Personal

The Club extends its best wishes to three of its members, Hocking, Sando and Skipworth, who are sitting their final examination for B.For.Sc. this month. These are the first contingent from the Canterbury College School of Forestry to complete the Degree course, and we are quite confident that on entering their chosen profession they will establish a high reputation for themselves and for the School.

In addition to a fine scholastic record, all three have taken their share in the activities of College in football, boxing, Students’ Association, etc., as well as being strong supporters of our own Club, all having been office-holders during their course of study.

Sando is entering the employ of Stuart and Chapman, Ltd., Ross, to take up logging engineering, being thus the first University trained forester in New Zealand to enter on this field of activity.

Skipworth and Hocking are both looking to the State Forest Service, and have secured temporary appointments, Skipworth at Hanmer Springs, and Hocking at Conical Hills, in Central Otago.

Practical work for the summer vacation has been arranged as follows: Collier and Wickett will be engaged on topographic survey at Pebby Hills, Southland, for the State Forest Service. Shaw is again with the Dunedin City Reserves Department. Robinson has joined a deer-eradication party of the State Forest Service in Canterbury. Burns and Field are at Hanmer Springs plantation. Roberts is assisting on sample plot measurement for the State Forest Service in Southland. Whitehead is again assisting Messrs. Foweraker and Hutchinson on the Westland rimu forest silvical study.

D. Kennedy, ranger student 1927-29, is with the State Forest Service, at present in Head Office, Wellington.

W. S. Tannock, ranger student 1926-27, who left us to continue his studies at Kew, and then at Reading University, has returned to New Zealand to take a position as plantation superintendent to New Zealand Tung Oil Corporation, an Auckland company holding 5,000 acres of gum land near Kaukapakapa, which it is intended to plant to the tung, Aleurites fordii, a Chinese tree, the husk of whose nut produces an oil highly valued in varnish making. On his way home Tannock inspected the plantations of this tree recently established successfully in Florida, U.S.A.

S. C. Hamilton, ranger student 1925-26, is with the State Forest Service, and now stationed at Reefton.

C. S. Barker, ranger student 1924-26, who was research assistant in wood technology for the State Forest Service, working at Canterbury College during 1926-28, and who then went Home to study further in wood anatomy, has returned to New Zealand, and is with the State Forest Service in the Canterbury region. He has recently been carrying out volume measurements and silvical studies in the beech forests near Oxford.