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## REAL EDUCATION WHAT W.E.A. OFFERS

It is not only by accident that the halls of a university are known as cloisters. Academic seclusion has been the assiduous vice of universities for centuries—a vice which has proliferated hideously till today we have an institution whose concern with real problems has ceased.

Here and there small contingents of scholars ferret away at problems which everyone except themselves has stopped even recognising.

Outside the university lies a world gone berserk—situation follows situation in which clear-headed and well-informed opinion is urgently needed.

And all the universities can do, even when they stand face to face with this Bedlam, is to avert their pretty eyes, and churn out a steady procession of case-hardened accountants and slippery lawyers—not forgetting an occasional handful of amoral technologists (spoken of in the more respectful type of textbook as scientists).

### TROUBLE

If breakdown were less imminent one could laugh at the sorry dishevelment. As it is, the situation grows steadily more serious. Through years of training university students have contracted a social and cultural myopia. The average university course stands as one of the surest guarantees of a lop-sided approach to non-monastic living that you could hope for.

Realising all this, a glance at the lecture courses of the Workers' Educational Association (Victoria College District) comes as a revelation. It is a revelation of the real world of war and peace, of money and mortgages, of capitalism and socialism and the rest are the real problems of grown-up people. So, too, with the arts. We shall not be civilised in any real sense till the mass of ordinary people have learnt the transformation effect of adequate standards in our houses and furniture, the music we make and enjoy, our cinema programmes, our speaking and writing and broadcasting, and demand these things as a matter of course.

### EXPLANATION

What is this Workers' Educational Association—with such a liberal and well-planned approach?

Founded in 1907 by English trade-unionists and co-operators, the W.E.A. came to New Zealand in 1917. Its first students were working men and women, who called in university

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teachers to help them to the knowledge they wanted for the building of a better world. Beginning thus with an emphasis on social and economic studies, the movement widened before long to include other fields of knowledge which it was realised were essential to a humane way of living—literature, music, and the arts.

### DEVELOPMENT

In New Zealand particularly it has also attracted many outside the ranks of the working class. But, while identified with no party or creed, its mission as a force for social development is central to its character.

Of late, several W.E.A. centres, including Wellington, have been engaged in a drive for Trade Union affiliations to the District Council and increased Trade Union membership in W.E.A. classes. In Wellington alone affiliations have been increased from half-a-dozen to over twenty, and there are encouraging signs of increased attendance of Unionists at the various classes.

### APPLICATION

There must be numerous students at V.U.C. who realise the limitations of their cultural interests, and are eager to take advantage of any opportunity to extend them. Here, in the W.E.A. courses, is something worth applying to. These courses are friendly co-operative affairs in which one continually bumps up against all manner of non-academic points of view. No more healthy corrective could be asked for.

Here is a list of some of this year's courses:

As Others See Us: Differing National Viewpoints.

—Prof. G. W. von Zedlitz.

150 Years of Work and Wages: A Study of Social and Industrial History.

—Dr. W. B. Sutch.

Economic Planning.

—Mr. F. B. Stevens.

Popular Literature To-day.

—Mr. W. J. Scott.

Drama—Yesterday and To-day.

—Mr. R. Hoag.

Art and Everyday Life To-day.

—Mr. E. C. Shupson.

—J.D.F.

## Revelry by Night

Extravaganza—Undergrad's Supper—Capping—Capping Ball.

Just names—but they mean a marvellous week for all those Wiktorians who are keen enough to take an active part in the festivities.

Already almost a hundred stalwarts are sweating under the strain of Extrav. rehearsals; night after night the gym, rocks with the stamping of male and female ballets and resounds with the sparkling songs that are such an attractive part of this year's shows.

And what are you doing?

What's that? Nothing? But there are lots of things you can do. You can sell Cappicares. You can be an usher at the Opera House. You can sell Extrav. tickets. You must, of course, attend Extrav., Undergrad's Supper, the Capping Ceremony, and the Capping Ball, and bring as many eligible friends and relations as possible to all functions.

And there's no need to feel hypocritical about it. Because the show really is the best for years.

### ADAM BABA

"Adam Baba and the Forty Leagues" will surely go down to posterity as "the Extravaganza which swayed a General Election." But, al-

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though the play takes a definite political view-point, its brilliant wit and catchy songs tend to soften its message. Wait till you see Guy Bliss as Mr. Meslin, K.C.—it's a treat. And John Carrad's lovely little song, "Let's Go And Organise A League" is bound to be a hit. The play abounds in pointed satire, snappy dialogue, and ingenious situations, and, coming as it does immediately after the snappy little show "A Banned Item," will prove even more popular than its illustrious predecessor "Bob." And that's saying a lot. The Eastern (Male) Ballet to the air of "In a Persian Market" is simply lovely.

