of the building are very dark, and have the windows at the children's backs and in the teachers' eyes. Verandahs used as extensions to the rooms, to make them lighter and almost open-air school-rooms, would be a tremendous improvement.

26th May 1914 Mr Edward Pragnell, who has been in business in Masterton for a number of years, is leaving in a few days for Taumaranui, where he has accepted a responsible position. Mr Pragnell has resided in Masterton for twenty nine years, during which time he has taken a prominent part in many local movements. For twenty-five years he was a member and Secretary of the Masterton Fire Brigade. He has also taken an active interest in the work of Friendly Societies and is at the present time Secretary of the Druids Lodge. He has been

Secretary of the Bowling Club, and for several years an active member of the Masterton School Committee. His departure will be regretted by many friends who will wish him all sorts of success in his new venture.

1st June 1914 H. Millar, Masterton school, in reply to an invitation to Wairarapa school teachers to meet the Union with reference to the support and control of school football, regretting his inability to attend meeting, and making several suggestions.—Further action was held over until replies received from other teachers, who are at present on holiday

13th June 1914 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening. There were present: Messrs E. Brown (chairman), "W. L. Falconer, D. Threadwell, J.: Gourlay, A. Chapman, A. Hendry and Rev. P. L. Thomas. The treasurer reported a credit balance at bank of £90 12s. The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported the following attendances for the past month: —Main school: Roll 600, average 504, percentage 94. Side school: 172, 157, 91. Secondary classes: 69, 66, 96. The report stated that the new system of physical instruction, had been introduced,, and an excellent start had been made. Mr Jackson stated that the system was an excellent one, and that it was bound to have a beneficial effect on the health and development of the school children. He would be glad to afford opportunities for parents and others to see the scheme in operation. ; A considerable amount of routine business was also transacted. Accounts totalling £32 7s were passed for payment.

4th June 1914 The children attending the Masterton District High School saluted the flag yesterday in honour of the King's birthday [No holiday]

9th June 1914 Wairarapa teachers have lost no time in introducing the new physical drill course into their schools, and the children appear to relish the work quite, as much as do their teachers to keep themselves proficient, the lady teachers within reach of the railway have resolved to meet for drill monthly at the Masterton District High School. The first practice will be held next Saturday morning.

9th June 1914 By request, Miss Haggett has arranged for the ladies who recently attended the teachers' physical training classes in Masterton to meet in the Masterton District High School Assembly Hall next Saturday morning, for a "fresher" drill. The lady teachers throughout the Wairarapa have taken up the department's new drill schema with great enthusiasm

13th June 1914 AILMENTS OF CHILDREN.
MEDICAL INSPECTION AT SCHOOLS.

At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last night, some discussion took place in regard to the medical inspection of children attending schools

The chairman (Mr R. Brown) reported that he had brought the matter up for the notice of the Hon., J. Allen (Minister of Education), during .the latter's visit to Masterton, and the Minister had requested that suggestions should be forwarded to him in connection with the carrying out of recommendations made by the medical officer by those parents who were not in a financial position to do so. Mr Brown expressed the opinion to the meeting that with proper safeguards attendance could be given to children at the public hospitals and representations might be made to the Government in this direction. Those parents who were not in a position to carry out the recommendations of the inspecting doctor could make application to the school committees in their districts, and Mr Brown thought that those committees who were

in a position to do so might pay a small annual fee in connection with any case they may recommend for treatment at the hospital. In order that abuses should not creep in, Mr Brown suggested that children sent to the hospital for treatment should first obtain a certificate from the school committee. It was pointed out by several members of the committee that only a very small percentage of those children reported to be suffering from ailments had been attended to as the medical officer had recommended, parents not being in a position to afford the cost of treatment to their children.

It was decided to forward the proposal made by Mr Brown to the Minister of Education.

22nd June 1914 A match was played on Saturday morning on the school grounds, between Masterton school and Hikurangi Maori College. The ground was very muddy, and good combined efforts were consequently rare. The Hikurangi boys were rather the heavier, but the local boys were considerably superior in nearly all features, and won by 17 to nil. Wyber (3) Flaws and Miller scored tries, one of which Miller converted. Mr T. Flaws controlled the game. Much interest is being centred on the match between Masterton and Carterton schools, which will be played at Masterton next Saturday. The rivalry between these two teams is very great, and the Southerners are bent on lowering the colours of the local team. Rumour hath it that Mr "Bert" McKenzie is taking the Carterton boys in hand. However, the Masterton boys are confident and are training hard. Mr "Tom" Flaws is assisting them

29th June 1914 A letter was received from Mr F. Leslie, Masterton school, re admitting Hikurangi Native College to schools competition, giving several reasons against same, and also asking what financial support to expect from the Union this season.—The secretary reported that up to date the Union had expended £8 out of the £12 grant from the New Zealand Union, in purchasing school footballs, etc., and it was decided to set aside £5 towards the expenses of the annual Wellington-Wairarapa schools representative match, besides making a grant of £2 to each of the main schools in the district. The admission of the Native College to the schools' competition was left to the teachers interested to arrange amongst themselves.

6th July 1914 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, has been elected president of the Wairarapa branch of the Teachers' Institute for the ensuing year.

7th July 1914 Part of a long article EDUCATIONAL LECTURE. ~ BY MR. J. S. TENNANT, M.A. At the Technical School, Masterton, on Saturday afternoon, Mr. J. S. Tennant, M.A., Principal of the Wellington Training College, lectured on "Play as an Educative Factor." There was an audience of over 80 Wairarapa teachers. The lecturer emphasised the fundamental importance of the right use of the play instinct in the training and development of child character. He pointed out the absolute necessity of ample playing spaces. He instanced the Masterton District High School as unique example of play space, on an adequate scale. Millions of dollars were just now being spent in America on the provision of larger school grounds. English educationists, too, were waking up to the importance of play and grounds as a feature in a sound child regime.

11th July 1914 Arbor Day of this year has been fixed for "Wednesday the 15th inst., and at the Masterton School further work towards the completion of the native flora plantation in the Museum grounds will be undertaken, shrubs will be planted, where considered desirable, in other portions of the School grounds. Messrs Robinson and Sons., of Masterton, have

generously donated for distribution among the school children, N.Z. Cabbage trees -up to 1000 in number. These will be distributed to the scholars on Tuesday.

11th July 1914 A large number of new books have recently been added to the scholars' lending library at the Masterton District High School. The following works have also been added to the reference library for High School pupils:—"The Standard Cyclopedia of Modern Agriculture," "The Book of the Home" (domestic science), "Modern Industrial Chemistry." The Masterton Trust Lands Trust decided at its monthly meeting last evening that the following educational grants be made for the ensuing year:—Masterton Technical School £100, District High School £93 4s, St Patrick's. School £31 8s, Lansdowne School £54 9s Fernridge School £25, Te Ore Ore School £2 10s. In the case of the Fernridge School one half of the sum allotted will be paid at once, and. in the remaining cases one third of the grant will be paid over immediately.

At the monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening the attendance report of the "headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) was presented as follows:— Main School, roll 604, average attendance 558, percentage 92; Side School 164, 144, 88; Secondary Classes, 69, 66, 96. During the past quarter the percentage of attendances was as follows:—Main School 93.7, Side School 90.6, Secondary Department 94.3, and for the year ending 31st December last the percentage of attendance was the highest attained by any school in the highest grade throughout the district.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr R. Brown presiding over a good attendance of members. The headmaster's report was received and approved, and the treasurer reported a credit; balance of £54 16s 1d. It was decided to allot the sum of £1 10s' for the purchase of young trees to be planted in the school grounds on Arbor Day (July. 15th). It was decided to effect a number of minor improvements to the grounds and buildings at the various schools. The Rev. Thomas and Messrs Kemp, Threadwell and Falconer were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month, Accounts totalling £2 12s was passed for payment.

24th July 1914 A lad named Max Dowling fractured one of his legs while playing at the Masterton district high school yesterday. He has been removed, to the Masterton hospital for treatment

3rd August 1914 The Carterton and Masterton District High Schools played a football match on the Showgrounds, Carterton, on Saturday. The game ended in a draw, no score being registered.

7th August Yesterday afternoon the children of the Masterton District High School saluted the flag and sang the National Anthem

15th August 1914 Such an excellent spirit for school attendance prevails among the scholars at the Masterton school that it rarely happens now that a pupil is absent for any other reason than sickness. A very pleasing instance, of this came under notice during the month, reported Mr W. H. Jackson to the school committee meeting last night. A boy in the junior secondary class, on starting to return to Masterton and school, after his weekend visit to his home, 18 miles away, found his bicycle damaged beyond his power to repair it. This boy shouldered his bag and walked the whole 18 miles and arrived in time for afternoon school.

The Masterton school committee held their monthly meeting last evening, there being present:—Messrs E. Brown (chairman), A. Chapman, W. Gourlay, A. Hendry, W. L.

Falconer, W. Kemp, and Rev. B. L. Thomas. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £79 2s 8d. The headmaster reported that the attendance for the month had been as follows:—Main school: Roll 599, average attendance 548, percentage 93; Side school, 169, 152, 91; secondary classes, 67, 63, 94. A letter was received from the Education Board, advising that the Board will have a special report prepared on the proposed improvements to class-rooms. It was decided to have a portion of the infants' school grounds graded in preparation for asphalt later on. Alterations to the bicycle and shelter sheds at the main school were agreed to. Accounts amounting to £19 15s were passed for payment. Messrs E. Brown, A. Chapman and W. L. Falconer were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

Arbour Day in Masterton was celebrated by the children of the District High School in a most practical manner, in his monthly report the headmaster says that over 1000 native trees and shrubs were presented to the school by Messrs Robinson and Sons. These were distributed amongst scholars. Messrs E. Hale and W. Falconer also presented trees which were planted in various parts of the school grounds.

15th August 1914 Miss Stone, assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School, has been granted leave of absence till the end of the present month. One of the junior assistants was absent last week through sickness. The senior assistant mistress was absent yesterday from the same cause.

22nd August 1914 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. GIFT SALE. PROMOTED by Teachers and Scholars of the Masterton School, in aid of the War Relief Fund. , SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL. WEDNESDAY, 26th Aug., 1 p.m. " Well Bred Children's Pony, Produce, Poultry, Fancy Goods galore, Books, ', Dolls and Scores of Useful Articles. Unsold Goods Auctioned, 9 p.m. ADMISSION 6d, Refreshments Free.

25th August 1914 The gift sale arranged by the teachers and scholars of the Masterton District High School in aid of the War Relief Fund opens at 7 p.m. to-morrow evening, in the school Assembly' Hall. Further donations of any articles or produce will be gladly received. The auction sale will begin at 9 p.m., when the stalls will be cleared and the live stock sold. In addition to the children's pony, purebred White Rock roosters of the highest strain will, be offered, and other poultry and animals. The charge for admission to everybody is sixpence.

27th August 1914 AT MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

The gift sale held at the Masterton District High School last evening was most successful. The large Assembly Hall was packed to its utmost. His Worship the Mayor was present and opened the sale. Excellent business was done at the various stalls, and the auction sale, conducted by Mr O. C. Cooper at the end of the evening, realised a large sum. The utmost enthusiasm was displayed during the sale, and the result will be that the teachers and scholars of the Masterton District High School will be able to present to the War Relief Fund the handsome sum of £100. The proceedings during the business and stalls' were enlivened by music supplied by Mr S. H. Ralph's Orchestra. The providing of supper for some 1000 visitors was no light task,- but this was successfully accomplished by Miss L McGregor and her numerous assistants. During the evening the following telegram was, received from the member for the district (Mr G. R. Sykes):—"Much regret unable to be present at school to-night; Wish to compliment you, your teaching staff, and scholars, on splendid work you are doing to raise money to augment Relief Fund. May all your efforts be crowned with success."

3rd September 1914 Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton school committee, has donated three handsome prizes for the three best war maps of Europe, drawn by pupils of the upper classes at the District High School. Some excellent maps have been produced. These will be on exhibition to-morrow evening at the school.

5th September 1914 The "War Map of Europe" drawing competition held in connection with the Masterton District High School, for prizes presented by Mr R. Brown chairman of the Masterton School Committee) resulted as follows: —Alfred Hollings 1, Ethel Madeley 2, Baden Williams 3. A special prize was awarded to Clementine Mackay.

A very successful adults' and children 's fancy dress ball was held- in the Assembly Hall of Masterton District High School last night, as the result of which the teachers and scholars will be able to make a further donation of about £20 to the War Relief Fund. Excellent music was supplied by an orchestra consisting of Messrs F. McKenzie , R. Ward, E. Burrows, Sayers, Brown, Stewart, and G. Russell.

12th September 1914 The Masterton school committee held its ordinary meeting last night, there being present:—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. W. Chapman, W. L. Falconer, A. Hendry, W. Gourlay, and D. Threadwell. An apology for absence was received from Mr W. Kemp. A letter was read from the Education Board regarding the suggested improvements and stating that plans would be prepared and held in abeyance until a more favourable period. Mr W. Falconer reported that the work at the school authorised at the last meeting had been satisfactorily carried out. Accounts amounting to £25 were passed for payment. Messrs Gourlay, Hendry and Hyde were appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing month.

The Masterton School Committee last night passed a motion expressing warm appreciation of the efforts of the headmaster, teachers, and scholars of the Masterton school in raising the sum of £120 in aid of the War Relief Fund

12th September 1914 The average attendance at the Masterton District High School for the past month was 96 per cent

28th September 1914 The Prime Minister has received the following telegram from Mr. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton School :— "Masterton school sends proud greetings to its Old Boys going to the Front."

10th October 1914 The annual examination at the Masterton District ' High School was concluded by Inspectors Fleming, Stucky and Charters on Friday, October 2nd.

The average attendances for the Masterton District High School for the month of September were as follows: —Main school 96 per cent., secondary school 97 per cent., and side school 93 per cent

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District School Committee was held last evening. Mr R. Brown occupied the chair, and there were also present the Rev. B. L. Thomas and Messrs D. Threadwell, W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, A. W. Chapman, G. Hyde, A. Hendry, and W. Kemp. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Lumley for the gift of an historic relic of the Maori wars, in the shape of an old rifle, which was ploughed up in the Waikato district. It was decided to authorise the grading of the boys' and girls' playgrounds at the main school. The Rev. Thomas and Messrs Kemp and Threadwell were appointed a visiting committee for the month

10th October 1914 THE EDUCATION BILL AND
MEDICAL INSPECTION OF CHILDREN;.

At, the meeting of the Masterton District School Committee last evening considerable discussion ensued concerning Section 131 of the Education Bill now before Parliament,, which says:—"Any parent or guardian of a child attending a public school, who has been notified by a medical inspector, that a child is suffering from a serious disease or a -serious bodily defect, and who neglects to obtain for such child, suitable medical or surgical treatment,, may be deemed, after a second such notification, to have been guilty of cruelty towards, or neglect of such child, and proceedings may be taken accordingly. It was pointed out that according to this section, there could be no defence. The giving of the second notice by the medical officer would make the parent or guardian guilty. The following resolution in connection with the matter was carried unanimously:—That this committee regrets that no provision is made in the Education Bill, now before Parliament, for treatment of the children of indigent parents, and urges that an amendment be made to provide for surgical or medical treatment in such cases, at the nearest hospital, and that the charges, if necessary should be borne by the Hospital Board of the District.

19th October 1914 Mr P. D. Leslie, assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School, has been called away, owing to serious illness in his family.

22nd October 1914 The children attending the Masterton District High School saluted the flag; yesterday and were given a stirring address by Mr W. H. Jackson on the significance of Trafalgar Day.

7TH November 1914 The children of the Masterton district High School collected £14 Ss 1^d as a result of their Guy Fawkes Day effort. This sum will be handed over to the Belgian Fund. The Masterton school has now subscribed £140 towards the patriotic funds, which is a very fine performance.

14th November 1914 The headmaster reported to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last night that Miss Stone, assistant teacher.at the Masterton District High School, has received notice of her transfer to the Levin District High School.

14th November 1914 The headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported to the meeting of the. school committee last night that the roll of the main school was 625, average attendance 585, percentage 94; side, school, 181, 167, 92; secondary classes, 60, 57, 95. The attendance for the month had been very good in all three departments and indicates that very little sickness is prevalent.

At the meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School last evening, Mr W. L. Falconer moved that the committee sanction the giving of Scripture lessons in the school after school hours. After discussion it was decided that the matter be left over until a future meeting.

The Masterton school miniature rifle range is now in working order, and will be in use during the summer months by the school cadets and older boys on certain days of the week, When not required for school use, Mr Jackson, headmaster, reported to the school committee last night that he intended, with the concurrence of the committee, to make it available to the members of the local rifle defence corps.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton school committee was held last night. There were present: —Mr R. Brown (chairman), Rev. B. L. Thomas, and Messrs W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay. A. Chapman, W. Kemp, A. Hendry, G. Hyde and D. Threadwell. The committee expressed their appreciation of the splendid results of the school's efforts to-raise money for

the war relief funds. An application for extending asphaltting work at the main and side schools was directed to be made to the Board. The visiting members reported having let the grading work, as authorised, to Mr Franks, for the sum of £6, and requested Mr Falconer to supervise the work. The committee approved the action of the visiting members. It was decided to urge the Education Board to have a report drawn up on the remodelling of the class rooms at the school, to improve the ventilation and lighting. The visiting members appointed for the ensuing month were Messrs R. Brown, A. Chapman and W. L. Falconer.

5th December 1914 A team of girls from the Pahiatua District High School will try conclusions with the Masterton District High School girls at tennis at the local school to-day. The Greytown District High School hoys will also meet the local boys at cricket on the Masterton -wicket at 10.30 a.m.

7th December 1914 A match was played on Saturday morning between the Masterton and Greytown schools. Masterton made 213* and Greytown 31, the former thus winning by 182 runs. For the winners H. Miller played aggressive cricket for 115, and B. Welch 49, R. Chapman 18, N. Hoar 14, also played well. Welch and Miller put on 139 for the first wicket.

12th December 1914 Miss B. Stone, assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School, has been transferred to the Levin District High School. She will take up her new duties next week.

12th December 1914 Mr Heberton has generously donated to the Masterton District High School Museum, a carved marble model of the celebrated mausoleum, the Taj Mahal, There are at present 860 scholars on the roll of the Masterton District High School. The Masterton District High School will close on Thursday next for the summer vacation

The secretary of the Education Board (Mr G. L. Stewart), and the Clerk of Works (Mr A. McDougall), visited the Masterton District High School at the end of last month to enquire into and report on the committee's application in regard to asphaltting and remodelling of class rooms. The necessary information was supplied by the chairman of committee and the headmaster.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening. Mr R. Brown occupied the chair, and there were also present:—Rev. B. L. Thomas, and Messrs W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, W. Kemp and A. W. Chapman. An apology for absence was received from Mr G. Hyde, A letter was received from the Education Board explaining the delay in the preparation of the plans for the alterations at the school, and that they would be completed and forwarded as soon as possible. The matter of asphaltting portions of the playground at the school was referred to the committee, and it was decided to have the work done during the Christmas recess. The question of effecting a number of minor repairs at the side school was referred to the visiting committee, with power to act. Other routine matters were also dealt with Messrs W. Gourlay, A. Hendry, and J. Hyde were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month.

18th December 1914 Mr H. Miller, of the staff of the Masterton District High School, left this afternoon on a visit to Melbourne.

The staff of the Masterton District High School, yesterday afternoon, made presentations to Misses Tankersley, Wallis and Stone, who are resigning from the staff.

18th December 1914 DISTRICT SCHOOLS.WINNERS OF CERTIFICATES.
MASTERTON SCHOOL GOOD ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES.

A first-class good attendance certificate is granted Government to every scholar who has made full attendances at school for the year. A second-class certificate is granted to every scholar who has missed not more than five half-days.

(The figure after the name of a scholar indicates the number of good attendance certificates such scholar has earned).

SENIOR SECONDARY CLASS.— First-class certificates: Ethel Madeley 5, Wm. Candy 9, Eric Candy 3, Harold Do Castro 8.

Second-class Certificates: Richard Chapman 2, Harold Miller 2, Flora Burling, Thelma Wood 4, Elinor Kendall 3

Junior secondary class.— First-class Certificates: Esme Dixon, Constance Butement, Thomas O'Dowd, Douglas Wood 4.

Second-class Certificates: Ida Anderson, Bessie Von Keisenberg 5, Vera Reader, Edward Jenkins 2, Edgar Perrin 3, Joseph Tinsley 2.

STANDARD VI.—First-class Certificates: Grace Easthope 8, Luck McKenzie 7 Nat Miller 7, Winnie Brewer b, Dulcie Hughes 5, Arthur Thompson 5, Archie Amundsen 3, Rupert Uren 3, Roy Dowling 3, Elsie Jones 2, Fred Bengé 2. Olive Newcombe 2, Etta Dixon 5, Cecil Higgs.

Second-class -Certificates: Basil Norman 6, Archie Easthope 6, Cecil McCormack 6, Clinton Ladner 4, Doris Wilkes 4, Harold Harrington 3, Reginald Shackleton 3, Aileen Thompson 2, Rita Ware, Walter Hoar, Clinton Baddeley.

STANDARD V.—First-class Certificates: Eileen Collinge 6, Seddon Burr 5, William McCormack 4, Seymour Willoughby 4, Gordon Beale 2, John Snell 2, Douglas Graham 2, Githa Naylor, Sidney Thorne.

Second-class Certificates: Robert Whittaker 6, Maisie Carrick 5, Edwin Hughan 5, Welsford Truscott 4, Maurice Hoffeins 4, Cyril Evernden 3, Roy Anderson 2, Frank Shackleton 2, Alwyn du Temple, May Shearer, Melba Whittaker, Ella Wilton, Norman Higgs, Cyril Lovell, James Laing, Angel Caselberg, Edward Swanson, Charles Holmwood.

STANDARD IV.—First-class certificates: Harold Butcher, Jack Stewart 4, Reginald Santon 4, Allan Gardner 2, Stanley Bengé, Albert Hayes, George du Temple, Stephen Henson, Cecil Lee, Eileen Barber 2, Ethel Wilton 2, Mona Wellington.

Second-class Certificates: Rupert Davies 5, Richard Evernden 4, Edwin Allsworth 2, Donald Sutherland 2, Rod McRae 2, John Bolton, Albert Grimes, Arthur Jackson, Albert Payne, Eva Vollheim 5, Doreen Jamieson.

STANDARD III.—First-class certificates: James Biggs 5, Jack Gardner 4; Stanley Willoughby 4, Jack Hoffeins 4, William Judd 4, Albert Vollheim 3, Percy Morris 2, Vickery Burrige, Lawrence Norman 2, Archie Reardon 2, Arthur O'Donnell 2, Alfred Pinkerton 2, Jack Leach 2, Kenneth Easton, Fred Harrington, Cecil Judd, Ervine Hadley 4, Millie Carr 3, Gladys Collinge 3, Ethel Carr, Charles McDougall.

Second-class Certificates: Louis Morris 3, Charles Groombridge 3, Percy McCormack 3, Gordon Wood 3, Alick Hendry 2, Eric Searle 2, Victor Pinkney 2, Clarence Watson 2, Norman Swanson 2, Wallis Jamieson 2, James Ferguson, Stanley Newland, Harry Smith, Willie Harrington, Edith Wellington 2, Mavis Santon, Doris Amundsen , Leila Smith, Ina Lawton, Ellen Ferguson, Nellie Henry.

STANDARD II.—First-class Certificates: Frank Biggs 4, John Palmer 3, Janie Evernden 3, Joseph Hayes 2, Philip McCullough 2, Robert Stewart 2, Rayner Vile 2, Rex Vile 2, Nellie Cormack 2, Mary McRae, Winifred Smith.

Second-class certificates: Leonard Grimes 2, Gladys Newland 2, Tom Jackson, Lyla Anstice, Hilda Shackleton, Ida Standen, Elsie Ware.

STANDARD I. —First-class certificates: Jean Laing 2, Cyril Judd 2, Elsie Benge, May Truscott, Agnes Dean, Madge Smith, Thomas Carr, Loralie Peterson.

Second-class certificates: Eila Wagg 3, Arthur Lenz, Jessie Jackson, Evelyn Jackson, Hilda Vollheim, Lena Swanson, Victor Welch, Ernest Anderson. James Pember, Jack Hunn.

P. II CLASS. —First-class certificates: Eileen McCormach 2, Ernest Jenkins, Emily Collie, Leslie Benge, Edward Standen, Malcolm Walker, Dulcie Peterson.

Second-class certificates: Roy Wilmshurst 2, Stanley Smith 2, Jean McKenzie 2, Ian Dowling 2, Leslie Guildford, Jim List, Lawrence Tinsley, Ivy Flowers, Phyliss Naylor, Edna Searle, Alan Henderson, Stewart Jamieson, Cecil Sutherland, Marjory Hunn, Ethel Liddall, Evelyn Ridgway.

P. I CLASS.—First-class certificates: : Jack Hughes, Roy Ralph, Roy Harrington, Edna Allen, Annie McLean.

Second-class certificates: Stanley Vollheim, Cecil Anderson, Nancy Laing, Mabel Ferris, Jean Jackson, Myrtle Bayer.

SIDE SCHOOL. STANDARD II.—First-class certificates: Edith Jackson 2, Dorothy Lee 2, Margaret Sutherland 2, Stephen Gallagher 2, Archie Wellington 2, Gladys Judd, Archie McGrath, Campbell Sutherland.

Second-class certificates: Minnie Campbell, Alice Wylie, Hector Madsen.

1915

1915	830	Masterton	Jackson	William H	D1	Headmaster	£410	\$54,920
1915	830	Masterton	Leslie	David E	C1	Assistant Master	£320	\$42,864
1915	830	Masterton	Wolff	Rosabel	E1	Assistant Female	£250	\$33,488
1915	830	Masterton	Goldsmen	George J	B2	Assistant Master	£230	\$30,809
1915	830	Masterton	Murphy	Arthur P	C2	Assistant Master	£190	\$25,451
1915	830	Masterton	Munro	Isabella	D1	Assistant Female	£190	\$25,451
1915	830	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	D2	Assistant Female	£180	\$24,111
1915	830	Masterton	Bunting	Elizabeth	E1	Assistant Female	£140	\$18,753
1915	830	Masterton	York	Mary	Lic	Assistant Female	£133	\$17,815
1915	830	Masterton	Banks	Catherine M	D4	Assistant Female	£130	\$17,414
1915	830	Masterton	Hogg	Mary F	D4	Assistant Female	£120	\$16,074
1915	830	Masterton	Elliott	Evelyn M	C4	Assistant Female	£115	\$15,404
1915	830	Masterton	Atkinson	Agnes G	D3	Assistant Female	£110	\$14,735
1915	830	Masterton	Sellar	Jeanie E		Assistant Female	£110	\$14,735
1915	830	Masterton	Sutherland	Olive	C5	Assistant Female	£110	\$14,735
1915	830	Masterton	Murray B A	Mary E E	B5	Assistant Female	£110	\$14,735
1915	830	Masterton	Rayne	Jessie		Female Pupil teacher 4	£65	\$8,707
1915	830	Masterton	Scott	Margaret M		Female	£60	\$8,037

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1915	830	Masterton	Bee M A, M sc.	John Guthrie	A1	Secondary		
1915	830	Masterton	Brown	Alexandra	D3	Secondary		
1915	830	Masterton	McKenzie M A	Mary B	A5	Secondary		

16th January 1915 Masterton Trust Lands Trust [Note Mr W H Jackson is a member but not chairman of the trust] The Masterton school committee wrote, asking for a grant for asphaltting the school grounds. The Lansdowne school committee- also applied for a grant for a similar purpose. —Mr Eton moved that the applications be not granted. Ho opposed the spending of Trust money in asphaltting. The Trust could spend its money to better advantage. Mr A. Rippon seconded the motion, pro forma. Mr Krahagen supported the application if there was any money available after a grant had been made towards free school books. Mr Jackson moved as an amendment that the matter be referred to the education committee. Mr Krahagen seconded the amendment, which was carried.

9th January 1915 he monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was hold last evening. Mr R. Brown presided. The visiting committee reported that the contractors were making good progress with the work of asphaltting 'the school grounds. It was decided that the contractor be made a progress payment of £20. The headmaster reported that the attendance for the year was as follows: —Main school, roll 609, average attendance 574, percentage. 94.3; side school, roll 175, average attendance, 163, percentage 95.5. In the course of his remarks concerning the attendance, Mr Jackson says: "This is the best year's record of attendance in the history of the school. Thirty per cent of the scholars obtained good attendance certificates. The pupils who made full attendances totalled 123, and the. number who were absent not more than five half days, 130. It was reported that Mr Joseph Dixon had presented to the School Museum a clock that was received by the Old Fire Police Corps for services rendered at a fire on September 23rd, 1900. Mr E. J. McLennan has also presented .the.museum with a, number of. exhibits from Samoa.

11th January 1915 The following pupils of the Masterton District High School were successful iii the recent junior scholarship exanimations: — Vera Reader, Sylvia Wilkinson, James Thompson and Harold Harrington.

13th February 1915 The Masterton School Committee held its monthly meeting last night, there being present: Messrs It. Brown (chairman), A. Hendry, B. L. Thomas, (>. Hyde, A. Chapman, W. L. Falconer, W. Kemp and W. Gourlay. A resolution was passed, congratulating the headmaster and staff on the results of the recent higher examinations. The visiting members reported that the asphalt work on the school grounds was nearing completion and has been very satisfactorily done. Authority was given to provide suitable outside shades for the two windows of the class room at the side school. Messrs K. Brown, A. Chapman and W. L. Falconer wore appointed visiting members for the ensuing month.

"T for one certainly resent th ; s 'stand and deliver' attitude of Mr .lackson," said Mr C. E. Daniell warmly, at the meeting of the Trust Lands Trust last evening, during the course of a discussion on a motion making a grant to the Masterton and Lansdowne schools for asphaltting, and in connection with which Mr Jackson hud made a statement that the Trust had only given one small grant to the Mastorton school for asphaltting in 20 years. Mr Jackson stated that he did not wish to dictate to the Trust, and his remarks were not intended to

convey that impression. Mr Daniell said Mr Jackson's attitude certainly gave him that impression, and he resented the Trust being threatened.

At the meeting of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust last evening, Mr R. Krahagen moved that a grant of £10 be made to the Lansdowne school towards the cost of asphaltting, and £.10 to the Masterton school. Mr Krahagen said that the finance committee of the Trust was of opinion that the finances of the Trust could stand the expenditure. He considered the work would be of great benefit to the school children and was desirable. Mr W. H. Jackson seconded the motion, and strongly supported the making of the grant to the Masterton and Lansdowne schools. Mr Eton protested against the expenditure of Trust money in the direction indicated. The State should pay for the asphaltting, not the Trust. He considered that it was not right to spend the Trust money in asphaltting, and he would oppose it tooth and nail. Mr Rippon stated that one or two of the members of the school committee had told him that it was the place of the school committee and not the Trust to do the asphaltting. He opposed the expenditure of the money in the way suggested. Mr Michell also opposed the motion. The chairman said he would oppose the proposal. The motion was lost, only Messrs Jackson and Krahagen voting for it.

13th February 1915 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held in the chairman's office, Trust buildings, last evening, there being present -Air R. Brown (chairman), and Messrs A. Hendry, B. L. Thomas, Ft. Hyde, A. Chapman, W. L. Falconer, W. Kemp, and W. Gourlay. A resolution was passed congratulating the headmaster and staff on the results of the recent higher - examinations. The visiting members reported that the asphalt work to the school grounds was hearing completion, and has been very satisfactorily done. Authority was given to provide suitable outside shades for the two windows of the class room at the side school. Messrs R. Brown, A. Chapman, and W. L. Falconer were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month. At the monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee the headmaster (Mr W H. Jackson) reported that he had to report the successes of the pupils of his school in the matriculation examination, the Public Service entrance examination (Civil Service), the senior scholarship examination, and the senior free place examination. For the matriculation examination two candidates were presented, and both were successful—Alfred Hollings and Herbert Wood. The former will take up his studies in law at the Victoria College and the latter, in medicine at the Otago University. At the Public Service entrance examination (Civil Service) five candidates were entered, and all were successful, namely, Alfred Hollings, William Candy, Graham, Frank Marshall, and Roy Moore. The first named has been appointed to a position in the office of the Public Service Commissioner at a commencing salary of £75 a year.

17th February 1915 Solway Show the exhibits in the school children's classes were very interesting. The Masterton school had a nice exhibit of an educational character, and the Greytown school's exhibit in the same class contained results of experiments with and without trenching, etc., and an interesting table of meteorological records.

22nd February 1915 little girl named Eva Jones had the misfortune to break her arm while playing with other children at the Masterton Side School.

27th February 1915 It is understood that--Messrs H. Miller and A. P. Murphy, of the Masterton District High School staff, have been appointed to the first and second assistantships respectively of the new Britomart street school in Wellington.

10th March 1915 Of the sixteen applicants for the position of assistant mistress in the Mount Cook school; Wellington, Miss Vera Hunter, formerly of the Masterton D.H. School has been chosen to fill the position.

13th March 1915 Miss O. R. Sutherland, of Masterton, has been appointed assistant mistress at the Masterton District High School:

Amongst former pupils of the Masterton District High School who were successful in the matriculation examinations this year was Mr L. H. Welch, son of Mr F. P. Welch, of Masterton, who passed in matriculation, solicitors' general knowledge, and medical preliminary. Mr Welch intends studying for the medical profession and will probably enter the University at Dunedin at an early date.

13th March 1915 The Masterton School Committee met last evening, there being present:— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Chapman, A. Hendry, W. Gourlay, W. L. Falconer, D. Threadwell, and Rev. Thomas. The report of the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) was received and showed that the attendance at the schools for the past month was as follows:— Main school: Average attendance, 587; percentage of attendance, 95. Side school: Average attendance, 153; percentage of attendance, 95. Secondary classes: Average attendance, 88; percentage of attendance, 97. Mr Falconer reported that the gutters at the school required cleaning, but in other respects everything was satisfactory at both schools. Messrs W. Gourlay, A. Hendry and G. Hyde were elected visiting members.

13th March 1915 The infant mistress at the Masterton side school has received leave of absence from the board until the end of the Easter holidays, on account of illness

7th April 1915 OPEN AIR SCHOOLS.

. AND MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Mr A. W. Hogg, of Masterton, has been making enquiries in reference to the introduction of the open-air system of school construction. Mr McDougal; the Board's architect, showed him the plans of extended verandahs that are being erected at Island Bay and Porirua. Those are intended to enable the children to dispense with shelter sheds at the same time providing facilities for lessons in the open air. The best practical effort yet made in this direction is at South Wellington, where the school committee, with the sanction of the Board, and under the direction of Dr Gunn, medical inspector of schools, is having a large room erected, with sliding doors, or spaces in the walls, so that it can be exposed or closed as the weather permits. In the meantime the secretary to the Board is communicating with the Education authorities in Australia, where open air schools have been established for a considerable time. Dr Gunn recognises fully the importance, in all cases, where the weather and climate is suitable, of having the instruction of the young carried out in rooms that, while fairly sheltered, will admit an abundance of air and light

Referring to her visit of inspection to the Masterton school, Dr Gunn informed Mr Hogg that, while highly pleased with the appearance and general bearing of the young people, she was bitterly disappointed at finding, in not a few instances, that the instructions given at her previous inspection had not been carried out. While making every allowance for the fact that a medical inspection of school children was a thing to which parents and guardians had never

been accustomed, she still felt disappointed that her suggestions for improving the health and faculties were so frequently disregarded, especially by people who could well afford any cost that might be involved. What she feared was that too much reliance was placed on Government assistance. Without the co-operation of parents any substantial improvement was hopeless. A great many children suffered from complaints apparently very trifling in their nature, but which, if not attended to, would not merely affect their school life, but would partially or completely wreck their future.

Mr Hogg and the headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson, who was present at the interview, submitted that there were families, unfortunately, who could not well afford the cost of skilled treatment. This difficulty, the inspector believed, would have the consideration of the authorities with a view to its removal. Mr Hogg assured the inspector that if the parents in Masterton did not respond with alacrity to the suggestions and advice given previously, she would find that as the importance of following up her directions became impressed on the heads of families, they would endeavour to comply with them, and he hoped complaints of parental negligence would disappear in the future.

10th April 1915 The headmaster's report presented at last night's meeting of the Masterton School Committee showed the number of pupils on the roll of the Masterton District High School to be 618, and the average attendance 561. The side school roll members 164, and the average attendance was 92.* The number on the secondary school roll was 91, and the average attendance 82.

10th April 1915 Accounts amounting to £19 2s 3d were passed for payment at last night's meeting of the Masterton School Committee. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £47 10s at last night's meeting, of the Masterton District High School Committee

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held in the chairman's office, Trust buildings, last evening, there being present Mr L. R. Brown (chairman), and Messrs F. Chapman, A. Hendry, W. L. Falconer, W. Kemp, Threadwell and W. Gourlay. The Education Board wrote, stating improvements to the side school will be carried out. The chairman reported having accepted a tender for firewood, and his action was approved. A draft of the annual report to be presented at the annual meeting was submitted and agreed to as amended.

15th April 1915 The Eketahuna "Express" says:— A representative of this paper had a few moments' chat with Mr. W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, on Thursday. The veteran has an unconquerable spirit, for he is in harness again, and on Thursday he unfolded in glowing and ardent terms, with all the enthusiasm of youth, a plan for converting the school into an open-air institution, which he hopes to see in operation next summer. There is something quite amazing about this educational Napoleon. He conceives projects, and he hypnotises committees, boards, Ministers, and lo! all these personages and bodies are giving effect to the wishes of the great organiser. There are few men of such consummate power in this direction in our educational community.

18th April 1915 The attendance at the Masterton District High School during the past month has been very good. There has been a very slight amount of sickness amongst the children.

On Friday next a lantern entertainment is to be given in the Assembly Hall of the Masterton District High School, by Mr A. Guthrie-Smith, of Poverty flay, in aid of the school sports fund

18th April 1915 As headmaster of the Masterton District High School (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the School Committee last evening that the medical inspection of the school took place on the 3rd and 6th instants. The' parents of '52 scholars received notices from the doctor that their children needed medical or dental attention. Of the children whose parents were notified, by the doctor . last, year 19 had. not received , the attention recommended* The committee decided to recommend the incoming committee. to approach, the Education Board with a view to securing funds to. enable children of poor people to obtain the "medical treatment recommended.

19th April 1915 Inspector Bakewell, of the Education: Department, visited the Masterton School last week.

18th April 1915 Miss Atkinson has been appointed assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School.

20th April 1915 The medical inspector of schools (Dr. Elizabeth Gunn) is at present inspecting the scholars of the Masterton school. She will be glad to meet any parents who desire, to interview her.

24th April 1915 MR LEE AT THE MASTERTON SCHOOL. Mr Robert Lee, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, visited- the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Messrs G. R. Sykes, M.P., A. W. Hogg (a member of the Wellington Education Board), and A. W. Chapman (a member of the Masterton School Committee). Mr Leo visited all the classes and delivered a few remarks to the boys and girls. Later, Mr Lee addressed the ; boys and girls in the upper standards in the Assembly Hall. Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster of the school) occupied the chair, and in introducing Mr Loo to the children, referred to the splendid work Mr Leo had done for the cause of education in- his long and varied career.

Mr Lee, who was greeted with cheers by the children, stated that Masterton had a splendid school and a schoolmaster who was a credit to it. (Applause). Mr Jackson had the interests of the school at heart and had done wonderful work in furthering education in Masterton. Mr Jackson took a fatherly interest in all the children, and their care and comfort was ever his first consideration. He was pleased to see so many happy and smiling faces in front of him that day, and their presence carried him back through the long vista of years to those times when he had as inspector examined their mothers and fathers, and perhaps their grandmothers and grandfathers, who were then children at the school. He advised the children to take. up some hobby; if they did it would lead to good results. From little beginnings it was possible to make big results, and he instanced the great careers of Edison and Marconi. It was a fine thing to have a good library at a school, and Masterton was well supplied in this respect. It was good for children to take up a subject for which they had a liking—history —ancient history, such as that of Rome and Greece —poetry, or the biographies of great men and women. By such means they would cultivate good taste as well as improve their knowledge; and he liked to see good taste cultivated in boys and girls—especially in girls. "What you are doing at school to-day, girls and boys, is to build up your character," said Mr Lee. "And your character will be formed by your teachers. Cultivate a habit of observation. A child is not

worth his salt who does not observe everything that is worth observing, and endeavour to improve himself." Mr Leo paid a tribute to the work the early school teachers had done in Masterton and said that Mr Grundy was the first man to make the Masterton School what it is to-day. Mr Lee concluded by giving the children some good advice as to building up their future life. Mr Lee resumed his seat amidst loud applause. The gathering dispersed with rounds of cheers given by the boys and girls for Mr Lee.

26th APRIL 1915 The annual election of members of the Masterton School Committee will be held on Monday next. Though the functions of a school committee are somewhat limited, an energetic body of men are, capable of doing much to advance the cause of education. Therefore it is desirable that a thoroughly "live" committee should be elected. We are pleased to note that during the past two years a keen interest has been taken in the school committee election in Masterton, a decided contrast to the elections a few years ago, when difficulty was often experienced in securing enough candidates to complete the number of committeemen required by the Act. We trust that keen interest will be manifested in the elections on Monday next, and that householders will attend in large numbers, and so perform a duty they owe to their children.

30th April 1915 Mr John Dineen, truant inspector of the Wellington Education Board, visited the Masterton school yesterday.

1st May 1915 ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report of the Masterton District High School Committee will be presented at the annual meeting of householders on Monday evening. It states, inter alia: —

Your committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report, and its statements of accounts for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1914. In all three departments of your school, main school, side school, and high school, a highly successful year's educational work has been done by the headmaster and his staff. The attendance for the year ending December 31st last was very creditable to the scholars, parents, and teachers, over 93 per cent of the children being present every day of the year. The good attendance certificates earned constitute a record for any year and for any school. Your committee has been earnest in its endeavours to maintain the buildings and grounds of the schools under its care, in a high state of efficiency, both with regard to hygienic conditions and the comfort and well-being of the scholars. With this end in view, the scheme devised by the headmaster for the daily disinfection of all the rooms in the building has been duly carried out during the year, and there has been very little sickness prevalent among the children. To improve the sanitary conditions of the school grounds, an expenditure has been incurred by your committee in levelling, grading and asphaltting. The work done this year forms part of a complete- scheme

—a similar effort carried out for a year or two will result in the possession of highly sanitary surroundings of all the departments of your schools. The Education Act Amending Act came into force on January 1st last. Under its provisions, subsidies are made payable on donations to any school. Taking an advantage of this, an effort was made to obtain free school books for all the scholars of the Masterton Small Farm Block. A sum was voted by the Trust Lands Trust conditional on the Government subsidy being available, but as the regulations for administering the Act are not yet framed, the Trust grant lapsed for this year. It is very probable, however, that free school books will be available next year. Your committee desires to thank the Borough Council for the free use of the municipal baths for the school

children. By this means, every scholar above the third standard has had the advantage of free tuition in swimming and lifesaving. The result is that nearly every pupil in the school has learned to swim. The school museum is an institution quite unique among school institutions, both to scholars and visitors. It is being constantly enriched by gifts of educational exhibits and is being controlled without any expenditure from the school funds. Your committee desires to express its thanks to the headmaster and staff for their zealous work, to the Trust Lands Trust for its grants, to the Borough Council for the use of the baths, and to the parents for their hearty co-operation. Your committee has held 16 meetings, 12 ordinary and 4 special and the attendance has been as follows: —R. Brown 16, W. Gourlay 15, W. L. Falconer 13. A. Hendry 14, L. Threadwell 13. A. W. Chapman 13, Rev. B. L. Thomas 11, G. Hyde 9, and W. Kemp 12.

4th May 1915 A few years ago school committee elections were practically matters of routine, and in most cases the committeemen who held office during the previous year were again elected. Now that new parties have entered the field of politics, however, the election of these committees has become a matter of some importance. No election is too insignificant to attract the attention of party leaders in the different towns, and "tickets" are run at all elections from school committee and Trust Lands right along the line to the general election. Next Thursday evening the Masterton School Committee will be elected by the householders, and as it is more than likely that several "tickets" will have their supporters present in force, it behoves householders generally to be up and doing. It is a fact to be deplored that the party "machine" is brought to work in elections of this character, but seeing that such is the case, we advise those interested in our school to make a point of recording their votes next Thursday evening.

4th May Mr Richard Brown has been chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee for about seventeen years

4th May 1915 MASTERTON. The annual meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held in the Drill Hall, Masterton, last evening, there being an attendance of well over a hundred householders, including a large number of ladies. Mr Richard Brown occupied the chair and formally moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. Mr C. Perry seconded the adoption, and after Mr W. Falconer had spoken to the report, it was unanimously carried. Nominations were then called for the election of a committee for the ensuing year. The following nominations were received: —Messrs R. Brown, A. Deal, W. L. Falconer, W. B. Gourlay, A. Hendry, Eli Smith, David Threadwell, E. H. Waddington, J. A. Shackleton, and B. E. Church. As ten nominations were received to fill nine vacancies, a ballot -wan taken, and resulted as follows: — Richard Brown 132 A. Hendry 120 E. H. Waddington ... 117 W. Gourlay 112 W. L. Falconer 111 D. Threadwell 107 J. A. Shackleton 102 B. E. Church 97 Eli Smith 94 A. Deal 69 The chairman then declared the first nine duly elected to the committee for the ensuing year. THE NEW COMMITTEE. At the conclusion of the meeting of householders a meeting of the new committee was held. Mr Richard Brown was unanimously elected as chairman for tile ensuing year and welcomed the incoming committee Mr W. M. Easthope wa.3 re-elected secretary for the ensuing year. Tt was decided to write to the retiring members thanking them for past service: to the committee. The monthly meetings will be held on the second Friday in each month.

5th May 1915 It was stated by the chairman of the Masterton School Committee (Mr R. Brown) at the special meeting last evening, that it was desirable to have the forthcoming school committee election carried out on better lines than the last one. It had been alleged that at the election last year that persons who were not entitled to vote had voted, while others had received two voting papers. It was a difficult matter to carry out an election satisfactorily with the present machinery allowed under the Act. "There will not be so many householders present this year as last," remarked Mr W. Kemp, "and consequently there will not be the same confusion." Eventually the committee decided that the chairman should arrange matters in connection with" the conduct of the election.

7th May 1915 The election of school committees in the Wellington Education Board District will take place to-night. The election for the Masterton committee will be held in the Drill Hall, the annual meeting of the householders taking place at the same time.

8th May 1915 The annual "meeting of Masterton householders was hold last evening. Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton School Committee, presided, and there was an attendance of about 130 persons present. Annual Report. The chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. He referred to the medical inspection of children at the school and said that he thought that this was a matter for the Government to take up. Mr Brown stated that the position in regard to the salaries of secondary teachers was not satisfactory, but the Minister of Education intended to give this matter his attention. He considered the museum was well worthy of a visit from parents. He thought that a scholarship should be established 'in connection with the agricultural side of the school, and that the scholarship winners should be given the advantage of pursuing their scholarship course at the State farms. The chairman paid a high tribute to Mr Jackson's work in connection with the school and the museum. There was a splendid staff of teachers, and Masterton was to be congratulated on the excellence of the teaching staff at the school.

Mr W. L. Falconer seconded the motion and explained what had been done in regard to work carried out in the school grounds during the past year. He also referred to the success "of pupils of the schools at the examinations, which reflected the greatest credit on Mr Jackson and his staff. The motion was then put to the meeting and carried. Election of Committee. Eleven nominations were received for the nine seats on the committee, the voting being as follows:— Richard Brown 110 votes, A. Hendry 99, G. Hyde 88, A. W. Chapman 87, W. L. Falconer 84, W. Gourlay 81, W. Kemp 75, D. Threadwell 72, Rev. B. L. Thomas 70, E. Pragnell 65 G. Ross 62. The first nine were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded to the headmaster and staff of the school for their services during the past year. Place of Meeting. Mr E. Feist moved that in future the annual meeting be held in the Assembly Hall at the Masterton school. Mr D. Threadwell seconded the motion . Mr R. Krahagen moved as an amendment that the meeting be held in the Drill Hall. The amendment was carried by 46 votes to 22. Mr W. H. Jackson briefly addressed the meeting on what was being done at the school. Meeting of Committee. At a meeting of the new committee, Mr R. Brown was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

10th May 1915. Mr T. Flaws, a keen football enthusiast,; offered a medal to the player who proved of greatest service to his side during the match, Masterton District; High School v. Maori College, on Saturday last. An independent spectator undertook the arduous task of

judging, and finally awarded the medal to Tim Cragg the District High School full-back Masterton won 6-3

11th May 1915 he teachers, Who are attending the physical 'training camp at Masterton, were' accorded a civic reception in the Masterton District High School Assembly Hall this morning. There were about 180 teachers present. Besides the Mayor (Mr J. M. Coradine) there were also present, —Messrs G. R. Sykes, M.P., A. W. Hogg (member of the Wellington Education Board), Cr Winzenberg, the Town Clerk (Mr J. Archer), and several other citizens. The Mayor, in welcoming the teachers, said that Masterton had not been kind to them as far as the weather was concerned, but, nevertheless, the welcome to the teachers was none the less hearty. On behalf of the town of Masterton he extended a hearty welcome to the teachers, and he trusted that they would have a pleasant and profitable sojourn in Masterton. Referring to the physical training of children "which had come into vogue, he said that in his boyhood days there was no such innovation for the purpose of developing physically the school children. He knew that the teachers would benefit by their training. (Applause) . Mr Sykes, on behalf of the district, also extended „ hearty welcome to the teachers to Masterton. He regretted that the present time had been fixed for the camp, when the climatic conditions are adverse. He said that he considered the physical training of children a step in the right direction and said that he was sure the children would benefit by the instruction imparted to them by the teachers attending the camp. The education and the physical instruction of the children went hand in hand. (Applause).....

14th May 1915 The weather having cleared, teachers in camp at Masterton found their work very pleasant yesterday,, although it was somewhat .strenuous. Last night an enjoyable progressive euchre tournament was played in the Masterton school assembly hall Misses Morrison and Wolff were the lady winners, and Messrs. R. J. ,Foss and -Harrison the gentlemen. In the absence of Mr W, H. Jackson,' the chair was occupied by Mr' D. E. Leslie. On Saturday a hockey match ladies V gentlemen, will be played by the teachers on the school grounds.; The ladies have undertaken to provide skirts for the men.

15th May 1915 Two of the senior assistants and one of the juniors at the Masterton District High School have been absent for a week on account of illness. The infants' mistress at the side school was absent for a week on account of the illness and death of her brother.. The attendance at the Masterton schools has been exceptionally good during the past month. The percentage was 94 at the main school, and 93 at the side school. The roll numbers are at present as follows; — Main school, 624; side school, 161; secondary classes, 88.

! The headmaster of the Masterton District High School has received the following donations towards the ! school museum : —Collection of rubber specimens from Ceylon, Mrs 'Donald Donald; Egyptian clay figures, with ancient inscriptions, old coins from Egypt, one of the old boys of , the school; bird specimen, Mr A. S. I Wilkinson; moa bones, Mr W. M. Laing.

15th May 1915 A further month's leave of absence has been granted to Miss A. A. Atkinson, of the staff of the Masterton District High School

18th May 1915 The teachers' physical drill squads will be dismissed at mid-day to-day to enable them to attend the lecture at the Masterton School on "The new Syllabus" by the Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr T. R. Fleming, M.A. The president of the Institute, Mr P. L. Coombs, B.A., will take the chair at 2 o'clock. The lady teachers will be entertained at

afternoon tea by the members of the men's camp at 4 o'clock in the Masterton' School Assembly Hall.

15th May 1915 At its meeting last night, the Masterton school committee passed a resolution of appreciation of the faithful services rendered by Miss Nellie Hogg at the Masterton District High School. At the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, Miss Hogg was farewelled by the children of her classes, and was the recipient of tokens of esteem. Miss Hogg severed her connection with the school yesterday. Yesterday the teachers of the Masterton District High School gave an afternoon tea to Miss Nellie Hogg, who is to be married shortly. Justice having been done to the refreshments, Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, in a highly complimentary speech, presented Miss Hogg, on behalf of the teaching staff, to which she has been for years attached, with a silver tea service, oak tray, and Indian hand-worked tray cloth. In making the presentation, he remarked that Miss Hogg's connection with the school had extended from childhood, for she had received her early education there, and she had become one of the most useful and strongest teachers on his staff. With her fellow teachers and pupils alike she had always made herself 'most popular. They were all sorry to lose her, and the presentation was, accompanied with their, best wishes for her future. Miss Hogg feelingly expressed her thanks. The remainder of the afternoon was pleasantly spent in a variety of competitions.

15th May 1915 MONTHLY MEETING. The first monthly meeting of the newly-elected Masterton School Committee was held in the Trust Lands Trust Buildings last there being present Mr Richard Brown (chairman), and Messrs D. Threads well, A. Hendry, J. A. Shackleton } . B. E. Church, W. O. Gourlay, W. L. Falconer, and Eli Smith. An apology for absence was received from Mr E. H. Waddington. The treasurer reported a debit balance of £16 11s 1d at the bank. The visiting members reported the school to be in a very clean and satisfactory state, the roof gutters having been cleaned. The asphaltting required a little top-dressing. It was decided to ask the Education Board to have a window opening on to the lobby, placed in one of the class rooms, to improve the lighting and ventilation. Accounts amounting to £46 14s 8d were passed for payment. Committees were appointed as follows Finance, Messrs " Hendry, Smith, Waddington, and Brown; Works, Messrs Falconer, Threadwell, Gourlay, Shackleton, and Church. Messrs 'Gourlay, Hendry, and Shackleton were appointed visiting members. A motion of appreciation of the faithful services, rendered by Miss Nellie Hogg, at the Masterton District High School, was passed at last night's meeting of the Masterton School Committee, those present wishing Miss Hogg every happiness in her approaching marriage. At the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, Miss Hogg was farewelled by the children, of Her classes, and was the recipient of tokens of esteem. Miss Hogg severed her connection with the school yesterday.

15th May 1915 HEADMASTER'S REPORT. The headmaster of the Masterton school, Mr Jackson, presented the following report of the museum, at last night's meeting of the Masterton School Committee:—

In reply to your communication requesting a report from by committee on the Masterton school museum I have pleasure in supplying you with the following information: The museum building was donated to the Masterton school by the managers of the Masterton Technical School on condition that the Trust Lands Trust removed it to its present site, renovated it and handed over to the committee the exhibits in the Trust's possession. This was

duly carried out by the Trust, and the institution was formally opened by the Hon. James Carroll on May 15, 1911. Prior to the opening a vast amount of work had to be done. The cases and exhibits of the old museum had been stored in a shed for some six years. Cases were bespattered with paint and exhibits covered in dirt. The cases were scraped, polished, and re-glazed, and the exhibits were cleaned and re-mounted, the natural history specimens being first sterilised in closed cases. Round all the walls of the rooms of the museum a thoroughly well-built range of staging was erected. The floors of the three public rooms were covered with best cork linoleum and the institution was thrown open to the public on the date named. The subsequent development of the museum has been a source of pride and pleasure to my committee. "Whole ranges of cases have added to the equipment, the exhibits have been largely increased, and the educational value of the institution has been materially augmented.

Last year's official visitors to the museum included the following Hon. James Allen, Sir W. C. Buchanan, Mr G. R. Sykes M.P., Mr A. W. Hogg, Hon. F.M.B. Fisher, and Mr Robert Lee. All of them entered very appreciative remarks in the visitors' book regarding the work accomplished and the educational value of the institution. "Unique among New Zealand Educational Institutions," is the entry of Mr C. W. Russell, M.P., who inspected the museum on the 30th ult.

The museum has been kept open to the public every Thursday afternoon and evening, and on other days when requested. To enable some of the exhibits to be properly protected additional wall cases are required. The last Trust grant was expended on a range of wall cases occupying the whole of one wall. No grant has been received for last year. In the development of the museum it is the desire of the headmaster, and committee, to make the institution educational rather than merely interesting. With this end in view it is proposed, as funds permit, to make the collection of New Zealand avian specimens more complete, to add further exhibits of local and Dominion minerals and to secure and preserve historic papers and documents of special local interest

28th May 1915 Over one thousand children from the Masterton District High School, Lansdowne, Te Ore Ore, Fernridge and Side Schools, and St. Patrick's School, took part in the children's demonstration in the streets yesterday afternoon. The big procession was headed by the Ruahine Battalion Band. The Town Hall, where the patriotic matinee took place, was crowded. An excellent set of films was exhibited by the Masterton' Picture-Company, which organised the entertainment.

2nd June 1915 Allies' Relief fund included Miss Wolff sale of cookery books £12. Hospital Ship Masterton District High School penny offerings, 2 weeks, £5

12th June 1915 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present: —Messrs R. Brown (chairman), J. A. Shackleton, Eli Smith, W. L. Falconer, A. Hendry, B. E. Church, W. C. Gourlay and E. H. Waddington. Letters were read from the Education Board, notifying that Mr J. G. Goldsman had been appointed a teacher in place of Mr Miller, and that a window would be placed in the central room as requested. It was reported that this window had been put in, and improvements made to the Side School by removing the gallery and fixing tyleplate round the walls. The finance committee's report was adopted, and the committee as a whole agreed to meet at the school on Thursday next on a visit of inspection, and to decide upon a programme of work for the

year. Messrs Smith, Threadwell and Waddington were appointed visiting members for the month. The average attendance at the Masterton District High School last month was reported to be 603, and the percentage of attendances 96. At the Side School the average attendance was 156, and the percentage of attendances 96. The average attendance at the secondary classes at the High School was 85, and the percentage of attendances 97.

21st June 1915 The Masterton Trust Lands Trust has so long been a milch cow and has so long allowed its moneys to be frittered away, that it is not at all surprising to find it placing upon its estimates a sum of £30 to augment the salary of one of the secondary school teachers. The ability of the teacher in question is undoubted.; but we maintain that the Trust Lands Trustees have no moral right to add to the salary he receives from the Education Board, in order to retain his services. The principle is entirely wrong; and might be extended until the whole of the funds of the Trust were devoted to the payment of teachers. We know of quite a number of estimable teachers whose services could have been retained to Masterton with advantage. But no effort was made to tempt them to remain, by the offering of bonuses by the Trust Lands Trust. It is not fair to the teaching profession, much less is it fair to the beneficiaries under the Trust, that the revenues should be expended in subsidising school teachers.

26th June 1915 Mr H. Miller severed his connection with the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon. That pupils and teachers felt his loss and appreciated his many sterling qualities was clearly evidenced by the fine send-off that was given to him. After five years' successful service here, Mr Miller leaves to occupy the position of first assistant at the new Britomart School, Wellington. The Masterton school staff and pupils expressed their deep regret at the loss of such an able colleague and teacher but congratulated him upon his well-deserved promotion. The pupils of his Standard V. Class presented Mr Miller with an A quality shaving outfit, the football club (of which he has acted indefatigably as "coach") showed their appreciation by presenting him with a useful kit bag, and the staff, after entertaining him at afternoon tea and cheering their colleague as a "jolly good fellow," handed him a splendid travelling rug. Mr A. W. Hogg, senior member of the Board, was present, and voiced his appreciation of the guest in a fine speech. Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, made all three presentations, and spoke most encouragingly of Mr Miller. He felt sure that their colleague would be as successful in his new sphere of labour as he had been loyal and excellent in the position he was vacating at the Masterton School.

26th June 1915 The elder pupils and the staff of the Greytown District High School met on Thursday evening in the schoolroom to bid farewell to Mr C. Goldsman, first assistant - at the school, who is leaving to take up a position at the Masterton School, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in games, etc. Presentations were made on behalf of the pupils and staff by the headmaster, who spoke in terms of high appreciation of the excellent work accomplished by Mr Goldsman during the five years he had been in Greytown, as well as of the cordial relations which had always existed between Mr Goldsman and his pupils and fellow teachers.

10th July 1915 "I heard of a little girl who would not attend the Masterton school unless she was paid," remarked Mr T. Wagg amidst laughter, at the Trust Lands Trust meeting last night. The monthly meeting of the Masterton school committee was held last evening, there being present:—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), J. A. Shackleton, A. Hendry, B. E. Church, W. C. Gourlay, W. L. Falconer, E. Smith and E. H. Waddington. The Education Board notified the

appointment of Miss G. Cameron to the school, and also wrote in reference to the painting of the interior of the school. Mr H. Miller forwarded his resignation from the teaching staff. The report of the headmaster was read. Messrs Brown, Church and Falconer were appointed visiting members for the month.

The work to be undertaken at the Masterton District High School on Arbor Day (Wednesday next) will be the further development of the native flora scheme in the museum reserve grounds. A large amount of the preliminary work has already been accomplished by the scholars.

It was reported to the Masterton school committee last night that the average attendance at the main school in Masterton last month was 595, and the percentage of attendance 94. at the side school the figures were 150 and 92, and in the secondary classes 83 and 96. The attendance for the quarter ending June 30th constituted a record for a winter quarter.

10th July 1915 LIVELY DISCUSSION. At the Masterton Trust Lands Trust meeting last night, Mr A. W. Hogg moved the adoption of the report of the Education Committee. The grants to the schools were increased by £24, and the Masterton Main School got a benefit from it. Mr Jackson seconded the motion. Mr Hogg asked for information as to attendance at the District High School. Mr Jackson explained that a number of pupils, "five out of six, who had won the right to secondary education, "had elected to attend the Masterton school.

Mr Wagg was understood to object to the growth of these grants, and to observe that he had heard of a little girl who would not attend the school here unless she was paid. (Loud laughter.) Mr Krahaugen thought it was a compliment to the Masterton school that there was such readiness to attend it.

Mr Daniell wanted to know why, in face of a school balance-sheet showing a credit balance, it was now sought to increase the grant. Mr Eton pointed out that the committee had decided to increase the minimum capitation grant from 1s to 2s, as a matter of justice. Mr Jackson pointed out that the committee had adopted the schedule of the Act as the basis of their grant. The chairman: Why were not the masters of the other schools invited to attend the committee meeting? Mr Daniell made a similar inquiry- . . . Mr Jackson resented the implication that he had attended the meeting in the narrow interests of the Masterton school. He wanted the money to be apportioned out for all the schools, and he hoped he would not hear such a thing again. He knew that the masters of the outlying schools referred to would wish him to guard their interests, as he had done. Mr Krahaugen questioned the need for the grant. Mr Perry said Mr Jackson had attended the meeting to afford them information, and he did not take part in the committee's discussion. Mr Hogg explained and justified the committee's action in sticking to the principle of capitation. Mr Wagg: Why, I hear the Masterton District High School has money to invest, and a deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank! (A laugh.) What, do they want...with a grant? Mr Daniel! regretted that Mr Jackson was posing as an injured man. The grant had not been justified. • The report was adopted, Mr Daniell dissenting.

10th July 1915 AN INJURED PATRIOT." A THREATENED STORM.
TENSION AT THE TRUST MEETING

There were indications of a storm bursting on the Trust Lands Trust meeting last night. The Trust was discussing the education committee's report in regard to increasing the per capita grant to the Masterton school by one shilling.

Mr Daniell enquired why this increase had been made when the Masterton school began the year with a credit balance of £150 and completed the year with a credit balance of £175.

Mr Eton made an explanation stating that Mr, Jackson had been present by invitation at the committee meeting, and gave certain information which the committee considered reasonable, and decided to make the increase accordingly.

Mr Jackson then rose and commenced to make an explanation. He said that when the Trust scheme was started 25 years ago

Mr Daniell: "No."

There was a pause in the proceedings, and the situation became intense.

Mr Jackson: "When Mr Daniell gives me a chance we'll go on with the business." There was another painful pause.

Mr Jackson: "Well, we'll say many years." He then went on to make his explanation, stating that the committee had adopted the schedule of the Act as the basis of their grant.

Later Mr Daniell spoke on the proposed increase. "I am sorry Mr Jackson feels an injured patriot again," said Mr Daniell. "He takes up this attitude so often that it becomes amusing. I consider that it is unfortunate that Mr Jackson should take such a prominent part in these matters. It is unfortunate indeed

" A Trustee: "That is hardly fair."

Mr Jackson rose to his feet and entered a protest. Mr Jackson: "We don't want a scene."

A Trustee: "We don't want scenes like we have had at former Trust meetings."

Mr Daniell: "Oh, very well; I won't keep you long. I will just say that it is unfortunate that other schools are injured as a result."

The matter then dropped and the threatened storm passed over.

13th July Miss S. 'Cameron, of Nelson, has been appointed, by the Wellington Education Board as assistant teacher at the Masterton school, in succession to Mrs Wainwright (Miss Nellie Hogg). [In 1914 Sarah Cameron was a substitute teacher (Replacing Gwendoline F Wright who was on war duty)] [There was no S Cameron listed on Masterton School teacher list at December 1915]

2nd August 1915 Miss M McKenzie M A appointed as teacher in the Secondary class at Masterton District High School

3rd August 1915 The arrangements for to-morrow's celebration of Declaration Day in the Masterton Park, and the Carnival, are complete in every detail. There has been no alteration in the detailed programme, which we published some days ago. A full holiday is to be recognised in Masterton, and it is expected that a very large crowd will be present at the Park. The procession will leave lower Queen street, opposite the Masterton school, about one o'clock. The Masterton Citizens' Defence Corps will parade at the Drill Hall at 12.15 o'clock to-morrow for the purpose of taking part in the Declaration Day demonstration. [Declaration Day meant that the war was declared one year previously]

11th August 1915 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, has been confined to his bed for several days.

14th August 1915 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, Mr K. Brown presiding. A request from the secretary to the Friendly Societies' Carnival Committee, that the school should co-operate with them in the proposed patriotic carnival, was referred to the visiting members of the committee, with a request that they

should confer with the headmaster and report. Messrs Gourlay, Hendry and Shackleton were appointed visiting members for the month. The committee last evening considered letters from the Education Board: (1) In reference to training senior boys on points determining good breeding in animals; and (2) suggesting that in view of an anticipated shortage of farm seeds, boys and girls should be encouraged to gather grass seeds and raise vegetable seeds on waste corners. These letters were referred to a sub-committee comprising Messrs R. Brown, Falconer and Smith, to consider and report upon them at the next meeting of the committee.

17th August 1915 .Mr Inspector Bakewell is at present conducting the examination of sections of the Masterton District High School.

Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, is now convalescent and at his post in command of the School

20th August 1920 The children attending the Masterton District High School are observing an inspectors' holiday to-day

27th August 1915 Feeling in the Wairarapa that the district had room and need for a boarding school for girls. Heretofore our girls have been sent to a considerable distance, and it has been felt that the Wairarapa could establish, maintain and carry on a school of its own, and that such a school would render a service to the whole district. With this end in view, a Board of Governors, connected with the Wairarapa Presbytery, have leased Solway House, near Masterton. The property is admirably adapted for school uses. The house, with its large, airy rooms, is healthily situated in beautiful grounds, several acres in extent, which will provide facilities for education. The aim of the promoters is to provide for a teaching institution,.....

28th August 1915 In a match at Masterton to-day, the Masterton District High School defeated Hikurangi College by 21 points to 11. For the winners, W. Hoar, E. Perrin, W. Candy and H. Miller scored tries, and Miller kicked a penalty goal and converted three tries. Mr B. Chapman controlled the game. This match decided the competition for the Rugby Union Shield, which remains with the Masterton school for another year.

4th September 1915 RED CROSS DANCE

MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. The dance last evening, as above, was a most successful function, and the children presented a very pretty sight. The girls' recruiting contingent, Red Cross nurses, sailor boys, cadets and Ambulance boys, made a colour picture to be remembered. The dance went with a swing throughout. At the conclusion of the children's programme Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster) presented to Mr A. P. Whatman, in the names of the girls and boys, an enlarged photo of the recruiting girls and sailor boys, the cost of whose dresses and costumes Mr Whatman had generously defrayed. The headmaster desires to thank Mr McKenzie and his orchestra for their valuable musical contribution, most of the performers are old boys of the school, who on that account particularly, gave their services free.

11th September 1915 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening, there being present —Messrs R. Brown (chairman), W. F. Falconer, B. E. Church, E. Smith, A. Hendry, W. J. Gourlay, and D. Threadwell. A letter from the Education Board was received, notifying the appointment of Miss M. B. McKenzie to the staff. It was resolved to obtain prices from the local stationers and compare them with the Wellington prices. The efforts of all those who assisted at the recent patriotic social were ordered to be

acknowledged with appreciation. Mr Threadwell was appointed a delegate to the Friendly Societies' Carnival. Messrs Smith, Threadwell and Waddington were appointed visiting members.

17th September 1915 MASTERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS will be received up to 4 p.m. on FRIDAY, 24th inst., for the position of school cleaner. Schedule of duties and full particulars may be seen at this office or at the office of the undersigned, to whom applications should be addressed. W. M. EASTHOPE, Secretary.

25th September 1915 A meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening to receive applications for the position of custodian and cleaner. All the members were present. Eight applications were received, and after consideration it was decided to invite three of the number to wait on the committee on Wednesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, when the final selection will be made.

30th September 1915 At a special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, Mr P. J. Pinkney was appointed cleaner of the school

9th October 1915 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present, Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Eli Smith, W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, D. Threadwell, A. Hendry, Church, J. A. Shackleton and E. H. Waddington. The headmaster's report was read and received. A matter affecting the regulation of subsidies was referred to the Finance Committee. It was decided to apply to the Board for a £ for £ subsidy for asphaltting.

9th November 1915 The children attending the Masterton District High School on Friday last—Guy Fawkes Day—collected, the sum of £19 2s 1d, which is to be placed to the fund for the relief of the women and children of Belgium. The collection boxes used by the children were all sealed and marked with the school stamp.

13th November 1915 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening. There were present, —Messrs R. Brown (chairman), A. Hendry, Eli Smith, E. H. Waddington, J. A. Shackleton, W. L. Falconer, W. C. Gourlay, and B. Church. Sundry small repairs and requirements were deputed to the visiting committee to attend to. It was decided that, all things being equal, the school expenditure should be distributed equally amongst the tradespeople of the town. Messrs Gourlay, Hendry and Shackleton were appointed a visiting committee for the month

13th November 1915 The Masterton District High School Committee decided last evening to approve of the Education Board's proposal to appoint Miss D. Jackson to the school staff.

13th November 1915 The attendance at the Masterton District High School for the past month was as follows: —Main school, roll number 634, average attendance 592; side school, roll number 187, average attendance 170; secondary classes, roll number 74, average attendance 70.

18th November 1915 A collection of splints for the use of wounded soldiers, made by the pupils of the Masterton District High School was on exhibition at the Masterton flower show yesterday and was favourably commented upon.

23rd November 1915 Inspector Bakewell examined the scholars of the Sixth Standard at the Masterton District High School yesterday for proficiency certificates. To-day he will continue the scholarship examinations in handicraft and home science at the District High School and will continue them at the Technical School for the next fortnight.

25th November 1915 OBITUARY. MR W. SELLAR,

The death occurred this morning of ; a very well-known figure in Masterton -in the person of Mr William Sellar. The deceased, who was born in Aberdeenshire, in Scotland, in 1849, was held in great esteem, and was very popular on account of his jovial disposition. His death will be deeply regretted by his friends throughout the Wairarapa, The late Mr Sellar arrived in New Zealand in 1871 by the ship Star of India. He became accountant in Edrmondson, Sellar and Co.. of Wellington. With the late Mr P. W. Hales, of Flat Point Station, he commenced business in 1877, under the. style of Sellar and The business -was wound up three and .a-half years later, Mr Sellar then commencing business as an accountant and commission agent. He was in partnership with Mr W. B. Chennells for some years. He had been secretary of the Wairarapa Caledonian Society for about 25 years, and also secretary of many local institutions, including the Masterton Hospital Committee, Masterton School Committee, Masterton Park Trustees, Masterton Building Society, Masterton Club and Masonic Lodge.....

11th December 1915 It was reported to the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last night that Miss Maggie Scott, probationer, and Miss Jessie Rayne, pupil teacher, will retire, from the staff of the Masterton District High School at the end of the present month, in order to enter the training college. The headmaster reported "that both these teachers had discharged their duties in an exemplary manner and had shown a very pleasing development in teaching ability.

11th December 1915 Masterton Trust Lands Trust he Masterton School Committee asked the Trustees to make some repairs to the cottage occupied by the school caretaker. —To be attended to.

It was decided that the sum of £150 donated for free school books in the Masterton Borough and Small Farms District, be made available for School Committees on February 1st. It was also decided to write to the Secretary of Education asking if a subsidy would be available on the amount proposed to be granted.

11th December 1915 The attendance at the' Masterton District High School for the last month was as follows:—Main School, roll number 647, average attendance 609, side school, 191 and 182; secondary classes, 73 and 69.

16th December 1915 Presentations were made by the staff of the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon to Miss Maggie Scott and Miss Jessie Rayne, who are leaving to enter the Wellington Training College.

Mr G. J. Goldsman, of the staff of the Masterton District High School, was presented yesterday by the teachers of the school with a handsome- dinner service on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

he sailor boys and Bed Cross recruiting girls, who took part in the Demonstration Day function, entertained Mr A. P. Whatman at the Masterton District High School yesterday and presented him with enlarged framed photos of the boys and girls who took part in this function, which resulted in the raising of some £4000 for the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. Mr E. Brown, chairman of the school committee, made the presentation. Mr Whatman presented to the headmaster, and to Miss Wolff and Mr Leslie, enlarged framed photos of the groups as a memento of the occasion.

17th December 1915 Miss D. Jackson, who has severed her connection with the Te Ore Ore school in order to take up a position on the staff of the Masterton school, was farewelled yesterday by the parents and scholars of the school and presented with a writing desk. The presentation was made by Mr McGregor, chairman of the school committee. [Miss Dorothea Jackson was the Daughter of W H Jackson, Head Master of Masterton District High School]

17th December 1915 Mr A. P. Murphy, a very popular and capable teacher at the Masterton District High School, has been appointed* art teacher at the Masterton Technical School.

17th December 1915 ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

LIST OF PASSES

The Masterton District High School broke up yesterday afternoon of the Christmas vacation of six weeks. Mr R. Brown (chairman), and Messrs W. L. Falconer, D. Threadwell, and Eli Smith, members of the, School Committee, took part in the proceedings. Following is the list of passes and promotions: —

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES. Standard VI. —Proficiency Certificates: Roy Anderson, Gordon Beale, Seddon Burrige, Timothy Cragg, Clifford Dixon, Andrew Donald, Malcolm Falk, Ida Gibson, Eric Gully, Newman Hoar, Tobias Hoffeins, Norman Higgs, Cyril Lovell, Joseph Madeley, Hardy Meredith, Aeldred Moore, William McCormack, Gordon Speedy, Alwyn du Temple, Sydney Thorne, Welsford Truscott, Seymour Willoughby, Hamilton Page, Allen Rule, Elsie Calwell, Sarah Candy, Maisie Carrick, Grace Chapman, Ethel Collinge, Eva Fairbrother, Olive Lenz, Doris Martin, Vervian Minifie, Ellen O'Hara, May Shearer, Gwladys Williams, Etta Dixon, Janet Prosser, Doris Wilkes, Annie Pinhey, Doris Permain, Molly Horne-Shaw, Muriel Wolff.

COMPETENCY CEETIFICATES. Standard VI. —Cyril Evernden, Alex Hausman, Walter Henson, Charles Homewood, James Laing, Frank Shackleton, Vincent Simonson, Edward Swanson, Walter Tyacke, Donald Webb, Ian Wyber, Basil Rowlands, Maud Judd, .Stella McCullough, Alice Pond, Dorothy Rutherford, Ilene Smith, Emily Coe.

Promoted to Standard VI.—Frieda Anderson, Madge Anstice, Ivy Bongo, Jennie Drabble, Isla Elliott, Gwen Godfrey, Elsie Hooper, Lily Hill, Grace Johnston, Doreen Jamieson, Myrtle Kjar, Jessie Leach, Enid Pragnell, Rhena Permain Mona Page, Graco Sinclair, Laura Vincent, Mona Wellington, Doris Wyber, Elsie Cole, Adeline Cole, Edwin Allsworth, Kenneth Aplin, Stanley Benge, John Bolton, Basil Bradley, Thomas Brown, Max Campbell, Albert Crawford, Edwin Calwell, Rupert Davies, Jack Eton, Jack Ewart, Richard Evernden, William Falconer, Frank Foley, Allan Gardner, Albert Grimes, John Hastie, Carl Hausmann, Stephen Henson, Arthur Jackson, Cecil Lee, Charles McCullough Rod McRae, Graham McEwen, Reuben McMaster, Arnold Noble, Victor Payne, Douglas Pauling, Gordon Pauling, Thomas Redman, James Robson, Hugh Russell, Lionel Rutherford, Jack Stewart, Jack Townsend, George dv Temple, William Wilson, Alfred Winteringham, Albert Payne.

Promoted to Standard V. —Claude Andrews, Vickory Burrige, James Biggs, Harold Candy, Laurie Donald, Ralph Evans, James Ferguson, Jack Gardner, Chas Groombridge, Jack Hoffeins, Willie Harrington, Fred Harrington, Alick Hendry, Cecil Judd, Wallis Jamieson, Jack Martin, Jack Leach, Neil McGregor, Percy McCormack, Chas. McDougall , Alex Nisbett, Arthur O'Donnell, Alf Pinkerton, Archie Reardon, Jack Richards, William Robinson, Norman Swanson, Jack Stalker, Harry Smith, Clarry Smith, Eric Searle, Eric Threadwell,

Albert Vollheim, Clarry Watson, Hcdly Wilton, Wilkie Wise, Gordon Wood, Stan Willoughby, Will Winhall, Maurice Harris, Archie Madsen, Doris Amundsen, Marjorie Byrnes, Myrtle Barker, Amelia Carr, Coyla Cairns, Jessie Carrick, Irene Clemas, Gladys Collinge, Dorothy Friend, Ellen Ferguson, Jessie Grimes, Ervine Hadley, Mary Hall, Dorothy Head, Ruby Hooper, Ellen Henry, Margery Jenkins, May Keetley, Ina Lawton, Ivan Leslie, Thelma Land, Annie Madeley, Evelyn McKenzie , Mildred McDonald, Lilian Price, Eileen Pook, Phyllis Rule, Kate Saber, Mavis Santon, Leila Smith, Melia Saba, Eileen Weyland, Edith Wellington, Olive Walton, May Wilkes, Rita Wilton.

Promoted to Standard IV.— Harry Banks, Frank Biggs, William Byrnes, Arthur Beattie, Earle Campbell, Edmund Congdon, Leslie Collinge, Spencer Finlayson, Herbert Francis, Edgar Grantham, Leonard Grimes, Austin Gully, Stephen Gallagher, Bernard Hooper, Thomas Jackson, Sydney Judd, Hector Keen, Archdale McGrath, John McKenzie, Percy Morris, Leonard Morris, Louis Morris, Clarence McIver, Hector Madsen, John Palmer, Owen Paton, Benjamin Paine, Robert Pook, Charles Parton, Hugh Parton, Keith Ralph, Robert Russell, Horace Russell, Douglas Rutherford, Robert Stewart, Fred Taucher, Henry Tinsley, Stanley Thomas, Rex Vile, Archibald Wellington, Harold Williams, Norman Winhall, Lyla Anstice, Gladys Attree, Kathleen Blake, Nita Brown, Rhoda Clark, Alice Eton, Janie Evernden, Mollie Henry, Melva Hilton, Myrtle Jimmieson, Gladys Judd, Bertha Kjar, Edith Jackson, Ivy McConkey, Nellie McCormack, Gladys Newland, Melva Noble, Bernice Page, Bessie Pauling, lone Peacock, Peggy Prosser, Myrtle Price, Olive Ridgway, Hilda Shackleton, Ngaire Sinclair, Winnie Smith, Ethel J Stokes, Margaret Sutherland, Nellie Thomson, Edna Thorne, Ethel Vine, Joyce Vile, Doris Walker, Dorothy Ward, Elsie Ware, Alice Wyllie.

Promoted to Standard 3. —Wilfred Allen, Ernest Anderson, William Barton, Thomas Carr, Thomas Clemas, Geo. Crozier, Archie Coley, Max Dowling, Nolan Franks, John Hunn, Harry Hill, Francis Jamieson, Cyril Judd, Gordon King, Arthur Lenz, Jack Lawrence, Reggie Lee, Walter Lee, Leslie McDougall, James Price, James Pember, Cyril Perry, Albert Lovell, Keble Sharp, James Sutherland, Norman Taucher, Charles Tinsley, Victor Welch, John Webb, Ray Woodward, Harold Winslade, Elsie Benge, Agnes Dean, Ivy Donald, Florence Deadman, Agnes Evans, Eita Fox, Eva Hammond, Irene ' Hooper, Muriel Head, Jessie Jackson, Evelyn Jackson, Minnie Joy, Beth Keetley, Jean Laing, Lona McKenza, Jean McKenzie, Mary McRae, Vera Naylor, Eileen Oliver, Nita Permain, Loralie Peterson, Huia Russell, Ivy Sayer, Florence Sinclair, Madge Smith, Lena Swanson, May Truscott, Hilda Vollheim, Eila Wagg, Edith Wilton, Elsie Winslade, Lettie Woods, Eileen Yalden, Grace Yalden, Emilie Stevens, Pearl Madsen.

