

“*Environment.*—The surroundings of the schoolhouse and buildings are very pleasing, due to the excellent work done by my predecessor, Mr. A. McKenzie. His work has been extended, and the whole grounds surrounded by a low coral wall, in front of which a hedge has been planted. A detached building has been erected and is in use as a separate class-room for Standards 1 and 2, greatly assisting in the organization and work of the school. Repairs have been effected to the residence, and a portion of the veranda has been enclosed with trellis-work by the Administration, giving additional sleeping-accommodation.

“*Staff.*—Messrs. Fasene and Rex have done very valuable work both in the school and playground, and the good results obtained have to a large extent been due to their efforts.

“*Drill and Games.*—Drill is carried out daily in all classes, while a weekly period is devoted to organized games. Football, basketball, cricket, and rounders are all regularly played. The children are very keen, and quickly gain proficiency in any game. A basketball-ground and a single tennis-court have been lately laid out. The former game is especially popular with all classes, and tennis is being keenly taken up by the seniors. To provide materials the children brought sufficient coconuts for the boys to make over 500 lb. copra at the school. In addition, each child planted a nut to provide a revenue for future years.

“*General.*—During the year the school was visited by the Governor-General of New Zealand, Sir Charles Fergusson, accompanied by Lady Alice Fergusson. The children gave a display of drill, marching, and organized games.

A school concert was held on 23rd December, the sale of tickets resulting in the sum of £6 9s. being raised for the prize fund.

“In order to establish a closer relationship between Niue and at least a part of New Zealand, to bring the Native children into closer touch with the work of the New Zealand schools and thus to extend their outlook and consequently benefit them, arrangements are in hand for the exchange of letters, work, &c., between this school and the West End School, Palmerston North. The senior children have been in correspondence for some time, and many helpful and interesting letters have been exchanged. Mr. Moore, headmaster of West End School, is very sympathetic towards the extension of the scheme, which I hope will be working early next year.”

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