### PORT NICK INIQUITY

The inimitable Carrad (plus the inevitable cigarette) has been seen strutting inelegantly on the piano in the gym, for the last week, surrounded by ten or twenty youths, singing "Treasure Trove." Occasionally we also hear a little rhymed (?) verse being recited. "Port Nick Iniquity," the third successive interlude that John has written and produced, promises to be the best of the three. The male ballet will again be the salient feature (remember the Rush-In Ballet last year?); and three other original Carrad songs will be lustily bawled. Paul Taylor sings "Treasure Trove" in a style which reminds "Salient" of the great Martin Liddle.

### OLYMPIAN NIGHTS

"Brave New Zealand"—"The Plutocrats"—and now in the same tradition Ron Meek has perpetrated "Olympian Nights," described as a "musical whimsically three paroxysms."

Well, it's certainly musical. Dick Hutchens, Lloyd Black, and Bill Austin have each written the music for a splendid song. The chorus of the Reporters of Veritas is extremely cute; the Chorus of the Gods magnificent; and "Rollo the Ravaging Roman" is the cleverest piece of work seen in Extrav. for years.

## N.Z.U.S.A. MEETS MUCH WORK DONE

The Executive of the New Zealand University Students' Association met at Auckland before, during, and after, the Easter Tournament. So much was done that it is quite impossible to give a full report of their activities.

### LE MOYNE DEBATEURS

Arrangements are in hand to cover the tour of New Zealand of the negro students from Le Moyne College, Memphis, Tennessee. They are expected early in July. They will give a radio talk and a talk to secondary school pupils. A debate against V.U.C. will be held on July 21st.

### AWARD OF BLUES

Two separate points were raised. In the past, the Football and other Councils have picked members of a New Zealand team, some of whom were not eligible for N.Z.U. Blues. This was held to be unfair, and a statement to rectify this was prepared in order to place it before the bodies concerned.

The other point involved the rule which makes it impossible for a man to compete in more than five Tournaments, but yet to be awarded a Blue in some extra Tournament sport, without making provision for changing from one Tournament sport to another at the expiration of five years. A sub-committee has been appointed to bring a report before the Tournament Committee.

### CHINESE RELIEF FUND

The N.Z.U.S.A. has taken up the question of raising money for this fund, and students will hear more of it ere long. The four colleges are combining to launch a simultaneous appeal.

### STUDENT OPINION

It was held that the Peace Ballot of 1934 had not been of much practical use, the idea being expressed that the opinions expressed were block votes by those interested. An adverse opinion of such ventures was passed.

This seems deplorable, for in at least two of the Colleges, Victoria and Massey, the ballot was made quite representative, and it seems that a little more energy would have brought similar results elsewhere.

### N.Z.U. MAGAZINE

The Press Bureau approached the N.Z.U.S.A. with a proposal to arrange for the publication of a New Zealand University magazine, but the opinion was expressed that it was at present too risky a venture. It is intended to reconsider the position next year.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

A.U.C. raised the question of delay in the receipt of examination results. O.U. and Massey also had complaints. After a discussion it was decided to enquire further into the matter, and the chairman and secretary were deputed to approach the authorities with a view to expediting results.

### TRAVEL FACILITIES

Mr. Simpson reported hopefully on enquiries he had made of the Railway Department with a view to obtaining concessions for students. Other avenues were being explored. It was decided to approach the U.S.S. Co. last, when weight would be lent to the request by the agreement of other travel bodies. The reply will be interesting.

### GENERAL

It was decided to write to the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association asking them if they would be willing to run a tour of New Zealand by Australian University athletes.

V.U.C. suggested that the question of calling a New Zealand Student Congress be discussed at the next annual general meeting. This was approved by all Colleges.

Preparations are being made for the entry of Lincoln College, Canterbury, into the N.Z.U.S.A. in the near future.

Mr. A. P. Blair of Auckland has been doing some good work in connection with the Joint Seroll Debating Contest rules.

On the occasion of C.U.C.'s representative, I. O. Stace, the meeting was talked into reducing the grant made to Joint Seroll Teams. A pity that! It would be better from the N.Z.U.S.A.'s point of view, on general principle, to increase the levy from each College and enlarge their activities rather than engage in a policy of retrenchment and withdrawal from inter-university activities.

Mr. Simpson (V.U.C.) was elected a life-member. He deserved it.

The meeting, in its closing stages, passed numerous congratulatory motions to each of its various sections. "Um," said Bruce Oribston, who was there, "Mirror gazing! Self-observation society!"

