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DEBATE

Nunc Dimittis

Well, we know now. The great Oxford Union has said so. The Victoria College Debating Society has substantiated the matter. We must "return to religion" if we wish to solve our present discontents.

Forty-four students of V.U.C. (including most of the S.C.M.) have said so; forty have denied it; and about eleven hundred have refrained from voting. By the democratic principles which govern debates, however, the decision of the forty-four becomes an eternal truth. The great philosophers, sociologists, and scientists have not worked in vain, for a solution has at last been reached—the only solution. We must return to religion.

DROSS OR GOLD.

And which religion are we to return to? Mr. Freeman asked this pertinent question in his opening speech for the negative; Mr. McCulloch, from voluminous notes, had attempted to define religion as embracing all beliefs, and, in a well-constructed speech, pointed out that a separation between the dross and the gold in religion must be made. Mr. Freeman naturally wanted to know which religion contained most acid and least dross; if he had to return to religion he wanted to know which system of beliefs he should embrace—would it solve our discontents if he became a Holy Roller or a British Israelite, or must he become a Christian or a dancing dervish?

Miss Justine Smith, ably supported by Mr. McMurray, in one of the most effective and pleasing speeches of the evening, supported the answer. Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Treadwell had advocated a return to a vague sort of religion, but Miss Smith made an eloquent and convincing plea on behalf of Christianity.

TO THE MOUNT.

So we must return to Christianity, to the Sermon on the Mount. Mr. Renouf eloquently advocated a return to Christ; Mr. Bowyer conjured up a picturesque scene depicting Christ on the cover of "Cappiade"; Mr. Ongley presented a few outworn Aquinate proofs of God's existence, and appeared entirely undisturbed by the fact that his speech was entirely irrelevant.

Anyway, Christianity is the solution. But is it the only solution? The motion says so—and thus the labours of socialists, anarchists, fascists, communists, philosophers, and scientists are rendered null and void by a four-letter word. Mr. Lewin was the only speaker for the negative who brought up this point, in a vehement speech which was placed first by the judge, Dr. A. G. Butchers. Mr. Freeman, whose brilliant reply would easily have placed him first, was lowered to third place owing to his over-stepping the time limit.

And, we may justly ask, how can a return to religion—a purely personal relationship between man and a superior being—possibly affect amoral institutions such as sovereign states, property concepts, capitalism, and banks? There is every reason to believe that traditional institutions such as these do have some small effect in increasing world problems. Miss Sutch, in a vigorous address, attacked the Church strongly from this basis, and Mr. Meek, who appeared rather exhausted, continued the attack on organised religion.

"Salient's" prizes for the statements made during the debate which were worthy of inclusion in the "God Defend New Zealand" column, have been allotted as follows:—

First Prize—Mr. Foley.

We still read Shakespeare and Bacon; doesn't this show that any institution which has lasted through the ages is good and right and worthy of all men to be believed? (e.g., prostitution?)

Second Prize—Mr. Renouf.

No man who does not know and acknowledge God can be just to man. (e.g., J. S. Mill?)

Third Prize—Mr. MacDonald.

Not until the last capitalist has been liquidated will we find a solution to our present discontents.

THE JEWISH QUESTION A CLASSIC STATEMENT

Racial prejudice is no new phenomenon. Its history is age-old—age-thick with irrational hate and persecution. To-day, and not only in Europe, we are faced with a recrudescence of this malady. The racial refugee is myriad. The wish to wound has the power.

It is well, on occasion, to reconsider our affiliations with what is right and just. Too easily can we be lost in the "glittering brass of the great retreat."

Here is a classic statement by MAXIM GORKI on the Jewish Question. It was written many years ago; it applies to conditions then existing in Tsarist Russia. This temporal detachment makes its message all the more real. One has only to substitute Germany for Russia throughout to make it strikingly applicable to modern conditions.

It may interest many to learn that this article was discovered in an Indian student paper—"The Student Front."

These simple words designate one of the saddest and most shameful pages of history. We have got used to pronouncing them without a violent feeling of loathing and disgust. Nevertheless, these words designate a whole series of injustices; they are saturated with streams of human blood. In them there is expressed one of the most repulsive black spots in the chequered life of humanity.

