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CAPITAL'S NEW MESSIAH

Oh, Dear, What Can The Batterbee

This time last year, the country was just beginning to wake up to the fact that there would be an election in a few months. Vested interests were happy, for they believed that they had a figure-head capable of winning popular support. Indeed, the sun of capitalistic fervour shone from the rubicund countenance of Mr. Adam Hamilton, and all was going to be well for the powers that be. But then there was the election campaign, and a few doubts began to impinge themselves upon the clear horizon of Reactionary hopes, when he was compared with Mr. Savage upon the political stage. The election removed all these doubts and the press thought it expedient to softpedal Mr. Hamilton. The powers that be were very glum for a while, but soon a new hope was born, and Mr. Hamilton's mana was transferted to a still unknown personage who was going to come and act as "deux ex machina" for the vested interests of this land. "Wait till Sir Harry Batterbee comes," was the new cry of hope wrung from the tortured lips of harried capitalists.

tell Mr. Savage precisely where he view and the general purpose of their (Mr. Savage) got off. He had came, policy, to give as it were, the back- to override Europe," remarked Mr. teristic of him, spoke for the only one was informed, as a representative ground and atmosphere of the official Perry, in his sensible and well formujustification of the evening. Soberly of the English investor; he was going communication. In a word, it is the lated speech, "but is this peace?" to keep those confounded socialists job of a High Commissioner to inter- One by one the European victims of a from interfering with international pret the mind of one government to policy of appeasement were enumer- that he read was this; That the N.Z. from interfering well interfered was this interfering well interfered with the another. A High Commissioner has ated and a growing argency noted U.S.A. should bring five refugee stu- tlemen, that if you turn down a reason-Bank of England could stfl) run the the wider duty also of trying to among speakers for something to be dents to New Zealand—one for each of able appeal such as this is, you turn Empire to its own satisfaction-in interpret the mind of one people to done to stop further aggression. It the four centres, with Massey and Linother words, to frustrate one of the another, to do his hest to get the was interesting to note that even coin to be responsible for another, and most spirited and advanced democ- peoples of the countries better among a body strongly in favour of that the various Students' Associations so laboriously in the last five years." racies in the world, to revoke the acquainten and to strengthen the pacifism, there is a growing doubt as approach their College Councils to ob mandate of the people of New Zea- bond of sympathy and understanding to its genuine efficacy. Though no one tain a remission of fees and board at dissent. land given to the Labour Government which is the basis of the British Com- actually faced the question of whether the official hostels for such students. last year. That was the modest pro- monwealth. The British Common. England would fight if Herr Hitler gramme mapped out for Sir Harry by wealth way of doing things is to reach proved adamant, all asserting that he was: "That this meeting instruct its the disgruntled opposition. Well, he agreement by negotiation and discuswill have to be a pretty powerful sion; you must have a person to effect ing, the note of dissatisfaction with the scheme outlined in the circular and Almost till midnight there was a representative if he can carry it that personal contact. You will never balf-way measures was strongly up- to decide whether it is practical."

STONEWALLING

this was over, "Salient" opened fire Jordan is doing in London." with a question about how the outside world regards our social experiments.

afraid I couldn't possibly answer seemed to emphasise this statement that: would you please read the rest of his duties so as to deny in advance of your questions?

tion of a political nature." he said, should decide to exert pressure upon any political subject."

for all the questions he had intended of the principles of our conservative

BENEFICENT INTEREST

to meet all sections of the community; overseas will be, or can be, disguised Chamberlain, walks of life, in fact, to learn for Communist, He has a very fine voice and uses it financial system .-- D.C. magnificently.

In answer to a question he said: "I am most struck by the resemblance between New Zealanders and those of the home-land in their ways ings at Monday's Executive Meeting- thatof life and looking at things; you the first from the Glee Club in quest are a young nation and are working of a piano, the second from T.C. in £3/19/6 to purchase a new dressing complicated statistical work, a slight with the enthusiasm of a young search of reduction of the Students' gown to replace one which "went nation.

PURPOSE IN LIFE

nicely on tap.

explain the reasons of the United to order. Kingdom Government in making some

Sir Harry, one gathered, was going to communication, the object they have in earnestly in favour of disarmament. get agreement by writing or tele- parent. graphing one another; it is only by "Salient" was cordially greeted by getting around a table and underthe High Commissioner, who made standing the other fellow's ideas and brooke's lucid argument endeavoured some polite conversation while offer- point of view that agreement can be to show that constant retreat from our own students to be helped before force. For two hours Mr. Vogt tried

EXERTING PRESSURE?

Sir Harry impresses one as being a man of culture and discretion, but "O dear," said Sir Harry, "I'm nervous and always on his guard. He the rumours of his real significance "Salient" reeled off a few of the which are everywhere. It is imposless pertinent ones he had in mind sible to form any clear opinion of the but each was greeted with a shake truth of these rumours by contact with the man, but it seems extremely "No, I could not answer any ques- natural that the English investors "You see, I am a civil servant, and our democracy, and if someone has cannot make any public statement on been sent, why not Sir Harry? If This knocked "Salient" back a bit will not be easy, for here is deflance eventuate.