Still, after all the work they did, they were entitled to it. —A.H.S.

## SHELL Y EVER FIND OUT?

Many million years ago, in the latter half of what is known geologically as the Mostobscene age, the world was inhabited by reptiles. At Salamanea there lived a community of lizards who were in the main surprisingly intelligent, but whose lives were made unhappy by serious problems.

The first problem was that of religion. The Salamanders did not agree about their god. Some thought he was a tyrannosaurus or a dinosaur, others thought him a Salamander like themselves, while a large number doubted his very existence. The other problem was that of sex. With lizards it is very difficult to distinguish at a glance between male and female, and the sex problem of the Salamanders was how to tell which was which.

Terrible confusion ensued, and sex became the subject of both sentimentality and bawdy jokes, and got mixed up with religion and politics. The young Salamanders sought to lessen the confusion by holding public discussions where each could give his opinion and learn from the views of others, but the elders of the tribe, staggered by the frankness of the new generation, banned discussions of sex and religion.

But the young members of the tribe found it impossible to talk about anything of importance without infringing the ban. An argument about politics, for example, naturally led to questions of morals, and one's views on morals depend on one's religious creed and opinions on sex. So they held a debate, the motion being: That the elder Salamanders' ban on discussions of sex and religion should

be lifted. Two of them took the negative side, not from conviction, but because you can't have a debate without two sides. The result was an overwhelming victory for the affirmative.

Another saurian, not a Salamander, had kindly agreed to judge the speeches. He was a creature called Conchosaurus, very old and very wise; he said so himself.

"Of course, I know nothing about these subjects," said Conchosaurus. "I have only studied them for 400 years." (His species lived to a great age.) The remark was a sneer at youth, though he said it with a benign smile, stroking his crest with his paw. He went on to say that his audience was not competent to talk about sex, religion, or politics, being too young.

True, all of the speakers were young, but most of them were unquestionably adults. They could not help thinking that his argument against discussion of sex and religion was an argument against holding any belief, and absurd because they were sexual and spiritual Salamanders seeking the truth about these things; and as their lives would be affected by politics, surely they had a right to discuss government. As their elders (Continued at foot of last column)

## THIS PURGE

"It is evident that students ought to be held in higher regard by non-university people. They ought to be the leaders of youth in any country, for they are best able to combine the enthusiasm and ideals of youth with special knowledge and trained minds."

That is not an unctuous parson talking to the mothers of sons, but the considered opinion of a Sydney university student writing in "Honi Soit," their official paper. Furthermore, he goes on to say:

"They should realise best of all the fault of society, and should be able to direct the most telling criticism and the most constructive ideas towards the rectification of those faults."

"Procession can serve a very useful purpose in administering a kind of mental purgative to the public if students, realising the power in their hands, will take the opportunity of using it wisely. Processions have been responsible for many shrewd thrusts at current social injustice and cant." That is a Queensland opinion.

It is particularly significant this week.

All over Australia, in Canada, in Britain, and at the other universities in New Zealand, students are given this scope for debunking dogmas and pointing the finger of ridicule at sham and conservatism. Because Professor Shelley has said that the limitation of freedom of speech depends on the intelligence of speakers, is there a slur on Victoria? "Speech" in the

form of blatant placards and rollicking barabazues in the Post Office Square has a carrying power that no argument at an orderly debate nor at any lecture to passive students can ever reach. Admittedly there are features of parochial, political and domestic current events that would be the healthier for an effective "mental purgative" in Wellington.

Admittedly, too, that processions have the force of ridicule and satire to give weight to the frivolity that is usually associated with Capping celebrations. Because buffoonery is featured it does not follow that student processions cannot be an effective purging agent. But when the "agent" is itself purged—what is left?

It is pitiful, this myopia.

—E.M.H.

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had not solved the problems of life, that duty devolved upon the young. They decided that the judge was a saurian of low cranial capacity, so their spokesman said:

"It is clear that Conchosaurus is a survival of an older stratum whose members, in the interests of reptilian welfare, cannot be fossilised fast enough."

The Salamanders then seized Conchosaurus and stuck him fast in a layer of Early Conchiferous mud, where he would be happy, and left him to fossilise.

—H.W.G.

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## NOW WE ARE SEVEN "GONE ARE THE DAYS . . ."

"Salient" has now completed seven issues. This is the eighth and last issue of the term. It is time for stocktaking.

The outlook is distinctly bright. There are approximately 900 students at V.U.C. of whom more than 600 subscribe to the paper. This is good, but not good enough. Over 150 persons outside Varsity take the paper, and letters are still trickling in for all back numbers, and asking to be placed on the list of subscribers.