Promoted to Standard 2.—Dorothy Brighting , Rose Butcher, Alice Coley, Mildred Dean, Millicent Falloon, Ruth. Hayes, Eileen Harrington, Sadie Keen, Matilda Kemball, Beatrice Lenz, Constance List, Madge Maxted, Eunice McConkey, Eileen McCormack, Winnie McCullough, Eileen McDonald, Florence McKain. Tui McRae, Phyllis Naylor, Kathleen Noble, Phyllis Priddey, Alma Millar, Rita Miller, Edna Searle, Joyce Vincent, Lyla Williams, Daisy Wilton, .Marjory Hunn, Evelyn Ridgway, Marjory Rutherford, Edith Shackleton, Fred Archer, Clifford Blane, Burton Clemas, Douglas Collinge, Keith Catherall, Edward Cleary, Togo Coley, Stephen Cooper, Stuart Devenie, Claude Fairbrother, Alan Flood, Leslie Guildford, Leslie Hilton, Fred Holmwood, Sawyer Hurst, Ernest Jenkins, William Kemball,

Leslie Kjar, James List, Roy McEwan, Arthur Morwood, Marius Page, Alfred Pond, George Ridgway, Irving Rodger, Percy Russell, Henry Sayer, Jack Sharp, Stanley Smith, Cecil Sutherland, Ian Sutherland, Cyril Vine, Roy Wilmhurst, Cecil Wilton, Robert Wilton, Alfred Wise, Norman Woods, William Yates.

Promoted to Standard 1. —Eva Anstice, Mavis Attree, Violet Clark, Emily Collie, Ivy Dean, Marjory Ferris, Agnes Henderson, Jean Jackson, Nancy Lang, Carry Lenz, Ethel Liddall, Jessie McLeod, Gladys Miller, Nora Namana, Dulce Peterson, Eileen Price, Myrtle Sayer, Gwen Tinkler, Millie Wadham, Flora Weyland, Dorreen Wilmhurst, Jean Keir, Joe Billington, Leslie Benge, Clare, Ian Dowling, Thomas Godfrey, Victor Gooding, Victor Grantham, Alan Henderson, Jack Hughes, Stuart Jamieson, Horace Keen, Charles King. Victor Liddall, Leonard Newland, Clifford Peacock, Eric Smith, Walter Tinsley, Lauri Tinsley, Stanley Vollheim, Frank Walker, Oliver Whitton, Maurice Winslade, Temple Young, Douglas Donald.

SIDE SCHOOL. Promoted to Standard 3.—Reginald Amundsen, Douglas Banks, Crawford Cameron, Frederick Candy, Ralph Gully, George Hastie, Cyril Morris, Ian McIntosh, George Marshall, Kenneth McCalmont, Jack Rotter, James Sedcole, Alfred Sedcole, Nigel Wood, Roy Wellington, Janie Burden, Elmo Beale, Gracie Davis, Ena Finlayson, Ina McCalmont, Edith Morris, Dorothy O'Donnell, Daphne Payne, Sybil Terrill, Lottie Wallace.

Promoted to Standard 2. —Thomas Bolton, Jack Blinkhorne; James Elers, Alan Hawthorne, Walter Leach, Ralph Lee, Leslie Rice, Raymond Smith, Henry Sayers, Ernest Taylor, Herbert Albert, Hector Gourlay, Fred Clarke, Stanley Wong Moy, Alec Wong Moy, Alfred Dow, Jack Pearce, Lewis Williams, Victor Holland, Millie Alderslade Dorothy Barnette, Dorothy Biggs, Gladys Friend, Jessie Jriiluyso, Eva Gray, Mavis Gourlay, Marjorie Hausmann, Ruth Henry, Eva Jones, Millie Lewin, Edna Paton, Mattie Pinkerton, Mabel Pinkerton, Vera Rossiter, Cissie Retter, Jessie Rice, Nancy Taylor, Dora Wellington, Venetia Madsen, Bertha Vine.

Promoted to Standard I.— Albert Barker, Ben Blair, Alex Cole, Willie Cragg, Rona Faulknor, Spencer Friend, Lennie Gyde, Raymond Jones, Cosmia Lee, Joe Peel, Ronald Remington, Norman Sutherland, Wallace Taylor, Willie Webb, Frank Williams, Betty Baldwin, Florrie Barnes, Gracie Blair, Marjorie Brunton, Eileen Brunton, Winnie Grimes, Gwen King, Adrienne Kitto, Edith Salter, Viva Smith, Mavis Taylor, Mary Wallace. Myrtle Wright.

20th December 1915 (To the Editor.) Sir. —I noticed in your paper the other day that the Education -Department had decided that attendance certificates shall be granted to children attending the whole of the schools of the Dominion, and you publish a list of those who obtained such certificates at the Masterton District High School. Now, I want to know, as a parent, if these certificates are justly distributed. My boy was away from school for a week on account, of measles contracted through coming in contact with another boy who had gone to school after the holidays, before he had recovered from the effects of measles, is it right, or just, that my boy should, be penalised on this account? Again, some of the children live two and three miles from the school. Is it right that they should be placed on exactly the same footing as the children who live within a stone's throw of the school? —I am, etc., PARENT. Masterton, Dec. 15, 1915.

1916-1917

1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Jackson	William H	H	D-11	£430	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Leslie	David E	Assistant	C-32	£330	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Goldsman	George J	Assistant	B-54	£270	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Wilkinson	Isabella A Mrs	Assistant	B-54	£270	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Finlayson	Janet A	Assistant	C-45	£240	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Munro	Isabella (ii)	Assistant	D-61	£210	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Murphy	Arthur P	Assistant	C-2	£190	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	McGregor	Lois	Assistant	D-73	£180	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	York	Mary	Assistant	Lic	£133	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Hogg	Felicitas M F	Assistant	D-92	£120	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Elliott	Evelyn M	Assistant	C-90	£120	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Atkinson	Agnes A	Assistant	D-96	£120	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Sellar	Jeanie E	Assistant	C-99	£120	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Sutherland MA	Olive R	Assistant	A-87	£120	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Jackson	Dorothea E	Assistant	C-87	£120	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Murray B A	Mary E E	Assistant	B-93	£110	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	McLennan	Annie M	Pupil Teacher 2		£65	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Perry	Lucy M	Pupil Teacher 4		£60	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Stoddart	Annie F	Probationer 1		£60	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Collier	Fanny L	Probationer 1		£55	
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Bee M A, M sc.	John Guthrie	Secondary	A-48		
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	Brown B A	Alexandra M	Secondary	D-66		
1917	638-85-162 Side	Masterton	McKenzie M A	Mary B	Secondary	A-81		

As from 1916 Teacher lists were only published every second year by the Government

12th January 1916 Mr W. H. Jackson left Masterton yesterday on a trip to Rotorua

15th January 1916 A SUBSIDY REFUSED. The Masterton Trust Lands Trust recently decided to furnish, schools in Masterton with free books to the amount of £150, provided a subsidy could be obtained from the Education Department. The subsidy was applied for, but the Trust has now received a telegram from the Minister for Education, stating that the purpose for which a subsidy is asked cannot be regarded as coming within the provisions of the Act and regulations. The proposal to furnish free school books will consequently lapse.

15th January 1916 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School. Committee was held last night in the chairman's office, Queen street. Present: Messrs R. Brown (chairman), J. A. Shackleton, B. E. Church, W. Gourlay, D. Threadwell and W. L. Falconer. An apology was received from Mr Hendry. A letter was read from the Education Board, enclosing circular re grass seed collecting notifying that extra lavatory accommodation for High School pupils had been decided upon, and that a subsidy up to £50 for asphaltting was granted. The Minister of Education, wrote, stating he was inquiring into the matter of

subsidies on grants for free school books. It was decided to wire, asking the Minister if he has yet decided: on this question. The Works Committee reported having let a contract for asphaltting to Mr Franks, and that the work was being carried out under the supervision of Mr W. L. Falconer. The report was adopted. The visiting members reported that the schools had been thoroughly and efficiently cleaned by the custodian, and on their recommendation, it was decided to give the custodian a fortnight's holiday. A progress payment of £30 on the asphaltting contract was authorised to be made. Messrs R. Brown, B. E. Church and W. L. Falconer were appointee! visiting members, and the meeting then adjourned.

26th January 1916 Miss R Wolff resigns

25th April 1916 Mr W. H. Jackson, of Masterton, left last week for Auckland, where he was to be married yesterday to Miss R. Wolff.

5th May 1916 Jackson—Wolff. —On April 24th, at St. Mark's Church, Remuera, Auckland, by the Rev. W. Beatty, M.A., William Henry Jackson to Rosabell Wolff.

22nd May 1915 A pleasing function took place at the District High School on Friday afternoon, when the teachers assembled to express their good wishes to Mr and Mrs W. H. Jackson. Afternoon tea was provided, after which the presentation of a silver hot water kettle and candlestick was made to Mrs Jackson. Reference was made to the harmonious relations that always existed among the staff of the D.H.S., and to the excellent work that had been done in the school by Mrs Jackson (Miss Wolff) as infant mistress for seventeen years.

26th January 1916 Wellington Education Board Masterton, destructor; Masterton caretaker, grant on account of work during spring school.

26th January 1916 Senior free places, tenable for three continuous years from the 1st January 1916; have been granted by the Education Department to the following fifteen pupils of the Masterton Technical School:—Frederick Thorne, Henry Dagg, George Hunter, Eva Patrick, Elice Shearer, Florence Kerr, Gladys Hale, Florence McCurdy, Nellie Haxton, Leta Budd, Beryl Paynet, Dorothy Smallwood, Elizabeth Alexander, Jessie Scott, Doris Webb.

1st February 1916 Mr W. H. Jackson returned to Masterton on Saturday from a pleasant trip to Rotorua

9th February Part of a long piece on the opening of Solway College included Mr W H Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, also spoke. He congratulated the directors upon having secured such a splendid site for the College. As one of the managers of the Technical -School, he thought that the services of their domestic science teacher might be made available to the College. He wished the Sol way College and its staff every success. (applause)

11th February 1916 An accident was narrowly averted opposite the Masterton District' High School yesterday it appears that the children have a habit of crowding on to the road when leaving school, and a number were yesterday run into by a settler driving to town in his gig. But for promptly pulling up the horse one child must have been knocked down and trodden upon. This incident should act as a warning to those children who take to the road instead of using the footpath when leaving school.

12th February 1916 Miss Iorns has been appointed relieving teacher at the Lansdowne school. Miss Annie McLennan has been appointed pupil teacher at the Masterton High School.

12th February 1916 The Wellington Education Board is advertising for an infant mistress for Masterton at a salary of from £230 to £250.

The attendance at the Masterton District High School is at present 875, at the side school 175 and in the secondary class 76

17th February 1916 Mr R. J. Brown, chairman of the Masterton school committee, has forwarded a vigorous protest to the Minister of Education, and also the Wellington Education Board, concerning the proposal to reduce the number of Wairarapa representatives on the Education Board to two.

25th February 1916 Cabled advice has been received Miss O. R. Sutherland, of the staff of the Masterton District High School, stating that she has passed the final section of her B.A. degree.

4th March 1916 To the Editor.] Sir, —Now that cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in the vicinity of Masterton —and I understand that at least one case of suspected infantile paralysis is under observation in the town of Masterton —I would suggest that the Masterton School Committee recommend the Education Board to close the local schools for a few weeks. This would enable the children to stay out in the fresh air and reduce to a minimum the risk of contracting the disease. Holidays could be given now in substitution for the usual winter holidays, so that the children's education would not suffer. An ounce of prevention is better than a ton of cure. Personally I do not intend to send my children to school for a few weeks, by which time the frosts will have arrived, and there will not be the same grave danger of contagion.—I am, etc., PARENT.

10th March 1916 Of the sixteen applicants for the position of assistant mistress in the Mount Cook school; Wellington, Miss Vera Hunter, formerly of the Masterton D.H.School, has been chosen to fill the position.

11th March 1916 In the Senior B scholarship examinations, the pupils of the Masterton District High School distinguished themselves in a marked manner. There were only three scholarships awarded for the whole of the Dominion, and two of them were won by pupils of the Masterton school.

On the Masterton District High School grounds this morning the representative school cricket match, Wellington and Suburbs Schools v. Wairarapa, will be played. The visiting boys, accompanied by Messrs Arcus, Robertson and Fanning, arrived by the train last night, and are being billeted in the homes of the Masterton schoolboys. The Wairarapa team is composed almost wholly of Masterton boys.

The average attendance at the main school in Masterton last month was 646, at the side school 156, and at the secondary school 79.. The percentage of attendance was 95, 91, and 98 respectively,

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held in the Chairman's office at 8 o'clock last night. Mr R. Brown presided, and there were also present Messrs Eli Smith, W. Gourlay W. L. Falconer, and A. Hendry. Correspondence was read from the Education Board that no tender had been received for the work of erecting additional sanitary conveniences at the main school, owing to the great shortage of skilled labour, and the same difficulty was being experienced in other works. Fresh tenders would shortly be called for. The Board also sent the name of one candidate out of seventeen applicants for the position of infant mistress, and the Committee declined to make any

recommendation in view of the farcical proceeding. Accounts totalling £22 9s 5d were passed for payment. The headmaster's report was read, and satisfaction expressed with its contents. Messrs Eli Smith, D. Threadwell, and E. H. Waddington were appointed visiting members, and the meeting adjourned.

13th March 1916 Miss O. R. Sutherland, of Masterton, has been appointed assistant mistress at the Masterton District High School:

13th March 1916 The infant mistress at the Masterton side school has received leave of absence from the board until the end of the Easter holidays, on account of illness. Messrs W. Gourlay, A. Hendry, and Geo. Hyde were elected visiting members to the Masterton District High School at last night's meeting of the School Committee

Owing the long spell of fine weather, and the absence of ailments among the scholars, the attendance at the Masterton District High School for the past month has been excellent.

At last night's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported that a donation had been made to the school museum of a pair of red-faced Gouldian finches by Mr A. S. Wilkinson, and a donation of a fine specimen of the baleen plates from the mouth of a large whale, from Mr H. Beattie.

A meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held in Mr R. Brown's office, Trust Buildings, last evening, there being present: Mr R. Brown (chairman), and Messrs A. Chapman, A. Hendry, W. Gourlay, W. L. Falconer, D. Threadwell, and Rev. Thomas. The report of the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) was received and showed that the attendance at the schools for the past month was as follows: Main school, average attendance, 587, percentage of attendance, 95; side school, average attendance, 153, percentage of attendance, 95; secondary, classes, average attendance, 88, percentage of attendance, 97. Mr Falconer reported that the gutters at the school required cleaning, but in other respects everything was satisfactory at both schools.

15th April 1916 At the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last night, considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the action of the Wellington Education Board in combining the usual holiday in May with the Easter holiday, and eliminating the former. Members of the Committee considered the change unnecessary and undesirable.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, there being present—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), W. C. Gourlay, D. Threadwell, B. E. Church, A. Hendry, J. A. Shackleton, W. L. Falconer and Eli Smith. Correspondence was read from the Education Board re the appointment of probationers. Messrs Brown, Smith, Falconer and Hendry were appointed to wait on the Minister for Education when he is in Masterton in connection with certain matters. It was decided to advertise for twelve cords of 2ft firewood.

During the past year the Masterton School Committee held 18 meetings— 12 ordinary and 6 special at which the attendance has been as follows: — Mr Brown 18, Mr Falconer 18, Mr Gourlay 18, Mr Shackleton 17 Mr Hendry 16, Mr Smith 15, Mr Threadwell 14, Mr Church 14, and Mr Waddington 12.

The annual report of the Masterton District High School Committee states that the efficiency of the three schools under the Committee's care —the Main School, the Side School, and the High School —has been maintained in a very satisfactory manner. This is reflected in the report of the Inspectors, and it is highly creditable to the headmaster and his able staff. The

attendance for the year is the best yet recorded. At the Main School the attendance for the whole year was 94 per cent, at the Side School 93 per cent, and at the High School 94 per cent, the numbers on the rolls being: Main School 625, Side School 173, and High School 84, a total of 885.

States the annual report of the Masterton School Committee:—It is very pleasing to your Committee to be able to report that the Secondary Department of your school continues to maintain a high standard of efficiency. In the recent Matriculation Examination, two pupils passed with Solicitors' General Knowledge. In the Senior Board Scholarship Examination two scholarships were won by pupils of this school out of the three scholarships awarded" for the whole Dominion. For the Public Service Examination, four candidates were presented and all passed, and in the same examination five pupils won Senior Free Places.

15th April 1916 It was decided by the Masterton school committee last night to place on record its appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered to the school by Miss Woolf, in her capacity as teacher.

17th April 1916 ANNUAL REPORT. The following is the report of the Masterton District High School Committee, to be presented at the annual meeting of householders this evening:— Your Committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report and abstract of accounts. "The efficiency of the three schools under your Committee's care—the Main School, the Side School, and the High School—has been maintained in a highly satisfactory manner. This is reflected in the reports of the Inspectors, and it is highly creditable to the headmaster and his able staff. "The attendance for the year is the best yet recorded. At the Main School the attendance for the whole year was 94 per cent, at the Side School 93 per cent, and at the High School 91 per cent. The numbers on the rolls were: Main School 628, Side School 173, and High School 84, a total of 885.

"The health of the scholars has received the most careful considerations during the year. Further work has been done by your Committee in making the playgrounds thoroughly sanitary, and it is intended to complete the grading and asphaltting of the remaining portion as funds become available for this purpose. The splendid attendance record stated above is an indication that the schools under your Committee's care have been almost entirely free from sickness during the year. It will be gratifying to you to know that the daily disinfection of every room is receiving the careful attention of the headmaster and the custodian. "The proposal to re-model the classrooms at the Main School to make the building into an open-air school when desired has had to be postponed for a time. Plans have been prepared, but this is an inopportune time to press for a grant for this purpose.

"It is very pleasing to your Committee to be able to report that the Secondary Department of your school continues to maintain a high standard of efficiency. In the recent matriculation examination, two pupils passed with solicitors' general knowledge. In the Senior Board Scholarship examination two scholarships were won by pupils of this school out of the three, scholarships awarded for the whole Dominion. For the Public Service examination, four candidates were presented and all passed, and in the same examination five pupils won senior free places. "After many years of faithful service as infant mistress of your school, Miss Wolff has retired from the staff, and your Committee places on record its high appreciation of the valuable service rendered by her. "Your Committee desires to express its gratitude to the Trust Lands Trust for its grants, which, with the subsidy obtained on them, has enabled your

Committee to do many things for the health, comfort, and educational advantages of the children attending your schools, which without the grants would be quite out of reach. "During the year your Committee, has held eighteen meetings—12 ordinary and 6 special at which the attendance has been as follows :—Mr Brown 18, Mr Falconer 18, Mr Gourlay 18, Mr Shackleton 17. Mr Hendry 16, Mr Smith 15, Mr Threadwell 14. Mr Church 14., and Mr Waddington 12.

18th April 1916 During the present vacation at Masterton District High School the interior of the building is to be thoroughly scrubbed and disinfected. There is probably no school New Zealand where the health of the pupils is more, conserved than at the Masterton school.

In responding to a vote of thanks accorded the teaching staff at the annual meeting of householders held in Masterton last night Mr W. H. Jackson (headmaster) referred particularly to the high percentage of attendance maintained at the school throughout the year, which was a compliment to the parents, the committee, and the school. The record established—94 per cent—was probably unequalled in New Zealand.

At the annual meeting of householders held in Masterton last evening the following motion, moved by Mr W. L. Falconer, and seconded by Mr Eli Smith, was carried :—"That the school syllabus be so altered as to enable bookkeeping to be taught in the fifth and sixth standards." As showing the happy position in which the Masterton District High School stands in the matter of subsidies, etc., it might be mentioned that last year the sum of £148 15s 6d was received in capitation allowance, yet the committee was enabled, to expend £784 18s 5d and still have a credit in hand. It was stated by Mr R. Brown at the annual meeting of householders held in Masterton last night that it was the intention of the School Committee to gather the names as far as possible of ex-pupils who had volunteered for active service, with the object of erecting an Honours' Board at the school.

18th April 1916 Masterton School Committee.—Richard Brown (chairman), B. E. Church, W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, A. Hendry, Eli Smith, J. Shackleton, D. Threadwell, W. Waddington

29th April 1916 Mr and Mrs W. H. Jackson, of Masterton, are spending their honeymoon at the Hot Springs, Helensville. They expect to return to Masterton on May 8th

1st May 1916 INFANTILE PARALYSIS

[To the Editor.] Sir,—Can you tell me what the school authorities intend doing with regard to closing the infant school in Victoria Street, for a period, as a precaution against the spread of infantile paralysis? Fortunately, the Easter holidays have been on for the past fortnight, but I think it will be little short of criminal if the Side School is opened again for a few weeks. Practically the whole of the cases of infantile paralysis now in the Masterton Hospital have come from the one locality—the station end of Lincoln Road and the adjoining cross streets. This shows to anyone of ordinary intelligence that the disease is highly infectious, as the outbreak is spreading from house to house in the one locality. From the infected area there are many little children attending the Side School, and no matter how careful parents may be to see that everything possible is done to prevent contagion, it is to my mind simply inviting disaster to allow the school to be opened and the little ones to all sit and play together. What does the closing of the school for a few weeks matter, when one considers that the opening thereof may mean the loss of dozens of useful little lives. Let the Masterton School

Committee assert themselves and say this sort of thing will not be tolerated. If the Side School is opened a general outbreak of infantile paralysis follows—as it probably will—then I say, Sir, that the unintentional murder of the innocents will be blameable to the negligence of the school authorities. I hope the chairman of the School Committee will call his committee together immediately and say that the Side School shall not be opened until the paralysis has been wiped out from the locality from which the school draws most of its scholars. If the school is opened, then I think parents should refuse to send their little ones into what might prove a death-trap.—I am, etc., PARENT

We understand it is the intention to re-open the Side School to-morrow. We heartily agree with our correspondent- that as a precaution against the spread of the dread disease which has infected the part of the Borough from which most of the scholars attending the Side School are drawn, it would be wise to keep the school closed for some time. The chairman of the Masterton school committee informs us that the committee intends to immediately consider the position.—Ed. W.D.T.)

2nd May 1916 SCHOOLS TO BE KEPT CLOSED

An informal meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening to deal with the question at closing the schools owing to infantile paralysis. There were present Messrs R. Brown (in the chair), W. L. Falconer, E Smith, D Threadwell .J A Shackleton, A. Hendry, W. Gourlay, Mr Leslie (acting master), and Inspector Cairns. it was pointed out that it would be of little use closing the Side School and keeping the main school open, as children of varying ages might be attending the main school; that most of the cases of infantile paralysis were infants under school age; that the sanitary condition of the schools was good; that the Public Health Department did not permit children from an infected family going to school for three weeks, and that all known cases of infection were isolated and disinfection insisted upon. The Inspector pointed out that a solution for gargling the throat could be obtained from certain chemists, and if used daily would act' as a preventive. The medical authorities in the town were separately consulted and advised keeping the schools closed for a short term longer. It was decided by the Committee, acting on the advice of the medical authorities, that the schools be kept closed for a further period. The children are to be informed on reassembling this morning, and the opening will be announced in the papers.

3rd May 1916 Miss Finlayson, infant mistress of the Masterton District High 'school, is at present in temporary quarantine in Wellington, owing to scarlet fever having occurred in a house in which she has been living.

4th May 1916 The chairman of the Masterton District: High School Committee (Mr R. Brown) has received; a quantity of gargling solution, which is recommended by the authorities as a preventative for infantile paralysis. Parents may procure the solution from Mr Brown if unobtainable elsewhere.

5th May 1916 On Monday last, at St. Mark's Church, Remuera, Auckland, Miss Wolfe, late mistress of the Masterton District Girls' High School, was married to Mr William Jackson, also of Masterton. The bride wore a pretty brown frock and brown velvet hat, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The only bridesmaid. Miss Alice Porter wore a grey frock 'and grey blue hat. Mr L. Bagnall was the best man

6th May 1916 TO BE CLOSED FOR, ANOTHER WEEK. The chairman of the Masterton School Committee (Mr R. Brown); and the chairman of the Lansdowne School Committee

(Mr. D. A. Pickering) yesterday waited on the District Health Officer (Dr. Sydney Smith) and brought under his notice that closing of the schools owing to the outbreak of infantile paralysis. Dr. Smith agreed that the right steps were adopted in closing the schools, and he suggested that they remain closed for at least another week. This course is to be followed.

13th May 1916 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL AND SIDE SCHOOL. The SCHOOLS will RE-OPEN, on MONDAY MORNING, May 16th. W. M. EASTHOPE. Secretary, Masterton School Committee.

27th May 1916 In consequence of an anonymous communication having reached the Health Department in Wellington concerning the sanitary conditions of the Masterton District High School, the local inspector of health visited the school yesterday, and is framing a report. For the information of anxious parents and anonymous correspondents, it may be stated that the school is regularly disinfected, that the sanitary arrangements are all that could be desired, and that the general health of the school was never better.

29th May 1916 TWO FRESH CASES.

.MASTERTON SCHOOL TO BE CLOSED.

Two fresh cases of infantile paralysis were taken to the Masterton Hospital yesterday afternoon. One of the patients is a baby six weeks old, whose parents reside in Trustee Street, and the other is a boy of nine years of age, whose parents reside in Columba road. The former case is reported to be a serious one. It has been decided by the Masterton School Committee, after consultation with the medical authorities and the headmaster, that the school shall be kept closed this week. It appears that a child related to a family in which there was a case of infantile paralysis, and who has been attending the school, has contracted the disease, and was removed to the hospital on Sunday morning. The school is being thoroughly fumigated this week.

The District Health Office announces that no case of infantile paralysis has been reported in Wellington city and suburbs since May 6th

31st May 1916 STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following has been handed, to us for publication by Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton school committee: — Kindly permit me through the columns of the "Daily Times" to point out the urgent necessity that exists for strict isolation of all contacts with cases of infantile paralysis, particularly with respect, to intercourse between relations. The State schools in Masterton were closed owing to the fact that one of the scholars attending the Main school on Friday last was a victim to the disease on Sunday, and from the evidence obtainable there is no room to doubt the fact that this was a case of contact. Too much stress cannot be laid on the necessity for careful prevention of contamination of food supply. Milk should in every case be scalded on arrival—infants are the chief victims of the disease and milk is their principal food: flies and vermin should be exterminated and a constant warfare carried on against dirt.

Years ago there was a medical officer of health appointed by the Municipal Council, and the present condition of affairs indicates the necessity of some, such appointment being made now. In order that the Council may be advised of preventive measures to be taken. There is a strong probability of the disease being spread by "carriers," but as there is very little knowledge on the subject of this dire disease, a local medical officer or local medical advisory board would do much more good than unreasonably adding to the panic

Up till 2 o'clock this afternoon no fresh cases of infantile paralysis were reported to the health authorities.

31st May 1916 The resolution of the Education Board to erect an addition to the Masterton school for use as a laundry drew some adverse remarks from Mr Hogg at the meeting of the board yesterday afternoon. Mr Hogg said the room measured 8 ft by 10 ft and was not larger than a police cell. The school was a fine brick edifice, and the placing of such an addition there was like putting a wart on a man's nose. It was a deformity, and the erection of the room was a disgrace to the State.

31st May 1916 To the Editor.) Sir, —In connection with the recrudescence of infantile paralysis in Masterton may I be allowed space in your paper to bring certain points under the notice of parents and others interested. In the first place, with regard to the closing of the public schools in Masterton, I wish to say that it was with great reluctance on the part of the headmaster and myself that we agreed to the closing, and only on the unanimous advice of the medical men. I have no hesitation in giving my opinion that in the sanitary and wholesome state of the schools under the control of the Masterton School-Committee there is a more healthy environment than is obtained outside. In the only case of infantile paralysis among the school children the evidence available goes to prove it to have been caused by contact. In the absence of any certain knowledge of the origin and nature of the disease and its propagation we can only form a judgment from what has taken place around us. The investigations made in each case in this district point to the conclusion that the spread has been caused by contact or by "carriers." What should be particularly-urged upon parents and guardians is, to keep the whole family from visiting or being visited by relations where there is an outbreak"; strict isolation should be made compulsory not only of the victims but of the contacts in the family concerned. Everyone can exercise care in, regard to food cleanliness and protecting from flies, vermin and dirt, scalding all milk on receiving it, and keeping it when not in use in a clean and cool place away from meat, vegetables and taint. It is unfortunate that the Public Health Department or the medical men of the town have not consulted with the Municipal authorities with a view to the issue of circulars advising what means should be adopted by the people to avert an attack. That the disease is a very dreadful one we all recognise; and advice and assistance from qualified men is of far more value than hysterically adding to the scare of the visitation. —I am, etc., R. BROWN, Chairman Masterton School Committee.

2nd June 1916 Mr A. P. Murphy, third assistant master of the Masterton District High School, has been recommended by the Wellington Education Board to the committee of the Terrace School, Wellington, for the position of second assistant master of that institution. For the past six years Mr Murphy has received the commendation of the Inspectors for his work at the Masterton school and lately has been acting as Art Master at the Masterton Technical School

10th June 1916 On the recommendation of the District Health Officer (Dr. Sidney Smith) the Masterton District High School Committee last night decided to close the school for another week.

28th June 1916 Part of a long article A meeting of representatives of the schools in the Masterton district was held in the Trust offices last night to discuss the scheme proposed for a united effort of the children of Britain's overseas dominions to help to alleviate the

sufferings of starving Belgian children. Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton School Committee, was- voted to the chair, and there were also present: —Monsignor J. McKenna, representing St. Patrick's School and. 9t Bride's Convent school; Mr A. T. P. Hubbard, chairman, and Mr F. L. Combs, headmaster, Fernridge school; T{ov. J. Walker, for trustees, and Miss Whitehead, principal, of St. Matthew's school; Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster Masterton D H school; Mr A. H. Pickering, chairman, and Mr Drummond, headmaster, Lansdowne school; and Mr A. I. Low, Hon, secretary, Solway College.

1st July 1916 Presentations were made by the scholars of the Masterton District High School yesterday to Mr Murphy, who is leaving for Wellington, and to Mrs Banks, who has received an appointment at- Featherston

6th July 1916 One of the pupils attending the Masterton District High School (Eric Cross) has given a well-bred young Jersey bull as a donation to the Belgian Children's Relief Fund. Other donations of livestock of all descriptions are expected, and arrangements will be made at an early date for an auction sale to be held in Masterton. Settlers willing to donate stock should inform the masters or committees of the schools in their district at once.

10th July 1916 The Masterton District High School football team defeated the Carterton High School at Carterton on Saturday ty. 15 points to 3. The. visiting team was in charge of Mr G. Goldsman

15th July 1916 Miss E. Murray and Mr R. Abraham have been appointed to do relieving duty at the Masterton District High School.

15th July 1916 There was an attendance of 92 per cent of the secondary pupils at the Masterton District High School last month It was reported by the headmaster at; the Masterton School Committee meeting last. night that the average attendance at the Masterton District High School last month was 598, out of a roll, number 687.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last night. Present, — Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Eli Smith, J. A. Shackleton, W. L. Falconer, W. Gourlay, B. Church and A. Hendry. The Education Board advised that their clerk of works would visit Masterton on Monday, and would consult with the Committee as to the proposed laundry and drying room. Mr Hendry moved, and Mr Shackleton seconded, and it was carried, "That Messrs Smith and Falconer be asked to meet the clerk of works in conjunction with Mr A. W. Hogg." On the motion of Mr Shackleton, the same committee -were asked to bring under the notice of the clerk of works the requirements at the side school shelter sheds. On the motion of Mr Gourlay, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr R. Russell for his gift to the museum. Messrs Smith, Gourlay, Church and Shackleton were appointed a committee to inquire and report re stationery supplies. Messrs Brown, Church and Falconer were appointed visiting members.

15th July 1916 Inn his monthly report to the Masterton District High School Committee last night, the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) said:—"The scholars and teachers have made a good response to the appeal on behalf of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund. The amount donated in money to date is £50 Is 11d. A fair amount of produce has been promised, and many articles are being made and prepared by the scholars and others for the sale."

18th July 1916 At a public gathering at Mako Mako, a few nights, ago, Miss Pinhey, the school-teacher, who has received an appointment to Pahautanui, was presented with a silver tea and coffee service by the School Committee and residents of the district. The presentation

was made by Mr Groves, chairman of the Committee, who referred in glowing terms, to the excellent qualities of the teacher. Miss Pinhey was also presented by the scholars of the school with a silver serviette ring. Miss Pinhey is a daughter of 'Mr N. A. Pinhey. of Wangachu, Masterton, and received her early education at the Masterton District High School.

20th July 1916 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, has arranged to hold demonstration of horse-breaking and training on the old showgrounds on .Saturday afternoon, the proceeds from which are to be devoted to the Belgian Children's Fund. Thy outlaw "Darkle," which has been in the Taratahi saleyards for the past fortnight, will be demonstrated upon by Mr Owen Sullivan, the local trainer

12th August 1916 The headmaster of the-Masterton District High School, in his report to the school committee last night, stated that a sum of £56 had been paid to the treasurer of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund, representing cash donations, while over £50 had been realised by the sale of goods and produce sent from the Masterton school. In addition -to-this, a quantity of produce had been sold in bulk by auction.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton school committee was held last night, there being present, Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Waddington, Gourlay, Hendry, Shackleton, Falconer, Threadwell and Smith. Routine business was transacted. The visiting members reported that the disinfecting of the side school had been attended to. Accounts amounting to £16 4s 2d were passed for payment.

Mr A. W Hogg, speaking at the Trust Lands Trust meeting last night in reference to the proposal to erect a laundry at the Masterton District High School, stated that when he first went into the proposal he, held the view that the Education Board's suggestion that a drying-room only be erected was impracticable, and that mainly on his recommendation the Board was prepared to vote some "£300 towards erecting a laundry. Since then he had given the matter further attention and had come to the conclusion that the Board's first proposal was a satisfactory one, and that the cookery room, with the addition of a drying room, would meet the case. Mr Jackson took the. opposite view and contended that it would be detrimental to use the cookery room, as it was totally unsuitable for a laundry. He strongly favoured the Trust giving a substantial grant towards erecting a laundry. He considered the proposed drying room was too small". Mr Krahagen also supported a grant for the laundry. Mr Hogg, however, maintained that all that was necessary to erect was a drying room, and he could see no reason to alter his views.

From what we can gather, from the parents of the children, the cookery classes at the Masterton school are a farce, and the laundry work will be the same," said Mr Rippon at the Trust Lands Trust meeting last night, during a discussion in reference to a. proposed grant to laundry classes at the Masterton school. "Such classes are a waste of school time and public money. Why, you charge a Chinaman £10 to come into the country and you wish to do him out of his living.

A deputation from the Masterton school committee waited on the Trust Lands Trust last night and asked for a grant, towards the equipment of a laundry at the Masterton-District High School. Messrs W. L. Falconer, D. Threadwell and Eli Smith explained the objects of the deputation. After some discussion Mr Daniell moved that the Trust regretted that a grant could not be made on the lines submitted. "Mr Rippon seconded. Mr Jackson moved as an

amendment "that the Trust make a grant, of £100 to the work. Mr Krahagen seconded the amendment. The motion was carried.

At the meeting of the Masterton school committee last night it was reported that the attendance at the Masterton District High School during the past month had been seriously affected by the prevailing epidemic of measles. Most of the cases have been confined to the infants' and lower classes. The attendance record is the lowest for many years and is as follows: —Main school: Roll 678, average attendance 520, percentage 77. Side school: 171, 102, .60. -secondary classes: 75, 69, 92.

13th August 1916 It was reported to the Masterton school committee last night that Mr J. Trainer had commenced his duties as third assistant master at the Masterton District High School. It was also reported that Miss M. Murray is doing relieving duty until a permanent appointment is made to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mrs C. M. Banks.

16th August 1916 Appointment: Assistant mistress at the Masterton School, Miss M. Murray, at present acting as a relieving teacher.

9th September 1916 MONTHLY MEETING. The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, there being present Messrs R. Brown, A. Hendry, E. Smith, E. H. Waddington, B. E. Church, W. O. Gourlay, J. A. Shackleton, D. Threadwell. An apology was received from Mr Falconer. The Education Board reported that Miss Murray had been appointed to the staff. The headmaster's report was read. The attendance had fallen off because of the measles epidemic but was now recovering. The science room was being badly disfigured by the laundry room now being put up by the Board, and which was quite unsuitable for laundry work,—The Committee resolved that it regrets that the science room should be so disfigured by a wooden building of no use, and which was a disgrace to all concerned. The secretary was directed to ask the Board why the Trust grants for this year had not been sent back, and request that the amount be at once remitted.

The secretary was directed to ask the Board why the urinal at the Main School had not been put up and urge its immediate erection. Accounts amounting to £41 14s 7d were passed for payment when funds permit.

Visiting Committee.— Messrs Smith Threadwell and Waddington. '

28th September 1916 A ROW IN THE MASTERTON LAUNDRY. The Education Board had before them yesterday the following resolution, passed at the meeting of the Masterton School Committee: — "This committee regrets that the science room -should be disfigured by the addition of a paltry wooden box of no use whatever for the purpose designed, and which is a disgrace to all concerned in it. This committee requests that laundry work may be left out of the curriculum of the Masterton school until the Board can see its way to provide a properly equipped laundry. . On receipt of the resolution the views were asked of the Board's best experts regarding the additions provided for laundry instruction in the District High Schools. Miss C. Maskell, cookery and laundry instructress, who has had special experience in England, wrote: — In connection with the drying room and appliances for laundry work at the Mt. Cook centre, I consider them all that is necessary. If this drying room was large it would be quite impossible to dry the clothes during the time allowed for this class. The room here at times becomes unpleasantly hot, but that will be rectified when the pipe is put outside. All drying rooms that I have had to do with have been small rooms, sometimes heated with

gas or a coke stove. I have no difficulty as to the supply of garments for washing, as the children bring exactly what they are told. Miss Wilson concurred. in the opinions expressed. Miss Nora .Alexander, of the Petone cookery centre, stated: — "This is the- third year I have taken laundry classes at South Wellington Centre, and find the room and utensils entirely satisfactory. The drying room is just the right size for the heating apparatus supplied. A small drying room has a great advantage over a large one in that it gets hot quicker. As the lesson only lasts two hours, quickness in drying is essential." The Board, after a brief discussion, resolved that a copy of the opinions of the domestic science instructors be forwarded to the Masterton School Committee and that they be informed that as laundry work is a compulsory subject, they are asked to reconsider their resolution.

29th September 1916 Inspectors F. G. A. Stuckey and T. H. GIII, of the Wellington Education Board, are at present on an official visit to the Masterton District High School

7th October 1916 The bugle band from the Featherston Camp visited the Masterton District High .School yesterday afternoon and rendered several selections. The soldiers were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea by Mrs W. H. Jackson

10th October 1916 The children attending the Masterton District High School were given an inspectors' holiday yesterday.

14th October 1916 This free school book movement is the first direct subsidy from the Trust to the children of Masterton," said Mr Rippon at the Trust Lands Trust meeting last night, in a speech in support of the Trust making a grant for free school books.

The headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported to the meeting of the school committee last night that the annual examination of the school was conducted by Inspector Stuckey, assisted by Inspector Cull, the Education Department's inspector of secondary schools. Although the school had been open only twenty-five weeks this year prior to the date of the examination, the work in most of the classes showed up stronger than was expected. Every effort was being made to bring the scholars up to the usual standard of efficiency before the promotion examination next month.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last evening. Present: — Messrs R. Brown (chairman), R. E. Church, W. L. Falconer, W. C. Gourlay, A. Hendry, .I. S. Shackleton, E., Smith, D. Threadwell and E. H. Waddington. . Letters were read from the Education Board in reference to the committee's resolution re laundry. Mr Smith moved and Mr Church seconded, "That the committee sees no reason to modify in any way its previous resolution, and the chairman, Mr Smith and the headmaster draft a reply to the Board's letter." The resolution was carried. The finance committee was requested to communicate with the Government in reference to the subsidies withheld. The headmaster reported that the average attendance at the Masterton District High School last month was 633, and the percentage of attendances 91. At the side school the figures were 162 and 92, and in the secondary ellipses 67 and 94. The attendance had steadily improved during the month. The drying room at the school had been completed, and a gas copper had been fixed to the cookery room. The utensils for washing and ironing had been ordered by the Board but had not yet arrived

18th October 1916 EDUCATION IN MASTERTON. PROPOSED NEW STATE SCHOOL. AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

Yesterday the secretary of the Wellington Education Board (Mr Stewart) and Chief Inspector Fleming visited Masterton for the purpose of inspecting a portion of the Borough where it is intended to establish another school.

The school will probably be erected about a mile or so to the west of the post office, and the engineer to the Borough Council is preparing a chart of the residences.

The Department has given instructions that on account of the increase of the population, and the increasing number of children, another standard school is absolutely necessary in proximity to the town of Masterton, and that a good central site be selected.

26th October 1916 Wellington Education Board Trust Lands Trust. The secretary reported that the approval by the Department of subsidies applied for on several sums contributed ' by the Trust Lands Trust, Masterton, - to the District High School at Masterton, with a view of their receiving' pound for pound- subsidy authorised under section 159 of the Education Act had been deferred pending consideration by the Education Department of the whole question of the conditions on which grants of subsidies and donations by trusts should be approved.

11th November 1916 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, there being present: — Messrs K. Brown, B. E. Church, J. A. Shackleton, E. Smith, A. Hendry, W. C. Gourlay and E. H. Waddington. The treasurer reported receipt of capitation, and also Trust Lands grant. The secretary was directed to write to the Trust Lands Trust asking if it is the intention of the Trust to make the £150 grant for free school books available to the various school committees, so that steps may be taken in time to buy such books for the coming year. Accounts amounting to £27 15s 11d were passed. Visiting members elected were Messrs Gourlay, Hendry and Shackleton.

30th November Wellington Education Board Masterton School Committee forwarded a protest against the board's proposal to erect a laundry instruction and drying room, as an addition to the high school. The committee stated that the addition would be unsightly and would not serve the purpose intended. The protest was "received," the matter having previously been considered by the board.

22nd November 1916 Excellent work has been done in the agricultural course at the Masterton District High School during the last year or two, and last year two of the students secured scholarships, out of three in the whole Dominion. The school gardens are in excellent order and are a source of attraction to the scholars of the higher standards, in the school.

15th December 1915 The Masterton District High School and Side School broke up yesterday for summer vacation of 6 weeks. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr R. Brown) and Mr D. Threadwell, attended, and took part in the function. The good attendance certificates and Standard VI proficiency and competency certificates were presented and short addresses given.

Under the auspices of the North Wairarapa Acclimatisation Society, essay competitions were recently conducted in the higher classes of the Masterton District High School. The subject was "The Life History of a Trout." The following pupils were the winners of the prizes donated by members of the Society:—Senior Secondary Class, Ida Anderson; Junior Secondary Class, Aeldred Moore; Standard 6, Elsie Hooper; Standard 5, boys Maurice Harris, girls Coyla Cairns

15th December 1916 St. 6 Proficiency Certificates—. Boys—Kenneth Aplin, Basil Bradley, Thomas Brown, Edwin Calwell. Maxwell Campbell, Allan Gardner, Albert Grimes, John

Hastie, Carl Hausman, Stephen Henson, Edwin Hughan, Charles McCullough, Reuben McMaster, Graham McEwen, Roderick. McRae, William Noble, Victor Payne, Douglas Pauling, Thomas Redman, Basil Rowlands, Jack Stewart, George du Temple, Jack Townsend
Girls—Madge 'Anstice, Ivy Benge, Elsie Cole, Millie Coe, Isla Elliott, Gwen Godfrey { ,: Lily Hill, Elsie Hooper, Susan Hopkins, Doreen Jamieson, Grace Johnson, Myrtle Kjar, Jessie Leach, Stella McCullough, Alice Pond, Enid Pragnell, Ilene Smith, Mona Wellington.
Standard 6. Certificate.—Boys—Reginald. Anketell, John Bolton, Albert Crawford, Jack Ewart, Richard Evernden, Norah Henderson, Gladys Ray

Promoted to Standard 6 Boys— Claude Andrews, Harold Anketell, Vickery Burrige, Harold .Butcher, James Biggs, -Harold Candy, Rupert Davies, Eric' Drew, Jack Gardner, Charles Groombridge, David Harris, Maurice Harris, Fred Harrington, William Harrington, Alex. Hendry Victor Hooper, Jack Hoffeins, Albert Hayes, Wallis. Jamieson, Cecil Judd, Jack Leach, William Ladner, Jack Martin, Edward Messenger, Archibald Madsen, Wray Millner, Charles McDougall, Alex. Nesbit, Arthur O'Donnell, Alfred Pinkerton, Archer Reardon, Jack Richards, William Robinson, Norman Swanson, Jack Stalker, Harry Smith, Eric Searle, Eric Threadwell, Albert Volheim, Gordon Wood, Stanley Willoughby, William Winhall,. William Wise, Leonard Zillwood

Promoted to St. 6 Girls—Doris Ammundsen, Edith Aitchison, Eva Archer, Myrtle Barker, .Zelma Bannister, Jessie Carrick, Gladys Collinge, Coyla Cairns, Dorothy Friend, Jessie Grimes, Henry Nellie, Irvine Hadley, Dorothy Head, Margery Jenkins, May Keetley, Ina Lawton, Joan Leslie, Annie Madeley, Evelyn McKenzie. Mildred McDonald, Lilian Price, Eileen Poole, Phyllis Rule, Barbara Reid, Mavis Santon, Kate Saker, Leila Smith, Olive Walton, Edith Wellington, Eileen Weyland, Avis Woodham.

Promoted to St. 5. Boys - Frank Biggs, Earle Campbell, Leslie Collinge, Edmond Congdon Spencer Finlayson,,; Cliffe Francis, Neil Gibson, Leonard Grimes, Austin Gully, Stephen Gallagher, Bernard Hooper, Thomas Jackson, Hector Keen, Archie McGrath, : John McKenzie Leonard Morris, Leonard, Hector Madsen, Clarence McIver, Ernest McDonald, Stanley Newland, Benjamin Paine, Robert Pook, Charles Parton, Hugh Parton, ;Keith Ralph, Robert Russell, Horace Russell, Douglas Rutherford, Robert Stewart, Henry Tinsley, Ray Vile, Rex Vile, Jack Wagg, Norman Winhall, Max. Perrin, Archie Wellington, Rupert Lee, Montague Groube. '

Promoted to Standard 5.—Girls —Lyla Anstice, Gladys Attree, Kathleen Blake, Moyra Boyd, Nita Brown, Jean Brown, Alice Eton, Janie Everndon, Molly Henry, Melva Hilton, Hazel Hopkins, Enid Hosking, Noeline Hunt, Edith Jackson, Myrtle Jimmieson, Gladys' Judd, Bertha Kjar, Ivy McConkey, Gladys Newland, Marjorie Noble, Melva Noble, Bernie Page, Ionie Peacock, Bertha Preston, Margaret Prosser, Myrtle Price, Hilda Shackleton, Ethel Stokes, Margaret Sutherland,- Ellen Thomson., Edna Thorne, Ethel Vine, Joyce Vile, Doris Walker, Ward, Elsie Ware, Alice Wyllie, Eileen Willis.

Promoted to Standard 4 Boys—Wilfred Allen, Reginald Amundsen, Ernest Anderson, William Barton, Crawford Cameron, Fred. Candy, Thomas Carr, Leslie Chamberlain, Thomas Clemas, George Crozier, William Douglas, Nolan Franks, Ralph 'Gully, George Hastie, Joseph Hayes, Harry Hill, Jack Hunn, Francis Jamieson, Walter Lee, Arthur Lenz, Jack Lawrence, Gordon King, James Pember, Cyril Perry, James McLaren, Leslie McDougall, Philip McCullough, Ian McIntosh, George Marshall, Cyril Morris, Arthur

Russell, James Sedcole , Alfred Sedcole, James Sutherland, Charles Tinsley, Norman Taucher, Vincent Vile, Alfred Vile, Nigel Wood, Raymond Woodward, Victor Welch, Harold Winslade , Roy Wellington, Lloyd Williams, Fred Winter^

Promoted to St. 4-. —'Girls—Elsie Benge, Janie Burden, Grace Davies, Elme Beale, Lenore Blair. Edith Carr, Ivy Donald, Agnes Evans, Ena Finlayson, Rita Fox, Winifred Gibbons, Florence Harding, Evelyn Hammond,, Muriel Head. Irene Hooper, Nancy Hugo, Jessie Jackson. Evelyn Jackson, Minnie Joy, Beth Keetley, Violet Liddall. Pearl Madsen, Lona McKenzie. Jean McKenzie, Mary McRae, Edith Morris, Eileen Olliver, Dorothy O'Donald , Rita Permain, Loralie Peterson, Daphne Payne, Inga Ray, Huia Russell, Elsie Simmons, Madge Smith. Lena Swanson. May Truscott. Eila Wagg, Mary Ward, Edith Wilton. Elsie Winslade, Lettie Woods. Doris Wilson, Hilda Volheim, Eileen Yalden, Grace Yalden. . Promoted to St. 3.—Boys—Fred Archer, Clifford Blane, Keith Catherall, Stephen Cooper, Douglas Collinge, Edward Cleary, Edmund Chamberlain, Stuart Devenie, Monty Fairbrother, Leslie Hilton, Eric Holmwood, Sivyver Hurst, Ernest Jenkins, Leslie Kjar, Willie Kemball, Geoffrey Leslie, James List, George Land, Roy McEwen, Marius Page, Alfred Pond, George Ridgway, Percy Russell, Henry Saver, Ian Sutherland, Ray Smith, Cyril Vine, Cecil Wilton, Robert Wilton, Norman Woods, Harry Williams, Allan Woodham, Alfred Wise,' Willie Yates

Promoted to Standard 3 Girls—Rose . Butcher, Alice Coley, Mildred wean, Millie Falloon Ruth Hayes, Eileen Harrington,, Margery Jones, Matilda Kemball, Beatrice Leng, Connie List, Rita McConkey, Aileen McCormack, Winnie McCullough, Tui McRae, Florence McKain, Eileen McDonald, Elsie Maitland, Venetia Madsen, Georgina Naysmith, Kathleen Noble, Marjorie Rutherford, Edna Searle, Edith Shackleton, Joyce Vincent, Lyla Williams, Daisy Wilton.

Promoted to Standard 2 a Boys—Harold .Allen. Freeman Leslie Benge, Joseph Billington, ,Thomas Birchall, . Benjamin Blair, Raymond .Blane, .Henry Candy' Neil Catherall, Roy Clark Alick Cole, William Cragg, Ngaio Giddings, Thomas Godfrey, Victor Gooding, Victor Grantham. 'Douglas Hayne, Alan Henderson, Merlin Hosking, Eric Hughan, Jack Hughes-, Stewart Jamieson, Charles King, Victor Liddall, Henry Mantell, Thomas Martin, William. Martin, Kenneth- Page, Clifford Peacock, Jack Ross,. Eric Smith, Leslie Smith,, Harold Tinsley. Lawrence Tinsley,' 'Walter Tinsley. Stanley Volheim: Frank Walker, Maurice. Winslade, Temple Young

Promoted to Standard 2 Girls--Eva Anstice, Mavis Attree, Grace Blair, Ellinor Bonde, Flora Chalmers, Violet Clark, Ivy Dean, Marjorie Ferris, Cecily Francis, Agnes Henderson, Dorothy Hoare, Jean Jackson, Jean Keir, Caroline Lenz, Ethel Liddall, Jessie McLeod, Gladys Miller, Dulcie Petersen, Ellen Price, Myrtle Sayer, Gwen Tinkler, Lenora Treseder , Mildred Wadham, Grace Willoughby , Dorothy Wilmhurst , Ngaio Wilton

Promoted to Standard 1 Boys Trevor Attree, Cecil Anderson. George Anstice, Huia Boddington, Arthur Chalmers, Douglas Cole, Clifford Clemas, Willoughby Charlesworth, Bertie Dean, Terence Falloon, Roy Harrington, Francis Hallam, Raymond Hosken, Donald Hunn, Douglas Hooper, Jim Irving, Max Jago, Howard Moore, Jack McMaster, David McMichael, Archie McClean, Charlie McLean, Clifford Perry, Bob Pinkney, Athol Pinkney, Sidney Spicer, Vincent Searle, Raymond Taucher. Ivor Tinsley, Willie 'Waters, David' Wylie, Tom Walsh, Willie Ward,' Rangi Wilton, Mervyn Williams, Eric Falk.

Promoted to ,Standard 1.--Girls—Edna Allen. Emily Bently, Nina Boddington, Lena Barton, Greita Clifford-Jones Violet Cooper, Mona Curtis, Kathleen Davenport, Amelia Dixon, Kathleen Dickson. Joy Donald, Irene Falk, Francis Ferguson, Annie McLean, Dorothy McDongal, Lulu Richards Doris Richards , Linda Smith, Vera Tinkler, 'Nellie Wise

SIDE SCHOOL Promoted to Standard 3 Boys Thomas Bolton, Victor Butland, Jack ,Blinkhorne, Eric Boyd, Trevor Boyd,- Alfred Dew, Alan Hawthorne, Ralph Lee, Jack Pearce; Leslie. Rice, Ernest Taylor, Herbert Vibert, Lewis Williams. Stanley Wong Moy, Alex Wong Moy

Standard . 3.—Girls—Dollie Biggs, Gladys Friend, Jessie Finlayson, Mavis Gourlay, Marjorie Hausmann, Keith Henry, Millicent R Cissie Retter, Jessie Rice, Bertha Vine, Edna Payton, Dora Wellington, Mattie Pinkerton, Mabel Pinkerton

Promoted "to Standard 2.—Boys—.Cyril Bedford; Ronald Faulknor, Spencer Friend. Leonard Gyde, James Hicks, Raymond Jones, Dudley Johnston, Cosmos Lee, Dallas Napper, Joe Peel, Ronald Remington, Norman Sutherland, Wallace Taylor, Frank Williams.

Promoted, by Standard . 2.-Girls—Florence Barnes, Eileen Baker, Ilene Brunton. Winnie. Grimes, Grace Morris, Lavinia Smith, Edith Saker, Mavis Taylor. Mary Wallace.

Promoted to Standard I.—Boys— James Barnes, Jack Burden, "Athol Blackman, Archer Blinkhorne, James Bolton, Leslie Congdon, Bernard Corcoran, Basil Durrant, Donald Finlayson. Owen Cross, Harold Gyde, Kenneth Hawthorne. Alfred Howes, Harry Lysaght, Kenneth Montgomery, Frank Nicholson, Harry Pook.

Promoted to Standard 1.—Girls—Adeline Barnett, Phyllis Davies, Daphne Horsley, Marjorie Kibblewhite, Barbara McKenzie, Molly O'Donnell, Betty Prosser, Ruby Roulston, Glory Rue, (Grace 'Robb, Thelma Stone, Madge Voyce, Kathleen Vibert, Agnes Woodham, Winnie Wong Moy.

GOOD ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. First Class.—Full attendance for year. Second Class.—Not more than five half-days absent.

Senior Secondary Certificates. First Class. —Esmee Dixon, Vera Reader, Elsie Jones, Grace Easthope, Arthur Candy, Stanley Prosser, Geo. Ammundsen, Nathaniel Miller, David Livingstone, Rupert Uren.

Second Class.—Ida Anderson, Ella Reader, Violet Fly, Stella Cairns, Walter Connell, Edgar Moore, Harold de Castro, Eric Candy.

Junior Secondary. First Class. —Girls: Maisie Carrick, Eva Fairbrother, Olive Lenz, Ada Taggart. Boys: Seddon Burrige, Eric Gully, Maurice Hoffeins, Seymour Willoughby.

Second Class. —Boys: Andrew Donald, Cyril Lovell

Standard VI. I First Class.—Girls: Madge Anstice, Elsie Cole, Doreen Jamieson, Enid Pragnell, Myrtle Kjar, Rhena Permain. Boys: Edwin Allsworth, Kenneth Aplin, Edwin Calwell, Gardner, Albert Grimes, John Hastie, Stephen Henson, Arthur Jackson, Reuben McMaster, Jack Stewart."

Second Class.—Girls: Frieda Anderson, Isla Elliott, Gladys Ray, Laura Vincent, Mona Wellington. Boys: John Bolton, Jack Ewart, Richard Evernden, Cecil Lee, Graham McEwen, Roderick McRae, Victor Payne, Jack Townsend.

Standard V. First Class.—Boys: James Biggs, Vickery Burrige, Harold Candy, Laurie Donald, Jack Gardner, Albert Hayes, Jack Hoffeins, Cecil Judd, William Ladner, Alfred Pinkerton, Harry Smith, Gordon Wood, William Winhall, Alex. Hendry.

Second Class.—Boys: Harold Butcher, Chas. Groombridge, Jack Leach, Jack Martin, Alex. Nisbet, Stan. Willoughby.

First Class.—Girls: Jessie Carrick, Ervine Hadley, Uan Leslie, Annie Madeley, Phyllis Rule.

Second Class.—Girls: Amelia Carr, Dorothy Friend, Jessie Grimes, Eileen Weyland, Edith Wellington.

Standard IV. First Class.—Boys: Harry Banks, Leonard Grimes, Hector Madsen, Archie Magrath, Keith Ralph, Rex Vile, Ray Vile, Archie Wellington'.

Second Class.—Boys: Frank Biggs, Leslie Collinge, Stephen Gallagher, Llewellyn Morris, Percy Morris, Leonard Morris, John McKenzie, Robert Russell, Norman Winhall, Thomas Jackson.

First Class.—Girls: Kathleen Blake.

Second Class.—Girls: Alice Eton, Bertha Kjar Molly Henry, Eileen McCormack, Janie Evernden, Elsie Ware.

Standard III First Class,—Girls: Minnie Joy, May Truscott, Ivy Sayer

Second Class Ethel Carr Mary McRae, Nita Permain, Doris Wilson, Hilda Volheim , Inja Ray. .

Standard III First Class—Boys: Wilfred Allen, Cyril Morris, Ernest Anderson,-Arthur Lenz, James Pember, William Barton, Reginald Amundsen, Victor Welch.

Second Class.—Boys: Leslie Chamberlain,

Standard II. ' First Class.—Boys: Ernest Jenkins, Marius Page, Henry Sayer, Percy Russell. Girls; Aileen McCormack, Venetia Madsen.

Second Class.—Boys: Douglas Collinge, Alfred Pond, Edward Cleary, Clifford Blane, Harry Williams.

Girls: Florrie McKain, Beatrice Long, Tui McRae, Rose Butcher, Alice Coley, Lyla Williams.

Standard I. First Class.—Boys: Leslie Benge, Niel Catherall , Lionel Orme.

Girls: Myrtle Sayer.

Second Class.-I-Girls: Carrie Long Ethel Liddall.

Infant Classes. . First Class.—Boys : Cecil Anderson, Archie -McLean. Girls: Nellie Sayer.

Second Class.—Boys; Harold Tinsley, Terence Tinsley, Charles McLean. Girls: Violet Cooper, Joy Donald, Annie .McLean, Dra, Windhall .

SIDE SCHOOL Standard II. First Class.—Boys- Thomas Bolton, Leslie Rice.

Girls; Dollie Biggs, Gladys Friend, Dora Wellington .

Second Class— Boys : Walter Leach, Herbert Vibert. Girls : Millicent R Lewin. .

Standard I First Class.—Boys : Wallace Taylor. Second Class. Boys: Spencer Friend, 'Raymond Jones. Frank Williams . Girls: Florence Barnes, Winnie Grimes.

Infant Classes. First Class,—Boys : James Bolton. Girls: Rosie Taylor. Second Class"-Boys : Fred Taylor, James Barnes. No girls

16th December 1916 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present:— Messrs R. Brown (chairman), D Thread well, W. L. Falconer, Eli Smith, A. Hendry, W. E. Gourlay and E. H. Waddington. A letter was read from the Education Board, asking for details of the expenditure upon which subsidy is claimed, and with reference to a proposed new school to the west of the town. After

discussion a committee, consisting of Messrs Brown, Hendry and Smith, was appointed to wait upon the Minister on the subject. Mr Falconer was deputed to arrange for the cutting of the grass at the school. Messrs Smith, Threadwell and Waddington were appointed visiting members.

16th December 1916 MR. W. T. GRUNDY'S RETIREMENT

Last evening a large number of his friends assembled to say au revoir to Mr. W. T. Grundy, who, after thirty seven years in the cause of education— nine years headmaster at Masterton and twenty-eight years at Clyde-quay School —is retiring from active work. The gathering included many pupils of the latter school. The Mayor (Mr. J. P. Luke) occupied; the chair during the second part of the proceedings, Mr. T. Forsyth. presiding earlier in the evening. Mr. D. Robertson, who was associated with Mr. Grundy for twenty-five years, spoke in high terms of the guest of the evening, and referred interestingly to the days gone by. He claimed that the Clyde-quay School was the best in Wellington and said that all the old pupils had turned out so well as to be a credit to the school and Mr. Grundy.

Mr. G. R. Sykes, M.P., a pupil of Mr. Grundy's at the Masterton School in 1880, spoke of the high esteem and love in which the latter was held by all the pupils, and the improvement effected in the school. "No better teacher ever presided over any State school in the Wellington district, or in the Dominion of New Zealand, than W. T. Grundy," concluded Mr. Sykes amidst applause.

The Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, M.L.C., chairman of the Wellington Education. Board said he desired to bear testimony. on behalf of the board to the fact that' the members had always looked upon Mr Grundy as one of its very best school- masters. He referred to Mr. Grundy's great record at Clyde-quay, during. which no word, by parents or children, was spoken except in his praise. Such a man, said Mr. Aitken, was no ordinary man; he was a man of high soul and much more than average parts, Mr. Grundy, he added, had shown an example in patriotism and self-denial, and in matters which might be better described as spiritual rather than material. It was good to be able to show Mr. Grundy that the merit of his work was recognised.

The Mayor, in a few well-chosen words, paid a tribute to Mr. Grundy and his work, on behalf of himself and the council. After twenty-eight years at Clyde-quay Mr. Grundy, as an educationalist and a citizen, was a stronger man than when he came from Masterton. The audience was expressive of the goodwill felt by the community towards Mr. Grundy, whose labours had not been in vain.

Mr. T. Forsyth. mentioned the fact that 9000 scholars had passed through Mr. Grundy's hands at Clyde-quay School. On behalf of the residents, ex-pupils, and present pupils of the- school he presented Mr. Grundy with a gold wristlet watch for Mrs. Grundy and for himself a purse of sovereigns.

Mr. Grundy, who was given a flattering reception, expressed his hearty thanks for the gifts. He had come to the end of his active work, after 50 years, and things had been made so pleasant for him that he had worn well. He heartily believed that the children of the present day had a much happier time in the schools than in the days gone by—20 or 30 years ago, when the old pass system was in vogue. He left Clyde-quay School, his life's work, with considerable regret, and said he felt sure that the children of the school would in their turn

make good citizens of this Dominion and of the Empire. He wished the old school every success, and said he knew good work would continue to be done by the present staff.

A vocal and instrumental programme was contributed to by the following:— Mesdames B. Strong, J. Martin, and Mitchell, Miss Ruby Scott, Rev. A. E. Hunt, Messrs. L. R. Partridge and Watson.

On behalf of the old pupils of the Masterton School, Mr. Sykes handed Mr. Grundy an album containing the photographs and autographs of some of the pupils in Mr. Grundy's term there.

13th January 1917 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, there being present: —Messrs R. Brown (chairman), E. Smith, J. A. Shackleton, W. L. Falconer, D. Threadwell and W. C. Gourlay. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Hendry and Waddington. It was resolved to ask the Education Board to furnish a list of the school books to be used during the coming year. After a short discussion it was decided to in future meet on the first Friday in each month, Instead of the second Friday.

17th January 1917 he matriculation passes in connection with the Masterton district are as follows: —E. Candy, matriculation and solicitor's general knowledge, medical preliminary; Mary J. Diamond, matriculation and solicitor's general knowledge* Mary MacGregor, matriculation and solicitor's general knowledge; Ethel M. Madeley, matriculation and solicitor's general knowledge; G. C. Petersen, matriculation and solicitor's general knowledge; Ella R. Reader, matricula and solicitor's general knowledge

1st February 1917 Senior National Scholarships have been awarded to Miss Vera Reader and Master Norman Tankersley, of the Masterton District High School

1st February 1917 The teaching staff of the Masterton District High School are deserving of the heartiest congratulation upon the excellent results achieved in the matriculation, Civil Service entrance, senior national scholarship, and' senior free place examinations. Of twenty-nine candidates who presEnted themselves, twenty-four have passed, some with distinction. Over 80 per cent, of passes is a record of which any school might be proud. But, when it is remembered that the Masterton school was closed for. Several weeks during the year -in consequence of the infantile paralysis scare, its performance becomes doubly creditable. Mr-W. H. Jackson and his able .staff will receive the congratulations of all friends of education upon the splendid achievement of the pupils in the secondary classes of the school.

3rd February 1917 The monthly meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last night, their being present: —Messrs R. Brown (chairman-, J. S. Shackleton, E. Smith, \V. L. Falconer, B. E. Church, A. Hendry and D. Threadwell. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Waddington and Gourlay. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £30 0s 7d. The custodian tendered his resignation, and it was decided to call applications to fill the position. Messrs Gourlay. Hendry and Shackleton were appointed a visiting committee. The headmaster reported on the result of the recent matriculation, senior national scholarship, junior national scholarship, and senior free place examinations. The committee moved a motion congratulating the headmaster and staff on the excellent results attained, and this in spite of the fact that the school had been closed for five weeks during the year owing to the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

3rd February 1917 Miss Annie Stoddart and Miss Fanny Collier have been appointed probation teachers at the Masterton District High School.

12th February 1917 SCHOOL MATCH.

MASTERTON v. CARTERTON. MASTERTON. S. Jenkins, c Spora, b Nightingale 2 N. Hoar, b Nightingale 15 C. Miles, l.b.w., b Nightingale .. 74 N. Miller, b Nightingale 0 C. Holmwood, b Harvey 0 J. Welch, b Harvey 0 Hollings, b Nightingale 12 Prosser, b Harvey 7 McLennan, c Harvey, b Nightingale 0 Candy, b Harvey 1 Madeley, not out 12 Extras 9 Total 132 Bowling analysis.—Nightingale 6 wickets for 47, Sorensen 0 for 26, Harvey 4 for 50. CARTERTON. Harvey, b N. Hoar 0 Sorensen, b Miles 33 Nightingale, b Hollings 9 : McCracken, c and b Miles 33 Spora. b Miles 2 ,T. Palmer, b Hollings 1 ,N. Palmer, b Miles 0 Phillips, not out 0 Sage, c and b Miles Hawker, b Hollings 2 Stempa c Jenkins, b Miles 0 Extras 13 Total 101 Bowling analysis.'—Miles 6 wickets for 16 runs, Hollings 3 for 18, Hoar 1 for 18, Holmwood 0 for 36.

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14th February 1917 The Masterton District High School .Committee has appointed Mesdames R. Taylor and J. Worth, two sisters whose husbands are at the front, to the vacant position of school - cleaner, out of five applicants

15th February 1917 Mr J. Nicol, of Essex street, has presented a fine specimen of bittern to the Masterton school museum

21st February 1917 Masterton Show report included he first properly-organised show was held in the Masterton Park in 1877, Mr Richard Brown being then secretary. Mr Brown, by the way, still resides in Masterton, being a. prominent public man (among other positions occupying that of chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Masterton School Committee), and he has done much to help the town to make the progress it has

21st February 1917 Educational developments in the Masterton district has always been full of interest. There are residents of the town who have witnessed the growth of the Masterton School from its earliest stage —one teacher, one room, and a handful of pupils—to the present time, with a staff of 23 permanent teachers, four itinerant teachers, and a roll of 950 pupils. Masterton's first schoolmaster was Mr. H. Crane. Ha was followed by Mr. Sampson (an ex-soldier), Mi. Briscoe, Mr. A. T. Skipper, Mr. Sillington, Mr. Pilkington, and Mr. Grundy. The last named resigned in 1888 ; since which date the school has been in charge of the present master, Mr. W. H. Jackson. The Masterton School has always had the reputation of being extremely successful.

INTERESTING FEATURES. The original portion of. the present school building was erected some 35 years ago by Messrs. Barker and Williams, and it is still in a thoroughly sound condition. It was considered a model school building. Different ideas now prevail regarding lighting and ventilation, and efforts are being made to secure such structural alterations to the walls of the classrooms, making it possible to convert the whole school into practically an open air school at will. There are many interesting features about the school which should be found in all modern schools. Recently a very fine Assembly Hall has been added, equipped with the. latest portable furniture, towards the purchase of which the

Masterton Trust Lands Trust made a substantial donation. The "hospital" is quite unique. The sick room is provided with a long lounge, cushions, and rugs, and it contains a full supply of first aid appliances, including a portable folding stretcher, of the latest type. In a large school there are always many little sufferers, from minor accidents and ailments, and their discomfort and loss of school time are reduced to a minimum. There is more than ample playground.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL CREATED.

Until 1902 the school remained a primary school. It was then created a District High School. Its secondary department consisted of some twenty pupils. The average attendance is now between 70 and 80 pupils, and it has a staff of three secondary assistants and three visiting teachers. The first permanent appointment to the secondary staff was Mr. E. T. Norris, M.A., now Registrar of the New Zealand University. He was succeeded by Mr. A. B. Charters, M.A. (now Colonel Charters, C.M.G., on active service)... Under Mr. Charters the High School department achieved great success. Mr. I. G. Bee, M.A., the present senior secondary teacher, succeeded Mr. Charters, and the successful operations have been continued. ..

THE RURAL COURSE. School gardening operations are conducted as part of the rural course training. The gardens connected with the school are an example of what can be done under disadvantageous conditions. A gravel bed has been converted into a beautiful and productive garden, which is indeed a credit to the school. The whole of the work done in the garden is experimental. Everything is weighed, measured, and tested, and the results noted. The pupils take a keen interest in this portion of their work. A further extension of vocational training, which includes the sciences applied to agriculture, drawing and woodwork for boys, and hygiene, domestic science, and dressmaking for the girls.

A SCHOOL MUSEUM. Masterton's original Post Office, and subsequently its first technical school, is now the Masterton School. Museum. The Trust Lands Trust provided a site adjacent to the school, removed, remodelled, and renovated the building, donated a large-number of exhibits, and then handed the institution over to the District High School. :The ground has been converted, into .a native flora plantation, and is rapidly being transformed from an eyesore into a beauty spot. The building has three rooms, the 'largest being the natural history room. This room contains quite a surprising collection of well preserved and mounted animal specimens; all in glass cases. Every, endeavour is being made to add to the collection of New Zealand fauna, especially its birds. The second room is devoted to mineral and agricultural exhibits, while the third contains historical relics. This school museum is a-real-museum, not merely a collection of curios. The aim is to make it as typical of the Dominion as possible. '

In addition to the main school and the denominational schools, of which mention is made below, there are the side school, in Victoria-street, nearly a mile from the main school; the Fernridge School, three miles to the west of Masterton and with about one hundred pupils; and the Lansdowne School, built of brick on the English pattern and rapidly increasing in importance. The headmaster of the latter is Mr. Robert C. Drummond.

1918-1919

1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Jackson	William H	Head	D-10	£495	\$44,718
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1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Goldsmán	George J	Assistant	B-52	£365	\$32,974
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Wilkinson	Isabella A Mrs	Assistant	D-62	£295	\$26,650
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Harland	Edward D	Assistant	D-91	£290	\$26,199
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Iorns	Olive E	Assistant	C-59	£290	\$26,199
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Bewley	Daisy R Mrs	Assistant	D-70	£230	\$20,778
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Wills	Ellen R	Assistant		£210	\$18,971
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	White	Angusina	Assistant	D-82	£195	\$17,616
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Hogg	Felicitas M F	Assistant	D-90	£175	\$15,810
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Atkinson	Agnes A	Assistant	D-94	£175	\$15,810
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Cocker	Lily M Z	Assistant	C-93	£175	\$15,810
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Sellar	Jeanie E	Assistant	C-96	£165	\$14,906
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	McLean	Lilian N C Mrs	Assistant	D-95	£165	\$14,906
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Robinson	Alice M	Assistant		£140	\$12,648
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	McLennan	Annie M	Assistant		£140	\$12,648
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Dillon	Kathleen F	Pupil Teacher		£110	\$9,937
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Cole	Rehutai A E	Pupil Teacher 1		£85	\$7,679
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Wilkinson	Sylvia H	Probationer 2		£75	\$6,776
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Bee M A, M sc.	John Guthrie	Secondary	A-45		
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Brown B A	Alexandra M	Secondary	D-64		
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Sutherland MA	Olive R	Secondary	A-74		
1919	595-96-157	Masterton	Ross B A	Hilda	Secondary	B-79		

12th January 1918 At a, meeting of the Masterton District High School. Committee, held last night, the following resolution was* carried: "That this Committee regrets that the Solway people can get no reply to their application for a school in that part of the Masterton school district, especially as it is understood that a site for the school has been secured, and that the matter be brought under the personal notice of the Minister of Education

19th January 1918 SUCCESSFUL MASTERTON SCHOLARS, The following scholars of the Masterton District High School qualified for Junior Free Places in secondary, schools at the Junior National examination: —(Reginald Anketell, James E Calwell (also Junior National Scholarship), Ronald G. Drummond, Jack Gardner, Ethel M. Henderson, Ernest C Jackson, Marjorie P. Jenkins, Cecil G. Judd, Jack G Leach, Joan A Leslie.

19th January 1918 Among the successful candidates in connection with the senior national scholarships was George Amundsen, a. very clever pupil attending the Masterton District High School

19th January 1918 . George Albert Amundsen, a pupil of the Masterton District High School, who secured 1409 marks, has been awarded a Senior National Scholarship.

23rd January 1918 Miss L M Perry Masterton resigns

4th February 1918 Miss A. M. Brown of the staff of the Masterton District High School, who underwent an operation on Thursday last for acute appendicitis, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery

9th February 1918 At a meeting of the .Masterton District High. School Committee, held last night, a. resolution was carried congratulating the-headmaster and staff upon the excellent

results attained in the recent examinations, and expressing warm appreciation .of the manner in which the headmaster and staff maintain from year to year the very high prestige of the Masterton District High School.

9th February 1918

9th February 1918 The new enrolments to the secondary classes at the Masterton District High School have been received from the following sources: —Masterton District High School 34, Lansdowne school 6, Kopuaranga 1, Tenui 1, Gladstone 2, Featherston 1, Napier Boys' High School 1, Matahiwi 1, Kaipororo 2, Upper Hutt 1, Mount Bruce 2, Waipukurau 1, Mauriceville 2, Te Ore Ore 1.

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) reported to the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last night that the school reopened on Tuesday with a good attendance in all departments. At the main school 74 new pupils were admitted, at the side school 19. and in the High School 56. The roll at the main school is 660, at the side school 168, and in the secondary department 110.

9th February 1918 Miss Grace Waddington (assistant teacher), Miss K. S. Dillon, Miss R. A. E. Cole (pupil teachers), and Miss B. H. Harvey (probationer), joined the permanent staff of the Masterton District High School this week. Miss Harle is acting as relieving assistant in the primary department, and Miss North in the secondary department. The latter has taken the place of Miss A. M. Brown, who is under treatment for appendicitis.

15th February 1918 In response to an appeal a large number of children attending the Masterton District High School have supplied articles for the surprise packet crusade

20th February 1918 During the play interval at the Masterton District High School yesterday, a lad named Alfred Lenz fell and fractured one of his legs.

23rd February 1918 AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE. An important conference was held in Masterton last night in connection with projected alterations in the school arrangements. Sixteen representatives of the various schools were present, and the Mayor occupied the chair. The Education Board was represented by Mr Stewart (secretary), Messrs Hogg and Moss (members of the Board), and Messrs Bakewell and Stuckey (Inspectors). A map was presented showing where the Board proposed to erect a new school at the upper end of Cole street on five or six acres of land acquired from the Perry Estate. A proposal was submitted to Te Ore Ore school, owing to its proximity to the Lansdowne school and to convey the building to the Solway site. The proposal excited considerable discussion. There was also a lot of discussion on the effect the proposed new school would have on the side school. The conference passed a resolution recommending that the new standard school be erected as soon as possible; that the closing of the Te Ore Ore school be deferred; and that additions be made to the Lansdowne school as it was becoming overcrowded. Votes of thanks to the visitors terminated the conference.

28th February 1918 A pupil at the Masterton District High School has been successful in gaining a bursary at the Lincoln College. According to amended regulations the pupil is forced to become, a teacher, whereas his bent is to become, a farmer, and some adverse criticism was levelled at the Department by members of the Masterton District High School Committee last night upon the enforcement of such a regulation.

A special meeting of the Masterton District High School -Committee was held last evening, when matters connected with the recent round-table conference, were discussed. Exception

was taken to the fact that the committee had not been consulted as to the proposed erection of a second school in the district over which it had jurisdiction. After a general discussion the following resolution was carried: "That the matter of remodelling the small rooms at the Masterton District High School be brought, under the notice of the Minister of Education as being the most urgent educational need in Masterton.

28th February 1918 With the Government subsidy the Trust Land Trust has £1000 available for equipping a school for higher education," stated Mr W. H. Jackson at a meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last, night.

It was pointed out at a special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last night that thirty years ago the attendance at the school was 622 and there was no justification now for making overcrowding a lever for securing new schools elsewhere.

The Masterton District High School Committee had recommendation from the Education Board as to the appointment of an assistant teacher. The Committee decided to inform the Board that while noting its recommendation the Committee regretted that the testimonials of another applicant had not been sent along

1st March 1918 The Masterton District High School Committee is of opinion that the most urgent educational need in Masterton at the present time is the re-modelling of the small rooms at the District High School. This opinion will scarcely be shared by the general public. It is certainly not shared by the experts of the Education Department. The District High School building, which was erected over thirty-five years ago, has very nearly served its purpose. Structural alterations cannot, bring it up to the standard of a modern school. The Education Department has acquired an excellent site of five acres at the top of Cole street, and on this there should be erected modern buildings capable of extension, which would be a credit to the town. It would be little short of madness to expend further large sums of money upon the out-of-date. District High School, It is only a question of time when the school will be disestablished in favour of a High School proper. The future needs of the borough must be given first consideration, and sentimental prejudice must not be allowed to stand in the way of educational development.

1st March 1918 At a special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee on Wednesday evening, exception was taken to the fact that the committee had not been consulted as to the proposed erection of a second primary school in the district. The committee passed the following motion :—"That the matter of remodelling the small rooms at the Masterton District High School be brought under the notice of the Minister of Education as being the most urgent educational need in Masterton."

4th March 1918 Mr. A. M. Burns, M A., who has been appointed an inspector under the Education Department, was formerly on the staff of the Masterton District High School, and later headmaster of the Carterton District High School

9th March 1918 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, there being present Messrs. R. Brown (chairman), J. L. E. Church, A. Hendry, I. Threadwell, W. Noble, J. A. Shackleton and E. H. Waddington. The chairman reported that the balance sheet, pass book cash book and accounts had been handed by him to the secretary of the Education Board for the audit, and an early return was promised. The action of the chairman in applying for a subsidy for asphaltting work in the girls and infants' playgrounds was confirmed. The headmaster wrote thanking the committee for its resolution

of approbation of the work of the staff. It was decided to invite tenders for the supply of twelve cords of firewood. Messrs Threadwell, Waddington and Wilkinson were appointed visiting members, and the matter of latrines, playground accommodation, shelter sheds for the girls and infants, and bicycle accommodation, was referred to them to act in conjunction with the chairman of the Works Committee.

9th March 1918 The attendance at the Masterton District High School is as follows Main school, roll 666, average attendance 629; side school, roll 164, average attendance 150; secondary classes, roll 111, average attendance 107.

The headmaster reported to the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last night that arrangements had been made by the Education Board and the Managers of the Technical School for the girls of the 5th and 6th Standards to receive their cooking instruction in the Technical School cookery room. This enables the cookery room at the school to be used as a classroom for a secondary class.

9th March 1918 Miss O. Cork has taken up her duties at the Masterton District High School. Miss Worth is relieving in the High School until the return of Miss Brown.

16th March 1918 A number of pupils attending the Masterton District High School yesterday received letters from soldiers in France thanking them for Christmas gifts sent.

19th March 1918 Part of a long article: about 10 o'clock came a report that Auckland had been wiped out, and that Auckland had been wiped out Anxiety in Masterton increased as this rumour circulated. However, shortly after ten o'clock word was received that bush fires were the cause of the extraordinary state of affairs, and the anxiety of the people subsided.

The children of the Masterton school were given a holiday to-day as the result of the extraordinary conditions which prevailed.

The gale caused havoc among the telephone wires and at the telephone exchange at Masterton the operators had a very trying time. Double the usual staff was employed coping with the work, and they carried out their duties in a very creditable manner under trying and extraordinary conditions.

21st March 1918. Wellington Education Board Miss E Elliott resigns. Miss G Cork temporary appointment

26th March 1918 COLE STREET SCHOOL

At Saturday's meeting of the Masterton Teachers' Institute, Mr F. L. Combs, M.A., moved the following motions :

(1) " That it is highly desirable, for the sake of educational efficiency, that no school contain more than 350 children."

(2) " That this Institute is of the opinion that the best interests of children, teachers and education will be served by the erection forthwith of the proposed new school in Cole Street, Masterton."

In speaking to the motion, Mr Combs said that the essential function of a headmaster in every school was to put himself in touch with every child in his school could he do this for even 350 children ? Certainly he could,; not for more. In very large schools the quieter and more refined children became submerged in the mass, while the least refined; by reason of their very blatancy, came forward and dominated the rest.

Mr J. H. Fieldhouse, in seconding the motion, said that the Institute should look at the matter from the standpoint of the childhood of Masterton, and should strengthen the hands of the Education Board in their proposal to build this school.

Mr W. H. Jackson, in opposing the second motion, said that he was of opinion that the rooms at the Masterton District High School needed re-modelling before any new school was built in Masterton.

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried with one or two dissentients.