Harry spoke beautifully and gave land, and we trust that New Zealand Also commended were Messrs. Perry. one the impression that he had the will be left alone to work out her own Braybrooke, Edgley and McCulloch. words already framed in his mind destiny, untrammelled by the strang- There were no female speakers. with which to express his purpose, ling bonds of an obsolete and unsound

EXECUTIVE

Two deputations enlivened proceed-Assn. fee levied on Training College missing" at Extrav. last year. students. Members of the Exec. His present job was the subject of looked wise and asked questions, but May 7th. the next question but he had that neither cause was dealt with there cely on tap.

and then. The old argument of gether with Bob Edgley, were ap-speaker get. Pointing out that the per- to enjoy their struggles. It is to be hoped "My job is to be an additional Training College v. Varsity was pointed N.Z.U.S.A. delegates to the manent staff at Geneva of the Inter- that the awful example of Commencechannel of communication to supple- broached and commented on in no Conference at Easter. ment the information transmitted uncertain terms by Ron Corkill. Prethrough the ordinary channels; to sident Edgley had to call the meeting seller it was last year. Students, he shows that there would be mately two charming girls for every

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HIT. and NEV.

The Gym. on Friday night was packed by an audience obviously waitto be exhorted, antagonised and stirred on the very topical questions of Chamberlain and world peace; but, despite the excellent audience, there was a very definite tameness in discussion during the first half of the evening.

Familiar arguments were aired on both sides, which was natural enough in a debate limited principally to Munich and its consequences. Members of the affirmative differed only in the shades of black and brown with which they painted the Premier. You could take your choice of him as a catspaw, a strategist manoeuvering the two great powers of Fascism and Socialism into a position in which they could be played off against each other; or a man who, primarily an economist, would fight mighty fast if England's oil interests threatened.

IS THIS PEACE?

Mr. Aimers suggested supporting the League and collective security. Mr. Saker and a second and rather nervous Mr. MacDonald, were very

'To maintain peace we allow Hitler

THE ONLY POSSIBLE?

said, was unable to make a show of innumerable. force, because he had nothing to back it with. Mr. McGavin thought that and promising speaker, supported the at 25 bob a week. current policy of compromise, pointing this is the case, Sir Harry's task which, if we tread delicately, may never tria, Spain and China the students "That a ballot be held to decide the

to ask were of a decidedly political pioneer forbears, as well as of our ing were obviously with the affirmation to the war but the aftermath . . . it dents by 10/-" was 43 to 30, and nature. But Sir Harry came nobly progressive present-day Government. tive, though the negative was treated is the educated youth of the country after another motion: "that the exto the rescue with the following We do not think that citizens of this with a most unusual courtesy, and the that is needed for the clearing up . . . ecutives of the T.C.S.A. and the nation will tamely su render their motion was carried. Professor Lipson, an education here. . . patrimony of freedom and fif-deter- in his judging, placed first Mr. Meek, "I am most anxious to see New mination, nor do we suppose that a who had perpetrated a well-mannered Zealand and New Zealanders, and financial dictatorship imposed from and subtly humorous attack on Mr. with an excellent those in farming, commerce, the pro- to such an extent as to be palatable to climax, in which the Premier was delifessions, public service and other any Democrat, be he Arch-Tory or cately anathematised, all in the very Communist. nicest way. Second was Mr. Aimers, We welcome Sir Harry Batterbee as commended as a forcible speaker of myself the interests, outlook and ideas we welcome Sir Harry Batterbee as commended as a forcible speaker of of the people of New Zealand." Sir a messenger of goodwill from Eng- great sincerity, and third Mr. Scotney.

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Among other things we learned

(a) The Boxing Club were granted

(b) Capping Ball will be held on (c) Misses Maysmor and Kean, to-

and freshettes, do your part!

REFUGEE STUDENTS **DECISION REACHED**

There were about a hundred in the Gym. on Thursday, a show of hands among whom showed 73 entitled to-vote on the most important motion ever put to a general meeting of the Victoria University College Students' Association. But intending discussion there did not explain the obvious and unusual solidarity of the seating. It was not a difference over the third item of business that was to bring Mr. Edgley to his feet in such hot denial of his saying "the meeting is packed" merely pointing out that both sides had obviously arranged to see their interests were properly represented. The interests of 'Overseas' students? Well, hardly. But there is an L.S.D. Sixty Five Pounds—as Mr. Scotney showed that proportion of our thousand a year set aside for the philanthropic purposes of bats, balls and bails.

could elocute, and Mr. Aimers, in his Getting down to cold, hard cash, the capacity as delegate to the N.Z.U.S.A., money would not be a yearly drain on with that absence of heroics so charact the V.U.C.S.A., but could be raised in said, it was soberly received,

And the substance of the circular

The motion, then, he wished to put

whether ther ask it not plenty of

AFTER THE WARS

The undeveloped train is caught up. until the injustices suffered by the Mr. Higgin asks whether "the money tion whether the point at which redress Chinese children? The children cannot postal ballot. is complete is to be determined by the took after themselves, while the stu-

out that we have nothing to lose and ney, for the most affected by the wars stability of the S.A. was preserved by everything to gain by postponing a war are the University students-"in Aus- 13 heads. "The voting on the issue: However, the sympathies of the meet- blem in need of relief . . . the war is dents' Association fee for T.C. stu-

> placing a student at each College smells crept home. of the Zoo, he suggests they should be together, sat at Otago."

money down the sink in Chinese salar in the hall.-J.W. ies, in Nazi Party funds.

Mr. Barnett finds "at primary -K.R. schools and even out working. "who have even greater intellectual capacities than we have . . . 25 - a week . . . that's just what a few of we Training Collegers here think:

> Mr. Vogt suggests "a strong appeal in joint force to the Government to urge the increase in refugees admitted here from all countries." After a little sniff at dollar moral, he discovers "N.Z. could take 50,000 a year."