The paper has been placed on the magazine counter of two well-known bookshops, but the sales have not been numerous.

A very pleasing feature has been the steadily increasing number of contributions received. Too few students realise, however, that they have in "Salient" an excellent means of trying out some of their ideas in a little free-lance journalism. During the second term we intend to feature on the front page articles written from varying points of view by students on controversial topics such as: "Communism," "Pacifism," "The Lecture System." The staff doesn't want to write them, so why not get busy during the vacation? There is no need to confine yourself to the suggestions given. Try others of your own.

Generally speaking the standard of contributions in verse has not been as high as that of the prose contributions. The casualty list of those that have fallen by the wayside has been considerable. This is no reason to cease trying, for the perfect craftsman cannot be expected to appear overnight.

The question of rejection of contributions leads to a dissertation on the subject of impartiality. Upon what grounds are contributions accepted or rejected? The question is really unnecessary, as the grounds were stated in the first few issues. There is no real reason for raising the matter now, apart from the fact that three persons (and only three) have raised points connected with the question. By far the greater part of Students of V.U.C. seem well satisfied with the paper. Contributions are accepted or rejected purely on the basis of literary merit, and preference is given to short letters.

However, one student complained that he has "read a lot in 'Salient' about the evils of capitalism, and not enough about its good points." The objection may be perfectly true; but we would suggest to any student who feels that way, that the remedy lies in his own hands. He can either take Economics under Professor Murphy or write to "Salient." Should he choose the latter course, it is only fair to warn him of the difficulties usually encountered in making a silk purse out of a sow's ear. That is possibly what has deterred the staff from writing such articles.

Another criticism, again from a not very large group, this time expressed in the editorial columns of another University journal, was the lack of impartiality in the Editorials, with special reference to the Spanish number. We are glad to state that in the instance complained of, the charge is true.

The question needs clarification. Impartiality as I see it, and as others see it, may be very different things. Impartiality seems to be the "summum bonum" of journalism, just as academic isolation from the struggles of the world was the hall mark of a good student. Both these points of view are the offspring of the idea of "learning for the sake of learning."

How futile they are in the world today! Of what use is learning unless it be to make the world a better place for those that come after us? The word impartiality is similarly suspect.

The idea lingers that it is the function of the true editor to produce for discussion, a painless substitute for the real issues of the day, colourless, odourless, guaranteed not to irritate the tenderest skin.

The answer to that is unequivocal. You will find no such thing in these columns. There is no cheap solution of the problem of social reconstruction. It is well nigh impossible for any paper to adopt a truly impartial attitude towards the solutions proposed. Shakespeare told us that "men's judgments are a parcel of their outward fortunes." That is as true in our day as it was in his.

Let us say therefore that we make no claim to take an impartial view of the social struggle before us. The question has been well put by Mr. King Gordon, Professor of Christian Ethics at the United Theological College, Montreal. "The political task of our generation is that of preventing the rise of the totalitarian state in the remaining democratic countries of the world, and of saving civilisation from the devastation of war brought on by the desperate imperialist excursions of the fascist states. In addition, the political task of our generation is the furthering of a state organised to provide economic security and individual liberty."

There seems little to add to that statement to explain why "Salient" is not, and does not wish to be, an "impartial" journal, or in other words, a political Micawber hoping that better times will somehow turn up.

## "HARMONY GENTS!"

"From harmony, from heavenly harmony,  
This universal frame began,  
When nature underneath a heap  
Of jarring atoms lay,  
And could not heave her head,  
The tuneful voice was heard from high,  
—Arise, ye more than dead."

The singing of the Capping Ceremony has in the past been much more than dead. Now the tuneful voice of the College Principal is heard urging the students to arise and do something about it. We heartily agree.

The singing has been pitiful. Why cannot we all this year sit together and sing together? The Exec. has provided special accommodation for us if we wish to use it. Why not do so? It seems that only by this means can we make harmony, and as you are aware from harmony, from heavenly harmony, oh!—you know the rest. Let's see if we can't transform ourselves from a heap of jarring atoms to some orderly agent for the production of harmony, heavenly harmony. Put a bit of swing into "Gaudeamus" I Pep it up!—A.H.S.

The name adopted by the new Varsity paper, apart altogether from the present European situation, will remind many Old Clay "Patchians" of one activity that was available in their days. Today it is only a memory, but a great one withal.

In those days we always used to read that the German navy always drank as a principal toast "der tag," and one of the popular subjects of debate at the Debating Society was whether England should retain her naval superiority of two keels to one.