27th March 1918 The Masterton School Committee invite tenders for the supply of 12 cords of 4 foot firewood [4 foot = 1.22 metres. A cord of wood is 3.62 metres x 3.62 x 3.62

13th April 1918 The headmaster reported to the monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last night that a change had been made this year in the arrangements for the school holidays. The 'Easter holidays were extended to seven school days, instead of three as formerly. There will be no May holiday and no September holiday. In place of those two holidays, one of a fortnight will be observed in July

13th April 1918 Miss Evelyn Elliott has retired from the staff of the Masterton District High School, and her position is being temporarily filled by Miss B. Turner

20th April 1918 The annual report of the Masterton school committee states:—Your committee has great pleasure in reporting to you regarding the high school department of your school. In the matriculation examination seven pupils passed and two obtained partial passes. In the Public Service entrance examination, two passed with credit. In the senior national scholarship examination eight passed. In the senior free place examination eleven passed, and in the junior national scholarship examination four passed. During the year the headmaster and his staff have well maintained the high prestige of your school in all its department, and your committee desires to express its appreciation of their services.

Householders are reminded of the annual election of the Masterton School Committee, which takes place in the Concert Chamber at the Municipal Hall on Monday evening.

20th April 1918 The annual report of the Masterton School Committee states:—For over five years your committee has urged; the re-modelling of the class rooms in the Main School. The medical inspectors have strongly supported this and recommended it in their reports. Plans for the work were prepared by the Board and submitted to your committee. The outbreak of the war and the resulting financial strain caused the shelving of the proposal for a time. Now, however, that educational matters are being so strenuously voiced in the Dominion, and the vital necessity "of giving to education more consideration than in the past, made apparent, committee feels bound, in justice of the interests of your school and its scholars, to again strongly urge the carrying out of the remodelling scheme without delay. The building of a school at the top end of Cole street would not remedy matters regarding the class rooms in your school. The explanation is that the majority of the class rooms "were built to accommodate small classes taught by pupil teachers whereas now assistants have charge of classes in rooms the classes are larger, resulting in overcrowding in some cases.

This state of affairs will continue, no matter what additional schools are built in Masterton, so long as these rooms have to be used under present staffing conditions. The re-modelling would give unlimited air space, improved lighting and ventilation, beside other advantages.

20th April 1918 The annual report of the Masterton school committee for the year ended, December 12th, 1917, states, inter alia —The average roll number, average attendance, and

percentage of attendance in the three departments, were as follows:—Main School, roll 695, average 638, percentage 92; Side School, 180, 157, 88; secondary classes, 88, 85, 97. ' For the year 1916 they were: —Main School, 694, 619, 89; Side School, 176, 149, 85; secondary classes, 76, 72, 95----secondary classes, 76, 72, 95. For the first, quarter of the present year they' were:—Main School, 665, 628, 94; Side School, 168, 149, 91; secondary classes, 116, 108, 97. The Main School roll is lower at the present time than it has been for several years, and in the secondary department the roll is considerably higher.

In connection with the building of the school in Cole the Board proposes to close the Side School, remove it to Cole street, and build two additional class rooms at Lansdowne. These and other proposals of the Board relating to Te Ore Ore and Solway schools were submitted to a conference called by the Board at short notice, but your committee has not been consulted regarding them.

The request of the residents of Solway for the establishment of a school was submitted by the Board to your committee, who warmly supported the proposal, and the school has been established.

Twelve ordinary and two special committee meetings were held, the attendances being as follows:—Messrs A. Hendry 14 D. Threadwell 14, R. Brown 13, J. A. Shackleton 11, Wilkinson 11, B. E Church 10, Rev. Hosking 10, E. H. Waddington .10, and W. Noble 9.

22nd April 1918 It appears from the report of the Masterton School Committee on the above that they no longer claim preference over it for the remodelling of the District High School. This is as it should be but with the contention that the Cole street School will do nothing to relieve the congestion in the main school we find it impossible to agree. It must draw off at least 100 children therefrom, thus helping to obviate the scandalous state of affairs whereby over eighty children are crowded into one room with less than 7' feet of floor space apiece. Moreover, what is meant by the suggestion that the existing class rooms are only "pupil-teacher rooms" Many at present hold over sixty. Even if this number be reduced to forty it will hardly be a pupil teacher class. It is to be hoped that the remodelling has not in view the perpetuation of the existing classes of seventy or eighty children. Otherwise, it will find no support from any up-to-date educationist. With the remodelling we have every sympathy, and we shall at the opportune juncture give it our full support. But it will prove an expensive undertaking, and undoubtedly the quickest and most expeditious manner in which to alleviate the existing gross overcrowding is to concur in the Education Board's plan to add two class rooms to Lansdowne and to build a new school at Cole street.⁴

6th July 1918 A- special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening to discuss matters of educational interest to the community. There were present,—Messrs R. Brown (chairman), Shackleton, Hendry, Mannell, Church, Noble and the .Rev .Hosking.

The first, matter dealt with was a special report furnished by the Works Committee on the condition of the school. The report was as follows: — "Most of the rooms are too small for the numbers of scholars each teacher has to take. The only way this can be remedied, is by carrying into effect the remodelling scheme. Both the ventilation and lighting would be easily improved, in numerous places on the old portion of the roof there are leaks. These are caused, by defective nail holes. Solid headed nails were used, and the water finds its way through the depressions made by the heads of the nails. These nails should be replaced by nails of a

modern type, and the roof should be painted, as it is rusty in places. A better job could be made by reversing the iron. and. this would probably make it unnecessary to paint the roof. This is, of course, a matter for the Board. The headmaster has, we understand, recommended this to the board's clerk of works. We advise the Committee, to ask that this work be included in the renovation work to be carried out in the near future. There are one. or two tears in the gutters which the Committee should have attended to as soon as possible. The Works Committee have carefully considered the matters referred to in their report, and they recommend, that special attention be given to the scheme for re-modelling of the class-rooms, and to the report of the headmaster regarding the Secondary . "Department of the school "

Mr Church moved the adoption of the report.

Mr Mannell considered the position would be greatly relieved if the Committee assisted the folk of the west end of the town to obtain new school in Cole Street. This school would also relieve the congestion at Lansdowne ., . When this school was an established fact the Committee could then agitate for the remodelling of the District High School.

Mr Noble said the Education Board had promised to provide a. school .in Cole Street. This Committee should not try at this juncture to force the Education Board to re-model the school as suggested.

The chairman stated that the Cole Street school proposal was being hung up because the Board was unable to procure the money from the Department. The Committee had been, trying for five years to secure the remodelling of the school, and should continue its agitation. Messrs Noble and Mannell disagreed with the headmaster's contention that the new school would not relieve the situation.

After further discussion the report of the Works Committee was adopted.

The following report was next read from the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) :

The roll number in the secondary department of this school at the present time is 111. This number has been steadily maintained throughout the first half of the year. There will probably be only a slight reduction in the roll during the remaining half of the year. Next year there will be a Large increase in, numbers. At the present time all the available accommodation is overtaxed, and the cookery room has had to be converted into a class room. .It is not desirable that the present arrangement should be allowed to continue indefinitely. A high roll number is now a permanent condition in the secondary department of our school. This, with the prospect of a further increase nest year, makes it imperative that steps be taken to meet the situation. The remedy is either additional accommodation, or the conversion of the secondary department into a separate secondary school. I strongly recommend the latter proposal, and for the following reasons:

1. The secondary department of this school is now a strong and healthy young tree ready for transplanting.
2. The average attendance now permanently exceeds the number fixed by the Council of Education for the- conversion of the secondary department of a District High School into a separate secondary institution.
3. Greater scope for development would be afforded both the secondary institution and the primary school. The new secondary institution would have the best equipment that could be. provided for the development of secondary education on the most modern and "democratic lines. To assist in this direction a sum of money has been voted by

the Masterton Trust Lands Trust. The primary school would have available for science teaching and special work the present accommodation and equipment of the secondary department.

4. A fine site has been provided and over £1000 is available for apparatus and equipment. If my recommendation is supported by the Committee the following are the steps to be taken:--
 1. The Committee should make application to the Minister of Education, through the Education Board, for Clause 2 of Section 88 of the Education Act to be put into effect,
 2. The condition laid down in Sub-clause (a) of Clause 5 of Section 88 of the Education Act must be complied with That is a written guarantee from at least 60 parents of proficiency certificate holders must be forthcoming.

If the Minister, on the advice- of the Council of Education, decides to establish a secondary school in Masterton, the institution will be placed under the control of a Board of Governors, to be constituted as follows.—Three appointed by the Education Board, three elected by parents of pupils, two appointed by the Governor-General, and one appointed by the Borough Council. "The chairman said that many suggestions had been made during past years as to the form higher education should take in Masterton. The report of the headmaster was extremely clear as to the methods for carrying out the recommendations. The chairman moved that the Committee endorse the report.

Mr Noble seconded.

Mr Hendry strongly supported the recommendations contained in the report.

Rev. Hosking supported the establishment of a separate secondary institution. It was a crying disgrace that a district like the Wairarapa did not have an up-to-date High School.

Mr Threadwell contended that free place pupils should have preference over paid pupils.

Mr Jackson: You cannot make those restrictions

Mr Threadwell thought the Trust Lands Trust and the Teachers' Institute should be consulted before anything was done. A proposal in the past to create a High School had fallen through because of the class distinctions it was likely to establish. Mr Jackson said that the rights of free place pupils would be rigidly conserved.

The adoption of the report was carried unanimously.

Mr Jackson undertook to secure, the signatures of the parents of the secondary school pupils.

Mr Threadwell asked if the establishment of the school would interfere with the capitation payable to primary schools.

Mr Jackson pointed out that capitation was paid on the attendance. Consequently if one hundred pupils were to leave, the capitation would be reduced accordingly. The same would apply so far as the grant of the Trust Lands Trust was concerned.

Mr Jackson thanked the Committee for the support accorded the report.

11th July 1918 Grant Made. The Wellington Education Board has received a grant from the Education Department for the erection of three school rooms on the site purchased some time back at the head of Cole street, Masterton. No Amount will suffice for furnishing and outside improvements. Provision is also made for shed accommodation and asphaltting.

The plans will be put in hand as soon as possible, and in the meantime the road formation will be gone on with,

The size of the site is five acres three roods, which will give room for playgrounds, school gardens, etc. The Department only wished to purchase four acres, and it was due to the Board's agitation that the area was increased..

12th July 1918 This boy is 12 years old, and has only passed Standard 3. He has only made 45 attendances out of a possible 197 in the last term,'-* said the Truant Inspector in the Police Court this morning. The inspector quoted another case where a boy was over 14 years old, and had only passed Standard 3 at the Masterton School. He had prosecuted the father, but as it was now found that the boy was over 14, the case would be withdrawn.

13th July 1918 Yesterday afternoon the lad who was convicted in the morning of stealing a bicycle and horse and trap was further charged with stealing 3s from the desk of a school mistress at the Masterton school. During the dinner hour on Thursday the boy entered the school, secured the keys of the desk, and appropriated the cash, which he afterwards expended on luxuries. The father had refunded the 3s, and the lad was committed by the Magistrate to the Wellington Receiving Home.

16th July 1918 . We understand that the Masterton branch of the Protestant Political Association has addressed a letter to the Masterton District High School Committee, asking under what authority the children who have absented themselves from school to attend the Roman Catholic mission have been entered upon the school register as being present. Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the District High School, informed an "Age" reporter yesterday that no children who had absented themselves from school had been marked as present.' It was the practice to call the school roll at 10 o'clock each morning. During the Roman Catholic mission a number of children were late, but they did not arrive after the roll was called. In each case they had a satisfactory explanation from their parents for being late, and under these circumstances the children could not be punished.

17th July 1918 SECONDARY SCHOOL AT MASTERTON

Mr. A. W. Hogg moved at the Education Board's meeting to-day that the board should support the proposal for the establishment of a secondary school at Masterton, and the disestablishment of the District High School. Mr. Hogg said he believed that it was impossible to better the education now being given at the District High School. The only advantage in the proposed change that he could see was that the secondary school would be under the control of the Board of Governors.

Mr. McCallum suggested that it would be necessary to set up a board of establishment in connection with the new secondary school. That had been their experience in Marlborough. It was decided to recommend the proposal to the Education Department.

20th July 1918 At the meeting of the Masterton Committee last evening, a vote of condolence was passed to Miss McGregor, a teacher in the school, on the death of her mother.

20th July 1918 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr It. Brown presiding. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £191 5s lid. The headmaster's report was read. Several school committees wrote in reply to the committee's circular, expressing themselves favourable to the formation of a School Committees' Association. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr J. C. Alpass for the gift of a handsome clock to the school. The headmaster made an explanation as to the hour of marking the attendance of children at the school, which was considered perfectly satisfactory.

20th July 1918 The Masterton District High School and schools throughout the Wairarapa , will close on Friday, August 2nd, for the winter holidays of two weeks. ., A very handsome clock, in a beautifully inlaid' case, has been presented to the Masterton District High School by Mr J. C. Alpass, in memory of his late son, Mr J. S. J. Alpass, who was a pupil at the school from September 1886, to October 1893.

The average attendance at the Masterton District High School last month was 585, in the secondary department. 106, and at the side school 143. The attendance in the primary departments has been affected by the.' continued wet weather and the prevalence of colds.

30th July 1918 It is expected that the guarantee of sixty pupils required to secure the disestablishment of the Masterton District High School in favour of a High School proper will be forthcoming before the end of the present week.

31st July 1918 The pupils of the Masterton District High School have contributed £27 5s towards the Soldiers' Christmas Pudding Fund. This sum will provide 645 puddings.

9th August 1918 The agricultural course that is at present being given to teachers at the Masterton District High School furnishes a good general science training and leads on to the courses of science work taken at the District High Schools. The science course has. been popular and successful, and pupils taking such a course, besides, securing a training in useful subjects,, have been most successful in gaining .Dominion scholarships and matriculation. The Wairarapa has gained the first two Kitchener Memorial Scholarships. Both boys have matriculated on the science course, and. have been awarded £50 per year, tenable at the Lincoln College, with positions secured for them at the conclusion of their courses. Girls who have elected to follow up their science course have been granted bursaries at the Otago University. These also carry grants with positions secured at the end of training

10th August 1918 The death occurred on Friday night at Masterton of Mr. Joseph Carpenter, who had been in business in- that township for many years, and who' retired only last month. The deceased, who was sixty-five years of age, had served on the Masterton School Committee, and. was a prominent member of the Masterton. Bowling Club. He leaves a widow, two sons, and five daughters. One of the sons is Mr. Robert J. Carpenter, until recently editor' of the "Pahiatua Herald

10th August 1918 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, which was to have been held last evening, lapsed for the want of a. quorum.'

6th September 1918 A soldier visitor to (he Masterton School Museum yesterday was puzzled to understand "an exhibit" in one of the large glass cases. He saw an array of books placed on end, with covers open, and a large dish in the centre of the case apparently filled with water. The books were "supplementary readers" sent by the Education Board for use in the Mastodon school, after having been used in other schools. The dish contained eight ounces of pure formalin, and the readers were being- thoroughly sterilised- before they were put into use at- the Masterton school.'

14th September 1918 The First Communication The Masterton District High School Committee has received a communication from the Board stating that the guarantee of parents whose children are attending the District High School would be placed before the Education Council shortly.

14th September It was reported to the Masterton District High Committee last evening that the second assistant master had received notice to prepare to enter camp, A motion was moved

that the Education Board be asked to fill the position by another male teacher, or to appeal for the exemption of the present teacher. The motion was lost by five votes to four

In connection with the proposed establishment of a High School in Masterton, which the Daily Times has advocated for many years, the Masterton District High School Committee has received a communication from the Education Board stating that the guarantee of parents whose children are attending the District High School would be placed before the Education Council shortly.

A good deal of correspondence was before the Masterton • District High School Committee last evening in respect to the formation of a School Committees' Association. It was decided to hold a meeting in Masterton on Friday, September 28th, and to invite the, School Committees already circularised to be present, with the object of fully discussing the formation of an association.

A meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, there being present, —Messrs R. Brown ((chairman), E. H. Waddington, J. A. Hosking, T. R. Mannell,' B. Church, A., Hendry, J. A. Shackleton W. Noble and D. Threadwell . The treasurer reported a credit balance of £197 2s 11d. The Works Committee was authorised to go into the matter of extra cleaning work, etc., at the school. The headmaster reported that the attendance for last month was as follows: —Main school, roll number 665, average attendance 585; side school, roll number 176, average attendance 159; secondary classes, roll number 104, average attendance 97.

14th September 1918 SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S ASSOCIATION.

Initial Meeting. A good deal of correspondence was before the Masterton District High School Committee last evening in respect to the formation of a School Committees' Association. It was decided to hold a meeting in Masterton on Friday, September 19th, and to invite the School Committee already circularised to be present, with the object of fully discussing the formation of an association.

21st September 1918 The State schools in the Masterton district will observe a public holiday on Monday next for Dominion Day.

1ST October 1918 Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton school committee, in company with the Rev. Hosking, visited the Masterton District High School and the Side School, and addressed the children. The flag was saluted and the National Anthem sung lustily by the children. Cheers were given for the Allied soldiers and King George, and the children were then given a holiday.

2nd October 1918 SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS. EDUCATION BOARD'S DIFFICULTY

The Wellington Education Board is finding great difficulty in filling its teaching positions with trained teachers. Mr G. J. Goldsman, second assistant at the Masterton D.H. School, was to report at Trentham camp for active service next week. Yesterday he received the following memorandum from the secretary of the Education Board:—"I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., in which you apply for leave of absence to join the Expeditionary Force. Your application will be placed before the Board at its next meeting, but in the meantime, as the Board is quite unable immediately to fill your position, it is making application to the Defence authorities for postponement of the notice ordering you to camp until the January draft."

It is understood that, consequent upon the resignation of Miss Flood, infant mistress at Fernridge, the school is understaffed, the Board being unable to provide a relieving teacher.

3rd October 1918 Writing from somewhere in on July 25th, 1918, to Mr J. M Coradine (Mayor of Masterton) Lieut. E. E. Farnsworth. (who was recently killed in action) says:—"On the 15th inst. an attack was made on the Roche, with a result that several machine, guns, including prisoners, were taken. The platoon I have the honor to be commanding was successful in capturing a machine gun, and our worthy CO. has left the disposal of the trophies to those who took part: Now, as I am one of Masterton's representatives in the great conflict, which I am proud to be, arrangements are being made to have the gun sent to the Masterton District High School, or to any other institution you may decide upon, I sincerely hope you won't think I am trying to force the gun on to our worthy town, but I do think something small should be sent to Masterton, considering the part it has played in the war

12th October 1918 Masterton Trust Lands Trust Mr E.G. Eton presided at the monthly meeting of the Trust hands Trust last night. The Inspector of Schools wrote asking the Trustees to allow the children attending the Masterton District High School the use of the paddock opposite the school as an extra playground.—Mr C. E. Daniell favoured throwing the land open to the general public by the removal of the unsightly fence. The Trust received a nominal rent of 2s per week, and the rates payable on the land was £30.—After some discussion a committee, consisting of the chairman, and Messrs Caselberg, Daniell and Krahagen, was appointed to confer with Mr Stuckey on the matter.

12th October 1918 At the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, a circular was received, inviting the committee to purchase a copy of the Decalogue, and have it exhibited on the walls of the school. The circular was "received."

The headmaster reported to the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening that the attendance during the past month was as follows:—Main school, roll number 660, average attendance 589; side school, roll number 176, average attendance 156; secondary classes, roll number 100, average attendance 90. Although there are no cases of serious illness in the school, the attendance is still below normal.

18th October 1918 The Wellington Education Board has accepted the resignation of Miss E C. Waddington, assistant at the Masterton District High School

24th October 1918 The Masterton State Schools and the Banks will be closed to-day for the "People's Day" of the Carterton Show. Several reasons have been put forward why it always rains on Carterton show day. The latest has been adduced by a mistress at the Masterton school, who told her pupils yesterday that the Carterton Society was banned because it planted certain trees on a Sunday.

1st November 1918 The delay in the erection of the new school at Masterton. He replied that the lowest tender for three rooms, with outbuildings, had been £3850. The tender was a striking example of the increased cost of labour and material. The House appeared to regard the explanation as adequate.

9th November 1918 The headmaster of the Masterton District High School (Mr W. H Jackson) reported to the school committee last night that the following precautions were being taken to combat the influenza epidemic: — "in addition to extra care being exercised in the daily disinfection of all the floors with Zonal disinfectant, I have obtained a number of sprayers to saturate the air in all the class rooms with sulphate of zinc vapour. Before the

children enter their rooms, morning and afternoon, the air is sterilised with the Health Department's 2 per cent sulphate of zinc spray, all windows, ventilators and doors being shut. After inhalation for a few minutes with deep breathing exercises the rooms are ventilated and kept ventilated. By this means, and by the exercise of the utmost vigilance, I hope to ward off a school epidemic." Mr Jackson further reported: — "It may be useful to the committee to know that a suitable sprayer can be purchased for 4s 6d, and sulphate of zinc is a cheap soluble salt obtainable from any chemist. The sulphate should be obtained in packets. A packet to a whisky bottle of water gives the required strength. The sprayer fits the bottle. The person using the atomiser should stand on a table and direct the spray as high as possible into the air of the room. The breathing air will then be well impregnated with the germicidal antidote.

12th November 1918 Over 120 dozen eggs were supplied by the Masterton school children for the Patriotic Shop for Italian Day. The Mayoress (Mrs Coradine) and Miss Morrison desire us to tender their thanks to the children for their efforts.

11th December 1918 The Masterton District High School Committee have at present a credit balance of £185 14s 4d.

11th December 1918 MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES

Standard VI.—Claude Andrews, Frank Biggs, Keith Brown, Vickery Burridge, Laurie Donald, Basil Fairbrother, Herbert Francis, Leonard Grimes, Charles Groombridge, Bernard Hooper, Hector Madsen, Archibald Magrath, Leonard Morris, Charles Parton, Hugh Parton, Robert Russell, Harry Smith, Robert Stewart, Ray Vile, Rex Vile, Archibald Wellington, Frank Whitwell, Hedley Wilton, Norman Winhall, Leonard Zillwood, Lyla Anstice, Martha Brewerton, Nita Brown, Linnea Engstrom, Janie Evernden, Mollie Henry, Nellie Henry, Melva Hilton, Enid Hosking, Edna Jenkins, Bertha Kjar, Mavis McLennan, Ione Peacock, Barbara Reid, Olive Walton, Edith Wellington, Florence Wilkinson.

ENDORSED COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES. Standard VI. Leslie Collinge, Spencer Finlayson, Neil Gibson, Montague Groube, Thomas Jackson, Clarence McIver, Douglas Rutherford, Douglas Smith, Jack Wagg, Millie Carr, Alice Eton, Ruby Hooper, Hazel Hopkins, Bernice Page, Hilda Shackleton. Ellen Thompson, Rita Wilton.

The annual examination for promotion will be held when the school re-assembles on the 4th February next.

GOOD ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. A good attendance certificate is awarded by the Education Department to every scholar who has not been absent more than five half-days in the school year.

Secondary Classes—Robert Cooper, Edmonston Calwell, David Dickson, Nathaniel Miller, John Stephens, John Townsend, Elsie Calwell, Ella Edwards, Violet Fly, Ethel Henderson, Elva McGrath, Harold Anketell, James Biggs, Aleck Hendry, Jack Hoffeins, Edward Messenger, Arthur O'Donnell, Alfred Pinkerton, Jack Richards, Cyril Richardson, Gordon Wood, Pearl Dakin, Dorothy Friend, Daphne Harvey, Phyllis Rule, Margery Reader, Natalie Wilkinson.

Standard VI.—Frank Biggs, Basil Fairbrother, Stephen Gallagher, Leonard Grimes, Bernard Hooper, Thomas Jackson, Hector Madsen, Archd. McGrath, Leonard Morris, Keith Ralph, Robert Stewart, Kay Vile, Rex Vile, Clarence Watson, Archie Wellington, Hedley Wilton,

Norman Winhall, Lenen Engstrom, Mollie Henry, Bertha Kjar, Barbara Reid, Vickery Burrige, Charles Groombridge, Harry Smith, Leonard Zillwood.

Standard V.—Ernest Anderson, William Barton, Crawford Cameron, Fred Candy, Nolan Franks, Joseph Hayes, James Pember, Herbert Stephens, James Sutherland, Ingel Wood, Thomas Carr, Irene Hooper, Evelyn Jackson, Jessie Jackson, Minnie Joy, Gladys Judd, Gladys Newland, Eileen Olliver, Dorothy O'Donnell, Inga Ray, Doreen Sharp, Margaret Sutherland.

.Standard IV.—Douglas Collinge, Ernest Jenkins, Alfred Pond, Henry Sayer, Ian Sutherland, Raymond Smith, Elsie Benge, Dolly Biggs; Rose Butcher, Ethel Carr, Ruth Hayes, Ruth Henry, Venetia Madsen, Eileen McCormack, Leila Williams.

Standard III.—Leslie Benge, Benjamin Blair, Thomas Bolton, Ronald Faulkner, Victor Gooding, Douglas Hayne, Jack Hughes, Clifford Peacock, Joseph Peel, Norman Sutherland, Ernest Taylor, Walter Taylor, Stanley Volheim, Templeton Young, Grace Blair, Elinor Bonde, Alice Colly, Winnie Grimes, Agnes Henderson, Joan Jackson, Caroline Long, Millie Lewin, Myrtle Sayer, Nella Stephens, Doreen Wilmshurst, Ngaio Wilton.

Standard II.—George Anstice, Elwyn Fairbrother, David McMichael, Clifford Perry, Leslie Smith, Thomas Walsh, Rangi Wilton, Nina Boddington, Kathleen Dickson, Amelia Dixon, Myrtle Flaws, Florence Harding, Myrtle Lenz, Jean McLeod, Doris Richards, Flossie Russell.

Standard I.—Ronald Benge, Victor Kingdon, Frank Staples, Jack Stapled, Errol Welch, Nellie Sayer, May Weyland, Dora Winhall.

Primer Classes. —Noel Harrington, Fred Kemball, Alick McDougall, George Moon, Jack Whitten, Dorothy Dunn, Edna Jackson, Edith Lenz, Charles Curtis, Eric Ferris, Hector Russell, Edward Sayer, Eric Smith, Hector Volheim, Gwen Falconer, Charles Staples, Helena Mason, Elsie Moon.

SIDE SCHOOL,

Standard II.—James Bolton, Bernard Corcoran, Alfred Howes, Doris McGrath, Barbara McKenzie .

Standard I.—Gladys Perfect, Mollie Woodburn. '

Primer Classes.—Harold Perfect, Herbert Russell, Victor Rodgers, Sidney Stark, Rose Taylor, Lois Woodbury.

13th December 1918 To enable pupils to remove their books, etc., Mr W. H. Jackson, the headmaster of the Masterton District High School, will attend at tire school to-day and on Saturday, between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon.

14th December 1918 TENDER ACCEPTED. The Wellington Education Board has accepted a tender for the erection of a new school in Colo street, Masterton, and the work is to be proceeded with at once. The following letter was read at the meeting of the District High School Committee last evening from the secretary of the Education Board:— "The Board is pleased to inform your Committee that it has now accepted the tender of Mr Hilton for the erection of the Cole Street School and outbuildings in reinforced concrete. The contractor will not be in a position to start the work until after New Year. The Board trusts that this will supply adequately a very much needed addition to the educational institutions of Masterton."

14th December 1918 In his report to the Masterton District High School Committee last evening the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) .said:—"On the night on which the notice from the secretary of the Board regarding the withholding of the cheques for the staffs was

published, the school was entered. The drawers of the private table in my office were all broken open. Every locked desk and cupboard in the school was similarly treated. I at once reported the matter to the police. As far as I can find out at present, nothing was taken, not even a collection of coppers in the first drawer opened. Even had the cheques been found and stolen, they would have been of no value whatever to the thief. A junior officer came and inspected the damage and saw the candle-grease spots all over the floor, and I presume that is as far as he has got in his investigation."

In his report to the Masterton District High School Committee last night the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) stated:—"When school reopens, the accommodation for secondary pupils will be severely taxed. I recommend the committee to request the Minister of Education to take steps to put into effect the application of the committee, through the Education Board, for the establishment of a secondary institution in Masterton." In the course of a conversation, Mr R. Brown informed a Daily Times reporter that the number of suppliers to the Masterton dairy factory was steadily increasing. The number of suppliers to the factory this season showed a substantial increase on last year's figures. Among the suppliers were a number of returned soldiers, who had taken up land in the district.

In connection with the erection of a new school in Cole street, the following letter was read at the meeting of the Masterton school committee last evening from the secretary of the Education Board:—"The Board is pleased to inform your committee that it has now accepted the tender of Mr Hilton for the erection of the Cole street school and outbuildings in reinforced concrete. The contractor will not be in a position to start the work until after the New Year. The Board trusts that this will supply adequately a very much-needed addition to the educational institutions of Masterton."

3rd January 1919 The following pupils of the Masterton School have been awarded senior free places under the Free Places regulations:—Ada Taggart, Ivy Maxwell, Seddon Burridge, Newman Hoar, Robert Cooper, Elsie Calwell, Gordon Beale'

11th January 1918 The Masterton School Committee some months ago forwarded the Wellington Education Board the necessary guarantee for permits in connection with the disestablishment of the District High School and the establishment of a High School proper. The Education Board replied in September, stating that the application for a High School had been transmitted to the Department, and a reply had been received that the matter would be considered by the Council of Education at its next meeting. As no further information had come to hand by December, the secretary of the committee wrote further to the Board upon the subject. He received a reply on December 10th, stating that the Board had taken all the necessary steps, and there should not be any valid objection to the establishment of the High School. Enquiry had been made from the Education Board, and it had been ascertained that it was not prepared to hold a meeting of the Council of Education before June, so that there may still be considerable delay. The chairman of the committee (Mr R. Brown) stated at last night's meeting that the present accommodation for the secondary pupils was quite inadequate, and overcrowding must be anticipated. He had spoken to Mr G. B. Sykes, M.P., upon the subject, and had urged him to endeavour to facilitate the early establishment of the High School. Mr Sykes had promised to make representations to the Minister upon the subject.

8th January 1919 EDUCATION IN MASTERTON

HOW IT HAS PROGRESSED THE PAST AND THE PRESENT.

From an educational point of view, Masterton has probably made greater progress in the last four or five decades than any other township in the Dominion. In the early 'sixties, when the town was in its infancy, there was a small private school, conducted by a Mr. Skipper, situated on the corner of what are now Hall and Chapel Streets. Only a handful of scholars attended that school—the Welch family, Bannisters, Mutries, —McLachlans, Colways, and a few others. The parents of the scholars had to contribute a weekly fee for each child, and the principal subjects taught were the three Rs. As the population grew the school was transferred to the old Town Hall, situated where the Agricultural Department's offices now stand and was placed in charge of a Mr. Gordon.

The system of "free, secular, and compulsory" education was introduced in 1877 by the Hon. C. C. Bowen. Singularly enough, this was about the time that Masterton was constituted a borough. A new school was erected on the site on which the Technical School now stands, and the successive teachers were Messrs. Lillington, J. J. Pilkington, and W. T. Grundy. Among the few assistant teachers at that time were Miss Mary Baillie (now Mrs. James Elliott), and Miss Christina McKenzie. The first examiner was Mr. Robert Lee. Among the pupils of that school were Messrs. G. R. Sykes, M.P., William Cole, J. K. Blinkhorne, C. F. Vallance, W. C. Perry, J. Colway, the writer of this article, and the Misses. Isabella Munro, Yates, Robins, etc. There could not have been more than a couple of hundred pupils in the school, all told.

THE KURIPUNI SCHOOL. It was about 1881 that the present Masterton District High School was erected on the site at Kuripuni. A year or two after its erection, Mr. W. T. Grundy was transferred to the Clyde Quay School, and he was succeeded by Mr. W. H. Jackson, who still retains the headmastership. A Side-school was a little later erected in Victoria Street to accommodate the smaller children, and this was for many years in charge of Miss Keeling. Additions have been made from time to time to the Kuripuni School, and although it is now capable of seating 700 or 800 children, its capacity is taxed to the utmost, and it has been found necessary to relieve the pressure by erecting a standard school at the top of Colo Street. The well-equipped Lansdowne School, so successfully conducted by Mr. Drummond, has also taken several hundred pupils who would otherwise go to Kuripuni.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

The history of the Masterton District High School is interesting. It may not be generally known that it was the first District High School to be established in the North Island. It was discovered by the Chairman at that time of the School Committee that there was provision in the Education Act for the conversion of a primary school into a District High School, on the application of the parents of a certain number of Standard VI children. Neither the then Minister of Education (the late Mr. Seddon) the Secretary of Education, nor the Inspectors appeared to be aware of the provision in the Act. The necessary number of names were forthcoming, and the Secretary for Education and Inspector interviewed the School Committee. Headmaster and others were at this time opposed to the change, thinking it might involve radical alterations in the teaching staffs. However, there was no option in the matter, and the Secretary of Education had to recommend the Minister to grant the request of the parents. This was the starting of the District High School system in the North Island, and it is unnecessary to state that the example of Masterton was quickly followed by neighbouring

cities and towns. Instead of the status of the teaching staff being impaired, it was greatly increased, and the District High School has been a boon to the community.

THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL. Not long after the District High School was established, advantage was taken of the Manual and Technical Instruction Act to provide further secondary education in the shape of a Technical School. A public meeting was held, and it was decided to appoint managers. Among these were Messrs. C. E. Daniell, W. H. Jackson, A. H. Vile, and R. K. Jackson. From a small beginning the school developed until, by the efforts of Mr. J. M. Coradine and others, the present magnificent building was erected as a memorial to the late Mr. Seddon. The Masterton Technical School is now one of the strongest institutions of its kind in the Dominion. It is in charge of an able director, in Mr. D. E. Leslie, and possesses a most capable staff. Thanks to the assistance of the Trust Lands Trust, the school is in a very sound financial position,

THE TRUST LANDS TRUST. This brings us to the origin of the Trust. When the Masterton Small Farm Settlement was cut up and subdivided into town and suburban sections, there were more sections than there were applicants. After the ballot had been held, the settlers agreed that the surplus sections (both town and suburban) should be set aside for the purpose of "education and general utility." This was, of course, before the system of free education was introduced. An Act was passed through the Legislature vesting the land in five Trustees. (This number has been increased in recent years to nine.) Among the early Trustees were the late Messrs. A. W. Renall, R. Hare, S. E. Gapper, R. Dagg, and William Lowes. The scope of the Trust has been widened from time to time, and its income, thanks to the prudent management of the successive Trustees has enormously increased un-

11th January 1919 A RECREATION GROUND FOR THE MASTERTON SCHOOL.

REPORT TO TRUST LANDS TRUST Mr C. E. Daniell, one of the Building and Leasing Committee of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, has submitted the following report to the Trustees:—"On December 20th, I, in company with Mr Hathaway, met Mr Stuckey, Inspector of Schools. Mr W. H. Jackson was also present. Mr Stuckey stressed the need for ample recreation ground around the school, pointing out that the 22 acres now set aside for games, and which is kept in capital order, is not sufficient playing space for the children attending the school. Mr Stuckey asked that the 2 ½ acres between Queen and Dixon streets be definitely set aside for school purposes. The 25 acres now bear their proper share of Borough rates, which amount to £23 per year. The Trust has repeatedly offered these lands for lease at exceptionally low rates but has failed to secure tenants. The present fences are hardly efficient to enclose cattle, and are certainly not creditable to a public body, such as the Trust. Mr Jackson, at the interview, urged that for efficient administration it is desirable that the property be fenced. Mr Stuckey supported this view. We are not able to agree with this attitude, and again urge that the present old fences on street lines be entirely removed, and, say, half, or even a quarter, the amount of money it would cost to fence be expended in cleaning up the surface, no alienation of the Trust rights being agreed to. This would leave for present requirements a public playing area, and if our successors find it desirable to develop in any particular direction, they would be free to do so. It is urged that, if left open, some undesirable conditions will develop and objectionable use be made of the ground. My reply is, that being public property, citizens will not tolerate a misuse, and it is our privilege and

duty to lead. I again ask that the Leasing Committee be directed to remove old fences and generally to clean up the ground as a first step in improvement of the property."

18th January 1919 AN ABSURD REQUEST.

It appears that an effort is being made to persuade the Trust Lands Trust to hand over a considerable area of land for the purpose of providing an additional playground for the children attending the Masterton District High School. At the present time there is a playground of nearly three acres attached to the school. What is this kept for? Is it a sacred spot on which the children may gaze only, and not play? If not, then why, in the name of common sense, do certain individuals wish the Trust to give the school authorities control of a large Trust section opposite the school. We heartily agree with Mr Krahaugen in this matter. That gentleman expressed his disapproval at the Trust meeting last night of the Trust handing over further property to anybody. As Mr Krahaugen stated, the school has sufficient playing space as it is, and it is to be hoped that the suggestion made that the Trust should hand over a valuable section as an additional playground will not be entertained by the Trust.

24th January 1919 Sir, —Just a few lines with reference to the discussion re increased playgrounds for the Masterton District High School. One writer states that the request of our inspector is absurd, and says, in an almost insolent letter, that it is rubbish and piffle. The same writer asks to point to a State school with greater recreation grounds than Masterton. Now, Sir, I would like to ask that writer to visit two of our State schools under the patronage of the Masterton Trust. The first I would call attention to is the Fernridge school, -where the attendance is about one hundred, and their recreation ground is two acres. If the Masterton playground was in the same proportion, for their six hundred they would have twelve acres instead of three. The next school to visit would be Lansdowne. The attendance there is about half that of Masterton, and their recreation ground, judging from appearances, not knowing the measurement, is about equal. If Masterton were on equal terms with Lansdowne, having double the children, it should have double the accommodation. If the Trust granted our inspector's request, Masterton would still be a long way behind either of the schools mentioned. As to who is talking rubbish and piffle, the public can judge. Coming to the ground which Masterton has, the most of it is occupied by the big boys attending the High School, who use it principally for football in winter and cricket in summer. Therefore, with two or three footballs going in winter and about a hundred big boys running round, it is no place for smaller children; and similarly with cricket balls in summer. Consequently about 400 children are jammed together in the school's back yard. The piece of ground owned by the Trust opposite the school is eminently suitable for the overflow from the back yard. The inspector's request is no favour but is asking for what really belongs to the school, as it is Trust property, which was originally set apart for educational purposes. All honour to a public servant who has his eyes open to see a need and uses his best endeavour to secure the supply of the same. If the present opportunity is lost possibly it may never recur again. I am a friend of kiddies, J. McGregor, senior. Masterton, January 23rd.

29th January 1919 HIGHER EDUCATION.

The Minister of Education has at length definitely intimated that he proposes visiting Masterton to discuss the question of making better provision for higher education. The position at the present time is most unsatisfactory. The District High School, which has rendered excellent service, is no longer capable of meeting the requirements. A High School

proper is a matter of urgent necessity. We understand that the Minister favours a High School with an agricultural bias. No exception can be taken to this, although the Taratahi training farm should ultimately provide the agricultural facilities that are necessary. What we want especially is an institution which will prevent our free place pupils and brainy youth from drifting to the cities. We should have in this locality a High School which would not only accommodate the whole of the free place pupils of the Wairarapa but would attract scholars from other parts of the Dominion.

31st January 1919 The parents of children attending the Masterton District High School will learn with considerable disgust that, owing to the inability of the Education Board to complete the painting of the school and the asphaltting of the grounds, it has been found impossible to re-open the school for another week. The children have been away from school now for about three months. One cannot help thinking that the Education Board has had ample time and opportunity in the interval to effect the necessary repairs to the buildings. The painting was not commenced until well into January, when it might very well have been put in hand in November or December. The plea will doubtless be raised that there has been a difficulty in procuring labour. But this will be regarded, more or less, as a subterfuge. The children of the school are being shamefully treated, and the Education Board, or whoever is responsible, are deserving of the most vigorous censure for permitting a situation to arise which is discreditable to all concerned.

31st January 1919 The Wellington Education Board has accepted the resignation of Miss M. K. McKenzie, secondary assistant, Masterton; Miss M. York, assistant, Masterton; Miss G. Horrocks, assistant, Masterton

1st February 1919 Owing to painters being at work on the school buildings, the Masterton District High School is to remain closed for another week. The school has already been closed for about three months, and parents are expressing great dissatisfaction at the extension of the vacation

4th February 1919 Out of five applicants, Mr Greenfield, who recently returned from camp, was last evening selected caretaker by the Masterton school committee

4th February 1919 At a special meeting of the Masterton School Committee, held last evening, Miss O. B. Sutherland, whose name had been recommended by the Education Board, was appointed assistant to the Secondary Department, of the District High School.

13th February 1919 The position in regard to the Masterton District High School has become so acute that unless the educational authorities comply immediately with the expressed wish of the Board and the Committee, a grave injustice will be done the children of the district. The number of free place pupils offering is so great that the present accommodation is utterly inadequate, and admission will have to be declined to some of the pupils who are offering. An urgent appeal has been made to the Education Department for the disestablishment of the District High School—which has served a most useful purpose—and for the establishment of a High School proper, with accommodation for two or three hundred pupils. This appeal has been supported by the Inspectors and the Education Board. The Minister, however, has given no heed to the appeal. He has promised to come to the district and investigate, but this promise he has not yet redeemed. We are sure that Mr. Hanan, for his part, has no desire to unnecessarily delay the provision of a High School for which the attendance required has

been guaranteed. But his delay in acting is producing such a serious inconvenience that the district is more than warranted in entering an emphatic protest-

15th February 1919 The Masterton District High school Committee met last night, Mr R. Brown occupying the chair. The business transacted was of a routine character.

The roll numbers in the three departments of the Masterton District High School are as follow:—Main School, 640; Side school, 201; secondary classes, 110. The roll numbers at the end of last year were:—Main school, 652; side school, 179; secondary classes, 99.

In his report to the Masterton District High School Committee last night, Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster, said: "In view of the difficulty in obtaining fuel, I should be glad if the Committee would take steps to secure the winter's supply as early as possible."

At the re-opening of the Masterton schools on Monday last, fifty-five new pupils were admitted to the main school, twenty-seven to the side school, and fifty-two to the High School. The new secondary scholars came from the following districts: Masterton 21, Lansdowne 12, Fernridge 5, Tenui 1, Whareama 2, Waingawa 1, Alfredton 1, Poro Poro 1, Gladstone 2, Saunders' Road 1, Taranaki 1, To Ore Ore 1.

During the next two or three months a number of changes will take place in the staff of the Masterton District High School. In addition to the retirement of Miss G. Cork and four junior teachers last month, Miss M. York and Miss A. E. Murray will leave the staff at the end of the present month. Later, Miss M. McKenzie (High School), Mrs O. Chamberlain (nee Miss G. Waddington) and Miss L. McGregor will retire. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining a supply of suitable candidates for pupil teacherships, the Board is supplying assistant teachers at the rate of one assistant for two pupil teachers.

24th February 1919 TEACHERS* PROPOSALS. At the annual meeting of the Teachers' Institute in Masterton on Saturday, Miss O. R. Sutherland, M.A., [Masterton DHS] moved the following resolution: "That, it is in the opinion of this Institute that in order to secure sufficient playing space for the physical development of the younger generations, vacant allotments, especially when near schools, should be utilised as playgrounds; that this Institute is also of the opinion that the vacant section opposite the Masterton District High School should be used to supplement the totally inadequate playing space of this school, and to afford a playground for the children of Masterton generally that in this connection this Institute also endorses the proposal to secure property at Lansdowne to form a Lansdowne Park."

Mr W. H. Jackson, in seconding the motion, spoke strongly in favour of securing property near schools wherever possible, to add to the 'usually insufficient playing space. The motion, which was further supported by Mr G. A. Jones and Mr R. Warwick was carried unanimously.

28th February 1919 Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the District High School, on behalf of the children attending the Side School, made a presentation to Miss York, infant mistress, this afternoon. The present took the form of a very handsome suede bag, and it was accompanied with many well deserved compliments and good wishes. Miss York is retiring from the service of the Education Board after having given the best part of her life for the benefit of the young people of Masterton.

3rd March 1919 Miss York, who has been for some year's mistress of the side school in Masterton, but who is about to retire, was presented by Mr W. H. Jackson, on behalf of the

children, with a handsome suede bag. Mr Jackson referred to the many years of useful service rendered by Miss York in the cause of education

3rd March 1919 Sir,—I am glad that you are hammering away at the High School project. The time is now ripe for such an institution. I have a son who is entitled to a free place, but he cannot find room in the Masterton District High School. Masterton and district are losing in every way through not having sufficient accommodation for secondary pupils. — I am, etc., MAURICEVILLE PARENT. Mauriceville, March 1, 1919.

4th March 1919 (To the Editor.) Sir,—In reply to the letter of "Mauriceville Parent," allow me to say that no pupil from Mauriceville has been refused a free place in the Masterton District High School. That there are no pupils from Mauriceville in our secondary department is due to

In fact that the train service makes it impossible for them to come to Masterton for their High School course. They have a convenient train service to the Eketahuna D.H. School.—I am, etc.,

W. H. JACKSON, Headmaster. Masterton D.H. School.

[We understand that the parent desired that his child should live in Masterton.—Ed. "Age."

7th March 1919 Mr W. H. JACKSON A CANDIDATE. At the request of a large and representative committee of citizens, Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, has consented to become a candidate for the Mayoralty of Masterton. Mr Jackson has been a resident of this town for about thirty years. He has taken a leading part in all public matters and was most active in rendering assistance in the recent influenza epidemic. He was one of the promoters of the Masterton Technical School and is at present one of its managers. He has also been for years a prominent member of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust. It is understood that should he be returned as Mayor, Mr Jackson will retire from the whole of his other public positions and devote himself entirely to the work of this important borough.

12th March 1919 AT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL. The Masterton District High School was, for a second time in five months, burglariously entered sometime after the closing hour on Monday evening. Absolute chaos met the eye of the caretaker when he entered the school on Tuesday morning, papers, oddments, etc., being littered on the floor and the teachers' desks. He immediately communicated with the headmaster, who got into touch with the police, but so far the affair is shrouded in mystery.

Indications point to the fact that the burglary was the handiwork of some grown person, and that the mission was money, though little, with the exception of unnegotiable cheques, is ever kept in the school. The intruder entered by one of the windows and ransacked the cupboards in Mr Leslie's room. Here a scout's knife was obtained, with which the locks in the desks were prized open. Nothing of value, however, was discovered, though papers were strewn all over the floor. A visit was next made to Mr Jackson's room, and again the locks were prized open or broken. In one drawer was found the point of the scout's knife, showing the purpose to which it was used. There were a number of foreign coins in one desk, but the burglar did not think them of sufficient value to take away. Nothing of any value is missing. The school authorities cannot understand what is prompting these periodical and uninvited investigations of school property.

13th March 1919 The name of Miss Lorna M. Leslie, of the Masterton District High School, was inadvertently omitted from the list of successful candidates in the recent matriculation examination

15th March 1919 The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr R. Brown presiding. Routine business was transacted, the headmaster's report was received, and discussed, and accounts were passed for payment. A resolution was passed congratulating the headmaster and staff of the school upon the excellent results obtained in the matriculation examination.

15th March 1919 At the meeting of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust last evening, Mr W. H. Jackson said he was pleased to inform the trustees that the Masterton District High School had been eminently successful at the recent matriculation examination. Eleven candidates had been presented and there was not a single failure. Seven had obtained complete passes, and four passed in four out of the five subjects they had to take. One of the successful pupils (a girl) had been granted a dental bursary at the Dunedin University. Three of the pupils had completed their matriculation in three years, although four years was the period allotted. Mr C. A. Gunning added that the pupils had also passed through the general science course. The chairman (Mr E. G. Eton) said the staff of the school was to be congratulated upon the results obtained. Mr C. E. Daniell stated that he would like to add his personal tribute to the work that was being done by the Masterton schools. He thought that the whole of the schools in the district were deserving of congratulation upon the high standard they had attained. He mentioned that two of his grandchildren, who had been educated in the Masterton school, had recently gone to Christchurch. One of them had come out top in English, out of 140 candidates, and another was ninth on the list

17th March 1919 The proposal of Mr W. H. Jackson that the Trust Trustees shall contribute £5000, spread over a period of ten years, towards the provision of a High School in Masterton, cannot fail to secure the endorsement of the people. Mr Jackson realises, as most people realise, that the time has now arrived when increased facilities must be offered for secondary education. The Trustees are fortunately in a position to render financial assistance to a High School, as well as to the Technical School and primary schools. It is questionable, however, whether the funds should not be devoted to bursaries and equipment, instead of relieving the State of a portion of its financial obligations. On this point there will probably be a division of opinion. The Minister of Education must be made to clearly understand that whatever assistance is given will be subject to the prosecution of a work which is urgently required.

20th March 1919 Good progress is being made with the erection of the new State school in Cole Street, Masterton. It is expected that the work will be sufficiently advanced next week to start on the roof

2nd April 1919 Miss O. R. Sutherland appointed secondary assistant

4th April 1919 We are pleased to see that the Masterton School Committee intends to urge upon the Minister of Education during his visit to Masterton the importance of this district being provided with the best educational facilities possible. The school committee owe it as a duty to the children of Masterton to give the authorities no peace, until a high school is an established fact. We have Mr R. Brown working hard for a high school for Masterton —of the utility of which he has long been convinced —while the Mayor is also fighting vigorously

in the same ranks. It is pleasing to be able to record the fact that those individuals who had previously opposed the establishment of a high school in this town have awakened to the fact that public opinion is strongly in favour of the project. After a delay of years, Masterton is now getting into its educational stride, and should not have to carry the high school flag much further before final victory is achieved.

4th April 1919 The Masterton District High School has accepted the tender of Mr H. E. Petersen for the supply of firewood to the school.

4th April 1919 REMAINS IN MASTERTON THREE DAYS. This afternoon Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, got into telephone communication with the Ministerial party now visiting the Wairarapa. The Hon J. A. Hanan will arrive in Masterton to-morrow and will be entertained at luncheon at the Club Hotel. The afternoon will be occupied in visiting the different schools and various sites for the proposed High School. The Minister will remain in Masterton till Tuesday afternoon, and will devote the whole of his stay here to enquiry into the educational requirements of the district, and receiving any deputations that may wait upon him.

8th April 1919 Mr C. E. Daniell has made a magnificent gift of ten acres of land near the railway station, and valued at £5000, as a site upon which to erect the proposed High School for Masterton. Mr Daniell has always been a staunch advocate of high education in Masterton, and he has thus shown his practical sympathy with the movement. Mr Daniell's generosity has brought the establishment of "a high school in Masterton nearer than would otherwise have been the case. There was a possibility of some difficulty being experienced over the question of a site, and on this the fate of the high school project hung. Mr Daniell's public-spirited action has removed this difficulty. Future generations of children in Masterton will have much to thank Mr Daniell for in giving such a valuable site for the high school.

14th April 1919 DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT,

The following is the annual report of the Masterton school committee:—The average roll number, average attendance and percentage of attendance in the three departments, were as follows:—Main school, 659, average 598, percentage 91; side school, 172, 152, 88; secondary classes, 104, 101, 97. All schools were closed on November 8th, owing to the influenza epidemic, and remained closed till February last. Owing to the closing of the school before, the annual promotion examination was conducted after the school reassembled in February last, and the results were very satisfactory, considering the great loss of time the children had suffered.

There had been many changes in the staff during the year, and great difficulty has been experienced by the Board in supplying even temporary teachers to fill vacancies. The school has been short-staffed since re-opening this year. The new regulations, recently put into effect, contain the provision 12 square feet of floor space shall be allowed per pupil. This makes it absolutely necessary that the class room in your main school should be re-modelled to provide the additional air space needed. Your committee intend to again urge that this vital matter be given consideration by the Education Board and the Minister of Education. At least five of the class rooms do not comply with the regulations, and it is the business and duty of the Education Board and the Minister of Education to see that they do.

In spite of the severe handicap imposed on pupils in the secondary classes by the great loss of time caused by the epidemic, your committee has pleasure in reporting that splendid

examination results have been achieved by the High School pupils at the recent examinations. The accommodation in the secondary department is totally inadequate, and your committee is strongly in favour of handing over its High Schools pupils to a separate institution, for secondary classes only. Your committee have urged the Education Board to take steps to establish a high school in Masterton, and in September last duly complied with all statutory requirements for the purpose, but nothing has yet been done by the Board. During the year your committee discussed the advisability of forming a School Committees Association in Masterton, and as the result such an association has been formed, comprising all the school committees in Masterton and many in the surrounding district, and your committee are of opinion that much good educational work should be done by such an association in the future. Your committee is not satisfied that the present system of so-called medical inspection is of any great benefit to the school children as a whole. If the system is to be made effective, every child should be medically and dentally inspected, and provision made for free treatment at least in necessitous cases.

The Minister of Education has recently visited Masterton, and deputations of your committee and of the School Committees' Association waited on him and placed before him the urgent needs of the Wairarapa for a high school and other educational requirements. The result of the interview will, it is hoped, prove of great benefit to the district educationally. Your committee have recently had the asphaltting of the girls' playground completed by contract under the supervision of a qualified engineer, and their work should prove both satisfactory and "beneficial. Your committee some time since received intimation that subsidies would be discontinued in respect of grants from the Trusts Lands Trustees, and in conjunction with Greytown and other School Committees interested, strong protests were made, with the result that the Department have reconsidered this matter, and it is now understood that these subsidies will be allowed. During thy year Mr J. C. Alpass generously presented to the school a very handsome clock, and several citizens have donated various specimens to the school museum, which are much appreciated.

Your committee desire to express great regret at the loss of the late secretary, Mr W. M. Easthope whose sudden removal by death cast a gloom over a large circle of his friends and acquaintances. For many years he faithfully carried out the secretarial duties of your committee in an able manner, besides rendering services to Masterton in other ways. The headmaster and his staff have, throughout the year, well maintained the high prestige of your school in all its departments, and your committee desires to express appreciation of their Valued services. The sanitation of the schools has been well attended to, and the cleaning properly carried-out by the custodian. Twelve ordinary and four special committee meetings were held, the attendances being as follows:— Messrs R. Brown 16, A. Hendry 15 3 J. A. Shackleton 12, E. B. Church 11, D. Threadwell 10, E. H. Waddington 11, A. S. Wilkinson 5, W. Noble 9, T. R. Mannell 5, and Rev. J. A. Hosking 7.

15th April 1919 One of the greatest farces perpetrated in connection with the school committee election in Masterton is the holding of the mooting of householders in the Assembly Hall of the Masterton school building. The motion moved by Mr Threadwell at the meeting last evening, that it be a recommendation to the Education Board to hold the next annual meeting in the Municipal Buildings, was, we would have thought, a sensible one, which no person capable of reasoning the matter clearly and studying the interests of all the

voters would have opposed. Probably, as the result of some telling eloquence, the motion was rejected. We would suggest that those who oppose holding the meeting in a central position should recommend the Education Board to convene the next meeting at Mt. Holdsworth, because of the delightful atmosphere and outlook

appertaining to that locality. It is certainly to be hoped that before the next election comes along steps will be taken to persuade the Education Board to do away with the farce of holding" the annual meeting of householders at the Masterton school. Common sense should rule in the matter in place of verbosity and selfishness

16th April 1919 Sir, —It seems a bad state of society when a sectarian organisation endeavours to cram a school committee with its nominees, irrespective of their qualifications, as was done in Masterton on Monday night, to the exclusion of men of outstanding ability.—I am, etc., "HOUSEHOLDER."

16th April 1919 Masterton. —Messrs. R. Brown, A. Hendry, E. H. Waddington, J. E. Calwell, F. T. Redman, T. R. Mannell, D. Threadwell, W. E. Nichol, and B. E. Clinch. School Committee Election

19th April 1919 MEDICAL INSPECTION. OF SCHOOL CHILDREN. The following letters speak for themselves * — - Wellington, April 16, 1919. Dear Mr Jackson,—With reference to the attached papers which you handed to me during my recent A-isit to Masterton, I desire to inform you that I recognise the importance of having dentally clean schools, and in this connection I recently submitted to Cabinet proposals with the view of a commencement being" made with this desirable work. Hoping you are in good form, and with regards.—Yours sincerely, J. A. HANAN. W.-.H.. Jackson, Esq., Headmaster, District High School, I .. ton. " We are in no position to undertake the expense of getting teeth seen to. and another thing, he has not lost all his first teeth yet. No working man with a family of six to support can undertake dental expenses these times.

Cannot the medical examiner recommend what treatment is necessary? If the system stops at inspection only, it is difficult to see where the benefit comes in. The Department evidently go to a lot of expense and get nowhere .

23rd April 1919 Messrs. W. H. Jackson . and Pierce Cotter will be the only two candidates for the Mayoralty of .Masterton. The former is a nominee of a citizens' committee, and the latter has been a member of the borough council for four years. There will be sixteen candidates for the nine seats on the borough council

1st May 1919 . MR JACKSON WINS MAYORALTY. There was splendid weather yesterday for the municipal elections, and considerable interest was taken in the contests.. A little after 7.30 the result of the Mayoral contest was announced, and, as was generally anticipated, Mr Jackson scored an easy victory. The Mayoral election, resulted with Mr Jackson having a majority of 830 over Mr Cotter [Abridged]

3rd May 1919 Miss J. A. Finlayson, infant mistress at the Masterton District High School, has been appointed to a similar position in the Newtown school. Miss Finlayson has done splendid work during the three years she has been on the staff.

Miss L. McGregor, second assistant mistress, retired from the staff on the 30th ultimo, after thirty years' service in the Masterton school. In reporting this fact to the meeting of the School Committee last night, the headmaster said: "I desire to place on record my appreciation of her high character and devoted work, and my regret on losing her services

3rd May 1919 The headmaster's report to the meeting of the Masterton District High School last night showed that the attendance for the month was as follows: —Main school, roll number 643, average attendance 596; side school, 163, average attendance 161; secondary classes, 107, average attendance 96.

7th May 1919 Wellington Education Board Mrs I A Wilkinson and Mrs D R Bewley appointed assistants at Masterton DHS

26th May 1919 Mr W. T. Grundy, who is a candidate for a seat on the Masterton Trust Lands Trust, is a well-known educationalist. He was headmaster of the Masterton School for a number of years, and for a considerable period filled the position of headmaster of the Clyde Quay School, in Wellington. He retired from the service of the Education Board a few years ago and took up his residence in Masterton. He is President of the Masterton Bowling Club

28th May 1919 It is understood that Miss Iorns, daughter of Mr W. Iorns, of Masterton will probably receive the position of infant mistress at the Masterton District High School. There were eight applications.

3rd June 1919 SHIVERING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Sir,—May I crave a small space in your valuable columns to enquire if something cannot be done to provide better heating arrangements for the Masterton High School. At present the children have to sit shivering in an atmosphere of about 40 degrees, [4.4444 Degrees Celsius] with fingers too cold to hold a pen 'properly; besides being detrimental to the health of all but very robust children. A smouldering fire in a small grate is totally inadequate to provide sufficient warmth. Could not some coke stoves, or heaters of some description be provided? A considerable amount of money was spent in painting the fences, etc., but I consider the children's health and comfort is of far more importance. As the very cold weather we are experiencing will doubtless continue, I hope that the School Committee will see to this matter at once.—I am, etc., A PARENT.

7th June 1918 A HUMANE SUGGESTION.

We quite agree with the suggestion which came before the meeting of the Masterton School Committee last evening that children who take their lunch to school should be provided with a hot cup of tea or coffee in the lunch hour during the winter months. In many schools in New Zealand this is already in force. It is a humane step, and one which will commend itself to all those who have the welfare of our school children at heart. The children themselves could provide their own drinking utensils, and the cost of the tea, cocoa or coffee would not amount to a very large sum; it would certainly be an amount which the school committee could easily afford. We believe that the arrangements at the Masterton school for the accommodation during the lunch hour of children who take their lunch in the winter months are excellent—they are, we understand, allowed to use the Assembly Hall, where there is a warm fire round, which they may sit. We sincerely trust that the school committee will, for the sake of the welfare and comfort of the school children, introduce the scheme of providing the children with a hot drink in the lunch hour.

7th June 1919 Miss O E Iorns appointed Infant Mistress

7th June 1919 The headmaster reported to the meeting of the Masterton High School last night that Mrs Bewley and Miss McLennan have now taken up their permanent positions in the Main School, and Miss Ross in the High School.

7th June 1919 The attendance at the Masterton District High School during the past month was as follows:—Main school, roll number 649, average attendance 588; side school 160—152; secondary classes 101—100. At the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last night, Mr D. Threadwell introduced the question of providing those children taking their lunches with a hot cup of tea or coffee during the winter months. After a discussion, it was decided that the Visiting Committee report to the next meeting on the subject.

At a meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, the following resolution was carried:—"That the Minister of Education be urged to give immediate attention to the pressing need for the secondary institution which has been, in contemplation for a considerable time, and that he be asked to inform the committee what definite steps are being taken in the matter."

The following was contained in the headmaster's report to the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last night:—"Three gas radiators have been installed, one in the High School, and two in the Assembly Hall. Unfortunately, only small size radiators could be obtained, and they are not as effective as I could wish, but they add greatly to the comfort of the rooms

9th June 1919 Mrs Bewley and Miss McLennan have taken up permanent positions on the staff of the Masterton school, and Miss Ross on the secondary classes' staff

At the meeting of the Masterton school committee last evening Mr D. Threadwell introduced the question of providing those children who take their lunch to school with a hot cup of tea or coffee during the winter months. The visiting committee is to go into' the matter and report to the next meeting of the committee

25th June 1919 The children of the Masterton District High School were given a half holiday yesterday in honour of the announcement that Germany had accepted the terms of peace unconditionally. Mr Jackson addressed the children upon the significance of the announcement.

26th June 1919 Mr D. E. Leslie, who has been first assistant at the Masterton District High School for the last seven years, has received the appointment of headmaster of the Terrace School in Wellington, in succession to Mr McMorran who is retiring on superannuation. Mr Leslie is regarded as one of the most successful teachers in the service of the Wellington Education Board, his appointment to the headmastership of one of the largest schools in the Empire City shows that his talent is appreciated. Mr Leslie has done excellent work in the Masterton school, displayed the greatest enthusiasm in educational matters. As director of the Masterton Technical School during the last four or five years he has also rendered conspicuous service, his organising ability having brought the School to a very high standard, Prior to coming to Masterton, Mr Leslie held appointments under the Marlborough and Hawke Bay Education Boards. While his departure from Masterton will be deeply regretted his numerous friends will be pleased to know that he has secured one of the highest positions in the primary schools of the Dominion.

5th July 1919. The Masterton District High School Committee is completing arrangements to serve hot drinks daily to those pupils taking their lunches.

In accepting the resignation of Mr D. E. Leslie, first assistant, with regret last evening, the Masterton District High School Committee decided to write the Education Board stressing the importance of a successor being appointed before Mr Leslie was taken from the school.

The headmaster of the Masterton District High School reported to the meeting of the School Committee last night that the roll number at the main school was 641, and the average attendance 568; side school 165—150; secondary classes 102—97. There has been a slight falling off in the attendance in the primary departments

The building used as a museum at the Masterton District High School is inadequate to accommodate the specimens that are being received. The School Committee decided last night to inaugurate a scheme to provide funds for enlarging the building.

12th July 1919 Any opposition to giving £12 to the snake room," remarked a member of the Trust Lands Trust at the meeting last evening, during consideration of the estimates. The "snake room, it may be mentioned, is the Masterton School Museum. The grant was agreed to.

18th July 1919 A very nice peace day souvenir is to be issued to the children of the Masterton school on Monday next. It takes the form of a card, with a banner earned by boy scouts, on which is printed the King's Proclamation. The card is in red, white and blue, and is signed by His Worship the Mayor. The artistic portion of the souvenir was prepared by Mr E. P Fenton

18th July 1918 There were fifteen applicants for the position of first assistant of the Masterton District High School. The Wellington Education Board yesterday selected the papers of three suitable applicants, to be forwarded to the Masterton School Committee for the final selection.

1st August 1919 Miss D. Jackson, daughter of Mr W H. Jackson, who is retiring from the staff of the Masterton District High School owing to her approaching marriage, was yesterday presented with a silver hot water service by the school staff. The presentation was made by Mr Goldsman.

1st August 1919 POPULAR SCHOOLTEACHER. MR D. E. LESLIE FAREWELLED

Mr D. E. Leslie, first assistant teacher at the Masterton District High School, who is leaving to take charge of the Wellington Terrace School, was farewelled at the school yesterday, when he was the recipient of a brass Belay clock and an aneroid barometer. The presentation was made by Mr W. Us Jackson, whose felicitous remarks were endorsed by Messrs E. Brown and D. Threadwell, members of the School Committee. Later in the day, the headmaster, on behalf of the pupils of the Sixth Standard, handed Mr Leslie a solid leather suit case. The recipient suitably replied in each instance. TECHNICAL SCHOOL PRESENTATION, Last evening, Mr Leslie was farewelled by a large gathering of the Managers, teachers and pupils of the Masterton Technical School, of which institution Mr Leslie has been Secretary-Director for some years.....

1st August 1919 MASTERTON'S HIGH SCHOOL.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD COMMITTEE RECEIVE LETTERS.:

The chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee (Mr R. Brown) has received the following communication from the Secretary of the Wellington Education Board in connection with the proposed Technical High School:— " My Board is very pleased indeed to inform you that the Minister has approved of the proposal for the establishment of a High School at Masterton, on the conditions set out in the accompanying letter, which I sent in

accordance with promise. The Board sincerely trusts that the matter may advance with reasonable expedition. It is understood that certain changes in the appointment of the governing body are dependent on amendment to the existing regulations. The Board will be obliged if you will advise as to the progress in relation to dedication of a site."

The communication from the Secretary of the Education Department is as follows:

"With further reference to the proposal to disestablish the District High School at Masterton, with a view of establishing in lieu thereof a Technical High School, I have to say that the matter was considered at a recent meeting of the Council of Education, when the Minister was advised to grant the application provided that the curriculum of the newly-established school makes provision of a language course, and that the regulations under the Education Act covering the appointment of the governing body of Technical Schools be amended to provide for the election of representatives of the Government, County Councils, Borough Councils, and parents concerned and the Board of Managers of the new Technical High School. The Minister has accordingly approved of the disestablishment of the District High School as soon as the new Technical High School building is erected and made available for the admission of pupils. Arrangements are being made to secure a suitable site, and advantage will probably be taken of the generous offer of a Masterton resident to donate an area of ten acres for the purpose, and also the offer of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust to make a liberal donation towards the cost of the school.

1st August 1919 In order that teachers and pupils may travel by rail prior to the drastic restrictions coming into operation, the Masterton District High School commenced the winter holidays yesterday afternoon.

2nd AUGUST 1919 It is gratifying to those interested in education in the Wairarapa to know that Dr. Anderson, Director-General of Education, will visit Masterton next week for the purpose of definitely deciding upon a site for the new Technical High School. The site in Lincoln road, generously donated by Mr C. E. Daniell, was approved by the Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister of Education, and other leading educationalists who visited Masterton a few months ago, its central position and proximity to the railway, station being strong factors in its favour. We have been shown a sketch plan of the Lincoln road site and can unhesitatingly say that the block of land is ideal for the purpose to which it is to be put. Levels taken show that the land is just about as high as the present District High School, while first-class footpaths lead to it from all directions. Dr. Anderson should have no difficulty in making up his mind to approve the site, and it only remains for him to see that the preparation of plans for the new school is undertaken as speedily as possible.

2nd August 1919 The Masterton District High School Committee has received a communication to the effect that Dr Anderson, Director-General of Education, will visit Masterton next week in connection with the fixing of a site for the proposed Technical High School

The Masterton District High School Committee last night, there were present: —Messrs R. Brown (chairman), D. Threadwell, A. Hendry, T. Mannell, J. McV. Calwell, F. T. Redman, B. E. Church and W. Nicol. Correspondence was read in connection with the appointment of a successor to Mr D. B. Leslie, first assistant. It was pointed out that no action could be taken until the committee had received certain information asked for. It was decided that certain repairs be done to the main and-side schools during the holidays. A special committee set up

to go into the question of providing hot drinks for those pupils taking their lunches had little to report to the meeting held last night, and it was decided, after a discussion, that, in view of the holidays and the near approach of the warmer weather, the scheme be left over. The headmaster reported that the attendance for the past month was as follows:—Main school: Roll number 641, average attendance 578. Side School: Roll number 167, average attendance 145. Secondary classes: Roll number 99, average attendance 94.

11th August 1919 PERSONAL ITEMS. Mr Hall headmaster of the Nireaha school, takes up an appointment at the Masterton school next week

22nd August 1919 Mr Anderson, of the Training College, is temporarily filling the position of first assistant at the Masterton District High School.

29th August 1919 The special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, called for last evening to deal with the question of appointing an assistant teacher, lapsed for want of a quorum.

30th August 1919 At a special meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee, held last night, Mr. J. G. Goldsman was elected to fill the vacancy on the teaching staff caused by the retirement of Mr. D. E. Leslie.

2nd September 1919 It is probably not generally known that a museum, not an apology fox 1 one, exists in Masterton. Its location is on a Trust Lands Trust section opposite the -District High School, and it is controlled by the school authorities. Its exhibits have been accumulating over a long number of years—they are unique, antiquated, and collected from all parts of the world. It is announced occasionally through the press that Mr So-and-so has presented something of a rare character to the collection. Possibly a lizard with three tails, the skin of a rattlesnake, a priceless piece of parchment! But how many people take sufficient interest in this valuable institution to care whether it holds the first sewing machine ever brought into the Wairarapa, the first lock on the front door of the Wellington Terrace Jail, a "rattle" 100 years old and used by a City of London watchman, moa bones, mineral specimens, etc. Only yesterday a person who expressed surprise and admiration at the wonderful collection, exclaimed that he had lived in the town four years and it was the first time he had set foot in the institution. There are hundreds more, no doubt, who would plead guilty if charged with failing to visit the museum. What is there to indicate to visitors to Masterton that such a place as a museum may be found in the town?

2nd September 1919 N. Z. ENSIGN. PRESENTED TO MASTERTON SCHOOL.

A pleasing ceremony took place at the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, when Mr Barry Keesing, on behalf of the Navy League, presented the school with a New Zealand Ensign.

It was intended to hold the ceremony in the open air, but unfavourable weather set in, and the pupils were crowded into the Assembly Hall. ; The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson), in introducing Mr Keesing to the pupils, said he was a gentleman who took a particularly keen interest in Navy League matters, especially as much as schools were concerned. Mr. Jackson stated that the school membership to the League had been considerably augmented "during the day, and it was expected before the week expired that the numbers would be further increased.

Mr Keesing, who was received with loud applause, said he had been deputed by the Navy League to present the school with a flag in recognition of the school membership having

reached the hundred mark The Masterton school was the first school outside of Wellington to be presented with a New Zealand Ensign, and he trusted it would act as an impetus to keep the glorious deeds of the Navy before the children of Masterton. They wanted to do all that was possible to keep the British Navy a strong, powerful and supreme Navy, not so much for offensive purposes, but for the defence of the Empire. The power of the Navy had prevented this splendid little country being dominated by a foreign yoke. The people could not be too grateful.

Mr Jackson, in thanking the Navy League for its gift to the school, said they would take the greatest care of it, as it was a connecting link between the pupils and the Navy. After speaking of the work done by the senior school girls during the war period, he asked Mr Keesing to convey to the Navy League the grateful thanks of the children, ~'.

Mr H. Hart eulogised the Navy's accomplishments during the war, pointing out that but for the Navy and its auxiliaries no Army of any consequence would ever have reached the battlefields. The children sang the National Anthem, and cheers were afterwards given, for the King and the Navy.

Mr Keesing then handed the Mayor, on behalf of the residents of Masterton, an enlarged photograph of the battle-cruiser New Zealand, a gift from Admiral Jellicoe and his staff in recognition of the hearty invitation extended them to visit the Wairarapa. The Mayor, in acknowledging the thoughtfulness of Admiral Jellicoe, said that the picture would be framed and hung in the Municipal Chambers.

6th September 1919 The inspector for the district, will commence his annual examination of the Masterton District High School on Monday next.

The average attendance at the Masterton District High School last month was 588, at the side school 148, and in the secondary classes 91.

23rd September 1919 At a special meeting of the Masterton School Committee, held last night, Mr C. E. Fanthorpe (a returned soldier) was appointed caretaker from 12 applicants.

27th September 1919 ADDRESS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN. In the Municipal Hall, Masterton, yesterday afternoon the children of the schools in this district were afforded the opportunity of listening to an address by one of New Zealand's fighting soldiers, in the person of Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Charters, C.M.G., D.S.O. Speaking at the request of the Education Board, and by the consent of the Education Department, the speaker held the undivided attention of those present. His Worship the Mayor of Masterton (Mr W. H. Jackson) introduced Lieut.-Colonel Charters to his audience. In a very eloquent address the speaker described the experience of the men during the hostilities on the Western Front. He dealt at some length with the mode of warfare, and with the assistance of charts gave his young audience a good insight into trench work, specialising in the life in the firing line. The first appearance of the tanks at the Somme in 1916 and their Herculean efforts were aptly described. The production of the service gas mask, as worn by the troops in action, caused much laughter, and this means of combating the disgraceful act of the Germans in the use of poisonous gasses was quite an education to the children. After dealing with the work of the various arms and laying special stress upon the services rendered by the signallers and their dangerous occupation, the speaker concluded with reference to the work of the British Navy. Three cheers were given for the Lieut.-Colonel at the conclusion of his address, and the

singing of the National Anthem brought to a conclusion one of the greatest educational and instructional treats ever afforded the children of the district.

A B Charters was teaching at Masterton School from 1904 to 1907 when he went to Greytown as Headmaster and had an illustrious career as a teacher and army officer

3rd October 1919 From a communication received by Mr J. M. Coradine, it appears that the Director of Education has arrived at the conclusion that a Technical High School is the most desirable institution for Masterton, and that the Daniell site is the best available. Whether the Council of Education and the Minister are of the same opinion as the Director, one cannot tell. But, if they are, it should scarcely be necessary for a committee to visit Wellington to discuss matters with the Minister. What is there to discuss, if the Minister has already made up his mind? It seems to us, however, that the Director of Education, is not himself certain as to what is best for the district and desires a local committee to visit Wellington to relieve him of some of his responsibility. It is desirable that we should now state plainly what is the position. Masterton desires the best educational institution it can get. For preference, it would have a High School proper on the Trust Lands Trust section near the fishponds, and increased facilities for the Technical High School. If it cannot get these, it would be satisfied with a Technical High School on the Daniell site. The offer of Mr Daniell may be influencing the Director in his determination. But it should not be permitted to do so. The town is prepared to offer a more valuable site for a High School proper. Will the town and district be satisfied with a Technical High School, or will it press its demand for a High School proper? If it determines upon the latter course, it will have no time to lose. A mass public meeting should at once be called by the Mayor, and the whole question thoroughly ventilated.

4th October 1919 The attendance at the Masterton District High School during the past month was as follows:—Main school, roll number 633, average attendance 570 ; side school, 186 and .170; secondary classes, 95 and 91; averages, 90, 92 and 96 . - Higher education was informally discussed at the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening, the consensus of opinion favouring the establishment of a High School proper on either the Renall street or Trust Lands Trust sites. The calling of public meetings throughout the Wairarapa was mooted, one member undertaking to see if something could not be done in this direction.

The conditions obtaining at the side school in Victoria street, Masterton, were characterised by members of the school committee last night as simply scandalous, and a reproach upon those who have control of the education-system in New Zealand. One committeeman stated that the children were "herded like flies." There were two class-rooms—one 35 ft (10.63 metres) x 23 ½ ft, and the other 20 ft x 20 ft [1 foot = 0.3048 metres]—and into these no fewer than 170 children of tender years were crowded. The committee eventually decided to write the Education Board requesting that the new Cole street school be opened before the holidays in order to relieve the overcrowding that existed, or, in the alternative, to provide additional accommodation.

The headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson); reported as follows to last night's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee:—"For a considerable time past I have urged the Board clerk of works to recommend the Board to install proper drinking taps at the school. As these taps cost about £5 10s each, it is unreasonable to expect the committee to supply them. At present children have to drink from ordinary taps, the use of drinking mugs being

prohibited by the Health Department. I recommend the committee to make application to the Board for four of the special taps referred to—two for the Main school, and two for the Side, school. It was decided by the committee that application be made to that Board for the cups.

[Note I have not copied all the comments and opinions on the High School question]

4th October 1919 The headmaster reported to the meeting of the Masterton District High School last night as follows— The relieving first assistant, Mr B. Anderson, retired from the staff on the 29th ult., and Mr G. J. Goldsman took up his duties as first assistant on the 1st inst. Mr A. R. Wills has been sent by the Board to do relieving work as third assistant. Mr E. D. Harland has been appointed to act temporarily as second assistant. One of the junior female assistants was absent for a week through illness.

4th November 1919 At a full meeting of the committee of the Masterton District High School last evening, the following appointments were made to the new Masterton West school:— Headmaster, Mr M. H. Miller (Wellington, and formerly of Masterton District High Miss Fouhey [Fouhy] (Forty Mile Bush), and Miss Freeman (Matahiwi School).

8th November 1919 The following resolution was passed at the meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee last evening:—"That with regard to the overcrowding of the Side school, this matter has been brought under the Board's notice, both by the Inspector and the Committee, for some considerable time, but the Board has taken no steps to remedy it."

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr R. Brown occupying the chair. The headmaster's report was read, and correspondence was dealt with. Accounts were passed for payment, and Messrs Brown, Caldwell and Church were appointed visiting members

There is a growing feeling among the people residing in the vicinity of the Cole street school that a separate committee should be appointed for this school which at present it under the jurisdiction of the Masterton District High School Committee. It matter for the Education to decide, but no doubt the Department is waiting for a lead from those directly concerned.

Mr G. R. Sykes, M.P., has received a telegram from Sir F. D. Bell, Minister for Education, that he will visit Masterton on November 19th in with the high school question. Mayor of Masterton intends to call public meeting for Friday night next, at which the question will be discussed as to what system of higher education Masterton desires.

8th November 1919 The average attendance at the Masterton District High School last month was 603, at the side school 176, and in the secondary classes 86. The attendance for the month " was excellent. Owing to a slight fall in the attendance for the three months ending September 30th, an assistant has been removed from the staff without notice.

15th November 1919 The "oppositionists," though small in number, made a spirited attack on the high school proposal at the public meeting last evening. They massed their artillery in strong force, but the guns ranged against them were of greater calibre. Like the chivalrous French of old, they gracefully retired when they saw defeat inevitable, and they will no doubt now be found staunchly supporting the high school movement. The expression given effect to at last night's meeting should convince the Minister for Education that the only form of higher education which the people of Masterton desire is that which a high school will provide. The result of last night's meeting was a splendid victory for the high school supporters, prominent among whom are the Progressive League, the School Committees'

Association, the P.P.A., and other bodies, and all deserve credit for the fight that they have put up in the interests of the children of Masterton,

15th November 1919 A HIGH SCHOOL FAVOURED. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. H. Jackson) presided over a large attendance of interested citizens in the Municipal Hall, Masterton, last night, when the subject of higher educational facilities for Masterton was fully considered. Among the audience were a number of ladies, including the Mayoress (Mrs. Jackson).

The Mayor stated that the matter before the meeting was to arrive at the selection of what was the most beneficial educational institution for Masterton. Great credit was due to those who had worked so hard for the cause of education in Masterton, and he was pleased to see so many educational enthusiasts present at the meeting.

The Rev. G. T. Brown thanked the Mayor for calling a public meeting. He said that all were united in the one respect of being out to accomplish the very best possible for the children. (Applause.) He urged the establishment of a secondary school that the Wairarapa would be proud of. Mr. Brown stated that he was an optimist, and he felt sure that the meeting would be united and present a united front. If so, the matter would be carried. The speaker stated that he was present as the representative of the Masterton Progressive League, and was right out for a High School, pure and simple—an institution on the lines of the Wellington College, where a boy could study to the B.A. degree and then go on to the University. Mr. Brown referred to the failure of the Technical High School at Hamilton, and the difficulty of administration, etc, and urged that the Technical School be improved and remain as at present constituted. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Drummond (Lansdowne School) stated that the majority of boys who entered the School did not take an academic course. In his opinion the establishment of a Technical High School would best serve the interests of the many.

Mr. D. H. Picketing referred to the benefits derived from the Technical School. It had thrived and would continue to do so. But the School Committees' Association was right out for the establishment of a High School, and he disclaimed the fact that the Committee was out to block the progress of education. Mr. Picketing referred to the failure of Technical High Schools in America, and read extracts in that connection from prominent New Zealand educationalists with special knowledge of the American institutions and their later disbandment. He stated that Masterton should be the hub of the educational wheel of the Wairarapa.

Mr. J. M. Coradine was in favour of a Technical High School, but he said the proposal did not emanate from the Technical School Managers. He said that our best ingredients had to be mixed; then why not combine all classes under one roof? He had heard a good deal about the failure of his kind of school but, he asked, had it been given a fair trial. In reference to the cry of class distinction, he stated that an institution on these lines, where all would be together, would eliminate a great deal of that unfortunate contention. The Technical School might work must go out, he said, if we were going to raise the present educational age. In conclusion, he thought if such an institution were established in Masterton, it would be an example to New Zealand.

Mr. W. T. Grundy stated that Dr. Anderson (Director of Education) said that, as Masterton was growing so rapidly, he thought it inadvisable to combine the two institutions. It seemed

to him that primarily the interests of the children should be considered. If they would allow them to advance to a University standard, a distinct advantage would be secured for Masterton. Mr. Grundy thought that two distinct institutions would best serve the district, and would be the only safe course. (Loud applause.)