Mr. Aimers' reply is very well done. Every point is covered and he has the helped things along. best hearing we have seen a College Law students would not, of course, be ing College like thoroughpus.

wanted here, but for Dental, Medical There were six items on the night's and Agricultural Scientists there were agenda. Posted in the cubby hole it ample avenues of employment left in has been calculated that if read in col- New Zealand. As to the "drop in the umn of fours fifty per cent, of the stu-bucket" argument, one U.S. College had dents could have noted them by the taken fifty. There is no question of monies going overseas, and the 25/- per Minutes and preferential voting were student would be the minimum for a read before the disappointed Mr. Hein. reasonable amount of independence. a fortnight. "V.U.C. has a liberal tradition-a liberal outlook on world affairs-at the Easter Conferences it has alway been ahead of the other Colyour back on that tradition which Victoria University College has built up

Price: Threepence

The ayes have it. Mr. Higgin in

SABOTAGE.

For two hours the spending of £60 was simply in need of a good frighten-delegate to the N.Z.U.S.A. to support odd pound had been discussed. struggle as to whether the Students' Open for discussion Galahad ("not Association should be robbed of a for myself but someone behind me very like amount. That was the intention Leading the opposition, Mr. Bray. shy") Bliss asks, and someone had to of those Training College students who turned up ing him a cigarette and a seat. When reached. I am doing here what Mr. aggressor nations was Britain's only foreigners? Undemolished by Mr. to choke our president with his own possible policy, since, as a result of Freeman's "pretty long queue," he ven- constitution. The position was that if earlier foreign policies, she was totally tures into the type of the students, a show of hands was taken the T.C.'s, unprepared for war. Chamberlain, he character references, the four from the in the belief that they were numerically stronger, hoped to alter the constitution and reduce the Students' Association fee by ten shillings for their own members. But notice of German people during the war have will be better spent in bringing out motion must be given. For one and been relieved we cannot say "No" to foreign students than in sending three-quarter hours that was un-Hitler—though one is tempted to ques- medical supplies or even food to decided. Mr. Edgley had arranged a

But was a sectional interest to Fuhrer himself. Mr. Murphy, an easy dents will be living in the lap of luxury dominate the College? After indescribable exhibitions of bad taste, a All of which is denied by Mr. Neut- motion was at last put. The financial themselves are the most crying pro- question of a reduction in the Stu-V.U.C.S.A, draw up a statement of Mr. Winchester interpolates with the difference between the respective the only humanitarian sentiment of bodies over the matter of fees" was the evening. Arguing that the idea of carried, the exhausted combatants

> Finally, the Capping Procession will not be held this year, and ar-Argument contra Higginum is taken rangements are being made for a up by Mr. Castle. Money overseas is night "Meetings Tonight" Notice Board

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club had arranged a bargain evening last Wednesday-a singsong, supper, and hop, all for threepence. Freshers found it difficult to master the old Extrav. tunes, and, with the exception of a benchful of executives who had all come along apparently to sie out notices, there were very few of the older members who should have

However, the said freshers seemed national Student Service was flooded ment Dance, where for the earlier past (d) That "Salient" is not the hot with appeals from Austrian and Czech of the evening there were approxiit's up to you to subscribe-freshers no difficulties of suitable selection, man, will not be followed with Train-



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IMMORALITY

"The Decameron" has been banned. The smut-hounds have found another quarry. Boccaccio, the high-minded and classic Boccaccio, has after six centuries been found out by an Auckland policeman.

"The constable, who was a member of the London Book Club, selected "The Decameron" at random from the shelves of the library in Auckland on October 14. The book was composed of 100 so-called stories, most of which were of a very filthy nature . . . we claim it could only have a very immoral and mischievous tendency on readers. —"Evening Post," 25/2/39.

And so one more scalp is hanging on the puritans interminable belt. The grey ones, as D. H. Lawrence would call them, have gained a further victory. Now, as never before, will young New Zealand find the flowery paths of purity and virtue much easier to tread. That "The Decameron" of all books should have fallen is incredible unless it is realised just how diseased our moral sanctions are. St. Paul long ago asserted—"To the pure all things are pure." Perhaps it was true enough once-before the regime of puritanism and cant that surrounds us. As things stand today, "To the impure all things are impure," would seem to be a more just summing-up.

Whatever is contrary to established manners and customs is always said to be immoral. An immoral act is not necessarily a sinful one; on the contrary every attitude, every opinion is by definition immoral if it diverges from the customary standard. The banning of "The Decameron" is more a comment on our own furtive and sneaking outlook on sex than a judgment on the achievement of Boccaccio. For ours is an age of pulp magazines and film close-ups -everything contributing to the all-pervasive conspiracy of silence and deceit. In the words of D. H. Lawrence:

"The whole question of pornography seems to me a question of secrecy. Without secrecy there would be no pornography. But secrecy and modesty are two utterly different things. Secrecy has always had an element of fear in it, amounting very often to hate. Modesty is gentle and reserved. Today, modesty is thrown to the winds, even in the presence of the grey guardians. But secrecy is hugged, being a vice in itself and the attitude of the grey ones is: 'Dear young ladies, you may abandon all modesty, so long as you hug your dirty little secret."