When Lord Kitchener visited New Zealand for the purpose, first, of flustering, and secondly, then, of reviewing the troops, it is said that that great man was very explosive in his comments. Whether his search was too difficult or not does not now matter at all.

M FOR MANLY.

Be that as it may, Victoria College sprang to arms, and the O.T.C. was created. Undergraduates, graduates and professors to give them their order of merit, enrolled. The professors, I remember, were Profs. Kirk, Easterfield and von Zedlitz, and the movement made them young again. The O.T.C. was a company of infantry, fully officered and chock full of enthusiasm.

The parades were frequent but not too frequent. I do not think that it was on account of any exciting thought that war might be imminent that so many joined up—the war was then about four years off—but simply because Varsity men, realising they were, through Coll., qualifying for leadership, determined to complete their qualifications in the manliest and most sporting manner.

AMPLE EXAMPLE.

One example of the popularity of the O.T.C. was the attendance of nearly the whole company at a summer holiday camp up the Wanganui River, where Major Lascelles and Serjt. Major Rose took every ounce of surplus fat from us. It floated down the river in lumps after parades.

Most of those O.T.C. men went to the war, all did well, many reached high rank, some were badly wounded by shell fire, some did not return. All, however, would have said that the O.T.C. was the grandest, manliest, friendliest interest at College.

Of course, the uniform was, too, regarded, according to the eyes of the feminine undergraduates, as most attractive.

—Major C. A. L. Treadwell, O.B.E.

## AFTER THE SHOW!!!

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## THANKS

Dear "Salient,"

On behalf of the members of the Tournament Tennis team, I desire to express through your columns our very sincere thanks to Mr. Charles S. Plank, for the valuable assistance and encouragement which he rendered to all members of the team at Tournament. I feel, personally, that the success of the team depended in no small measure upon his presence at Tournament.

I take this opportunity of expressing to all those old students and friends of the Club who gave up their time before Tournament to practise with the team our very warm appreciation of their kindness.

I am etc.,

L. A. MORRISON,  
Captain.

## FAREWELL TO A LOVELY LADY

You were a year of my life  
And a thousand years of my dreams,  
You were the ultimate goal  
And final achievement,  
But, alas, were not my destiny.

As a lovely painting rises in the mind  
Of one who has no art to paint,  
And fades,  
And never canvas knows,  
So, unfulfilled, there dies a dream.  
That dream was you.

Vae Victis! To the victor spoils!  
A dream is dead  
And only ashes live.  
A dream is dead;  
Aye, and a heart.

—C.A.M.

"Priests are not men of the world; it is not intended that they should be; and a University training is the one best adapted to prevent their becoming so."—Samuel Butler.



## TWICE I ARE 4 INTELLECTUAL UNDERCURRENT IN SPAIN

### Superannuation Under Surveillance

Not since Leacock's Boardinghouse Geometry has there been so striking an example of applied mathematics as was evidenced in the recent Court proceedings in the case *The Press v. National Superannuation*. The Defendant had been under surveillance for some time, and on coming out into the open was duly taken into custody and charged (on information laid by Sundry Editors) with having insufficient lawful means of support. The police stated that at the time of the arrest the Defendant was lurking about Parliament Buildings. In his possession was found an unpurged copy of Professor Murphy's treatise on The Canons of Taxation. After being cautioned by the Associated Chambers of Commerce the Defendant said he had no further statement to make.

#### HIKE MATHEMATICS.

An Actuary, who took the oath on a book of logarithm tables, gave evidence as to the amount of the Defendant's liabilities. He showed that the Defendant's grandparents and other dependants were becoming steadily more numerous, but the rate of multiplication was obviously declining. Some seventeen million pounds would be necessary to pay 20/- in the £ to his various creditors. Cross-examined as to whether the Defendant might expect a legacy from a rich uncle in about ten years' time, the witness replied that this was beyond the sphere of an actuary and fell rather within the radius of a fortune-teller. (The Court declined to receive astrological predictions from the *Aspro* year book.)

The spiritual and financial god-

The principal excuse that the Fascists have pleaded for their rebellion in Spain is the inability of the Republican Government to protect Spanish citizens from the lawlessness of its extremist partisans.

We might ask whether Franco and his land-owning friends had more interested motives for stepping in "against the enemies of human order and decency" and whether the Spanish citizens have appreciated the change from the fear of Red lawlessness to the sense of security afforded by the public-spirited gentlemen of Salamanca—questions which might well tempt the enthusiastic investigations of some passionate and full-blooded Seeker after Light.