Mr. E. G. Eton that Masterton had a very fine Technical School, which could be improved. He referred to the offer of the Trust Lands Trust site, which would cost of the Government nothing, and the money could be devoted to the establishment of a fine educational institution. In conclusion, he complimented Mr. Coradine upon his work and keen interest in education.

Mr. H. M. Boddington stated that he regretted that the old cry of class distinction had been dragged in. He did not think that if a High School was established the Technical School would suffer.

Mr. J. W. Blackman supported the proposal for the establishment of a Technical High School. Mr. C. E. Daniell, who was received with loud applause, regretted that the meeting had not been called six months sooner. He stated that he would not challenge the expert evidence of the Minister and Director of Education. He much regretted that unworthy suggestions had been propounded, Mr. Daniell hoped that a conclusion worthy of Masterton would be arrived at by the meeting.

Mr. R Brown thought that separate institutions would be most suitable, and did not approve of the idea of a Technical High School. He then moved: That, in the opinion of this representative body of citizens, a High School would be most suitable for Masterton.

This was seconded by Mr. A. W. Chapman, and carried unanimously, with loud applause.

Mr. F. W. Temple moved: That, in the opinion of the meeting, the Trust Lands Trust site of twenty-six acres was the most suitable for the proposed institution.

This was also carried unanimously.

The Mayor stated that he would like it known that, in his opinion, the Lansdowne educational site should be retained for that special purpose. He hoped to see a Girls' High School established there some day. The Mayor therefore moved: That the Government be requested to retain that site for the purposes of higher education.

This was seconded by Mr. C. E. Daniell and carried by acclamation.

The Mayor stated that it was his intention to telegraph the Minister, forwarding the resolutions, and asking him if he considered the visit now necessary.

It was also resolved to leave the arrangements in connection with the visit of the Minister in the hands of the Mayor,

A hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding concluded a very enthusiastic meeting.

17th November 1919 The Sixth Standard girls of the Masterton District High School held a sale of work on Saturday afternoon last in the School Assembly Hall, in aid of the Dr. Barnardos Homes. The Mayoress (Mrs. W. H. Jackson) opened the sale and congratulated the girls on their desire to help poor and destitute children. She gave words of encouragement to the girls and told them that while they were doing work for one of the worthiest of objects they were really doing more for themselves than they thought—they were developing their own characters on high and noble lines. She was sure their little sale would be a big success, and she hoped it would encourage them to continue in their effort to rise to the best and

highest type of womanhood. On the conclusion of the Mayoress' address sales commenced with lightning rapidity, and in a short time everything was gone and £25 had been realised.

19th November 1919

MASTERTON'S HIGH SCHOOL. VISIT OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Pownall, STREET SITE INSPECTED,

By the mail train this morning, Sir Francis D .Bell, Minister of Education, and Dr. Anderson, Director of Education arrived in Masterton. The visitors were met at the railway station by the Mayor (Mr W. H. Jackson), Mr G. R. Sykes, M.P., and other leading citizens, and were motored to the sites suggested for the High School. .After lunch a deputation waited upon the Minister at the Municipal, Hall, and placed before him the claims of the Wairarapa for an up-to-date institution for higher education. The visitors, who appeared to be favourably impressed with the site in Pownall street, near the fishponds, returned to Wellington this afternoon.

5th December 1919 There are two boys (brothers) at present attending the Masterton District High School who have not been absent from school for one day during the last ten years.

6th December 1919 Very little sickness has been prevalent among the children of the Masterton District High School of late. A few isolated cases of mumps have occurred, but nearly all have recovered.

The Wellington Education Board, had written the Masterton District High School Committee, expressing regret that it was impossible- to- open the new Cole street school before the Christmas vacation. The average attendance at the Masterton District High School last month was 509, at the side school 169, and in the secondary classes 86. The- attendance during the month has been good in all three classes.

The Education Department's medical inspector spent two days last week in going through all the departments of the Masterton District High School. A large number of reports were sent to parents, notifying them that their children require medical or dental attention.

The monthly meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last evening, Mr A. Hendry presidium in the absence, through illness, of the chairman (Mr R. Brown). Permission was granted the Seventh Day -Eventists to use-the main school and for their annual conference on certain conditions. It was suggested purchasing a shield valued at £2 2s for the encouragement of school sports and games.

Messrs Noble, Nicol and Hendry were- appointed visiting members for the month.

6th December 1919 The caretaker of the Masterton District High School is to be accommodated in Mr. Whatman's boxing saloon

8th December 1919 The Minister of Education is determined to do his best for Masterton in the matter of a, High School, On the advice of his experts, he has decided to purchase a site belonging to Mr. Nops, abutting on Renall Street and Pownall Street, and containing approximately twenty-four acres. This is an admirable site, adjacent to the town, within easy distance of the Masterton railway station, and high and dry. In some respects it is better than the fishponds site, for it is freehold instead of leasehold. The Minister is to be congratulated upon the selection he has made, and we can only hope that he will proceed without delay to erect a High, School that is worthy of so central and commanding a 'position.

16th December 1919 The new side school in Cole Street, Masterton, is now complete, with the exception of furniture, and the keys were formally taken over yesterday afternoon. The

Mayor (Mr W. H. Jackson), in a brief speech congratulated the builder (Mr Hillen) on the job he had made of it and said he felt sure the Education Department would be satisfied. Mr R. Brown (secretary of the Masterton District High School Committee also spoke in congratulatory terms. Mr A. C. Holms (president of the Wairarapa South School Committees' Association) thanked the Mayor for the invitation he had to be present and congratulated the builder and committee on having such a fine school. Mr Hillen thanked the speakers for their expressions of appreciation. He had been working for the Department for some years and was thoroughly satisfied with the present buildings. Messrs Hendry and Hollings, members of the School Committee, were also present. The building is admirably situated on high ground and is built entirely of concrete. It contains three large, well ventilated rooms, and will seat 156 children, allowing a 12-ft air-space for each child. There are also two rest houses built of concrete, and an asphalt playground round the school.

19th December 1919 LIST OF PROMOTIONS,

The following is the list of promotions for the past year in connection with the Masterton District High School: —

Standard VI.—Proficiency Certificates- Ivy Donald, Ena Finlayson, Muriel Head/Irene Hooper, Hazel Hopkins, Edna Jenkins, Minnie Joy, Gladys Judd, Iana McCalmont, Lona McKenzie, Gladys Newland, Melva Noble, Eileen Olliver, Dorothy O'Donnell, Daphne Payne, Inga Ray, Rose Robinson, Doreen Sharp, Margaret Sutherland, Lena Swanson, May Truscott, Hilda Vollheim, Dorothy Ward, Reta Williams, Elsie Winslade, Grace Yalden, Ernest Anderson William Barton, Lawrence Brewerton'. Fred Candy, Crawford Cameron, Thomas Carr, Thomas Clemas, Leslie Collinge, George Crozier, Spencer Finlayson, Montague Groube, Jack Hunn, -Francis Jamieson, Walter Lee, Austin Malmo, Cyril Morris, Kenneth McCalmont, Ian McIntosh , James McLaren, James Pember, Robert Pook, Ernest Read, Arthur Russell, Douglas Rutherford, Walter Sanderson, George Stephens, James Sutherland, Nigel Wood, Victor Welch.

Endorsed Competency Certificates. — Jessie Jackson, Joyce Vile, Wilfred Allen, Keith Ralph, Clarence Watson.

Promoted to Standard VI.—Elme Beale, Elsie Bengé, Dolly Biggs, Miranda Bright, Grace Davies, Ngaire Douglas, Millicent Falloon, Jessie Finlayson, Marjorie Hausman, Eileen Harrington, Ruth Hayes, Ruth Henry, Marjorie Hunn, Beatrice Lenz, Muriel Hailey, Venetia Madsen, Eileen McCormack, Beryl McDonald, Florence McKain, Georgina Naysmith, Marjery Rutherford, Edith Shackleton, Joyce Vincent, Mary Ward, Dora Wellington, Lyla Williams, Doris Wilson, Gladys Wright, Flora Weyland, Edith Wilton, Fred Archer, Clifford Blanc, Eric Boyd, Trevor Boyd, Kenneth Buick, Victor Butland, Keith Catherall, Edmund Chamberlain, Fred Clarke, Douglas Collinge, Maurice Dix, Alfred Dow, Douglas Elmsly, Ernest Jenkins, Frank Lockwood, Roy McEwen, Alfred Pond Henry Sayer, Cecil Sutherland, Ian Sutherland, Herbert Vibert, Vincent Vile, Lewis Williams, Cecil Wilton, Alfred Wise, Alex Wong Moy; Stanley Wong Moy, William Yates, Brian Barrer.

Promoted to Standard V.—Leslie Bengé, Raymond Blanc, Thomas Bolton, John Blinkhorne, Stephen Cooper, Burton Clemas, Neil Catherall, Alex Cole, William Cragg, Douglas Edwards, Spencer Friend, Ngaio Giddings, Ronald Faulkner, Jack Hughes, Donald Hunn, Leslie Hilton, Eric Holmwood, Erié Hughan, Douglas Hayne, Alan Henderson, Dudley Johnson, Cosmo Lee, Walter Leach, Leslie Kjar, Eric Mooney, William Martin, David

Morton, William Martin, Kenneth Page, Joseph Peel, Percy Russell, Wallace Taylor, Andrew Thompson, Harry Williams, Leslie Walsh, Maurice Winslade, Harold Winter, Norman Woods, Eric Waite, Temple Young, Eric Smith, Crawford Snadden, Walter Weir, Grace Blair, Ellinor Bonde, Rose Butcher, Marjorie Bell, Ivy Dean, Jean Flannery, Gladys Friend, Cicely Francis, Winnie Grimes, Mary Haft, May Hart; Agnes Henderson, Gwen King, Joyce Kilgour, Millicent Lewin, Jessie McLeod, Kathleen Noble, Dulcie Peterson, Myrtle Sayer, Edith Saker, Nella. Stephens, Gwen Tinkler, Doreen Wilmhurst, Grace Willoughby, Ngaio Wilton, Daisy Wilton.

Promoted to Standard JV. — Edna Allen, Rita Attree, Lena Barton, Jean Bellis, Nina Boddington, Maud Bright, Mona Curtis, Phyllis Davis, Kathleen Dickson, Amelia Dixon, Euhpemia Duncan, Irene Falk, Myrtle Flaws, Daphne Groube, Betty Hooper, Daphne Horsley, Dorothy Inns, Dorothy Hoare, Jean Jackson Greita Jones, Carrie Long, Myrtle Lenz, Lily Lockwood, Doris McGrath, Dorothy McDougall, Margaret McLennan, Jean McLeod, Madge Maxted, Gladys Miller, Molly O'Donnell, Irene Pascoe, Phyllis Pascoe, Jean Paterson, Lorna Prater, Doris Richards, Glory Rue, Flossie Russell, Linda Smith Olive Smith, Vera Tinkler, Kathleen Vibert, Gladys Voice, Alexa Wilton, Winnie Wong Moy, Hinemoa Wright, Eva Anstice, Georgina Cook, Madge Ferris. Boys: George Anstice, Athol Blackman Archer Blinkhorne, Huia Boddington, James Bolt on, Wallace Bowie, Philip Clarke, Clifford Clemas, Bertie Dean, Donald Douglas, Clyde Evans, Terence Falloon, Victor Gooding, Roy Harrington, Eudo Hart, Douglas Hooper, Raymond Hosken, Alfred Howes, Max Jago, Athol Kilgour, Cecil Malmo, Thomas Martin, Gordon McAllister, Hunter McDonald, Charles McLean, David McMichael, Leonard Newland, Clifford Peacock, Athol Pinkney, Robert Pinkney, Henry Preston, Roy Ralph> Ronald Sharp, Henry Silvester, Leslie Smith, Sidney Spicer, Norman Sutherland, Rangi Temple, Walter Tinsley, Alex. Todd, Stanley Vollheim, Thomas Walsh, William Ward, Frank Williams, Mervyn Williams, Rangi Wilton, David Wylie.

Promoted to Standard III.—Ronald Benge, Alfred Brown, William Curtis, James Colway, William Falconer, Eric Jones, Noel Kilgour, Victor Kingdon, Lloyd Kingdon, William Lee, .Bernard Lee, Roderick McLennan, Colin O'Hara, Cecil Osborne, George Rutherford, Frank Staples, Jack Staples, Errol Welch, George Wylie, Nelson Brewerton, Herbert Bowie, Geoffrey Inns, Allan Butter, Athol Graham, Lennox Lamb, John Prout, Robert Thomas, William Cook, Donald McDonald, James Thurston, Robert Bell, Jessie. Black, Daphne Bradley, Ella Butcher, Elza Dixon, Eleanor Dillon, Elsie Donald, Mabel Ferris, Mavis Jenkins, ,Dallas Jones, Gwen Liddington, Phyllis Page, Nellie Sayer, Lila Spicer, May Weyland, Dora Winhall, Ruby Winter, Una Sneddon, Thelma Denbee, Jean Douglas, Marion Douglas, Glenda Permain, Hilda Shute, Maisie Rue, Elsie Moon, Pearl Shipley, Muriel Voyce, Sylvia Hillen, Louisa Prout, Irene Elder.

Promoted to Standard II.—Archie Attree, Noel Brown, William Clarke, William Crozier, Reginald Dickason, Walter Ferris, Howard Franks, Noel Harrington, Bertram Hoare, Gordon -Jones, Selwyn Jones, .Robert Leighton, George Moon, Alex. McDougall Gordon Peterson, Laurence. Renall, Kenneth Rigg, 'Lindsay Rutherford, John Singleton, Len Singleton, Ronald Voice, Godfrey Wilmhurst, -Jack Whitton, Denis Fairbrother, Lewis Denby, Ronald Davies, John Hornabrook. Edna Andrews, Lottie Boddington, Phyllis Cole, Margaret Cole, Marion Clarke, Elizabeth Dean, Dorothy, Dunn, Ivy Hockley, Edna Jackson, Eila Jones, Reenie

Jones, Olive Johnston, Eileen Hutchinson, Edith Lenz, Alison Pragnell, Elsie Saker, Eileen Smith, Rita Ward, Melva Wilkes, Maimie Wilton, May White, Phyllis Young, Florence Bayliss, Thelma Gritton, Myrtle Weir.

Promoted to Standard I. —Eileen Brader, Pauline Cook, Beth Chamberlain, Eileen Church, Thelma Dickason, Phyllis Dickason, Gwen Falconer, Betty Flannery, Iris Freeman, Dulcie Harrison, Olive Harrison, Marjorie Hiller, Dorothy Kemp, Connie Liddington, Doris Maitland, Helena Mason, Rita Newman, Phyllis Osborne, Gwen Scott, Ella Stidolph, Daisy Ward, Evelyn Miller, Gwen Miller, Nola McCalmont, Mavis Jones, Mona Elder, Joyce Elder, Marjorie Silvester, Edna Hubbard, Jean Hooper, Joyce Button, Eric Aplin, Roy Blair, Charlie Curtis, Ralph Dixon, Wilson Dunn, Eric Ferris, Claude Hooper, Finlay Hughan, Thomas Joyce, Jack Martin, Alex McCalmont, Allan McLennan, Eric McEwen, Murray Paris, Hector Russell, Teddy Sayer, Eric Smith, George Turner, Hector Vollheim, Leslie Wilson, Desmond Wilton, Garth Rigg, Colin Campbell, Pat Ross, Murray Ross, Stewart Williams, David Noble, Jack Stone, Archie Duncan, Douglas Hopkins, Norman McLeod.

SIDE SCHOOL.

Promoted to Standard 111. —Lincoln Finlayson, Clarence Hall, Allan Holloway, James Long, Frank McWhinnie, Henry Rooks, Gifford Russell, Thomas Russell, Kenneth Vibert, Edgar Wenham; Kitty Biggs, Doris Bishop, Hyacinth Carle, Mary Cole, Noeliene Coradine, Anna Engstrom, Marjorie Friend, Alma Johnson, Leah Johnston, Beryl Kerr, Hannah McKenzie, Gladys Perfect, Shelia Pinkerton, Hazel Rossiter, Molly Woodbury.

Promoted to Standard II.—Jeffery Bundle, Edgard de Rouffignac, Graham Farnsworth,, Claude Hausmann, Raymond Hausmann, Hugh Horsley, Colin Lambert, Victor Lambert, Harry Lee, Leslie McWhinnie, Ernest Minifie, Edward Norris, Harold Perfect, Leslie Pounceby, Herbert Russell, Thomas Taylor, John Watt; Frances Cambourn, Beatrice Cole, Pearl Corkill, Irene Dowell, Jean Edwards, Mary Hartley, Ethel Jones. Phyllis Robertson, Rosy Taylor, Rita Williams, Lois Woodbury, Ada Wong Mov, Thelma Harrington, Peggy McKay, Violet McClymont, Betty Flannery, Mabel Pederson, Nola Inns, Jean Shalke, Dolly Rule, Florrie Hall; Jack Hathaway, Charlie Staples.

Promoted to Standard I. —John Ashmore, Herbert Bridge, Rex Bundle, John Barnes, Robert Burner, Eric Cameron, Stanley Fellingham, Patrick Flanagan, Robert Jenkin, John Munn, Victor Munn, Dugald McDonald, Douglas Morris, Keith McGrath, Thomas McCord, Kenneth McKenzie, Robert Roulston, George Tinkler, Basil Webster, Charles Walsh, Frederick Wickens, Joe Wong Moy, Gladys Bridge, Nellie Biggs, May Blinkhorn, Ruby Drain, Gladys Gunther, Rita Hartley, Marion Kjar, Joan Long, Marjorie Long, Kathleen Motley, Kate Marley, Clare Pedersen, Bernice Richards, Nita Reynolds, Lorna Renner.

20th December 1919 MASTERTON SCHOOL.

WINNERS OF CERTIFICATES

The following have won good attendance certificates at the Masterton District High School during 1919:— Secondary Classes.—Reginald Anketell (1), Harold Anketell (2), Seddon Burrige (9), Cecil Judd (6), Arthur O'Donnell (7), William Day (1), Nelson Hale (4), Thomas Papps (2), Ray Vile (10), Arch. Wellington (8), Frank Biggs (6), Vickery Burrige (7), Rex Vile (10), Jack Gardner (7), Olive Lenz (10), Gwen Major (1), Phyllis Rule (5), Natalie Wilkinson (4), Daphne Harvey (2), Linea Engstrom (2), Agnes Evans (1), Celia

Major (1), Jessie Maxwell (1), Marjorie McNalley (1), Bessie Pomeroy (1), Mary Pomeroy (1)

Standard VI.-Ivy Donald (1), O. Evans (1), M. Head (2), I. Hooper (4), G. Judd (6), M. Joy (C), J. Jackson (6), E. Olliver (3), D. O'Donnell (4), B Preston (2) M. Sutherland (6), D. Sharp (2), I- Sayer (3), M. Truscott (6), R. Williams (1), E. Finlayson (1), W. Barton (3), C. Cameron (3), T. Carr (5) D Collinge (4), F. Candy (7), S Finlayson (3), M Groube (2), J Hunn (5), W Lee (1), A Malmo (2), G Morris (4), I McIntosh (2), J Pember (3), R: Pook (1), A. Russell (1), G. Stephens (5), S. Sutherland (6), V. Welch (6)

Standard V.-Clifford Blane (2), Eric Boyd (1), Fred Clarke (3), Douglas Collinge (5), Ernest Jenkins (6), Alfred Pond (6) Henry Sayer (5) Ray Smith (2) Cecil Sutherland (2), Ian Sutherland (2), Alex Wong Moy (1), Stanley Wong Moy (3), Arthur Lenz (5) Thomas Cemas, Elsie Benge (4), Miranda Bright (2), Millicent Falloon (2), Jessie Finlayson (2), Margery Hunn. (3), Beatrice Lenz (3), Venetia Madsen (3), Aileen McCormack (6), Joyce .Vincent (1) Lyla Williams (3), Gladys Wright (4) Doris Wilson (3), Ruth Hayes, Ruth Henry, Dolly Biggs.

Standard IV.—Raymond Blane, Stephen Cooper, William Cragg (1), Ronald Faulknor (1), Jack Hughes (4), Douglas Hayne (2), Walter Leach (4), Leslie Kjar, Kenneth Page, Wallace Taylor (4), Temple Young (4), Crawford Snadden (2), Grace Blair (2), Ellinor Bonde (2) Gladys Friend (3), Winnie Grimes (5) Agnes Henderson (3), Gwen King (2) Millicent Lewin (1), Dulcie Peterson (4), Myrtle Sayer (5), Doreen Wilmhurst (3), Ngaio Wilton (6), Mary Hart (2), Daisy Wilton (1), Nella Stephens (1). '

Standard III.—Trevor Attree (3), James Bolton (2), Terence Falloon (1), Donald Finlayson (2), Roy Harrington (3), Athol Kilgour (2), Charles McLean (2), David McMichael (3), Clifford Peacock (1), Leslie Smith (2), Norman Sutherland (5), Rangi Wilton (4), Frank Williams (3), Mervyn .Williams (3), Maud Bright (1), Euphemia Duncan (2), Marjorie Leach (2), Flossie Russell (3), Hinemoa Wright (5), Gladys Voice (1), Nina Boddington (2), Carrie "Long (5), Annie McLean (4), Jean Jackson (5),

Standard II.—Nellie Sayer (5), Una Sneddon (2), Elsie Moon (3), May Weyland (2), Dora Winhall, Pearl Shipley (1), Muriel Voyce (1), Noel Kilgour (3), Victor Kingdon (2), Lloyd Kingdon (3), Frank Staples (2), Lennox Lamb (1),

Standard I. —Noel Harrington (3), Stanley Leach (I),' Alex. McDougall (2), Len Singleton (1), Ronald Voice (1),- Reginald Dickason (1), Jack Whitton (1), Dorothy Dunn (2), Edna Jackson (2), Reenie Jones (1). .

SIDE SCHOOL. Standard II.—Frank McWhinnie (2), Gilford Russell, Thomas Russell, Doris Bishop (1), Mary Cole (1), Noeliene Coradine,' Anna Engstrom, Marjorie Friend, Alma Johnson, Gladys Perfect (1).

Standard I. —Leslie Groube (1), Colin Lambert, Leslie McWhinnie (1), Herbert Russell (1), Frances Cambourn (1) Eo.so Taylor (1), Eita Williams (1).

Infants.—Oswald Jones, Max Nicol, Grace Russell, Roy Sayer, Wilson Dunn, Hector Russell, Charlie Staples, Teddy Sayer, Eric Smith, Desmond Wilton, Thelma Harrington, Thelma Dickason, Violet McClymond , Dolly Rule, Marjorie Silvester. .

Class P (half days, maximum 382). — Robert Roulston 382, Keith McGrath 382, Vaughan Engstrom 382, Robert Barnes 381, Jack Barnes 379, Pat Barry 378, Joe Wong Moy 378, Douglas Morns 380, Jessie Taylor 380.

1920-1921

1921	505-100	Masterton	Jackson	William H	Head		£540	\$46,489
1921	505-100	Masterton	Goldsman	George J	Assistant	B	£430	\$37,019
1921	505-100	Masterton	Iorns	Olive E	Infant Mistress	C	£350	\$30,132
1921	505-100	Masterton	Wilkinson	Isabella A Mrs	Assistant	D	£330	\$28,410
1921	505-100	Masterton	Bowman	Thomas W	Assistant	D	£320	\$27,549
1921	505-100	Masterton	Suisted	Florence M A	Assistant	D	£290	\$24,966
1921	505-100	Masterton	Bewley	Daisy R Mrs	Assistant	D	£280	\$24,105
1921	505-100	Masterton	Smith	Gertrude A	Assistant	B	£230	\$19,801
1921	505-100	Masterton	Atkinson	Agnes A	Assistant	D	£210	\$18,079
1921	505-100	Masterton	Cocker	Lily M Z	Assistant	C	£210	\$18,079
1921	505-100	Masterton	Henderson	Doris E	Pupil Teacher 2		£120	\$10,331
1921	505-100	Masterton	Benbow	Alice	Pupil Teacher 1		£95	\$8,179
1921	505-100	Masterton	Calwell	Elsie	Probationer 1		£95	\$8,179
1921	505-100	Masterton	Bee M A, M sc.	John Guthrie	Secondary	A		
1921	505-100	Masterton	Brown B A	Alexandra M	Secondary	D		
1921	505-100	Masterton	Sutherland B A	Olive R	Secondary	D		
1921	505-100	Masterton	Duley	Edith L	Secondary	D		

15th January 1920 The Seventh Day Adventist camp, on the Masterton High School grounds is now almost demolished, and a party is engaged in cleaning up the debris.

20th January 1920 Part of a long article. It should be interesting news to the public generally to know that amongst the competitors at this tournament are the best boy and girl player of the Masterton District High School, all of whom have been thoroughly well coached by an enthusiastic master in Mr E. D. Harland, who devotes a considerable amount of time to their tennis education.

28th January 1920 Wellington Education Board Arrangements for opening the new schools at Masterton West and Solway were left in the hands of Messrs. Hogg and Moss, in conjunction with the Masterton School Committee.

31st January 1920 MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDERS. . COMMITTEE' ELECTED. A meeting of householders in conjunction with the Masterton District High School Committee was held in the Masterton West School last night. The object of the meeting was to discuss the proposed appointment of a district committee and the fixing of the school boundary. About 100 householders were present. Mr. R. Brown occupied the chair, and read a memorial to the Education Board, which had been prepared on behalf of the householders, requesting that the School Committee be appointed and boundaries declared for the new school.

Mr. A. W. Hogg explained to the meeting that the business connected with country schools was transacted by a small committee in Wellington, to which he had always objected, and he considered that such business should be transacted by the whole Board. He referred also to the situation of teachers. Selections were made by that small committee from, sometimes, a large number of applicants, and submitted to the Board for the purpose of making appointments. Mr. Hogg could not understand how the school could be opened before the

preliminary work was done, namely, the appointment of a School Committee and -the defining of a school boundary. He considered that a distinct Committee should at once be elected, independent of any other Committees, and such Committee should be selected from the residents, for the education of whose children the school had been erected.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Hogg whether it was possible to have a Committee elected before April, provided the memorial was sent in at once. Mr. Hogg replied that he did not think it would be judicious or desirable for a School Committee to be appointed before the boundary was defined. He considered that a Committee of some of the residents present should be appointed to take part in and discuss with the Masterton School Committee the matter of defining boundaries, and appointing a separate School Committee. Mr. Brown stated that the Masterton Committee did not wish to take the matter out of the hands of the residents in any way, and they would be glad to assist in securing the election of a new Committee and the fixing of boundaries, or in any other way act in conjunction with all persons interested to ensure the best conditions for the new school. He suggested that a committee of residents should be appointed at that meeting.

Mr. G. K. Sykes, M.P., expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mr. A. W. Hogg and Mr. Stewart (secretary Education Board) and especially to the ex-Minister of Education (Mr. Hanan) for the work they had done towards providing the splendid school. He deplored the fact that the representation "of the district on the Education Board was so small and was of the opinion that at least three representatives should be there.

A committee consisting of the following were then elected: —Messrs Temple, Donald, Perry, Hughes, Robertson, Nops, Naylor, Fairchild, and Blackman. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Brown suggested that the committee should meet after the meeting to discuss their procedure.

7th February 1920 A handsome challenge shield has been procured by the Masterton School Committee for school sports competitions.

7th February 1920 DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

MEETING OF COMMITTEE. The ordinary meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night, Mr. R. Brown occupying the chair. There were also present Messrs Hendry, Nicol, Calwell, Rodman, and Threadwell.

A deputation consisting of Messrs Donald and Nops, representing the committee of residents appointed in connection with the Masterton West School, submitted various matters., requiring attention at the school. It was resolved that their requisitions receive the attention of the Committee, and that the secretary of the Education Board be communicated with thereon. The deputation discussed the question of defining a boundary for the new Cole Street School. A sub-committee was appointed to meet a committee of the Cole Street, district residents, for the purpose of discussing the matter, with the view of placing before the Masterton School Committee definite suggestions for their consideration, in connection with the question of alteration of the present school boundaries. A letter from the secretary of the Education Board was read, regarding the official opening of the Solway and Masterton West Schools, also the Lansdowne addition. It was resolved that the chairman communicate with the chairmen of the other committees and Messrs Hogg and Moss, with the view to arranging a suitable date for the opening. '

12th February 1920 The following letter has been received from Mr E. Rosendahl, secretary of the late Seventh Day Adventist Conference, which was held in Masterton some weeks ago, by Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School:—"I have much pleasure in enclosing on behalf of the above Conference a cheque for £10 10s, which was voted to you to be expended in connection with the museum of your school, or in any other way you may see fit for the good of that institution. This amount is just a small token of appreciation of the kindness shown us while at Masterton, and the great convenience we enjoyed from the use of the school and grounds. Assuring you of our lasting gratitude, and with heartiest wishes for the success of your work

20th February 1920 The public schools resumed as usual yesterday after the Christmas vacation. The admissions received: at the Masterton District High School more than counterbalanced the withdrawals to the Cole school. It is still found necessary to make temporary arrangements at the High School for the accommodation of the secondary classes

24th February 1920 **SPLENDID BEGINNING.** The Masterton West School opened on Thursday, under the headmastership of Mr H. Miller, with a roll number 182, and this number increased to 194 by the end of the week. The average attendance for the week was 191. The admission of ten more yesterday brings the roll number to 204, and there are at least twenty to thirty enrolments in view. As these numbers entitle the school to another teacher and a pupil teacher.....

26th February 1920 Education Department. In the same Department Messrs. D. McCaskill and J. A. Cowles have been appointed inspectors of schools for Canterbury and Masterton respectively

27th February 1920 The official opening of the new schools in Cole street, Masterton, and at Solway] took place on Thursday - afternoon. The weather conditions were anything but favourable, but there was a fair attendance of interested persons at both ceremonies....

1st March 1920 . The site for the proposed Masterton High School was acquired several months ago, but no indication has yet been given of when a start is to be made with the erection of the school. Meanwhile the secondary classes at the District High School are overcrowded, and both teachers and students are working under serious disadvantages. The Government should take steps at once to appoint a Board of Governors for the High School. This Board should be consulted regarding the plans for the new building and should be given authority to put the grounds in order. The existence of a controlling authority would, no doubt, hasten the work of erection,' and would be of valuable assistance to the Department in the way of tendering advice. At the present time the High School is a sort of " nobody's darling," and unless it is given foster parents it will, not develop on strong and healthy lines

8th March 1920 **AN ADDITIONAL AREA. THE MINISTER NEGOTIATING.** Mr George R. Sykes, M.P., received a telegram on Saturday last in connection with the new High School for Masterton, from the Hon. Sir Francis Bell, acting-Minister for Education. Sir Francis stated that the question of the erection of the buildings was now receiving the Government's full, and careful consideration.

Regarding the request of the School Committees' Association, that a further twenty-five acres of land should be acquired for the High School, the Minister regrets that he cannot agree to that proposal. Sir Francis states, however, that he is negotiating for a further four and three-quarter acres, which will then give access to the property from the Cornwall street end. As the

original purchase of the Government was of about twenty-five acres, this will now increase the High School grounds to roughly twenty-nine acres. Mr R. R. Sykes, M.P., informed an "Age" representative on Saturday, that he was confident, and the public could rest assured, that no undue delay would ensue in connection with the erection of the school buildings. | It would naturally take some time to arrange the necessary plans, etc., but at no very distant date, Mr Sykes hoped to see a start made with the buildings.

8th March 1920 Some mischievous person one night last week removed the gates at the Masterton District High School from their hinges, and placed them across the footpath

17th March 1920 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the Masterton West School District "be established, as follows:—Bounded on the north by the Waipoua River; on the east by Chapel street; on the south, by a line drawn parallel to Renall-street 165 ft south, of that street; thence from Chapel-street to the borough boundary on the west; on the west by the borough boundary, thence in a line northward to meet the river.

25th March 1920 SPECIAL MEETING. A special meeting of the Masterton School Committee was held last night Mr. A. Hendry was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs W. Nicol, J. E. Calwell, F. Redman, W. Noble, D. Threadwell, and E. H. Waddington. The following resolution was unanimously carried: "That, the secretary wire Mr. Stewart, secretary of the Education Board, asking whether Cole Street School District had, been defined, as the committee strongly objects to the boundaries as reported by the Press." Several applications for the position of assistant at the Cole Street School were submitted for the approval of the Committee, and it was decided to recommend Miss Udy, of Petone, for the appointment,

27th March 1920 SWIMMING SPORTS. ' The following are the results of the swimming sports held by the Masterton District High School girls at the ladies' baths yesterday afternoon: — Race, any stroke: E. Archer 1, G. Major 2. Long dive: N. Welch 1, G. Major 2. Race on back: M. Jenkins 1, G. Major 2. Neatest jump: M. Carrick 1, A. Styles 2. Championship: G. Major 1, N. Welch and E. Archer 2. •Life-saving: G. N. Welch 2. Breast-stroke: G. Major 1, J. L. Jenkins 2. Apple-bobbing: M. Garrick 1. 'Relay race: G. Major 1, J. Drummond, M. Noble 2. Submarines.: G. Major 1, N. Welch 2. Neatest plunge: G. Major 1, M. Carrick 2, Consolation race: G. Major- 1, J. Drummond 2.

1st April 1920 The last ordinary meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night. Mr. R. Brown was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs B. E. Church, A. Hendry, J. McV. Calwell, F. T. Redman, and W. Nicol.

On the motion of Mr. Redman, it was decided to record upon the minutes the hearty appreciation of the long and faithful services of Mr. R. Brown, extending -over more than eighteen years, he having been a member of the Masterton School Committee since before 1902, the greater part of which time he had ably occupied the position of chairman of committee. All members present spoke in very cordial terms in support of the resolution and expressed the hope that Mr. Brown's services would be retained for the benefit of education for some considerable time to come. Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation of the felicitous remarks made and thanked the Committee for its past support. Mr. Brown stated that he would be always ready to do what he could to assist the Committee in any way, although he would be ineligible for nomination for the Masterton School Committee owing to the recent alteration of the boundaries of the local school districts.

1st April 1920 In the course of his monthly report to the Masterton District High School, the headmaster (Mr W. H. Jackson) said;—" Although the opening of the Cole street school has greatly reduced our numbers and our staff, it has not afforded any relief in respect of the overcrowded classrooms at this school. The condition is that teachers still have to teach classes of fifty in rooms built for forty pupils. This state of affairs will continue until the small rooms are re-modelled, or a more liberal staff is provided."

24th April 1920 MASTERTON D.H.S.

COMMITTEE MEETING. A meeting of the Masterton High School Committee was held at the secretary's office last evening. Mr. R. Brown was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs Nicoll, Hendry, Threadwell, Calwell, Waddington, and Noble.

A considerable amount of correspondence between the Minister and the Education Board dealing with the new school boundaries for the Masterton district was read, after which there was much discussion in connection with the matter. Strong disapproval was expressed by the Committee at the attitude taken up by the Board, which was characterised as unreasonable. The following resolution was proposed by the chairman (Mr. R. Brown) and carried unanimously: "That steps be taken to bring under the notice of the Hon. Minister of Education the necessity for providing in the Education Act for an appeal to the Minister in the case of a dispute as to school boundaries between School Committees and Education Boards." Criticism was also levelled at the methods prevalent in the keeping of School Committee accounts, and finally the following resolution was also unanimously carried: "That the attention of the Hon. Minister of Education be drawn to the necessity of improvement in the system of auditing School Committees' accounts, and that it be suggested that these accounts should be audited by the Government auditor."

24th April 1920 A POPULAR CHAIRMAN RETIREMENT OF MR. R. BROWN

At last night's meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee occasion was taken by the members to farewell the Chairman (Mr R. Brown), who retires from office with the Committee under the new boundaries regulations, after being intimately connected with the work of the Committee since 1902. Mr W. H. Jackson, in referring to the matter, stated that Mr Brown had been for nearly twenty years associated with the Masterton High School, and had been an institution in himself. He felt quite satisfied that the school could not have been more ably served by any other chairman. Mr Brown had always helped in the furtherance of the best interests of the school, and no progressive movement had been placed before him without receiving his enthusiastic support. The school had a museum which probably was the best of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, and Mr Brown had had a great deal to do with the formation of the collection. He had also been associated with the tennis courts for the school, and other progressive matters. Personally, continued the speaker, he would feel the severance with Mr Brown as chairman very considerably, and he wished to place on record his personal regret at losing such an efficient administrator. Messrs Threadwell, Hendry, and Waddington also referred to the work of Mr Brown, and expressed regret at losing his services for the school. In replying, Mr Brown thanked Mr Jackson and the Committee for their able co-operation. He stated that the work had been a labour of love, and he was very sorry that the time had come to sever his relations with them. They had always done their best for the people and the school children, and he expressed the hope that the new Committee would do likewise.

27th April 1920 Mr E. H. Waddington has resigned from the Masterton School Committee after nil association of over thirty years

28th April 1920 ANNUAL REPORT. The following report of the Masterton District High School Committee.) will be presented at the annual meeting of householders this evening:—
"Your Committee has pleasure in presenting to the householders their report for the period ended 29th February 1920..

"Attendance.—Main School: Average roll for year 1919, 643; average attendance, 590; percentage of attendance, 92. Side School: Average roll for the year, 178; average attendance, 161; percentage of attendance 91. Secondary Classes: Average roll for the year, 100; average attendance, 96; percentage of attendance, 96. For the quarter ended March 31st last, the average attendance at the Main School was 473, and at the Side School 11, a decrease of 117 at Main School and 53 at the Side School, consequent on the opening of the Cole Street School.

The Cole Street School.—This school, of three rooms, was completed and ready for occupation in November last, but was not allowed to be used before the 18th February of this year. When it was opened, the Education Board permitted the enrolment of pupils far beyond the capacity of the building, with the result that at the Main School and at the Side School, the average attendance is now below the accommodation available. Although your Committee is the legally constituted authority for controlling the activities of the new school, pending the election of a Committee for the school, your Committee has not been consulted in any way, and its legal authority has been absolutely ignored by the Education Board. Your Committee generously suggested that an Advisory Committee of local residents should be set up in the interests of the new school. This was done, but instead of being an Advisory Committee, it has assumed the position of the Committee of the School.

"Secondary Department—The number of pupils in the High School is now 112. Your Committee considers this number of pupils justifies the erection of the new High School forthwith. Your Committee has already made representation to the Education Board to this effect.

"The operations of the School Committees' Association, which was formed by the efforts of your Committee, have proved of considerable value during the last year, they having forwarded many remits for the improvement of educational conditions to the annual conference in Wellington, at which Conference Mr A. Pickering represented the Association, and took part in the deliberations there, one of the results being that the Government grant for education was considerably increased.

"Your Committee has long and constantly urged the establishment of a High School in Masterton, and the Government have recently acquired the site, which was one of those recommended by your Committee for the purpose, and, it is hoped, that the school will be erected without delay, which will undoubtedly prove of great educational value to Masterton and the surrounding district.

"Your Committee has, during the year, urged the Education Board to revise the methods of appointment of teachers, in order that Committees may have better opportunities for making their recommendations for their selection of teachers.

"Your Committee granted the Seventh Day Adventists the use of the school and grounds during Christmas time for the purposes of their annual conference, at a satisfactory rental, and

the Seventh Day Adventists made a donation of £10 10s to the school funds, as a mark of appreciation of the assistance of the Committee in this respect.

A new School District has recently been defined by the Education Board, which necessitates the removal of the control of the Side School to the new Masterton West School. Your Committee has very strongly protested against the new boundaries, which take a considerable portion of the territory of the Main School, and your Committee has appealed to the Minister of Education to enquire into the matter, and, if possible, to get these boundaries reconsidered and revised, as your Committee considers they are unfair to the Main School, to the teachers in general, and to the Committee,

"Mr J. C. Alpass and Mr J. B. Henry presented some interesting specimens to the School Museum, which are much appreciated. Your Committee also recently purchased a fine collection of moths and butterflies, upon the recommendation of the headmaster, who takes a keen interest in the museum, which is undoubtedly of much educational value to the children and the public generally.

"Mr T. R. Mannell ceased to be a member of the Committee in September last, by reason of his having removed from the school district, and your Committee elected Mr William Noble in his place, for the remainder of the year.

"The headmaster and his staff have, throughout the year, maintained the high prestige of your school in all departments, and your Committee desires to express appreciation of their valued services.

"The sanitation of the schools has been properly attended to, and the cleaning properly carried out by the custodian. "The new boundaries as defined by the Education Board for the Masterton West School district prevents the nomination of Mr Brown, who has for many years occupied the position of Chairman, and your Committee much I regret that he can no longer act upon the Committee. He has, however, expressed his willingness to assist the Committee in any way he can in the future. Twelve ordinary and fifteen special meetings of the Committee were held during the year, the attendance being as follows:—Mr R. Brown 25, Mr Waddington 16, Mr Redman 21, Mr T. Mannell 3 (for part of year), Mr B. Church 16, Mr A. Hendry 25, Mr J. Calwell 22, Mr W. Nicol 25, Mr Threadwell 20, Mr Noble 6 (for part of year)."

29th April 1920 About forty residents were present at the meeting in the Masterton District High School last night. Mr R. Brown was elected to the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted. The following resolution was moved by Mr W. Kemp, and unanimously carried:—"That this meeting of householders views with extreme disapproval the action of the Education Board in ignoring the Masterton District High School Committee in regard to the fixing of the boundaries of the new school district." It was also resolved that the member for the district be asked to take steps to obtain an amendment- to the legislation in order to grant right of appeal to the Hon. Minister of Education upon matters in dispute between Education Boards and School Committees. The meeting resolved to place on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr R. Brown, Chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee for the past eighteen years of unselfish, loyal, and painstaking attention, given to educational matters in the district, and to the needs of the Masterton District High School in particular, and trust that the steady progress of the school had been some small recompense for his labour of love.

On the motion of Mr D. Threadwell, the meeting unanimously passed the following resolution: —"That this meeting calls upon the Government to immediately proceed with the erection of the High School."

The following were the names of the candidates submitted to the meeting, and their respective votes, the first nine being declared elected: — J. C. McCalweli 31, A. Hendry 33, W. R. Nicol 31, D. Threadwell 29. F. T. Redman 28, A. P. Black 26, R. H. Williams 25, A. S. Evans 22, Robert Russell 21, McDonald 19, W. Noble 16, J. Toomath 12.

Messrs W. H. Jackson and A. W. G. Hollings acted as scrutineers. Mr Hollings was re-appointed secretary to the Committee

1st May 1920 Price of Wales Visit MASTERTON SCHOOL CHILDREN
SINGING REHEARSAL TO-DAY

At 3 p.m. to-day, weather permitting, there will be a monster rehearsal of school children in the Masterton Park, with, band accompaniment. The rehearsal will be under Mr R. C. Drummond. All children above Standard II. are invited, and as many teachers as can conveniently attend

11th May 1920 -Since the erection of the school at Masterton West, a somewhat unusual situation has arisen in regard to primary education. The western school has already become overcrowded, and arrangements are being made by the Committee for temporary accommodation for the scholars who are offering. At the same time, the drain upon the old-established District High School has left that institution with room to spare. There has been some dispute over the boundaries of the new district. With this we have nothing to do in the meantime. It is our duty, however, to point out that it is not incumbent upon parents to send their children to the school in the district in which they reside. Nor is it desirable, in these days of financial stringency, that the Education Board should provide temporary accommodation when there is plenty of room available at the District High School. The Board should insist upon the surplus from the western school going to the main school or some other school within easy reach until the accommodation in the west is increased.

12th May 1920 RE SPCA included Correspondence received included a. letter from Miss A. McCarthy, Carnarvon [West of Ashurst in the Manawatu] School, re the formation, of a Junior League of the S.P.C.A. in her school; also from Miss A White Masterton School, on the same subject.

14th May 1920 A happy little function took place at the Wrigley Street Side School, Masterton, yesterday afternoon, when the scholars made a little presentation to their retiring headmaster, Mr W. H. Jackson. Owing to the change of boundaries recently announced by the Education Board, it has become necessary for Mr Jackson to sever his connection with the school, after having had charge of it since its inception —about twenty-five years ago. On behalf of the young people, Miss White presented Mr Jackson with a beautiful leather wallet and pocket book, and in a neat little speech expressed the great regret of the scholars at losing Mr Jackson as their official head. Mr Jackson thanked the children for their gift, which he said he would always value as a spontaneous expression of their regard [I think this refers to the side school being taken over by Masterton West School]

8th June 1920 During the past few days the headmaster of the Masterton District High School (Mr W. H. Jackson) has received requests from old pupils of the school for examination certificates. In one case the pupil had left thirty years, and the other twenty eight

12th June 1920 The appointment of Mr. Harold Miller to the Rhodes Scholarship will afford the greatest satisfaction to those who have watched the career of this brilliant young Masterton student. He had no advantage over others in the matter of training. He started in the Masterton District High School, worked his way through, gained a scholarship, went to the University ' with the help of the Trust Lands Trust, and secured every degree that was available off his own bat. To Mrs. Miller and the relatives of the lad the heartiest congratulations will be extended. • They have made sacrifices for the welfare of the Dominion, and they have a right to feel proud at the success that has attended Mr. Miller's labours. The Masterton District High School is also 'deserving of the utmost credit for the conspicuous honour that has been achieved by one of its pupils.

14th June 1920 A MASTERTON CANDIDATE. Mr W. T. Grundy, of Masterton, told an Age representative on Saturday that he intended contesting the Wairarapa seat on the Wellington Education Board with the retiring member, Mr Thomas Moss. The election takes place next month. Mr Grundy, who is now living in retirement in Masterton, was for many years' headmaster of the Clyde Quay school, in Wellington, prior to which he was headmaster of the Masterton school.

14th June 1920 There are 448 pupils on the roll of Lansdowne School. The Masterton District High School has (550 pupils on the roll.

The capitations granted by the Masterton Trust Lands Trust at its last monthly meeting amounted to £100 . It was made up as follows:—Masterton District High. School £31 13s 4d, Lansdowne School £24 18s 8d, Masterton West School £21 15s 4d, St. Patrick's School £9 10s 8d, Fernridge School £7 12s, and Solway School £4 15s. All the schools are within the Masterton small farm area.

15th June 1920 The Mayor of Masterton (Mr. W. H. Jackson) has been' requested to convene a meeting of parents and others interested to make arrangements to suitably recognise the long service rendered to the cause of education in Masterton by Mr. Richard Brown, who has just retired from the chairmanship of the Masterton. District High School Committee. Accordingly the Mayor invites those interested in the movement to meet in the lecture room at the Municipal Buildings to-morrow night at 7.30 o'clock to discuss the matter.

18th June 1920 HIGH SCHOOL FOR MASTERTON. TECHNICAL OE SECONDARY?

The question of establishing a district technical high school in Masterton was again considered, by the Council of Education yesterday, and as a result it was resolved "that.in view of the information supplied by the department concerning the alteration in the conditions subsequently to the council's last meeting, the recommendations then passed concerning the establishment of a technical high school in Masterton be rescinded, and that the council now recommend to the -Minister that the existing district high school be disestablished and that in lieu thereof a secondary school. be established under the Act."

2nd July 1920 On the motion of Mr Baskiville, it was decided that the shield held by the Masterton District High School be competed for by the - primary schools and the primary department of the District High School, the Masterton school to receive a certificate to replace the shield.

12th July 1920 The Masterton District High School easily accounted for the Masterton Thirds at the school grounds on Saturday afternoon by defeating them by 14 points to nil. Mr. Spackman acted as referee

21st July 1920 The reason given for the delay in the erection of the Masterton High School is entirely unsatisfactory. It is perfectly correct that a Board of Governors should have been set up to co-operate with the Education Department, so that there would be an element of local control, even in regard to the buildings. But there is no reason why the Board should not be constituted without special legislation. If other District High Schools could be disestablished and High Schools established under existing legislation, there does not appear to be any good reason why Masterton should be placed in a different position. The Government has the power to constitute a Board of Governors, and it should exercise this power without delay. Further, it should proceed with the erection of the High School buildings at the earliest convenient moment

29th July 1920 HIGH SCHOOL. AN INFLUENTIAL DEPUTATION

A deputation, consisting of representatives of the "Progress League, the Masterton School Committees, the Trust Lands Trust, and the Technical School, has been arranged to wait on the Minister of Education on Saturday next in connection with the Masterton High School.

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[NOTE: I have not copied all the numerous reports between the Minister of Education and various delegations that met with him]

2nd August 1920 MASTERTON" HIGH SCHOOL. Regarding the Board of Governors for your High School," stated the Hon. C. J. Parr, Minister of Education, to the Masterton educational deputation on Saturday, "I am quite prepared to go as far as you are in the matter. If the names of those you desire for nomination are handed to me, I will guarantee to have them gazetted within a fortnight."

3rd August 1920 The children attending the Masterton 'District High School were given a half holiday yesterday in honour of a visit by the Minister of Education. Other schools in the district visited by the Minister were similarly treated. Those in the country that were outside the itinerary pursued the even tenor of their ways. The holiday mania is becoming a feature of the social life of this community. People discontinue work on the slightest pretext. And what can we, expect when we make a start with the children attending the schools.' There are too many school holidays in this country. The economic waste that is going on is something deplorable. Ministers of the Crown should be the first to put a stop to this waste, instead of encouraging it, as they do on every conceivable occasion.

10th August 1920 Senior-Inspector Bakewell and Inspector Burns will commence holding the annual examinations at the Masterton District High School on Monday, August 16th.

12th August 1920 MR. RICHARD BROWN. There was a representative gathering of educational enthusiasts and citizens of Masterton at the District High School Assembly Hall last evening, on the occasion of a complimentary function tendered Mr Richard Brown, who recently retired, after many years of sterling service, from the position of Chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee.

Mr J. E. Calwell, Chairman of the Committee, presided, and he was supported by his Worship the Mayor (Mr W. H. Jackson).

The Chairman opened the proceedings with a brief speech eulogising the good work of Mr Brown, and then called upon the Mayor to address the meeting. Mr Jackson stated that he was very pleased to be associated with such a function, as he had known Mr Brown for the past thirty-two years, and had been continuously associated with him in the course of his work. Of

all in Masterton, he probably was most competent to speak of the sterling service of Mr Richard Brown. (Applause.) If one person in Masterton deserved the thanks and good wishes of the community, it was Mr Brown. (Applause.) He had performed years of self-sacrificing duty in the interests of the children, said the speaker, and had won the respect and regard of all with whom he had come in contact. They were all proud of and highly valued the record of their guest of honour, in connection with the educational progress of Masterton. Mr. Jackson expressed the hope that the valuable experience of Mr. Brown would not be lost sight of but taken advantage of in the future. He hoped that Mr Brown would be given a part in the management of the new High School. (Applause.)

Mr T. F. Redman was the next speaker. In a speech full of reminiscences of the early days when he first made the acquaintance of Mr Brown, he paid a high tribute to his worth as a citizen, especially in connection with his efforts for the educational advancement of Masterton. He stated that he had known their guest for the past forty years, and had always found in him a true, sincere, and honourable friend. Speaking in reference to Mr Brown's educational work, Mr Redman stated that he was recognised as an able educationalist, and his knowledge of the educational statutes was probably unrivalled in the Dominion. He thought it extremely desirable that the services of Mr Brown should be retained for Masterton as a member of the Board of Governors of the new High School. (Applause.)

Messrs E. H. Waddington, D. Threadwell, and J. W. Blackman all testified to the respect in which the services of Mr Brown were held by the citizens of Masterton.

Mr D. K. Pickering, Chairman of the Wairarapa School Committees' Association, said he could not let the occasion pass without also paying his tribute. He briefly referred in eulogistic terms to Mr Brown's work in fostering the School Committees' Association. He had been a hard worker, and well deserved all the good things said of him.

In a neat little speech the Mayoress presented Mr Brown with a handsome stand gramophone, which she hoped would always remind him of the many good wishes which accompanied the gift.

On rising to reply Mr Brown was loudly applauded. He heartily thanked the donors for their valuable gift, which would always be appreciated by both his wife and himself. His work had been a pleasure to him, and he said that he carried delightful recollections of the many with whom he had served. The speaker paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. W. H. Jackson and the other teachers with whom he had come in contact. His only reason for leaving the Committee after so many years was the alteration in the school boundaries, which deprived him of a seat on the Committee. In an interesting speech, Mr. Brown traversed the many years in which he had been associated with educational work in Masterton, and again briefly thanked his many friends for their gift. During the evening musical items were contributed by Mr. Harry Hall, who was accompanied by Miss V. Hampton, while Miss Florrie McKain, assisted by some other little girls arranged an enjoyable little programme of songs and dances. An enjoyable supper was provided by the members of the teaching staff, and the wives of the Committeemen.

12th August 1920 SCHOOL COMMITTEES' SECRETARIES' REMUNERATION. Speaking at a complimentary function in Masterton last evening, Mr Richard Brown, for many years Chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee, stated that he would like to take the opportunity to reply to a remark made by the Hon. C. J. Parr, Minister of

Education, on the occasion of his recent visit to Masterton. It was in reference to a man, the secretary of a committee, who had been paid ten guineas for keeping a minute book. This the Minister evidently looks excepted to. "I would like to say this," said Mr Brown, "our Committee paid the secretary more than that, and very rightly so. The work could not be done for nothing. There is more work entailed outside than taking of minutes, and I do not consider that the work of that nature should be performed gratuitously, more than a Cabinet Minister should be expected to perform his own secretarial duties for nothing."

13th August 1920 BOARD OF GOVERNORS' was held to-night for the purpose of suggesting names for appointment to the Board of Governors for the Masterton High School. The Mayor (Mr W. H. Jackson) presided. It was decided that it be a recommendation to the Minister that no person be appointed to the Board of Governors for a longer period than five years. Fifteen nominations were received, and the following were successful at the ballot:— Messrs W. T. Grundy, T. Jordan, C. E. Daniell, T. Moss, and the Rev. G. A. Brown. It was then decided that Messrs Grundy, Jordan and Moss be recommended as the Education Board nominees, the Rev G. A. Brown and Mr C- E. Daniell as the Governor-General's nominees.

19th August 1920 MASTERTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Circular TO PARENTS

The following is the circular that has been forwarded by the Mayor of Masterton (Mr W. H. Jackson): To the Parents of the Secondary Pupils attending the Masterton District High School: — In connection with the steps being taken to further the establishment of the proposed High School for Masterton you are called upon to nominate your representatives for election to the Board of Governors. In accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, regulating the appointment and election of the members of the Board of Governors, you are entitled to elect three representatives, the Education Board for the district appoints three, the Governor General appoints two, and the local Borough Council one, making nine members to constitute the Board of Governors.

If you desire to nominate any person or persons for election to the position, please fill in enclosed form, and return as directed. For your information a list of the names and addresses of the parents of secondary pupils attending the Masterton District High School is supplied with this circular. Your choice need not necessarily be confined to the persons named in the list.

At a public meeting called for the purpose, the following were elected as the persons suggested for appointment by the Education Board: Messrs W. T Grundy, T. Jordan, M.A., L.L.B., and T. Moss, and by the Governor-General the Rev. G. Brown, M.A., and Mr C. E. Daniell. Nomination papers must be returned promptly, in order to facilitate the issue of voting papers.

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The following are the names and addresses of parents of secondary pupils attending the Masterton District High School:—J. Ackerman, Lansdowne; J. Allen, Lincoln road; M. Ammundsen, Longbush; C. Anderson, Colombo road; W. Blake, Fori, Alfredton; W. Burridge, Masterton ; John Campbell, Opaki; W. Candy, Masterton; D. B. Cafrick, Masterton; T. Carr, High street; H. Chesterman, Lansdowne; E. Collinge, Masterton; J. A.

Council, Carrington, Carterton; W. Day, Opaki road; "L. Donald, To Ore Ore; R. C. Drummond, Lansdowne; T. Dunn, Ihuraua, Mauriceville; C. G. Engstrom, Masterton; F. Evans, Fernridge; R. Evernden, Masterton; R. Fairbrother, Herbert street; M. Fear, Lansdowne;

H. J. Francis, Masterton; J. Gardner, Upper Plain; Arthur Coe, Renall street ; C. S. Graham, Lansdowne; A. Giddings, Renall street; E. Hale, Lansdowne; W. Harvey, Whakataki; J. Henderson, S. Featherston; F. Hosking, Opaki road; F. Hunn, Masterton; W. Jackson, Gladstone; O. O. Jackson, Kopuaranga; R. J. Jamieson, Lincoln road; W. Jenkins, Masterton; J. M. Laing, bank manager, Masterton; J. M. Maxwell, Matahiwi; J. M. Mackley, Opaki road; D. McCalmont, Michael street; W. McLaren, Walton's Avenue; P. S. McNalty, Lansdowne; A. C. Major, Masterton; A. Iv. Mothes (Mrs), Masterton; J. Cairns, Masterton; J. Maxwell, Gladstone; £. Morris, Hope street; J. Morris, To Ore Ore; E. O. Mills, Lincoln road; W. O'Donnell, Dixon street; T. Papps, Upper Plain; O. Pember, Hope street; R. Pook, Albert street; A. C. Rowse, Lansdowne; W. R. Russell, Lincoln road; E. T. Ryan, Te Ore Ore; D. H. Speedy, Tinui; J. S. Sutherland, Pine street; A. Styles, Queen street; W. Tankersley, Mt. Bruce; A. H. Vile, Masterton; Alex. Watson, Opaki; F. P. Wellington, Pine street; T. A. Weston, Ihauralia; F. P. Welch, Lansdowne; A. Welch, Chapel street; A. S. Wilkinson, Solway; I. Wilkinson (Mrs), Hesse street; R. Williams, Worsop road; H. T. Wood, Masterton; Mrs Anketell, Renall street; H. Bennett, Tinui; J. E. Calwell, Masterton; A. Hendry, Masterton ; R. Jacques, Te Ore Ore; E. S. Jenkins, Mt. Bruce; J. Ken*. Albert street; R. D. Leach, Masterton; H. Madeley, Masterton; W. Noble, Masterton ; S. Pinkerton, Akura road; O. Pragnell, Masterton ; W. Richards, Hogg Crescent; E. A. Rule, Masterton; Mrs Winteringham, Masterton; H. Baddeley, Lansdowne; A. J. Cooper, Lansdowne; J. Laing, Cornwall street; J. Pomeroy, Masterton

24th August 1920 The Masterton High School team have won the third class championship under the Rugby Union

25th August 1920 A school for teachers was opened in the Masterton District High School on Monday and will be continued for about ten days. The teachers are being given special instruction in matters affecting the organisation of school work, etc..

25th August 1920 PARENTS' REPRESENTATIVES. The Mayor (Mr. W. H. Jackson), at last night's meeting of the Masterton Borough Council, stated that he had requested by the Masterton Progressive League to call a public meeting for the purpose of nominating the parents' representatives on the proposed Board of Governors of the Masterton High School. The communication had been forwarded by special messenger, and had been, registered. The Mayor did not act on the suggestion, as he did not consider it the right course to take. The right course was as that pursued by him, which was in accordance with other high school elections. Every parent had been forwarded a nomination paper. The nominations had been returned, but as yet had not been opened. The proper steps were being taken for a correct election. He had done nothing in reference to the appointment of scrutineers or a returning officer. That would be announced later. Mr. Burrigge was of opinion that the matter did not concern the Council. It was purely a matter for the Mayor, as chief citizen of the town. It was eventually resolved to leave the matter in the hands of his Worship.

THE NOMINATIONS. The Mayor (Mr W. H. Jackson) and the Town Clerk (Mr T. T. Denbee) opened the nominations for the parents' representatives on the High School Board of

Governors last evening. Thirty-six papers were received, nominating the following seventeen candidates: —Messrs R. H. Burrige, Masterton; R. C. Drummond, Lansdowne; A. H. Vile, Masterton; A. C. Major, Upper Plain; T. Moss, Eketahuna; O. N. C. Pragnell, Masterton; E. Hale, Masterton; Richard Brown, Masterton; A. T. P. Hubbard, Fernridge; V. H. Jackson Masterton, Alex. Hendry, Masterton; T. F. Watson, Lansdowne; D. K. Logan, Lansdowne; F. J. Hunn, Masterton; D. A. Pickering, Lansdowne; J. A. Connell, Carrington ; D. Threadwell, Masterton. As Mr Thomas Moss has already been appointed one of the Wellington Education Board's representatives, and the Mayor (Mr W. H. Jackson) was appointed last evening as the Masterton Borough Council's representative, only fifteen nominees remain eligible for election,

1st September 1920 Somebody appears to have blundered over the election of the parents' representatives on the Masterton High School Board of Governors. The Mayor has taken the initiative in regard to the election and has presumed that he has been acting with the authority of the Minister. It now transpires that the Minister does not recognise the parents of children attending the District High School. Therefore, there can be no election until the High School is established. Even those who have been nominated by a public meeting are to be regarded as merely an advisory body in the meantime. It is a pity that the Minister has allowed a muddle to occur at the inception of the High School. Parents will naturally be indignant, for they will form the impression that a considerable delay is probable before the institution becomes an established fact.

9th September 1920 CLEANER'S WAGES A PROBLEM. By Telegraph—From our Correspondent Masterton, September 8. The committee of the Masterton District High School is in sore straits financially. At the meeting of the committee to-night the chairman (Mr. J. Calwell) pointed out that accounts amounting to £20 awaited payment, but there was only £14 in hand. The school cleaner would terminate his engagement on Monday, and there was no money with which to pay him his wages. They had sometimes been a week or more in arrears in regard to payment. It was estimated that the capitation this year would only amount to .£210. and when they engaged another cleaner it would be impossible to offer the same wages as heretofore

Mr. Hendry: I think we are up against it. The only real inducement we can offer a man is the house rent free.

The chairman: There are so many better-paid jobs offering that we will certainly have great difficulty in engaging anyone.

The actual position was, continued Mr. Calwell, that the estimated expenses in connection with the school would be £400 Against this the Government subsidy would be ;£210. The Education Board had been notified but had done nothing. In the past the committee had had to appropriate, the Trust Lands Trust grant of .£30 to pay the cleaner.

Mr. Threadwell: Surely it is a primary duty of the Education Board to see that its schools are thoroughly cleaned.

Mr. F Redman was of the opinion that it would teach the Education Board a lesson if it .had to shoulder the financial responsibility when the present committee went, out of office.

It was eventually agreed to engage a cleaner at a reduced wage.

Regarding the clause in the Public Health Bill making it compulsory for parents to bear the cost of medical attention for their children. the committee resolved to recommend the Borough Council that it make, strong representation to the Government that all medical attention for children attending school be paid for by the State.

9th September 1920 The voting papers in connection with the election of parents' representatives to the Board of Governors of the Masterton High School were opened by the returning officer (Mr W. Gillespie) today and counted. Fifty-five voting papers were received, and the following is the result of the ballot, the first three being the successful candidates: Richard Brown 28 votes, R. C. Drummond 23, A. H. Vile 22, D. A. Pickering 20. D. K. Logan 13, T. F. Watson 12, O. C. Pragnell 9, D. Threadwell 9, Alex. Hendry 8, J. B. Calwell 7 F. J. Hunn C., E. Hale 4, J. A. Connell 0.

10th September 1920 APPLICATIONS are invited till 12 noon on Monday, September 13, for the position, of School Cleaner for the Masterton District High School. Particulars of duties may be inspected at the School, or at my Office, Hood's Buildings, Queen Street, Masterton, where, applications should be addressed (or Box 83). Salary £3 per week, and convenient five roomed house close to school, rent free. A W C Hollings Secretary to Masterton School Committee

11th September 1920 During the hearing of a Maori land case in the Masterton Supreme Court yesterday several senior boys and girls, pupils of the Masterton District High School, were given the opportunity of observing court procedure. The pupils will shortly undergo a university examination, in which one of the subjects will be civics

14th September 1920 Mr Robert Darroch, formerly of the Masterton District High School, but at present headmaster of the Roseneath school, has resigned from the Wellington Education Board to take up the Government appointment of tutor to the lads from the State schools who are to enter the public service under the new scheme arranged by the Government

23rd September 1920 It is reported that Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, and Mayor of the town, has been offered and has declined an Inspectorship under the Education Department.

28th September 1920 The Minister of Education (Hon. C. J. Parr) has placed the Mayor and citizens of Masterton in an entirely false and invidious position. When he visited the town some weeks ago, the Minister told the Mayor to go ahead with the election of a Board of Governors. He said if there were any technical difficulties, he would take steps to validate the election. The Mayor thereupon proceeded on the lines set out in the Education Act. He first of all called a public meeting through the Masterton papers, for the purpose of suggesting the names of persons to represent the Government and the Education Board on the Board of Governors. This meeting was only attended by between forty and fifty persons and was not representative either of the district or of the parents of children, who are peculiarly interested in the High School movement. The latter absented themselves because they understood that they were to be given an opportunity of electing three parents' representatives to the Board at a later date. The Mayor then secured the recommendations of a representative of the Borough Council to the Board, and proceeded with a ballot, in the terms of the Act, for the election of three representatives of the parents. After the nominations had closed and the ballot was being taken, an unofficial letter, said to have been written by the Minister was published in the Age, intimating that the election of parents' representatives could not be legally held. The Mayor had received no official communication on the subject, and he consequently proceeded with the ballot, the result of which was subsequently announced. The Minister, having been advised of the result of the election, now writes to the Mayor stating that he cannot accept the representatives elected by the parents. The reason he offers is that the parents of the children now voting will not be the parents of the children attending the High School when it is opened. The Mayor, who is headmaster of the District High School, informs us that seventy-five per cent, of the parents

who now have children at the school will have children at the High School should it be erected within the next four years. The objection raised by the Minister has, therefore, nothing tangible to support it. But if it were a fact that the parents of the children now attending the District High School would not be the parents of those attending the High School, would not the same position arise a year or two after the High School 'had been erected? And does not the objection apply, with even greater force, to those who have been nominated as representatives of the Education Board, Government, and Borough Council? Neither of those nominees have children attending the District High School, -and there is no guarantee that they will be resident in the district when the High School is erected. The Minister, strangely enough, has promised to validate the election of these gentlemen, but he will not validate the election of those who have a special interest in the welfare of the Children ' attending the secondary Classes, although he led the Mayor, the parents, and the general public to believe that- he would do so. The position could be quite easily overcome if the Minister would .adopt the recommendation of the Council of Education and disestablish the District High School in favour of a High School. By arrangement with the Education Board, the existing buildings could be utilised for High School purposes until new buildings were erected. The full Board of Governors could then appoint a rector, direct the conduct of the secondary classes, and advise the Minister concerning the requirements for the future. It is the classes and the teachers that constitute the High School, and not the buildings. If the". Minister will recognise this fact, and. gazette the establishment of a High School and the appointment of a full Board of Governors, he will not render himself open to the charge that he has failed to keep faith with the public.

8th October 1920 A number of parents availed themselves of the invitation of Dr. Ada, Patterson, to attend at the Masterton District High School yesterday afternoon, when the doctor delivered a most interesting address in reference to the health of school children.

11th October 1920 MASTERTON HIGH SCHOOL. ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board in connection with the proposed Masterton High School met for the first time on Saturday afternoon.. The meeting was held at the Mayoral office, and presided over by the convenor, the Mayor (Mr W H. Jackson). There were also present Messrs C. E. Darnell, T. Jordan, T. Moss, and W. T. Grundy. Owing to the illness of the Rev. G. T. Brown, who was consequently unable to attend, the election of a chairman was not proceeded with, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday next, after authorising a plan of the High School property to be prepared.

15th October 1920 There are at present 551 pupils at the Masterton main school, with an average attendance of 460

A meeting of the Masterton District High School Committee was held last night.' Mr. J. E. Calwell was in the chair, ; and there were also present. Messrs Black, Williams, Russell, and Nicol. A quantity of routine business was transacted, and the headmaster's report adopted.

21st October Mrs McLean assistant resigned

25th October 1920 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. Mr. W. T; Grundy, honorary secretary of the Advisory Board of the Masterton High School, has received the following communication from Dr. Anderson, Director of Education: — "Referring to the subject of your interview with the Minister on the. 19th instant with regard to the preliminary arrangements to be made in connection with the new High School, I have to say that the Department 's' architect, Mr. J. T. Mair, will arrange/ to visit Masterton in about a fortnight to discuss, in company with Mr,

Spencer, with the Advisory Board the lay-out of the grounds and the position, and character of the buildings to be erected. Mr. Mair will then be in the position to submit a preliminary sketch or rough block plan of a suitable school which would form a guide to any architect who might be subsequently appointed for the execution of the work. Pending this visit and the submission of a sketch plan, it appears, scarcely advisable for the Board to commit itself in any way as to the selection of an architect, a matter on which the Department might be prepared to advise."

8th November 1920 We are indebted to Mr C. E. Daniell for the following particulars and description of the site recently acquired for the purpose of erecting thereon the High School, which it is hoped will be a centre of, education of which the Wairarapa can take proud. The area of land is 29 acres 1 rood* 16 perches. The longest street frontage is to Pownall street 10 chains and 10 feet. This frontage is the farthest from town. The northern boundary runs parallel to Renall street 21 ½ chains, close at the rear of the residences facing Renall street. At the extreme corner nearest to town is a reserve one chain wide, giving access to Renall street. This will probably be the popular entrance to the property. On its eastern boundary the fence runs from Renall street to within 2½ chains of Cornwall street, and a reserve for road 60 feet wide gives access to Cornwall street directly opposite Mr Eton's residence. Near this entrance are a number of springs of water, forming quite a stream, which suggests the site of the swimming baths of the future. The land at the lower, or eastern end, comes to within 2½ chains of Cornwall street. The main portion of the block is ten chains north of the street, while being parallel to it. The site, while centrally situated, is also high and dry, and the three means of access from various directions will enable the layout to be considered on broad lines, with a view to later development; and growth. Members of the new Board of Governors are now studying various suggestions as to location of the school buildings, the hostels, masters' residences, and sports areas, preparatory to meeting the advising architect, who will shortly visit Masterton.

16th November 1920 BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The Board of Governors of the proposed Masterton High School met yesterday afternoon, and further discussed proposals for the laying out of the property and the location of the buildings. The Rev. G. T. Brown, M.A., was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs C. E. Daniell, T. Moss, W. T. Grundy, and W. H. Jackson. Several members of the Board are visiting Wellington to-day to confer with Departmental officers in connection with the school.

27th November 1920 It may not be generally known that the Masterton School Museum has in its possession a copy of the first issue of the London Times. It has also, incidentally, a copy of the first publication issued in the Wairarapa, besides other interesting examples of early journalism in New Zealand.

9th December 1920 The Masterton School Committee has received the following communication from Mr G. L. Stewart, secretary of the Wellington Education Board: In order to enable some instruction to be given to untrained and uncertificated teachers to qualify them for more efficient service in small schools, it has been suggested that an arrangement might probably be possible for conducting a model school at your school, about 20 to 30 children selected from the various classes forming the school. A good teacher will be selected who would be additional to your staff. P.S.—The Board would be glad that you should consult the Chairman of your Committee and advise the Board what, in your circumstances, is the best arrangement to be made.

10th December 1929 Mr J J Trainer resigns

14th December 1920 The first combined school sports meeting will be held in the public Park, Masterton, on Thursday next, commencing at 11 a.m. Already some of the schools have been busily engaged finding the best runners, jumpers, etc., and large entries have been received. The scheme for the encouragement of athletic sport in the schools originated in a recommendation from the sports committee of the Caledonian Society, and on being submitted to the various schoolmasters was heartily endorsed. Messrs Harland, Cagou and Miller have been specially conspicuous in fostering the scheme, which has the hearty support of all the teachers. The proceeds this year will go towards the funds of the Cameron Memorial Park; but it is hoped, with the experience gained, to make the function an annual one at which all the schools will meet in friendly rivalry in feats of skill, strength and endurance.

17th December 1920 FIRST ANNUAL GATHERING. The first annual gathering of the Masterton District School Sports Association, in conjunction with the Wairarapa Caledonian Society, and assisted by officials of the Wairarapa Amateur Athletic Club, was held in the Masterton Park yesterday afternoon. The weather was dull and drizzling, while during the afternoon a cold southerly breeze made conditions somewhat unpleasant for spectators. The attendance, although fairly large, was not satisfactory, and it is rather to be regretted that the parents did not show more interest in the first meeting held under the auspices of the Association. Another regrettable feature was the continual crowding on the Park oval, making the work of the starter and other officials extremely difficult. The crowd had to be continually pressed back, and the absence of a fence or other facilities for the assistance of the officials was the subject of much comment. Although working under difficulties the officials are to be complimented upon the expeditious manner in which the events were got off. Messrs W. Hughes and W. S. L. Dickson made efficient starters, while Messrs J. Radlmyr and A. O'Donnell acted as timekeepers. The judges were Messrs J. G. Bee, Hall, and B. McKeuxie. Messrs E. J. Harland, C. A. Cagou and Woodley acted as frackkeepers, Constable Curdon was megaphonist, while Mr G. Coldsman was in charge of the blackboard. The dancing events were judged by Mr A. J. Monro, of Wellington, who, in conversation with an Ago reporter, expressed himself as well pleased with the section. The general arrangements were supervised by officials of the Wairarapa Caledonian Society, whose secretary (Mr William Gillespie) carried out his duties in his usual efficient manner. The President of the Society (Mr A. J. Giddings) was present, and presented the prizes to the successful competitors. Messrs T. J. A. Reus, I. McIntosh, J. Henderson, and D. Knowles acted and Mr James Allan as treasurer. The funds in connection with the meeting went in aid of the Cameron Park and Soldiers' Memorial appeal, and it is understood that over £30 will be donated towards the latter object as the result. The 'secondary boys' championship was won by W. Yates, of the Masterton District High School, with 157 points. The girls' senior championship was won by G. Jackson (99 points). The thanks of the promoters of the meeting are due to Messrs C. E. Daniell, J. Allan, and T. Plumijison for apparatus and material in connection with the gathering. Following were the results: SECONDARY EVENTS. Boys' 100 yds. — Yates, M.D.H.S.; 1 — Allan M.D.H.S.. 3. Time, 11 2-5 sees. Boys' 220 yds. — Yates, M.D.H.S.; 1 — Wilkinson. M.D.H.S., 2 — Mian M.D.H.S., 3. Time, 20 2-5 sees. 1 Long Jump. — Yates. M.D.H.S., 10ft 11in, 1 — Wilkinson. M.R.I.T.S.. Tift. J.O.V. fit. 2; Allan. U.D.H.S.. 1 11' 3in 3. 120 yds Hurdles. — Yates. A.D.H.S..

I; Papps, M.D.'11.5., 2; Allan. .A.I.D.H.S., 3. Time. 20socs.' - MO Yards.--Yates, A.I.D.H.S.. 1 : Wilkinson. .A.I.D.H.S., 2; Papps, Z. Time, 02 -l-> sees. High Jump.—Yates. A.I.D.H.S.. - lit Gin, 1 ; Allan. M.D.H.S.. lit oin, 2. SECONDARY GIRLS. 7o Awards.—G. .Jackson 1, A. .Madeley 2, K 1 . Pragucll 3. 100 Yards.—(J. Jackson I, E. Eragnell 2, A. Afadeley 3. Time. 13 2~> SCCS. - x 120 Yards.—C. Jackson I. E. Pragnell 2, D. O'Donuell 3. Time, 1.", J-/J, sees. Mile Walk (opon).--Chamborlain, M.D.H.S., 1; Walsh and G. Williams, M.D.H.S., lied, 2. Time, Imin "1 1-3 sees. Girls' Sack Pace.—S. Oakley, Lansdowne, Ij AY. Emory. Lansdowne. 2; M. Joyce. Lansdowne 3. Boys' Sack- Pace.—Reynolds, Peruridgo, 1 ; 1., Smith, M.D.H.S.. 2; Evans, Lansdowne, 3. PRIMARY SENIOR. IOOvds Senior Primary Bows—Gull v. A.I.D.H.S., 1 ; Hill, Lansdowne, 2; Rose. Masterton 'West. ". Time. If 1-10 sees. Pong Jump.— P. AYilliams. A.I.D.H.S., 1.-J't Jin. 1 : P. Gullv. A.I.D.H.S., 1">ft 2in, 2; R. AYilton, Alaslerton West, I Ift Sin. 3. 220 Yards.—fiully. M.D.H.S.. .1 ; Hill, Lansdowne. 2; Pose. Alastorlon West, 3. Time, 20seeft. PiOvds Hurdles.--Gullv. A.I.D.H.S., 1 : Bowie, A.I.D.H.S., 2;' Wilton, Solway, 3. Time. |!) 2-o sees. Boys' Siamese Pace. — llogan and Cornish. 1; Kvens and AfcXallv, 2; ; Al. Welch and K. Emery, 3. Oii;ls' Siamese Pace.--AY nod and Papps. A.I.D.H.S., I ; Judd and AYiltcn, Sohvoy, 2. Throwing Cricket Pall. - Yates, M.D.U.S.. SOvds 2't, 1 : Wilkinson. A.I.D.H.S.. SO vards. 2. Drop Kick.—Gee. M.D.U.S., llvds 3in I ; Allan. A.I.D.H.S.. 13yds 2in. 2; | Hill, fiansdowne, 12vds "in. 3. High Jump.— Williams. A.I.D.H.S., li'i .Sin. I : Gullv. M.D.U.S., JIT Tin, 2. The primary senior boys' championship was won by R.. Gullv (1-1 points'). Girls' .-(,) vards—B. Long. M.D.IPS., I : P. Hayes. M.D.U.S.. 2; W. Emerv, Lansdowne, 3. ' To Yards Girls.-D. Barnetf (Mastorton West) 1. Al. llogan (Si. Rattrick's School) 2. IOOvds Girls.—AY. Harnett, blasterloll West. I; B. Long, M.D.H.S., 2; .I? Hayes. M.D.U.S.. 3. Time. 13 J-5 sees.

FimiARY .TI'NIOI? .") Yards.--Jack llolmw.md. Lnnsdownuc, I; Pitikm-v. M.D.H.S.. 2; Hooks. M.D.H.S.. .i. .Junior Hoys. 7")V(ls.--J. Holimvood, kansdownue. I : f. McLean. A.I.D.H.S., 2: A. Pinknev. A1.i1.U.5., fl. Time, i) 2-0 sees 120vds (junior).—J. Holmwood, Lansdowne. 1 : Mekean, M.D.H.S.. 2: Pinknoy, A.I.D.H.S., :1. Time. 1o 1-5 sees. The Junior Championship wns won '>*. .lack Holmwood Avitli nine points. Junior Girls. .">Ov<ls.—.1. Donald,. IU.D.H.S.. I: M. Voice, Lnnsdowno, | 2; M. Welch. Lansdowne. 3. ! The junior girls' points prize was awarded to AT. Welch, of Lansdownuo School. 7'ivds Junior Girls. — T). Tuns, Mnstrrtou West, 1 ; M. Welch. Lansdowne, 2; .M. Lenz. A1.D.1T.5., 3. Time, 10 - l-j sees. Bovs' Egs and Spoon Race.—Rose, Masterton'AVost, 1; L. Smith, A1'D.1T..5., 2. Girls' Ego; and Spoon Unco.—E. Donald, Lnnsdowno. 1; T. Spnckvnar), Lansdowne, 2.

The overhead ball game was iron by Uie M.D.H.S. girls' tciun. Tny; of War. —Lansdowne Rovs 1. DANCING. AT) V ANC ED C'L ASS 10S. Highland FJing. }\. Howard 1, M. Douglas 2, J. Millar 3. Highland Reol.-M. Douglas 1. 10. Arcus 2. M. Howard '5. Cla-ss B, Fling.—J. Knowles I, A Collie 2, E. .Rossiter .J. Class li, Reel.— IX .Allen I, R. Mcintosh 2. A. Collie. 3. Class C, Fling.—X. Dmi-las I, .(' Paterson 2 ; F. Denby 3. Fioci.—i'r. Dongins I, 10. Siuu-klefoi> 2, E. Denby 3. Class D," Reel.—-10. Patorson L, II. Paulino; 2, B. o'Regan 3. Fling —IO. Paterson I. B. ['aulinji 2, E. Nnrby 3. Class 10, Reel <>' Tnlloch.—A. Ward 1, M. Morov 2, B. Flannerv 3. Fling—A. Wall I, M. Moroy 2, 11. Flannerv 3. Class "F, Reel.— l. McKonzio 1, Is. Lee 2, Tsobel McKenzie 3. Fling.—D. Lee 1, Tsla MeKenzie 2, Isobel MeKenzie 3. BOYS' GLASSES. Class A, Fling.—YY. Ward 1. L. Munson 2, W. Lee 3. Rpol—W.- F.oe 1, W. "Ward 2, L. Munson 3. Reel o' Tulloeh.—A. Collie J. R. Riddell 2, W.

Riddell 3. Class G, Reel o' Tulloch, danced in sets of four.—M. Gunn, L. Newlands, I McK:iy, and M. Tilsley 1st, R. Hi-own. E. Stewart. .1. Stewart and .1. Button 2nd. Class H, Reel o' Tulloch, danced in sets of four.—TO. Henderson, E. MeAuley, M. Friend and B. Renall 1st, I. Mason, L. Spieor, J. Long and T. McKay 2nd. Class K—M. Buchanan, E. Donaid, C Drummond and K. Rovoriport. 1st, Q. Wliemi, N. Whale, G. Henderson and T. Watchford 2nd. SPECIAL PRIZES. Mrs Pike's Modal for Highland Fling (Class E), Dolly Lee. , Mr J. B. McKenzie's Rose Bowl, Alice Ward 1. Mr Mills' (Tup, most points boys' dancing.—Willie Ward. Mr E. McLean's, "Orui," Cup for most points hoys and girls under 12 Marion Douglas. Rimner-up: Willie Ward. Mr F. "McLean's (Ijawke's Bay) Cup for most points in competitions.—Edna Patorson. Runner-up: Mavis I Inward* Mr 10. McEwiin's Gold Modal for most progress made by girl during lil2l).—Ngiiirp Wallace.