Without ceasing, the protest is raised, "what if such books get into the hands of the young?" At all costs the taboos imposed the scripts, "Salient" was convinced in youth must be maintained. An intelligent sex education-which that this year's Extrav. will be bigger. was never more necessary and which is surely every child's rightis the one thing which is assiduously avoided. The most elementary facts are universally taboo. At present intelligence and decency are overwhelmed in a welter of stupidity; stupidity concerning sex. education, marriage, morals, religion. Puritanism is begotten of stupidity; stupidity begets puritanism; the thing works in a vicious circle. The banning of a book like "The Decameron" is in these selected are excellent in every respect. circumstances not entirely unnatural. The genuinely pornographical —the pulp magazine, the yellow-back—is never questioned; it recognises the taboo, it is never out-spoken. It is the fresh, healthy naturalness of the Italian story-teller that is attacked. Whatever happens, the truth must not be let out, the taboo must be The gems from past Extravs. will be maintained. Perhaps their next victim will be Cellini, perhaps Shakespeare, who knows?

GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

"The situation faintly resembles 'Hamlet,' with Mr. Hamilton cast as Hamlet and Mr. Savage as the Ghost." Extrav. Organiser: --- "Evening Post" Editorial.

cannot be over-stressed. It was a Queen who first inaugurated the hoop Flowers: Miss M. Denton, skirt hundreds of years ago, and it was Undergrads.' Supper: our own Queen Elizabeth who recently Page, "Evening Post," 23/3/39.

"I was interested to hear that the Government court is to be 475ft, long; this means that the court will actually be about as long as Salisbally Cathedral is high!"-Sir Harry Batterbee.

of the scientist at all, it is that he all his auditors will laugh." of the scientist to find out, in this field, out sadder and the woman wiser." what people do want, do get, don't get, and could get to want.

CAPPING OFFICERS, 1939.

General Convenor: R. W. Edgley, facts. Business Managers: J. B. Bullock, apparently surpasses all his previous D. M. Hatherley.

Dances: R. J. Corkill, "The influence of Royalty on fashion Capping Ceremony: R. C. S. Agar, chat artist "Charlie McCarthy" is feat-

ing Editor).

revived the crinoline to its present in-creasingly popular status."—Women's Capping Ball: Miss H. D. Maysmor, F. D. Christensen.

as that part of the world in which, if this important work. So, girls, pracany man stands up in public and tise your sewing, and do your bit If there is any moral responsibility solemnly swears that he is a Christian, towards making this year's Extrav.

should spend a part of his time, or see "At the end of one millennium and to it that more than sufficient scien- nine centuries of Christianity, it retists should spend more of their time, mains an unshakable assumption of the

By H. L. Mencken.

JUDGEMENT

Professor Lipson staggered what seemed to us an unusually orderly audience at the debate last Friday. with a totally unexpected eulogy on the sparkling and vivid part they played in the proceedings. In all his experience of University debates, both in Oxford and in the United States, he had never met a higher ståndard! In fact, he would like to give them first marks in his list of placings; if all the remarks made from the back, the middle, and the front of the hall had been pieced together, the result would have been an exceedingly witty speech.

Particularly arresting were the judge's remarks in considering the arguments used by speakers. The fundamental point in estimating the worth of Mr. Chamberlain's policy was, he thought, have we peace in the world Have the people of Czecho-Slovakia, of Lithuania, Austria, Spain, and China, peace? (Applause.) Personally, the speaker considered Mr. Chamberlain to be sincere but misguided-a fool, but no knave-making concessions to Hitler on the premise of the latter's good faith, and believing he had certain rights denied him by the Treaty of Versailles. But continually to give in to Hitler was to encourage him. Now that we had let him go so far and given him such strength, we could only put our foot down at the cost of a ghastly war.

Professor Lipson's clearly enunciated views served as an object lesson in themselves to speakers; he has a happy knack of gaining the sympathy of his audience, and students will look forward with keen anticipation to further opportunities of seeing him at

REDUCTION IN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION FEES FOR TRAINING COLLEGE STUDENTS.

A ballot to determine this question will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 3rd, 4th and 5th April. All financial members are urged to vote.

Watch the Notice Boards for details.

EXTRAVAGANZA

Our representative has been privileged to obtain first-hand information of the shows selected for "Cappicade. 1939," and from a rapid glance at brighter and more "peppy before,

Miss Kean, organiser of this year's "Cappicade," has arrangements well in hand for the production, which will run at the Opera House on April 22nd, 24th, 26th and 27th. She also expressed the opinion that the shows

The programme will be as follows: "Comes the Dawn," described in the preamble as"A Spectral Prelude." Written by R. L. Meek, it should be a fitting opening to the programme. presented, and several well-known stars will be featured.

"Adam in Wonderland." Composed and conceived by those prolific playwrights the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," this show has a background of phantasy of the Lewis Carroll type. plus a good dash of facts and near-

efforts. It is entitled "The Dinkum Oil," an interlewd in the best Carrad Miss G. M. Kean, style, with catchy song and dance numbers that will go down in history. We are reliably informed that back-

The final show of the evening, per: written by R. L. Meck, is tentatively N. A. Morrison, entitled "The Vikings." A concise, snappy show, with good topical interest it will cover a wide field in 60 minutes. Bright ballets, original Cappicade: A. T. Fussell (Manag. songs and choruses, are a feature of this show, which will be produced by Ralph Hogg.