#### PULSE.

Such a seeker would soon come up against a theory which was advanced some two years ago in an effort to put the finger on the reason for Republican misgovernment from 1931 to 1936. (We must except, of course, the palmy days of Senor Leroux's administration.) This theory ascribed the weakness of the Socialists' control over the political situation to the fact that the Parliamentary leaders and those behind them were not experienced and practical politicians but mere idealists, influenced by and including in their number, writers and intellectuals of leftist tendencies, and, ipso facto, devoid of what has been exquisitely termed "le tact des choses possibles."

Once again let us leave to our Seeker the question of misgovernment and turn the spotlight on to these afore-mentioned writers and intellectuals. The point we wish to make in this article is that for the last 40 years, Spanish writers have been labouring to bring into being a democratic republican form of government, and that these writers are not professional propagandists but the front-rank men of letters whose words enjoy a world reputation.

#### BREAK-UP.

In 1898, Spain lost Cuba and the Philippine Islands, last remnants of that great empire, the exploitation of which had provided her with her means of subsistence for 300 years, while her own territory had lain undeveloped, in the hands of a few grantees. The economic and political situation was impossible, and from 1898 onwards, every Spanish man of letters (except the few who took refuge in mysticism) has striven for social, political and economic reorganisation so as to bring Spain into line with her European neighbours.

In 1898, no fewer than 30,000 intellectuals and artists formed themselves into a league of progress called "At the Service of the Republic."

As might be expected, the writings of this first generation of Reformers were characterised by a spirit of powerful but rather vague and senti-

mental idealism—the kind whose chief merit is its ability to rouse enthusiasm. The younger writers have shown themselves more definite and realistic in their attitude to Spanish problems, but they are really in the same literary tradition.

#### TRANSFORMATION.

As the textbooks on the subject so carefully tell us, a national literature translates the successive historical phases of a nation, and the modern historical phase of unrest and social, political and economic transformation in Spain is reflected in practically all the great productions of modern Spanish literature, in the works of Azorin, Baroja, Ayala, Benavente, Ibanez, Unamuno, Sender, Fernandez and countless others.

Are these the intellectuals and writers who are blamed for Socialist misgovernment? Blame them if you like, but remember you are condemning 90 per cent. of the great men in modern Spanish literature.

#### REMEMBER THESE NAMES.

When Franco poses as the champion of Spanish culture against the Red iconoclasts, let him remember these names. Let him remember that Ibanez, most widely read of all Spanish novelists except Cervantes, was imprisoned 30 times for his democratic ideals, and died in exile just before the coming of the Republic for which he had struggled. Let Franco remember that Ayala, the greatest Asturian poet and novelist of our day, was the first Republican Ambassador to the Court of St. James; let him remember that much of the work of Fernandez, most influential of the younger Spanish writers, was written in exile during the dictatorship of Bevenquer. There is no question as to which side in the struggle is being supported by the majority of the representatives of modern Spanish culture.

Once again, as in 1898, the force of circumstances has brought them together, no longer merely "At the Service of the Republic," but now at the Service of International Democracy. —PERCIVAL.

from every citizen a sum equivalent to 1/- for every £1 of his income. Many of those affected are of independent means, and yet he proposes to delve into the purses of these unfortunate well-to-do equally with those who will share his subsequent hospitality. In order to sustain the ever-growing demands of his extravagant mode of life, he relies on finding bigger and deeper pockets as the years proceed. Our tailors are emphatic that pockets will not be made deeper next season. The informants feel it their public duty to notify the Court of these facts in view of the natural reluctance of the well-to-do to appear as witnesses and thereby draw the Defendant's attention to them as prospective victims. National thrift by degrees is being decimated, and before long the Defendant's financial surplus must approach the square root of minus one."

Counsel maintained that the above statement was actuarially and trigonometrically irrefutable. At the same time he desired to stress the fact that the Informants were not actuated by any malice against the Defendant, and in fact had on various occasions given him left-off clothing. They merely desired to give the Defendant from the excesses of his own generosity, due to his delusion that four times one was better than four plus nothing.

#### RELATIVITY.

Witnesses A, B and C, who had recently been papering rooms, mowing lawns, and driving aeroplanes at a local school, were unfortunately unable to give evidence. It was hoped to obtain interesting data from these varied types of citizen—A being a slow worker with one child, B a medium worker with three children, and C a fast worker with nine children. At present they were all away on P.W.D. jobs.

Counsel for the defence, without calling evidence, asked that the charges be dismissed. "The remarks of my learned friend are elliptical," he stated, "and completely ignore the

rising parabola of national production. This will enable the Defendant to maintain budgetary equilibrium. There is also this angle: the Defendant's projected exactions are in strict conformity with the law of arithmetical progression. His proposals, though acutely criticised, are upright, and do not call for any period in the first division."