The Jewish question, which is thickly smeared by men with filthy lies and slanders, is in my opinion a quite simple question. It has as its source the peculiar way of thinking of that kind of people whose attitude to society is based on the principle. "The world exists solely in order to provide me with comfort and enjoyment."

For people who do not notice anything outside their own petty egos; who are completely indifferent to everything outside their own miserable requirements and enjoyments—for such people the Jew is a puzzling and hateful creature. They are compelled to hate the Jew on account of his idealism; to hate him because obviously no power in the world is able to destroy his admirable all-enquiring mind.

I consider it necessary to explain my thoughts so that nobody will be able to doubt in which sense I am using the words "idealism" and "materialism." In the present case I understand by idealism not a definite philosophical outlook but the heroic spirit which inspires man with self-confidence, like the Hercules of Greek legend, which maintains in him the courage to sweep away and destroy everything feeble and rotten, just as Hercules cleansed the Augean stables and swept away all the useless rubbish. This idealism of the mind in no way contradicts the materialist view of the history of humanity, for this idealism is in fact the

creator of the materialist conception of history, and the creator of the teachings of materialism.

In the course of humanity's painful journey on the path of progress towards the light, there stands at every stage of the weary road the Jew, as the living protest, as the explorer. He has always been that light-house which from its proud and lofty height issued forth into the whole world the irrepressible protest against all that is dirty, all that is degraded in the life of man, against man's cruel and harsh treatment of man, against repulsive shallowness and against the spirit of ignorance.

One of the causes of this terrible hatred of the Jew lies in the fact that they gave to the world Christianity, which has awakened in man the consciousness, the feeling of human love, the necessity to think of the well-being of all men and women. That does not please the Lords and masters of life. They wish to see in Christianity a religion of submission and suffering, in order that men shall voluntarily grovel under the heel of the enslaver. And they have also succeeded in converting Christianity into a religion of slaves; into a yoke of our people, and their own protecting shield in the fight against justice.

But in the teachings of Christianity there was the great spirit of idealism of the Jewish people, an invincible spirit, and in spite of all the agitation and incitement of the governments and the Church this spirit is not extinguished in it even now. This spirit, on the contrary, permeated the mind of the people and not infrequently it blossomed forth in the shape of such rich intellectual products, as the philosophy of a Spinoza, or the Utopian dreams of a Thomas Moore.

This idealism, which finds expression in the indefatigable striv-

ing to reshape the world on new foundations of equality and justice is the most important and, perhaps, the sole cause of the hostility to the Jews. It disturbs the peace of the well-fed and self-satisfied, and sheds rays of light into the darkest corners of life. Through their energy and enthusiasm the Jews have carried into life fire and the indefatigable search after truth. They have kept the peoples awake by allowing them no rest, and finally—and this, however, is the most important—this idealism has produced that which is most terrible for the possessing classes, namely socialism.

I do not believe in the hostility of nations and races. I do not believe in the existence of a special way of thinking which calls forth in the white man a natural hatred of the man belonging to the black or coloured races, or in the slaves an innate hatred of the English, or among the Russians contempt for the Jews.

Thanks to the special conditions of life in Russia, there every feeling, good or bad, finds sharper and stronger expression than elsewhere. This is the reason why the Jewish question has assumed such a terrible form in Russia, such a sharp form that it has attracted to it the attention of the whole world, which has been roused to indignation. In Russia the Jewish question is above all a political question. The chief enemy of the Russian Jews is officialdom. In Russia the Jews have been placed by the government in an unbearable position. The government is doing everything in order to suppress them spiritually and cause them to perish physically. But the wonderful vitality of this race is not crushed even under the weight of this yoke; its spiritual and mental capacities are not destroyed, but strike roots under the altered circumstances.

It is impossible to enumerate all the persecutions to which the Jews are subjected in order to oppress them. But all the tortures remain without respite. The Jews are in the foremost ranks of the intellectual opposition.

N.Z.U.S.A.