Miss Helen Maysmor has been appointed Wardrobe Mistress and will "Christendom may be defined briefly be grateful for offers of assistance in better than ever .- I.E.A.



in studying normal and everyday law in all Christian countries, and of I should say that there is a very wide behaviour problems of our own lives, as the moral judgment of Christians distinction between what is read and actually lived in houses and factories. everywhere, that if a man and a woman, what is seen. In a novel one may read pubs and chapels and shops in this sort entering a room together, close the that "Eliza stripped off her dressing of civilisation. Above all, it is a job door behind them, the man will come gown and steppid into her bath," withder and the woman wiser." out any harm; but I think that if that

-From "Selected Prejudices," were presented on the stage it would be shocking .-- Sir William Gilbert,

Notes to Freshers and Others

but also offered as a statement of representations, made by "H.W.G." un- Italy, what has been found: addressed to der the title "The Glory Road," of my those who have aspirations. Advice: statement of the Christian position. Forget them. Unless you are greater (1) I did not imply that the Christin your thoughts, and your will to ian believes that God came into this action greater than any that has so world in Jesus Christ to reconcile men much pleasure to all interested in art. far passed through this place, your unto Himself, from whom they are little life is plotted with a doleful separate, because the said Christian and dreadful accuracy.

you may in some mysterious manner, irrespective of the inevitable results, be sucked into this whirl of modern (2) The Christian Revelation is Forget it.

WORTH READING

You will find out, if you have not already done so, that this College besides being able to support "Salient," also produces once a year a somewhat more ambitious and literary effort, known by an equally pointed name as "Spike." The Editorial of last year's edition would repay reading. And when you have read it, I suggest that you do something about it besides talk. We have been talking of reconciling man unto God is sheer for about thirty years now about the nonsense. When that reconciliation that we profess to believe in, which is a very fine thing. It is to be hoped who not only thinks well, but does. alted to a position of the final authorcloud of excess thought, and who, the end is the disintegration and deknowing little, are prepared to do humanisation of man. Thanking you,

ACTION

We have our Debating Society. Unfortunately, it has become a respectable radical circus fit for hysterical ravings and the extremely sallies of some three hundred of our fellows. Nothing is ever decided there, nor any course of action ever formulated. list of the motions passed by this august radical group. The trend which it points to with so much pride, years if not more. We have been this University with a plan of action and sufficient drive to lift us above take me if I appear to decry expression of opinion. I do not, but it is only half the story.

the University may teach a proper humbity and that a real knowledge of the manner by which we may better

The day one of you believed that the first that th of the manner by which we may better Politics." our own lot and the lot of others. may be gained there, let him shoul taken English stage I deter you hibition will be dealt with by subseits purpose, it will listen to you, and from entering! if you have really thought, and if you are not too conscious of your overwhelming mental superiority you will not find those who are sincere scorning you.

It is a time for a certain amount of action. It is to be hoped that you not only discuss and reason, but instead of falling into that conventional radicalism which we breed here, actually endeavour to find out what you ---N.R.T. can do.

THE FUGITIVES

In "The Fugitives," a small book of verse by Helen Brookfield, recently published, we find definite evidence of a poetic sensibility and a happy gift of expression. This is not great poetry, but it is pleasant to read-and we think this latter to be, perhaps, the pre-"New Zealand Best Poems," and in city newspapers.

Miss Brookfield has an observing eye and is at home with nature, resulting in a suggestion of a New Zealand atmosphere, charming because it is not dragged in by the heels for effect. She has also a strong sense of rhythm. Although very slight, one of the most pleasing poems is that beginning:-Time goes over

With clouds and the wild birds flying,

Wild as a swan . . ("The Fugitives." Helen Brookfield. 46 pages. Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd.

kept within the bounds of good sense Chamberlain's policy is one that seems and the Spaniards. Allison Peers is and moderation. . . . Men, whose trade to have no streak of consistency. is rat-catching, love to catch rats; the bug destroyer seizes upon the bug with delight; and the suppressor is gratified

by finding his vice.-Sydney Smith. dirtiest book of all is the expurgated any books except the books nobody can cannot do to me: they cannot make me book.-Walt Whitman.

IN REPLY

The Editor, "Salient."

Dear Sir,-I beg leave to use space A few words not only of advice, in your paper to correct certain mis-

Perhaps you have heard mystic and of such belief. Such is not the case. A romantic tales of the activities of the Christian believes this fundamental so-called left group of this place, tenet of the Christian Faith, because Perhaps some of you are sophistically he has himself experienced this reconinterested in those dynamic forces ciliation, a reconciliation with God which are in constant motion about which is a daily experience. He be-

> it rests upon a particular history-the is given a particular interpretation by the Christian Church because of a pacticular experience, the experience of reconciliation with God in Christ. A gripped him in Jesus Christ, and for no other reason.

(3) Reason. Long may it be exer-It is accepted as a gift of God, to be used to the utmost in His service, and 1 am, Yours, etc.

J. A. LINTON. Gen. Sec., N.Z.S.C.M.

POETRY AND POLITICS

savaging disasters?

Should be take sides? Or con- graphy. function of poctry?

prize of 10/- for the best statement lesser degree, even in the old Italian If any one of you believes that of under 1,000 words on "The masters, and in Vermeer and others.