17th December 1920 MASTERTON D.H. SCHOOL.

LIST OF PROMOTIONS.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED. The following is a list of the pronotioiis made in connection with the Wnsi-erum District II itih.. School, and ilso the proficiency and competency rrtiticates awarded : PROFKIENLV (FimFICATLS. Clifford Blanc, Brian liarrcr, Vietoi Iudlaml, Keith Catlienill, Edmund Ghnmberlain, Fred (larkc, 'Douglas ': l:iii;j,o, Ahred Low, Leslie Gnm.'in, Ralph Gully, Donald loins, Ernest • enkins, Frank Lockwood, Roy Mc- /!«, ii. Alfred Pond, C'u-il Sut!a i'aitd. l/"'.i.s Williams. Lloyd Williams, Ale-;. A'omj.; Moy, Stanley Wong Moy, All'red Wise, Cecil Wuitou. Fred Winter. .Viiliam Vales, Douglas Cooper, .Rich ii\i Laing. Henry Major, Elizabeth Biggs, .Miranda Hrihgl. Xgaire Douglas, Ruth Haves, Margery Hunn. Eileen Harrington. Beatrice Leng. Lenna .Miller. Florence McKain, Lor:ilie Peterson. Beryl .McDonald, Kditl Shaekletnii. Joyce Vincent, Lila Williams.

jm\ PENCY. CERTIFICATES. Irene C>illcs]>i(>. Aileon McCormack. Myrtle Richardson, Marjorie Rulhori'nVd. Cla dy-> Wright, Flora Weyland Mary Ward, Doris Wilson, Votil Heed, Erie Rutherford. PROMOTED TO STANDARD VT. Hoys: Raymond Wane. John Rliukzionie. Neil Caiherail. Burton Clemas. William Crag's.'. Edwin Faulkner. Spencer Friend. Xgaio Oiddings. Noel Gilding. John I LiwkeS'.vnrhl. Alan Henderson, Jc'ric llnhmvnod. Donald Hunn, Leslie K.iar, Da/id Morion. .Marins Page. Keniieih Page, Joseph Peel. Reginald IVlleay. Percy Russell Gilbert Simpson. Ei ic Smith, .Raymond Smith, Crawford Snaddon, An d)\w Thompson, George Williams, Leonard Williams, Maurice Winslade, Harold Winter, Teni]le Voung. Girls; Marjoie Hell. Rose Butcher, Jean Flannerv. Mary Ha id", Agnes Henderson, Elizabeth Laing, Rita Miler, Duleie Petersen. Myrtle Saver, Edith Sakker. Don-en Wilinhursl. Grace Willoughby. Ngaio "Wilton, Daisy Wilton, Gladys Williams. PROMOTKD TO STANDARD V. George Anstice. Richard Barrer. Archer Hlinkhorne, Benjamin Blair. Iluia Bnddingfon, Phiiip Clark. Clyde Evans. Terence Falloon, Victor Good-

inii', Kudo Hart, l!oy 1 Waiter liiiiub, hmi-!as floop, r, A. ft.'•"i Hours, (Veil Malum, Gordon .MrAlisirr. Hunter >J.-Duti;il<!. Charles \cl<ean. David McMirlmel. AUioI Pmknrv. Rooert Pinluiey, Colin Peiaaey, Leslie Smith, Sydney Spierr. Stanley Yollheim. William Ward, [rani; Williams, Mervvn Williams, linmj;i Wilton, David Wvlie. Ken aid TwvIWd. Cirl, : M:\vU Ailree, Fdna All.-n. Nina lioddin-len. .Mande Bimhl. Cook. Phyllis Da\ irs. i-'u----

idemia Duncan, Mar.?, 'Kerris. Hetty ffuoji' -(, .Jean Jackson, Carrie Lcti:;' My rile l.fiiz. Jr.™ Lain-;, O'Domml, Glory If no, Kloreiire Pus- *<!(. I.lisla Smith. Olive Smith, Mar--o'i'v Welch, Winnie Won2: Mov. X-aire Williams,- Gladys Marshall Moris MrG'rath, .Margaret McLonnan, Mader Maxtrd. Gladys Glider, Jean McLeod, Deris TJIekoritlgo, Doris liolinids, Olivo Ruthr-rt'oi-d. Syhii ifoMnson, Irene Pnscoo, j'lvn Ansi.ice,

PROMOTED TO STANDARD TV. Boys: Cecil Anderson, Trevor Attree, Ronald Bongo, Alt. Brown, Herbert i>i)M _ it\ Nelson Browerton. Doug--Ins Coif. Yt'dliam Cooper, Leslie Congdon. James Cook, Edwin Fairbrothlor, William Falconer. Charles Kin.L';. Eric Jones. (lanth-o Hall. Victor Kindlon, Lloyd Kingdom Lennox Lamb, Roderick McLennan, .Archie McLean. Colin O'Harn, Leonard Oliver. Cecil Osborne, .lack Staples, Frank Staples. Lav.Yi iT-c Tinslov, Ivor Tin.slev, Errel Welch. William' Waters. Edgar Wonliain, George, Wylie, Geoffrey Inns. Robert Thomas. Jack Pront. James Thurston, Robert Boil, Donald McDonald. Ernest Steer. Roy Steer. Cyril -Grantham, .Ronald Devioo. Girls: Jessie Black. Ella Butcher, Olive Baedey, Catherine Biggs, Violet Clark, Fisie Donald. Marion Douglas, Tim! ma Den bee, Anna Engstrom, Edna Ferguson, Mable Ferris, Sylvia Hillen, Florence Harding, Mavis Jenkins, G'wen Liddington, Elsie Moon, Annie McLean, Louie Front, Phyllis Page, (Honda Pormain, Maisio Rue. Myrtle Rotter, Nellie Sayer, Pearl Shipley, Lib Spicer, Violet Scales. Hilda Shnte, Una Snaddon, May Weylaiul, Ruby Winter, Nellie Wise.

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ler, Margaret Mackay, .Lena Mason, Bita Newman, Phyllis Osborne, Gwen Scolt, Ellen Stidolph, Marjorie .Silvester, Nola McClinoTit, .loan loins. Boys: Roy Blair, Charles Curtis. George Choon, An hie Duncan, Eric Ferris, Claude Hooper, Thomas Joyce. Harold Laing, Eric McEwen, Alex McCalmont, Norman M: Leod, Alan McLennaii, David iv ?\o!Je, 3ii.rn} Paris, Garth, Rigg, Cave Ross. T--bA\ Saver, Eric Smith, Jack Stoim. Alfred Tiiisley, William SfaiiK.s, Hieior \u. heim, Leslie Wilson, Desmond Wilion. Stanley Williams, Jack Martin, Hector liiiissvll, Robert. Laing, l'liiill'l'- ILtv.dvesu'nrlh. PROMOTED FROM P. •! to St.2. I (:irls: Eva Kitchener, Ethel John si.oll, Gwciida Williams. Boys: Terence Franks, Howard Franks, ilnu-e .lenkiiis. Oswald J.-urn. Fred Joy, .lack Alnckay, Moiwen MeIvor, Russell Pa ye, Winlon Rijiti, Leslie Svvanon, Jack While, Ivan White PROMOTED FROM P. i to St. 1. Roys: Raymond lieuri Ryrn, Rae Dongias, G'ordon Graiuliau. iiramwoil

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Girls: Louis,' Armstrong, Beatrice iiright. Dnrotliy Fvnns, Ada Ferris. -Mona Grantham, Phyllis Hargood' Fris Joyce, Mollie McCalmont, Olive Petorson. Madge Suiins, Alary Smith. Maisio Thomas. Xan.-y Welch', Clarice Warnoi, Kdna Xewinaii, Mavis }'nh\ .PRoMoTFD FROM IV I. Ui I'. 11. Hoys: Fric Burton, Fdward Pulton. Louis Francis, Ivinard Hargood, Sydney Li-t t, Victor M-.(testify, Walter iVter-iciei, Ronald I'iigg. Hilly Smith Max Stevenson, Honn-e Saii'soury Charlie Poss. Selby Johnson. Girls: Marjory Wane. Mary Curtis. Annie Mills. Jean Milne. Xc'ftie Rosson, Eleanor Rippon, Alice Trumbull, Firene Peterson. Doreen Wilson. Iris Grantham.

GOOD ATTENDANCE CFRTiFTOATFS.

The following ;m > 1110 food attend:nici' certificates in connection with the Muslertcm District- High School. The (inures indicate the nunilior of fi'ood attendance certificates obtained by the scholar:— Senior Clusii: iSeddou Phyllis Rule (it), Wallis .lamioson (•!). Harold AnV'tell (2). J nlonnocliato Class: Pex Viie (1.0), Vickory liv.vi'ii'i',v (!), Ao'uos Kvens (>)), Archie Wellington CS). Xolson Dale CD, Thomas Papps (,S). Marjory Are'.YaiSy (•>). Sinnca Engstrom, Margaret Conned, Thomas Weston, Stanley Wilkinson. Junior Class: Victor Wolrh ('A), James Sutherland (2), Xig-ol Wood, Win. E. Tankorsley, Robert Gee, Erod Candy (s), Thomas Can; (>). Jack Hunu CD, Douoias Coops (':!), Garth Baddeloy (2). Standard VI: Eli/.abolh Bi™s ('.). Bory] 'Arc-Donald (4), AHeen McOonnck (A), Doris Wilson M). Victor Rutland (1), Clifford Blanco CD, Ajfrod Pond (fi), Alex, Won;,' Aloy (2). Standard V: William Crags' (•"). Spencer "Friend (:;). Ahni Anderson ('.), Donald JImm (I), Aiyriilo Saver CO. Dorecn Wilinslnirst (•0), Grace Hawke'sworUi (I). Standard IV: Mervyn Williams " (:2), Clyde Evans 0), Cecil Alainio (2), Phomia Duncan (2), Doris McGrath (I), Jean Jackson CO.. Florence !!usr,ell (.""!), Hinemoa Wright (J). .Molly O'Donnell (1). Standard ill: Catherine Bitfgs (-}), Anna rom (2). Fdiia .Fei-vson (1), Louie. Proul. CI), Una Snaddon (-), George Wylie (1), .Tack Pro til (?), Willie Cooper (1). Standard IT: Edna Jackson (.), Edith Lenz (2). ivennclli IG.UA' I'-). 'Reginald Diekr.son (I). Standard

I: Edward Saver CD. Pauline Cook (I), Jean Hooper (I). Primer IV: "(Van While (1), Alex. McCormack (1), Grace Russell (2).

As at November 2018 Only the Evening Post is recorded in Papers Past post 1920

1921

18th February 1921 Miss O E Iorns appointed Infant Mistress

Mrs I A Wilkinson appointed fourth assistant

10th August 1921 the average attendances for the year 1920 at the district high schools, in the district were: Carterton, 42; Eketahuna, 40; Greytown, 10; Hutt, 31; Levin, 38; Masterton, 109 Pahiatua, 26; Petone, 53; total 439. At Martinborough, which is about twelve miles from the railway, the educational needs have justified the establishment of a district high school, opening in February 1921. The board heartily approves of the recent acquirement of sites at Lower Hutt and Masterton for secondary schools to be erected in the immediate future, and the decision to establish a second Girls' High School in Wellington, as being on the lines of immediate need '.

23rd December 1921 Representatives of the **Masterton District High School** waited on the Minister of Education yesterday and reported to him the progress made with the campaign to secure funds to turn the district high **school** into a high **school**. It was explained that £7000 had been promised so far, and the Minister was asked for an assurance that pupils could be taken under the new scheme at the beginning of the year. The Minister regretted that the deputation had not come to see him earlier, as it was a matter upon which he would have to consult his departmental heads. He sympathised with the proposal and was glad to hear of the progress made. Pressed for an answer as to whether the Government would issue the necessary debentures, he said the question must be submitted to Cabinet. If possible he would give them a reply early next week.

1922-1923

1923	497	Masterton Central	Drummond	Robert	Head	D-38	£490	\$45,036
1923	497	Masterton Central	Goldsmann	George J	Assistant	B-94	£425	\$39,062
1923	497	Masterton Central	Iorns	Olive E	Infant Mistress	C-116	£343	\$31,525
1923	497	Masterton Central	Bowman	Thomas W	Assistant	D-125	£333	\$30,606
1923	497	Masterton Central	Taylor	Lillias O	Assistant	D-132	£303	\$27,849
1923	497	Masterton Central	Bradbury	Annie E	Assistant	D-141	£263	\$24,172
1923	497	Masterton Central	Hiddlestone	Bernice G	Assistant	C-169	£245	\$22,518
1923	497	Masterton Central	Smith	Gertrude A	Assistant	B-179	£215	\$19,761
1923	497	Masterton Central	Cocker	Lily M Z	Assistant	C	£210	\$19,301
1923	497	Masterton Central	Ralph	Edith L	Pupil Teacher 1		£113	\$10,386
1923	497	Masterton Central	Innes	Dorothy A	Pupil Teacher 1		£113	\$10,386
1923	497	Masterton Central	Evans	Agnes J	Probationer 2		£83	\$7,629
1923	497	Masterton Central	Welch	Victor A	Probationer 1		£83	\$7,629

4th April 1922 Miss Enid Pragnell, daughter of Mr. Pragnell, Mayor of Masterton, has just passed in organic chemistry (intermediate) at Otago University. Miss Pragnell was a brilliant

pupil at Masterton District High School prior to leaving for the university to continue her medical studies.

3rd June 1922 Regret is generally expressed at the death of Mrs. W. Wainwright, who died yesterday. ' Mrs. Wainwright was a daughter of the late Mr. A. W. Hogg, of Masterton. As Miss Nellie Hogg, she was well ; known for some time as a popular- and highly respected teacher of the Masterton School.

19th July 1922 Wellington Education Board The following reference to district; high, schools is contained in the annual- report of the Wellington Education. Board:—"The average attendances for the year 1921 at the district high schools in the district were: —Carterton, 44; Eketahuna, 47; Greytown, 20; Hutt, 33; Levin, 39; Masterton, 100; Martinborough, 32; Pahiatua, 27; Petone, 39; total, 381. The board is of opinion that as soon as the financial conditions permit, the high schools at Lower Hutt and Masterton should be erected."

26th July 1922 Mr. W. H. Jackson, for over 30 years headmaster of the Masterton. District High School, and ex-Mayor of the town, has announced his candidature for the Masterton seat at the General Election as a straight-out supporter of the Reform Party

1st August 1922 Miss L M Ditford appointed as an assistant

10th October 1922 Miss W M Hunt appointed as second assistant

26th October 1922 Mr. W. H. Jackson announced at Masterton last night that, in order to avoid splitting the Reform vote at the General Election, he had decided to withdraw from the contest for the Masterton seat.

9th January 1923 The date of opening of the Wairarapa High School has been definitely fixed for Wednesday, 7th February.

15th February 1923 About a thousand people from all over the district were present yesterday at the official opening of the Wairarapa High School. Addresses were delivered by the chairman of the Board of Governors (Mr. W. T. Grundy), the Mayor (Mr. O. N. C. Pragnell), the principal (Dr. Uttley), and Dr. E. Marsden (Assistant Director of Education). After Dr. Marsden had declared the school open, afternoon tea was provided for all present by a ladies' committee.

17th APRIL 1923 At a public meeting last night it was ' decided to make a public recognition of the services rendered by Mr. W. H. Jackson, who is retiring from the headmastership of the Central School, after 35 years' service. It was decided that the presentation take the form of an inscribed piece of plate, a roll of notes, and an inscription to be attached to the school museum, 'to commemorate the work' done by 'Mr Jackson during his term.

Mr. W. H. Jackson had donated to the Wairarapa, High School a complete X-ray apparatus, fitted with a powerful coil, condenser, fluorescent screen, and Crook's tubes.

1st May 1923 Mr. A. G. MacFarlane, of the Masterton Central School staff, has been appointed to the Blenheim School, and leaves to-day to take up his new position.

4th May 1923 Mr. R. Drummond, headmaster, Masterton Central School; Appointment [From Headmaster of Carterton DHS]

9th November 1923 At a meeting of. the Masterton Trust Lands Trust last night it was decided to make a further grant of £30 to enable the Masterton School dental clinic to carry on its work until March. A public appeal for funds will -be made at an early date.

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3rd July Reported for duty today R C Drummond

5th S3 is a very large class and has suffered from frequent changes of teachers. Have broken it up into two divisions and have placed it under the charge of Miss Bradbury assisted by Miss Evans Pupil Teacher

12th Miss Innes Assistant Teacher away this afternoon

16th Punished a boy Lewis Francis for taking money out of a teacher's cloak

19th Miss Blackburn drill instructress visited the school today

25th Miss Taylor away this morning and yesterday urgent private business

27th Wrote to Sec Education Board forwarding names of children absent during second quarter ending 30th June on account of measles

30th July Miss Huston Dental nurse examining children in P4 with a view to their dental treatment

3rd August Miss Taylor away today suffering from influenza

7th August Schools closed this afternoon for term holidays. Have closed earlier because of epidemic

29th Resumed work after term holidays. Miss Smith assistant Miss Innes, Miss Ralph, Miss Evans & Mr Welch not at school. The last four are sitting for examinations

6th September Medical Nurse Miss Wallace visited the school today

20th School closed yesterday afternoon. Governor's visit and NSW V Wairarapa Football match

21st Miss Bradbury away from school today

24th School closed today. Dominion Day

25th Miss Bradbury away from school today. Influenza

26th-29th Annual examination visit by Inspector Burns and Blackie

1st October Inspector's holiday

2nd October Miss Cocker away from school today

5th October Mr Bowman was away from school today and yesterday

12th I was away from school this morning and yesterday

5th November Proficiency examination held today

14th Miss Smith was absent on 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th hay Fever

29th Completed examination of the school

5th December School closed today on account of Bazaar

6th Gross return from Bazaar £125

10th With permission of chairman of committee 200 chairs were lent to Mr Hall Headmaster of Solway School

20th School closed for summer vacation

1924

5th February 1925 Dorothy G O'Donnell appointed pupil teacher

23rd February 1925 Jessie Maxwell and Dorothy G O'Donnell appointed pupil teachers

30th July 1924 Mr. A. C. Bowman, at present on the staff of the **Masterton Central** School, has been appointed first assistant at Lyall Bay, and will take up his duties on 9th September.

6th October 1925 Mrs I Cross appointed assistant

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5th February School resumed work after the summer vacation. Miss O'Donnell reported for duty as Pupil Teacher

20th School closed Masterton Show

22nd Reorganise classes

10th March Punished a boy Franks for insubordination 2 smacks

Miss Calwell temporary assistant reported for duty today. Miss Maxwell is to act as a probationer instead of a pupil teacher

26th March Dr Barclay and miss Blackburn visited school Examined children and formed a corrective class

4th April Average for quarter 513

23rd School reopened after the Easter Holidays. Mr Goldsman absent in the morning

28th School inspected by Mr Brock and Mr McKenzie

5th May School closed today Visit of Naval contingent

3rd June School closed King's Birthday

24th June Mr Bradbury away from school today

29th Miss Smith away from school today. Sickness

8th August Miss Iorns away today. Sickness

9th to 22nd Term examinations held

9th September Resumed work after term holidays Mr Bowman promoted to Wellington. No relieving teacher has come to take Mr Bowman's place

15th Miss Curtis relieving teacher reported for duty today. Annual inspection of school by Mr Curtis and Mr Cowles

7th and 8th Miss Bradbury away from school on October 7th and 8th owing to critical illness of her mother

21st Miss Curtis away this afternoon on account of sickness

31st Miss Hiddlestone away this afternoon Influenza

3rd November Miss Hiddlestone away today

11th November Miss Smith away today Hay Fever

25th Annual Proficiency exam held today

21st November Miss Smith away today Hay Fever

4th December Annual Bazaar Held today. Gross Takings (*Not listed*)

19th School closed for Christmas vacation

1925

16th September 1925 Grants for improvements at Clyde Quay, Masterton Central, Levin, and Blenheim Schools were approved by the Department

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23rd to 27th January Teacher's refresher course held under the direction of Mr Burns and Mr Irwin

2nd – 6th March All teachers reported for duty Time employed during the week in discussing and preparing schemes of work

16th March Staff engaged in correcting homework set for children, daily meeting to discuss various school subjects, planning and preparing work for the coming year

1st April Miss Smith away this afternoon. Unwell

15th April School resumed work today

24th- 28th Miss Curtis away because of illness

1st May Miss Cotter reported for duty today

6th May Miss Curtis reported for duty today

25th Miss Bradbury away from school today. Unwell

15th Inspectors Burns, Irwin, McKenzie visited school today

11th (*Order as in log*) School closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of William Massey Premier of New Zealand

14th May School closed today Funeral of Mr Massey

3rd June King's Birthday

29th Miss Grant away from school today . Unwell

1st July Miss Williamson & Miss Payne reported for duty today

2nd 3rd Miss Bradbury away from school

13th Miss Williamson and Miss Hiddlestone away- both ill, (July 14th- 16th Inspector's examination)

5th August Mr Goldsman away from school today

1st September School resumed work after term holidays

5th October A boy named Gilbert Orr on Sunday October 4th, 1925 heroically rescued a little girl from drowning in the Waipoua River

9th His excellency the Governor General Sir Charles Fergusson visited the school today

15th Miss Harvey away from school today owing to illness

[Note As from this date I will not record teachers away unless there is more information listed]

5th November Mr Birkett relieving teacher left for Kaitoke

6th November Mrs A Iorns reported for duty as relieving teacher

7th December Proficiency examination

18th School closed for Christmas Holidays

1926

2nd February 1926 Probationers appointed: Miss M Bell, Miss M B Hunn and Mr JL Williams Masterton Central

The engagements of the above probationers are for one year, and by direction of the Director of Education, they may be extended for a second year. This year the Education have required only forty probationers, but there were eighty applicants, and owing to the qualifications of many of them difficulty was experienced in making the selection. A number of probationer assistants will be appointed later.

21st August 1926 Among the teachers who have left Now Zealand to exchange with Canadian teachers is Miss V. I. Curtis, who will take up her new duties in Toronto. Miss Curtis, whose home is in Petone, was recently farewelled by the **Masterton Central** School, and has received several presentations from the staff and scholars. On the same occasion, Miss B. G. Hiddleston, who was transferred to the Petone **Central** School, was presented by the staff and pupils of various classes with parting gifts. The headmaster, Mr. R. C. Drummond, spoke highly of the efficiency of these teachers.

6th October 1926 Bravery Rewarded. The Royal Humane Society's bronze medal was presented yesterday to Gilbert Orr by the Minister of Education (the Hon. R. A. Wright), on his visit to the Central School, Masterton. On 4th October of last year, when the Waipoua River was in high flood two or three little girls were playing on a bridge and one, Ina Wallace, fell into the water. On was standing just below the bridge, and he plunged in and rescued the girl. Appreciative reference to the boy's action was made by the headmaster (Mr. R. C. Drummond), and by the Minister, who congratulated him on his bravery.

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1st February School reopened after Christmas Holiday Mr G R Stunell reported for duty. Miss Beckett reported as relieving teacher and Miss Hunn and Mr Williams as probationers. Miss Hiddlestone away on sick leave

2nd Miss Bell reported as Probationer

17th February School closed for Masterton A&P show

1st March Mrs Iorns reported today as relieving Teacher. Miss Iorn's Infant Mistress is away on 6 months leave of absence

16th March Greig ran into motor car- bicycle broken & Greig cut about the head

28th April School inspection Mr G Blackie, Mr J Boden

1st July Miss Williamson away today Attending Techers Appeal Board

9th July Miss Williamson still away. Mr Taylor superintendent of singing visited school today

28th July Miss Curtis finished the day's work and leaves for Canada tomorrow Exchanging with a Canadian teacher

30th July Miss Hiddleston transferred to Petone Miss Hunn Probationer away today

2nd August Mr Kennedy reported for duty today . Relieving in place of Miss Hiddleston. Mr Ross reported for duty in the afternoon Relieving in place of Miss Curtis

12th 13th School examined today by Blackie and Mr Borden

6th September Work resumed after term holidays. Miss Payne teacher from Canada reported for duty

5th October Hon Mr Wright Minister of Education visited the school this morning and presented Gilbert Orr with the Royal Humane Society's Medal for rescuing a little girl Ina Wallace from drowning in the Waipoua River on October 4th 1925

21st October Miss Cocker's last day at Masterton Central

25th October Labour Day School closed

26th October Mr Hill reported today as relieving teacher

28th October Wairarapa Show today school closed

1927

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

1st February School resumed work after the Christmas Vacation. Miss McFadden reported for duty as Probationary Assistant. Miss K Dickson probationer reported for duty

31st March Miss Payne transferred to Wellington

20th June Mr Kennedy away (Quincy) Miss Halpin relieving

12th September Resumed work after school holidays Miss Halpin relieving teacher reported for duty today

16th October Mr Bakewell visiting today. *Mr Bakewell started teaching in Marlborough, then came to Masterton for 4 years before teaching at Thorndon School. He was headmaster of Greytown school 1896- 1898 then became a school inspector*

16th December School closed for Christmas Holidays

1928

2nd February 1928 Miss M Buckley and Mr F Cormack appointed Probationers

8th August 1928 Mr. J.P. Clemett has been appointed assistant at the Masterton Central School

31st October Mrs A McKenzie appointed assistant mistress

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

1st February Resumed work after the Christmas Vacation. Miss Buckley, Mr Cormack probationers reported for duty. Mr Blaine Probationer-assistant reported for duty. Miss Grant away on sick leave

15th February Miss Grant reported for duty

5th March Miss Anderson relieving teacher reported for duty

21st May Resumed work after term holidays Miss Harvey additional teacher reported for duty

4th September Mr J Clemett reported for duty

1929

27th May 1929 Miss A E Bradbury appointed assistant mistress

6th July 1929 Miss B G Armstrong appointed assistant mistress

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

4th February School reopened after Christmas Vacation

Miss Mannell Miss Russell reported for duty

Miss Buckley SA Mr Edwards PA reported for duty

3rd April Miss Anderson relieving teacher reported for duty

29th May 3 magnifying glasses not forwarded also 6 push hoes

21st October School inspected by Inspectors McIlwraith, Burns and Watson

28th School closed for Labour Day

31st School closed Carterton Show

29th November School inspected by Drill Instructors Miss Blackburn and Mr Hamilton

13th December Combined school sports

1930

25th June 1930 The parents in the Masterton Central School district have, by 217 votes to 10", approved of the reading of: the Bible in the school.

25th September 1930 Mr J W Duffin appointed assistant master

29th November 1930 . The operetta "Rajah of Rajahpore" is to be produced next month by the Masterton' Central School, with a chorus of over 100.

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3rd February School reopened after term holidays. Miss McLogan, Mr Hunter reported for duty also Miss Ackerman

5th Miss Cambourne & Miss Buckley reported for duty as probationers

17th February Mr McLennan & Miss Williamson reported for duty (Probationer)

19th February School closed Masterton show

27th March Truant Inspector visited school today

4th April Clerk of works accompanied by McDonald visited the school today

27th May Punished a S5 boy Lloyd Benton for insolence. 4 smacks with the strap

4th June Punished a Standard 6 boy Parsonson for disobedience. 4 smacks with the strap

5th June Again had to punish Parsonson for disobedience. 4 strokes with the cane

10th June School visited by Dr McIlwraith, Mr Burns, Mr Stubbs Inspector

10th July Mr Brockett Agricultural Instructor visited school today

11th July Mr Cree and Miss Blackburn visited school today (PE)

22nd September School reopened after term holidays Miss M Donald relieving teacher reported for duty

3rd October Examination visit by Inspectors Burns and Stubbs

6th October A boy Raymond Fenwick dislocated his wrist

1931

1st April 1931 Wellington Education Board installs electric light in Masterton Central School

4th December 1931 Miss L. O. Taylor, former infant mistress at Miramar Central, retired in September after over 37 years' service. She was appointed to Miramar Central in May, 1929, and prior to that she was at Masterton Central, Porirua, Berhampore, and Clyde Quay.

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2nd February School reopened Mrs McLagan away on account of sickness

Miss Mulvery and Miss Reynolds reported for duty as assistant probationers

2nd March Mrs McLagan reported for duty

1932

23rd April 1932 Miss E Caldwell appointed assistant mistress

28th April 1932 Mr. G. J. Goldsman, who-has been, on the teaching staff of the Masterton. Central School for seventeen years, ,has been appointed-headmaster-of The Terrace School,. Wellington writes the Evening Post's Masterton correspondent. "He will take up his new duties on 23rd May, after the coming term holidays. Mr. Goldsman has proved himself a highly capable and popular teacher while in Masterton and has also found time to -associate himself with several outdoor activities his interest in sport and tramping being notable.' He has been president of the Mount Holdsworth Club and of the Wairarapa Tramping Club

since their inception, secretary of the Masterton branch, of the New Zealand Educational Institute for eight years, and also secretary of the School Cricket Association. Mr. Goldsman" commenced teaching in South Canterbury', where he had charge of a country school at Willow bridge for over two years' Later he proceeded to the Waltham School Christchurch, for eighteen months then to Greytown, where he remained for five years, before coming to Masterton in June 1915, as second assistant at the Central Schools He has been first assistant at that school for the past thirteen years.

20th June 1932 Mr F C Brockett assistant appointed

9th August 1932 Mr H McFeely appointed assistant

11th October 1932 Me E G Coddington appointed Head Master

14th December 1932 Me E G Coddington resigns after 47 years as a teacher

19th December 1932 Miss L M Cocker appointed assistant mistress

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1st February School resumed after Summer Vacation

Miss D C Peterson & Miss K J Dickson reported for duty as relieving teachers

6th May School closed for Term Holidays. Mr Goldeman? Appointed headmaster Terrace School Wellington

23rd May Miss E Whitta reported as relieving teacher and Miss D Mulvey as additional assistant. Miss Calwell as assistant in place of Miss Rayne

4th July Messrs Partridge, Stubbs & Watson inspected school today

5th September Reopened school Mr McFeely reported for duty

12th October Mr F C Brockett Agricultural Inspector visited the school today and is coming again tomorrow

17th October Someone entered the Masterton Central School between Friday 14th October and Monday 17th October and took the following articles 2 boxes of nibs, 2 boxes of drawing pins, 20 lead pencils, 1 whistle, and a number of rubbers. I have reported the matter to the Sergeant of Police

5th December Proficiency Examination

16th December School closed for Christmas Vacation

End Of Mr Drummond's Position as Head Master. Above is the log of Mr Drummond

1933

27th January 1933 Home garden competitions were held in connection with the following schools:—Levin, Carterton, Featherston, and Martinborough District High Schools, Otaki, Masterton Central, and Lansdowne Schools; A total of 118 gardens were visited and -judged, and 29 certificates issued. Certificates oil merit are issued only to those competitors who qualify by gaining 80 per cent; and over of marks in the final judging^ The home gardens this year were good, some excellent vegetable; and' flower, gardens being presented judging. Cars were provided locally for visiting the gardens, without any expense to th« board or Department being incurred.

20th July 1933 Miss M E O'Donnell appointed assistant

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

[Note: Items in this colour are headings for Newspaper articles not copied into this document but available to be read at Wairarapa Archives]

Mr E G Coddington is Head Master (*From Aramaho Wanganui*)

1st February School opened today in my charge first time. The staff has ad few changes. Miss Mulvey (extra) has been withdrawn and Miss Cocker replaces Miss Bradbury

I admitted 26 children yesterday and a further 20 today Most of the newcomers are in the standard class

A prefect and monitorial system has been inaugurated and promises to work well

Notice has been received re Technical Classes and Swimming

A meeting of staff was held in the afternoon and a number of matters were discussed including- prefects, monitors, duty days, library, drill squads, sewing, science, gardens

10th February Supplies of Stationery to hand, checked and distributed. Only science books missing.

Entries in admission registers (Showing Promotions) now made. This has been neglected and needed much attention

Circulars No 1 & 2 received. Organization School posted. Destination of leavers (Annual Return No 4) sent in 9/2/33. Organization now working smoothly. Attendance splendid

17th February School closed on Wednesday for the show Received letter on school; population and absentees. Reorganized Library. In spare time I am reorganising the museum

22nd Gave J Lee 4 for swearing at a girl on the way home

Fire Drill (Emergency drill) held today 23rd Time 60 seconds (A Little slow)

27th Received schedule of salaries today, Cheques issued 25th

5th March Miss Calwell away whole week. I took her class. Silvester had a fit and doctor called. Held trial sports today (Wednesday)

Received rulings re admissions and also copy of school boundaries

Meeting of staff on Tuesday (14th) further considered a Fancy Dress Social

Four members of the Board and the Architect visited the school on Thursday

Miss Calwell absent a further week find it a tremendous disadvantage to be tied to one class continuously

20th March Miss Calwell absent a third week. School closed for combined sports on Friday 24th

27th Miss Calwell returned to duty on Monday. Miss Armstrong commenced leave of absence on Thursday Morning, she will not return until the end of the year

7th April Miss Bright commenced duty as relieving teacher in place of Miss Armstrong. All is well in train for the Fancy Dress Social on Wednesday 15th inst.

10th April Grading marks received

A splendidly successful Fancy Dress Social – was held- in the Town Hall last night. There were present at least 700 adults and children and the dancing, behaviour and finances were all above my expectations

Newspaper article headed Children's Night attached in log

Museum in School Praised by authority Attached in log

28th April The term examination has been held this week. The marking shows a very fair to good quality of work some excellent. There is promise of much good work by the end of the year

Mr Brocket visited the school but was called away in regard to search for missing trampers

5th May Exams completed and weaknesses clear. In general work highly satisfactory

Emergency drill on 4th (60 Sec)

Forwarded reports on "Boarded Out" children, term attendance return and reports on relieving assistants

Collected and sent to Board £4-3 – 4 ½ for health camp. Handed to Mr Williams £3-12-6 for dental clinic

School closed today for term holidays. Received report from Mr Brockett

26th May During holidays the school won the challenge shield at the competitions for the best Juvenile Show under 14 tears. Masterton Central 165 points, Northland (Wellington) 160 points A team beat West at basket ball 30-8 B Team lost to Solway 7-13. *(Researcher's Notes, [This was probably referring to Netball which up to the 1960's was called Outdoor Basketball, played with 9 players and a court divided into three even sectors and three players from each team only allowed in each third])*

2nd June Games Basketball A V St Patricks 10-14

B V St Patricks 9-1

Rugby B V Solway 6-0

A V West 51-0

A girl from Lansdowne School was caught writing an obscene wall on Girl's outside office. The matter was reported to the H M at Lansdowne. The mother came and protested her child's innocence but the evidence was overwhelming

Sylvester a boy of Standard 6 who has for some time been subject to a form of fit has today had two of these turns, He has been sent home with a note. These turns are very worrying (See entry 8th March)

Sport for week

Boys A beat Lansdowne 24-6

B Beat St Patrick's 6-0

Girls A Beat Lansdowne 17-13

B beat West 20-15

16th June Mr Brockett (Agriculture Supervisor) spent Monday and Tuesday at the school. He reports that teaching is on sound lines and results Good. Classes bright and responsive

Boys A V Tech Coll 28-3

B V West 6-0

Girls A V St Patrick's 19-17

B V Lansdowne 20-1

25th Boys A V West 52-0

B V Solway 14-0

Girls A V West 27-7

B V St Matthews 20-3

30th A school song has been prepared- printed. It is being sold to provide for expenses of free lunch, About six sacks of vegetables have been sent to Salvation Army

Boys A V Lansdowne 19-5

B V Tech Coll 0-8

Girls A V Lansdowne 24-23

B V Whatman

P4 has been examined during the week. Work highly satis.

7th July Inspector McCaskill, Watson, Stubbs and Partridge spent Monday and Tuesday at school and left well pleased after an enjoyable visit

This week I commenced taking Standard 5 girls for Arithmetic

Boys A V Tech Coll 8-14

B V Solway 0-6

Girls A B V Te Ore Ore

14th Boys A V did not play. West withdrawn

B V St Patricks 0-0

Girls A V West 38-5

B V Solway 5-12

21st A wretched week and a wretched finish. All games postponed= the "Rec" was under water

25th July On Monday Girls A beat St Patricks 24-23

Friday Girls A beat Lansdowne 19-17

B beat West 26-19

Boys B beat Hadlow 3-0

15th August I gave Murray 6 on seat for not reaching home till 6 pm and lying to his parents about being kept here. I had mother's consent

15th August By Winning the game against Lansdowne 29-15 Central A team secures the Basketball Senior Championships

A bicycle minus a front wheel was found in Dixon Street had brought to me this morning. The police have been informed

Miss Valentine of the Special Class Division came to school to test children this morning. She recommends 11 for special class

Sent £2-1-0 to Board for Health Camp

Six Boys presented with "caps" for rugby at School

Basketball Girls Photo in Log Beth Dixon, Una Selby, Beryl Allen, Nora Hanson, Effie Hilton, Doreen Brett, Bonny Mason, Ivy Johnston (Captain), Dot Walker and Phyllis Thornton

4th September

	Played	Won	Lost
Central	12	10	2
St Pats	12	9	3
Lansdowne	12	5	7
West	12	0	0

Live Geography Enterprising Methods at Central School. A long article about writing to other towns in the world

15th September Photos of Masterton Central Children visiting Wellington to Visit Warship "Australia"

25th September Statistics relation to dinner scheme (Salvation Army)

Number of Days 50. Average attendance 22.7 Highest attendance 27 Number of meals 1137

Total Cost including appliances £5-5-4

Average cost per meal 1 shilling 11 pence

Cocoa Club-

Number of weeks 12 Number of cups 2897 Average per week 241, Average per day 49, Highest attendance 86. Lowest attendance 23.

Amount Collected £4-6-10 ½ Cost £ 2-19-10 Profit £1-7-0 ½ Cost per cup ¼ d (Quarter of a penny)

22nd September On Monday a party of about 170 pupils journeyed to Wellington to visit H M A S Australia

13th October Dr Anderson and Nurse McLean have been at the school from Friday 6th to Thursday 12th both inclusive

17th Yesterday sent notes to West and Lansdowne schools on riding cycles through school gates
Received Defects List from Dr Andersons

27th School closed Monday for Labour Day and on Thursday for Carterton Show (3 seconds)
A most popular Boy and most popular girl competition has been inaugurated and is being carried out enthusiastically to raise funds for Dental Clinic

5th November The examination for "extra" subjects for Standard 6 proficiency was held on 1st, The two classes did some very good work

The "most popular" campaign is proceeding very enthusiastically. There seems to be a likelihood of at least £45 being raised

27th September letter from Captain of HMAS Australia thanking the school for flowers sent to them
10th November Messrs McDonald and Donald of Education Board as well as Mr Hylton and the Architect visited and inspected the school on Thursday 2nd November

The Dental Clinic campaign closed on the 7th and resulted

Boys J Kearns 8.031 R Harrison 7194, H Golder 1916

Girls B Marks 6210, D Brown 1841, D Walker 1778

The total amount raised was £56-5-10. The expenses were 17/10 leaving a balance of £55-8-0 to hand over

Individual Rooms contributed as follows

Teacher	£		£
Mr McFeely	12/13/1	Miss O'Donnell	'11/5/8
Mr Kennedy	10/8/2	Miss Cocker	4'/12/9
Miss Stewart	4/1/6 1/2	Miss Hopkins	3/14/1
Miss Kerins	3/2/4 1/2	Mr Duffin	2/3/7
Miss Calwell	1/16/9	Mr McLagan	1/13/5 1/2
Miss Iorns	0/14/4		

Article Help for the Dental Clinic attached

17th November A commencement has been made on the work of the final examination. Estimates for Standard 6 are prepared. Miss Hopkins was absent on Thursday

24th November Form II Proficiency was held on Friday and the results were particularly good They were 62 Proficiency, 9 Competency, 4 Failed out of 75

The percentages were 95% passed 82% Proficiency Compared with two previous years this shows improvement (1932 75%, 1931 69%)

Miss Stewart absent on Friday to interview the Minister of Education

2nd December An outbreak of measles has set back the attendance very badly/ The examinations are now completed and schedules are in preparation. Mrs McKenzie returned to duty on Friday 1st December

7th December I had to punish J Millward for cutting a boy's arm badly with a knife. He was given six bending over and 4 on the hands with the strap

Trouble over fighting was settled this morning. The boys Douglas and Good were concerned

Dux of School Gladys Bubbers

Proximo accessit Omar Neilson

A delightful concert was given in the Opera House on Tuesday 12th instant. Every item was splendidly acted and went with vim. A very large and appreciative audience was present
School closed on Friday after a trying but successful year

1934

8th March 1934 RADIO IN SCHOOL A SET AT MASTERTON

(Special to the "Evening Post. . MASTERTON, March 7. '• Though it' was denied permission by the Lands Trust to apply a small balance in the stationery fund to the purpose, the Masterton Central- School has acquired a fine radio receiving set which will enable-if to receive' educational broadcasts from 2YA, Wellington or from the Auckland station. The headmaster, Mr. E. G. Coddington, stated yesterday that with a sum of £15 in hand towards the purchase of a wireless set, the balance had been advanced by some interested friends of the school. These loans would be re: paid with the- proceeds of a school entertainment.

Mr. Coddington has received a letter from the Director of Education in which Mr. Lambourne observes that he is sure the set will prove advantageous to the school. ' The set was -used yesterday listening in to the first educational broadcast of 1934. There was a full muster of pupils in the assembly hall, with the headmaster and staff. Mr. W. B. Nicol attended on behalf. of the school committee, of which, he is vice-chairman, and' declared, the set officially open.

5th May 1934 Miss M F Wallis appointed Infant Mistress

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5th February School reopened on 5th February. New enrolments 55 and roll just two less than first week of last year Miss Stewart absent as result of motor accident. Two additional assistants

The Lab is being prepared for special class for retardates. Teacher is expected on 1st March

The back porches have both been painted

Organisation schedules (with alterations have been sent

[Article on Masterton Central School Pupils Entertainment in Opera House attached](#)

Extremely changeable weather spoiling attendance. Roll well up on last year. Visit of architect and two members of the Board (Messrs Jackson and Donald)

Swimming Sports resuscitated and held on Thursday afternoon

2nd March Tested Standard 1 to Form II mentally today

Radio receiving set installed by Mr Ansell (2ZD)

6th March Today an inaugural ceremony was held in connection with the radio set. Mr Nicol, Deputy Chairman, performed the ceremony and Standards 3 to 6 listened in to the first educational

broadcast from 2YA

The broadcast was very successful and was fully reported by Mr Michael editor of the Wairarapa Age

5th March Bible classes commenced. There were three ministers. Combine school swimming sports held. Central 3rd

28th March A splendid Fancy Dress Folk Dance was held in the Municipal Hall last night. Although the evening was a little wet a fine gathering took place and a very happy evening was spent. The financial result was also most satisfactory

3 Newspaper cuttings

Central School Annual Swimming Sports

New Radio Set at Central School

Central School Fancy Dress party in full detail

25th May School reopened on Monday 21st. A number of new pupils were enrolled. Miss Wallis commenced duty as Infant Mistress and Miss Stewart returned to duty after being absent for some time

1st June Work proceeding smoothly. Roll numbers well up

Miss Russell sent relieving to Whatman School today to include drill, dancing, music, and elocution

25th June It is proposed to have a competition meeting at the school at about the end of the term and a programme has been drawn up today to include drill, dancing, music, and elocution. Practices are taking place

Messrs McCaskill, Watson, Partridge & Stubbs were at the school on Monday and Tuesday the rooms obtained were most satisfactory

15th July Our boys won 7 aside trophy in annual Rugby seven aside tourney'

Miss Walden absent observing for 2 days at Newtown School Special Class (Thursday and Friday

Miss E Calwell absent on Monday and Tuesday

Miss A Pragnell absent on Thursday

19th July I had to punish Downing (S2) for making an improper suggestion suggestion to Valmiki

Price. He admitted the act (4 cuts)

Policeman called re Bosson (?) and a missing bicycle. No satisfactory explanation was forthcoming

27th July Basketball (*Netball*) team A won Wairarapa Tourney

5th August Mr Duffin away on Monday and whole week. Sickness, Have taken Reading, Drawing and Essay for examination

10th August On 8th August Messrs Forsyth, Jackson, Donald of Education Board visited school accompanied by the architect

On 9th visiting committee of School Committee visited school. On same day official representing the POSB inaugurated a savings bank scheme at school. Nearly £4 banked

17th August A very successful concert was held in the assembly hall last night resulting in a net gain of

The hall was packed to the doors. During the evening Rugby Rep Caps were presented to Patrick, Harrison, Dale, Lee, Reeves

The senior rugby 15 won the Wairarapa Championship by Defeating Featherston D H 11-0

Beale, Peterson, Bostock and Clement travel to Napier as soccer reps

5th September School resumed with good influx and full staff

10th September Mr McFeely has applied for a month's eave of absence with possible extension. Mr Winter will relieve as from the 12th

Mr Winter reported for Duty on Wednesday afternoon

Newspaper Article Bright Entertainment. Pupils of Central School

21st September School was closed for a refresher course on Monday and Tuesday The subjects of instruction were Art, Physical Training, The Instructors were Messrs Don and Reid

28th September Miss O'Donnell was absent 2 days on account of the death of her brother

5th October On Monday (1st October) a terrific hurricane swept Wairarapa A good deal of damage to property resulted. The school had 12 sheets of iron removed from roof, 3 windows broken, a bicycle shed shifted bodily about 20 yards and most fences flattened. Such children as arrived were kept

until the storm abated and then sent home. The school was closed in the afternoon. Three teachers (Misses Allen and O'Donnell and Mr Kennedy) were unable to get to school
Dr Anderson commenced annual medical examinations today
19th October Work progressing steadily. Mr McFeely still away School to close on Monday for Labour Day. Received list of notified defects from nurse. Sent 22 shillings to Edwin Payne Amenity Fund Hikurangi
2nd November The first part of the Standard 6 Proficiency examination was held on Wednesday 30th October. The papers were on the whole very well done
Mr McFeely returned to duty and Mr Winter went to West school on Wednesday
9th November Paid £15-5-0 to Dental Clinic Committee (Mr Madden)
Messrs Hilton and Powell were at the school this morning and discussed repairs
Mr Lyttle rang to complain of Miss O'Donnell's treatment of Graeme. He accused her of using a ruler to strike him on the hands. I got Miss O'Donnell to express her regret over the phone and I pointed out to Miss O'Donnell the unwisdom of her actions. There will probably be no recurrence
12th November A pound note was picked up by a P (*Primer*) boy changed into silver and distributed among his friends. 19/- was recovered and the discovery advertised. The money was claimed by a young lad named Brian Lloyd of Masterton Opaki Road
21st November Arrangements have been made of an informal gathering to allow the old Pupils of Mr Grundy, who is now in Masterton for a few days to meet him and have a chat over old times. Mr Grundy opened the school in 1882
The gathering to do honour to Mr Grundy took place on Friday afternoon. A large number (about 60) of his old pupils were present and a most delightful period was spent. Incidentally a photo was taken of all the Headmasters this school has ever had (Messrs Grundy, Jackson, Drummond and Coddington) and another of Mr Grundy among his old pupils
[An article Mr W T Grundy Meeting of Old Pupils on Friday](#)
[Then a whole two pages of articles](#)
[Including Photos of 4 Headmasters and gathering of well wishers](#)
30th November Doyle was given 6 bending over for throwing Butler off his bicycle and damaging his arm
Boys of Rongotai College Choir sang 4 items in the assembly hall this afternoon
Proficiency results Passed 66, Competency 7, Failed 3
7th December Exams completed and schedules ready to forward on Monday
14th December Today we shall give first performance of the operetta the "Enchanted Village" This will be repeated on Monday
118 Attendance certificates has been carried. Dux of School Phyllis Fenton
Monday Concert repeated to capacity house. Total proceeds £21-4-3
[Concert reports included](#)
18th December School break up held in this afternoon. A pleasant and happy time spent. Proficiency and Competency certificates presented by Mr Nicol
This ends an eventful year full of pleasures and pain and sound progress "Keep a Coming"
E G Coddington

1935

1st June 1935 "Classes for the instruction of backward children are established at the " Blenheim; Masterton Central, Miramar Central, Newtown (2), Thorndon, and Petone schools.

The results obtained at these classes are very good indeed, and fully justify the department's policy. Much of the work recently exhibited was excellent, reflecting great credit on the specialist teachers in charge."

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

5th February School reopened today. The enrolment was normal with maybe a few more than usual
Word received to work half days only Time 9.00 to 10.30 and 10.45 to 12.30

Miss Rimmer replaced Miss Pragnall and Miss Harvey replaced Miss Stewart

22nd February Swimming Sports (school) held on Monday 18th. The school champions were Senior Boy- E Reeves, Junior Boy B McHattie

Senior Girl J Wylie Junior Girl C? Hendry. The champion house was Grey House

1st March Headmaster absent two days (Monday and Tuesday) with influenza

Combined swimming sports indefinitely postponed

Combined athletic sports fixed for March 22nd

Two complaints about Miss O'Donnell's wrong treatment of pupils this week (Harcombe Too severe and Clark wrong Language) There does not appear to be anything really wrong. Miss O'Donnell may be perhaps a little insistent about good work but many of the children like her. I think Mrs Clark is looking for faults

11th March Mr Clark again complains of Freda's head being unclean & although she is in another room other children are blamed. I examined the Heads of Miss Calwell's class and found them exceptionally clean. There seems to be no doubt that the child is not being infected at school

Miss Croker was absent 3 days owing to death of her father

15th March At Meeting of Committee last night Mr Williams was elected to replace Mr Williams (resigned)

21st March Messrs Rich, Jones, Jamieson commenced religious instruction this morning

25th March On Friday last the combined Primary Schools Sports was held at Queen's park. Central once again won the Senior Championship. The sports were well contested and pleasantly run. All events were well contested and the points well distributed

Report on sports included

29th March Mr Brockett spent 3 days at school in connection with science work

Miss Walden relinquished work today and was given a small token from staff as a mark of appreciation

5th April Dr Anderson visited school and medically examined Standard 6 and Primers (New Entrants) on Wednesday and Thursday for the clinic should be over

8th April The Folk Dance Festival in aid of Dental Clinic Funds was a pronounced success. The amount available £80

Newspaper report on Folk Dancing included

Photo of Fair held at Wairarapa High School on Saturday Afternoon in aid of Dental Clinic Funds

16th April The children of Standard 4,5 & 6 were able today to listen in to the swearing in ceremony of Lord Galloway our new Governor General. This is one advantage of having a school radio set

On Saturday 20th our midgets defeated Lansdowne 12-3 (Presumably at Rugby)

On Saturday 27th Soccer 6 aside team beat West D 17-0 and in semi-final beat Whatman 3-1. They will play final at park oval on Saturday next

10th May Examination was completed early in the week

On Monday school was closed for the King's Jubilee. Owing to inclement weather the school was unable to take a prominent part that had been allotted to it.

Sent to Board £3 collected for Health Camp

Mr Sykes M P was at school and addressed pupils for Jubilee Celebration today

31st May School reopened on 27th Influx of pupils not so good. Roll 540 + 18

Game Results Rugby Senior V High School 21-3.

Soccer V Whatman 2-0 . Basketball (B1) V Lansdowne 39-0. (B2) V West 34-4

School closed for 3rd for King's Birthday

Minister for Education Hon. S G Smith to visit school tomorrow

5th June The Hon the Minister of Education visited the school this morning and spoke in very complimentary terms of the school tone and discipline. He was accompanied by his Worship the Mayor (Mr T Jordan), Mr G Sykes (M P) Messrs Donald (Education Board), Dunderdale SERS? Club) and Nicol (School Committee). The children were granted a half holiday at discretion of Headmaster and School Committee

11th June ½ holiday Friday

Mr W Nicol has been elected a member of the Wellington Education Board vice Mr Williams (Deceased) Mr Nicol is a member of our School Committee

Games V Lansdowne Soccer 3-3, Rugby B 10-0, Basketball A 22-2, Basketball B2 34-6,

Basketball B1 V West 43-5, Soccer V West B 8-0

Rugby A V High School B 13-3

7 wins

Miss Allen operated on for appendicitis on Friday

18th June Miss Bishop commenced duty as relieving teacher today

[Article on Milk for Children](#)

28th June Four inspectors spent Monday and Tuesday at the school No teacher was classified below Good. The chief weaknesses are a lack of uniformity of style in writing and enunciation in speech

16th July General report received- school classified Very Good right throughout

9th August Arbor Day held today and a number of trees planted along back fence for shelter from Southerly winds. Whole school assembled

[Article on Arbor Day included](#)

16th August Exam held during the week Most of the work has reached a high standard. The weaknesses are

Standard 4 arithmetic (Only satisfactory). Form II Boys writing

James Wishart burned by being pushed into a fire burning in the school ground. Dale Standard 6 was the offender. The Boy was sent home

20th August (Basketball) By Beating St Patrick's today Central A win the A Grade championship without having been defeated

B2 beat B1 and thus they tie for Junior Championship honour

9th September During the holidays the Wairarapa representative Rugby Team won the banner of the Quadrangular tournament. The positions are given in the attached cuttings

[Report on Rugby Tournaments](#)

[2 reports on Concert of Empire attached](#)

27th September We held our most successful concert to date last night and the night before The performances were very well given and went very smoothly. The finances were particularly good.

The Gross takings were £13-4-6. The expenses were very light and £29 will be available for sports gear etc.

4th October Report on 5yr and 6yr class sent to Dr Beechy

1st November School closed on Monday FOR Labour Day and on Thursday for Cn Show.

Examination for Form II Proficiency in History, Geography and Science on Wednesday 30th and on Drawing 1st November .Work very well done

11th November Report of Agriculture Supervisor received. Concludes as follows

Work throughout school is particularly well done. The head teacher is close touch with the class work and his good influence is evident. F C Brockett

14th November Mr McCaskill held proficiency exam today. He accredited 33 Out of a class of 60 there were 57 Proficiency and 3 competency

[Article on Window Display by school children at W F C A](#)

29th November School closed on Wednesday for use as polling booth at General Election. Labour was reelected by a big majority

Special test for dux of our school resulted in Jean McLagan securing the honour with J Wylie and B Gaskin as runners up 600, 596, 596/ 700

6th December Annual examinations held during week. The results had been very pleasing- especially in lower section. Standard 4 was not particularly strong in composition and arithmetic

A display of school work has ben put into W F C A window and is attracting much attraction

19th December School closed toady with a breaking up ceremony in Assembly Hall. Certificates were presented by Mr Nicol and Mr Jackson addressed the children

The Dux was Jean McLagan There were about 140 certificates. At morning interval presentations were made by Mr Coddington on behalf of the staff to Mrs McKenzie and to Miss Evans both of whom have resigned their positions and are giving up teaching. The staff through Miss Wallace presented Mr Coddington with a gift to mark their appreciation of his work and his attitude towards them

[End of Year Prize lists attached](#)

1936

27th January 1936 Mrs G McLagan appointed assistant

20th March 1936 Mr GL Thorby appointed assistant from Otago

18th June 1936 A gift of six splendid pictures of the late King George V has been received for distribution to schools from Sir George Shirtcliffe through the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment League. The pictures, as a result of a ballot taken at the meeting of the board yesterday afternoon, are to go to the Newtown, South Wellington, Eastern Hutt, Masterton Central, . Levin, and Blenheim Schools respectively.

30th November 1936 Miss L M Goodall appointed to Masterton Central

[Masterton Central Log \(Original at Wairarapa Archives\)](#)

7th February School reopened on the 3rd. There was a very large enrolment owing to admission of five year olds

Staff Changes Mrs Leitch replaces temporarily MR McFeely Miss Taylor new G1 Miss Horreman new special class teacher. Sunday's storm has prevented the return of special families

14th February Committee met last night. Made templates for Miss Wallis Proposals for modernising school considered- also for removal of special class

24th School swimming sports held yesterday. The results are given in the cutting herewith.

[Swimming Sports results attached](#)

25th Library Books issued 24,25,26 February

[Article on extending radio to classrooms attached](#)

12th March Trevor Major won Primary Schools swimming championship on Saturday last
School will close for Combined Schools Sports (Athletic) tomorrow

[Inter School Sports](#)

16th March The town school's championship was won handsomely by Central at the writing on Friday

15th March

21st March Handwork material received today

27th March Mr McCaskill was at school on Thursday 26th and inspected special class The work for show 7 packages went on Thursday morning

On Wednesday Rooms 7 and 8 listened in to a broadcast of the election of Speaker H of R House of representatives) and on Thursday the speech of the throne

Grading marks received 30th March 1936. All member treated satisfactorily

Leslie Torrance, Trevor Flaws, Fred Sexton, Donald Anstis and Lee Pointon were reported to me for breaking glass in the Memorial Park Grandstand. The matter was passed on to the president of the Rugby Union (Mr Lamb)

Chapman played Truant yesterday and feeling that a straight talk about where he was heading would probably be of more value than a hiding. I took the risk

27th April The Anzac Day ceremony was held at school on Saturday 25th at 9.30 a.m. Doctor N H Prior MC was the speaker

Exams begin today. Essays taken last week

[Report of School Anzac Ceremony](#)

1st May Examinations have been completed and the children have in the main done well. One of two weaknesses will require attention

5th May The School Committee elections were held last night. Though there were three nominations short, six names were sent into the Board for selection

The nucleus of a parent's association was formed a committee of 15 householders appointed to go into the matter

[Report on formation of Parent's Association attached](#)

25th May School reopened after term holidays. Few additional entries. Roll 600. One class in Assembly Hall

2nd June Meeting of Parent's Ass made full arrangements for Children's funny dress party on the 5th June. All details arranged

Messrs Frater, Dixon and Newman have been appointed to the School Committee

8th June The party arranged by Parent's Association was highly successful. Although only 3d and 6d (*Threepence and sixpence. There were 12 pennies in a shilling*)

[Report on Party attached](#)

11th June On the 9th June B Thorburn had a fall whilst skipping in the playground. As there seem to be complications developing I have reported to Board

20th June A very pleasant Fancy Dress Party was held by the school in the Municipal Hall last night. The attendance was not great but a good profit resulted. Cold weather, special pictures, a high school concert (2 nights) and a church concert all mitigates against a big gathering. The evening however was a most enjoyable one.

25th June Last Night Mr Rawling's informed me that John Colban had behaved immorally on the way home on Monday afternoon (Exposure) I propose to ask his father to interview me with regard to the action to prevent a recurrence

The interview took place and an amicable arrangement was arrived at

3rd July Miss Harvey was absent 2 days on account of a brother's wedding

The caretaker Mr Holtham has been absent for two weeks with a poisoned hand

17th July Mr Jackson reported finding a light on in school at 12.00 midnight last night and a key in the door. The matter has been reported to the Committee

22nd July Messrs McCaskill, Watson, Partridge and Stubbs visited and examined the school yesterday and the day before. They all reported the work was very pleasing with much of it excellent

31st July Inspector's report received. School classified V G indeed

1st August I have lent Mr Jackson (Member of the Education Board) the two earliest admission registers and the earliest Log Book as well as the earliest diary on his assurance that I am covered by him for doing so.

21st August By Defeating Greytown (Southern Champions) 22-8 Central has won the Wairarapa rugby championship for 3 years in succession

Horne, Eagles, O Rayner, Lee, McNab and Upston were selected for Rugby "Reps" to go to Wellington. Kilmister and Hornbill go to Napier as "Soccer" reps

The sum of £3-4-6 has been collected for Health Camp

B Basketball team defeated all opponents and thus become B grade champions

7th September Circular Letters from the Board have been sent to J Shaw's and J R Hancock's parents on change of school to Lansdowne

Mr Dyer, chairman of the Board visited school today

29th September The school was burglariously entered last night and the office forced. No money was taken from the office but about 3/7 disappeared from the rooms. The police have been informed

2nd October Figures supplied to Board for grading of school next year. Main Roll 603 Special Class 16 Total 618 (Average 4 weeks)

This should place school in 7c class instead of 7b

Newspaper cutting of school concert

9th October On Wed and Thurs nights a very successful pupils concert held

15th October At committee meeting yesterday authority was given to use the tennis courts up to four thirty on school days. Headed notepaper was authorised

30th October Examination for Geography, History, Science and Drawing (Form!! Proficiency) held on Thursday and Friday 20th & 30th oct. On whole work well done

Notice that main exam will be held on 26th November has been received

18th November Dr Anderson and Miss Valentine were at the school today for examination of special class\24th November Messrs McCaskill and Watson held form II the result being proficiency 67,

competency 8, Failed 1

25th November Messrs Nicol, Jackson, Donald, Col McDonald members of the Board and Mr Powell Building Inspectors were at school today

30th November Report on special class for retardates received.

Very good progress reported

Dux of School Bernard Knowles

Proxima Accessit Percy Braggins

15th December The sake of work on Saturday cleared £52 profit

School was closed on Monday 14th December for the birthday and proclamation of H M George VI Owing to an outbreak of infantile paralysis in Otago the minister ordered the closing of all schools this morning

1937

9th March 1937 Miss J Rayne formerly at Lansdowne appointed to Masterton Central

1st April 1937 Miss T Major from Napier appointed as assistant

2nd April Martinborough DHS diamond jubilee article included The- headmaster is Mr. G. J. Goldsman, formerly first assistant at the Masterton Central School and later headmaster of the Terrace School, Wellington.

23rd June 1937 Trust Lands Trust report included: After- some discussion, it was decided to make the following grants, which are 50 per cent, less than those for last year;— Free school books (primary), £100; secondary, £200. Capitation grants were made to the following primary schools: —Masterton Central, £40; Lansdowne, £20; West, £25; St. Patrick's, £15; Sol way, Whatman, and Fernridge, £7 10s each. A grant of £7 10s was made.to the Central School Museum.

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12th February Owing to epidemic mentioned above teachers will not resume duties until 22nd February and schools will reopen on 1st March

26th February During week teachers have been busy on rolls, schemes, mural decoration and preparation of Material. Two full staff meetings have been held

On Monday 1st March the whole school was visited by the Minister of Education Hon P Fraser. He was accompanied by the Director of Education Mr Lambourne, Dr Guy H Scholfield. Mr J Robertson MP and several ladies. A very well prepared morning tea was partaken of and the minister went round the school and spoke to the pupils. He authorized the closing of the school for the afternoon to allow teachers to be present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Wairarapa College

[Special Class. Benefits not Understood newspaper article](#)

2nd April Work proceeding satisfactorily. The discipline seems to have suffered as result of the long vacation and some tightening up has been necessary

16th April The work is now proceeding normally and discipline has markedly improved. So far Masterton has escaped the epidemic of poliomyelitis and it is hoped will continue to do so. For the schools to close again would mean the undoing of what has so far been achieved with great effort

[School Football Representations to Rugby Union. Free passes for teachers](#)

22nd April By order of the minister schools closed on Monday 19th April. Arrangements were immediately made for correspondence work. I was deputed to arrange daily assignments of work in both local papers and three broadcast talks each day at 1.45 from 22D Masterton This system is now working fairly satisfactorily

12th May Schools closed for term holidays. To reopen if all well on 24th May

24th May School reopened today for second term

27th May I regret to report the death of Norman Fulton in hospital from a throat complaint. He was 12 years of age and in Form II

[Funeral Notice for above attached](#)

28th May A staff meeting on 25th discussed Arithmetic; Projects' Oral Expression; Breadth of information; Handwork; Research; Examination Date

2nd June Sum of £6-11-0 collected for George V Memorial Fund (Health Camps) and sent to Education Board

8th June Staff meeting to discuss B > B Special arrangements made for improving play and giving greater scope

14th June Staff Meeting (Males) to discuss Rugby

18th June Staff Meeting (Whole) to discuss circular re Home and School, Arts and Craft Competition

I have asked for an inquiry into the question of cleaning the school

1st July A chimney fire occurred this morning in Room 4. The fire brigade was summoned and dealt with it

12th July Inventory of furniture sent in today

16th July Organisation Schedules sent

Report on Carter and Sayer went to Child Welfare

6th August A number of cases of mild diphtheria are affecting attendance because contacts have to stay away also

Mr Thorby was absent on Friday 30th July to attend appeal court (Grading)

Dr Anderson and Nurse Hodgetts visited the school this morning and inspected the children of the special class. No notices were sent to parents The B17 cards were taken away

12th August Inspectors McCaskill Stubbs and Johnston spent three days in the school (ending today)

They seemed particularly well pleased with all the work much of which received high praise

In the Rugby Game between Carterton and Central yesterday early in the game Ralph Stewart broke his arm. This will be reported to the Board As a result of the upset the boys lost the game

19th August G Blake, J Golder, J Courley, F Mannering, M McLean, M Shute and E Welch went to rugby tournament at Wanganui today

School closed for term holiday

6th September School reopened

Miss Horneman Special class is to go to Nottingham on exchange at end of year. This exchange was offered by the Department

Miss Calwell has applied for and secured leave to go to England at the beginning of March next year

9th September Mr Kennedy and Miss Cooper were absent from Midday 8th to Midday 9th to attend drama festival at Hawera

[Two pages of articles covering the opening of Masterton East School which opened for children 20th September 1937](#)

6th October In the early hours of this morning Mr Jackson's house was gutted by fire. Mrs Jackson was badly burned and is not expected to recover

7th October As a result of her injuries Mrs Jackson (one term infant mistress of this school) died yesterday evening

8th October The school from Standard 2- Standard 6 lined both sides of Chapel Street for the Funeral Procession of Mrs Jackson. The children stood at the salute and were perfectly steady

25th October A mouth organ band has been started and is now making excellent progress

School was closed for Labour Day today

Mr Duffin was absent last week on account of sickness of children (Quarantine)

Miss Horneman was absent on Monday 18th Tuesday Morning (19th) for wedding of relation

29th October Staff meeting at play time to discuss Inspector's Annual report to Education Board and general matters

2nd November Special class visited by Miss Valentine

The welfare officer visited the school today chiefly on account of Ella Avery

16th November Miss Valentine's report received

Report to Welfare Department on Ella Avery

Mr Hesse Chief Agric Supervisor called yesterday to inspect lost school grounds Promised supplies of tools, to pay cost of preparing initial garden plots. Will supply barrow and watering cans and will a hose. Will also supply barrow and watering can to main school

25th November Staff discussion on swimming

Notice of Arts and Craft exhibition put in paper

[Article as above](#)

Tonight the mouth organ band will perform at the Presbyterian Sunday School Concert. 1st

Appearance

5th December A very fine display of the work of T C (*Training College*) students and some primary schools was displayed in the hall (Central School) on Tuesday Afternoon and evening

The chairman of the Education Board and the Secretary and some members were present

14th December Sale of work held on Saturday produced approx. £45

Miss Horreman left for England on midday of December 3rd

Miss Taylor left for Australia on Midday of December 14th

Headmaster absent December 15th On day

"Swimming Week" (last week) resulted in 58 children learning to swim (From this school) This was brought about by the loan of the High School Bath's. Assistance of senior High School pupils and the excellent organizing of classes for learners. A fine cooperative effort

17th December Yesterday the P classes had a very happy Xmas Party

Last night Form II (A and B) had a social evening and presented their teachers Miss Cocker and Mr Thorby with gifts. Each class presented the Headmaster with a gift. A very happy evening was held School closed for year

E G Coddington

[Article on School pupil Nanette Broom saving a women swimming in the Ruamahunga River](#)

1938

15th February 1938 Mr J E Bishop from Hawke's Bay appointed as assistant

7th March 1938 Mr J L Tamblyn assistant appointed

Miss O M Lenz appointed Secondary assistant MDHS [This is probably an error and Miss Lenz was appointed to another DHS in the Wairarapa]

4th October 1938 OBITUARY

MR. W. T. GRUNDY

A GREAT HEADMASTER

Mr. William T. Grundy, one of the best-known and most-respected figures in educational circles in New Zealand, died last night at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. G. Lamb, Masterton. Mr. Grundy, who was aged 86, spent over 50 years in the teaching profession, and for nearly thirty years was headmaster of Clyde Quay School, Wellington.

Born in Liverpool, Mr. Grundy was a son of Sergeant-Major Grundy, of the 49th Regiment, who fell in action while leading his men in an attack at Sebastopol in the Crimean War. After his marriage Mr. Grundy came out to Australia from Birmingham in 1877 and taught in Queensland, where he was immediately given, a position as headmaster, which position he held for two years. Not finding the Queensland, climate to his liking, however, he decided to come to New Zealand. He arrived in Wellington in January, 1880, and was immediately appointed by the Wellington Education Board as first assistant of the Mount Cook Boys' School, then in Upper Taranaki Street. After only six months in this position he accepted the headmastership of the Masterton School. Nine years later he was transferred to the new school at Clyde Quay, Wellington, where he remained for over 27 years, finally retiring in 1917. Recognised as one of New Zealand's greatest headmasters, Mr. Grundy was regarded with the greatest affection and respect by all his pupils. He did much more than his mere duty as headmaster, and the Clyde Quay School under his guidance had a wonderful and well-deserved reputation. As over 9000 pupils passed through his hands, the effects of his influence have been more far-reaching than can be possibly estimated. There are men and women in all parts of New Zealand today, and not a few in other countries, who gladly acknowledge the debt they owe to Mr. Grundy's influence. Mr. Grundy's activities extended far beyond the confines of his school's boundaries. He was a man of vision and the prime mover in many educational reforms. He was secretary and later president of the New Zealand Education Institute, occupying these positions from 1892 until 1900. During this time he introduced the Teachers Appeal Bill—a measure of the utmost importance to teachers, for, previous to this, education boards could dismiss teachers, who had no right of appeal. The question of "freedom of classification" was another measure which was put through in 1888, and was just as important as the former one. This measure gave greater freedom to the teachers in the matter of classifying their scholars, and in their promotion. Formerly, the matter had been entirely one for the inspectors. Mr. Grundy introduced this measure at a conference of teachers in Nelson, but was warned that he had no hope of getting it through, but it was carried to a man. The experience of succeeding years has proved the wisdom of this enactment. Mr. Grundy was also a prime mover in instituting superannuation for teachers, a measure of supreme importance to the teaching profession. When in 1917 Mr. Grundy retired from active work in his profession, tributes were paid to him by all classes of the community. In July, 1937, on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Grundy were the recipients of many eulogies, including messages of congratulation from their Majesties the King and Queen and from Lord Galway. Mr. Grundy was looking forward keenly to the Clyde Quay school jubilee celebrations next December. As the maker of the Clyde Quay School, it had been hoped that he would have been spared to be present, for Clyde Quay School and Mr. W. T. Grundy were for many years practically synonymous. For many years Mr. Grundy was an enthusiastic bowler and he was a past president of the Wellington Bowling Club. Mr. Grundy was the first chairman of the Wairarapa High School Board of Governors and served for a period on the Trust Lands Trust. In 1888 he was Worshipful Master of the Masterton Masonic Lodge (English Constitution). One of the most memorable gatherings in the history of Masterton Central School took place in the Assembly Hall on November 3, 1934, when a large number of old pupils as well as members of the staff and pupils of the school, former headmasters, and others, assembled to

do honour to Mr. Grundy. The gathering was remarkable for the wholehearted enthusiasm with which tributes of affection and respect were paid to the guest of the day.

After his retirement Mr. Grundy lived for a time in Wellington and also in Masterton. About four years ago he made a trip to England. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. W. G. Lamb, of Masterton. A son, Mr. Stan. Grundy, died in Auckland before the war, and a daughter, Miss May Grundy, died a year ago. There are three grandchildren, one of whom is Flight Lieutenant Lamb, of the R.A.F., Mrs. J. P. Perry, of Alfredton, Masterton, is a granddaughter.

The body is being brought from Masterton tomorrow and will arrive at the Karori Crematorium at 2 p.m.

6th December 1938 Miss E M Bliss assistant Te Ore Ore from Masterton Central

17th December 1928 he members of the staff, representatives of the committee, and several friends met at the Levin District High School on Thursday morning for a farewell tea and presentations to Mr. F. H. Clift, second assistant, who has received promotion to the Masterton Central School as first assistant,

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

1st February School reopened this morning Miss Taylor and Miss Greene (Exchange Teacher) were not present

Miss Taylor had permission to return a day late. There is no word about Miss Greene

New Teachers are Miss Bliss (1) Mr Bishop (1) Mr Lane (P), Misses Russell and Bellis (P) Miss Goodall has been transferred to the High School. Mr Duffin has secured a new position and his place to be refilled. The influx of new entrants has been rather low and this applies to the total at for both schools

17th February School closed on Wednesday for Masterton Show

1st March Combined school sports held on Friday 25th No championship points allotted

Miss Calwell went on 9 months leave of absence yesterday and was the recipient of a small gift from the staff

72 dozen readers continuous readers received today and allotted to classes

4th March The Annual Swimming Sports were held in the Municipal Baths yesterday. The weather was beautiful and the programme was run through smoothly and quickly.

Full Results listed in newspaper cutting

21st The school was burglariously entered on Friday night last. The office door was forcibly opened and cupboards and drawers ransacked but there being no money available nothing was taken Later enquiry shows about 1/- was taken from Miss Allan's room. The police have been notified

23rd March First Drum and Trumpet practise yesterday evening under Mr Young and Osborne

24th March I called a meeting of Masterton teachers (which was held in the school last night)]to discuss the question of Physical Education and sport. The following resolution was sent on to the Board. That this meeting of Masterton Teachers approves the principle of devoting half an hour per week (in addition to the physical drill period) to general outdoor activities"

1st April Mrs Stewart completed her month's relieving on March 31st

As Mr Tamblyn hadn't arrived I took his work on Friday April 1st

7th April A highly successful Fancy Dress Party was held at the school last night. Both hall and infant room were packed and there was little room to operate. Nevertheless the function was most

enjoyable and was financially successful also. The newly equipped and formed drum and trumpet band made a first appearance

Newspaper article of above function

School bugle band cutting

26th April Anzac Day was commemorated on Friday by a short ceremony in the hall

Addresses by H M on sacrifice

Recitation in Unison Standard 6 (Room 7) The soldier

Recitation in Unions Standard 6 (Room 8) For the Fallen

Whole school repeated verse. "They shall not grow old"

Song God Defend NZ

Verse recitation "Land of our Birth"

Salute

National Anthem

A wreath was placed on the War Memorial

3rd May A very enthusiastic Householder's meeting was held in the school last night. The election of the School Committee resulted in the 7 old members who stood being returned together with the Two East School nominees. This is just as it should be.

Afterwards the old Committee of the Parents' Association was reelected together with Mrs Shaw Messrs Max Nicol, and Emerson who filled the three vacancies. This will make a splendid committee School Committee

Mr Nicole 45, Mr Colwell 41, Mr Braggins 41, Mr Dixon 41, Mr Newman 40. Mr Beecroft 36, Mr

Wesney 33, Mr Cole 33, Mr Gibbs 31

Not Elected Mr Shaw 29, Mr Cretney 25

Parents Committee

President G Beecroft

Secretary P Shaw

Treasurer E G Coddington (*Headmaster*)

Committee Mesdames Nicol, Beecroft, Braggins, Shaw and Coddington

Messrs Nicol, Max Nicol, Dixon, Stains, Bradley, Emerson, Butler and Kennedy

During the two years we have raised the sum of £160

Ploughing Sowing etc School Grounds	£	42.00	
Drum and Trumpet Band Instruments	£	60.00	
Library Books (£30 of books)	£	15.00	Subsidised by Board
Part cost of 8 speaker radio	£	15.00	
Crockery	£	7.00	
Urn, Trays etc	£	2.10.0	

6th May Inspectors McCaskill and Partridge here today

School broke up Roll 508, Special Class 18, Infant School 76 Total 602 Average attendance 543.7

Sent to Health Camp Fund £4-12-6

25th May School reopened this morning Miss E Coleman replaced Miss Greene in Special Class

26th May Mr Lane was absent on Wednesday – a boil

5th June Mrs Boocock Supervisor of Sewing (Manual and Technical Branch Ed Department) visited school today and inspected the work being done in sewing and handwork from Primers to Standard 6 She expressed herself as delighted with what she

One page carefully cut out of Log

nine writing prizes were received FROM Broderick and Colonial Industrious

[Articles on Nine Speaker radio in use and Bugle and Drum Band](#)

Nurse Hodges tested eyesight on Friday 17th

7th July MR Tamblyn absent today with sore throat

The examination (1st) has now been completed and various tasks completed

12th July Two cases of measles are known of in main school and two at East

22nd July Miss Taylor absent whole week- bad eyes. Leave for a further week applied for

25th July Miss Allen absent- for whole week making two teachers absent Mr Lane utilized

Miss Goodall bought from East Side as attendance there is well below 50% (27 out of 76)

Miss Cocker left for Australia last Friday and Miss Messenger commenced duty in her place on Monday (Today)

1st May Wrote to Mrs Richter re son's truancy

Misses Allan and Taylor back today

2nd August There having been a complaint about the girls' lavatories being unfit for use being made by Mrs Barnes to a member of the committee and to the Sanitary Inspector I invited the committee man, the lady and the S I to inspect them. They all declared that they were particularly clean and tidy, far better than I expected was the comment of the S I

5th August An impressive Arbor Day ceremony was observed today. The standards planted a row of 24 Lombardy Poplars and the P classes the Olearia as a hedge

The band lead the parade round the ground

[Paper report on Arbor Day](#)

11th August On Monday to Thursday Messrs McCaskill, Stubbs, Partridge and Johnston visited and inspected the school. They appeared to be well satisfied with the progress being made and with the soundness of the instruction

On Wednesday Mr McCaskill and Mr Johnston visited the East Side School

Davey, Golder, McNichol and Trilford selected for Primary Schools Rugby Tournament

19th August All returns (3 term attendances, Boarding, Absence, Open Hours) sent in

5th September School reopened there were absent Miss Coker, Miss Allan and Miss Gunn

9th September Miss Gunn took over duties on Tuesday Afternoon

Miss Cocker resumed on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Tamblyn went home on Wednesday afternoon Today has been exceedingly wet

12th September Two under 5 children were declined admission this morning

19th September The role declared on Friday was 523+16+81 (Main-special-side). This for grading

Mr Fisher of the Schools Post Office Savings Bank came today and addressed the children

[Article on Assistance for Chinese Orphans](#)

4th October Mr Grundy first Head master of this school died during last night. He passed away peacefully in his sleep

5th October For Mr Grundy's funeral the children of Standard 3, 4, 5, and 6 lined both sides off Queen Street from Russell Street to the end of the recreation ground

27th October I have made arrangements with Mr McGregor (Traffic Inspector) re lecture children on rules of the road and traffic dangers and to cooperate with me in devising simple duties for senior pupils in connection with the control of crossing of younger children

28th October School Closed on Monday (Labour Day)

Thursday Carterton A and P Show

Tomorrow sale of work at East Side, The band has been practising to assist

31st October Band did very well at East School. Mr McLagan away with measles

9th November Mr Lane absent on account of an operation on his leg. Mrs Stewart obtained as relieving teacher

10th November During this morning Mr McGregor (Borough Inspector) lectured and demonstrated road safety rules using a specially taped out road intersection and silent policemen

17th November Mr Brockett has been here 2 ½ days and Mr Hesse one day The latter to discuss Arts and Craft with me and ladies of the W D F U (*Women's Division of Farmer's Union*)

21st November A very successful display of work was held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday. Much comment on the general excellence was passed

[Article on Craft Show attached](#)

30th November Mr Stewart Ceased duty

2nd December Examination completed and returns and records being prepared

A very successful concert was held in the Assembly hall on the 14th and 15th. Financially too it was a huge success

[Numerous articles on concert and evening social](#)

16th December Break up ceremony as above held in assembly hall. Mr Nicol made presentations

1939

17th January 1939 Mr F H Clift assistant Masterton Central from Levin

Miss E S D Whyte assistant Masterton Central from Otago

22nd October 1939 Otaki Mail Reports The Masterton Central School is to be re-modelled, at a cost of something in the vicinity of £4000. Otaki also needs re-modelling.