The Defendant was bound over until the next election. —Seasickentarian.

#### DIEU SANS PITIE

And through the darkness still I see him here,  
A God with lips that twitching, taunt and sneer;  
With gleaming eyes I see him gazing down,  
As merciless laughter playing lifts his frown.

The earth his plaything is, and we his pawns;  
He careless moves and mates, he pity scores;  
Thou like a child, he tiring soon of play,  
For sport doth fling us far and crush and slay.

And seated on his throne he then doth gaze  
Upon a people lost within his maze;  
And then a merciless laughter shakes his frame,  
As bending down he starts anew the game.

#### Not a Polite Poet

But most, through midnight streets I hear  
How the youthful harlot's curse  
Blasts the new-born infant's tear,  
And blights with plagues the marriage-hearse.

"Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery." —Nahum, chap. 3; v. 1.



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father of the Defendant endeavoured to get the witness to compare production over the last 40 years with future prospects, and suggested that increasing national resources might be produced to infinity. The Actuary, however, maintained that nevertheless the periods were not parallel.

#### A FRIENDLY IN NEED.

Members of various friendly and unfriendly societies were then called to lodge their claims for appointment as Trustees for the Creditors. They maintained that they could give the creditors 19/11 worth for every 20/- they received.

Outside the Court could be heard the murmuring of City Council employees, and further afield there was a barking voice going off at a tangent about glorified pensions.

The Imperial Society of Doctors then showed conclusively that Defendant was a menace and a superfluity. They demonstrated as plainly as twice one are four that what they did gratuitously for the deserving poor was done twice as well as it would be done if they were paid to render the same service.

#### IN ADDITION.

Flushed with success and the use of an adding machine, Counsel for the Informants then surveyed the actuarial field and followed up fast by reading the following statement on behalf of his clients, who preferred not to appear before the Court as they had been unable to get their hands clean. The statement read: "The Defendant has recently announced his intention of purloining

## SPORT

## Enter Winter Sports

Victoria caters well for those with a fondness for outdoor sport and pastime during the winter months. On Saturday afternoons over 100 young men will wear the green jersey on Wellington rugby fields; another large band will flourish hockey sticks; many others will brave the worst weather conditions with fast, slow, or idle-along harrier packs. Then there are the trappers, who come into their own when there is a nip in the air. Exclusively for women students is the Basketball Club. For them, too, is the Women's Hockey Club, and the Tramping Club is by no means confined to men. But a Victoria College Golf Club has yet to make its appearance.—L.B.S.

## FOOTBALL PROSPECTS "Scoop" on Hockey Preparations

The prospects of the Football Club are exceedingly bright. This year it is expected that the Senior A team in the second division will regain its status in the ranks of Senior A football, and provide that scintillating type of rugby expected of University teams in the past.

## WHAT MR. PARKER SAYS.

The coach, Jim Parker, in an exhortation to all players at Wednesday night's practice, assured all members that places in the Senior A team were to be gained solely on merit. "Reputation counts for nothing," says Mr. Parker. "This year we will have better material than we have ever had before, and I am fully confident that 'Varsity football will reach an 'All Time High.'"

Of interest this year is the Colts team, made up of the younger members of the club who are showing distinct promise. It is felt that these members would benefit more from a year in a lower grade than if they were initiated immediately into the ranks of senior football. "A great error in the past," says Mr. Parker, "has been made when young players from secondary schools have been put into higher grade football, and have received injuries which have prevented them from reaching the peak which would originally have been expected."

The practice concluded with a few remarks from Mr. O'Shea, the club captain, who again urged all members to put the football club on the basis which is expected of a Senior A team in the first division.

## SUPPORTERS.

It is hoped that as many supporters as possible will turn out to the games each Saturday to give encouragement to the players, and so help the teams along.

## LAST SATURDAY.

## Results:

Senior A v. Miramar—won, 11 to 6.  
Senior B v. Old Boys—won, 10 to 8.  
Junior A v. Portua—won, 6 to 4.  
Junior B v. Miramar—lost, 6 to 7.  
Junior C v. Tech. O.B.—lost, 0 to 19.  
Third A v. St. Pat's Coll.—lost, 3 to 11.  
Third B v. Miramar—lost, 9 to 15.

## SENIOR A V. MIRAMAR.

In a very razzed game with occasional bright patches, the Senior A team beat Miramar, 11 to 6.

Prior to the game, Dick Burke was elected captain and Dick Wild vice-captain.

