Degree. A very much condensed account of a study in the air-drying of timber by H. Z. Collier appears in this issue of Te Kura Ngahere. A comparative study of the mouth parts of two New Zealand insects of considerable forestry importance, Odontria Zealandica the grass grub and Ambeodontis tristis, the two-toothed longhorn, by G. B. Rawlings, cannot appear in this issue due to the limitation of space imposed on this "economy number."

FORESTRY CLUB.

The Forestry Club met this year with the record attendance of twenty members. This sudden augmentation of our numbers was largely due to the arrival of the Auckland students, who were suitably welcomed. The officers for 1931 were: President, P. S. Whitehead; Vice-President, H. Z. Collier; Secretary, H. C. Wickett; additional committeeman, A. C. B. Wade.

The Presidential address was delivered on 27th March, Mr. Whitehead taking as his subject the formation of a volume table for young rimu, a project on which he had been engaged last summer.

Other meetings were as follows:--

10th April: Students' Evening—Discussion of vacation work.

24th April: Mr. E. Wanklyn, "The Conduct of a Public Meeting," a most lucid and helpful exposition of Parliamentary procedure which resulted in a considerable rise in the standards of conduct of our meetings.

5th June: Sir Arthur Dobson, "Reminiscences of Early Exploration in the South Island," in which we learned much of early conditions of transport, and formed a very high opinion of the courage and persistence of the early pioneers.

19th June: Mr. H. M. Wikiriwhi, "Maori Bush Lore." In this, one of the most interesting addresses ever given to the Club, the speaker dealt with the Maori names of the trees, their uses for timber, medicines and dyes, and the place of the forest in legend, myth and adage of the Maori people.

7th July: Mr. W. F. Robinson, "Personal Experiences on Early Survey Work," covering the early days of land survey in the North Island and on the West Coast.
4th August: Mr. Urbom, of the local representatives of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., showed us several reels of film depicting caterpillars at work logging and road-making in U.S.A.

11th September: Mr. D. E. Parton, "Power Transmission Poles," covering forty years' experience with the construction and maintenance of telephone lines in New Zealand.

The Club renders thanks to all those who so kindly gave of their knowledge and their time in the delivery of addresses during the year.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Royal Hotel on 2nd October, and was a most decided success, while an unofficial social fixture was an aquatic carnival on the Avon the day following the conclusion of lectures.