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

1st February School reopened today with a good enrolment

New Teachers Mr Clift (1st Assistant), Miss Whyte (Assistant) Miss Davies and Mr Ihaka (Probationers), Miss Russell and Miss M Payne (Supernumerary)

17th February Mr Clift was absent on Monday and Thursday

Swimming sports held on Thursday School closed on Wednesday for A and P Shows

[Swimming Sports Article attached](#)

23rd February An egg drive in aid of the Health Camp resulted in 26 dozen and 8 eggs plus 8/1 ½ cash

24th February Our Marching teams secured three thirds

Points scored in athletics Central 80, St Pats 48, West 45, Lansdowne 39, Whatman 37, Te Ore Ore 21

5th March Combined swimming sports on Tuesday. Based on championship points (5, 3, and 1)

Central Scored 67 out of a total possible of 124 leaving 57 for the other four schools

10th March Last Night the Committee authorised the installing of eight manual telephones which had been offered free by the P T (*Post and Telegraph*). *Mr Butler has offered to install them*

I have been authorized to purchase handwork material as required as well as certificates for swimming beginners

25th March Mr Stringer from Traffic Department gave illustrated lectures on Road safety Ruled to Standard 1 to Standard 6 (In 2 groups in Masonic Hall today

30th March Staff Meeting re games

6th April Yesterday afternoon whilst playing rounders with Mr Bishop Ted Billington collided with another boy and damaged his teeth. Other wise he seemed all right

20th April Mr Stubbs visited the school yesterday and saw the work of Mr Ihaka and Miss Davis- the former at east and he latter here

27th April Roy Martin apologised to Mr Bishop and took 4 cuts for insubordination

5th May School closed for term holidays

On 4th a highly successful Fancy Dress Party held

22nd May School reopened for second term- an unexpected influx of 25 new pupils

Very successful fortnightly dances are being held by Parents Association with object of providing visual apparatus

[Cutting on Children's party](#)

9th June A deputation comprising Myself and Messrs Jones and Berry waited on the Trust Lands Trust to obtain funds for the combined library and for sports promotion. We were granted for library £50 and for sports £10

16th June Preparations are now in hand for half yearly exam. Questions are prepared and some of the work will be taken next week

The new games programme for Fridays is working very well and is likely to produce excellent results

30th June It was reported to me this morning that Ronald Cole had broken his arm whilst playing at East School. I held an enquiry and have reported to the Board. The matter seems an unfortunate but hardly avoidable accident

The examination of all classes including the Side school is now completed. Weaknesses have been noted for further actions

7th July The chimney in Miss Cockers room caught fire today. I attempted to put it out with the extinguisher on the wall but it was insufficient and I obtained the services of the fire brigade

17th July Dr Mullholland called in and tested some of the eyes. It was just a passing call

Mr Bishop was absent all week

25th July On two days this week heavy snow has fallen. The fall yesterday was said to be the heaviest since 1918. School was closed in the afternoon on account of the exceptional conditions

I have been informed that Mr Tamblyn and Miss Taylor will both be absent next Wednesday because of the Appeal Court sittings

Miss Taylor absent on 26th

31st July Dr Mullholland commenced examining school (Medically) today

2nd August Mr Tamblyn and Miss Taylor absent to attend Appeal Court today

9th August Yesterday and today a really splendid combined display of arts and craft was held in the Town Hall. There were 32 schools represented

[Article on above attached](#)

4th August This week Miss Grocott of Wellington (Dental Department) examined 45 children of P1 or S5 as part of a project to show effect if any of the systematic life of an institution (Whatman Home) as compared with ordinary home life as far as condition of teeth is concerned

[List of articles and artists whose work was sent to exhibition](#)

4th September School reopened this morning. Miss Taylor has been removed to Wanganui East School Mr Foley will relieve. Mr Kennedy is away sick

It is recorded with regret that the Empire has declared war on Germany

15th September The inspectors- Messrs McCaskill, Stubs, Johnston, and McClure inspected the school as well as the side school on Monday and Tuesday

18th September A very successful dance was held on Saturday by pupils of F1 and F2. Though no profit was expected the sports fund actually benefitted to the extent of £1-6-2

21st September The inspector's report is to hand and speaks in terms of commendation of most of the subjects. The discipline and tone are classified as excellent

29th September Miss Whyte finished duty at the school today. She leaves to be married. Mrs ? will relieve

6th October No relieving teacher came this morning caused by Miss Whyte's absence .I have managed to secure a married women teacher for next week and or Mrs Wales Nee Muriel Russell

16th October Miss Davie absent on account of expected death of her mother

30th October Milk scheme commenced today 494 bottles to commence

13th November I admitted today a child whose admission number is 10 000. That means that 10 000 children have been admitted to this school since it was opened at the beginning of 1881

15th November Miss Horreman was away on Friday and yesterday and has now applied for a month's leave of absence on account of having undergone an operation for some internal complication
Mr Smith is relieving

A Madsen has bene withdrawn from school on account of having been in fairly serious trouble. The Judge ordered this course to be taken. He has been in the special class for several years

21st November Mrs Pauling complained of Miss Major's strapping her daughter in Standard 5. On inquiry I found that Miss Major had real cause for her action but that if she had known the circumstances she would no doubt have acted differently. We expressed regret and assured her that there would be no repetition now that the condition of the girl was known. It was felt that the mother had not acted as wisely as she could have done in advising her child as she did

28th November Miss Valentine visited the school and tested the special class as as candidates for admission to this class on the 28th and 29th November

4th December Following boys selected for cricket representatives to go to Wellington Mark Simonsen, Arthur Simonson, James Davis, Don Fly, Ken Swanson

7th December A very successful Primer concert was held this afternoon coupled with a display of school work. Quite a large number of parents attended

[2 Newspaper reports of concert attached](#)

15th December After a successful concert and a break up the school year closed today. Mr Clift will not be returning as he has been appointed to Taumarunui D H Secondary Department

1940

18th July 1940 The question of saluting the flag in the primary schools was again before the Wellington Education Board at the meeting yesterday, when a letter was read describing the weekly ceremony at the Masterton Central School. The board agreed that this was a model which might be adopted as something like the standard required. The procedure described was as follows:—After greetings between children and teachers, the New Zealand National Anthem is sung. Then follow verses of Kipling's children's song recited by the different standards, the whole school singing in unison the last verse. The school is finally called to the salute, and the National Anthem sung. This procedure, it was stated, has been carried out every Monday morning for over seven years. During the discussion, Colonel T. W.

McDonald expressed disappointment at the Minister's recent statement on the subject, which, he said, rather discouraged the practice. Other members, however, did not agree that the Minister had been discouraging.

Instructions to teachers are to be sent out shortly. It was stated that several of the Wairarapa schools which had hitherto not possessed flags had been presented with them by the citizens of Masterton.

22nd October 1940 Mr A L Clelland assistant Masterton Central from Canterbury

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

9th February School reopened on 6th February There was a very good pick up of new pupils and there is promise of a big roll by the end of the year

Mr Clift's position has not yet been filled. Miss Horreman is absent on sick leave. The new probationers are Misses Hooper and Renner. Mr Lane is relieving and Miss Edge (A) commenced duty

A full staff meeting on Wednesday after school discussed fully

- a) Delegates to various sports committees
- b) The arrangement of school sports meeting
- c) The Management of school swimming meeting
- d) Arrangement for revising and extending specialisation
- e) A trip to exhibition
- f) Projects
- g) Essay Work
- h) Lunch Supervision
- i) Open air activities during February

23rd February School swimming sports were held yesterday in glorious weather Boys Champion E Hollings, Girls Champion K McCormack. Champion House Wakefield

School report on Central Swimming Sports

29th February In the combined schools swimming sports today Central secured 66 points as against West 48, Lansdowne 12 and Solway 18 (These last were secured by one boy)

14th March As I did not get all consent notices' regarding the exhibition trip I obtained legal advice which was to the effect that payment of charges accounted to a request from the parent but that negligence was not covered

The Exhibition was held at Rongotai around where Wellington Airport is now situated

10th March On Thursday afternoon the combined schools paraded in the Centennial display carrying banners and led by Central School Band Much favourable comment was forthcoming

On Friday the combined schools held their sports. In the afternoon a fine procession through the town led by the Central school Band was followed by displays of folk dancing, Marching and Massed Drill. The Hon Adam Hamilton was present and addressed the children

On the Saturday the schools organized a "Fancy parade" of Fancy Dresses, decorated prams, tricycles, bicycles and pets. This was really a marvellous display and was watched as it passed through town by crowds lining the street on both sides. At the Park Free Ice Creams were distributed and 30 prizes allotted. These celebrations will live long in the memory of the children and the town
Mona Mead fell and broke a collar bone on Friday. This has been reported to the Board

Newspaper reports on combined sport meeting and Procession in Queen Street

10th March Yesterday 500 children and teachers journeyed to the Exhibition at Wellington. The weather was fine and everything went smoothly from start to finish. The children had a wonderful day and greatly enjoyed it. The train was delayed on the return and reached Masterton at 11.30 pm
27th School resumed after Easter. Death of Prime Minister occurred this morning. Assembly observed short silence with heads bowed. School ordered to be closed for 2 days. Short talk about PM in Assembly Hall today

1st April School resumed applied for swimming certificates. 5 x 880 yards, (*880 yards is half a mile, a mile was about 1680 Meters*)

7 x 440, 5 x 220, 14 x 100, 1 x 150, 11 x 50, 13 x 25, 16 across

4th April The swimming season which has been a poor one has now concluded and the position as far as children of the Standards is concerned is Form 11 95 % can swim other classes are listed but didn't compute

15th April A boy in the special class was accidentally hit in the eye with a rubber ring. The eye was cut a little. (Marryatt injured by Gavistock)

22nd April The biennial election of the School Committee and the Parent's Association Committee were held last night. The School Committee elected J E Mc V Calwell, A V Dixon, W R Nicol, C J Braggins, A Newman, A I Gibbs, J H F Cole, W L Butler, P H Shaw

Report of Meeting

25th June Mr Williams was farewelled at school today because he is to go into a NCO camp on Monday

5th July Mr O'Kane reported for relieving duty today Most of the work will be done by myself however

Nine Junior Red Cross circles and a School Red Cross Council having have been formed and are now working in the school

10th July Today the Primers (1,2 and 3) go into their newly renovated room

19th July Toady P4 goes back into room 8

Mr Kennedy was absent 1 day (24th) and Mr Bishop 1 day (26th) to attend grading appeal boards

Saluting the Flags in schools' article

1st August Arbor day was observed in school today when a ceremony was held in the recreation ground. Twelve Lime Trees were planted by the boys of Standard 6

An epidemic of colds is now being felt at the school and attendance is suffering

16th August Sent Health camp fund £4-2-6

Mr Tamblyn Left

20th September I have been absent four days with Lumbago

Sum of £2 sent to mayor for relief of distressed families in London (result of air battle)

1st October I have admitted today one of the first of the evacuee children from Edinborough. Robert James Stewart

Arrivals from Overseas

11th October Owing to death of Mr Newman a member of the school committee the monthly meeting of last night adjourned

Reorganisation of Dental Clinics

22nd October The parent's association dance on Sat raised £21 clear for London Relief Fund

New model open class infant room

5th November 1940 As a result of the children's efforts this morning and a "Guy" procession through the town the sum of £8 approx. was collected for the Provincial Patriotic Fund

2nd December On Saturday 30th November a very pleasant and successful function was held in connection with the competition of the renovation to the building

Minister of Education visit

Pages of cutting of history of school

It has been necessary to write to the Board about certain deficiencies connected with rebuilding including 22 cracked panes of glass and shades and 6 globes missing

1941

3rd January 1941 Concern was expressed by the Wellington Education Board yesterday at the action of the defence authorities in drawing upon teachers for clerical work or other duties of that nature when they were not liable for military service and such positions could be filled by civilians. The board had before it the case of a first assistant who advised that he had been appointed to a position by the Army Department and who asked for leave from his teaching appointment for the duration of the war. It was decided to ask the teacher to resume his duties by February 3.

The secretary of the board (Mr. W. I. Deavoll) said he had received a letter from Mr. J. L. Williams, dated January 27, and bearing the address of the Defence Office, Masterton. Mr. Williams, said Mr. Deavoll, was first assistant at the Masterton Central School. In his letter he asked for leave of absence from his position at the school for the duration of the war, stating that he had been appointed to a position by the Army Department and would possibly be going overseas, and that his new position dated as from the day he wrote the letter.

Although, said Mr. Deavoll, Mr. Williams mentioned that he expected to be going overseas, he was a married man with two children and in the normal course of events it was not likely that he would be called upon for some time. Mr. Deavoll referred to instances that had come under his notice of teachers being engaged on guard duty and to the difficulty of replacing teachers. Colonel McDonald moved that the board expected Mr. Williams to resume his duties of teaching when the schools reopened on February 3..

The motion was carried,

26th February Additional assistant Masterton Central Miss N J Spiers from Training College

22nd May 1940 Mr. J. A. Kennedy, assistant, Masterton Central (war appointment);

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

3rd February School reopened today. Miss Speirs has been appointed as Physical Education Specialist. The probationers are E C Coddington M A and Miss J Hocquard. Mr Munro is relieving vice Mr Cleland. 47 new pupils are admitted

17th February Work of school is swinging into normality now. Miss Spier is doing very satisfactory work with Phys Ed Classes

Mrs Bennett (Super) has gone to relieve at Whatman School for 2 days

School will be closed for day tomorrow on account of P and A Show at Solway

About 6000 bottles have been collected for the Queen Carnival for Patriotic Funds Between £9 and £10 has been raised by the sale of lapel ribbons for Patriotic Funds

21st February School closed on Wednesday for Show

Sale of produce held on Friday in Town Hall by all schools

Swimming sports held on Thursday

Athletic Sports 1st March

Results of sports

5th March Messrs Irwin, Johnston and O'Connor visited school today and saw Probationary, relieving and supernumerary teachers

18th March Mr Williams left to take up army duties for the duration

19th Mr O'Kane reported for relieving duties

25th March Over 200 swimming certificates have been issued to pupils of the school this season and in addition 10 Lifesaving certificates were issued

29th March Mr Munn left to take up duty at Kato

1st April I took over duties of Hon Secretary to the School Committee today

9th April Heaters were used for the first time today Apples distributed yesterday for first time

42 children enrolled in Barnardos Helpers League

25th April School closed for ANZAC Day A ceremony held at school yesterday and each room prepared a wreath for soldier's memorial

A preliminary try out was given the recently prepared emergency precautions scheme

9th May School closed for May holidays £3-7-6 to Health Camp

26th May School reopened Mumps Prevalent Miss Horreman absent with mumps. Mrs Bennett at Whatman

19th June Yesterday I sent Noeline Brown (Boarded with Mr Berney) home I had reason to believe she had mumps. This morning she was back at school so Miss Wallis took her home in her car with a note explaining that I believed she had mumps and even if there was only suspicion of mumps she should be kept away until suspicion was removed. She was immediately returned to school. I rang up the district nurse and the welfare officer who came to the school and supported my suspicion of mumps. The W C the child away to handle the case at her discretion

1st July Mr Brockett is spending his third day at school

The half yearly survey of class work has been completed and results entered up

Summaries are being prepared

2nd July Mr O'Kane toady went to Whareama for 10 days. Mrs Haywood was substituted. Mrs

Howard takes special class. Miss Horreman assists with Standard 6

Mr Ball (Senior Inspector Education Department) visited the school this morning and looked around.

He spent an hour in the special class

14th July The four inspectors spent Thursday and Friday at school. Mr Kennedy is absent on account of his Father's sickness

16th July Mrs McLagan is absent today on account of sickness

17th July Mrs Wales is relieving in place of Mrs McLagan who will be away to the 25th

21st July An emergency precautions evacuation was practised today

Inspector's report arrived. It states that the school continues to perform a valuable educational service.

Special mention is made of written expression, writing and general neatness of writing out of the work

The general standard given is Very Good The Order, tone and discipline is very good indeed

22nd July I had occasion to strap 6 Standard 6 boys for marking on Blackboard before school. This was for deliberate breaking of school rules

30th July The superintendent of the Fire Brigade came this afternoon and tested the arrangements for evacuating children The 520 were out of the buildings in 1 min 5 sec

This was regarded as being an excellent performance

8th August On the evening of the 6th August Standard 3 under Mr C C Coddington M A gave a demonstration party so that various aspects of the work being done would be shown to parents and friends. The evening was a most successful one and many complimentary remarks were passed about the work, singing and verse speaking. The children also took part in folk dancing and ballroom dancing

[Article on above attached](#)

22nd August Standard 6 pupils held a social evening to farewell Mr O'Kane who will be going into the air force camp at Levin

School closed today with attendance still affected by sickness 88%

Three pounds sent to Health Camp

22nd September On Friday Mr E C Coddington M A relinquished his duties to go into camp. In the evening a party was held and presentations made by the children. During the day the staff made a presentation. The parent's Association on Saturday presented a fine wristlet watch. Mr Coddington will enter camp today He has done excellent work and has made a deep impression on all. It is to be hoped he will soon be enabled to return to teaching

E Coddington Head Master

[Teacher Farewelled article](#)

25th September The Governor General His Excellency Sir Cyril Newall visited Masterton today and a mass gathering of Primary and Secondary School pupils took place in Masterton Park. This function was most successful

His excellency granted the rest of the day and tomorrow as a holiday to celebrate the occasion

[Scottish Children introduced to his excellency](#)

2nd October I have today suspended from school both Joan Russell and Ivan Coley since I have fairly reliable information that immorality has occurred on Friday Evenings (out of school hours) The matter will be handed over to the School Committee

Later. In view of the facts that (a) the trouble took place in the evening (b) both are of leaving age, it has been decided, in order to save the parents, that these two pupils be allowed to leave without further action

3rd October Averages sent in Main 521.4 Special 17 Side 62.7. Total 601.6

These figures it is expected will result in the replacing of the teacher lost last year

[Physical Education Films Shown at Central School.](#)

13th October On Friday evening a gathering of parents and children viewed some films on Physical Education brought to Masterton by Peter Robertson of Wellington Teacher's Training College

31st October School was closed on Monday 27th October and on Thursday Afternoon 30th October for Labour Day and for Carterton Show respectively. On the morning of Thursday Mr Bringans Inspector visited the school

4th November 346 Children were taken to see the picture "One Hundred Crowded Years" The sum of £8-12-0 will be forwarded to the Wellington Provincial Patriotic Council Box 1534 Wellington to be credited to the Masterton Fund

12th November Armistice Day was observed yesterday by two minutes silence

Today the Assistant Traffic Officer lectured the school on Road Safety and demonstrated by film. Mr Beere

21st November The Borough Council has agreed to put "unauthorised" pedestrian crossings outside the school. This appears to be history making.

The children held a penny concert in aid of funds for providing presents for sick children yesterday afternoon

[Unusual Comprise Article on Pedestrian Crossings](#)

5th December I regret to hear of the death of W N Rayner (Killed in action in North Africa). In 1933 he was captain of First XV and First XI and a primary school rep

The dux of the school for 1941 is Peggy (Margaret) Bubbers who is aged 11 years 11 months. Her marks were 543 out of 600. The Proximo accessit is C Newman

11th December Insurances renewed thus

Museum (specimens £450) (Furniture £50)

School Furniture (Piano £75) Others £70

Library Books £100, Blocks £50, Chairs £75, Radio £60

[Central School Sports meet results](#)

[December School closed today for long vacation](#)

1942

29th January 1942 Indirect war appointment Mr J E Bishop

[Masterton Central Log \(Original at Wairarapa Archives\)](#)

9th January Today about 60 soldiers were billeted in the school temporarily. They form part of the mobile brigade stationed in the Wairarapa (increased to 110)

2nd February School reopened today with a pickup of about 47 new pupils. Two teachers did not arrive Mrs Blackmore and Miss Rider Mr Oslands? Place to be filled by Miss Hocquard and Miss Rider's by Miss O'Neill. Miss Sewell has been appointed as Phys Ed Instructress. Misses Mulvaney and Whyte are probationary assistants

15th February Work is proceeding satisfactorily and new teachers are settling down well, Not a great deal can be done outside because of unseasonable weather

The total banked for children last year was just over £60

23rd February Athol Garard was bumped on bridge of nose by a cricket ball at lunch time.

27th February School swimming sports held today in exceptionally fine weather The results were Champion House Seddon 77 Wakefield 70

Champion Boy L Clarke(Sen), J Bennett (Jun)

Champion Girl (B McCormack (Sen) L Nicol (Jun)

6th March The combined school swimming sports were held yesterday and by counting 5 first, 3 second, 1 third the aggregate points were Central 74, West 64 ½ Lansdowne 25 ½ St Patricks 6, Solway 1

12th March Running to assemble with school Athol Fowler leap frogged over a tennis post and fell and broke his arm near the elbow. First aid was rendered and he was sent up to Sedgley Home where he lives after telephoning that place

12th March Dick Oakley climbed a tree and in jumping down cut his foot on a glass bottle (Broken) His parents were communicated with and he was taken to Dr Hosking

25th March The combined schools' sports which were to be held today have been postponed on account of the weather

7th April School closed for Easter on 3rd to 6th inst. Reopened this morning. Misses Farris and Williamson commenced duty on 1st April. Miss Major and Miss Hocquard went to other positions. Mrs Bennett supernumerary and returning to Whatman

17th April Mr Stubbs was at the school for half day yesterday to see Miss Sewell

200 Children were taken to see the picture "Manger to Cross" yesterday

21st April At the Biennial meeting of Householders last night the following were returned unopposed for the School Committee. Messrs W R Nicol (Chair), W L Butler, P H Shaw, A I Gibbs, S E Nelson. G Silverback, G Masters, T A Russell and S C Dixon. The Head Master was again Appointed Hon Sec & Treasurer

22nd April Room 1 attended a meeting of the Borough Council yesterday evening and had the procedure explained to them by the Mayor

23rd April Mr O'Connor, inspector, was at the school yesterday afternoon and this morning. He saw the probationary assistants at work. Mrs Cleghorn of St Matthews Collegiate School addressed the pupils of Room 1 this afternoon

27th May School reopened on Monday after 2 weeks' vacation. It is estimated that at least 6lbs of ergot was collected by the children of the school [Ergot is a fungus which grows on Rye Grass and eh Government early in the war encouraged children to collect it to be sent to Britain for use in hospitals]

6th June On Thursday R Root resenting an imposition by W Bishop struck him on the face. I gave 6 strokes with strap and ordered an apology. This was given. I wrote his parents who also apologised to Mr Bishop.

Miss O'Neale reported loss of 10/- from her cupboard and . From information received I accused J Root . His parents substantiated this and promised repayment. As part from this an apology no action will be taken

15th June The funeral of Bruce Kilmister and two other men who were killed when a Bren carrier overturned during manoeuvres took place today. A guard of honor was formed by Standards 4,5 and 6 outside the school

25th June A severe earthquake last night caused considerable damage. The school escaped with a few minor breakages- chiefly chinaware. The chimneys of the incinerators here and at East School were broken off. Only a few children attended school

2nd July The half yearly survey was commenced on the 22nd June and the essay, drawing and reading were completed by Wednesday afternoon 24th An earthquake reoccurred on 24th but no damage was done to the building. Exams were resumed on Monday 29th and children's work completed on 30th The work seen connected with above survey was of a better standard than was expected. No average fell below 50% and much of it was of an average ranging in 60 and 70 per cent

6th July I have reported to the Board certain cracks in the old High School building and have asked for an inspection

13th July Chimneys inspector reported today 2 unsafe chimneys in Old High School building. This has been reported to Board and the Borough council has been asked to supply gas heaters. The Central authority has been suppressed

20th July No gas heaters were obtainable from the Council Two heaters not being used in the old clinic buildings have been loaned by the T L T and have been loaned by the T L T and have been installed by the gas office

24th July Four builders from the Hawkes Bay Education Board have been found accommodation at Te Ore Ore School after much trouble. A fifth man has been found board at 42 Lincoln Road These men are to carry out repairs to schools – essential repairs

23rd July Social held by Standard 6 children to raise funds for Service Club group was a very successful one and was much enjoyed by all present

[Article on Social Gathering](#)

3rd August Another severe earthquake shook the town on early hours of Sunday Morning. There appears to be no damage to school

6th August Mr McMurtrie Assistant Director of Education visited the school this morning for a short while

14th August Cocoa finishes this week

11 weeks sold 2274 @ ½ (*half penny was half a penny there were 24 half penny's in a shilling*)

Average 45 cups per day

Expenditure Milk £5-5-0 Cocoa 14/6d, Sugar 17/3d (*17 shillings and sixpence*)

Income £4-12-7 ½ Deficit £2-12-1

Parents Association are being asked to make up deficiency

15th August Boys selected to represent the district in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament J Geary, P Marryatt, T M Nicholl, S Milne, R Sayer, R Thorne

Results Wairarapa beat Horowhenua, drew with Wellington, and lost to Hutt Valley

20th August Mr Johnston and Mr O'Connor inspectors visited school to observe work of probationers and relieving teachers

7th September School reopened Miss Faris absent. Miss O'Neale left and replaced by Mrs Latham

8th September Miss Williamson given 10 days leave on account of finances having been given special leave. Miss Williamson intends to marry. Mrs Wales has consented to relieve meanwhile

18th September Mr Bishop had to go for medical examination for military service today

21st September Miss Wallis absent- no reliever

28th September Miss Wallis still absent- no reliever

1st October Mrs Wales came to relieve today. Miss Horreman absent on Wednesday and Thursday.

Returned Friday

Figures for 4 weeks

Main	Special	East	Schools
10650	360	1263	Total Attendance
20	20	20	Times Open
532.5	18	63.1	Average
		613.6	Attendance

14th October Engineers Defence Corps commenced use of school as training depot

2nd November Mr O'Connor Inspector visited on Monday end particularly to see Mr Bishop

11th November 2 minutes silence observed

13th November The old combined Dental Clinic Committee went out of existence last night as its functioning was no longer necessary owing to the establishment of separate clinics

[Article on Dental Clinics closing](#)

4th December Mr O'Conner Inspector visited the school to see Miss Cocker on Tuesday 1st December

Miss Wallis visited Island Bay School and Newtown school on Monday 30th November

Last Sunday the pupils of the school subscribed for a free tea for soldiers at the YMCA (£5)

Article on Free Tea

17th December Parents Day was held yesterday 16th December. There was a Xmas Tree, drill display, by rooms 1,2 and 5 and the work of the children was set out in the rooms. About 250 adults came and the whole was most successful, In the evening a very successful concert programme was given to a hall packed even beyond capacity £12-10-6

Dux of School Dorothy Bengel

Proximo Accessit ? Dallas

Article on Parents Day

1943

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

5th February School reopened on 1st with good pick up. Misses Wylie and Whyte supernumeraries Miss Taylor and Sewell called and discussed Physical Education. Messrs Jones and Farrell invited to meeting after school and decision made to carry on was made. Thursday- Miss Taylor arranged programme for staff

10th February A staff meeting was held yesterday after school and questions relating to a) Phys Ed Weak. B, testing subjects and c) policy with regards to methods in all subjects were discussed fully. Mr McLagan to be absent 4 weeks 24 more merit certificates for home gardens

1st March A special parents Day was held today. The object was to put before them the work in Phys Ed. About 110 were present and the work of all from P1 to S6 was very good. Miss Taylor broadcast a commentary. Mr O'Conner Inspector was present.

2nd March Swimming Sports held in splendid weather. All went off well. Champion House Wakefield Champion Boy T McNcHall? Girl [Empty]

5th March Mass demonstration held in Park yesterday was very successful. Today a refresher course in Phys Ed is being held in this school by Mr Smithhills Morning Tea was handled by our staff. Last night an illustrated talk was given by Mr Smithhills in the assembly hall

6th March Today Hon Arthur Nordmeyer officially opened the Dental Clinic Building Afternoon Tea was served by the Parent's Association

9th March The combined schools swimming sports was held today in the Dixon Street Baths. Had points been allotted the first three schools would have been Central 72, West 54, St Patrick's 28

Special Opening Ceremony Report

Four Starred Ensign Sung by School

15th March At the Annual Meeting NZEI (Masterton Branch) I was elected President for the ensuing year

16th March After discussion with Mother Teresa of St Patrick's about children being allowed into Local American camps I rang the Major and secured his cooperation. He promised to get in touch with the commandant to have children included

19th March Have written to CC of U S Marines camp in Memorial Park requesting that children be kept out of the camp

23rd March Red Cross Council reformed. Paid in £2-10-0 to patriotic fund

31st March Miss Wallis relinquished duty today as Infant Mistress Yesterday an afternoon tea and presentation by staff took place. Miss Whyte is to relieve

9th April A jumble sale today by Room 10, Miss Edge raised £6-17-6 a very creditable amount for one room

12th April Mrs Latham absent ½ day. Miss Goodall absent- serious illness of mother

28th April School reopened after Easter. Word received of John Root's theft of wallet and truancy from home. Rang police and welfare officer

29th April Approximately 4 cwt (1 Hundredweight = 45.3 kilograms) carrots have been given to the hospital

24th May School resumed after term holidays Mr Bishop has resigned owing to conviction for theft. Mrs Bennett will relieve. Word has been received that Lieutenant J L Williams has been awarded the Military Cross. Mr Williams is 1st assistant on the staff (Mrs McLagan Infant Mistress)

4th June Preparation in hand for survey. School will be closed on Monday (King's Birthday)

14th June Miss White absent on Friday Orders for a) Filmstrip projector and b) spinning machine placed today

Fundraising by school and raising Third Liberty Loan Monies

2nd July £25 worth of bonds have been bought by the children for presentation to the School Committee

The half yearly survey has been completed but not yet recorded. In general the work is highly satisfactory. The one or two rather weakest spots have been noted for further action

6th July The school lined the road to welcome Lieutenant General Sir B Freyberg this morning.

Everything went off smoothly

Free Refreshments for Air Defence Unit

7th July Special return of Leavers 1942 sent in today

29th July Received Film Strip Projector

2nd August Mrs Peterson is taking a week's leave of absence on account of her husband being on final leave. Mrs Latham has lost her voice and Miss Horreman is assisting. Her special class has been distributed

6th August The following boys have been selected for the Primary Schools Rep Team. D Archibald, S Milne, T McNicholl, T Rigg, T Sayer and P Travers

16th August The 5th Defence battalion U S M C gave a party to the children of the Homes and Boarded Out children on Saturday 14th

20th August School broke up for term holidays. Miss Goodall will not be returning as she has been appointed to a position at Whakatane

6th September School commenced today. Absent Mrs Latham and Miss McLaren both with Rubella. New Teachers Mrs Henderson, Mrs Connell, Miss O'Neill

School closed on Friday on account of Capitalisation of Italy

13th September Mrs Latham still absent and Miss McLaren back. Mrs Latham returned on the 15th

16th September Dr Mulholland spent day examining Primers and finishing immunisation

21st Mrs Latham and Mrs Connell were absent yesterday attending the Grading Special Court

27th The school was used as an electoral booth on Saturday for the general election

1st October Miss O'Neill finished duty yesterday and Miss Young commenced today in her place

20th October The Whareama School adopted spent the day with us today. Besides ordinary class work they saw filmstrips, the museum and went to the "Times Age" building to see the printing of the paper. Miss Blomfield also benefited by observing the teachers at work

29th October Mrs Connell was absent on the 26th and 27th on account of news of the death of her sister

3rd November Word has been received that Ivan Thomas (S6) won the Junior Red Cross banner competition for all New Zealand

5th November Miss Horresman is absent on account of measles she will be away two weeks from Wednesday

Newspaper cutting on Red Cross

12th Miss Whyte (East) absent Monitors went to assist

17th The school nurse spent the day finally testing Standard 6 today

30th Mr Peterson commenced as supernumerary. Exams being conducted this week and last

6th December The examinations being completed proves Stanley Milne to be dux of eh school and Betty Barnes Proxima Accessit

Selected fro representative cricket team to go to Wellington McNicholl T, Reeves R, Fulton A, Henson B, Travers, Milne S They will be absent on Friday and will travel with Mr Kennedy (Won by Innings)

17th School broke up toady for Summer Holidays. On Tuesday (14th) Form 2 held a final party where a very pleasant time was spent by Teachers and the pupils.

Parents Day was held on Thursday with a display of pupil's work and a Xmas Tree for Primers. An extraordinarily large number of parents and friends attended. This was a very successful function

1944

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

School reopened on 1st February with a good pick up of pupils. Mr Slatter (Probationary Assistant) was absent on military service and his place was taken by Miss McLaren. Miss Hunter was a new PA On Wed and Thurs Mr Connell was absent for private reasons

Miss Sewell reported on Thursday at Lunch time. She will attend on Mondays- Thursday for swimming during February

Miss Lowry Infant Specialist visited school today 4/2

15th Miss Sheet (Special Classes) was at the school on 15th and 17th. School closed on the 16th because of show at Carterton

22nd Miss Farris away on 21/2 Summer Sickness

Swimming sports held today. Champion House Massey with Seddon and Gray 2nd. Seniors Shirley Nicol and J Sharpe. Juniors Ray Nicol and Jean Parsons

2nd March On Tuesday Messrs Stubbs and O'Connor visited school. On Wednesday Mr Hesse visited. Mrs Latham obtained leave for 1 month and Miss McLagan is relieving

Combined school swimming sports held on Wednesday

13th March Combined Athletic Sports held Friday The school did remarkably well (127 points)

31st March Tarring and Sanding done today by council workers

6th April An exceptionally successful fancy dress party was held in eh school last night. There were hundreds in fancy dress and a large number of parents and friends present

Report on Anzac Day at School

Report on Fancy Dress party

24th April The Anzac Day ceremony was held today and the flag broken at the masthead for the first time by Mr Nicol

28th Nominations for the School Committee closed on Monday and nine were received for nine vacancies G Masters, A Tatton, S L Hibbs, S I Gibbs, P H Shaw, A E Nelson. G Bilderbeck, T A Russell, D A Barnes

22nd May School reassembled Miss Cartwright commenced duty. Mrs Tooby commenced duty

27th Mr Kennedy (Senior male assistant) was elected to Borough Council today

5th June School closed Kings Birthday. Fall of Rome

6th June Invasion of Europe

18th The sum of £13-3-6 was paid in today to the fund for relief of children in occupied countries

19th Half yearly survey commenced

26th Survey continued in English & Arithmetic

29th Miss Horneman leaves tomorrow. Miss Fitzgerald will return in her place and Miss Whyte will commence duty at East on Monday

7th July Miss Cocker absent 3 days on account of death of her mother

Miss Corbett has asked for 2 weeks sick leave

14th Miss Hodder commenced relieving on Monday 10th

Miss Cocker resumed on Wednesday 12th

24th July Miss Hodder went to Lansdowne Mrs Corbett failed to return, Mrs Perrins services secured for rest of week Application made to Board to delay Miss Cocker's appointment to Fernridge until end of year (With her approval)

28th Miss Miles visited school and spoke to children in Rooms 1 & 2 on Thursday. Mr Burton visited and advised Mrs Kain. Miss Miles and Mr Burton are vocational guidance officers

40 Native Trees and shrubs planted

18th Rooms 1,2,10 and 11 taken to see pictures of London after the bombardment from the air.

(Photographic Enlargements)

Miss Faris and Mrs Corbett finished duty here today. £5 sent for Health Camp

4th September

[Article on Primary Schools Rugby Team](#)

School reopened. Relievers Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Fleming, Mrs Bennett, Miss Petersen commenced in Special Class

List of visitors not included

27th September Drain Blockage. Big Job,

28th Applied for 1945 Stationery

29th Average roll sent 519.25 +15 (Special Class) + 65.75 (East)

Harriers Griggs placed 3rd Teams placed 2nd, 7th and 10th

25th October School closed on Monday- Labour Day. School nurse called today to say that Dr will not "do" the school this year

2nd November Yesterday I supervised work of Ashton for King's College School. He sat in my office

6th November 62 books added to Library from Trust Grant

1st December Mr Kennedy was absent on Tuesday and Wednesday Exam work completed this week.

Records and promotions in hand. Dux of School Patricia Bilderbeck

[Article on end of year school events](#)

15th December Mr Coddington was absent from school from 4th – 8th December with periostitis of leg
Mr Kennedy was absent from school from 11th – 14th December owing to child having scarlet fever

1945

25th June 1945 Appointment Mr. C. H. Irwin, additional assistant in physical education, Masterton Central (on military service)

9th October 1945 n Friday last the Chief of the New Zealand Naval Staff, Commodore Faulkner, D.S.C., K.N., paid a visit to Masterton to present flags to three schools on behalf of the Wellington Wairarapa Navy League. He was accompanied by Mrs. Faulkner and by Sir Charles and Lady Norwood, of the Wellington Navy League. The visitors were met at the Masterton Central School, where the first ceremony took place, by Mrs. W. Robieson, president of the Wairarapa branch, and members of her committee, and by the headmaster of the school, Mr. E. J. Coddington, and Messrs.' Nicol and Masters, members of the Education Board. The Commodore, in making the presentation to Central School, related some of his wartime experiences whilst on the northern patrol near the Arctic Circle, and also exhorted the pupils to keep up their interest in the Navy League, especially now that the war is over. Other speakers were Sir Charles Norwood and Messrs. J. Nicol, Masters, and Coddington, who spoke in appreciation of the Commodore's visit and in praise of the Navy League's work. Patriotic songs and recitations were given by the pupils, and the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem and three cheers for the Navy.....

29th November 1945 The death occurred at Takaka, Nelson, yesterday of Mr. William Henry Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton School for many years and a former Mayor of Masterton, at the age of 87. He served on practically every local and patriotic institution over a long period of- years. He retired many years ago, -living chiefly at Auckland.

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9th February School reopened on Monday 5th Mrs Connell absent Mrs Wilson relieving. Miss Heenan commenced duty. Mr Beecroft and Mrs Pederson as P A'S . Trouble with drains

22nd Maris Connor has been accused of taking money (1/-) from a small girl's purse. I communicated with her mother and she informs me that the action is partly admitted and has refunded 6d /- equals shilling, d equals pence. *There were 12 pence in a shilling*)

The girls mother also says she has punished her

28th School swimming sports held on Monday. Senior Champion M Haxton, Margaret Hayward.

Junior Champs R Malmo and Ann Nicol. Combined sports held on Tuesday.

19th March Today the Learners Baths were used for the first time toady by Room 4. They were much enjoyed. Other rooms will follow this week

Headmaster absent sick last week

Receipts from Navy league for 71 School members Total Sum Three pounds and eleven shillings. So subs were One shilling

20th March A concert by Standard 6 girls raised £4-5-0 for infant material today

26th March Two boys under my supervision built a double brick compost bin using own mortar today

27th Standards 3-6 went to see Phys Ed and swimming films today at the Regent

9th April Mr O'Connor visited the school today to specially see the PA's

11th April Mrs Pederson (PA) has been absent for two days and returned today. Mr Maloney spent the day at school and prepared and sowed a nursery plot (Onions)

13th April I regret to record the death of President F D Roosevelt which occurred yesterday

17th Dr Mullholland and Mr McGregor visited school today. The former for immunization and the latter for patrol drill

19th April I have seen the results of the series of tests used at Wairarapa College for Classifying the new entrants (This is by courtesy of the Principal) They show that we have every reason to be proud of our record results which are obtained in spite of large numbers and generally poor homes.

Pupils Placed in	Form 3				
	Class	Central	West	Lansdowne	Carterton
	1	15	5	6	
	2	12	3	2	
	3	14	5	4	
	4	11	8		
	5	6	10	12	6
	6	1	3		

I feel very pleased with this showing which seemed to justify the policy followed by the school I have been informed by the Public Trustee that several exhibits have been willed to the school Museum by the late Ellen Sillars

24th Mr Maloney spent a day at the school today. An Anzac Day ceremony was held at close of school. Several wreaths have been prepared to send to the memorial

3rd May Word has been received that the German armies in Italy have unconditionally surrendered The ceremony of honouring the flag was carried out followed by a prayer of thanksgiving by Rev Silcock

4th School closed on the 4th to celebrate surrender in Italy. Term holidays begin. £8-12-6 collected for Health Camp

21st May New cooking instructress reported

1st June Cocoa was commenced this week. Emergency Drill held. This will now be recorded over time

5th June Handwork v(primer) arrived. Dr Mulholland visited for immunisation. Thelma punished indecency

[Programme for Polish Children's Visit to School](#)

6th July Emergency Drill held yesterday. School emptied very quickly, Mesdames Payne and Leonard relieving

13th July Sent return of conveyance to Board on 9th Nurse at school today Children and Teacher (Miss Tucker) of Whareama School spent the day here today.

20th Dr Mullholland has been carrying out medical inspections of the school this week

22nd Mr O'Connor spent Friday Afternoon at school mainly for Mr Beecroft's assessment

1st August An Arbor Day ceremony was held at 1.15 today and after the ceremony a number of native plants were planted by Rooms 1 & 2 in the school native tree plot

3rd Well over 400 garments and 15 pairs of shoes were brought to school by the children for UNRRA today

15th Today Mr Atlee Prime (Minister of Great Britain) announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally and that the Emperor would take instructions from the allied Commander. School closed for the rest of the day and following day

17th School resumed and later broke up for term.

Sent £5 for Health Camp Fund

7th September Mrs Henderson did not return until Monday afternoon and was absent also on Tuesday & Wednesday. Miss Hansen was given a week's leave from Tuesday afternoon and Miss

Whyte was absent on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Henderson's absence continued until end of week. Mrs O'Kane kindly helped out

28th September An excellent concert was held last night and Wednesday night in the assembly hall by the children . The financial results were splendid also

[Detailed newspaper report attached of concert](#)

1st October Attendance reports sent to Wellington Education Board Main School, East and Special Class average attendance 581.70

[Letter from 132 Cornwall Street congratulating School on concert](#)

5th October A very wet week with attendance affected. A social gathering was held in the hall last night to welcome home Lieut. E C Coddington, a member of the staff. There were present his old class and their parents =, the School Committee and the Parent's Association. The hall was nearly filled and a very enjoyable time was spent

5th October The school was visited by Commodore Faulkner D S C R N Chief of Naval Staff and Sir Chas and Lady Norwood in order that a Navy League Flag could be presented

15th October Mr O'Connor P E Supervisor was at school today

26th October Miss Whyte absent again today. Tonsillitis

29th October The Junior Red Cross Council held a very successful demonstration meeting on Saturday on the platform of the Town Hall Wellington in the presence of the patroness Lady Newell, the chairman Lyndsey Duff and the Mayor of Wellington. The meeting was broadcast by 2ZB and was clearly heard in Masterton. Robert On Hing delivered an address of welcome to Lady Newell

[Newspaper article on above](#)

2nd November Mr E C Coddington MA commenced a short observation course yesterday. The Red Cross Council is to take charge of a welcome home gathering to Repatriated Prisoners of War tomorrow at St Matthew's College Hall

12th November Last School Bazaar on 10th . Band played there I had permission to attend R J King's Funeral 12/11/1945

27th November return of school garden (Home) went to W Maloney. 13 Form 2 boys needed a second chance to secure sufficient marks for passing

29th November First Aid was administered to Robert Te Whaiti who slipped and fell on concrete steps. Taken home.

Mr Jackson One Time H M of the school died on 28/11/1945. The flag was flown at half mast and reference made to his life and service at the assembly

10th December The examination and promotions have been dealt with and eh schedule sent in today During the week end Mr Kennedy's room was entered and a clock stolen. The matter has ben reported to the police

12th December Mr Maloney came and inspected the gardens and judged "Excellent" by pupil inspectors. Received certificates for Traffic Control patrols

20th December Fancy Dress parties were held on Monday (Room 12.11.10) Tuesday (Rooms 3-7) and Wednesday Primers.

At latter a Xmas tree was provided. Today Miss Cartwright was farewelled and presented with a fountain pen (*A Fountain Pen was a pen where ink was stored in the pen and replaced the old dip pens*)

1946

Masterton Central Log (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

4th February School reopened with a roll slightly higher than that of last year. Mrs Henderson and Miss Cartwright have left. New members of staff were Messrs Cooper and E C Coddington M A. Both returned soldiers. Mrs Connell has been transferred and Miss Whyte has leave till the end of March.

Relieving are Mr Bennett, Miss Bird and Mr B Beecroft

8th February Athletic Sports held at school today

28th School was closed for show on the 20th. School was closed on the 22nd for N Z E I Am meeting.

Tomorrow school will be closed for Combined Athletic Meeting

Results of Athletic Sports enclosed

Report on Xmas Parties attached

6th March Miss Short (Special Class Supervisor) visited the school today and tested several pupils beside looking over the pupils of the class. Kevin Hayward and Ron Radcliffe were returned to the main school (Standards 3 and 4 respectively)

Mr Williams returned to duty on 14th Mr Kennedy reverts to Assistant position. Me Beecroft has been taken for relieving work

20th March Mr Williams had the day off to attend a medical examination

9th April Donald Roff an old pupil was presented with a Royal Humane Society certificate for saving the life of a girl at Rona Bay (*Eastbourne*). The ceremony took place at Wairarapa College and I was present and spoke

18th April I had to spend an hour today tracing a bicycle stolen from the school. It was eventually found and recovered

26th School closed for Easter and Anzac Day- Open Wednesday and Friday. Many absences. Anzac Day ceremony held on Wed Afternoon. Wreaths prepared and sent to the memorial

10th April Mr Kennedy farewelled

27th May School reopened today Changes of Staff. Mrs Payne replaces Mrs Hunter Mr Bennett vice Mr Kennedy and Mrs Connell took up her promotion

30th May Received large case of stuffed birds and white rat. Donated by Mr Sillars

5th June The school average age as at 1st January Standard 2 = 8 years 9 months at main school for same time side school 8 years 4 months

14th June May Journals received today. (*First mention of Journals in Logs though they were first published in the early 1900's*)

17th June Miss Bannister absent today. Unable to return

8th July Miss J Bannister took Miss E Bannister's place on the staff on 1st July

12th July Norman Griggs hurt his arm at Football yesterday. It proved to be a cracked wrist bone.

16th July Forms 1 and 2 went to Regent to see pictures in connection with erosion etc put on by Catchment Board

17th July In two sections the school received pictorial instruction with traffic at St Patrick's Hall

19th July A sample of milk was taken by Mr Elliott this morning

24th July School closed at noon for Kiwi Football match. (*The Kiwi Team was a rugby team of soldiers returned from the Front*)

2nd August Messrs Bringans and Bell spent the week at the school and appeared to be pleased with the tone, working spirit and progress

Miss Bannister has been absent for the week and will be absent all next week- sick

6th August Mr O'Connor Phys Ed Supervisor spent a day at the school today

9th August Today Humphrey O'Leary K C has been made chief Justice of NZ He was enrolled at this school in 1897 and secured a scholarship going on to Wellington College and Vic University

14th October Mr Tovey (arts and Craft) visited the school today

20th August Today the children from Rangitumau were our guests

Junior Football Results Central A 17 Lansdowne 13. Central C 11 Central B 9 West 4, Solway 0

23rd August School broke up today £8-17-0 sent for Health Camp

9th September School reopened Absent Misses Cocker and Bird absent. Miss Toohill began duty

11th September Mr Maloney hear to trial on bed

13th Yesterday Joanna Bennington a pupil at East School died suddenly from Laryngeal spasm

27th Mr E C Coddington M A absent today attending Soldier's Appeal Board

3rd October Whole school attended at college grounds for visit of Governor General. Sir Bernard Fryberg. The schools were granted a holiday on 4th October

I sent in average rolls for 4 weeks Main 512.2, Special 13, Side (East) 53.9 Total 608.1

[Vice regal visit and Pupils Entertain Teachers.](#)

25th Received written complaint from Mr Denny re alleged treatment of his boy by Mr Price. Handed matter over to Mr Nicol (Board Member)

5th November Mr Cooper absent for examinations 3 days

6th November Mr Cooper absent one day- illness of wife. Mr Williams absent ½ day on 5th and ½ day on 6th to go to Wellington for investiture

11th November Today we had a visit from Brigadier Gen Sir Herbert E Hart who presented the school with a framed photograph of NZ's VC winners (Autographed by the Gov Gen Sir Bernard Freyberg

5th December School addressed by native chief from Solomon Islands

6th December Mr O'Connor (Phys Ed) visited school. Swimming instruction (as weather permits) now being carried out by Miss Donald

19th December Very successful fancy dress parties were held in the school on Monday and Tuesday evening. Mr Martin presented honors certificates. And Dux Trophy

Standard 6 held their party on Wed 18 and the infant's Xmas party was held in the afternoon

Miss Donald has taken lessons in swimming at Learner's baths during last two weeks

School broke up today- present to Miss Edge. Mr Geary off with mumps

[Successful pupils in various sections](#)

[Fancy Dress Parties](#)

1947

[Masterton Central Log \(Original at Wairarapa Archives\)](#)

3rd February School reopened. A number of new teachers and a heavy enrolment

10th 30 learners learnt to swim last week

21st February Swimming sports held yesterday. Champions Senior Boys F Gyde Girls A Nicol

Junior Boy K Hayward, Girl N Malmo

Champion House Wakefield

25th February Miss Falder to go relieving but to stay a week in place of Miss Sutherland. Mr Coddington MA finished here today

3rd March Mr Keller B A commenced duty today

5th Today we sent away six boxes of food and soap for Hull (*War effort*)

Swimming Sports Results

7th March Swimming results Standards 3 to 6

Fifty Yards and over 117

Ten Yards and Over 80

Across baths and over 54

Non Swimmers 29

21st Combined primary school sports held in Park. Central 136 ½ points next best West 91 points

26th March School closed for 26th and 27th on account of art instruction course under Miss Borthwick Fernridge and Whatman to attend also. Classes for woodwork and cooking were kept going

19th April Max Pye a pupil of Standard 4 hurt his arm at drill (Physical Education) There was no break or dislocation

Graeme Moore broke a leg playing football under Mr Cooper on Wednesday. He is doing well.

Matter was reported to the Board

24th April At East school reg Johnston broke arm through falling as he jumped off a stile on which he had been sitting. This has been reported. The boy is progressing satisfactorily

An Anzac Day Ceremony was held in the school this afternoon

8th May Miss Sheet and Miss McGregor were present at school today and yesterday testing for special class

9th May School closed today for term holiday Returns completed and sent in. £6-15-0 sent to health Camp fund (Education Board)

26th May Relieving Teachers Miss B Jaine (Vice Miss Berry) and Mr D Rockel (Vice Miss Sutherland)

4th June As Barry Lavery has developed diptheria (College) his brother and sister have been sent home

6th June Nurse Wilson commenced testing the children today Standard 6

16th Commenced ½ yearly test Specialist taking feet measurements for Standards Institute commenced today

17th Miss Saunders absent 17th and 18th Representatives of the Standards Institute were at the school from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday afternoon measuring the feet of 76 children from P1 to F2

20th Miss Saunders away again today Procession through town led by school band. Gifts for Europe carried

23rd June Miss Saunders away again today. Have communicated and asked her to apply for leave of absence

26th Mr Stubbs (Inspector) spent the afternoon at the school and saw Miss Oliver. He also discussed with me some matters of organisation

During lunch Reg Johnston broke his arm

27th July An exceedingly bad southerly storm with bad flooding today- Poor attendance

4th July Mr Rockel was absent today- visit to Wellington

7th July Mr Rockel returned to duty today

A meeting of the staff held this afternoon discussed fully the following

- a) School combined project in art. It was decided that Mr Williams should plan the layout of the story “Little Red Riding Hood” and allot portions to be painted or cut out to different rooms
- b) The testing of Social Studies and Science. It was decided to drop all testing and to assess work of pupils on things done e.g. projects, work books, speeches and so on
- c) Getting out of afternoon recess (*5 Minutes usually*) on very wet days. This was generally regarded as being a desirable move as was the suggestion that on wet lunch periods teachers at school should allow their pupils in their room and that stories could be read to children still in the assembly hall
- d) The suggestion was offered to staff that teachers take turns at conducting the assembly. This was not enthusiastically received but finally the arrangement was made that the matter should be voluntary if done at all
- e) Other matters discussed were the desirability of more bells and that clocks should be procured for rooms needing them

The meeting was held in a helpful and cooperative spirit

Commenced 3rd July 1923 Closed 7th July 1947

	Dux	1947
1933	Gladys Bubbers	(PA) Married
1934	Phylis Fenton	Married
1935	Jean McLagan	Teacher Married
1936	Bernard Knowles	Overseas Scholar
1937	Helen Leighton	Office
1938	Don Hayes	Rep Cricket
1939	William Geary	PA
1940	Margaret Bubbers	University
1941	Marie Lindsay	Teacher
1942	Dorothy Benge	Office
1943	Stanley Milne	
1944	Patricia Bilderbeck	Office
1945	Patricia Cockburn	Office
1946	Keitha Catherall	Teacher
1947	Harry Hicks	Training Coll
1948	Ngairé Malmo	Clerical
1949	Rex Gillwood	
1950	1950 June Lambert	

1947-

5th February 1947 Alexandra Herald and Central Otago Gazette reported Miss Roma Tohill, who has been visiting her parents at Galloway left on Friday to resume her duties at the

Masterton Central School. This was the only reference on Papers Past from 1946 at 30th November 2018

Masterton Central Logs (Original at Wairarapa Archives)

1947

Note: Newspaper cuttings pasted in the log are identified in this copy by this coloured ink

Mr Coddington still Head Master

15th July Lindsay Lock hurt his shoulder in the playground

16th July Twelve prizes for writing were received for various pupils today

23rd July Miss Jasmin and Miss Martin have been appointed to the staff as B graded teachers (1st August)

Lansdowne pupils saw film "Hitler?" here

Members of the T L Trust inspected museum

Dr W McCallam at East (2 days)

Not all statements recorded as writing is often illegible

August Messrs Stubbs, Bell and Bringans spent three days inspecting the school and seemed satisfied with the state of the work. They left this afternoon

Miss Willis absent 4 days this week I have to take her class

A staff meeting was held on Tuesday after school and the Peoples of the World project was well discussed and matters arranged

22nd Mr Williams has been appointed lecturer in method and leaves today. A present from staff at Auckland Training College

Last night Rooms 1 & 2 had a social in the hall

The nurse spent 2 days at the school

18th September Lieut Commander Olphert visited and addressed school today (Navy League)

A Staff meeting held Tuesday

29th September in harrier run on Saturday R Dogman secured second place and the two teams scored 3rd and 4th places being beaten by St Joseph's *Later to become Chanel*)

1st October Miss Stillborn (Training College) arrived for teaching practice

6th October Return sent to Board Main Average 551.5, Side (East) 74.75, Special Class 15

16th October Yesterday 320 pupils went to circus and 206 to the pictures "Olympia" at expense of Parents Association

Today Ron Lafoe? Stole a purse from Miss Wallace's bag

Mrs Jenkin's returned after 7 days absence (exams)

24th October Received 16 looms on Thurs 22nd

31st October A school project was put on display for parents today and attracted much attention It depicted Peoples of the World. Messrs Stubbs and Blair (Inspectors) attended and praised the project

Others who visited: 2 classes West School, pupils of Solway and Te Ore Ore; Sisters of St Brides Convent; 2 classes of St Matthews School

Cutting of above

3rd November Miss Fennimore commenced relieving today vice Miss Wallis

20th November I was elected to the Masterton Borough Council yesterday

1st December School suddenly closed during weekend owing to outbreak of Poliomyelitis in Northern Area of North Island. Teachers still at work. Exams half-finished and remaining subjects addressed
12th December Teachers completed years work today On 4th and 5th Discussion groups were organised. On 8th and 9th refresher course in P E and swimming. Wednesday 10th election day school in use. Thurs and Friday Cleaning up
A difficult but not altogether unsatisfactory year

1948

School reopened today except that pupils did not return. Teachers have been allotted classes and proceeding with schemes and addresses of pupils. New members of staff are Messrs Pilcher and Sander also Mises Gage, Ditford and Stillborn

Mr Bennett returns in place of Mrs Connell and Miss Oliver in place of the B Grade male

13th February Mr Bringans met 60 teachers in school here on Monday 9th to discuss the correspondence work

The first of this work arrived on Thursday 19th for Primers 3 and 4, Standard 2, 4,6, and Standard 5 arrived on Friday, A week's work for all classes Standard 1-6 has been put into the Times Age As Standard 1 and 2 work has not arrived an assignment will be put in Times Age on Wednesday 20th Quite a large proportion of the children have sent in work to be marked and most of it reasonably well done. Much trouble is being caused parents and especially mothers

This evening word was received that restrictions are lifted and schools resume on March 1st

3rd March John Simpson- special class- had an epileptic fit at lunch time. I arranged with Welfare people to have him taken home to Carterton by 1.30 bus

12th March I shall transfer Sergeant and Paterson from Special Class to Standard 4 and Bradley from Special Class to Standard 5 as from Monday

12th April Received 402 Country library Service Books.

Returned 376

23rd April 70 poppies bought to make a wreath for Anzac day. Service at school in afternoon

3rd May An emergency drill- school cleared in 1 ½ minutes

3rd May Lawrence Corbett suffered a slight fracture of his forearm (Left) whilst playing football (*Rugby*) this afternoon I took him to Dr Berney after applying splints and he ordered him into hospital for xray. The fracture was a slight one just above the wrist

6th May Rooms 1 and 2 had a social evening last evening and subscribed £4-13-0 to the United Nation appeal for starving children in Europe

7th May School broke up. Returns sent in. The sum of £23 has ben collected from both schools (£6 East) for United Nations appeal for starving children of Europe 24th May School reopened New Teachers Mr Bass and Miss Tankersley (Special)

Emergency Drill

26th May Miss Sheat at school in connection with Special Class

27th Children of Rooms 1 and 2 put on a "scratch" concert and raised about £4-13-0 for the UN fund for starving children

(Total Subscribed £31-7-6)

5th June School closed yesterday for King's Birthday

Miss Stephens, dental inspector was at the school today and addressed Form 2 and 1 girls

18th June Nurse made preparation for Diptheria immunising Notices sent to parents of Primer 1

22nd June Visit by Mr Wills (recently appointed supervisor of Phys Ed) and Mr O'Connor senior organiser

9th July Survey (Half yearly) held during last 2 weeks

16th July Survey completed Most of the work of good standard- some weakness in the presentation in the middle school

22nd July Mrs Hollings who was for many years secretary of the School Committee died yesterday. A wreath from the committee has been arranged for

26th School closed today on account of Infantile Paralysis (Poliomyelitis) . Weill remain closed for two weeks Messrs Bringans and McClure inspectors arrived and left

29th Two further cases cases of above in town one causing closure of St Matthews School and one (Preschool) in a West School family

4th August The period of quarantine having expired the school will reopen tomorrow 5th August No further cases so far occurred in the town

5th School reopened with an attendance of 93% which is surprisingly good under the circumstances

10th The Supervisor of PE Mr Warham was inspected at work by Mr Robinson (Inspector) at school this morning. Congratulated Standard 6 girls on excellence of P E Work

16th The death of Alan Bradley (Poliomyelitis's) occurred on Saturday morning The funeral will take place today. Arrangements have been made for the boys of the class to form a guard of honor at the cemetery gates

17th Mr McClure acting inspector was at the school today seeing the P A 's (Probationary Teachers, 1st year)

The Tinui and Mangapakeha Schools visited the school museum today

19th August Received 35 each Jack And Jill in Many Lands (Holland Switzerland and Norway)

6th September Mr and Mrs Sutherland commenced and Mr Rockel came in and relieved

We commenced the occupation of two rooms at Knox church today

17th September Nurse Wilson has spent two days checking up on Standard 6 Boys and Girls

A meeting of staff held on Tuesday discussed school projects and decided on middle of October as finale

15th September Harrier Run Mon 1st

23rd September West school has been closed for two weeks owing to having 2 cases of poliomyelitis

Visit from basketball (Netball) and rugby teams from Eketahuna We won basketball 18-10 and rugby 20-3 A very pleasant afternoon

25th Pamela Large (Lange?) has developed Diptheria (Later PL has not developed Dip) (Two reports received from Health Department)

1st October Returns sent to Board Main average 554.4 Side (East) 74.5 Special 14

14th October Another Social Studies Project Whole school was put on display at school today. "The world we live in" and was seen by Mr Seddon (Chairman), Messrs Nicol and Masters (members) of Education Board and also the Principal of the Training College Mr Waghorn and Miss Ellerson of his staff as well as by Mr Stubbs (Senior Inspector) Messrs Bringans, Bell and McClure (inspectors). The inspectors invited all surrounding schools to view it which most did. A large number of parents and friends also visited the school to see it.

29th October School was closed for Labour Day on Monday 25th. School photographs were taken on Thursday 22nd and proofs are to hand today

School visited by district nurse and Standard 2 checked up on

11th November Inspectors Bringans and Robinson here yesterday and today. Pleasant time spent
Tests came out as follows

Standard	Mental	Tables	Spelling
6	15	19, 24/25	19
5	15	14	15
4	14	15	18
3	17	15	18
Tests /20			

Nurse testing infants today 22 pupils for B H L testing

16th Sole Bros circus arrived opposite today. The children are very excited. Most of pupils have never seen an elephant

26th commenced examinations this week. Reading and composition during the week and arithmetic on Friday

Photographs of classes received

Visit N B C script writer (*National Broad Casting?*)

1st December I was compelled to report Jos Garner to het manager of Sedgley Home for gross insolence towards the teacher. Mr Sutherland. He ahs repeatedly ben insolent. I feel that if there is no improvement his conduct will have to be reported to the Board

2nd Toady Murray Morris broke and arm in eh playground. Mr Bans? Who was in the vicinity attended to him and had him removed to the doctor by car

5th The above proved to be dislocated elbow and he is back at school

Dux of School Ngairé Malmo. Proximo Accesant George Dawson

Special Prizes Anne McFarlane , Val Bell, G Richardson, Grant Coutts

9th Home gardens Judged today by Prefects and Sub Prefects 19 certificates awarded

11th John Rossiter tested for F2 certificate and awarded one

Athletic Sports held on Friday.

Champions Senior Boy Brian Quayle Girl Mac

Junior Boy Stu Crozier Girl Kath Ewen

Cutting on Ngairé Malmo Dux, Gay Fancy Dress Party, Santa Claus visits

17th December School closed for holiday today after a very satisfactory years' work in spite of setback (Polio)

Swimming Champions Senior R Kirkbridge and June Grieve

Junior G Smith and Jocelyn Mackay

1949

1st February School reopened today. There were a large number of admissions. A full staff except that Mr Bennett relieves in place of Mrs Connell (Absent to care for aged mother)

4th First emergency drill today. All clear in half minute though all are in different rooms

8th Mr Evans Instructor in Agriculture visited school this morning

Request from Awatoitoi School for use of learner's bath on Saturday

Received 2 blackboards and 1 easel

Received 34 English Books (Standard 2)

14th Awatoitoi School came in and used the baths on Saturday. They will probably be in again next Friday

16th Sent re turns of destination to Ed Board. (Presumably of Form 2 leavers at end of 1947)

25th February Swimming sports held yesterday

Champion House Wakefield

Senior Boy Kevin Hayward Girl Pearlie Gerrand

Junior Boy Ron O'Dowd, Girl Jocelyn Mackay

1st March At Dixon Street baths yesterday evening the boys whose names appear below won the

Don Cup for interschool relay run under auspices of eh Masterton Swimming Club

R Kirkbridge, R Hayward, B Emerson, and John Mita (Emergency K Nelson)

4th March Athletic Sports

Senior Boys R Kirkbridge, Girls C Wardell

Junior Boys S Crozier, Girls I Parkes

5th March swimming reports to the Board

	Class	Roll	Non Swimmers	10 yards	25 yards	50 Yards +
100%	F2	60		2	19	39
95%	F1	85	4	14	8	59
84%	Standard. 4	56	9	19	9	19
57%	Standard. 3	79	34	27	9	9
50%	Standard 2	61	30	31	-	-

14th Sent £7-1-9 to Barnardos Homes (+ 11/1)

23 Mangapakeha School spent the day with us today. They saw a film on frogs and went through the museum beside practising on microphone. They spent some time in their respective class

25th Combined School Sports held today in fine weather.

31st March Footballers out for first time.

22nd April Anzac day ceremony held in the hall today. 64 poppies were purchased to make a wreath for Monday's ceremony in the park

27th Messrs Stubbs and Bell (Inspectors) visited he school today

30th April Placed 2nd for cross country Harriers Shield. Should have won except for runner on part of first runner re course

3rd May Staff meeting to discuss proposed project held after school

6th Figures sent to Board Main 505.4 ,Side School 64.01 Special 12 .5

22nd May School reopened 18 admissions

24th May 2 more children enrolled in infants. Infant Roll closed

13th June Return on cycles sent 117 stalls. 203 cycles

17th June This is a notable year in that the Trust Lands Trust has reduced its stationery grant to £100 for all schools. When it is remembered that in 1932 the grant for this school alone received £140-15-0 the change will be appreciated Our share this year will be approx. £36

30th Mr Evans visited the school and will spend 2 days here. An aquarium has been placed in Room 10

19th July Rooms 1 and 2 with band went to Park in connection with planting of memorial oaks by Sir Howard Kippenberger . The band made a good impression

26th Preliminary trials have resulted in 9 of our boys being in the running for Representative Rugby honours, These boys (with others) meet the Southern choice for final selection on Saturday

Mr Gasson (PA) has been granted his C certificate and has been taken for relieving work (after ½ a year as PA) Miss Barnes has taken his place as PA (as from July 1949) P A stands for Probationary Assistant a beginning teacher just out of training college

1st August Miss Davies took over Miss Tohill's place as reliever today. Miss Tohill was presented with a crystal bowl by the staff on Friday on her leaving to be married

15th August The following boys have been selected to play Wairarapa Rep rugby to play in Wellington Quadrangular Tournament R Hayward, K Henwood, E Pool, B Emerson, and McCarthy
The sum of £8-15-0 collected for Health Camp Fund

5th September School reopened today. Mr Walker replaced Miss Tohill and Miss Davis is relieving in place of Miss Barge. Admissions 27 Roll 670

12th September One displaced European Child admitted this week in Amerike Kronus

22nd September Jerseys (Presumably rugby) handed in today. Five missing. In future a boy must be held responsible for the jersey issued

26th Mr Warham spent four hours at school today. First visit since February
Nurse Wilson at school today

25th September Discussed fully with Messrs Baas, Keller and Sutherland idea of reforming parent's association. Arranged for gathering to be "sold" to parents for early in year. Meanwhile now K and S to draft circular letter

30th Visit by officers of milk marketing dept. with information that proportion of children taking milk here is very good indeed

Sent to Board. Main School 573.25 Average roll. Side School 80 and Special class 15

Total Roll 668.25 for September 4th October Messrs Stubbs and Bell visited school today to see PA's
Mis Davidson absent yesterday from 9.30 a.m.

7th October 15 members navy league (paid)

£8-15-0 allocated to hall

11th October Roger Lavery badly twisted his ankle today. Taken to doctor and to hospital for Xray

14th R Hayward and J Mita punished (4) for stealing money from school and made to restore money taken

25th October A dead body was found under the hedge at East School this morning Apparently an elderly man had committed suicide by shooting. The police were notified and care taken to keep the children from the area

25th October An entertainment (ventriloquist) gave an entertainment today, net profit to school (£2-5-0)

31st October Two students (Training College) Messrs Gosnell and Webster commenced observation today

8th November Mrs Allen (Relieving vice Miss Jaine) was absent today. Messrs Bringans, Bell and Robinson, Inspectors were at the school yesterday and today. Good results were obtained in the tests applied to Standard 5 and 6. Some of the dramatic work was seen also

5th December Swimming instruction started today. Examination completed. Final preparation for drama project now in hand

15th December The school drama project was staged last night and the previous night as two programmes. The both evenings were a splendid success and drew much commendation Messrs Bringans and Bell (Inspectors) were present last evening and thanked and congratulated the staff and children on their efforts. Takings £43-10-0

16th December School broke up today with much merriment

Masterton Central school Programme

Honours List cutting

Drama Project

First Portion

1950

1st February School reopened with augmented staff and a good pick up of new pupils. The commencing roll No was 630 somewhat higher than last year. Two classes have had to be housed in the assembly hall due to withdrawal of permission to use Knox Sunday School Rooms. Screens have been provided to separate three classes

6th February Sent Leaver's report (One Maori)

16th February Swimming sports held today

Sen Champion Boy Garry Smith Girl Jocelyn Mackay

Jun Champion Boy Robin Coutts Girl Pamela Corke

24th February Athletic Sports held today

Senior Boy Graeme Brogden Girl Colleen Woodell

Junior Boy Des Knowles Girl Kathy Ewen

Champion House Seddon

The eight champions are to receive miniature cups

27th & 28th Cycles all inspected by traffic officers. 171 inspected 5 not fit (Broken)

3rd March Messrs Stubbs and Woodley visited school

5th March Swimming Returns

	Class	Roll	NON swimmer	10 yds	25 yds	50+
97%	FII	70	2	7	7	52
98%	F1	58	1	19	11	27
62%	S 4	1	31	6	16	28
70%	S3	77	23	23	14	17

15th March Mr Oliver the new caretaker commenced his duties today

27th Rex Davis Cut Lip- hit by Cricket Ball. Sent Home (With Companion) and advised to have medical attention. This was done 2 stitches. Progressing well. Reported

6th April Mr Savage finishes his month of observation and teaching practice today. School closed for Easter

17th April Mrs Tooby (Phys Ed) spent a day at the school today

15th Miss Lowrie spent period at school and arrangements made for infant teachers to meet her at 3.0 p m on Thursday 20th at West Side School

21st April Collected to purchase poppies for school wreath for Anzac Day £5-14-0

2nd May Cole's representative arrived and carried out some minor repairs to heaters (central)

Last night old committee re elected

4th Attendance officer at the school yesterday afternoon and this morning

Rooms 1 & 2 held a social evening last evening. It was a very pleasant and successful function

22nd May School reopened Last 2 new rooms in use for first time

24th James Asphlett Flesh wound over right eye whilst playing hockey. Dressed taken home and hence to Doctor. Reported to Board

26th Janet and John- applied for 26,44,36, 45 and 19. 19. 9 12 for East
Appointed acting Head Teacher as from beginning of June and until new permanent appointment made

Completed 40 year's service today 31/05/50 E W Coddington

31st May 1950 Interviewed Miss Feringa an English girl today with idea of recommending or otherwise her appointment to a Grade 1 country school (Request of Education Board)

Heard of sudden death of Mr N R Seddon Chairman of Wellington Education Board today

13th June Order received for 5 spades, 4 rakes, 6 hoes, 12 hand forks for East School

15th June Mr Whitwell (Senior) and Messrs Ewing and Woodley visited the school for a short time today. This is the first time the new inspectors had been here

3rd July As a result of above Miss Barnes received wire today to report for relieving work at Pongaroa

7th July Last night a most successful evening was held in the school. The occasion was an attempt to get together parents and teachers. It was a most outstanding success in that the spirit throughout was most pleasing and the parents and staff did become closely associated. (240 parents)

8th July Annual rugby 7 aside tournament held today for all Wairarapa schools. In Midgets we reached semi-finals. In Junior we beat Greytown A in the final after extra time

In Seniors we were beaten by Featherston A in final after extra time by 3.0

10th July Sent returns to Board inventory forms for projector and library books for East School together with Money Order for £98-12-7. A Money order was like a cheque except it was got from the Bank fully filled out.

11th July Received 45 each of Janet and John readers and one manual (Parts 1-4)

Cuttings on Parents meeting and Trust Lands Trust expenditure of Library Grants

Photo of Heath Rigg a perfect giving money for UN Children's Emergency fund £50/10

24th July Mrs McLagan and Miss King absent sick

26th Mrs Allen commenced relieving until 31st Miss Osborne afterwards

31st July Mr Sissons and Mr Tooby at school.

8th August Messrs Woodley, Ewing and Gilchrist inspected school (& East) 7th, 8th, 9th

A ceremony handing over £50/10 to the Mayor was held at school today. The money was raised by the children for starving children abroad

9th August Pleased with work throughout school was impression of Inspectors who left today

Retirement of Infant Mistress Mrs G McLagan

4th September School reopened today with Mrs Lyttle relieving in place of Mrs McLagan Difficulty in ensuing relief in place of Mr Campbell but may get Mrs Sutherland. 15 new primers

13th Mr and Mrs Sutherland absent on account of death of Grandfather (1 ½ days)

15th Miss Basingart? And Miss Brooker here from Training College today and Mrs (O'Connor)

Mrs Carmine rom TC (Student) 2 days

1st September Miss Irwin has spent week testing for the special class

26th Lindsay Lock apparently received a greenstick fracture at cricket yesterday afternoon but neither Mr Keller nor any of the boys can recall the incident. Only when his mother rang asking for work for him to do did we learn of the matter this morning

28th No Break!

On Tuesday a meeting of committee of Parents Assn and Head Master, Mr Baas, Mr Keller and Mr Sutherland decided on another parent's evening This will be held on the 26th October and will allow for Parent teacher discussion

29th Figures sent to Board Averages for September Main School 533.5 East School 121.75 Special Class 13

4th October Mr Eccles had his eyebrow cut as result of accident whilst taking his class for Hand stands with support during physical education. His spectacles were broken and his eyebrow cut necessitating stitches

24th October Mrs Dutton representing B H L (Barnardos) called and enrolled 8 new members Tomorrow and the next day parties of scholars under teachers will go to the Industrial Exhibition in Wellington

27th October Parties as above returned much benefited after enjoyable outings

A very large meeting of parents and teachers was held in eh school last evening. The gathering was entertaining

2nd November School doctor and nurse at school yesterday and today

13th November Paid £22-12-7 for school photos. To school £2-5-0

Mr Keller absent 6-10 November

14th November Received brief report on children tested for Special Class

Went to Wellington 16th Selected Library Books

20th November Clifton Garbett (Sedgley) fell off a cycle and cut his lip during lunch period. He was taken to het doctors by Mr Masters

7th December Sent to Senior Inspector methods used in promoting pupils from primes and from Standard to Standard. Also method used in issue of P.S.C (?)

8th December I reported to police that some person had fouled he girl's drinking fountain by doing their faeces on the mouth piece at some time last night

12th December Rt Hon Peter Fraser (Prime Minister) died today

14th December Certificates and cups were presented by Mr Masters at assembly this morning.

15th December School closed for holidays today. Al I returns forwarded. Organization worked out, provisionally for next year

E G Coddington

[Article and list of names of Honours List. Including June Lambert Dux](#)

1951

B Simpson Head Teacher

5th February commenced Duties s headmaster today. Classes organized and rooms allotted Mrs Bennett (Relieving Teacher) Mr Hutton (RT), Misses Saunders and Turnbull

6th Attended first committee meeting meeting. Referred to dangerous crossings at rear of school. Two members to inspect

13th Inspected work being done by Miss Turnbull P A in charge of Standard 3 A. A good start has been made. Discussed teaching of spelling. Social Studies and the setting out of work- economy in the use of paper (9.30- 1015 a m)

Visited Standard 4 B Mr Hutton (R T) discussed work- inspected written work in books.

Staff meeting after school- See notes of *(Not included in log)*

15th February Miss Saunders PA on sick leave. Received Doctor's certificate Re Miss Saunders who applied for sick leave

23rd Mrs R A Whitham commenced duties as relieving teacher. Have written to inform the Board

1st March Miss E gage exchanged positions with Miss Walker of West Side School. Inspector Horsfall and Mrs Denne visited school in connection with traffic and traffic patrols

6th Mr Sommers and Mr Watkin of the Wellington T C visited one year students

9th Inspected work in in Standard 3 A and Standard 3 B this morning

6th April Mr J Hutton R R volunteered to open new school in county as a result of a discussion with Mr Woodley Staff Inspector

Mrs Baas was appointed by phone to act as a relieving teacher until the end of the term

4th May End of term Miss N Dilworth B assistant and Mesdames Mrs McLagan, Witham and Bennett relieving teachers finished their duties.

21st May reopened school Mr Smith (A assistant) Miss Kitchener (Infant Mistress and Miss Allwood (R T) commenced duties Miss N Saunders still absent. Mrs Baas continues as R T

5th June Miss N Saunders returned to take up duties after being on extended sick leave.

Mr A Don Patron and Mr Spiers president of the Masterton Swimming club presented the Don Cup at assembly this morning.

14th June Staff Meeting- playground supervision, milk delivery to rooms, discussion on examination

28th June Mr J F Bell visited school to inspect probationary Assistants

29th June Mr B Allwood relieving teacher transferred to Clareville

2nd July Mrs Bennett commenced relieving duties in Standard 4 B

4th July Miss Turnbull still absent-ill. Tocker still absent I have been taking her class

Note I have not recorded all teachers noted as being absent'

19th Miss P Smith absent today in Wellington Teachers appeal Court

25th Miss D Peterson absent today on account of illness. Emergency Drill at 2.10

1st August Arbor Day celebrated. Mr Pink of the Beautifying Society gave an address at morning assembly. At 10.45 a.m. two films were shown by officials of the Forestry and Lands Department. Douglas Fir planted

3rd September Reopened school for third term Mrs Wickens and Mr Healy permanent teachers commenced duties while Mr E Coddington commenced duties as relieving teacher vice Miss Tocker who is absent on Leave. Mr A E Bradford extra P A. (Probationary Assistant) also commenced duties and was given 14 from Primer 1, 2 from P2 and 2 from P3 to form an extra P2 to be termed P2B

14th Mr J F Bell Inspector visited school today to inspect Miss N Saunders P A

2nd 6th, 8th October School visited by Traffic Inspectors. Bicycle Drill and classroom instruction

13th October Meeting of Headmaster's Association and First assistants held at 3.30 pm in staffroom

10th November Commenced final examination Finished 22nd

19th December Mr G Masters Chairman of Committee presented trophies and certificates at morning assembly

1952

4th February Reopened School this morning 42 admissions. Miss Admore took up duties as Permanent Assistant. Misses Turnbull and Saunders reported for relieving duties

5th February Miss Turnbull commenced relieving duties at West School. Error made in telegram to her

7th School closed on account of death of King George VI. Flag flown at half-mast until after funeral

15th Funeral off King George VI Special memorial assembly held at 10.50 a.m. Two minutes silence observed and service (as suggested by the Education Department) held

3rd March Miss M Turnbull B assistant commenced duties today. Annual swimming sports held today.

20th March Successful Parents Association meeting held this evening. Mr B Mather gave an address on Social Studies

8th May Staff and Committee of Parents Association had a profitable meeting to assure Parents' Association of cooperation and the formation of sub committee to hold discussion with staff

26th Reopened school for second term 23 admissions

29th Messrs Woodley, Hill and McMullan visited school today to inspect P A's

21st July Inspectors Woodley, Hill and McMillan commenced annual inspection of the school. Completed 25th

22nd August Mr A Bradford completed his term as an extra Probationary Assistant

8th September Reopened school today Miss Evans commenced duty as an E W A (*Guess Extra Women Assistant*) vice Mr Bradford

16 new admissions Average attendance for Month Main School 555. Special 13

This entitles us to another assistant

18th December Break Up function this morning at assembly when G Masters chairman of School Committee and Mrs E Coddington presented awards and sports trophies

Roll 564

1953

School reopened this morning with 45 admissions- 25 from other schools.

Miss M Trayner and Miss A Smith commenced duties as probationary assistants

Roll at end of first week 524 + 10 in special class

5th February Fire Drill held

10th Messrs Robinson and Hill Inspectors visited school this morning. They approved of the new organisation viz Miss Kitchen to be supervising Infant Mistress, Miss Turnbull to take charge of Primer 1 and Mr Healy of Standard 3. They had informal discussions with Miss Kitchener and then the P A's

11th Three training college students commenced teaching Learner's classes in swimming at school learner's pool. Longbush school were granted permission by Committee to have the use of the pool (Addendum: During school holiday a collection of valuable coins were stolen from assembly. These were recovered by the Police)

26th March The first meeting of the Parent's Association for the year was held tonight when there was an excellent attendance of parents. Miss Kitchener infant mistress addressed the meeting on work in the infant room. Pianoforte items were rendered by Mrs Simpson

27th March Messrs Robinson and Hill Inspectors called in this morning re the proposed alteration to the Infant Corridor, which they strongly favour

24th April Anzac Day service held this morning. Pupils addressed by Rev Falloon. Sale of poppies realised £2-15

27th April Biennial election of School Committee 20 present

28th I was absent today at a meeting of Inspectors and Headmasters Carterton

25th May Reopened school this morning 18 admissions. Miss J Fellingham Relieving Teacher commenced duties vice Mr Mather who has resigned to take up another appointment

29th Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II service held assembly hall at 2.20 p.m. Dismissed children until Wednesday 3rd June

No further entries other than Teacher absentees until

10th 11th August I was absent owing to a death in the family

18th School closed for Term Holidays Mr Baas (Its assistant) Miss Wickens and Miss Evans (E P A) finished duties today.

7th September School reopened. Mr J Kelly Grade 1 assistant, Me E Coddington and Miss Fellingham (R T's commenced duties. Admitted 13 pupils Roll 550 and 12 special class

21st September Mr P Healy commenced sick leave for two months. No relieving Teacher available and so I am taking the class (Standard 2 A)

1st October Mrs Hopkirk clerical assistant commenced relieving duties (Standard 3A) today

22nd Governor General Sir Willoughby Norris met school children in college grounds this afternoon.