Coach Jim Parker was quite satisfied with the team's display and considers that the three-quarter line will prove a match-winner when the regular half-back is at the base of the scrum. The backs were not seen to the best advantage on Saturday owing to the absence of Buddle through injury, which necessitated the playing of Larkin in a position to which he is not accustomed.

Wild provided the highlight of the match with a brilliant cut-in and run of sixty yards to make the first try, scored by Bryers.

Eastwood, showing speed and determination, outstripped the opposition to score two fine tries. Tricklebank, on the other wing, did not receive many chances, but ran determinedly whenever he handled the ball. Bryers handled well and proved to be a sound man on defence. The tackling and rush-stopping of Palmer tightened up the defence near the scrum—a weakness in the past.

Kissel, at full-back, fiddled well in a tricky wind, but occasionally spoilt his good work by running too far.

It would be unfair to mention individuals in the forwards. They were uniformly good, played as a pack, and secured more than their share of the ball from both scrum and line-out. There were too many infringements in the scrum, and a team with a good kicker would have made good use of the resultant penalties.

With a lively pack of forwards and a back line with speed and sound defence, the Seniors look a good team, and prospects of promotion to First Division look distinctly promising.

## TRAMPING CLUB

Seventeen members of the rag and tatter brigade left town on Easter Thursday night for Masterton. Rain and wind made the stop at the Summit Tearooms very welcome, and yet at Masterton the rain still lashed down and we departed in search of shelter. We trekked to the Pines and Mitre Flats, which were reached on Friday afternoon. A sumptuous dinner and a sing-song closed the day. The flooded state of the Waingawa prevented us from pushing on to Cow Creek, and Saturday was passed, eating and singing, and with occasional dips in the river.

Confound it! Sunday was fine, so the whole party toddled up Mount Mitre in two hours. From grand-stand seats the party watched a dramatic production of "The Peer got up and slowly walked away," by Stan Ombler and his two assistants. Some low-down cad has evidently been endowing the deer in this region with extra stamina by sprinkling Midomae in the tams, surely a case for the S.P.C.A.!

A quick "hiss" down to the hut, where piping hot soup welcomed us, a sing-song, and the last night at the flats came to a close. All food had disappeared by Monday, so amid occasional bursts of sunlight and drizzle, the long safari turned Pinewards once more. The remainder of the party braved the lower gorge, and by use of the rope and inevitable swimming, arrived in time to see the one and only bottle disappear over the horizon—eight minds with but a single thought—no urgin' needed—no Shree—we just pounded off at the gallop.

## WEIR SPORT

They play billiards at Weir, and Arthur Harpur, better known as a cricketer and footballer, recently won the House Championship. Runner-up was Halpin.

Maldstone Park was again the venue of the annual North-South cricket match. Harpur's hurricane innings of 76 in half-an-hour enabled South to win by 11 runs.

Sport at Weir is on the up-grade. C. V. Adams and E. W. Irving won N.Z. Blues at Tournament; Mahood, Hermans and Ryan rowed in the winning eight; President R. Corkill was one of our riflemen; there are several very useful cricketers in the House; while Larkin is in the First XV and Gordon, Harpur and Corkill have won places in the Senior B team.

## WE TOLD YOU SO

"I rejoice to be able to assure you as my deepest conviction that European peace is in no danger. It rests on foundations too secure to be lightly disturbed by factionalism or slander, by envy or jealousy. Effective assurance is first and foremost provided to us by the consciences of the princes and statesmen of Europe, who feel unanswerable to God."

Wilhelm II, July, 1914.

"I have more than once given my solemn assurance to the world that we sincerely desire an understanding, that it is our sincere wish to march forward side by side with other peoples. This assurance will I never modify one iota, for I hold war in Europe in any form to be madness. . . . What further proof of my love for peace can I give?"

Adolf Hitler, 6th Nov., 1933.

Election Speech at Hanover.

## TICKETS PLEASE!

Since wealth and civilisation admit of as many causes of war as poverty and barbarism, since the folly and wickedness of men are incurable, there remains but one good action to be done.

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Moreover, this universal conscience does not exist.—Anatole France.

## BEFORE AND AFTER

"We are fighting to defeat the most dangerous conspiracy ever plotted against the liberty of nations, carefully, insidiously, clandestinely planned in every detail with ruthless cynical determination."

—Lloyd George, August 4, 1917.

"The more one reads memoirs and books written in the various countries of what happened before August 1, 1914, the more one realises that no one at the head of affairs quite meant war at that stage. It was something into which they glided, or rather staggered and stumbled, perhaps through folly, and a discussion, I have no doubt, would have diverted it." —Lloyd George, Dec. 20, 1920.

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