

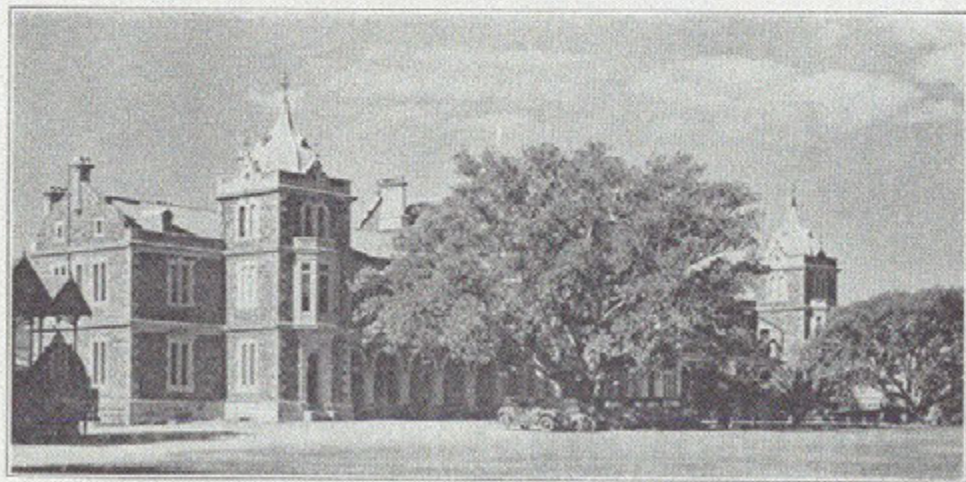
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The first meeting of the Christian Union was held in the second week of the term. It was decided to hold meetings on Wednesdays and not on Fridays, as had hitherto been the custom.

We have to thank the following speakers for giving up their time to come and address our meetings.

The Rev. A. H. Woods, M.A., said that the Tongan boys were straightforward, sincere, and unashamed of their religion. Most of them would one day be missionaries in some of the uncivilized islands around Tonga. He then told a little story which one of the Tongan boys had given in an address. The young man had learnt that two times nothing is nothing; in the same way learning coupled with a total lack of religion is worth nothing.

Rev. C. W. Johnson took as text part of the first verse of the first chapter of Genesis, "In the beginning, God," and told us in a direct way that demanded individual attention, always to put God first in our thoughts whenever something new was to be undertaken.

Rev. L. Humphery, M.A., said that just as the airman is brave, who, trusting to his parachute, leaps out of an unsafe balloon, so the true Christian must have courage to face whatever happens, preparedness for it when it comes, and, above all, faith in our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Rev. H. W. Jew said that a certain piano was upright, iron, and grand. We, too, should be upright in character; we should be as strong as iron in our power to stand firm and resist temptation, and we should be grand, with bodies and souls developed. Finally, as the piano is of no use without

the musician, so we must have Jesus to bring out the beauty in our lives.

In the opinion of the Rev. Donald McNicol, every boy is intended by God to win. We must think, "God has given me the equipment of body, mind, and soul, and I can win." If we do not, we must somehow have taken the wrong turning. The Bible should be our finger-post. Success means, not the attainment of wealth, certificates, or cups, but "to be the best you can, with what you have and where you are."

The Head Master said that the world was in its present state of depression, not through democracy, as some people would say, but because it had used its freedom for its own selfish interests. We should follow the example of Christ, who lived a life of self-sacrifice to serve others, and in His teachings preached the same gospel.

Although there are sixteen hundred million people in the world, Mr. Hiatt said that only about fifty are our cordial friends. The basis of friendship is self-sacrifice. At school we make our best friends, and as we have a lasting influence on our friends we should make our friendships worth while. Therefore we must set an upright example. In older years it is good to look back on a fine school life.

The Rev. S. Forsyth ran briefly over the work in which he and his co-workers were engaged. They set up boys and men who had gone astray, possibly through force of circumstances. Then there was the Kuitpo Colony relief work, crowded evening services, and pleasant Sunday afternoons. During the week the Mission carried on many activities to help the poor children and their mothers.