

wish of the students that they should have more opportunities for voluntary physical exercises, and I should like to see some arrangements made for giving effect to their wishes in this matter.

*The Staff of the College and Normal School.*—It is with regret that I have to chronicle the death of Mr. A. M. Braik, who for over thirty years carried on the duties of instructor in vocal music. He did the work with enthusiasm, and his instruction was thoroughly appreciated by the students.

Mr. Edward Pinder, M.A., has been appointed Principal of the College. I hope his term of office may be as long as mine has been, and that he will enjoy his work as much as I have. I wish him every success in his new and responsible duties.

Of others who have been associated with me in the work, Mr. H. McMillan has been on the staff of the Normal School for very many years, and all who know him know of his steadfast application to duty and the thoroughness of the training which he gives his pupils. It has all along been a most fortunate thing for the Normal School to have had such an experienced teacher in the upper classes. Mr. Moore, Mr. Ironside, and Mr. Marryatt have also been of great service to me in the College class-work. To Misses Maxwell, McMillan, Alexander, Kenyon, Given, White, and Firth I have further to express my indebtedness for their assistance in the oversight and training of the students.

Of the extra-mural members of the staff I desire specially to refer to Mr. Hawcridge, Principal of the School of Art, who has acted as art master. Drawing is one of the most important subjects in the primary curriculum, and Mr. Hawcridge's efforts to raise the standard of work and to co-ordinate drawing with other studies will soon bear good fruit. This year I have been able, with the consent of the Department, to arrange that Mr. Hawcridge should in future examine all Training College students in drawing. This will have the effect of raising the standard for a pass and bringing the lines of examination more into accord with the actual requirements of the public-school course of drawing.

*The Education Department.*—I have to thank Mr. G. Hogben, Inspector-General of Schools, and the Assistant Inspector-General, Dr. W. J. Anderson, for the very great consideration they have given to the suggestions I have made from time to time with regard to the organization of the College, and to thank them for many private and public marks of their esteem.

*The Education Board of Otago and its Officers.*—My thanks are due to the Board for the manner in which they have expressed their appreciation of my services to education in Otago. I desire very specially to thank Mr. S. M. Park and his assistants for the courtesy and kindness which they have shown to me during my long term of office.

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The Secretary, Education Board, Dunedin.

D. R. WHITE, Principal.

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