Easter Conference

The value to the University community in New Zealand of the N.Z.U.S.A. cannot be over-emphasised. Its unobtrusive existence must not be regarded as a sign of an effete or ineffective organisation. On the contrary, as was witnessed at the Easter Tournament, when it held its Annual General Meeting, the Association revealed itself as a live and active body with the affairs of the student intimately at heart.

Its membership is confined to three representatives each from Auckland, Victoria, Canterbury, and Otago University Colleges, and also one member each from Canterbury, Lincoln and Massey Agricultural Colleges. The former have two votes to each College and the latter one-half vote. At each College there is a corresponding member, whose duty it is to maintain contact with a central executive with headquarters at Wellington. Thus it may be seen that there is a comprehensive representation of the student population. It can be realised that it is here that lies the basic importance of the Association. Importance not only from the point of view of co-ordination of student activities, but also from the vast field of investigation into university matters that is open to it. In this direction it should prove invaluable, as is evident by the following account of its Easter meeting.

STUDENT HEALTH

It is a peculiar and pathetic fact that the N.Z. Universities are shockingly deficient in providing adequate means for scientific physical training. It has been stated that "the University does not exist to ensure adequate physical training or health; it exists primarily for the purpose—call it medieval if you like—of training the intellect in the pathway of truth; everything else is subordinate." That this view is incompatible with modern educational research is obvious. In the words of Professor Ernest Barker, quoted in a report by the British National Union of Students on Student Health, steps should be taken to help each student to make his body "a fit and trained tool of a fit and trained mind and character." It was on this basis that a paper was read by Mr. Moller (O.U.), a more detailed report of which will appear at a later date.

DEBATING AND ORATORY.

After last year's Bedfloe Medal Contest the A.U.C. delegates recommended that the choice of subjects be limited so as not to permit the orator selecting subjects dealing with anything that has occurred in the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of the contest. The reason for this recommendation was that last year a speaker took as his subject "The advent of the Labour Government in New Zealand," and during the course of his oration was cut off by the radio. The recommendation was unanimously reflected, and some very strong opinions were expressed on the question of the right of freedom of speech.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in obtaining suitable subjects for radio debates. This has arisen through the rather iniquitous, censorial control exercised over broadcasting. Truly the much-lauded democratic "freedom of the press" is not that of the air!

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TOUR.

A sub-committee of the N.Z.U.S.A. and the Tournament delegates discussed the proposed tour and recommended that the Australian athletes be invited to New Zealand in 1940 on the following conditions:—

1. That the standard of athletes was satisfactory.
2. That arrangements could be made with outside sports bodies.
3. That visit be made in March, 1940, and the athletes compete in the N.Z.U. Tournament at Christchurch.

Amendments to the N.Z.U. Blues regulations—that graduates of a certain number of years be eligible for blues—that blues be awarded once only, were considered. The former was supported (Continued on page 4, col. 4).

Note—

It may interest readers to learn that these three columns on the front page were originally taken up with a special article entitled "Truth in Advertising." It became impossible, for several reasons, to publish this article in the present issue of "Salient." There is every hope, however, that it will appear in the next issue of "Salient" to be published on Wednesday, 31st May, 1939.

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GROUP OBSERVATION

"Salient" is pleased to publish the following announcement of the establishment of a Group Observation Fellowship in New Zealand. The immense importance and the varied possibilities of the mass-observation technique are beyond dispute. It is to be hoped that students will offer this movement all the help they are able.

You may have noticed in the press during the past few months references to mass observation, a method for investigating in an impartial and scientific manner the lives and opinions of people living in a great modern state. The intention of those responsible for the research was to apply the methods so successful in studying the life of savage peoples, to the inhabitants of the average English community. It was obvious from the beginning that isolated scientific workers in this field could not hope to immerse themselves in the life of a large community to the degree that is possible in the study of primitive groups. Therefore they enlisted the aid of the people themselves; they called for volunteers from all walks of life to record as accurately as possible the behaviour and opinions of their fellows. The records were sent into a central organisation which analysed the material and deduced where possible conclusions useful to science.