"TIN HEAVENS"

ment is receiving plaudits in the press employ the foreigner to slaughter felfor their munificent free gifts of "tin low Spaniard? Was the Government heaven" A.R.P. shelters, it is well to the real legal Government? What were reflect just what these shelters are to the facts of the Asturias revolt? To anprotect the people of Britain against swer these questions we must have a A cynical observer might well say that reliable knowledge of events leading up they are to protect Londoners from to the Civil War. what will probably be Skoda bombs dropped quite probably from Czech "The Spanish Tragedy," by E. Allison planes surrendered to Germany in the Peers. fulfilment of the Munich agreement. It For a writer to be an authority he is indeed ironical togreflect that Bri- must (1) know his subject; (2) be tain, however much her rearmament unbiassed. programme may be specifed up, would take two whole years to make up what the University of Liverpool, has spent Mr. Chamberlate presented gratis to a great deal of the last 20 years in ferable quality. Some of it has already Mr. Chamberlain presented gratis to a great deal of the last 20 years in appeared in "Art in New Zealand," Herr Hitler at Munich. The distribution of any amount of this background with both the highborn and the law. tion of any amount of "tin heavens" with both the highbrow and the lowlion pound defence ring of the Czechs conditions, and of recent Spanish containing many of the secrets of the history. French Maginot Line; radium ores. giving Germany now a monopoly of cult of achievement, I have tried to those in Europe; lead and zinc re-describe the events of those years with sources increasing those of Germany all possible objectivity, and party poliby one-fourth; and forest reserves in ticians will look in vain for their pet creasing those of Germany by one-fifth. exaggerations." That Peers has achiev-Republic worth it? When one con-Tragedy" is recommended by both never before, in spite of the fact that ive work, says the pro-Franco man; the Munich agreement Mr. Chamber- "A book which is decidedly useful," lain is so proud of, eschews war be says the Loyalist. tween Germany and Britain for our "Spain is not Britain, nor France, lifetimes at any rate! And who is nor America, but herself-unique in It is hardly possible that a society Britain contemplating going to war many ways." The causes of the war for the suppression of vice can ever be against if not Germany? Veritably Mr. are bound up in the nature of Spain

Censorship ends in logical complete-Damn all expurgated books, the ness when nobody is allowed to read read.-George Bernard Shaw.

FRENCH ART

The current exhibition of prints presented by the Carnegie Trust will remain on view at the National Art Gallery for about two weeks more. France, Holland, Flanders, Spain, England, Germany and America over a period of six hundred years are here represented, and so wide is the selection that a visit should afford

On the evening of March 16th, Dr. A. D. Carbery gave a commendably gets a kick, joy, strength, comfort, out brief and informative address on French art to a small but appreciative audience, illustrating his remarks by references to examples in the exhibi-

Following the Flemish mediæval art, said the lecturer, French painting may you. Perhaps you have heard that lieves it because of the reconciliation. be said to begin with Poussin in the 17th century. Influenced by Raphael and the Classical tradition, Poussin thought. Some more original advice. objective from start to finish, because spent most of his life in Italy, and his work synthesises the best features of birth, life, death and resurrection of the then dying Italian art. The 18th Jesus Christ. It is not the subjective century, the age of reason, was a thing that H.W.G. endeavours to make frivolous epoch in painting, typified by me make it. That particular history Watteau's romantic pastorales, figures in landscape, painstakingly drawn from life. Watteau learnt his exquisite colour from the many Rubens, done for Marie de Medici, in the Luxembourg. Char-Christian believes because God has din a painter of genre, ran a close second, while Boucher, a favourite of La Pompadour, was a facile draughtsman. Greuze was an artist of vivacity; cised; but to suggest that it is capable Fragonard, a strong and brilliant painter, is frequently represented by his silly, sentimental pictures for the things that are wrong and the things takes place, reason comes into its own. fashionable world, which do him an injustice.

The 19th century opened with a rethat there is someone among you, no more is it prostituted by being ex- turn to Classicism, later evidenced in the Empire period. Corot, of course, The rest of us' who have been here ity in the life of man. When man is definitely a Romantic, though weak even a year have fallen under the begins to worship one of his capacities, and at his best in the figure subjects that he did in Rome. Typical of the Barbizon School (who couldn't get their pictures into the Salon, so went into the country to be closer to nature) is Harpigny, who embodies the demo-cratic spirit of the age, portraying the common people. And then came Realism with Courbet, a strong, almost coarse painter, whose flowers are delightful. Contemporary art was found-What is the duty of the poet in ed by Manet, the most important artist course of action ever formulated. "Salient" has given you a nice little this age of expanding fears and opinion; he was strongly influenced by Japanese colour prints and by photo-

Realism became Impressionism with has been a trend for at least ten tinue unconcerned? What is the the advent of Monet, Pissarro, Sisley and Renoir, who had been studying optics, and who brought in light and expressing our opinions about such subjects for nearly double that period and not one person has arisen from present problem, which deserves artistic scandal by their adoption of the active attention of everyone Pointillism, or Divisionalism; which was taken still further by Signac and expressing our opinions. Do not mis- interested in the fate of literature. Secret. Thence it has been carried to The Phoenix Club is offering a some extent to all modern painting. just as it was previously evident, in a

> Don't let the fact that you've ising force by virtue of her artistic expression. Other phases of the exquent lecturers.—a.

SPAIN

Unhappy Spain is to-day in everyone's mind. What made a country Now that Britain's National Govern- divide against itself? made Spaniard

Peers, now Professor of Spanish in does not compensate the democracies brow. He should therefore have a for the loss of the following: the 80 mil- good knowledge of Spanish life and

"While complete impartiality is diffi-Was the sacrifice of the Czechoslovak ed this is evident, since "The Spanish siders that Britain is now arming as loyalist and rebel. "An authoritat-

> one of the few impartial men with -P.A.M. sufficient local knowledge to attempt to explain them.-P.A.O.

