

Principally About People

The Head of the Normal School.

Mr. H. G. Cousins, M.A., who has been appointed to the charge of the Normal school connected with the new training college, was born in Auckland. He is a son of the late J. S. Cousins, one of the founders of the well-known firm of Cousins and Atkin, and is a grandson of the late John Edwards, first headmaster of Newton West School. Mr. Cousins received his primary education at several Auckland schools. From Ponsby School he passed the candidates' examination in 1887, and received his appointment as a pupil teacher at Beresford-street School on his 15th birthday. He remained at that school for six years, and meanwhile matriculated and obtained his teacher's D certificate. From 1893 to 1900—seven years—he spent in country service, being 15 months in charge of Pungareu and Iuunia half-time schools, between Whangaroa and Bay of Islands; two years doing relieving work, and 2½ years headmaster of Waihou Public School (near Te Aroha),



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MR. H. G. COUSINS, M.A.,

the recently appointed headmaster of the Auckland Normal School, connected with the Training College, which has been established by the Education Board.

with from 80 to 100 children. From 1900 to 1906 he was first assistant in the Beresford-street School, and was much interested in cadet work, being captain of the school company for five years. Mr. Cousins' University work was carried on simultaneously with teaching, and his successes are, therefore, all the more creditable. He took the first section of his B.A. in 1898, when doing country service, and the second in 1903, while assistant at Beresford-street. Taking up an honours course in natural science, Mr. Cousins chose geology, and worked under Professor Thomas. As part of his practical work he studied volcanic rocks at Ti Point, Little Omaha, and put in a thesis on this work, for which he received second-class honours and his M.A. degree last year as the result of the examination in November, 1904. No time whatever was taken off from his school duties, and all his field work in geology was done during his holidays. Before taking either section, it may be mentioned that Mr. Cousins won a University College premium in geology. He read a paper before the Auckland Institute on his research at



SPYING OUT THE LAND.

The Auckland Land Board on their recent visit to the King Country in connection with the opening up of the rich Crown lands in that part of the Island. Sitting down are Messrs. T. Burd, road engineer, A. R. Harris, W. Armstrong, J. Mackenzie (Commissioner) and H. J. Greenslade, M.H.R., members of the Land Board; and W. McCardle, who stood for Franklin electorate against Mr. Massey.

Ti Point, and this is to appear in the year's "Transactions." The head of the normal school has always taken an active interest in the New Zealand Educational Institute, and has been a member of the Auckland management from 1901 to 1906, except for one year, when he stood out when reading for honours.

He represented the Auckland Institute at the annual council meetings of the N.Z. Educational Institute at New Plymouth, Napier, Nelson, and Invercargill, and worked hard on behalf of superannuation, being now one of the committee of three set up by the Invercargill council to inquire into the vexed

question of the promotion of teachers. Mr. Cousins holds the highest grade in the Education Department's classification of teachers (A 1), and has been connected with primary schools since he was five years old, so that he should be specially fitted to make a success of his latest appointment.



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MISS MILLIE COTTER'S TWO BEAUTIFUL COLLIES AND THEIR SMALL PLAYMATE, BOOTLES.