The success of such research depends upon the number and types of the societies that it studies. A number of people who think that the scientific method should be applied to problems of group life is now organising a further field of enquiry here in New Zealand. As yet this group has no official connection with Mass Observation in England. As pointed out above, without the assistance and co-operation of all who are interested in such an approach (though not necessarily scientifically trained) the work is impossible. We therefore appeal to you to put on record, in a systematic manner, the observations of your fellow man that you undoubtedly must make every day.

The study must proceed along certain defined lines; as far as possible you will be asked to observe those phenomena most accessible to you in your daily life. For example, such questions as the real attitude of the public in times of crisis, the place of sport in the lives of New Zealanders, the extent to which a man's outlook is determined by his occupation, could be investigated. Important phenomena such as etiquette, modes of salutation, crowd behaviour, the weather as a topic of conversation, could be reported on by observers. Remember, the details which are superficially most unimportant may be vital to the understanding of a particular problem.

The more observers there are, the more significance can be attached to the deductions from their observations. In order to cover the whole community we require observers from all walks of life representing every shade of opinion, the only essential qualification being the ability to record observations truthfully and systematically. If you wish to become an observer please communicate with the undersigned, giving name, address and occupation. Detailed instructions will then be sent to you. The smallest contribution of time (and that is all that you will be required to contribute) will be acceptable. Your position as an observer will be regarded as absolutely confidential and in any quoted analyses of results your name will not be mentioned. Since your position will be entirely voluntary you are at liberty to withdraw at any time. You may make as small or as large a contribution of your time to the work as you find convenient.

Communications should be addressed to:—

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(See Membership Form on Page 4)

GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

"It is probable that motorists travelling on the Hutt Road this morning wondered if something really serious had developed overseas, as the carriers fully equipped with Bren guns and manned by soldiers in steel helmets, raced into the city for the parade."
—"Evening Post," April 13th 1939.

"We have this to be thankful for; the Government waited until Lent was over before announcing the 100 per cent. restriction on tinned fish."
—Report in "Dominion" April 27th 1939.

"Have you ever considered that if all reforms which show a conclusive and irresistible case were carried out, there would not be a single one of our social and political institutions left standing? Not one. The case against war is conclusive and irresistible. The case against sovereign nations which know no law and render war inevitable is conclusive and irresistible. The case against property, privilege, monopoly, unearned increment, production for individual profit, the mere living wage, the case against traditional religion, against all the medieval travesties of education, are each and all conclusive and irresistible.—From "Europa in Limbo"
—Robert Briffault.

There are panegyrist of war, who say that without a periodical bleeding a race decays and loses its manhood. Experience is directly opposite to this shameless assertion. It is war that wastes a nation's wealth, makes its industries . . . and leaves the puny, deformed and unmanly to breed the next generation.
—George Santyana.

On Circulation

The circulation of "Salient" is still by the highest of standards a little anemic. An effort is being made during the coming vacation to increase it materially. Thirty, sixty, a hundredfold. All subscribers are asked, where they are able, to enrol further support.

The subscription for 18 issues, if collected at Victoria College, is 2/6; posted, 3/.

Subscriptions should be handed in to the Distribution Manager—Miss June Reid.

Anyone who feels inclined to offer his or her help in a campaign for further subscribers is asked to get in contact with the Distribution Manager before the end of the current session.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Early next term the Dramatic Club will be presenting its major production of the year—probably a three-act play.

All students wishing to take part are asked to hand in their names, addresses and telephone numbers to the Secretary before the end of this term. It will most likely be necessary to commence rehearsals during the last week of vacation.

'Salient Points'