"There is one thing that my enemies hate them.'--Romain Rolland.



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A Cricketing Business

Hard on the heels of Sir Julien Cahn's departure has come the news that New Zealand's finest all-round cricketer, H. G. Vivian, has accepted the magnate's offer of a business appointment in England and his invitation to play for his private cricket team.

It is not disputed that Sir Julien is a generous patron of cricket, but his actions leave one doubting the depth of his feeling for the real welfare of the game. Rather he gives one the impression of a business man with a hobby to which he applies the principles that won him success in the commercial world. In New Zealand, to the surprised disappointment of thousands, his interesting team, studded with names big in cricket, played so grimly and often so drably that one could not escape the conclusion that its owner was more concerned with preserving his reputation as a collector of skilful, unbeatable cricketers than of benefiting the game of cricket itself, which it was within his power to do.

Cricketers will probably regard the tour of New Zealand by Sir Julien Cahn's team with mixed feelings.-L.B.S.

did innings.

match with Hutt.

mined challenge in the third. It was

CRICKET

mainstay of the seconds. He has scored

84, 78 and 69 as his best scores. Actu-

ally he has been the only really con-

sistent batsman in the team. R.

the consistency that has marked

keeper. He is one of the quartette who

needed variety to the attack. Greig

of coming fast off the pltch.-L.B.S.

RUGBY

first fifteen will almost certainly be

Of last year's team Bob Thomas

(London) and Alex. Armour (Master-

ton) will be missing, but at present

Dick Wild and Joe Bryers are doubt-

Acquisitions include G. ("Fat")

Rae, half-back for V.U.C. 1934-36

and for the N.Z.U. team in Japan;

Frank Donovan, a V.U.C. winger in

1936; Young, from Duntroon Military

of these freshers in the Third "A"

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sion.

Smith shows promise both as an

---L.B.S.

STRONGER TEAM

Tournament Athletes

The team:

100 yards-C. V. Adams. 220 yards-C. V. Adams, H. G.

Bowyer. 440 yards-H. G. Bowyer.

880 vards-G. J. Anmeur. 1 mile-D. R. Scrymgeour,

3 miles-D, R. Scrymgeour, A, Congalton.

120 hurdles .-- E. M. Irving. 220 hurdles--E. M. Irving, D. Toss-

440 hurdles-E. M. Irving, D. Tossman,

Long Jump. O'Regan, J. S. Adams. 358 runs at an average of 29.75, with High Jump - J. S. Adams.

Hop, Step and Jump ... O'Regan. Shot Putt-Terry (Masseyr, E. T. Dalziel.

Javelin-J. S. Adams, Discus--Tossman, Terry Hammer - Newall, Dalziel Relay --- Adams, Bowyer, Lawrie Parkin's batting.

(Massey) and one other. One sprinter and one walker have

still to be chosen. At Inter-Facult, the standard was have kept for the seniors in one match definitely better than last year. In or more this season, the others being against

in 10 1/10 secs., with only inches Junior B half way through the season, ated by the V.U.C. players. between them, was really the high-scored 53 and 41 respectively in the light of the afternoon.

probably could have done better. He gerous partnerships. With just a little in succession. was second in the N.Z.U. event in more luck, W. Drake would have taken 1938. Geoff. Annear, too, could have made faster time in the 880 if he had been pressed over the last half lap. As it was, his time was 2.3 4/5, compared with Nixon's winning time tooks. W. Drake would have taken nearer thirty than twenty wickets. There have been days when he has bowled with real venom and, at times he has been the best bowler in the compared with Nixon's winning time team. Greig, Edgley and Fitzgerald the new Association with the new teach the nearer thirty than twenty wickets. The club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the CLUB PRACTICES

The club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Gym., and all prospective players are asked to attend. After the new teach the new teach the nearer thirty than twenty wickets. The club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the club nights are every Tuesday a compared with Nixon's winning time of 1.58 at last Tournament. Lawry ball, and the presence of Doug. Dean (Massey) was a good second *to in the last two matches has lent much-Annear and should be a useful second may be a useful senior bowler next

In the one mile, Scryngeour won from Annear and Congalton in 4.37. medium pace and has the added virtue On Monday evening he also won the 3 miles from Congalton and Lowe in 15.26 4/5, but he is capable of better times.

In the walk, McLean had the misfortune to be disqualified for "lifting."

ADAMS'S FINE JUMP.

In clearing 5ft. 93in. at Inter-Faculty, Jack Adams achieved the best leap of his career. He will be hard to beat at Tournament.

In the broad jump, O'Regan unfortunately spiked himself after his first effort, but finished second nevertheless. Cochrane, the Freshman who beat him, performed consistently well in Freshers' events, winning the 100 yards, 220 yards, and the long jump.

GOOD HURDLER

E. M. Irving, N.Z.U. title-holder, is College, Australia, five-eighths; Parthe outstanding hurdler at V.U.C. At ker, St. Pat's O.B. seniors, five-the National Championships recently eighths; Borrie, Otago 'Varsity "A." he was unofficially clocked at 15 2/5 in forward; and Anderson, Napier High the 120.

This much is certain. Victoria has addition there are a number of exher strongest athletic team for years, members of first fifteens of secondary and at last we will be soundly represented in the Wellington district. It sented in the field events.

WOMEN'S TENNIS FINAL team under the able guldance of

Defeating Elizabeth MacLean, holder of the N.Z. University Women's Singles title, 6/3, 1/6, 6/4, Kathleen Pears won the Women's Singles Championship last Sunday after a match in which the winner's tactics prevailed against the more opponent.

