



A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL IN 100 OBJECTS THE ALBERTIAN 1931

Size: 81/4in x 51/2in/208mm x 140mm

Description: The Albertian is the school magazine and is published annually. The first edition was published at the end of 1922 and the 1931 edition follows the same design. The design was changed in 1940 due to wartime shortages and the magazines of the war period are considerably shorter than the first editions. Since the war the magazine has undergone a number of changes. No magazine was produced in 1992 and the 1994 magazine covers the years 1993 and 1994. The Albertian is designed to be an annual summary of the achievements of the school and is a valuable source of information for the history of the school.

Discussion: The 1931 edition was edited by a committee of teachers and students. One of the students was John Clarence Norman Bealson Clark who attended the school from 1929 to 1932 and also assisted with the 1932 edition. He was particularly interested in drama and poetry and after leaving school he was a valuable member of a drama group "The Playhouse Players". He enlisted in the second New Zealand Expeditionary force in 1940 and served in Egypt where he continued to write poetry. He could read and write a number of languages and served as an interpreter interrogating prisoners of war. Manuscripts of his poetry were sent to England to be published but unfortunately these were destroyed in an air raid. Only three of his poems are known to survive.

Private Clark died from wounds on July 24 1942. He had been assisting a wounded comrade to safety when he himself was severely wounded. His parents donated a memorial cup to the school to be awarded for excellence in drama. This trophy was first awarded in 1944 and is still awarded today.

The school has a number of copies of the 1931 Albertian but one copy is more important than the others. The original owner of this copy is unknown but at the back most of the members of form 6B have signed their names along with a number of teachers.

The teachers are as follows, in order:

J.G. Brown*	J.M. Tait	E.H. Boulton
H.L.Towers*	J.H. Jenkin*	W.R.H. Martin
R.B. Hardy*	C.C. Lees	G.S. Coldham*
C.P. Worley*	W.C.J. Perry	A.D. Trendall
H.L.Calder*	T. Scott	J. Bailey
R. Wilmott*	V.C. Butler	M.J. O'Sullivan*
W . Caradus	A.R. Gatland	J.H. Harvey*
C.I. Williams		,

Those marked with * have school prizes or trophies named after them.

The following were members of the original staff of 1922: Towers, Hardy, Caradus, Perry, Gatland, Gamble (first headmaster) and Coldham. Herb Towers remained on the staff till 1978. William Caradus was the school's second headmaster. In addition, two of the staff were foundation students of the school. Jack Jenkin who served on the staff until 1963. Vic Butler played for the All Blacks in 1928. He was on the staff from 1930 to 1932 and during the war he served overseas in the army rising to the rank of Major. In 1953 he became the founding Headmaster of Mount Roskill Grammar School.

22 of the 30 students in form 6B signed this copy of the Albertian and in order they are:

N.S. Shaw	H.G. Callam	D.R. Lawrence
C.S Sharp	I.C. Hansen	H.G. Peary
G.H. Brown	L.H. Millener	W.J. Wainwright
T.G. Dodgson	R.J. Cox	J.C.N.B Clark
N.A. Bannatyne	A.W. Broadbent	B.W. Brock
J.D. Jepson	S. Utting	C.J. Robieson
S.S. Watson	G. Mascull	W.F. Gibb
		J.C. James

Many of these young men served during the war and two who did not sign the magazine lost their lives in addition to J.C.N.B. Clark. They were H.G. Deery and F.M. Tattersfield. All but five of the members of Form 6B left school either during the year or at the end of 1931.