1. During the next session it is intended to issue several special numbers of "Salient"—synopses etc. All students who would like to help are asked to please get in touch with the Editorial Staff without delay. A meeting of all those concerned will be held during the vacation.
2. Letters to "Salient" on any relevant topic are always welcomed. It is hoped that soon "No Man's Land" will again be active. Except when specially arranged letters should be limited to 300 words and must be in the hands of the Editor by 7.30 p.m. on the Friday prior to issue.
3. All students who would like to do any reporting for "Salient" are asked to make themselves known to the Editor without vacillation.
4. A special Literary Committee to provide copy for "Salient" is to be formed during the coming vacation. Regular meetings and discussions will be held. All those interested in original writing—whether in prose or verse—should hand in their names and addresses to the Editor immediately.
5. It is intended to arrange in all future issues of "Salient" for a "Coming Events" section which will list contingent meetings and functions. The Editor would appreciate ample notification by club secretaries and others of any event they wish to have included. Unless notification is received omissions must be taken for granted.
6. An endeavour is being made to make "God Defend New Zealand" a consistent feature in "Salient." To this end would as many students as are able, make a special point of being unapathetic enough, long enough, to send in any lapses they may come across.
7. All contributions must be in the hands of the Editor by 7 p.m. on Thursday prior to issue.
8. A slot has now been put in the door of "Salient" room—for the receiving of contributions.
9. Contributors are asked to write on reporters' pads, and to use one side of the paper only.

Have you heard about the girl that broke the glass case in the library? No. Well, I'll tell you. The other night I was sitting working when a terrific cracking rent the academic calm. It was some gentle maid having a go at the glass front of one of the cases that contain our special books. She made a job of it too; although she's a double blue and the soul of propriety. Do you know who it was? It was Pixie Higgin! No? Yes!

'I Do Not Eat Cake'

You've got to be something. I am a futillitarian. After seeing someone eating cake and studying Greek this seems as good a system as any to adopt.

But I was talking with a fellow f - -. His talk made me feel our philosophy has no bottom to it. "It's the autumn," he said, "makes you feel the futillity of everything."

I don't know. I think we are both bad advocates for our school of thought. Because he is frightfully casual and says it's autumn and autumn is not permanent, and a philosophy not permanent is only a phase and phases are youth of course, and don't count. And I am a bad futillitarian because it is perfectly clear to me that there is the futill, and the non-futill. I am undermining myself. I am a cheat. I am supposed to be admitting the futillity of all things. But I cannot. Because I do not eat cake over my Greek.

Oh, futillitarianism is futill. I am done with it. What else is there?

I have been thinking. If I accept the futill, and the non-futill, I accept things as they really are, do not accept things as they half are, and consequently do not try to push the rest into shape. So by accepting things as they are, you see also that the futill and non-futill must surely maintain the balance of the whole—else the whole would have been overthrown long before now. This appears true. But then there is this: The system of acceptance is that of the idiot. The idiot is oblivious. By being oblivious he is accepting everything. For the man who is not oblivious to accept things in the way of the idiot and the child is obviously bad. He is being passive. He is being an idiot. And surely the way of men is not that of idiots?

But if I believe in there being some plan, equilibrium, some must be passive and others active. But why believe in passivity for myself, when I would not have others practise it because, according to the above, if all became passive, everything would flop? That means that if everything were the same, it would be bad. But if I am not doing anything active, how can I be sure of anything going right, when I am not sure of my blind faith in natural balance?

The only thing left to do is to accept the futill and non-futill and to suppose the futill can be changed so that its proportions are kept under thumb. Or is that misunderstanding futill altogether? No, because I am a futillitarian no longer, and when you are not, any little bit of logic will get you out. After all, they will only disprove you by another little bit, and what is that?

But this last thing entails the danger of preaching, which is hideous. Very well then, learn how to preach without preaching. And by that time you ought to be dead. Ah, what an infinite relief is the idea of death!!!

—C.F.

LET'S BUILD A LAW JOURNAL!

"Salient" has been requested to draw the attention of all law students to the notices concerning the publication of the 1939 "Students' Supplement to the New Zealand Law Journal." There are now only five weeks left in which to write something for the Supplement. Let every student make a point of sending a contribution of some kind and you will then surely achieve the Organizing Committee's object—a Supplement of a standard even higher than that of last year, which itself attracted attention in the Harvard Law School, and also in Canada and Australia.

The Organizing Committee requires any article which expresses an opinion on topics legal and of general interest, as for example the position of the profession in society, its obligations to the community, its future trend, discussion of legal education and possible reforms; also topical verse, exam. howlers, short snappy personalities, etc. Last year's Supplement contained several very excellent and learned dissertations on intricate points of law. It is intended this year to try and make the Supplement of rather wider general interest as it is considered that a Law Students' Supplement should present something different from that which is set out in 24 out of 25 issues of the Law Journal every year, and that articles should be legal with a philosophical flavour rather than purely on law.