Kathleen took slx games in a row to take the first set after trailing Fifteen on Easter Saturday. 0-3, was content to let the second set go when her opponent established a strong lead therein, and had just sufficient in hand to stave off a deter- for the trial matches to be played sion to the profession.

immediately after Easter, Light train-ing will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5.15 on Kelburn Park until further notice (sand shoes must be worn).

Intending members, old or new, who have not yet filled in team slips should obtain one immediately from Mr. Brook and leave it in the rack for the Secretary (W. Tricklebank).

TOURNAMENT SWIMMING

Three swimmers from Massey came down on Saturday to compete with V.U.C.'s best, and the following team was chosen:

Miss S. Hefford-100 yards breaststroke.

Miss M. Malcolm-59 and 100 yards freestyle.

Miss N. Spiers-50 and 100 yards freestyle.

R. G. Hall-100 yards backstroke. R. L. Meck-220 yards breaststroke. A. Taylor-100 and 440 yards free-

style. J. Wishart (Massey)-100 and 220 yards freestyle.

F. D. O'Flynn-220 and 440 yards freestyle.

Elizabeth MacLean's first defeat by This team is infinitely stronger than a V.U.C. player for some considerable last year. Miss Hefford and R. G. Hall should easily win their respective Miss Spiers stands a good chance in the 50 yards freestyle, though neither she nor Miss Malcolm. One of the best batsmen the club pos- without intense training, will come sesses is Whiting of Training College. anywhere in the 100 freestyle. Taylor Equipped with sound defence, he should certainly gain a place in the 100 watches the ball closely, and has an freestyle, even against the strong oppoattractive array of strokes. A Wan- sition which will be offering.

ganui representative, he compiled a Messrs. O'Flynn, Wishart, and Meek confident 46 in his first game for the should do well in their respective races, seniors a fortnight ago. For the seconds though we think it unlikely that any this season he has played some splen- of them will gain a title.

"Salient's" very best wishes go with Frank Parkin has been the batting the Tournament Swimming Team.

BASKETBALL

The final selection of the Basketball team has now been made and Edgley, J. Stevens, L. Sandford, and the following nine players will repre-R. Burnard have all played useful sent V.U.C. at the Easter Tournament: innings on occasions without attaining Forwards-Erice Overton, Joy Osborn, Olive Castle,

Centres-Pixie Higgin, Rosamund Drummond, Sylvia Hefford.

opening batsman and as a wicket- Defenders-Marie Walker, Joan Bythell, Ruth Bell.

Last Saturday this team played Wellington East, the sprints J. P. Eastwood and Cliff Harding, Blandford and Sheffield. F. proved to be a very keen game, though Adams were excellent. That 100 yards Saxton and G. Craig, promoted from the last part was more or less domin-

After continued practice, this team is now playing a very sure and fast game, J. R. Stevens has been easily the and, short of opposition far above that yards title from Adams (C. V.) and most effective bowler, with 31 wickets, of any of last year's tournament teams, Used as a stock bowler, he has proved we should have a very good chance of Bowyer was not unduly pushed and particularly useful in breaking up dan-winning the shield for the third time

have all had some success with the the new Association rules.

SHOOTING

Tournament Team: -- D. H. K. Ross season, for he can keep a length at (capt.). G. T. Ryan, P. G. Pasley, A. R. Anderson, R. J. Corkill, R. Johnson, A. T. S. Howarth.

MASSEY VISIT

A tennis team from Massey College The decision of the Wellington proved no match for a V.U.C. team Although both McLean and Dalziell Rugby Union at its Annual Meeting last Sunday at Miramar, the visitors walked well, their times were only fair, recently to increase the number of winning only one doubles, losing two, Senior A teams to 12 means that the and losing all six singles. Singles results: ---

playing once again in the First Divi- Foley beat Hay, 6/2, 6/3. Thawley beat Stewart, 5/6, 6/1, 6/2. Pitt beat Grevatte, 6/1, 6/1. Pasley beat Guild, 6/3, 6/5.

Budge beat Hayes, 4/6, 6/5, 7/5. McNaught beat McCracken, 6/2, 6/2.

LAW DINNER

The Law Faculty Club may be well complimented on the occasion of its fifth annual dinner held on Tuesday, 21st March in that evergreen rendezvous so well known to University students-the Empire Hotel.

School Old Boys' Senior, forward. In The club was singularly fortunate in its guests, for in addition to a majority of its vice-presidents, and prominent members of the profession, is the club's policy to play the best we were honoured by the attendance of His Honour Sir Hubert Ostler and Hon. H. G. R. Mason, Attorney-General. Denied the privilege subsisting until the latter part of jast This season V.U.C. players will century, of consuming a statutory wear white shorts instead of black, number of dinners in order to qualify The ensemble will be completed by for admission to their profession by the familiar green jersey and gold the substitution therefor of examinasteady, attractive stroking and sound topped green socks. Teams should gain tions, those present proceeded, like the higher places for the Griffiths Memor- stag at eve, to "drink, or rather eat, forceful and aggressive play of her tal Trophy as a result of the change, their fill," and in some measure upheld Able coaches for all teams have the traditions of their predecessors in already been secured. Arrangements proving, as Mr. Treadwell made known are in train for a match for the First in proposing the toast of "The Profession," that an eminent member of the profession in England once informed his clerk that he required not brains Players are urged to get fit now but stomach in order to gain admis-

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