Children granted holiday on Tuesday 27th October

6th November Mr Coddington and Mrs E Hopkirk terminated relieving duties today

9th November Copps? Commenced relieving duties

17th December Closed School

1954

1st February School reopened this morning 16 admissions

Mr T Harp 1st assistant Miss Fellingham Relieving Teacher Miss Catherall R T commenced duties

Royal Visit took place on 15th January when pupils assembled at Wairarapa College to greet the Queen and Duke

8th- 12th March I was absent attending a course for Headmasters at Wallis House

23rd April Anzac Day service held this morning Mr E G Coddington Mayor of Masterton addressed the assembled pupils

3rd to 5th May Education Board inspectors Messrs Robertson, Forbes, Hill and Logan made their biennial inspection of the school

24th May Reopened school this morning Mrs Duncan and Messrs Fenton (Permanent) , + Duncan (R T vice Mr P Healy resigned) commenced duties. 10 admissions

3rd September School reopened Mr J Gibson Standard 2 commenced duties as assistants

16th December Closed school. Miss M Trayner, Mr J Fenton the Misses Graham P A's finished duties. Roll 537

1955

1st February School reopened Roll 507

Miss Lee, Miss Cornish (Speech Therapist), Miss Bouzaid, Miss Brewster, and Mr Walker R T commenced duties

1st March Mr W O Walker commenced duties as scale 1 assistant

21st to 25th March Attended Headmaster's refresher course at aerodrome

18th -21 April Assistant's refresher course 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. daily

6th May Closed school for 1st Term Holiday. Mr, I Harp First Assistant finished duties today

23rd May Reopened Mr L J Roy and Mrs L J Gronden(Special Class commenced relieving

1st July Mr W Farland commenced duties

6th July Mrs Hopkirk clerical assistant finished duties today
19th July Mr P Smith in hospital- broken jaw
16th August Closed school today for holidays Mrs D Connell retired on Superannuation
5th September School reopened today for third term Miss Marion Turnbull has left as she has accepted another position. Roll 530 + 14 in special class
19th P Smith absent- operation acute appendicitis
17th October P Smith returned to duty
15th November Messrs Cottle and Greensmith members of the Board and Mr Charles assistant secretary visited the school this morning. Board meeting to be held in Masterton tonight
Mrs Benseman relieving teacher commenced duties today
13th 14th December Annual Fancy Dress Dances were held
16th Closed school for annual holidays

1956

1st February reopened school Miss R McLaren Scale 1 and Miss B Rofe and Miss M Jury P A's Miss H Smith R T Miss P Bouzaid Scale 1 commenced duties Roll 519 10 in special class
14th Fire drill taken
18th March Mr D Anderson commenced relieving. Duties in Mr Smith's class
Mr Smith in hospital Pneumonia
24th Anzac Day service held at 2. P.M
30th Miss M Jury absent sprained ankle
2nd May Shop Day held by Home and School Association
4th May Miss Jury still absent
21st May Reopened school Mr P Smith still absent- patient in hospital Mr Anderson still relieving in his place. + Miss Smith in the Infant Department
28th May Inspectors Hill, Robinson, Curry and Logan commenced Biennial inspection
1st June Inspectors finished inspection. Fire Drill
5th July Mr P Smith returned today after being absent since 13th April owing to illness and Miss K McAlan
20th June Mr J Kelly finished duty today
2nd July Mrs S Balfour commenced relieving duties and Mr Shepherd
9th July Mr Shepherd absent dan completed relieving
16th July Miss M Jury absent marooned in her home by floods
17th August Closed school for second term. Miss H Smith and Mr S Balfour terminated relieving duties
3rd September Mrs Ramsbottom and Mr S Golder commenced duties as Scale 1 assistants and Mr P Kedgway as R T Miss Troubridge as P A
28th September Mrs M Walker completed duties today
1st October Mrs S Wickens commenced duties as RT vice Mrs Walker
9th October 76 pupils left to attend new Masterton South School This leaves 1 vacant classroom Room 5
5th November Annual athletic sports held
18th December Miss E Kitchener infant mistress terminated duties today

1957

4th February Reopened school today 56 admissions miss Mills, Mr Ngatuere commenced duties as P A's No teacher for Primer 1
5th Standard 3 from East school arrived due to lack of accommodation at East. Accommodated in Prefab classroom
6th Mrs Bradey relieving teacher commenced in Infant Department
15th Fire Drill held at 9.45 a.m.
29th February 1st March Annual Swimming sports held
12th March Mr C Hill Inspector visited PA's this morning
15th Miss Truebridge PA finished duties today
27th May Reopened school for 2nd term Miss Bayliss Infant Mistress and Miss O'Donnell Relieving Teacher commenced duties
5th July Mr C Hill Inspector visited Mr Ngatuere PA again
23rd Mrs Brady finished
31st July Mr Hudson absent Mumps. Mrs Brady relieving again
13th August Mr Hudson returned to duty, Miss Brady terminated
9th September School reopened Mrs S Brady commenced duties as relieving Infant Mistress vice Miss Bayliss who has been seconded to Wellington training College for 3rd term
23rd September Miss O'Donnell commenced relieving duties vice Miss Peterson who is in hospital
11th October Miss Brady finished relieving duties
14th October Mrs I Bartley commenced relieving duties in Infant Room vice Mrs Brady
25th October Mr W D Hudson released from duties today on account of ill health
29th Miss O'Donnell commenced relieving duties vice Mr Hudson. Miss Peterson returned to duty
20th December School closed for year

1958

3rd February Reopened school for 1st Term Mr W Crozier, Miss I McKay P A's and Mr G Bain relieving teacher (Vice Mr Hudson resigned) commenced duties
4th February Swimming commenced at Memorial Baths and learner pool Special bus is transporting 40 children daily (4 Standard 3/4 – Form II only attending)
28th Mr J Gibson resigned to take up duties at Wairarapa college
3rd March Mrs Naomi Henderson commenced relieving duties in Standard 4 finished 28th
9th April Mrs I Bartley commenced relieving duties nee Miss P Bouzaid on marriage leave
9th May Closed school Miss D Peterson retired on superannuation
26th May Reopened School 24 children from Harley Street enrolled
These people have been directed by the Board to come here as they were in our school zone.
New Primer 2 class constituted as a result. Miss J Bartley commenced relieving duties. Miss O'Donnell commenced relieving in Standard 1. Mr J Davidson Second Assistant commenced duties also. Standard 3 (Mr Davidson) returned to Prefab room
1st July Mr P L Smith absent on indefinite sick leave. No reliever available. Took class myself
11th July Mrs Bartley finished relieving duties. Mrs P Everest commenced relieving duties
22nd Mrs Lees commenced relieving duties in Standard 1 Miss O'Donnell took over Form II

24th Miss Doreen Tomlinson arrived unexpectedly to relieve in Standard 1. Mrs Lees finished duties on 23rd after 2 days. Miss Tomlinson was sent before Board received my notification about Mrs Lees
1st August Mrs M Lees recommenced duties as R T in place of Miss Tomlinson who has gone to Solway School

22nd August Closed school for second term vacation Mr W Farland first assistant finished duties
8th September Reopened school Mrs D Hawkins Scale 1 assistant commenced duties. Mr P Smith returned to duty after being absent on sick leave since 1st July. Miss O'Donnell relieving in Mr Farland's Class

7th November Miss O'Donnell finished duties as R T

10th Mr K Cunningham first assistant commenced duties

19th December I finished duties as Head Teacher of Central School having completed 40 years' service and eight years as head teacher of this school I B Simpson

1959

W Burgess

2nd February School reopened after vacation with roll of 469 including 33 admissions. Misses J Malmo and I Hercus appointed P A's and Mr and Mrs Parekowhai and Mr G Mandahl as assistants commence duties

3rd Swimming instruction commenced at Memorial Baths and school learner pool

4th Traffic Inspector H L Doyle visited school and spent am instructing traffic patrols

5th Rather nasty accident (Daniel Neil Standard 2) resulting from fall on piece of glass in vicinity of instructor. Have marked off and placed out of bounds

18th Mr G Parekowhai returned to duty after two days absence

27th Despatched organisation schedule and Education Board 's annual return

Results of swimming sports listed

5th March The school swimming sports were held on Friday 27th after one postponement

13th March Mrs P Simpson resigned from profession after 5 years on staff of this school

Received £10 advance to special class and speech clinic

25th March Mr Doyle Traffic Officer brought Senior Traffic Officer Horsfall and T O Thorn to visit school T O Thorn is the first female T O to visit the Wairarapa, Instruction to Infant school and presentation of Traffic patrol Badges

26th March Closed school for Easter. Mrs D Parekowhai left staff after six weeks as reliever

24th April Anzac ceremony in the hall 2.20 pm Primer 3 to Form II present. Mr W Stephen Chairman of School Committee attended. Talks on significance of occasion given by two senior boys
[Note I have not included all references to staff absences]

25th May Miss J Coronno joined the staff

1st June School closed for observation of Queen's Birthday

12th June Miss J Coronno resigned

15th Mrs Kay commenced duties as relieving teacher

13th July Mrs M Stodhart Nature Study Organiser visited the school

15th School closed because of annual interschool seven a side tournament in Rugby, Soccer and Basketball (9 aside netball played in court divided into three sections)

Printed Programme for Evening's Entertainment in Social Hall Masterton

20th July Mr Kerr returned to duty absent from 13th . Miss M Tweedie took up appointment as relieving teacher in Standard 1-2 room

18th July Saturday – first step in move to improve the appearance of the school frontage. A sale of plants was held- Roses, penstemon, and sundry others attracting quite a lot of attention

31st July Mr R Golder finished duties as assistant master after several years on the staff

3rd August Mrs C Stewart and Mrs A Burgess commence relieving duties in place of Mr Golder and Mr Mandahl (On three week refresher course)

5th August Arbor Day Four trees were planted along the southern boundary of the recreation ground- Scarlet Oak, Maple, Beech, Ash, completing the existing line of limes

18th Front area rotary hoed as further step in the reestablishment of lawns and gardens

School concert held in Social Hall, Operetta Choir, gym club display and drama club- play

20th Matinee presentation of concert to school in assembly hall

21st Annual maintenance survey. Mr H Barker and members of School Committee

Mini projector sent in for overhaul

7th September School reopened after vacation. Miss G M Gladstone took up duties as assistant mistress. 10 admissions increased roll to 484 + 8 special class

9th Mr H Doyle School Traffic Instructor visited school a.m. Bicycle safety instruction

14th Mr G Mandahl absent through sickness. 4 further admissions brought roll to 500

8th October Agriculture club held on Pet's Day 90 children brought along pets including dogs, cast, fowls, budgies, goats, lambs, guinea pigs and rabbits

16th October Mr C A Hill Inspector of Schools Mr R Stodhart Area Organiser Phys Ed. Miss Freeman District Health officer all present at school

29th Miss E Lenihan Adviser to Infant Department spent day at school [Miss Lenihan taught researcher at Muritai School]

31st At a working bee the last of the front area was levelled and sown. This completed the first stage of the improvements to the front of the school

5th Mr Drummond a previous headmaster passed away aged 92

9th November Mr L Doyle- School traffic Patrol officer visited school to instruct Standard 3 children in traffic patrol work. As Standard 4 these children will undertake the work in 1960 when the school contributes to the new Intermediate

12th November Dr R Roberts Medical Inspection of children in Special Class [The wife of Dr Roberts of Featherston]

17th November District Agriculture Club Day- Form 1-2 end as members of club Attended display by

28th School inspection (B5) carried out today and yesterday by Mr L Huddlewick, Mr D Deacon, Mr C A Hill

27th The annual athletic sports held in recreation grounds. Glorious weather small attendance of parents

3rd December Interschool athletic sports at Queen Elizabeth park

7th Standard 2-Form 2 took part in welcome to Lord Cobham Governor General at Wairarapa College Grounds

10th School opened to parents in afternoon. Moderate response

15th School breaking up ceremony Mr W Stephen- Chairman of School Committee presented awards. Closed school for 1959 One day early. Wednesday 16th December taken as Governor General's Holiday following recent visit

Seven members of the staff complete their appointments Miss M Lees, Miss M Tweedie- relieving, Miss L Hercus, Miss I Malmo- Ex PA, Mr R Kerr ex relieving Wood work Instructor, Mr R Harris and Miss Miss Clapperton

1960

School opened after summer vacation. Miss N Skeet takes up appointment as PA and Mr M Limburton? As permanent assistant
Miss M Lees relieving in place of Miss I Mackay who is on leave of absence Roll 377 Admissions totalling 46
22nd Commemorated birth of Queen's son with appropriate observations at Morning assembly singing of National Anthem
4th March School swimming sports reduced attendance of parents Modified programme very successful
15th Work started on repainting the school
22nd April Anzac Day ceremony held during last half hour p.m. P3- S4 present
6th May School closed for vacation
Miss G Gladstone resigned from staff
23rd May Miss J Lewick appointed as relieving teacher in place of Miss Gladstone. 10 admissions including 4 to the special class
31st Mr J Melser Inspector of Schools visited
1st June Mrs M Stodhart Nature Study specialist visited the school
23rd Miss E Archdall area organiser for art/craft visited
11th July Miss E Archdall H Moore and Miss Taylor art/craft specialists spent day at school
13th School closed for annual seven a side tournament. Committee Holiday
14th Mr V Burt Inspector of schools spent afternoon at school P A Inspection
3rd August Arbor Day Short ceremony p.m. Four children planted Silver Birch on either side of main gate- whole school present-Other plantings were then made to complete the line along the front fence and to fill the gaps at Southern End of recreation ground
12th August Mr Mandahl absent on sick leave
15th August Mrs P Simpson engaged as reliever in place of Mr Mandahl
5th September School reopened for third term. 9 admissions bring roll to 446 Miss K Griffiths commenced duties as reliever in position created by increase in roll. Miss M Rogers commenced duties in permanent appointment in place of Miss Gladstone
7th Visit by committee inquiring into distribution and use made of school publications
12th September Shell (*Petrol Company*) Traffic Trainer Demonstrates at 2 p.m. to official guests and members of the general public. This demonstration in conjunction with Road Safety week organised by the Local Road Safety Committee. All the children in our school are to receive road safety instruction by means of the trainer
16th Demonstration and discussion by Dr F Grossnickle? Representatives of the local schools present
14th October Successful fancy dress party for Junior School Approx. 250 adults
14th December Break Up ceremony. Special guests Mr and Mrs Stephen Mr and Mrs Watson, Mr and Mrs Coddington and about 70 parents. A successful function
15th December School closed for summer vacation. Farewelled Miss N Skeet P A and Mrs K Griffiths W Burgess

1961

1st February reopened school. Admissions 40 bring total roll (Including Special Class) to 450
Miss J Francis and Miss J Campbell commenced duties as P A's- no change in staff otherwise
27th Swimming sports held at the Memorial Pool in good weather Modest attendance of parents
25th Annual Gala Day organised by Home and School Ass in aid of school funds
29th March Manual Training centre reopened, This has been closed since the opening of the
Intermediate School. Reopening now to serve country and private schools. Staff Mrs C McCartney
and Mr H Hellenes?
6th April Mr McDonald (Board Member) Mr Donovan(Local Board Member Mr Tritt (Ass Secretary)
visited school to discuss accommodation problems
Mr F Coleman (Head Master East), and Mr H Henderson (H M Harley Street) were also present Later
(P M) Messrs Stephen Coddington and Wells joined the discussion. The result was an undertaking to
transfer the disused Poroporo School and set it up in the grounds of the Central School
11th April School visited by Mr F Maymorn. Inspector of schools. Approval given by Board for
appointment of relieving assistant in view of gross over crowding
12th April Mrs A P Burgess took up duties as a relieving assistant
24th April Anzac day ceremony Mr E G Coddington addressed the children on the significance of eh
day. Mr J Guppy School Committee chairman was present
29th Miss E Lenihan -Infant Adviser visited the school and spent the day demonstrating in the Infant
Department
28th Miss Y Hitchings- Music Specialist spent the morning at school working with various classes
22nd May School reopened after May vacation. 7 new enrolments No staff changes Mrs A P burgess
continues as relieving teacher in temporary quarters in Guide Den
12th June Mrs M Lees replaced Mrs A P Burgess continues as relieving teacher in temporary
classroom
20th June School visited by representatives of Education Board Mr S Hyndman Chairman, Mr E
Charles, Sec Manager, Mr Cottle and Mr W Robinson District Senior Inspector
The visit was in connection with the meeting of eh Education Board in Masterton. Representative of
eh School Committee Me W Stephen, Mr E G Coddington and Head Teacher accompanied eh Board
Members on a tour of the school buildings and grounds
23rd June Dr (Mrs) Roberts School Medical Officer examined five year old enrolments since March
13th July The old Poroporo School building arrived in the grounds to be set up as an additional
classroom. Renovation to include the porch into the classroom area and painting inside and out
have resulted in a very acceptable classroom
18th August School Closed for Vacation Mrs A P Burgess completes her relieving appointment. Mr R
Cunningham First Assistant Takes over as acting Head Teacher during my absence on secondment to
the Education Department
4th September School reopened with roll of 474 including 11 admissions. The roll of the special class
stands at 13
R Cunningham Acting Head . P Smith Acting 1st assistant
8th September Mr Stodhart area organiser Phys Ed worked in school today
13th September Mr Hedley Board Officer undertook annual maintenance survey toady
14th Mrs Thornton conducted audiometry tests with special class and speech defects

15th September Mrs Francis absent through illness. Mrs Burgess relieved in her place
2nd October Mrs A Burgess replace Mus Griffiths as reliever in Room 11. Mr R Stodhart Phys Ed specialist worked with all classes today
Fancy Dress practices
Average Roll for first four weeks of term 473 plus 14 in special class
13th Fancy Dress Ball held in Memorial Stadium last night very successful Over 400 parents present
15th November Standard children took part in interschool athletics
22nd Visit from 2XB technicians to take a tape of items prepared by Room 1 and 2 for water safety week
14th December Break up ceremony

1962

5th February School reopened today with an approximate roll of 460. With the change of school boundaries (Reverting to Short Street as our Southern Boundary) sixteen pupils have decided to transfer to Harley Street
10th Working bees in connection with the concreting of the area around the baths and the installation of the filtration plant are underway
24th Gala Day Over £200 cleared
30th March Completed appointment as relieving Head Master on this date R Cunningham
2nd April Recommended duties as head teacher after to secondment to the Education Department in connection with Diploma in Teaching W Burgess
Miss A Williams absent through sickness. Mrs A P Burgess appointed in a relieving capacity
10th Mrs B Nicol relieved in place of Mr R Cunningham absent through sickness
4th May School closed for May Vacation. Relinquished duties as head teacher to take up appointment at Highlands Intermediate New Plymouth
21st May Roll 450 and 16 in special class Staff appointments R Cunningham Acting Headmaster. P Smith acting 1st assistant. Mrs B Nicol relieving Room 1
5th June Miss I McKay left to take up appointment as infant mistress at Terrace School Waipukurau Mrs A Burgess relieving in her place
11th June Mrs Burgess replaced by Mrs Liptak
23rd June Mr H Symonds and H Barker Board architects inspected hall and classrooms. Possibility of sound proofing of hall examined and lighting tests taken in several rooms
4th July The caretaker Mr C Morris died this afternoon after an illness which had put in off work since April
6th July School closed at 2.40 pm to enable members of staff to attend caretaker's funeral
9th School inspected this week by Messrs Logan and Chappell
Funeral Thanks from Cyril Morris's Family
17th July School Committee met to interview selected applicants for caretaker and cleaner. Mr Waterson and his wife were selected
10th August Mrs M Hannan retired today. No appointment has been made so the speech clinic is closed in the meantime
17th Mr J Davidson completed appointment at this school and goes on promotion to Awatoitoi This terminates my second appointment as relieving Headmaster

3rd September Noel A Espie writes I have commenced duty as headmaster. Mrs A Cavenagh has commenced duty as Assistant Sc 1 replacing Mrs Liptak. Mrs M Lees commenced duty as relieving assistant replacing Mr I J Davidson. Mr R Cunningham reverts to Senior Assistant Sc III B and Mr P Smith reverts to Assistant Scale 1

12th September Mr P Smith Sc 1 absent- in hospital for treatment. Mrs B Nicol commenced duty in Mr Smith's class

26th Mr P Smith returned to duty. Mrs B Nicol ceased duty

1st October Owing to a rise in our roll number (493 + 15 special class) we have engaged an extra teacher today. Mrs Lees has moved into Room 6 to take an extra infant class and Mrs Nicol commenced duty as relieving Scale in Room 12 (Standard 2-3) until the end of the year. As no appointment has been made for the speech clinic this room is being used as a classroom. All speech clinic apparatus has been locked in the speech clinic waiting room

3rd October Mr I Mandahl attending an inservice Course for special class teachers on October 3, 4, 5th. Mrs S Hodges engaged during this period

4th The sum of £12-15-0 was raised in a shop day by Standard 4 in aid of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign (Corso Appeal) [Corso= Council of Relief Services Overseas] Money forwarded to Mr Malcom Wells

17th October The school athletic sports were held in fine weather. Organisation worked very smoothly and sports were completed by 3 pm. The mayor Mr N Tankersley was present during part of the afternoon

25th Mr B Nicol ceased duty at lunch time for hospital treatment. No reliever available

29th Mrs Lees R Scale 1 recommenced duty .Mr S Hodges ceased duty.

A rehearsal of the Fancy Dress Ball was held in the War Memorial Hall this morning. The final item involving approx. 500 children will require some modification

[Programme attached](#)

31st October The Fancy Dress Ball was held at the stadium tonight. It was a most satisfactory and satisfying evening. The modified programme introduced this year enabled us to finish at 9 p.m. The final dance "Seven Jumps" with the whole school on the floor was most effective. Over 500 parents were present

13th- 15th November Mr Doyle Schools Traffic Officer gave instruction to all classes in the school on Rad Safety. He also inspected all the bicycles '

14th November The contributing schools' sports were held today at Queen Elizabeth park

18th December Breaking up ceremony held in hall at 2 pm. A good attendance of parents Class certificates presented by Mr Guppy- Mrs Coddington presented the Coddington Memorial Prize to Carl Harris

19th School closes for the year Mr Smith Sc 1 Miss MacGregor, and Mr McTamney (PA's) Mrs Nicol and Mrs Lees (Relievers) cease duty

1963

4th February. School commenced for the year with a "Teacher's" Day Only . School organization and room organization were covered in the morning while in the afternoon In Service Training took place. For the teacher's split into two groups with Miss Masters Infant Mistress for Infant reading and one group with me for Standard Reading. Some good work was done during the day

Mr W Little (Assistant) Misses M Eastwood, J Collinge (PA), D Davies (Speech Therapist) have joined the staff. Mr B McTamney, Mrs B Nicol and Mrs C Mander are acting as relieving teachers. Mr G Mandahl is at present on Military Leave

5th Children commenced school for the year Starting Roll approximately 465

15th Mr Mandahl returned to duty from Military Leave. Mrs B Nicol ceased relieving duty

27th The Annual General Meeting of the Home and School Association was held at school tonight.

Approx. 30 parents were present. Mr H A Lang addressed the meeting on Parental Responsibility in Education

7th March Mr J Wilson Inspector of Schools inspected the Special Class

15th March A very successful swimming sports meeting held at the memorial pool and our own baths today Swimming certificates issued reflect the results of better swimming facilities this year as compared to last year

Confidence Certificates 60 (24)

Water Skills 70 (36)

Learners (50 Yards) 57 (46)

Proficiency 100 yards 46 (33)

Merit (220 Yards) 25 (20)

Miss C Mander who is leaving teaching ceased duty today

18th March Mrs M Lees Reliever Scale 1 commenced duty today

29th March Mrs A Cavanagh Sc 1 who has resigned ceased duty today

1st April Mrs B Nicol commenced duty in Mrs Cavanagh's position Mr W Little is absent again with influenza. Mrs H Simpson relieving

8th We commenced using Trefol House as a classroom this morning. The room is being rented to the Wellington Education Board from the Girl Guide Association for £3 a week. Mrs M Lees is teaching in a P4- Standard 1 class there

Mr W Little returned to duty today

11th Dr Roberts administered a skin test to New Entrant 5 year olds

22nd The Biennial meeting of Householders to elect the new School Committee was held at the school at 7.30 There were only 16 present

Mr J Guppy Chairman, Mr H Newman Deputy J Gayler Grass Cutting Committee, W Manson Home and School Rep. J Jameson Home and School Rep, A Simpson, G McLeod, M Doyle, M Willoughby, E Coddington Secretary and Treasurer

1st May A display of work and films was the programme for the Home and School Meeting tonight.

There were over 150 parents present- a very successful evening

6th Miss J Collinge absent with influenza- No reliever available

10th First Term ends. Mr Cunningham ceases position as first assistant, a position he has held since 10/11/58

He is accepting well earned promotion as head teacher of Mayfell School Blenheim. Mr G M Maydahl ceases duty as special class teacher having been here since February 1959, He is going to East School

27th May Term opens with the following new teachers Mr B Nicol Scale 1 (Ex Mrs Cavanagh) Miss S Martin Scale 1 (Ex Mr Mandahl) and Mr J Buxton Reliever Scale 1 (Ex Mr Cunningham) The rest of the staff is unchanged

29th H/M absent from school with internal injuries following a fall in the school corridor on Monday Morning (27th)

10th H/M returns to duty

18th June Mr H Hollow Woodwork Teacher injured his thumb on circular saw today and admitted to Public Hospital

20th June At a Home and School meeting held last night in the school hall Sergeant of police Rusback ? spoke on the subject of Delinquency There was an attendance of approximately 50

24th Fire Drill this morning at 10 O'clock Fire drill evacuation was carried out. One entrance- the boys back entrance was sealed off without warning. Evacuation which usually takes 1 minute took 2 minutes

1st July Miss S martin, Special Class teacher absent for one week's observation at Palmerston North and Fn. Mrs L B Jenkins is relieving in her place. Mid Year examination begun today. Mr J Buxton? Absent with influenza, Mr I Simpson (Ex H/M Central) relieves in his position

4th July Dr Roberts (Mrs) inspects 5 year olds children in the staff room

9th July Mr L Doyle Schools Traffic Instructor gives traffic instruction in school (standard 1-Standard 4)

10th July Mr B McTamney absent playing representative football in Palmerston North against Manawatu. Mrs L Jenkins relieves in his position

17th July Mr H Hollows woodwork teacher returned to duty following his accident on 18th June

19th July Miss S Morton Special Class teacher resigned from teaching today

22nd Miss L Jenkins relieving in Special Class

23rd 24th Miss M McDonald Traffic Instructor in school giving traffic instruction to Infant Classes

25th One hundred Standard 3 & 4 children today visited the Gymnastic Display in the War Memorial hall organised by the Physical Education Branch

30th 31st Approx 90 teachers attended an Inservice training course held in the school hall from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Topics Social Studies- Art and Craft. Speakers Mr J Henderson (Oxford Terrace Upper Hutt) "Developing Centres of Interest" . Mr Anderson, Wilford School Petone "Resource Material". Miss Archdale, Messrs Ritson and Carmody (Art Specialists) The place of Art and Craft in Social Studies

1st August Messrs Logan and Chappell inspect PA's Misses J Eastwood and J Collinge and also Mrs B Nicol

2nd Mrs B Nicol absent with influenza. Mrs D White acts in her place

5th August Miss B Nicol returned to duty. Mr B McTamney absent on special leave to rugby for Wairarapa against Auckland at Auckland

Mail for the school was found opened in a shelter shed this morning. Apparently, it had been removed from the letter box over the weekend. The police were informed

The annual maintenance survey for the school was carried out this afternoon. Mr W Hedley was present from the Education Board and Messrs Coddington, Mason and Jamieson from the committee

7th August Mrs D White ceases relieving duty

Tonight a general meeting of the Home and School Association was held, Teachers were in their rooms to interview parents at 7.30 and they were addressed by Mr F Turner of Intermediate on "Teaching the Bright Child" A strong southerly with heavy rain blew up in the afternoon resulting in a disappointing attendance of only 50

Dr Roberts medically inspected the new Entrants today

12th Miss P Masters (Infant Mistress) absent today. She is in Wairarapa Public Hospital with a broken tendon in her leg. Apparently, she damaged her leg while playing badminton on Friday Night I have engaged Mrs E Gallagher to relieve in her room. Mrs B Nicol is absent today because of family sickness. No reliever is available for her room

14th August Mrs B Nicol entered hospital today and will be absent until the beginning of next term.
Mrs M Tuitabon ? is relieving in her room

19th Today 210 children from Standard 2 to Standard 4 and 8 teachers went to Wairarapa College to take part in the official welcome of children to Sir Bernard Fergusson, Governor General of New Zealand and Lady Fergusson Sir Bernard addressed the children, walked between the rows of children and met the children. He later declared a special holiday to be taken on a date to suit the convenience of the school and the Wellington Education Board . After a light frost the morning was brilliantly fine and all the children had a most enjoyable outing with the Governor General

29th Laura Fergusson and Virginia Lucas Government House and Hilda Tankersley Masterton Today Lady Fergusson accompanied by the Lady in Waiting, Miss Lucas and the Mayoress of Masterton Mrs Tankersley visited the speech clinic: Mrs D Davies speech therapist and Mrs Gordon Senior Speech Therapist for the Wellington area were present. Lady Fergusson saw children being given speech therapy

Signed Joan Gordon, Dorothy Davies, and N A Espie Headmaster'

23rd August Second term ends. Mr J Buxton, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Tuitabon?

9th September Third term opens. Miss P Masters, Mrs B Nicol return to duty from Sick Leave, Mrs M Lees absent for domestic reasons. Mrs McLaggan? relieves in her position. Mr A A Rowe takes up his position as First Assistant Scale III B

17th September -18th Mr A Rowe and Mrs B Stewart absent attending an Inservice Course for senior assistants under the direction of Mr Harold Clark. Mr I B Simpson relieved in Mr Rowe's Class

20th Mrs McLaggan ceased duty

23rd Mrs M Lees returned to duty today

208 children from Standard 2-Standard 4 visited the factory of N R Cunningham [White wear manufacturers]. The children went in four parties arriving for a one hour tour at 1 p.m. 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30 The children were taken right through the factory and saw "Norge" products, refrigerators, Washing Machines etc. being made from sheet metal stage to the finished product

24th The father of 63/1 and 63/116 called and demanded his children These children are entered with having their mother as Next of Kin. After some time he agreed to discuss the matter with the child welfare officer and left

25th A meeting was held in the hall tonight to discuss the celebration of the centennial of the school. Following a cold stormy day this was an attendance of only 16. It was decided to celebrate the centennial in November 1965 and interim committee was set up. Chairman Mr H Newman, Secretary Mrs Jolly

8th October Mr M Tuitabon is absent on a special Art and Craft Course- The arts of the Maori being held at N Z E I rooms; Victoria Street The course is under the direction of the Art and Craft section of The Department. Mrs M Blakemore relieving in her position

10th Mr Chappell inspected Mrs Blakemore for a personal grading Rep Today I received a notice from the Secretary of the Trust Lands Trust that my application for a grant of £100 to help with the modernisation of our school library had been successful

I have also been informed that the Central School Indoor Bowling Club has donated £20 to us for our library

14th Mr Tuitabon returned from duty from the Arts of the Maori Course. Miss P Masters absent with tonsillitis. Mrs Blakemore continues relieving in her position

This morning a dress rehearsal for our fancy dress ball was held in the stadium

This afternoon a police constable visited the school and questioned 63/55 about an alleged offense 59/70. 61/90. 63/36 who were alleged witnesses to the offence were also questioned

15th October Tonight our fancy dress ball was held in the stadium between 7.30 and 9.00. Up to 1000 adults and children were present. The whole evening went off without a hitch, reflecting great credit on the teachers who spent a lot of effort on bringing the children up to a fine standard.

Programme for Fancy Dress Attached to log

18th October Miss P Martin returned to duty from sick leave. Mrs M Blakemore ceased duty. This afternoon 65 children went by bus to East School to see Peter Snell, world champion 880 yard and 1 mile runner. Mr Snell spoke to the children about running and then ran with the children

21st October 51 Standard 3-4 children went to the Town Hall at 10 a.m. to see a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" put on by the Southern Comedy Players

Today we started the experiment of issuing industrial paper towels to children for hand washing purposes. The Home and School Ass has bought 5 cartons of 24 packets each at 72/6 [72 shillings and 6d. There were 20 shillings in a pound so this was £3-6s-6d] per carton. The towels are issued on a room basis and we are endeavouring to find out (1) Is the cost of the towels within our means? (2) Do they work satisfactorily

22nd October The Athletic team attended the Masterton School's sports held at Queen Elizabeth Park today

23rd Oct This evening Mr J Moa B A Headmaster of Masterton Intermediate School addressed the Home and School Association on the "The Intermediate School" About 30 parents were present This morning Mr J Espie assistant director of Dental Hygiene and Mr Lysart (Singapore) visited the dental clinic at the school

25th October Today the school was closed. We celebrated the holiday granted by the Governor General on his recent visit to Masterton

31st Mr H L Doyle completed one week at School with Road Safety Traffic Trainer. All classes participated. The unit consisted of model roadways, footpaths, pedestrian crossings, traffic signs, 6 model cars and 6 bicycles. Cornwall Street, Fernridge and Matahiwi schools also participated

4th November Emergency Evacuation- 1 min 15 sec

8th This morning there were two explosions in a gas oven in the cooking room. The teacher Mrs McArtney received superficial burns to the face and hair and the sleeve of her cardigan was damaged

16th A very successful gala day was held today with a record crowd 139 pounds banked

22nd School athletic sports held today

25th This morning in assembly reference was made to assassination of President John Kennedy of the USA in Dallas Texas on Saturday morning. Children stood in silence and the flag was flown at Half Mast

2nd December Miss M Eastwood absent on marriage leave

Mrs G M McLaggan relieved in her position.

16th December Mrs M Fenn (nee Eastwood) returns to duty

18th Break up ceremony held in hall at 2 p.m. Mr Jamieson presented the certificates Rex Corlett was awarded the Coddington Memorial Prize

19th School closes for the year. Mrs Jenkins, Les, Fenn, Miss Collinge, Williams, Rogers cease duty

1964

3rd February School commenced with Teacher Only Day. School organization and class organization were covered. Standard teachers discussed standardising of procedure in arithmetic, while Infant Teachers discussed Infant Reading

Mrs Oxenham (Special Class), Mrs Blakemore, Mrs Low (Reliever), Miss C Jones (PA) Mr J. McTamney (PA) joined the staff

4th Children returned to school and are directed into their room for year

10th Miss M Beaumont reported for duty as second speech therapist

24th Mr A Rowe and Mrs B Stewart absent. They are attending an Inservice course with Mr H Clark (Follow up course for Senior Assistants)

25th – 28th Headmaster absent attending a Headmaster's course with Mr H Clark at the NZEI rooms (At old Victoria Street Side school of West)

27th Swimming sports held Standards in town baths Infants in school baths

28th Miss M A Low ceased duty to take up a permanent position at Harley Street School

2nd March Mr D Thompson reported for duty in place of Miss Low

27th -31st Easter holidays. During the holidays the school was occupied by the Baptist Church Easter Camp

16th April The new speech clinic situated on the corner of Russell St and Chapel St was occupied today

17th H R Builders commenced reconstruction work in the old speech clinic (R 13) to convert it into a second special class. A new bench and cupboard unit, cooker and shelving to be put into this room

21st- 24th Mr M Tuitubon absent at an Inservice Training Course on the Arts of the Maori. Mrs E M Martin of Upper Plain is relieving in Mr Tuitubon's room

29th- 30th Miss M Sutch (Senior Psychologist) and Mrs J Saxton (Area organiser of special classes) tested children in the school. Six children to be admitted to new special class

8th May School closes for the term Mr D Thompson ceases duty

25th School reopened with the following new teachers. Mr J Robertson (Scale 1) new senior special class teacher. Miss R Jolly vice Miss Rogers

The second special class was opened and 20 new special class children were admitted making a double unit of 31 altogether. Mr J Robertson is in charge of the Senior Unit and Mrs A Oxenham is in charge of the Junior Unit

26th Mr J Wilson inspector visited the school today to see the new special class

10th June This afternoon and evening Mr J Hyslop Reading adviser discussed reading with Resource Personnel from Town Schools

12th Miss D Davies and Miss M Beaumont are today at Inservice course in Wellington

17th Mr B McTamney playing representative rugby in Wellington Miss L B Jenkins relieving

2nd 3rd July Mr J Robertson and Mrs A Oxenham attending an Inservice Course in Wellington (Special Class Teaching) Mrs L Jenkins and Mrs C A Rowlands relieving. Mrs C Lord (Clerical assistant) relieving

6th During the weekend the school was entered by burglars. Considerable damage was done to locks and doors Three shillings were stolen The police are investigating

14th During last Night burglars entered the school and searched the main offices, Nothing is reported missing. The police are investigating

Note I have not listed all staff absences for illness. Too many of them

13th August Mr Robertson took the senior special class to Wellington today on the railcar. While in Wellington the children visited the Maori Section of the Museum

18th 19 20th August 60 children combined with the school children in production of "Noyse Fludde" by Benjamin Britten an opera based on a miracle play Over 240 children local museums, a group of professional musicians under the leadership of May Harmon singer Grant Dixon and Dorothy Hitch of the New Zealand Opera Company and Mr Peter Swartz leader of the Wellington Youth orchestra took place

7th September School reopened There have been no staff changes since last term

14th Messrs B and J McTamney absent today attending the funeral of a relative in Napier. Mrs L Jenkins and Mr J Rowlands engaged for the day

21st Received a cheque £10 from Lions International to be spent on the Special Class

23rd 24th Mr W Little is attending an Inservice Training Course- Art and Craft based on a theme. Mrs L Jenkins is relieving in his class

Fancy Dress Programme attached

29th 180 Standard 2-4 children visited the Trades Fair being held in the war memorial stadium

6th October Mr H Hollow Woodwork Instructor is absent today. He is in Palmerston North hospital and shall be there for the rest of the week

8th October Miss D Davies absent through sickness. My latest advice about Mr Hollow is that his absence on sick leave will be prolonged It is unlikely that he should return to duty this year

15th A very successful Fancy Dress Ball held before 500 parents in eh War Memorial Stadium tonight

22nd Visit from Mrs Sutch Senior Psychologist to test recommended children and discuss Special Class promotion. School sports day. Morning programme held but afternoon programme postponed because of heavy rain that set in at noon. Visit from Mr Evans science adviser to discuss In Service Training

23rd The finals of the Athletic sports and the infant sports were held this afternoon. There was a good attendance of parents considering the unpleasant weather

29th Children from the school participated in eh Athletic Sports at Queen Elizabeth Park The team was very successful this year

2nd November Mrs B Nicole absent to 4th on bereavement leave. Her father died during the weekend. Mrs S McLagan relieving today

4th Tonight a Home and School evening was held 220 parents were present to see display of work of Social Studies. Choir, Band and Gymnastics. A very successful evening

6th Dr Roberts [Mrs] examined deaf children in the school. For the last two days children and Teachers from the schools have been visiting us to examine our social studies project "Lands of eh Mediterranean" which is set up in the Hall

13th Traffic Officer L Doyle visited the school to inspect bicycles. He will call later to see if required repair have been carried out

14th Today we held a Gala Day, Children, Home and School and parents cooperated very well. The sum of £407 was banked. This is the first time our Gala Day has topped £400. Competition winners

Infants decorated saucers (1) Andrew White (2) Murray Mills (3) January Bolton

Stds Decorated Saucer (1) Graham Osborne (2) David McIntosh (3) Charmaine Smith

Vase of Flowers (1) Rhonda Shaw (2) Elaine Paterson (3) Christine Summers

Best Doll (1) An Tozer (2) Charmaine Hosie (3) Heather Emerson

Best Model (1) Stephen Espie and peter Nicol (2) Stephen Munn

16th School photographer took class photographs

18th November Miss R jolly absent today on Marriage Leave

Programme for Annual Breakup and Certificate Ceremony attached

List of all recipients attached

23rd – 27th Miss Master (Infant Mistress) and I were absent for 1 week attending an inservice course on Number. Mrs G McLagan was engaged to relieve in Miss Master's position

3rd December I attended the inservice coordinating meeting in Wellington today

4th December End of year surveys have been completed and teachers are now writing up their records for the year. The swimming baths were opened today for the first time this season

7th December Mrs R Bridge nee Joly returned to duty today

16th The Annual Break up and certificate ceremony was held in the school hall today at 2 p.m. In the absence of the Chairman Mr Guppy, Mr Coddington presented the certificates. Mrs Coddington presented the Bob Coddington Memorial Prize [Susan Henson]

17th School closes for the year. Misses D Davies (Speech Therapist) C Jones (P A) and Messrs W Little (Assistant), J McTamney (P A) cease duty

1965

1st February School commenced the year with a Teacher's Day Only, School organization and class organization were covered. Infant teachers discussed the new number scheme. Standard Teacher's discussed Social Studies and Club activities

New Teachers reporting for duty were Mr M Graham Scale 1, Misses B Henderson, S Smith (P A)s .

no appointments have been made to the speech therapist position

8th 9th Messrs Rowe, McTamney, Graham, Tuitubon, Robertson, Mesdames Stewart, Bridge and Miss Smith were each absent for ½ day at an Inservice Training Course being held at the NZEI rooms in Victoria Street. The subject Nature Study. Miss L Jenkins relieved

24th The infant swimming sports were held in the school swimming pool before a good attendance of Parents

25th The Standard 1-4 Swimming sports were held at the Memorial Baths today . This year we separated the Infants and Standard sports to enable parents who wish to attend both

9th March Mr B McTamney absent on Inservice course on Physical Education. Mrs J Rowlands is relieving. '

12th Nurse Morris replaces Nurse Austin- Smith at the dental clinic. Nurse Morgan transferred to Lansdowne =. Nurse Morris is in sole charge

25th Mrs Leywood carried out Audiometer tests on Standard 1 Primer 4 Children. Some degree of deafness was found on 5 of the 97 children tested. Of the 12 retested from other parts of the school 3 were found to be normal

26th March During the recent swimming season the following certificates were issued Last year's figures in brackets

Confidence Certificates 91 (40)

25 yard seal 66 –

Water skills 35 (11)

Learners 50 yards 25 (20)

Proficiency 100 Yards 12 (20)

Merit 220- 440 yards 48 (18)

Resuscitation 37

29th Mrs J Neilson Upper Hutt appointed second speech therapist at the school Duties commence on the 24th May

2nd April Dr Roberts inspects New Entrants as well as hearing defects discovered by Mrs Leywood

13th April Today at 3.08 Masterton's worst industrial accident occurred when the plastics factory opposite the school exploded. As many children as possible were brought back off the street and held in the school ground until it was safe for them to go home. The school was used as an assembly point for factory workers and minor injuries were treated. Four workers were killed and a number seriously injured

21st April School opens after Easter Mrs M Blackburn Absent since 18th march returns to duty after sick leave. Tonight was Home and School Display of Work Night when parents were invited to inspect their children's work in their rooms and to meet their teachers. The evening was very successful and teachers spoke to 250 parents in their rooms

23rd An Anzac Service was held in the hall at 2.30 this afternoon. Mr A Rowe gave a talk on Anzac and the ceremony of saluting the flag completed the ceremony

25th A party of 45 Standard 3-4 children took part in the Anzac service at Queen Elizabeth Park children formed eh letters ANZAC

27th Mr I A Robertson absent for the of the rest of this week attending an Inservice course on Reading at the NZEI rooms Masterton Mrs L Jenkins relieving

30th April Mr and Mrs F Waterson Caretaker and Cleaner ceased duty today. Mr Watson has decided to retire. The staff farewelled them both at Morning Tea this morning

1st May Mr F Watson died suddenly at his home today

2nd May Mr and Mrs Lefort commenced duty today as caretaker and cleaner. Mr I A Robertson returned to duty today after attending the refresher course

7th May School closes for the first term holidays. Miss Lench and Mr Tuitubon cease duty Miss Lench is going to Palmerston North and Mr Tuitubon to Whangarei

24th School recommenced for the second term Mrs L Jenkins relieves in Mr Tuitubon's position

28th It was reported to me this morning that last night the Bowling Club found a strong "Rotten" smell in the school hall. This smell was sufficiently strong to cause the club to finish early. This morning teachers and I have searched and found no evidence of the smell. The Local Health inspector has also researched and found no evidence of the smell. I have also informed Plastalon N Z Ltd the present headquarters of D S I R investigating the Plastic Factory explosion. An emergency evacuation was carried out this morning. Evacuation took approx. 1 ¼ minutes

31st May 4th June School inspectors Messrs J Wilson, K Kearney, J Logan and H Henderson- inspect the school for school inspection Report and for grading of three teachers who have applied for new reports. Inspectors expressed themselves well satisfied when they left on Friday

8th June Traffic Officer I Banks is in school giving traffic instruction to children

15th June Miss A Ferguson Art Adviser discussed art with Standard classes

23rd June This morning together with Fire Officers Clarke and Dolby and eh Borough Health Inspector I carried out tests on our electric heat in the school. As a result we are now satisfied that the smell reported on May 28th and smelt several times since was coming from the burning plastic in this defective heater

Dr Roberts inspected children of the Junior Special Class this afternoon

2nd July Last night the Annual School Committee – staff meeting was held. At the conclusion=on of eh meeting there was supper supplied by the staff

Traffic Officer Banks inspected 128 bicycles today. Wo were put off the Road as dangerous to ride

5th July Mrs A Oxenham absent today with a stomach complaint

7th Tonight P3- Standard 4 displayed their social studies to their parents in the school hall. The topic was countries around the Pacific and each class displayed work in individual bays. About 250 parents were present

Programme attached

9th July Home and School held a cake day today in Perry Street

19th July Today Miss Freer Music Festival Coordinator worked with the school choir

22nd Mrs P Everett absent because of family sickness. (Small daughter has Scarlet Fever)

26th Mrs G McGregor engaged to relieve in Mrs Everett's position

3rd August This afternoon Mrs M Blackburn fell over a chair in her room and damaged her leg. She received medical attention for a cut leg. Injury reported to Board. Today teachers are interviewing parents in conjunction with mid-year reports. This will continue for three days and evenings

5th August Mrs M Blackmore returned to duty

10th Mrs M Blackmore absent- reoccurrence of leg injury

6th September School opened for third term Mrs J Master commences duty as assistant Sc 1

Mrs L B Jenkins continued to relieve in the vacancy caused by Mr Tuitubon's departure

Mrs E Espie relieving in Mr Blackmore's position

Mrs E Martin commenced duty as part time reading teacher (remedial) Mrs Martin who is officially attached to Lansdowne school teaches for 15 hours a week and takes remedial Reading in Lansdowne, East, West Cornwall St, Central and Harley St Schools

She has been going to 2 schools a term and this term will come to Central and Harley St Schools. She is in here from 9-00 to 10.30 and will take 3 groups of 3 children for half hour lessons each day

7th September Traffic Officer I banks inspected bicycles in the school

10th Mrs C Espie ceased duty

15th Rugby, soccer, hockey and basketball (Netball) teams participated in winter sports tournament today

23rd Today Mrs W I Lamb, Daughter of Mr W T Grundy headmaster of this school when it was built in 1882 called to visit the school, She told the following story of the building of this school

When Mr Grundy first arrived in Masterton he was taken by his School Committee to see the then school in Dixon Street. "Well Mr Grundy" said a committeeman proudly, "What do you think of the Masterton School?"

Mr Grundy, used to the more permanent structures of England, looked in dismay and said "Gentlemen think we should put a match under it"

The committee men were so shaken by the reply that they made immediate plans to build the present school

1st October This afternoon the School Committee declared a half holiday to celebrate the occasion of the centennial of the school

1-2-3 October Centennial Jubilee of the school. A Separate book is being prepared to record the jubilee and to serve as a school record

Attached Photo of Fancy Dress Ball and Article on Jubilee

4th October Mrs M Blakemore returned to duty- Absent since 10th August

5th School fancy Dress Ball held in the Memorial Stadium before an audience of 400 parents

4th Mr I A Robertson and Mrs A Oxenham absent attending an IN Service Course in Art Mrs H C Robertson relieving

8th The school athletic sports were held in the School Rec

11th Mrs J Masters and Mrs B Nicol absent at Inservice Course on Junior Number
13th Mrs J Masters and Mrs B Nicol absent at Junior Number course
20th Athletic team from school taken part in town athletic sports held in Queen Elizabeth Park
22nd Miss J Neilson Speech Therapist absent on Marriage Leave
3rd November Traffic Officer I banks inspecting bicycles at school this morning
4th At School Committee meeting tonight the committee discussed with Mr Hurrell Assistant Borough Engineer, population trends with a view of resiting the school
13th November Gala Day. Despite rain and showers a very successful Gala Day was held today At the end of the day we banked £440 (Gross) An interesting display was put on by the Masterton Fire Brigade in the Recreation Grounds. Winners of eh children's competitions were
Best Doll : Joanne Barbour. Best Model: Lance Ihaka, Thomas Cameron, Mark Elliott, Eric Nyboer:
Floral Arrangement Jill Walker, Verena Braddock, David Anderson: Sand saucers Standards Nerrol Godden, Susan Elers, Craig Bird. Infants: Maxine Corlett, Mark Elliot, Monica Smith
16th November Country Teachers met Ms McCartney at 3 p.m. to discuss Next Year's Cookery programme.
18th Approximately 70 people attended the wind up of the Centennial Jubilee Committee held in the hall. A film of the Jubilee was held and a cheque of £600 handed over to three trustees for future development of the school. The trustees were Headmaster of the school, Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of eh Home and School Association
1st December Mrs Leywood carried out Audiometer tests with P1-2 children
6th December The Annual Staff Dinner held at the Empire Hotel 32 people present
9th The Infant Department held a concert for parents in the school hall this afternoon. About 150 parents were present
13th The Gym club gave a display of a high standard tonight in the school Approximately 100 parents were present
15th The Annual Breakup and certificate ceremony was held in the school hall at 2 p.m. today In the absence of the Chairman Mr Guppy certificates were presented by Mr L Cox. The Coddington Memorial Prize was presented by Mrs Guppy
16th School closed for the year Mrs L Jenkins (R A) and Misses B Henderson and S Smith (P As) cease duty

[Annual Breakup Programme attached](#)

[Winners of school prizes attached](#)

1966

1st February School commenced for the year with Teachers Only Day. School Class Organisation were covered New teachers reporting for duty were Mr D Little (Vice Mr Tuitubon) Misses S Freakes, E Barleyman (PA's) Mrs J Hudson relieving. Mrs J Masters has resigned during the holidays. Miss M Beaumont is still absent on Marriage Leave
2nd February Children returned for the first time this year. 27 new entrants were enrolled
2nd Mrs M Barker returned from Marriage Leave
24th School Standards Swimming Sports held today at the War Memorial Pool A meeting of eh Pas of the district was held with Inspectors Wilson and Kenny in the staffroom at 2 pm
25th Today the school was closed for Education Day. All teachers met at the Intermediate school to consider, Evaluation Planning, Testing assessment, Classroom Management as well as discussion

groups, two lecturers Mr P Mundy of Massey University and Dr W Elley of N Z C E R lectured on classroom atmosphere and testing. About 200 teachers attended

3rd March Tonight the School Committee met the chief planning officer of eh Board to discuss the future of the school. The planning officer Mr Macdonald indicated that the Board intended to rebuild the school on a site near the corner of South Road and Cockburn Street. The School Committee indicated that they preferred to rebuild on Rugby Park in Herbert Street but Mr Macdonald stated that this was unacceptable to the Board. Finally the committee decided to inform the Board of two decisions. (1) It still wished rebuilding to take part on Rugby Park. (2) If the committee was being given no choice in the matter

It wished to press for the Cockburn St School to be at least as big as the present one

9th The Annual Meeting of the Home and School Assn was held in the hall at 8 pm tonight. There was an attendance of 55. Officers elected were President Mr F Hewitt, Vice President's Mr W Mason, Mrs Milne, Mr Morris. Secretary Mrs G Searancke Treasurer Mr H Whyte

10th Mr J Fairbrother, Speech Therapist absent for personnel business. Mr J Robertson and Mrs J Latham relieving in the special Class

15th Miss J Saxton Area organiser of Special classes visited the special classes

19th Today the school was used by the St Johns for its annual district competition

21st Today Mrs A Oxenham absent for four days on an inservice course in Music. Mrs J Latham relieving

23rd Today Mr Rowe (1st Assistant) and I visited intermediate School to see how last year's 54 children had settled into the school

24th During the recent swimming season the following certificates were issued (last years in brackets)
Confidence 61 (91)

25 Yards 57 (66)

100 Yards 21 (12)

50 Yards 36 (25)

Water Skills 70 (35)

220 yards 14 440 yards 7 (18)

28th Dr Roberts took TB skin tests with new entrants

Mrs Leyland tested hearing of New Entrants

29th Tonight an Inservice Workshop course in Art and Craft was held in the school hall. About 30 teachers were present. The course was taken by Miss A Fergusson and Mr G Till

5th April Miss S Freakes P A absent with influenza

7th Mrs M Blakemore and Mrs M Bourke Speech Therapist resigned from teaching today. School ceases for Easter Break

19th Today the school was visited by Mr Mathews (Chairman of the Wellington Education Board) Mr S Kilsby Ward Member, Mr W Charles (Secretary Manager) and Miss Lovesby (Board Secretary) The group inspected various rooms of the school. They are in Masterton to attend a meeting of the Wellington Education Board being held this month in Masterton

22nd Anzac Ceremony held in the hall at 2.30 today for all pupils of the school

24th School Committee holiday declared to give children an opportunity to see the Queen Mother in Wellington today

29th Today the Home and School Association held a cake day at the Y M C A approximate £30 profit

4th May Mrs B Nicol returned from sick leave. Mrs C Gardner 45 Fleet St ceased duty as a reliever.

Mrs I McLagan ceases duty as a reliever. Miss J Hudson ceases duty as a reliever. Mrs Oxenham

ceases duty as special class teacher. She is going to Masterton East as supervisor of Junior Classes. Mr B McTamney ceases duty as Scale 1 assistant. He is going to Kihikihi. School closes for first term holiday

23rd Mr J M McTamney (Special Class), Miss L Taylor (Speech Therapist), Mrs P Langton Scale 1 commences duty Mesdames Blakemore and Latham commence relieving duty

Note a whole lot of staff absences and relievers listed have not been recorded

28th June At morning recess, Peter Mill P4 was severely injured when he fell from the ladder bars and struck his head on the asphalt, His parents were called to the school. They took Peter to hospital when it was discovered he had a fractured skull and concussion

4th July This afternoon and evening parents were invited to a display of Social Studies Around the Indian Ocean" which children in Standard 1-4 had been working on for the last few weeks. About 200 parents attended

19th July Mr Graham is absent for three days on an Art Inservice Course. Mrs Latham is relieving

4th August Messrs Robertson and McTamney absent on Special Class Inservice Course in Wellington Mesdames Espie and Latham relieving

12th I was absent at NZEI COB [Committee of Branches] in Wellington today

15th Miss L Taylor relieving speech therapist ceased duty today. Miss Taylor is going on Volunteer Services Abroad in India. There is no replacement available at the moment

5th September School begins for third term Miss N Gibbs commences relieving in Mrs Blakemore's vacant position. Miss S Freaks absent in hospital

14th September The winter sports tournament was held today. The Senior A rugby team won their grade. In the B and C Grade Basketball Central Teams came second. And the Girls Hockey Team came third.

3rd October HM returns from sick leave. Mr H Thompson Training College Student reported for one week's observation in the school

10th October This morning the school rehearsed for its Folk Dancing evening at the Stadium

12th The War Memorial Stadium was packed for Fancy Dress and Folk Dancing evening. The children gave a very creditable exhibition of Folk Dancing. Members of the Home and School Assn distributed the supper and acted as doorkeepers

Programme attached to Log

18th This morning the elimination heats of the Standards athletic sports were held

19th This afternoon the Infant Sports together with the standards Athletic Finals were held on the Recreation Ground. Despite unfavourable weather there was a good attendance of parents

24th Today 50 of our children competed in the Town Athletic Sports held at Queen Elizabeth park

5th November Gala Day Today a very successful Gala was held at school. At the end of the day we banked £480 As a special attraction we held a Guy Fawkes competition. Best Doll Sandra Porter. Best Model Stephen Espie and Peter Doyle. Best Sponge Girls Dellar and Jane McNicholl, Boys Neil Christensen. Best Sand Saucer Infants Chris Laing, Standards Judith Simonsen, Vase of Flowers Ann McPherson; Best Guy Fawkes Beverly Wood, Lucky Number Brian Weaver

24th November The special classes from Central, Intermediate, Carterton and Featherston held athletic sports on our recreation ground this afternoon

26th November Rooms 5.6.7.8 were used as Polling Booths for Today's General Election

7th December This evening the choir consisting of the children under the control of Mr J McTamney produced an Operetta called "Calypso Carnival"

About 150 parents saw the production which was staged in the school hall. All parents agreed that it was a very enjoyable performance. Lighting was lent by The Little Theatre and scenery by the Parks and Reserves Department

Programme and Cast Lists attached

13th December This afternoon the Infant Department presented a concert for the parents. About 175 parents attended

15th At p.m. today the annual breakup and certificate ceremony was held in the school hall. There was a very good muster of parents to watch Mr Guppy present the certificates and Mrs Coddington the Coddington Memorial Prize

16th School closed for the year. Mr I Robertson, Misses Gibbs, Freaks, Barleyman, and Mrs Jenkins leave duty. Mr Robertson is going to Silverstream as First Assistant

Programme and Prize winner lists attached

1967

The school year commenced today with teacher's day New teachers reporting for duty were Mr L Buchanan (Vice Mr J McTamney) Mrs P Kirk (V Miss Gibbs), Mrs H Gutrechlag (V Miss Jenkins), Mr H Thompson (PA) Miss P Taylor (PA) Miss S Perron to University Training is reliving for 3 ½ weeks Miss R Bridge is on sick leave

2nd Children returned to school There have been 36 new entrants

9th February An emergency evacuation of children was practised at 9.40 this morning

16th February The School Board met. Messrs McDonald and Oldfield at p.m. tonight. The Board officials informed the School Committee that they intend to proceed immediately with the purchase of a site for the new school. Mr McDonald indicated that the board was no longer interested in the site referred to at the last meeting with the committee on the 3rd March 1966. The new site is further along South Road with an entrance from South Road

28th Messrs Wilson and Bruce met the Masterton district PA's at Central School at 2 p.m. this afternoon

3rd March The Standards Swimming Sports were held in the Masterton stadium at 1 pm today Organisation worked very smoothly. There was a good attendance of pupils and parents

7th Tonight at the Masterton School swimming sports the School relay team came first and the girls' team fourth

8th The Infants held their Annual Swimming demonstration before a good attendance of parents this afternoon. The Home and School Ass meeting was held tonight. There was an attendance of 45.

Officials elected were President Mr M Morris. Vice Presidents Mr W Mason, Mrs Milne, Mr I Hewitt. Secretary Mr G Searanke Treasurer Mrs H Whyte

13th Today during staff meeting Miss M Taylor had her purse containing 26/- stolen from her room. The police were informed

16th today sometime before 10.15 a.m. Mrs B Nicol had her purse stolen from the room. It contained £2-7s The police were informed and they made enquiries within the school but no trace of the money was found

7th April Headmaster absent in Wellington Committee of Branches business. Today the NZEI Dominion President. Mr C Wisely and the Dominion Secretary Mr R Simmonds called for morning tea with the staff

11th April Swimming certificates issued today

Confidence 41, 25 yards 33, 50 yards 25, 100 yards 21, 220 yards 11, 440 Yards 3, Water skills 36

19th A display of work was inspected by about 200 parents tonight. At the end of the display there was a lecture on the four rules of decimal currency

22nd This morning men of the Home and School Assn held a working bee to make 10 forms to provide extra seating in the hall

24th This afternoon an Anzac Ceremony combined with a ceremony to salute the flag was carried out in the school hall before P3- S4 children <r A Rowe gave the Anzac address

26th Mr K Kearney Inspector of Schools called to discuss special education

22nd May Education Day. Teachers of the Wairarapa area attended addresses given by Dr Forster of Victoria University of Wellington, Mr D Peters Director Queen Elizabeth II Art Council Dr W B Sutch Industrial Consultant and Dr A C Webster of Massey University

23rd H/M absent at Frank Lopdell House Auckland on Staff Utilization Course until the 29th May

29th H/M returned to duty. Members of the staff attended the School Committee meeting tonight. The committee was informed tonight that owing to the present economic climate the building of the new school has been postponed

30th May Mr K Kearney inspected Mrs J Fairbrother speech therapist today

22nd June Mr I Gosnell absent No reliever employed. Absent for only 1 day

27th Mrs B Nicol absent attending a four day inservice training course in art

6th July Headmaster absent at Committee of Branches NZEI Wellington for the day

10th A Social Studies evening was held for parents this evening. A crowd of about 200 parents turned up

18th July Staff attended a lecture on mathematics at Lansdowne School at 3.30 given by Mr J Cox

24th Today 200 children from Standard 2-4 went to Wairarapa College to farewell the Governor General Sir Bernard Fergusson. Sir Bernard declared a holiday to be taken at a later date

28th Eight teams from the school competed in the Wairarapa Gymnastics Festival held at the Wairarapa Memorial Stadium. One Girls' team came second in their grade

2nd August this afternoon the Director of Primary Education Mr B Pinder visited the school. Mr Pinder was accompanied by Mr P Brice Staff Inspector

7th The holiday declared by the Governor General was taken today

9th Mr D Little Junior Special Class absent on leave for three days, He is attending an Inservice course for Special Class Teachers in Wellington. No reliever has been engaged. Visit of Messrs J Wilson and P Bruce, staff inspectors to see PA's

11th Cocoa ends for the term

15th-16th The school operetta "Come back Liza" was performed in the school hall for two nights to large audiences. Messrs McTamney and Thomson were in charge of production

[Complete programme attached to Log](#)

18th Mrs P Langton ceases duty as a permanent teacher (resigned). School closes for second term holidays

4th September No staff changes except that Mrs P Langton moves from permanent staff to relieving staff

11th Mrs P Langton ceases relieving duty. Mrs J Baker a teacher from England commences Relieving Duty

18th Miss P Masters and Mrs R Bridge absent on bereavement leave. During the weekend Mr G Masters died. Mr Masters was first elected to the School Committee in 1925. In 1942 he became chairman of the Committee and held the post to 1952. For many years he was the local Ward member of the Wellington Education Board (1944-1956)

19th Miss W J Smith and Mr J L Cagney Secondary Inspectors today inspected the Manual Training teachers, Mrs McCartney and Mr H Hollow

25th September Annual maintenance survey carried out at 1 p.m. School Committee members present were Messrs Wood and Mason

26th Child Welfare lectures arranged by the Child Welfare officer ,Mr G Elliott commenced in the hall tonight

28th A number of classes visited this the combined art display being held in the Town Hall this morning. A selection of exhibits from the school was being displayed. Today Miss E L Lopdell Senior Sewing Teacher of Hutt Intermediate visited Mrs McCartney

6th October I was absent today attending a C O B meeting in Wellington

9th This morning the school practiced Folk Dancing at the stadium

10th Miss D Cresswell Teacher's College Student commenced an 8 week section with Mr Rowe

11th The Fancy Dress Ball was held in the stadium tonight. About 450 children and 500 parents were present

Programme for Folk Dance attached

17th October This morning the heats of the 7-12 year Athletic and sports were held

18th The Standard and Infant Athletic Sports were held today before a good attendance of parents

19th Standard 4 children went to Intermediate this morning for I Q tests for next year

23rd Labour Day

24th Miss P J Hooper Health Department Audiometrist has been testing hearing and vision mainly among New Entrants. Miss G Gordon has been visiting the speech clinic

25th Miss E Husband visiting teacher of the deaf visiting the school. Mr B Kelly of Teachers College visited Mr Rowe and Miss Cresswell

4th November Gala Day was held today. Despite almost continuous rain which made the cancellation of outside activities necessary we had a successful day. The final total will probably be less than £30 down on last year. Prize winners were Flower Arrangement Judith Larsen 2nd Dianne Collerton 3rd Brian Everitt. Sand saucers Infants 1st Debbie Fleet 2 David Cornich 3rd Wayne Henson. Standard 1-2 1st Jeanette Nichol 2nd Anne Falkner 3rd Debra Leong, Standard 3.4 Lynn Walker, Susan Elers Jill Christensen

6th November Mr D Little absent sitting Diploma in Teaching examination. Mrs E Espie reliving

17th Miss E Lenihan District adviser Junior Schools visited our Junior Department this morning

20th Teacher for the Deaf- Mrs Husband visiting eh school. At tonight's Sc meeting the resignation of the Secretary Mr E G Coddington was received. The reason for his resignation was his wife's ill health and his own advancing years. Mr Coddington had been headmaster of this school from 1933 to 1951 Treasurer of the School Committee from 1942 to 1963 and Secretary from 1942 to 1967. Mr Geary is to act as Secretary for the rest of the year

21st Mr W J O'Sullivan from Wellington Teacher's College visited the school

24th Final survey testing completed

4th December This afternoon a group of 40 children attended a performance of the ballet "peter and the Wolf" put on by the NZ Ballet in the Town Hall

Traffic Officer Yule inspected bicycles during the day

5th A group of 50 children from the school Patrol attended a Certificate Ceremony in the Town Hall today. This was arranged by the Road Safety Council

14th The school breakup ceremony was held in the Hall at 2 pm today. The chairman of the Committee presented the Certificates and made the presentations to Mr and Mrs E G Coddington

Mr Coddington has resigned as secretary to the committee after an active association with the school since 1933

15th December School closes for the year. Mr H Thomson, Mrs R Bridge, Misses H Gutschlag, M Taylor, J Baker cease duty
N E Espie

1968

5th February School opened for the year with Teacher's Only Day School and classroom organization were covered as well as cooperative planning and teaching were discussed

New Teachers were Mrs M Robinson, Miss J Baker, Miss B Kerridge (1st Year Teacher), Mrs G McLaren (1st year teacher) Miss J Cathro, and Miss V L Hardman (Speech Therapist)

6th School opened for the first term for children. There have been 43 new admissions so far. Three teacher college students reported for duty for 8 weeks. Miss K Elliott, Miss P Hayes, Miss P Beasley

12th An emergency evacuation was carried out at 9.45 this morning. Evacuation Time 1 ½ minutes approx. At staff meeting this afternoon the differences between fire and earthquake drill were discussed. Staff meeting also set up a cooperative reading planning committee'.

14th Mr K W L Buchanan ceased duty today. He has been transferred to Fernlea School Wainuiomata

15th Mrs Espie relieving in Mr Buchanan's class.

19th This week's staff meeting was cancelled to allow teachers to attend the inservice course on Nature Study

27th Miss Mason and Mr Simpson Secondary inspectors visited the Manual Training teachers today

1st March The school swimming sports were held at the memorial baths today before a good attendance of parents. Miss Pierce commenced duties

6th March The Home and School annual meeting was held tonight with an attendance of 60- 70 parents. Officers elected were president Mr M Morris Vice Presidents Mr D Leong, Mr L Patterson, Mr F Hewett. Secretary Mrs G Searancke Treasure Mrs H White

11th During the night of Saturday 9th march two fires were lit at Central School one in a shelter shed and one on the verandah of the main block. The fire was quickly extinguished and damage was confined to surface damage. The police took a man into custody and he will appear in this morning's magistrate court on two charges of attempted arson

27th March Mr K Kearney visits year one teacher

10th April In consultation with my School Committee the school was closed during the morning because of a hurricane. Emergency procedures were put in place about 8.50 a.m. and the last pupils left school at approximately 11 a.m.

11th School closed for Easter

17th Miss Baker absent Mrs G McLagan was relieving

18th Miss Baker returns she had missed a travel connection

22nd Mr Graham absent at a inservice course on Mathematics

24th An Anzac ceremony was held at 2.30 this afternoon. Mr M Daniell gave the address after which the flag was saluted

29th May Mr Kearney and Mr Brice were in the school inspecting teachers for personal grading reports

13th June Mr G Jansen worked with the Earth and Sky" choir this morning

14th Miss J McLeod conducted the choir mass choir for Earth and Sky" this morning

24th Mrs J Fairbrother (Speech Therapist) absent with influenza. Miss L Hardman (Speech Therapist) absent today with injuries caused by a fall from her motor scooter on her way to school. Messrs Brice and Brown Inspectors, inspecting teachers for personal reports.

25th Messrs Kenney and Brown Inspectors inspecting teachers for personal reports. Miss R Chapman Phys Ed Adviser visiting the year one teachers

26th Mr G Jansen visiting the school to discuss Music

27th This evening children placed on display their social studies for this term. The study was on Asia and several hundred parents visited the display

9th July Mr Rowe attending an Inservice Training meeting on English, Mrs Espie Relieving

15th A party of 140 children went to hear the Masterton Amateur Theatre Production "The Sound of Music" at 2 p.m.

20th July A successful social evening was held on the Old Folks hall of members of staff. School Committee and Home and School Assoc. Approximately 70 attended

23rd Dr Seabrook head of Speech Therapy Training Centre Christchurch visited the school to see Miss Hardman today

25th July Miss R Chapman Adviser in Physical Education called to help the Special Class with Folk Dancing

2nd August Mrs M M A Robinson who has resigned ceased duty today

12th Messrs McTamney and Little absent for three days on a special class Inservice Course

This week Mrs Masters is taking special rehearsals for "Earth and Sky" with the choir, the movement group and the percussion group

13th Three senior pupils from Solway College observed in classrooms throughout the school. They are teacher college entrants for 1968

14th Miss Hooper Audiometrist has been testing hearing in the school today

15th Messrs McTamney and Little have returned from an Inservice course

Mr Yule Traffic Officer has been checking cycles in the school

16th School closes for the term Mrs McCartney ceases duty as Cooking Teacher

2nd September Miss P Simpson is relieving in Mrs Robinson's vacant position and Mrs R Bridge is relieving in Mrs B Nicol's position. Mrs Nicol absent with hepatitis. Fourteen children enrolled today

9th The school choir is participating in the musical production "Earth and Sky" being performed in the Town Hall this week. A party of children attended the performance in the afternoon

10th September Mr James of Porirua East Special Class observing in Mr McTamney's room

24th Mr Graham is absent on a Maori Arts Course

25th Miss R Chapman Phys Ed Adviser and Miss Diveall Senior Cooking Teacher visiting the school

30th Mr Graham returns from an Art In Service Course. Mrs Pope ceases duty.

Mr Fred Wallace Maintenance officer carries out the 1968-69 Maintenance survey. Messrs Wood and Geary of the School Committee were present

1st October There was a good attendance of parents at the first of three Mathematic Evenings for parents held in the school hall this evening. Teachers of the Infant Department explained the Infant Number Scheme

9th The stadium tonight was packed for the school's annual Fancy Dress Ball Organisation went smoothly

Programme attached

11th October Mrs Fairbrother and Mrs Hardman are absent today on a speech therapy course in Wellington

14th Messrs Kearny and Chappell commenced an E12/1 inspection of the school today
22nd The school athletic sports were held between 10 30 and 3 pm today
The final of the series of Parents mathematics evenings was being held in the school hall was well attended tonight
30th An Athletic team is competing in the Town Athletic Sports being held at Memorial park
2nd November Gala Day was held today. A preliminary count showed over \$700 profit
12th November This morning a party of 30 children attended the NZ Ballet Company's performance of "Coppelia" in the Regent Theatre
14th Rooms 1 and 13 under the control of Messrs Rowe and Little and five parents visited Wellington today on an educational visit.
19th Traffic Officer Yule is giving Traffic Instruction in the school
21st Mr Yule Finished giving traffic instruction in the school
2nd December During the weekend burglars broke into the Brick Building. A considerable amount of equipment was stolen or damaged the police are investigating
11th During the night Burglars broke into the woodwork storeroom in Russell St Considerable damage was done when glue varnish and oil were tipped over children's models. The police are investigating
16th This year's school operetta "The Christmas Child" was performed before a full hall at the school tonight. Over 100 children were involved and the production achieved a high standard Mr McTamney and Mrs G McLaren were responsible for the choirs.
The operetta will be performed again tomorrow night
[Programme attached to Log](#)
17th There was a full house at Last Night's performance of the Operetta. When the show finished children of the choir made a presentation to Mr McTamney and Miss McLaren
18th At 2 pm the annual Breakup and certificate ceremony was held in the hall. The certificates were given out by Mr C Wood. Mrs Coddington presented the Coddington Memorial Prize
19th School closes for the year. Mr Gosnell, Mrs Simpson, Mrs McLaren and Miss Pierce cease duty
[Programme and certificate winners attached](#)

1969

3rd February The school opens for the day with Teacher Only Day. During the holiday vandals broke into the school and caused considerable damage. A considerable portion of the day was spent in returning the school to order. New teachers joining the staff are M M Christensen, Mrs R Sommerville, Miss J Gamble (Yr. 1) and Miss K Wills
12th An inservice course in swimming was held at the school this afternoon. The course was conducted by Miss R Chapman
24th The school swimming sports was held in the Town Baths this afternoon. A record number of children competed. There was reasonable number of parents present
3rd march This morning Mr Stewart and I visited Intermediate school to see last year's 34 children and their new rooms
4th- 5th Mr Graham and Miss Masters attending an Inservice Course on Reading. Mrs Espie relieving
6th The Junior School swimming Display was held at the school baths this afternoon. There was an excellent attendance of parents
11th Mr D Little absent attending a course on Gymnastics. Mrs P Simpson is relieving

12th About 70 people attended the Annual Meeting of the Home and School Association this evening. Officers elected were President Mr T Leong, Vice president Messrs M Morris, F Hewitt, L Patterson. Treasurer Mrs B Graham. Secretary Mr G Searancke

The meeting set up a hall committee with power to raise money for the new Central School Assembly Hall

17th Mr J McTamney absent on a six week Inservice Course at Templeton Hospital Christchurch on the Teaching of Special Class Children. Mrs P Simpson teaching in her position

19th Mr Graham absent on a course for school Librarians. Mrs Espie relieving

The new Central School Hall Committee met tonight for the first time. It decided to raise a further \$5000 locally for the new school

22nd St Johns used the school today for its annual competition

14th April Tonight was Home and School Display of Work night when parents were invited to inspect their children's work in their rooms and to meet their teacher. From 200-300 parents attended a very successful evening

15th Miss Masters and Mrs Nicol are attending an inservice course on mathematics

18th The Home and School Assn held a Shop Day in the YMCA this morning Over \$150 were raised

21st The Householder's meeting to elect a School Committee for the next two years was held in the school Hall tonight. Following a ballot the following members were elected. Messrs C Wood (Chairman), K Shaw, (Vice Chairman) J Geary (Secretary), R Finlayson (Treasurer), A Bird, B R Emerson, W Gibson, B Quayle A Summers

23rd Mr Christensen is attending an Inservice course on language today and tomorrow

24th The school Anzac Ceremony was held in the school hall today at 3.30 p.m. Rev J Nairn addressed the children'

28th Mr J McTamney returns from special class Inservice Course

7th May This evening a large gathering of parents met in the school hall to farewell Mrs B Stewart who is retiring at the end of the term after reaching the age of 65. Mrs Stewart has been senior women in the school since 1954. On behalf of the Sc and the Home and School Association Mr T Leong presented Mrs Stewart with a Standard Lamp and a Paua Brooch

9th May School closes today for the first term holidays. Mrs Stewart leaves the staff on retirement and issues Baker and Wills to get married

24th School starts for the Second Term Mesdames J Allwood (Senior Women) P Simpson (Relieving) H Walker (Relieving) B Stewart (Reliving) joined the staff. Mrs J Evans (nee Gamble) is absent on marriage leave

3rd June Mrs Evans returned from leave. Mrs Somerville absent this week on an Art Inservice course Mrs Stewart is relieving in her position

5th Miss R Chapman Adviser Physical Education spent part of this afternoon with with Year One teacher Miss Evans

11th June Traffic officer Yule is giving Road Safety instruction during the next three days

17th June Miss Fairbrother absent sick Ms Miller Otaki School is observing in the special class for three days

25th June Miss Masters and Miss Cathro absent on a reading course for 2 days Mrs McLagan relieving

27th Dr Roberts examining children in the school

30th June Mrs Christensen at a Maths Inservice course for the next two days. Mrs Espie relieving

7th July Today the school was closed so that teachers

Could attend Education Day The theme was "The A-Typical Child"

8th Tonight a large number of parents attended a display of social studies in the school hall. The project was on cold countries

11th July Headmaster absent at Institute meeting Wellington

15th Miss Kerridge absent at Inservice Native Study Course Mrs Bridge was relieving

18th July This morning children from Standard 2-54 went to Wairarapa College to meet the Governor General, Sir Arthur Porritt

29th Mrs Fogg and Mr Cagney Secondary inspectors visiting the Manual Training teachers

31st Mrs Fairbrother and Mrs Hardman T AN Inservice course in Wellington

4th August School closed Governor General's Holiday being observed

5th This morning the Children's art theatre presented "The Pipes of Pan" to the children of the school. Mrs Hampton of the Health Department is testing hearing and sight in the school for the next 2 days

12th August Mr J McTamney is in hospital until the end of term. Mrs Espie relieving

22nd School closes for the second term holidays. Mr D Little is going to Martin Occupational Centre and Mrs H Walker who is retiring from teaching cease duty.

8th September. School reopens for third term Mrs Blakemore is relieving in Mrs Walker's position and Mrs Molloy in Mr Little's The rest of the staff is unchanged

29th This morning children went to the stadium to practice folk dancing.

30th This evening the school held its Fancy Dress Ball before a large audience of parents

Programme attached

6th- 8th October Traffic Officer Yule gave traffic instruction to the children of the school

18th October A most successful Gala Day was held. Approx. \$950 were banked

20th Mrs B Stewart started relieving in the Junior Special Class

The school athletic sports were held

7th November I was absent at a committee of branches meeting'

10th The school was broken into during the weekend- Between 5 pm Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. A locked cupboard was wrenched open in the office and a tin carrying small change was stolen from the staffroom. The police are investigating

16th December There was a full hall of parents today at the Infant Department Concert held at 1.30 p.m.

Annual Break Up and certificate programme and list of recipients attached

17th December This afternoon there was a full hall at the breakup ceremony Mr Wood presented the class certificates and Mrs Coddington the Coddington Memorial Prize

18th The school closes for the year Mrs Fairbrother, Mrs Hardman (Speech Therapist) and Mrs Evans (year One) cease duty

1970

2nd Teacher only Day at Central today. Mrs E Geary and Mrs M Blakemore reported for 1970 year one positions. Mr G Gosnell reported to relieve in Mrs J Cathro's position. Mrs Cathro has gone to Wanganui. Mrs P Simpson commenced as Junior Special Class Teacher

3rd School opened for the year for children. 392 children on the roll Misses M Patterson and J Edwards speech therapists reported for duty

4th March Miss Masters and I attended an Inservice Course this afternoon at Lansdowne School. The new health Handbooks were issued and explained

11th The school swimming sports were held in the Town Baths this afternoon before a reasonable attendance of parents'

13th March The school was closed today as a Royal Holiday in honour of H M Queen Elizabeth who is visiting Wellington

18th The Annual Meeting was held tonight in the school hall
The following officers were elected President Mr Leong, Vice presidents Messrs C Coutts, L Patterson, W Gibson. Secretary Mrs G Searancke Treasurer Mrs B Graham Auditor Mrs P Whyte About 40 attended the meeting which was addressed by Mr G Elliott on Social Problems in Masterton

7th April A Meeting was held in the hall tonight to elect an organising committee for the district for International Education Year 1970 The Regional superintendent Mr H Sayer addressed the meeting

10th I was away today at an NZEI meeting

13th There was a large turnout of parents at the display of work held in the school tonight

21st The school was visited by a party of Mr Madsen, Mrs Jenkins (Board member) Mr Watkins (assistant chief architect) Mr Henderson (Inspector) After meeting the Chairman of the Committee Mr C Wood and the party went to South Road to inspect the new school

22nd Today the chief architect of the Hawkes bay Board Mr H Wincop met the committee to discuss plans for drawing up the new school hall.

24th Today the Home and School Assn held a shop day in town \$150 for the hall fund
At the Anzac service at school this afternoon Sister Major was the guest speaker
Programme attached to log book

25th Today the Home and School assn and 100 students distributed two Pamphlets within the Borough. This netted another \$140 for the hall fund

8th May School holidays. Mrs Stewart finishes reliever duties

25th May Mis P Tingcombe reports for duty

19th June I regret to report that during the week a former Headmaster Mr W S I B Simpson died. Mr Simpson was headmaster for this school from 1951 to 1958 when he retired on superannuation

13th July Mrs Allwood returning to duty. School closed for Education Day held at West School. Topic Social Studies

21st Several hundred parents attended a Social Studies display and choir appearance held in conjunction with Education Week

6th August Mr McTamney absent for an educational interview Mrs Espie relieving

11th August A Health Department team gave Rubella Injections from Primers to Standard 4

18th The children's Art Theatre performed to children this afternoon. Mr Bruce (Inspector) and Mrs Gordon (Senior Speech Therapist) visiting the school to consider shifting the speech clinic to Lansdowne when we move to South Road

21st August Today Mr J McTamney was farewelled He is leaving the Special Class to become an Educational Officer at Waikeria Prison. This morning Mr Rowe presented a gift to him on behalf of the teachers and Mr C Wood presented a cheque on behalf of the School Committee and The Home and School Assn. School closes for the second term holiday

7th September Miss C Gainey joined the staff in a relieving capacity in Mr McTamney's place

15th HM absent on Mathematics Inservice Course

29th September Mrs Fogg and Mr Mach Post Primary Inspectors visited the Manual Teacher's today

2nd October Telegram Minister advises subsidies \$2 for \$1 new assembly hall. Maximum \$8000
Please advise your committee Jack Williams MP

17th Gala Day was held today in a wet cold southerly yesterday. \$800 were banked
 Winners in children competitions were
 Sand saucers Primers 1 Vivienne Hullena, 2 Dwane Taplin, 3 Andrew Emerson Highly Commended
 Julie Loader
 Standard 1-2 Keith Rennie, 2 Sandra Shackleton, 3 Neil Bolton H C Marie Bird Rosemary Shackleton
 Standard 3-4 Debbie Fleet, 2 Carol Bolton, 3 Jeffrey Godden, HC Debbie Coutts
 Floral Art Standard 1-2 Lynn Marley, 2 Marion Merrick 3 Sharon Jackson H C Susie Winslade
 Standard 3-4 Jill Greig 2 Janet Blackwood, 3 Peter Norman H C Ann Fergusson
 Dolls 1 Neressa Taylor, 2 Sharon Winslade, 3 Linda Taylor
 Models 1 Peter Winslade, Debra Leong, David Espie
 Sponge Competition Girls 1 Dianne Finegan 2 Karen Stevenson 3 Debbie Fleet
 Boys Gavin Ermains 2 Steven Emerson, 3 Richard Pelling
 20th School sports held on eh School Rec
 28th – 30th Mr Yule Traffic Instructor giving traffic instruction in school
 29th School took place part in the Athletic Sports held at Queen Elizabeth park
 7th December Commencement of shift from school in Queen Street today the admin block moved
 1,2,12,6,8, moved today
 Next Day 7,9,10,11 moved
 Next Day 3,4,13,14 moved into the new school today
 The annual break up was held in the Old School this afternoon This is the last official function to be
 held in the old school
 14th 15th Two teacher only days being held to get the new school in order
 14th School closes for the year Mesdames Somerville, Blakemore, Braggins. Misses Kerridge
 Patterson Tingcombe, Gainey cease duty
 Programme for Closing ceremony attached

1971

1st February School began today with Teacher only Day Mesdames Thornton? And Bunny and Misses
 Redgate (Year 1), Bullen, Trigg (Yr. 1), Ross, Stevenson (Yr. 1) report for duty
 15th Mrs Bunny absent on special leave. Mrs Stewart relieving
 17th Mrs Allwood absent for three days on a music In Service course Mrs Espie relieving
 23rd February Mr Graham absent on Arts Inservice course
 18th March Miss Trigg absent on Inservice course
 22nd March Mrs Simpson absent on long term leave. She is on a trip overseas; Mrs C Rowe is
 relieving in the Senior Speech class and Mrs Bunny is relieving in her Junior Special class
 2nd April H M attending an NZEI meeting in Wellington
 7th April Mrs Bunny sick no reliever available
 16th Today the PTA held a shop day at the YMCA where \$100 raised
 19th The Biennial Householders meeting was held in the library this evening at 7.30. At this meeting
 the following nine members were elected in the committee and at the Statuary meeting that
 followed the necessary officers were elected. Mr C Wood (Chairman) Mr W Gibson (Deputy
 Chairman), Mr J Gear (Secretary) Mr T Kirk (Treasurer), Mr A Bird (Grass Cutting Committee) Messrs
 G Blackwood, B Emerson, B Quayle, A Summers
 20th Mr M Christensen attending an Inservice course in Language

23rd An Anzac Service was held at school at 2.30. The guest speaker was Mr Gilmour Wilson

24th The P T A and school children delivered the Red Cross Appeal envelopes in the Borough of Masterton this morning

26th Mrs Nicol who is on In service Course in Mathematics today has returned from sick leave.

