

all went smoothly and effectively. May each successive camp prove better than its predecessor, but if they are all in future equal to the 1927 camp they will not be bad.

In closing this description of the camp we would like to record our grateful acknowledgement to all the people of Mananui, whose friendly assistance made our work and camp life most pleasant, and especially to Messrs. A. R. Thompson and F. Thompson, whose forethought, co-operation and instruction were deeply appreciated.

FIELD WORK, 1927

In securing the practical experience in applied forestry which forms so large, and so necessary a part of a forestry education, advantage is taken of the various vacations of the College year to secure employment with various forestry organisations. Of the three College vacations, the second, or Spring term recess of three weeks is filled by the Spring Camp of the School of Forestry, where field work is carried out under the instruction of the staff of the School. The remaining two periods—the Autumn term recess of three weeks, and the long vacation from November until March are devoted to practical field work in the manner which has been mentioned.

Following is a short account of the various ways in which the students have gained practical experience during the year just finishing. It is not altogether a complete record, but with all the members of the Club at present in the field the Editor has been unable to get in touch with some as to the work on which they are engaged.

During the first or Autumn vacation, Hocking and Kennedy were at Hanmer working in the State Forest Service nursery, doing general labouring work in connection with weeding, wrenching, and pulling of young trees, and other incidental work.

Another party of four, comprising Clark, Skipworth, Russell and Tannock, spent the same period at Dunedin in the City Council Plantations working for the Superintendent of Reserves, Mr. D. S. Tannock. Besides general work in the plantations such as thinning and cleaning in some of the older stands, they were given the opportunity to establish sample plots and to make a few stem analyses for use in formulating yield tables, carrying out their duties to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Tannock.

During the present long vacation opportunity again existed for a student party in the Dunedin City Reserves, and this time Skipworth and McLaren are upholding the reputation of the School in that centre of activity.

Hocking left on completion of the 'Varsity exams. for Invercargill to join the field force of the State Forest Service in that region, where he will be employed on timber cruising and reconnaissance work, and other work of similar nature.

Turnbull is at Tapanui, engaged in general plantation and nursery work for the Canterbury-Otago Regional Office of the State Forest Service.

Haig and Kennedy were unable for personal reasons to undertake any field work in forestry for this present vacation, and we understand that at the present moment both are busy shearing. It is possible, however, that later on in the season Kennedy may join Mr. Foweraker and Mr. Hutchinson in Westland where they are carrying on silvical investigations into the native bush for the State Forest Service.

PERSONAL

The Forestry Club tenders its heartiest congratulations to Mr. Arthur F. Clark on the successful completion of his examination for the Certificate of Associateship of the Canterbury College School of Forestry. Mr. Clark is the first student of the School to complete the Associateship Course and the first forestry student in New Zealand to obtain the distinction of a special diploma in forestry granted by a New Zealand University College.

Mr. Clark acted as Student Assistant at the School during 1927, and among other duties, had charge of the course in forest entomology for ranger students. His special line of study was forest entomology and an original paper by him on the horntail appears in this issue. Mr. Clark is now attached to the Entomological Section of the New Zealand Department of Agriculture, in that branch of the Entomological Section devoted to the investigation of forest insect problems in co-operation with the State Forest Service.

We are pleased to record the marriage of S. C. Hamilton, now Forest Guard, State Forest Service, Ranfurly, Central Otago, to Miss Lucy Temple of Geraldine, at Woodbury on the 21st September last. Mr. Hutchinson acted as best man at the ceremony.

Mr. F. E. Hutchinson, Lecturer in Forest Utilisation, was married on 26th October at Lower Hutt to Miss Dora Nicholls Smith.

The Forestry Club extend to both Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson its very best wishes for happiness, long life and prosperity.