27th There was a large turnout of parents to see children's work at at the Parent's evening tonight

7th May School closes for the first term Mis M Redgate Year One who has resigned from teaching ceases duty

24th Mrs R Somerville is relieving I Miss Redgate's vacant position. Mr Hollow absent with stomach complaints

28th Mrs E Lord, clerical assistant absent, Mrs Lord became seriously ill during the night and is in hospital

15th June Mr Graham absent for two days with Inservice leave. Mrs Espie relieving

12th July School closed for Education Day

Note Have not copies a lot of entries just stating that Miss X was away and Mrs Y was relieving

18th August Mrs Bunny unable to get to school because of severe flooding in the Taueru area. Mrs Espie relieving

20th August School closed for second term Mr Billington on sick leave for two weeks

6th October Mrs Masters is attending an inservice course on Science

12th Mr Christensen is attending a two day course on language

16th Gala Day today opened when Mr J Williams MP opened our new school hall. A successful day with a net amount of \$ 1045 raised

22nd Mrs M Day Year 1 ceases duty- going to Brentwood School

26th October Mrs Simpson returns from overseas Mrs Bunny teaching in Mrs Trigg's position

5th November Mrs Allwood absent- wedding. Mrs Espie relieving. HM absent at NZEI meeting

6th November The first public function in the new hall was held tonight when the PTA staged a cabaret

9th Standard 4 children were rested today for Intermediate school

17th Mrs Nicol will be in hospital for a week and a half. Mrs Bridge and Mrs Stewart will be relieving

22nd Messrs O Lawn, B Brown, A Blair and E Rankin carried out an inspection of the school today

23rd Mr F Wallis carried out the annual maintenance survey today. The infant dept held a fancy dress ball in the hall tonight

30th Standard 3-4 children held a concert for parents in Hall tonight.

13th December The annual breakup and Certificate ceremony was held in the school Hall this afternoon at p.m. Mr Colin Wood presented the certificates and Mrs Coddington the Coddington Memorial Prize

15th School closed for the year. Mesdames Bunny and Sommerville and Miss Bullen cease duty

Programme for closing ceremony attached'

1972

1st February School started today with Teachers Only Day. Mr Inpaste? (Yr. 1) and Mrs Alexander (Yr. 1) report for duty

2nd First day of school for 1972 for children Mrs B Williams is relieving in the the one unfilled vacancy

5th Mr Rowe organised a very successful bottle drive for the PTA today

22nd The school swimming sports were held today in the Memorial Swimming Pool

23rd Mrs Ross attending a Science Inservice course. Mrs Espie relieving

25th Burton Theatre of Puppets giving performance at school today

28th Miss L Allen Infant adviser visits the school

1st March Inspectors hold annual meeting of year 1 teachers in the hall

2nd The infant Department held its annual swimming demonstration this afternoon before a large gathering of parents. Mr Inpate is at a reading course

6th Mr Rowe is attending an Inservice course in Mathematics this week. Mrs Espie relieving

15th March Mrs Simpson is still absent (from 10th) Annual meeting of the P T A Mr Les Bailey (Head of Phys Ed at Wellington Education Board) addressed the meeting

28th Mr A McLauchlan Islands Officer, visits school. Miss Smith attending Art In Service Course Mrs Espie relieving

5th April Mr Rowe is attending science Inservice Course for next two days. Mrs Rowe is relieving

11th April A display of work was held for parents between 7 and 9 tonight. Mr Fuller Teacher's College visited the school

12th The Infant Department held a pet parade between between 10.45 and 11.30 today

19th A meeting of Training College staff and associate teachers was held at the school at 2.30

21st The PTA held a shop day at the YMCA. A disappointing crowd \$82 raised

24th An Anzac ceremony was held at school at 2.30 today

25th School closed for Anzac day

26th -28th Mrs Allwood and Miss Masters absent at a Reading Inservice Course

5th May Mrs E Geary who has resigned from teaching v=ceases duty today. School closes for first term holidays

7th June Miss Muller speech therapist visited the school to see children with speech difficulties

20th Mrs Karatan at Inservice Course at West (Physical Education)

22nd Mr Yule Traffic officer visited the school

27th Mr Christenson is at an art and craft Inservice Course today

3rd July during the week teachers will be interviewing parents to discuss Mid year reports

10th A School Committee holiday was taken today as a mid term break

20th Miss Ross attending and Inservice Course (Reading)Masterton Amateur Theatrical Society

2nd August Mrs Pilgrim Psychologist visits the school

11th Teams from the school took part in gymnastic competitions being held in the stadium

16th A winter tournament was held today in Masterton

5th September School opens for third term Mr Rowe returns from secondment to HT at Solway. Mr Graham reverts to B1 and Mr Christensen to Scale A, Mrs Geary has ceased relieving Mrs J Allwood absent today to attend a funeral

14th A number of Martinborough Teachers visited the school today for observation

15th Four South End Carterton teachers visited the school

26th September Mrs Nicol entered hospital. Mrs Geary is relieving. She will be with us for some weeks

28th The Children Arts Theatre presented a performance of "Bluebird" in the school hall this morning

10th October Mrs Dennett is on an Art and Craft Inservice Course today. Mrs Espie is relieving. Mr Carmody from Teachers College is visiting college students on section

14th A successful Gala Day was held today by the PTA A record sum of \$1111 was taken

17th The school Athletic Sports were held this afternoon in the school recreation ground. A goodly number of parents saw the sports

30th HM and Mrs Masters absent for a week at a residential course on Open planning at Wallis House

6th November The HM and ST (JC) return to duty

17th Mr A McLauchlan Island's Scholarship Officer called at the school

21st November The Annual Maintenance Survey was carried out today By Mr F Wallace. Mr C wood, chairman was present

23rd November Mr Rowe's Standard 4 class today went on an educational visit to Wellington

24th November A rehearsal for the Fancy Dress Ball was held this morning at the Stadium

27th A successful Fancy dress ball was held this evening in the stadium before a large turnout of parents

1st December Mr G A Macdonald principal Masterton Intermediate school spoke to the standard 4 children today

9th The PTA held a successful cabaret in the school hall tonight

14th The breakup ceremony was held today at 2 pm. In the school assembly hall. Merit certificates were distributed by Mr Wood Chairman. There was a large attendance of parents

15th The school closes today for the year Mrs P Karatan and Mrs F Alexander cease duty

Programme for Break up and Certificate Ceremony attached and programme for Fancy Dress.

1973

5th February School opens with Teacher Only Day. Mr A Rowe was absent he has been seconded to act as Principal of Wainuioru School new teachers were Mrs M King, Misses D Flowerday (Yr. 1) Mrs B Melton, Miss K Graham (Year 1) and Mrs D Greenway (Relieving Mr Rowe)

Mr K O'Hagan called to discuss Mathematics with Standard 1-2. Organisation for 1973 was carried out and New Entrants were enrolled

7th February Reported vandalism (28 broken windows in Queen Street Cooking Room) to police and Board

8th Mr Yule gave instruction to Road patrols

10th A successful bottle drive was conducted by PTA

13th Mr Michael Dickson here today to help organise school swimming programmes

14th P T A meeting reported that during the holidays they had transferred \$1238 to the School Committee to pay for the covered way between the Junior Block and Administrative Block. The successful tenderer was Mr T Rigg. It is hoped to have this finished before the winter

15th Mr D Robertson Inspector came to see year one teachers

16th Mr Carmody Teacher's College visited students on section

22-23rd Mr N Grange (Reading Advisor) visits standard 2 teacher

26th Mr O'Hagan visiting Standard 2 to advise on mathematics

1st March Burton puppets visited the school and gave a performance

7th A successful swimming sports was held today at the memorial swimming baths

8th The Infant swimming display was held today before a good attendance of parents at the school baths

13th Miss Fullerton Speech therapist visiting the school. Mr Greenaway absent today at an Inservice Reading course

14th Mr I Johnstone (Inspector of Schools visiting year ones today Mr McDonald Phys Ed Advisor also in school

15th Mr D Robertson inspecting Mr Greenaway for N Z certification

28th Three UK teachers Misses Wanderbank?, Wright and Barron visited the school for observation

27th Children art theatre gave a performance in the hall today

28th Nurse Wheatley commenced as second nurse in the Dental Clinic

6th April Principal absent at N Z E I meeting. PTA held a shopping day at the YMCA today

9-13th Principal absent on National Course at Hogben House (Christchurch) in teaching in larger spaces

10-11th An Inservice course on Art was conducted in the hall by Mr Tarrant

12th Today we received 30 new hall chairs. This is the first instalment of chairs to replace chairs originally bought for the hall in the Queen Street School

16th School Committee elections were held in the school tonight These elected Messrs Wood (Chairman), Summers (Deputy Chairman) Mrs Fergusson (Secretary – Treasurer) Messrs Blackwood, Coleman, Quayle, Graham, Spittle and Mrs Loader

17th Mr Inpate is absent for two days on Physical Education Course. Tonight parents attended a Display of Work night to meet the teachers discuss their children and view their work. The PTA also held a committee meeting

27th Mrs P Golder Mangamaire School observed in Junior School today

30th Mesdames Allwood, Nicol, King and Miss Ross observed in the Karori Open Plan Today

1st May Miss Masters, Mesdames Melton, Dennett and Miss Flowerday observed in the Karori Open Plan today

4th End of Term today. Mrs King ceases duty. Transferring to Levin North

22nd School reopened. Mr Rowe is ill and has not returned to take up his deputy Principal position. Miss C Williams has replaced Mrs King. Mrs B Melton is in hospital and Mrs A J Turner is relieving in her position

29th Mrs B Dennett is on a four day Maoritangi course at Te Ore Ore Meeting House- Mrs Espie is relieving

6th June Miss Ross is on a physical education course for three days. Mr Rowe returns to duty from sick leave

8th Mr D Greenway ceases duty He is going to Wairarapa College to relieve

20th Messrs Forsman, Blair, Chappell, Johnston and Robertson in school for assessment of teachers

25th Mrs Allwood attending a music course for three days

3rd July This week teachers are discussing children's progress with parents Miss Williams is about today- Flu

4th Mr A McLauchlan Islands Scholarships Officer called to see Mr Inpate

9th School closed Mid Year Break

10th Miss Williams is attending an Inservice course in Art and Craft Mrs Bridge is relieving

23rd July A group of Standard 2-3-4 children went to see the Masterton Amateur Theatrical production The Merry Widow this afternoon

10th August The children from the gymnastics club are today competing in the Wairarapa Gymnastic Assn Tournament being held at the Memorial Stadium Mis L ross is in charge of the Gymnastics Club

17th August End of term Ms A Turner ceases relieving duty

3rd September School starts third term. Mrs M Foster relieving in Mrs Melton's position.

5th Mrs Pilgrim Psychologist in the school and interviewing children and parents

6th Teacher College applicants are visiting eh school

8th The PTA conducted a successful bottle drive in the area this morning.

12th There were 50 present for the PTA meeting tonight. Mr O'Hagen Adviser in mathematics spoke on the teaching of maths

3rd October Mr Rowe attending an Inservice Course on Standard 3-4 scheme

11th October Francis Victor studios photographer took class photos today

12th Miss Middleton Island Scholarship Officer visiting Mr Inpati today

13th The school gala day was held today. The sum of \$180 was raised.

16th October The school athletic sports was held in eh school grounds this afternoon. There was a good representation of parents considering the strong Southerly Blowing

29th October Pupils this morning went to the Stadium by Blue Bus to practise for tomorrows fancy dress ball. Mr Inpati in hospital

30th A very successful Fancy Dress Ball was held in the evening

31st Mrs Allwood is absent sitting a Diploma of Teaching exam

[Fancy Dress programme attached](#)

5th November Mrs Allwood absent sitting Diploma of Teaching Exams

6th November Mr Inpati returns from sick leave. A group of 130 children went to intermediate for an Operetta McKenzie's Gold

12th Mr Inpati on leave without pay. He is going home to the Tokelau's for Christmas and must catch a boat from Suva early next week

19th Yesterday Mr Edward George Coddington died suddenly. Mr Coddington became headmaster of this school in 1st February 1933 and retired on 15th December 1950. Early in the 1940's he became secretary treasurer of the Masterton Central School Committee a position he held until 1964. At the time of his death Mr Coddington was 87 years of age

20th November Yesterday I represented the school as a pall bearer at the funeral of the Late Mr E G Coddington

27th November The National President NZEI Mr R Norman and eh National Secretary Mr E Simmonds visited the school. The school choir was up at Intermediate this morning for a "Sing In"

28th Misses Masters and Ross, Mrs Allwood and I attended a seminar on open planning in Wellington

4th December Mr G A McDonald Principal Masterton Intermediate visiting standard 4 pupils today

12th The standard 4 pupils held a social in the hall tonight between 7 and 9.30 p.m.

19th The breakup ceremony was held today in the school hall at 2 p.m. Mr Wood distributed Merit Certificates

20th School closes for the year. Teachers ceasing duty are Mr H H Hollow who has ben woodwork instructor attached to this school from 1961, Mr Hollows has retired Mr Inpati, Mesdames Williams Dennett, Foster, Misses Flowerday, Graham Williams

[Closing ceremony arrangements attached](#)

[List of all keys with Numbers attached for 1973](#)

At back of Log is a letter from Mr Coddington dated 1st April 1952 re The Coddington Prize. (I have paraphrased the document

£50 given on behalf of my wife in Memory of our son R J Coddington

1 The money to be invested in National Savings. The interest being used for the prize

2. The School Committee to be trustees

3. The prize to be awarded to any boy or girl in any class who is retarded as a result of some handicap but who makes progress deserving of some recognition during the year
4. The Headmaster makes his choice in consultation with the staff
5. If the school is closed then the funds transfer to the school that replaces it
6. The prize to be known as the Bob Coddington Prize
7. The Headmaster selects the prize but it is not necessarily a book but possibly an outfit of something connected with a hobby

1974

- 4th February AA Rowe deputy principal opens log. Teacher Only Day. Misses J Slone, J Dunlop, V Lisle, P Tatton and Mrs Grant Reported for duty. Mr Espie absent for first week on administration Inservice Course at Hogben House Christchurch
- 5th School opened for pupils. 19 new children enrolled. Reference was made to significance of New Zealand Day
- 6th New Zealand Day was celebrated today as a public holiday for the first time.
- 9th The PTA held a successful Bottle Drive today. There was a good turnout of voluntary workers
- 11th Principal returned to duty from IN service course today
- 20th Mr Yule Traffic officer in school giving traffic instruction
- 26th Mr T Martin of the Phys Ed Branch in school giving swimming instruction
- 27th Today the Junior Department held its annual swimming display in the school baths before a good gathering of parents
- 28th The Standards swimming sports were held today at Memorial Park
- 12th March Mr Rowe absent on science Inservice Course. Mrs Rowe relieving
- 13th An In Service course on administration for School Principals was held in school hall on the 13th-14th March
- This evening the annual Meeting of the PTA was held in the hall. About 50 parents attended. Mr G A McDonald gave a talk on the "Intermediate Years"
- Officers elected for the year. President Mr B Whale, Vice Presidents Mr A Rowe, Mr D Neilsen, Secretary Mrs N Thompson. Treasurer Mr B Graham
- 21st Miss Masters attending a Music Inservice course at West School
- 22nd Miss Shone attending an In Service Course in Music. Mrs Bridge relieving
- 25th A number of teachers absent today. Mrs Ross (Ogg) absent on marriage leave. Messrs Christensen and Rowe at an Audio Visual Inservice Course. Misses Lister and Smith sick, Mrs Tatton receiving medical treatment following a motor accident
- Mesdames, Espie, Rowe, Bridge relieving. Mr Graham took his class to Riversdale today
- 26th Mr Christensen attending Inservice Course in A/V Mrs Karatan here till the 28th
- 29th Mr P Ellery Adviser in Mathematics in the school this morning
- 8th April Messrs Robinson and Philpott arrive to inspect the school. Mrs Ogg (nee Ross) returns from leave
- 9th Messrs Robinson and Philpott complete an E 12/1 Inspection of the school. There was a large attendance of parents at the parents evening held tonight. Parents inspected their children's work and talked to teachers
- 19th – 20th The regional seminar of the Education Development Conference was held in Masterton this weekend. About 200 people attended

24th At assembly Mr Rowe made reference to the significance of Anzac Day to be held tomorrow. Mr Grant absent all day. Mrs Espie relieving

30th Miss Tatton absent for the rest of the week at a 4 day Inservice Course on Gymnastics. Mrs Espie relieving

1st May Miss D Allen conducted a mathematics Games workshop in the school hall between 7.30-9.30 p.m. About 50 teachers present

2nd Mr D Welsh (Inspector of schools) in school for a Division B Personal Inspection (Miss P Smith) Health Department technicians in school for Audio Vision Testing. Miss Allen continues Mathematics Games workshop tonight. PTA collecting produce tonight for tomorrow's shop day

3rd The PTA held a shop day in the Y M C A this morning \$93 raised

9th Principal away on personal leave

10th May Miss Shone absent on personal leave Mrs Bridge relieving. Mrs V Lisle (U K Exchange) ceases duty. School closed for first term recess

27th Miss H Newland replaces Miss Lisle in Room 7

20th June Miss Williams attending an Inservice course in Physical Education today and tomorrow Mrs Bridge relieving

2nd July Mr Christensen is on a Music Inservice course for the next two days. Mrs Espie is relieving. Mr L Cossin visited the special classes. For the next three days teachers of Standard 1-4 are conducting parent interviews to discuss children's progress for the first half year

5th Principal absent at NZEI meeting

8th School closed midterm break

9th PTA meeting tonight. Mr Madsen demonstrated the model 45CB Thermal copier. The PTA decided to buy a machine for \$385

10th Mr J Ewing visiting the Year One teachers

15th Mr Graham on an Inservice course Mrs Grant ill, Misses Shone and Dunlop absent for Educational Interviews. Mesdames Espie and Bridge relieving

17th Misses Shone and Dunlop return

18th Today a party of 80 children went to the Memorial Stadium to meet the Governor General Sir Dennis Blundell and Lady Blundell. Sir Dennis addressed the gathering and moved amongst the children. He declared a holiday to be held on 25th October

24th Mesdames Simpson and Allwood attending an Art Inservice course being held in the school hall. Mrs Espie relieving

29th Miss H Newland absent ill. Mrs Espie relieving

30th Miss Masters absent for three days on a Junior language Inservice course

At top of page a Ticket attached for the Central School Cabaret at the assembly hall on Saturday 20th July 1974 at 8 p.m. Double Ticket \$6.00

12th August Mr Christensen away for two days on Inservice Training

14th Miss Tatton absent for two days on Inservice training

23rd Second term ends. Misses P Smith and J Shone cease duty

9th Third term begins Mrs J Dodd and Mrs E Espie relieving

10th Misses A Cheetham, J Masters and L Melchers Three Training College aspirants observing in the school today

24th Miss Newlands absent for four days on an Inservice Course on Maori Studies. About 50 parents we present tonight at the PTA meeting. The guest speaker was Miss Helen Anderson who talked

about the booklet "Huma Development and Relationships in the School Curriculum" Miss Anderson was a member of the working party that drew up the booklet

30th Miss Masters and I were absent today on Inservice course on Mathematics

7th October Principal absent for three days on a Principal's Inservice Course

9th Today the school went down to the Memorial Stadium to practice for the Fancy Dress Ball

10th There was a large turnout of parents for the Fancy Dress Ball tonight. It was a very successful evening

Programme included in pages

19th October Despite wet weather a successful gala day was held Approximately \$1100 was raised

25th School closed for holiday granted by the Governor General, Sir Denis Blundell

30th Mr P Nelson was with Standard 4 children taking I Q tests for children going to Masterton Intermediate in 1975

5th Mr Bown of Hiona Intermediate was in the school this morning talking to the children going to Hiona Intermediate

8th Principal absent at Institute meeting

14th Children from Room 7 today went on an Educational Trip to Wellington

15th Principal in Auckland today on Institute Business

18th This morning the standard classes ran off the heats for the Athletic Sports

19th The finals of the school athletic sports were held this afternoon before a good attendance of parents

21st Miss P Tatton absent on Marriage Leave

22nd Principal in Auckland on NZEI business

26th This morning Mr G A McDonald spoke to the S4 children going to Masterton Intermediate School next year' Mr McDonald is principal of Masterton Intermediate

27th Mr Cosson Adviser special classes in the school arranging for promotion to Masterton Intermediate Special Class for 1975 The school athletic team competed in the town sports at Memorial Park today

2nd December Mrs Hepburn (Nee Tatton) returns from marriage leave

6th Principal in Auckland on NZEI business

12th Tonight the Standard 4 children held a social in the school hall. The function was organised by the Deputy Principal Mr A Rowe

18th A party of Fijian teachers visited the school this morning. They were Mr Bolataki (President Fijian Teacher's Association. Miss Maisi Taco, Mr Juita Balatabu They were accompanied by Mr Maurice Gionotti, NZEI Curriculum Officer

19th Miss Williams absent this afternoon in hospital This afternoon the annual break up and certificate ceremony ceremony was held in the school hall at 1 p.m. The chairman of the committee Mr Colin Wood presented merit certificates to children from Standard 1-4. As this is Mr Wood's last term on the School Committee he presented to the school a framed photograph of the old school

Programme for closing ceremony attached

20th School closed for the year Mrs Dodd, Miss Dunlop, Mrs Williams, Mrs Grant and Mrs Hepburn cease duty

1975

3rd February The 1975 year commenced today with a Teacher Only Day Mrs S Limbreck and Misses C Smith, B Hart, L Waugh, L Colban, H Woolford reported for duty. Miss H Newland who previously

relieved joined the permanent staff and Mr M Christensen transferred from Scale A to Senior Teacher Special Class Scale B1. Organisation for 1975 was covered

4th School opened for pupils today Eighteen new pupils enrolled

6th New Zealand Day School closed for the day

8th The PTA held a bottle drive today

14th Mr T Martin in school today helping with swimming programme

18th Messrs H Forsman and D Robinson, Inspectors of Schools, visited the school today. Mr Robinson saw the year one teachers

19th Mrs Allwood, Misses Newland and Waugh absent this afternoon attending an Inservice course on Standard 1 Maths at Harley Street School

21st This morning the Burton Puppet Theatre were performing in the school. Children from Room 1 to 10 visited the Agricultural Show at various times during the day

24th Misses Waugh and Hart attending an Inservice course on Audio Visual Aids. Mrs Espie is relieving. The standards swimming sports were held at the Memorial Pool before a good attendance of parents

This afternoon at 3 p.m. a seminar was held on the treatment and handling of Spina Bifida Children Those present were the Junior Teaching staff- Miss Masters, Miss Limbrick?, Miss Smith, Mrs Nicol, The visiting teacher- Mr Kelly. The psychologist Service Mrs Pilgrim; Physiotherapist- Mrs Beetham; Crippled Children- Ms Morrison; Teacher Aid Mrs Kelly

27th This afternoon the Junior Department's held its annual swimming demonstration in the school baths. The weather was mild and there was a good attendance of parents

7th March A party of swimmers under the control of Mr Rowe and Mr Christensen competed this morning in the Town Swimming Sports- swimming season closes today

11th Mr J Hann (D S I S) [District Senior Inspector of Schools] and Mr H Forsman (Senior Inspector) visited the school Mrs J Allwood absent on bereavement leave.

The annual meeting of the PTA was held tonight in the school hall. Heavy rain reduced the attendance to about 40. Mr F Dodd gave a talk on "Community Involvement in Education" Officers for the year President Mr A Rowe, Vice president Mr D Neilson, Secretary Mrs J Russell, Treasurer Mr B Graham

24th Mr Rowe, Mrs Allwood and Mrs Masters attending a Professional Leadership Course at Lansdowne School for the next two days. Mrs Espie is relieving in Mr Rowe's class

26th The children's Art theatre presented their 1975 performance to the children of the school this morning. A party of children from Wainuioru School also saw the performance

27th This morning the staff entertained Mr and Mrs Billington at morning tea and made them a presentation on behalf of the teachers and Sc Mr and Mrs Billington have been caretaker and cleaner at the South Road school since it was opened in December 1970 and are now retiring. The staff wished Miss L Colban all the best for the future. She is getting married on Saturday. The new caretaker Mr R Smith was introduced to the staff. School closed for the Easter recess today

2nd April Mr and Mrs R Smith commenced as new caretaker and cleaner. Mrs L Howell (Nee Colban) absent on marriage leave Mrs Espie relieving

7th Mrs Howell returns from leave. Mr D Robertson Inspector of schools visits the year one teachers Misses Woolford and Smith this afternoon

8th A very large percentage of parents came to school this evening to visit their children's school rooms to look at their work and to talk to their teachers. The PTA committee authorized the expenditure of \$500 of school equipment

9th April Mrs Allwood and Misses Waugh and Newland absent this afternoon at an inservice course on Standard 1 maths

14th Mesdames Knapp and Crawford of the Health Department carrying out hearing and vision testing in the school. Mr M Christensen is absent this week on special class observation. Mrs Espie is relieving. Dental Nurse absent

16th Mrs Limbrich absent on an Inservice course on Health. Mrs Martin relieving

21st Principal absent this afternoon on NZEI business. Tonight the biennial householder's meeting to elect a new Sc was held in the school hall. Ten parents offered themselves for election and the following School Committee was chosen. Chairman. Mr B W Coleman, deputy Chairman Mr B C Graham, Secretary Treasurer Mrs J C Ferguson, Grass Cutting Committee Mr W G Blackwood. PTA representatives Mrs L E Lessels, Mr J L Jackson,

Other members elected were Messrs W A Campbell, D T Finegan and T Ratipu

At the meeting reference was made to the efforts of retiring members, Mr D Loader, Messrs J Spittle, B Quayle, A Summers and C J Wood. Particular reference was made to the sterling service given by the retiring chairman Mr C J Wood. He came on to the committee 10 years ago and was its chairman during one of the most difficult periods of the school history when he became chairman of the old school in Queen Street was nearing the end of its existence. At his retirement tonight the new South Road school is firmly established with the amenities that should be a credit to any school

Attached is the Full report of the Chairman presented to Meeting

23rd Mr Christensen is absent on bereavement leave. Mrs Espie relieving.

This morning the children of the Infant Department five teachers and one teacher aide went by Blue Bus to Tasman Orchard Greytown. This was part of their centre of interest there for the week. PTA paid \$16 towards the cost of the bus while the children paid the rest

24th This morning Mr Rowe explained the reasons for the Anzac Day Holiday being held tomorrow at Assembly

28th Miss Masters and Mr Rowe at Senior Teacher Inservice Course. Mrs Espie relieving
Annual maintenance survey carried out this morning. Present were Mr F Wallace (Maintenance Officer) Mr B Coleman (Chairman. School Committee) Mrs H Prior Ward Member Wellington Education Board)

29th Mr D Walsh Inspector (Special Education) in school looking at Spina Bifida Children

20th Miss masters and Mr Rowe back from the Inservice training course. Mr D Robinson (Inspector of Schools) inspecting Miss H Newland for Div. B report

1st May The school was entered unlawfully last night through an open window. The police have been informed

Mr D Robinson is inspecting Mrs L Ogg for a Div. B report

6th An emergency fire evacuation was held this morning at 9.35 a.m. The drill worked smoothly though some difficulty is still being experienced in hearing the bell system

26th School opens for 2nd term Staff remain unchanged

28th Miss J Horton Advisor Junior Classes visited the school this afternoon

4th June Mrs Allwood, Misses Newland and Waugh attending an Inservice course on Standard 1 maths at Harley St

5th Mrs P Simpson attending an Inservice Course on Screen Printing. The course is being held in the school hall. Mrs Espie is relieving

9th Mr A Rowe absent attending a funeral. Mrs Espie relieving. Mr D Robinson (Inspector) inspecting Mrs J Allwood for a Div. B report

11th Mrs L Howell attending an Inservice Course in Gymnastics for next two days
Mr Robinson in school inspecting Mr M Graham for a Div. B report

23rd Mr Christensen BSENT FOR ONE WEEK ON Inservice Leave, Mrs Espie relieving. Mr B Nicol absent on bereavement leave. Mrs Hair relieving

4th July Principal Absent on NZEI business

7th July Mr Christensen took a group of Standard 3-4 children to Ngaumu Forest for social studies trip

8th For the next three days Teachers will be holding parent interviews to discuss progress made during the first half year

9th Mrs Howell absent today on an Inservice course on Gymnastics Mrs Espie is relieving
This afternoon children of rooms 9,11,12,13,14 playing in a winter sports tournament at various schools around Masterton This evening the Junior School Teacher's Group met in the school hall to discuss early stage reading

14th School closed today for Mid term break

15th Mr Rowe, Miss Masters and Mrs Allwood attending an Inservice Course for Senior Teachers for the next three days. Mrs Espie is relieving

28th Mr Rowe absent ill. Mrs Espie relieving. Mr Tyer absent ill. Miss M McLachlan, a teacher college trainee reported for a teaching section. She is attached to Mrs Ogg

1st August Principal absent with Flu

6th Principal and Mr Rowe returned to duty today

Cabaret Ticket attached For Saturday 2nd August at 8 p.m. Cost \$8 for a double ticket

11th A seminar of three teachers and agencies dealing with our Spina Bifida Children was held at school this afternoon

8th September Third term begins. Mrs M Tyer returns from sick leave

12th Principal absent on NZEI business

13th Mr Rowe organised a successful bottle drive for the PTA today

16th Miss Masters was attending an Inservice Course in Photography for the next three days

23rd Mr Rowe, Mrs Allwood, Mrs Masters absent at Senior Teacher Inservice Course for the next two days. Mesdames Espie and Bridge are relieving

24th Members of the Senior Teachers Inservice course in the school observing the Junior Programme

29th Traffic officer Dodd is giving road safety lesson to the Juniors and Standard 1-2 are of the school

7th October Mr Christensen is absent today. For the next few days he will be at an Inservice Course on Maori Culture being held at the Nga Tane Waru Meeting house Te Ore Ore. Mrs Espie is relieving

8th This evening the School Choir took part in a music festival held at Masterton Intermediate school, Short Street. Our school choir was trained by Mrs Allwood and our individual item which consisted of a number of Maori Action Songs was trained by Miss Newland

13th Miss L Ogg on Maternity Leave till the end of the year. Mrs E Espie relieving

15th A fine day today for our Gala A large crowd attended. At the end of the day a gross amount of \$1400 was banked

23rd October The Executive Officer General Services Mr C Phillips called today to discuss the possibility of Cornwall Street using one of our rooms in 1976 while that school is being renovated, Our School Committee chairman Mr B Coleman was present during the discussion

24th The Education Board has decided to send the Children to Harley Street school in 1976

27th Labour Day

3rd November This morning a practice was held in the War Memorial Stadium of the items to be performed in tomorrow night's Fancy Dress Ball. The practice went relatively smoothly. Because of wet weather all children were taken to and from the stadium by bus.

Programme attached

4th There was a moderate attendance at the Fancy Dress Ball tonight. It was necessary to have the stadium heated because of the wet cold weather of the last few days. Organization was very good and the whole programme went off without a hitch.

6th This morning at Standards held the heats of the Athletic Sports. Principal away for two days on NZEI Business.

7th November This afternoon Mr Rowe was in charge of the school sports meeting. The infants held their athletic programme while the Standards ran off the finals of their programme. Mr Rowe reported that the attendance of parents was slightly down on last year.

10th Standard 4 teachers have completed the profile sheet of the children passing on to Form 1 next year and sent these sheets to Miss Newland who is absent today on sick leave. Mrs Pilgrim School psychologist in the school this morning testing children.

12th Mr D Robinson Inspector of School and Mrs C Pilgrim, Psychologist visit the school.

17th Miss Adele Craddock a 1976 Year One is visiting the school this week. This afternoon a truck belonging to Dominion Breweries Mangatainoka Division AD 4480 backed into the corner of the school hall (N E Corner) causing considerable damage. We have made temporary repairs to make the Administration Block secure.

19th Mr W Mason, Builder repaired the damage caused by Dominion Breweries. A party of children representing the school participated in the Town Athletic sports this afternoon. The standard children remaining behind held a standard meeting.

20th November Traffic Officer Dodd carrying out traffic patrol training in the school. He was concentrating on the new children who will take over patrol in 1976.

1st December Mr Christensen absent ill. No reliever.

2nd Mr Christensen returns to duty, Miss Edwards a 1976 year one in the school for two days. Junior School is visiting a farm today.

4th Mr McDonald of Masterton Intermediate School spoke to the Standard 4 children this morning about their placement at Intermediate in 1976.

8th Mr Dodd Traffic Officer training the school patrol for 1976.

18th The annual breakup and Certificate ceremony was held this afternoon at 2 pm/ Mr Coleman presented Merit Certificates to children throughout the school.

19th School closes for the year. Misses B Hart, C Woolford and K Smith cease duty. Misses Hart and Smith are going to Wellington and Miss Woolford to Auckland.

Programme for Closing ceremony attached

1976

2nd February School opened for 1976 with "Teacher's Only Day" Miss R Ann Edwards and Mrs Adele Frances reported for duty as Year One Teachers.

3rd School opened for children today. Twenty Eight Children were enrolled for the first term.

4th Mr Christensen absent ill. Mrs Espie Relieving.

6th School closed for New Zealand Day.

12th Messrs D Welsh and L Silcock visit the school as inspectors in charge of Special Education.

14th The PTA held a bottle drive this morning. The drive was less successful than usual because of a succession of bottle drives during the school holiday

26th The Burton Theatre of Puppets gave a performance of their 1976 show "The Dream" to the children today

2nd March Mrs Ogg absent. Her baby daughter died during the night. Mrs Espie relieving. Mrs Allwood absent on Music Course for two days

4th Mrs Allwood absent on Standard 2 Maths Course. Victor Francis studios in school today taking individual photos

8th Mr P Austin (Acting Inspector of Schools) visiting the year One teachers. Mr H Forsman also visiting. Miss Newlands absent for three days on Social Studies Course

9th The Annual meeting of the PTA was held in the school hall tonight. About 40 attended Officers elected

President: Mr D Neilson, Vice Presidents, Mr D Billing, Mr I Blumenthal, Secretary Mrs D Russell. Treasurer Mrs B Graham

Committee: Mr Rowe Mesdames Malton, Carmine, Jackson, Clark, Wootton, Campbell, Parkes, Lessels, Allwood, Miss Masters

Mr L Bayley District Advisor in Physical Education spoke to the meeting about children's play

15th Mrs Limbrich attending an inservice course on Science. Mrs Bridge relieving

16th Mrs Simpson attending the science Inservice Course

17th Mrs Ogg returns to duty. Mrs Howell at the science course

18th Mr Rowe at the Inservice Course

23rd Mrs C pilgrim (School Psychologist) in school for testing purposes

30th This morning the Junior Department have gone on a field trip to Tasman Orchards, Greytown

2nd April Principal absent on NZEI Business

3rd Toady teams of boys and girls took part in Cross Country race held at Makora College

5th This week Mrs J Horton, Adviser Junior Classes will be conducting an Internal Inservice course with the teachers of the Junior School

13th Tonight a large number of parents came to school to meet the teachers and to discuss the work of their children with them

21st Mrs Ogg absent at inservice Mathematics. Mrs Espie relieving

22nd Mrs Allwood absent at Mathematics Course

26th Miss Masters absent for the next four days on a cooperative Teaching Inservice Course.

Constable R Wright Police Department School resource Officer, in the school for the next two days talking to children of the working of the Police Department

27th Mrs C Pilgrim, School Psychologist in this morning testing Spina Bidifa Children A group of parents of handicapped Persons attending a Community Action Project visited the special classes today

28th Teachers from the Cooperative Teaching inservice Course observing in the school this morning

30th The PTA held a cake day in town this morning Approx \$100 was raised

4th May Mesdames Manuel and Donald (Featherston) visited our junior Department this morning.

Mr D Mundell (Teachers College) visited Miss A Edwards (Year One) this morning

7th May Mrs Chamberlain Dental Nurse transferring to Hiona Intermediate

School closes for May Vacation

24th May The new dental nurse Miss C ross is absent ill

26th Miss Ross Dental Nurse reports for duty

1st 3rd June Mrs Knight Department of Health in school testing children's vision and hearing

10th June Miss Edwards absent undergoing surgery in Wellington Hospital

14th June Mr P Austin (Inspector of Schools) called to see Year One Teachers. Mrs Og at inservice course. Mrs Espie relieving

6th July For the next three afternoons and evenings teachers are interviewing parents to discuss half yearly survey results

8th Mrs J Allwood attending an inservice course on Mathematics. Miss M Hopkirk observing in the school as part of the teacher retraining programme

11th Mid Year Break

Cabaret Tickets now \$9 per double. Cabaret 10th July Saturday

13th Principal on sick leave

15th July Mr L Silcock in school for Division B Grading

20th Mrs Simpson on Inservice course. Mrs Groombridge relieving

21st Principal returns

26th Mr Christensen on Special class Teacher's Course for one week. Mrs Groombridge relieving

27th Two prospective teacher trainees from Makora College, Simon Pomery and Sandra Rigg in school for day

3rd August Children's Art Theatre performed their 1976 production "The Magic Circle" in the school this morning

4th Constable Warren Wright Schools Resource Officer showed a film on vandalism to Standard 2-4 at 11 a.m.

5th Mrs P Simpson's Drama Club performed a play "The Tiger Who was Afraid" for the rest of the school this afternoon

6th Milo finishes for the Winter Term

13th Mrs T Martin Worsley Bay School visiting the Infant Department

19th August Mr Christensen absent on sick leave

6th September School opens for third term Mr Christensen still absent on sick leave

8th This afternoon a meeting of re-trainees, Principals, and Course officials was held at Central School. Mr Jack Ennis, Mr J Ellery, Masterton Town principals and approx. 17 re-trainees were present

14th Mr C Doherty Special Class Advisor at school today

15th Mr C Doherty testing children today

16th Mr C Walker the new science adviser called to discuss science

21st Class Photos taken today by the school photographs Frances Victor Studios. P T A held a meeting tonight for parents- subject- mathematics. It was not well patronized

22nd Mrs Espie on an Inservice Course. Mrs V McKenzie relieving

23rd Mrs Allwood on a mathematics Inservice Course

24th This afternoon an officer from NZCER called to test two classes on their current sampling programme

28th Mrs J Allwood out at Music Inservice Course

29th Mr D Patchett in the school this morning visiting Teacher College Trainees. Mr L Campbell, Mr Patchett is from Training College

4th October Mr Nielson DP from Masterton Intermediate at school testing Standard 4 children

16th The PTA held their annual gala Day today. There was a large turnout of parents and a grand total of \$1500 was banked at the end of the day

15th October Mr and Mrs R Smith Caretaker and Cleaner did not report to work today. Apparently they have resigned. Standard 4 children have attended the annual Intermediate musical performance at Intermediate school this afternoon

19th Mr F Hillary Special Class Organiser in school in school testing the children in the senior special class

20th Mrs E Doherty Special Class Organiser in school testing special class children
Mesdames Allwood and Frances absent at University Examinations

21st This morning a party from the Wellington Education Board visited the school. The party consisted of Mr Hesketh (Chairman), Mr Patchett, Mr and Mrs Orchard, Mr M McLennan. Mr Coleman represented the School Committee

26th This evening the School Committee met to interview a number of applicants for the position of caretaker and cleaner

27th This morning children went to the Memorial Stadium to practice for tomorrow's Fancy Dress Ball.

28th A very successful Fancy Dress Ball was held in the stadium tonight
Programme attached 300 copies printed

2nd November School athletic sports postponed for one week

3rd Mesdames Allwood and Francis absent on Examination Leave, Mrs Espie on Inservice Leave and M A Espie on NZEI Leave
Mr and Mrs Bramwell commenced duty as Caretaker and cleaner

5th Principal absent on NZEI leave

8th Mr P Austin School Inspector visits the year one teachers this morning. Mr P Hunt relieving science adviser in school this morning

9th The heats of the school Athletic sports held this morning

10th The school athletic sports were held this afternoon before a reasonable turnout of parents

19th Mrs Simpson absent on sick leave. Dr Roberts in school this morning

9th-10th December The Operetta Club presented a musical production "The Court of Old King Cole" to a full house on both nights. Both performances went off without a hitch

15th December The Annual breakup and Certificate ceremony was held in the school hall at 2 pm today. Mr Coleman presented the merit certificates to children throughout the school

16th School closes for the year. Miss L Waugh is going on leave without pay for two years. She will be teaching in the Cook Islands on V S A (*Volunteer Services Abroad*). Mrs L Howell is going to a Scale A position at Lawrence, Otago. Mrs Nicol is reigning after being at Masterton Central School since 1963.

I am transferring to East School on D T L (*Dominion Transfer List*) after being principal of Masterton Central School Since September 1962
Noel Espie

1977

31st January

Room		
	Mr J B Morton	Principal
13	Mr A A Rowe	Deputy Principal

1	Miss P Master	Senior Teacher Junioe Classes
8	Mrs J Allwood	Senior Teacher
9	Mr M Christensen	Senior Teacher Special Class
14	Mr M Graham	
12	Miss A Edwards	
10	Mrs P Simpson	
7	Miss H Newland	
2	Mrs S Limbrick	
3	Mrs A Francis	
4	Miss A Rush	
6	Mr D Halliday	
11	Mr L Campbell	Year 1
	Mrs Tyer	Secretary
	Mrs Kelley	Teacher Aid
	Mrs Manley	Teacher Aid
	Mr & Mrs Bramwell	Caretakers
	Mrs A Sadler	Part timer teacher

All staff present except Miss Edwards whose flight from USA has been delayed- Mrs Sadler relieving

3rd February Miss Edwards returned from Vacation

5th Successful bottle drive by PTA

7th Mr P Austin Inspector to make the acquaintance of Mr Campbell 1st year teacher

9th Mr Gladstone Phys Ed to help with swimming

17th Visitors from overseas gave short talks about their countries and sang songs together at assembly. We had ladies from Papua New Guinea and Malaysia and men from Australia and the Philippines. The party was completed by a Maori from Hawkes Bay. Children listened well

March. Junior school visited Trout Hatchery and Show. Standard 1 and 2 to Golden Shears

Visited by Burton's Puppet Show with its usual high standard

Mr Halliday visited Kimi Ora because of two handicapped children in her class

April Mrs P Simpson has gone overseas until November. Her place has been taken by Mrs Sadler

Visited by 5 inspectors in one week also by Mr Sullivan adviser on Deaf Children. Two Phys Ed and One Art adviser

A Language course was held at the school directed by Mr J Johanson. This was attended by Mr M M Graham, fulltime and Miss Edwards part time. I also took the time to be represented as much as possible

The cross country relays were held by the Masterton Harrier club

P A T's completed. (*Progressive Achievement Tests were a series of NZ tests that gave in Reading a standard for all pupils tested against a national ranking scheme*)

May Our special class visited Featherston Special Class

A start has been made on regrading the school grounds

The staff entertained the School Committee to morning tea on 31st May. An extended break was taken

June Mr Halliday transferred to the Intermediate School being dissatisfied with Junior School Children and his place was taken by Mrs Hercock

The grounds are in a most unsatisfactory condition. Mr Hedley has arranged for the Board Engineer to inspect them

In sport we fielded two soccer, two rugby, two hockey and four netball teams against other schools

An integrated arts day was held for top two classes with help from Mr Tarrant

Plumber called to repair Zip in kitchen. Has tried to improve heating in Room 8 but cannot solve problem

PTA have provided over \$500 this month for extra art material, books, sports equipment and audio visual aids.

July 34 children entered for gymnastic badges. Only one failure

170 appointments were made for "Meet the Teacher" This is just over 50%- disappointing.

Special class teachers from all over the Wairarapa met to discuss mutual problems. They arranged to meet once a term.

Mr Norris has erected shelves in the kitchen

Painters have started on exterior of school

A continuation of last term's language course was held at the school. Our Standard 4 was used to give a demonstration of classroom drama

August Painters have finished painting exterior of school. Quality of paint and work is poor.

Contractor still held up by heavy rains whilst working on playing fields

September Seventh Form students from Makora College are helping us as present as part of their community work. They are helping in gymnastics, sport and developmental programmes

A girl from their "experience" class has conducted Macramé lessons for Standard 3 and 4 pupils

October The gala was held and was a success. Profits in region of \$1200

School field in use first time for months

Primers visited Te Ore Ore Marae

Mr B Nalder gave a one day course for staff. We had seven relievers in the school

The annual Folk dancing was held at the stadium in Fancy Dress. Dancing standard was good. A very good attendance by parents

Sunday 4th December A hangi was held in the school grounds. For those who came it was most enjoyable though attendance was only mediocre, still over 200 enjoyed the sunshine

The Standard 4's held a social at the end of the year. This had not been the custom for some years because of troubles with discipline etc. I made myself responsible for the event and laid down the rules and devised the programme

- a) Parents to be invited by the children and join in events
- b) No leaving the hall
- c) No other pupils permitted- no exceptions
- d) Children to bring a plate
- e) Dances to be taught by me prior to the evening
- f) Games devised by me for the occasion

I was pleased with the results and received many phone calls from parents saying how much they and their children had enjoyed the evening

Mr Fink has made himself responsible for supervising the school baths during the vacation. Season tickets are to be available to parents at \$5. Parents had to sign an agreement when leasing the key to say that their children would only be there under parent supervision

1978

Mr J B Morton Principal
Mr A Rowe Deputy Principal (Standard ¾ syndicate)
Miss P Masters Senior Teacher Junior Classes (Junior Syndicate)
Mrs J Allwood Senior Teacher (Standard 1 and 2 syndicate)
Mr M Christensen Senior Teacher Special Class
Mr M Graham R14 Standard 4
Miss C Silk Year 1
Mrs S Singh (Nee Summers) Primer
Mrs S Limbrick (New Entrants)
Miss H Newland Standard 1
Miss C Rush Primer 4
Mrs A Frances (Primers)
Mr and Mrs Bramwell Caretaker and Cleaner
Mrs V Jackson Dental Nurse
Mrs M Cook Part time teacher
Mr M Tyer Secretary
Mrs M Marley Teacher Aide
Mrs J Bain Teacher aide for handicapped children

February Bottle Drive, Almost \$200 raised but were beaten to it by other organisations at end of holiday

March 7th and 15th Shop days organised by Standard 4 children to raise money for camp
AGM of PTA held. Very few parents attended

We took part in Cross Country races entering seven boys and five girls teams

5th April Burton's Puppets came to school and gave their usual good show. Junior and Senior Athletic sports held this week

March Standard 4 children went to camp at Riversdale with Mr Graham, Mr Rowe and Mr Christensen. Miss Masters went with them and four parents. A rock pool study was main theme. Mr Tarrant spent one day with them (*Gordon Tarrant long term Art Specialist for Wellington Education Board*)

7th June A speaker from ACC addressed parents on accidents in the home. Attendance only moderate

Wednesday 18th July Meet the teacher held by appointment over two days. Attendance was about 70%

25th July Tree planting last Saturday was a great success. 22 families purchased trees and over \$200 was contributed

Cabaret was held on the 15th July for those who were there it was very enjoyable but numbers tend to be low every year

Telethon resulted in almost \$500 being raised

November Fancy Dress held in Stadium on 2nd November

A group of parents is meeting in school to hear and discuss the NZBC series of programmes on children's reading

The gala was held on November 25th \$1500 raised

A shop day was held in aid of eh new YMCA \$80 was raised and the PTA made this up to \$130 which was presented to YMCA

The Dominion Arts Exhibition opened in the Arts Centre. 5 entries from the school was chosen

December A very successful "Carol Hour" was held in the school hall Guests were invited being people from among parents and various services who had helped us during the year . Te was provided afterwards

The baths are to be opened during eh holiday at a cost of \$5 for a key

The standard 4 social was held and enjoyed by all

A farewell evening well attended was held for Miss Masters who retired after 18 years in the school. Gifts were presented

The annual Break up and Certificate ceremony took place at 2 pm in the school hall on Thursday 14th December

School closed for summer c=vacation at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 15th December

1979

Mr J B Morton Principal

Mr A Rowe Deputy Principal (Standard ¾ syndicate)

Miss D Stidolph S T J C

Mrs J Allwood Senior Teacher (Standard 1 and 2 syndicate)

Mr M Christensen Senior Teacher Special Class

Miss P Simpson Special Class

Mr M Graham R14 Standard 4

Mrs S Singh R1

Miss P Ellis R5

Mis H Newland R6

Miss T Kaukau R7

Miss L Waugh R 12

Miss L Parker R 11

Mrs M Cook Part time teacher

Mr M Tyer Secretary

Mrs M Manley Teacher Aide

Mrs J Bain Teacher aide for handicapped children

March AGM of Parent Teacher Association was held in the school hall. Dr Bailey Gibson addressed the very small audience

Burton's Puppet theatre performed at the school. The usual high Standard

We took part in the inter school cross country races held by Masterton Harrier Club. 2nd in Girls 10th in Boys

Took part in Top Team School Competition which we won

April School Committee elections held on 23rd

June More trees were planted in the school grounds including silver birch and flowering gums

Two new pianos were received from the Board

A new playground for Standards was built with covering of small pebbles

July Our Telethon effort raised nearly \$600

After a survey of parents 142 voted for shortened lunch hour, 35 voted against, 2 undecided and 28 did not reply

The annual cabaret was held with a French Flavour on Bastille Day July 14th. Several people came in fancy dress. Numbers were again small

The shortened lunchtime was started in July for remainder of the term

Meet the teacher was held with usual format of appointments. About 70% of parents attended

August A concert was held. Money went to buy a 35 mm camera for the school. Items included "Oh Noah" a musical and "At the circus" a play as well as orchestral items and singing

September Visit to stadium by rooms 9.11.13.14 to see Greytown Music Group Demonstrate instruments of the orchestra

October Gala held once again \$1600

Fancy Dress evening in the stadium a great success

Dominion Art exhibition 5 pieces chosen

The primer children paid a visit to the zoo

November Inter school athletics We did well at the field events winning three

We have set up our own art display in the hall. It has created a great deal of interest in the town

The Times Age has been.

Two working bees were held to paint the interior of the school baths- their first painting. We are pleased with the result

December The choir performed for the Senior Citizens at their Christmas Party held at Solway Park.

We were paid many compliments by the old folk

At short notice I had to lead the community singing

A formal farewell was given to Mr Rowe who is leaving after 16 years at the school. He is probably the most popular with children that I have met in my career we will all miss him. The staff presented him with a chess set

The Standard 4 Social and Breakup ceremony was held as usual

School closed for year 14th December

The Primers also had a Xmas party and also gave a performance of a pantomime "Cinderella" for the parents. It was well received. Standard 1 and 2 also sang some carols

Carols were sung as usual for invited guests a week prior to the breakup

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February The flower show was held as usual and judged by Mr and Mrs W Buchanan from Upper Plain. Being a carless day for them they cycled over

The swimming Sports were held on Wednesday 13th February

Junior Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday 20th February

Staff for the year

Mr J B Morton Principal

Mr Colin Richards Deputy Principal)

Miss Diana Stidolph S T J C

Mrs Joan Allwood Senior Teacher

Mr Mike Christensen Senior Teacher Special Class

Miss Pat Simpson Room 10

Miss Phillipa Ellis Primers
Mrs Susan Singh Primers
Miss Joanne Williams Primers
Miss Helen Newland Rm 6 P4 standard 1
Miss T Tuere Tiopera Nee Kaukau
Miss Leslie Schofield (Nee Waugh)
Miss Jeanette Upton Year 1 Room 11
Mr Mervyn Graham R14 Standard 4
Mr Bramwell Caretaker
Mrs Bright Cleaner
Mrs Manley Teacher Aide
Mrs Bain Teacher Aid Handicapped Children
Mrs Tyer Secretary

March The A G M of the P T A was held on Tuesday march 11th A policeman spoke on "Drugs and Parental Responsibility"(Constable Knox)

An attempt was made to paint the outside toilets and the boiler room but poor weather and a small attendance of parents meant the work was not completed. The Board have refused to paint even though bare wood is showing because of lack of funds

Mrs Jackson our dental nurse has contracted Glandular Fever and will be away for several weeks

A Meet the Teachers meeting was held on Tuesday 25th March

10th April Burton's Puppet theatre paid their annual visit to the school 40 cents per pupil

[A parent's survey attached Scanned as a PDF File](#)

15th April Parents were invited to send Memorabilia of their own school days to the school for an exhibition in the school hall. Also requested to write down their own recollections of school. Result was a great success and many parents and ex school pupils visited the exhibition

A bottle drive was held for school funds

30th May A film called "Getting ta message" was shown in the school hall for parents to show what is happening in reading today. There was also an exhibition of books and equipment for teaching reading. Attendance was only moderate

June A questionnaire was sent out to all parents to find out their ideas on school today. Almost 400 sheets were sent out as most families received separate copies for Mother and Father. Only 101 replies were sent though many of these were joint ones. A summary of replies is attached for posterity.

July Almost 70% of parents attended "Meet the teacher" under the appointment system

A cake day was held at local Y&CA by the PTA

August An art exhibition was held in the School Hall This was a huge success and was seen by a large number of parents

October The gala was held on 11th October and was a success. I was not present having been admitted to hospital in Palmerston for a hip replacement operation. Mr Colin Richards, deputy principal looked after the school in very able fashion whilst I was away

November The Folk Dance Evening was held in the Stadium. Nearly all parents and children were present

December The usual end of year functions were held including the Carol Concert and end of year presentations

1981

Mr J B Morton Principal

Mr Colin Richards Deputy Principal

Miss Dianna Stidolph S T J C

Mrs Joan Allwood Senior Teacher R 8

Mr Mike Christensen Senior Teacher Special Class

Miss Pat Simpson Junior Special Class

Mr Mervyn Graham R14 Standard 4

Miss Helen Newland Standard 1 Room 12

Miss J Palmer Primers Room 1

Mrs M Cook New Entrants

Mr Richard Limbrich Standard 2 Room 7

Mrs J Williams Primers J 1 and 2 Room 2

Mrs L Ogg Part time teacher

12th February The annual flower show was held in the hall

15th February Mr Watchman Wellington Education Board officer for new building called to say that alterations to the school would start in the near future. These include a new staffroom, two resource rooms from converted toilets, new Window in STJC's office, new staff toilets, old toilets converted to use for handicapped pupils plus a shower

10th March The AGM of the PTA was held and a new committee elected. Guest Speaker was Mr J Wardell who spoke of his personal experiences when trying to speak to a relative who had joined "Moonists" in USA

Miss V Jackson, dental nurse for the past 4 ½ years has left us and been replaced by Miss L Shailes I have started to attend a Principal's course which will run for the next 4 years. It is to be monitored by the Education Board

31st March The annual cross country races under the auspices of the Masterton Harrier Club were held last Saturday We were 6th in the boys and 8th and 10th in the girls

16th April Staffroom is progressing and the roof is on

27th April The new School Committee has been elected A hangi was held in the school grounds and the Junior School Entertainment, Whareama and Bideford Schools Mr A R and Mr S Rimene and their families took charge of the Hangi

An interschool competition for games involving large ball handling skills was devised and run by Mr Colin Richards our DP. We were the overall winners

26th May Approval was granted for the construction of a shower for handicapped children. This will be of a great help with children from Special Class also.

We are greatly disappointed at the lack of progress in building the new staffroom. The staff do not relish the prospect of using the hall for a long period

14th June The whole school visited the Science Fair held in the stadium. We had two exhibits, One from Standard 4 on seashore and one from the primers under guidance of Mrs Cook

10th July Mrs Williams left today on Maternity Leave. Her place was taken by Mrs Sims

Dental Nurse has gone to Lansdowne for six weeks

Telethon money was raised by sponsoring children in knowledge of maths tables. Amount raised was \$1021.00 a truly great effort

18th August We started using our new staffroom today. It has been worth waiting for, spacious and comfortable. The carpet which cost the PTA \$600 is appreciated by all

Our Art display in the Art Centre was mounted on August 10th and closes early September I am truly proud of the Standard achieved and it has been visited by other schools and three inspectors
The PTA have replanted new trees where necessary.

Our children welcomed Cornwall Street School to ours in Maori Tradition with song and challenge
13th October The gala was held on Saturday and early indications are that we are well above last years total probably about \$2400

15th October A school concert was held in the hall. Items included a play, a musical item by the choir and finally an old time music hall

Parents joined in the singing and donations were given towards a Fernery (\$105)

23rd October The Annual Fancy Dress evening was held in the Stadium

November An outbreak of head lice in the school. I have alerted all parents by Newsletter
Eight Items were chosen for the Dominion Art Display including two merit awards

December The school choir performed for the old people's party at Solway and also for physiotherapy patients at the "Homestead" one lunch time

They sang from their "Music Hall" repertoire and some carols

School closed on 17th December

1982

Mr J B Morton Principal

Mr M Graham Room 14 Standard 4

Mr C Richards R13 Standard 3 and 4

Mrs R Lynch R11 Standard 3

Mr R Limbrich Room 7 Standard 2

Mrs J Allwood Room 8 Standard 1 and 2

Miss H Newland Room 12 Standard 1

Miss D Stidolph Primers STJC

Mrs L dew Room 2 J1 and J2

Miss J Palmer Room 1 J1 and J2

Mrs M Cook Room 6 New Entrant

Mr M Christensen Room 7 Senior Special Class

Mrs P Simpson Junior Special Class

Mrs J Hart Itinerant Teacher Deaf Children

12th February Our annual flower show took place in school hall and was a great success. Mr and Mrs Buchanan judged the entries

Mr L Silcock Inspector Special Services paid a farewell visit to the school

The parents from our school manned the refreshment stalls at the Masterton A and P show as a fundraising venture

9th March The AGM of the PTA was held Jim Holland was the guest speaker

17th- 19th March Standard 4 had a camp at YMCA Riversdale Cost was \$12 per child. Among the activities was a study of the sea shore

The fire bell system has at last been renewed

22nd March A stopwork meeting was held on this day, called by the NZEI. All children were sent home at 12 noon. This is the first case of individual action by the NZEI in 100 years but a pointer to the feeling of frustration felt by the staff. All staff attended except Mr Christensen who was absent

Cornwall St visited our school to compete at Softball. The honours were evenly shared. Five boys and 5 girls' teams were entered in the annual cross country races

May The Takitimu Festival be being held throughout May in Masterton

We have entered whole heartedly in to this. Our art is by far the best in the art centre and we have also entered some good writing

Mr Colin Richards has written and produced an excellent musical play called the "Legend of Poutini" The costuming was designed by him and the printing of the design carried out by Mrs Joy Palmer, "Smith and Brown" provided the material and "Uncle Muzzy" heat proofed the printing. A working bee of mothers under Miss Stidolph did the sewing. The total cost was minimal. The first performance of Poutini was at the arts Centre and had considerable impact. All the other schools provided action songs but the scenery and costuming of our play plus the action songs made it outstanding. I am very proud of my staff and children and conscious of the support of many parents

Some children from the school attended a matinee performance of "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat"

Mrs R Lynch has resigned. Her position has been taken to the end of the year by Mrs H Blundell. Mr Christensen has been seconded for the second term to REAP to assist with Science in rural schools. He is to be replaced by Mrs Betty Sims.

The Ball handling games were held at our school. Seven schools participated. We were the school with most points

Our new dental nurse in place of Lynette Shailes is Mrs Ainslie Marshall

A decision was made at the PTA meeting to hold the Gala and the Fancy Dress one once every two years. These events to be held on alternate years. This year the Fancy Dress. A Table aThon will be the main fundraising activity in place of the Gals

June Mr Colin Richards with the aid of parents and pupils has completely reorganized the library

August A school concert was given to the parents. Items were

"Poutini" Written by Mr C Richards

"Village Circus" a short sketch

"the Fishermen of Kuripuni" originally written from an old story by myself but extensively rewritten and vandalised by Mr C Richards

"Caribbean Capers" or "The Preacher's Reform Bill" a musical written by me to incorporate many West Indian Songs taught to the choir by Mrs Simpson and Mrs Allwood

The whole affair was a great success- the hall was packed to capacity

We successfully participated in the gymnastic competition. The boys being conspicuous amongst the place getters

Three inspectors visited the school including Mr D Grace seconded principal who is an old friend of mine from North Auckland Days

Mr S Brown Board member also visited the school. We looked at the dilapidated state of the carpet in the Junior Classrooms

Six gum trees were planted by Mr Davenport PTA member replacing losses of last year

A jumble sale was held raising about \$100

September Mrs Blundell has been appointed to the school for the third term

Puppet Show in school empathising safety

A Tableathon was run this year instead of the gala over \$1300 was raised

I have received notice we will lose a teacher for 1983

October Fancy Dress Folk Dancing took place in the stadium on the 28th October
Our 4th Annual art exhibition was held in the school hall. We had five paintings selected for the Dominion Art Exhibition

Library has been upgraded and new shelving purchased by PTA

November A shop day was held by Standard 1 and 2 to raise money for a trip to Paraparaumu to visit the transport museum. The trip was a great success.

Interschool athletics were held. Paul Costello won both the shot put and the 400m
Triennial inspection of school carried out by inspectors Upston, Patterson and Grace. They were welcomed by Standard 3 & 4 in true Maori fashion with full costume

We were once again successful at the Rose Show with 5 firsts, 4 seconds and one third. We won the Maunsell Cup for most points

December Parents and neighbours have once again been allowed to use the school baths on payment of a fee. Thanks go to Mr Gerald Williams of the school PTA who organises this and supervises the baths

School closed for the year on Wednesday 15th December

1983

Mr J B Morton Principal

Mr C Richards Deputy Principal

Mr M Graham Standard 4

Mr Limbrich Standard 3

Mrs Allwood Standard 1 and 2

Miss Newland Standard 1

Mr Christensen Senior Special Class

Mrs Simpson Junior Special Class

Miss Studolph S T J C

Mrs Cook N E

Miss J Palmer J2

Miss B Cooper J1 & J2 (1st Year Teacher)

Mrs A Cornelius Part Time Teacher

Mrs J Hair Itinerant Teacher Deaf

February The annual flower show was held in the school hall on Friday 11th February. The Standard was very high. I think it was the best show we have ever had. Mr & Mrs W Buchanan were once again the judges

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr Burton of Burtons Puppets a regular visitor to the school, a letter of sympathy was sent to his widow

Primer school swimming sports were held on Feb 23rd

March The Town and Country Players visited the school and entertained the pupils

A meet the teacher was held and well supported

The AGM of the PTA was held on the 8th March. There was no lack of volunteers for the committee.

We held a display of materials bought by the OTA in recent years

Our own swimming sports were held in good weather and we participated in the inter school with some success. We competed in the Wairarapa Championship winning the girls relay and coming second in the boys. The last time we held the cup was in 1953

Carolyn McKenzie found out her mother Rae was in the 1953 team. We participated in the cross country relays

April Mrs Cook took maternity leave

The School Committee elections were held with only 10 people present. We managed to obtain a committee

The whole school went down to the park in rather indifferent weather to see Prince Charles and Princess Dianna. We had an excellent position and the princess spoke to many of the children and teachers

Later we went outside the school to see the "Royal Couple" pass in their car

The interschool ball handling championship was held at our school. Once again we were the winners

The painters (Mr Black) have started painting the whole school

The new School Committee is Mr Baxter (Chairman) Mr C Kilford (Secretary) Mr I Shanks (Treasurer)

Mrs F Christensen, Mrs D Naylor, Mrs F Pollard. Mr I Palmer, Mr J Corlett, Mr D Billing

May Mrs M Blundell has replaced Mrs Cook who is on maternity leave

Mr Christensen and his class planted trees replacing ones lost in the summer

June \$366 was raised for Telethon by Children working for their parents

I presented a paper to the other principals at Purnell detailing the emphasis on creativity at the school

July About 70% of the children had parents who attended the Meet the Teacher evening

Miss Newland is on leave for an overseas holiday. Mrs Cornelius is taking her class and Mrs M

Sanson an excellent musician is the Part Time Teacher

August In gymnastics we gained 1st and 4th with our Boys team and 2nd with our girl's team

In badges we had 21 irons, 3 bronze and Mr Richards was awarded his instructors badge

Mail was stolen including teacher's cheques from our box on Saturday. The cheques were stopped.

Some of the mail was later found in the street. I took the opportunity to talk about direct crediting

September Mrs M Blundell obtained a permanent appointment during the holidays. Her class will be taken by Miss Linda Hamilton. We entered the inter school orienteering competitions held at the sports bowl. We were third in the boys and 4th in the girls

October The gala was held and profit is in region of \$2000 a record

The children attended an excellent show given by Totara Drive School at Hiona Intermediate

The film "World Safari" was resented in the school hall for Standard 2-4

We had six pieces of art selected for the Dominion Art Exhibition

November The primer children visited Te Ore Ore Marae and were welcomed by the children of East School

A successful concert was held in the school hall

We took part in the interschool athletics

December Once again we held our Carol Concert inviting friends to sing along with us. The usual end

of year activities were held including Standard 4 social, primer concert and final assembly where I

was welcomed with a Maori Challenge

1984

Mr J B Morton Principal

Mr C Richards Deputy Principal

Mr M Graham Standard 4

Mr P Brandt Standard 3 (Relieving)

Mrs J Allwood Standard 2 Senior Teacher

Miss Newland Standard 1

Mr R Limbrich Senior Teacher Special Class

Mrs P Simpson Junior Special Class

Miss D Stidolph Senior Teacher Junior Classes

Miss M Tyro J1 and J2 (1st year teacher)

Mrs J Jackson (nee Palmer) J2 Reliving for Mrs Cook

Mrs A Cornelius Part Time Teacher

Mrs Tyer Secretary

Mrs Manley Teacher Aide

Mr J Bramwell Caretaker

Mrs M Clarke Cleaner

Mrs J Hair I T Deaf

February School opened with an encouraging number of enrolments (23 on first day)

The new resource centre for the Wairarapa has opened in room 5. It is to be known as W E R C and is in charge of Mrs Wendy Pearce and as Secretary Mr Elizabeth Ball. I am treasurer

The flower show was once again a success with Mr and Mrs Buchanan judges

New members were needed on the Committee due to Mrs Pollard, Mr Baxter and Mrs Christensen

leaving the district and Mr C Kilford resigning due to work pressure. The Committee is now. Mr D

Billing (Chairman) Mrs D Naylor (Secretary) Mr I Shanks (Treasurer) Mr I Palmer, Mr J Corlett, Mr W

Thomson, Mr I Falconer, Mrs I Yee and Mrs C Kilford

Meet the teachers was held on the 28th February with a fair attendance of parents

March An outdoor programme was held at the Park Standard 3 and 4 were involved and the subjects

were canoeing, orienteering, BMX riding, skating, skate boarding, sketching and grid searches. Each child had a turn at all subjects. Parent help was invaluable

The inter school swimming sports were held and we won the boys relay and were fourth in the girls

Several pupils were placed in races, the best being Seymour Bryce with three firsts

Painting has recommenced at the school. It seems as though they will never finish

The AGM of the PTA was held with a very small attendance of parents Only one teacher was missing.

A good committee was easily obtained and the meeting was over in 30 minutes

The new president is Mr N Cobb

The standard 4 camp was again held at Riversdale and was very successful. The camp lasted for four days and included Orienteering, Rock pool and sandy shore studies, art and physical education

We took part in the annual cross Country relays run by the Masterton Harrier Club

April The annual ball handling competition was held. Once again we were successful. All schools

were welcomed in traditions; Maori fashion with our school in full costume

Mr Ball from Totara Drive replied on behalf of the visitors

May WERC officially opened by Mr K Nicholson District Senior Inspector

Mr Alderson who was due to start in Romo 11 replacing Mr Brandt was kept at his old school

(*Tuturumuri*) for a further term Mr Brandt being unavailable I persuaded Mrs Cornelius to take up

the position. Mrs N Hopkirk is the new part time teacher. Mr Brandt had already accepted the position of Junior Special Class Teacher whilst Mrs Simpson is overseas

June Mr Limbrich enclosed a new area for the primers playground equipment with the help of his class. The ground has been covered with bark

Mrs J Buchanna is our new temporary secretary while Mrs Tyer is on leave for family reasons
The painters still go on

Our Standard teacher are taking the L A R I C Course in reading

July 22 children obtained their gymnastic badges

Meet the teacher was held by appointment about 70 % of parents attended

A teacher only training day was held with the "Process of writing" as the subject Nearly \$1000 was raised by the Tableathon sponsoring of children of on eh knowledge of arithmetic tables

August Mr Richards was seconded to Greytown School after the Greytown Principal was suspended
The Masterton Art Centre asked eh school to hold an art exhibition in the centre this year. This opened on August 11th

September Mrs Tyer returned after the vacations

Mrs Cook returned after Maternity Leave

Mr Alderson commenced teaching in the school

Mr C Richards returned to his class

Mrs Simpson returned to the Junior Special Class

This is probably a record for change of staff at the beginning of the third term

October I was asked to be a member of eh selection committee of eh Dom. Art Exhibition I agreed but took no part of the selection of our own school exhibits

Eight pieces were selected from our school which as a result of our own art exhibition had an abnormally high number of quality pieces

Our school choir performed at a lunchtime concert at the Art Centre

I attended a seminar on child abuse at the hospital I was stunned at the statistics On these figures we should have 15 victims at present in the school

Our children presented "Ronga and The Weta" at the Takitumu Festival at east School

Mr Colin Richards wrote the story and produced the musical using Maori songs and movements Mr Limbrich helped with the music. The performance outshone anything else at the festival

We were asked to put on a traditional welcome at the YMCA to a group of visiting American Tourists. They were most impressed and rightly so.

We were sorry to hear of the resignation of Mr Gordon Tarrant, Art Adviser who has helped eh school so much. I was honoured to speak at his farewell

We competed in the Orienteering championships at Solway Show grounds

The fancy dress and folk dancing was held at the stadium. The dancing was of a good standard using new records frm the UK.

The PTA committee beat the staff at Indoor cricket scoring the winning run with only three balls remaining

November The school concert was a great success. We took the two musical items to the Home of Compassion to entertain the pupils

At the Horticultural Show we were awarded 7 firsts, 8 seconds and 3 thirds. Our trophies included Champion Rose, Champion Red Rose and most points.

Mr Richards has been appointed to Hokitika as Principal. A well -deserved promotion

WERC will be centred at Purnell next year

December The usual end of year activities took place

1985

Mr J B Morton Principal
Mr R Limbrich Acting Deputy Principal
Mr M Graham Standard 4
Mr B Alderson Standard 4
Mr P Bayliss Standard 3
Mrs J Allwood Standard 2
Miss Newland Standard 1
Miss V Hullena J2 (1st Year Teacher)
Mrs M Cook J1
Miss D Stidolph NE
Mrs Simpson Junior Special Class
Mrs Tyer Secretary
Mrs Manley Teacher Aide
Mr Bramwell Caretaker
Mrs Clarke Cleaner
Mrs J Hair Itinerant teacher of Deaf

February The annual flower show was held The shortage of flowers due to drought was evident in the entries. The effort made by the children was still noteworthy. Mr and Mrs Buchanan Judges Meet the teacher was held on February 25th

The Riversdale camp for Standard 4 was held particularly early this year making use of daylight saving and better weather. A good video was made of camp activities.

Mr Bayliss held and overnight camp for Standard 3 in school grounds at the same time.

For the first time I was able to go to Riversdale where I ran some orienteering and stayed for an evening barbecue along with some members of staff who came out after school

A good video was made of the primers visit to the Masterton A & P Show

March Miss Stidolph has been involved in courses on the "Developmental" aspects of teaching. A video made in our school showing suitable activities was presented to other teachers at the course. Standards 3 & 4 had an outdoor activities programme at the park

Another strong PTA committee was elected at the AGM. The financial position is very good. We lost two stalwarts of the committee when Mr and Mrs Gerald Williams moved to Kawerau Ch raised \$170 for "Operation Hope" the national fund to send a shipload of supplies to the starving people of Ethiopia

April The School Committee elections were held. Mr C Tomlin Chairman, Mr J Kilpatrick Hon Secretary, Mr I Falconer Treasurer, Members Mr J Corlett, Mr C Perry, Mr G Teahan, Mr G Tanguay, Mrs I Yee, Mr H Devenport

Mr Limbrich and I attended a principal's dinner which was addressed by the Minister of Education

May A short concert of musical and choral items was given to parents in the school hall. Mrs Simpson trained the speakers and choir, whilst Mr Allwood was as ever a talented accompanist

June We raised \$506.04 cents for Telethon

Mr Stephen Elliott is our deputy principal starting this term

Mrs Vicki Jackson is our new Dental Nurse returning once again to Central School

Mrs Beryl Thompson appointed Teacher Aid to the special classes

A Microwave oven has been purchased for use in clubs and staff room by the PTA

Mr Bayliss relieving teacher and a very good one has gone to a permanent position near Nelson

Joshua Bannon (Standard 4) won a tree in a National Competition on Conservation which was planted in the grounds

July 70% of children had parents here for Meet the Teacher on appointment system

August A poor decision on my part at the beginning of the year and an influx of children into the Junior Department has caused us to make major changes in staffing. Mr Elliott and Mr Graham will

now teach standard 3 composites and Mr Alderson will transfer to the Junior Department

The children put on a performance of "The Court of Old King Cole" for parents and a matinee for pupils and visitors from The Home of Compassion. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Allwood produced the show whilst Miss Newland organized the costuming which was excellent.

Mr Bramwell injured back at work.

September Mr Bramwell still unfit for work. Mrs Clarke has been working extra hours

The whole school to Solway College for entertainment

A visit by a first class puppeteer Mr Norbert Housberg which was excellent

Another new Dental nurse Miss Shona Robbins started this month

October Gala was held in good weather and raised nearly \$2000

I was once again a selector for the Dominion Art Exhibition. I think our entries were a little below par but we still had four accepted. This month I tendered my resignation. I intend to retire at Easter 1986

Mrs Allwood has tendered her resignation with effect from the end of the year. We will miss her

November Mr Bramwell has been forced to resign due to ill health. Mrs Clarke will resign as soon as a new caretaker and cleaner can be found

Mrs Cornelius has resigned as part time teacher as she has obtained a full time position

I was asked to open the Dominion Art Exhibition, quite an honour

At the rose show we really scooped the pool with eleven firsts, six seconds and two thirds in open competition We also won five championships

Another concert given including a play to parents and Home of Compassion

Primers hold their annual pet show which was well attended

We competed at a new event, Interschool cross country run by the schools. We had one individual winner Marlissa Harrington and a second (Blair Wickens) and third (Gray Cornelius) in the "Elite" division

December The usual end of years activities were held including the Carol Concert, Primers Concert, Final Assembly and Standard 4 social

1986

Mr J B Morton Principal

Mr S Elliott Deputy Principal Standard 4

Mr M Graham Standard 3

Mrs C Taylor Standard 2 Senior Teacher

Miss H Newland Standard 1

Miss D Stidolph S T J C J1

Mrs M Cook NE
Mr B Alderson J2
Mr R Limbrich Senior Teacher Special Class
Mrs P Simpson Junior Special Class
Mrs M Tyer Secretary
Mrs M Marley Teacher Aide
Mrs B Thompson Teacher Aid Special Class
Mrs Gael Taylor Reading Teacher Resource
Mrs J Hair I T Deaf
Mr F Blackler Caretaker
Mrs Blackler Cleaner

February The annual flower show was once again a success The plentiful rain this year has meant many more flowers and an excellent entry into the show

The Standard 4 camp was held at Riversdale I was once again be able to go and teach orienteering. The future Principal Mr Mailman also attended and a staff barbecue was held on the Thursday Evening Helpers were Mrs Garrett, Mrs Billing, Mrs B Thompson, Mr Billing, Mrs Devenport, Mr Pearce Mr Murray

A visit to meet all staff was made by Mr M (Maurice) Gianotti our new District Senior Inspector

March W competed in the Interschool Swimming Sports

Held annual meeting of PTA where once again a good committee was elected. A meet the teacher was held the same evening

Competed in Masterton harrier Relay Races. Came close to winning the boys section being beaten on the last lap by Lansdowne by 6 seconds

26th March Last night parents and children gathered in the hall to present a farewell concert to me on the occasion of my leaving the school. The presented an "Old Time Music hall" with former pupils singing some of the songs they sang in past performances. I was very touched to think they would bother to come and rehearse to return to their old school. A video was made of the performance

27th March 4.00 p.m. Today I leave Central School a place of many happy memories after nearly 10 years as Principal. I would like to pay a tribute to all the fine teachers and friends who have helped me along eh way. Also a tribute to het numerous parents who have helped in numerous ways to make Central School a great place to be in either as a teacher or a pupil.

My best wishes go to my successor and may he have the happiness that I have had here

J B Morton

2nd April Commenced duties as principal after seven and a half years as Visiting Teacher within eh Masterton area. Priority for remainder of term is to familiarise myself with administration methods within school and to discuss directions with each member of staff

9th May Developed resource room (Room 11) to the stage where only minor changes need to made term II Farewelled Mr Limbrich who won promotion as Deputy Principal Long Bay Contributing Auckland. Mrs Cook granted long term leave. Periodic Detention Centre detainees made a start on on playground markings . clearing of boundary fences and also painting of bike stands

Term II

Staff changes Mrs Karen Forsyth appointed as long term relieving position in Special Classes
Mrs Sally Chamberlain replaced Mrs Cook- New entrant room

June 86

3rd Solway College presented Wonkie the Woodman? To the school as part of their ? programme
4th Attended management meeting of the Wairarapa Outdoor Recreation Trust known as WORT
5th Mrs Simpson planted tree to commemorate Arbor Day
10th Six teachers from the school attended "Winter Series" a lecture/workshop in coping with Social Change- part of operation ?
23rd Board officers visited re poor state of furniture
30th Early language course held at school

July

3rd New Image rugby tutors came to school
9th Very successful parent teacher interviews held. 75% attendance
21st Helen Newlands observed writing process at Totara Drive School
23rd Steve E and Dave S attended positive teaching course
Sports Tournament at Harley Street School
25th Junior Department had a very successful Hangi
29th Junior Department visit Mt Bruce
5th Tableathon raised \$1000

August

7th Junior Department had their annual tabloid sports
12th Standard 4 children attend Hadlow production of "Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat"
14th Claire Gianotti Maths Adviser in school
19th Fancy Dress held at Masterton Intermediate School- very successful- 250 adults in attendance
20th Winter sports tournament held
24th Term finishes with farewelling of long term relievers
A term which saw teachers participate in either Eric or Laric courses. Development of resources used and the grounds particularly the children's playground improved
Term 3
Barry Wickens Senior Teacher Special Class commences his appointment
Mrs M Cook resumes duty in New Entrant room

SEPTEMBER

11th School photographs taken
17th National President of NZEI Joan Paske visited school
27th Five children attend young Authors Conference held at Hiona Intermediate

OCTOBER

1st GST comes into being
Art exhibition open for three days
Very successful and a good standard of children's work
10th Five members of Wellington Education Board visit school
School gains first place in Road Safety competition while Stephen Good wins \$10 for gaining overall winner for his age group
Infants hold pet day but pets brought into hall when cloudburst put an end to outdoor activity
14th Kids on the road Puppet Show held at school
15th Infant Trip to Taratahi Agriculture Farm

Inter school cross country held with a number of children gaining places

16th Claire Gianotti Maths adviser in School

22nd Eight of the staff attend Spring Series a lecture/ workshop operated by Masterton Trust Lands Trust

27th School broken into and vandalised

30th S1-2 syndicate held very successful Pacific Festival including concert, walkabout and games

November

10th Special class attended concert for Home of Compassion

11th Mrs Simpson put on a concert for parents. Once again a packed house as children sang songs through the ages. 9 staff attend

12th School Athletic Sports

13th 14th Teacher interviews held

19th Bring Wonder storyteller delights children with her tales

21st Tony Blair Central Districts cricketer introduces Mini Cricket to Standard 3-4

1st December Staff held Review Day to discuss language scheme and set objectives for 1988

2nd Activity week starts for Standard 3-4 Choir performs for Prime Minister

Solway College hosts Special Class to performance "The Bell that Cried"

School purchases Xerox Photocopier

11th Carol Service held

19th School closes

1987

Principal Mr F J Mailman

Deputy Principal Mr S Elliott

Assistant Principal Miss D Stidolph

Senior Teacher (Special Class) Mr B Wickens

Senior Teacher Mrs C Taylor

Assistant Teacher

Mrs P Simpson

Miss H Newland

Mr M Graham

Mr B Anderson

Mr B Alderton

Mrs M Cook

Resource Teacher of Reading Mrs G Taylor

It Deaf Mrs T Hair

Part Time Mrs S Chamberlain

Teacher Aide Mrs B Thompson, Mrs M Manley

Secretary Mrs M Tyer

Caretaker Mr F Blackler

Cleaner Mrs H Blackler

Dental Nurse Mrs L Douglas