NOW THEN, LAW STUDENTS. NOW THEN! LET'S BUILD A LAW JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT!

N.Z. VERSE

The White Cry

Messrs. J. M. Dent & Sons think (or say they think) that Douglas Stewart "does for the Antipodes" (hateful word!) "what Roy Campbell, a poet of similar impulse, does for Africa." This may be true—but it is a matter of opinion—in that Mr. Stewart's verse "is enriched with the scene, the mood, and the character of his own country and his own people," yet the comparison is not fair to Roy Campbell, and is grossly unfair to Mr. Stewart. It is true that both poets are vivid with a dynamic energy, but while Campbell's verse is "modern" both in concept and expression, in Douglas Stewart's the spirit of to-day is subtly blended with that of yesterday. Poetic labels are damnable in the extreme; and are also extremely useful. This New Zealander may be termed a Neo-Georgian Romantic Modernist—if you can conceive the species, rather numerous in these days, although few are of so high a quality as Douglas Stewart. "The White Cry" contains poems that are, in essence, lyrical. Most are

VERSE

Fugue

Constant interweaving of sound as water through reeds; voices sing one to another, and pattern, like sunlight through water unfolds from the tangled thread of sound. The lovely theme twists through the subtly mazing ice as sunlight through reeds. Here end and beginning, the circle just. Here logic from Leipzig, and mystic calm from unknown countries of the soul. —S.H.J.

Red Light

A propos Boccaccio: When The law says Stop! Then Up the sales Go!



HERO-HITO

"What is the Chinese war like? Well, at least it isn't like wars in history books. You know, those lucid, tidy maps of battles one used to study, the flanks like neat little cubes, the pincer movements working with mathematical precision, the reinforcements never failing to arrive. War isn't like that. War is bombing an already disused arsenal, missing it and killing a few old women. War is lying in a stable with a gangrenous leg. War is drinking hot water in a barn and worrying about one's wife. War is a handful of lost and terrified men in the mountains, shooting at something moving in the undergrowth. War is waiting for days with nothing to do, shouting down a dead telephone, going without sleep and sex and a wash. War is untidy, inefficient, obscure, and largely a matter of chance."—W. H. Auden.

Announcement

short, and of the moment, although frequently reflective. The poet's sense of rhythm is unerring, and he has not abandoned rhyme, but most noticeable by his constant use of imagery (almost always effective) of sound, and, above all, of colour. From "Haystack" we take one example of a score:

The creamy frost of tai-toi plumes
Above the rushes' blue-green shrilling.

Throughout the volume it is very evident that Mr. Stewart loves words for their own sake for their colour and sound and associations—but he seldom makes the mistake of using words recklessly. He is no miser, but he writes a word because it is necessary to his writing, and not because that word happens to be at hand. All his verse is pleasing; much is truly excellent. Very effective is one of the longer poems, "The Godwit," from which we quote:—

The crimson curtains of the dawn
Sung back each rushing day disclose
The perfect ballet of their flight,
A thousand dancing wings of rose.

Dipping and soaring, keeping time
To the blue lilt of of flutes below. . .

("The White Cry" Douglas Stewart. 64 pages. J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd. 7/6.)

With amoret and triolet
To oread and nereid;
With ode to love and palinode
I've wooed and wept and wearied.

And oftentimes, with careless rhymes
And badly phrased metonymy,
I've led some lass to vilify,
Disparage and dishonour me.

And so, chérie, my gaucherie
Bereft me Joan and Molly,
And April (like the month) is cold
And changeable and squally.

No doubt as Spenser's lady was
When, tragic more than comical,
He sent her his inventories
Of beauties anatomical.

So, though I love your eyebrow, dear,
I'll write no woful poem on it;
He's more a fool than poet who'll
Gamble his love to gain a sonnet. —H.W.G.

Torchlight

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and a whisper in the dark

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because I kissed your gown. —A.



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N.Z.U. BLUES

The New Zealand University "Blues" that are annually awarded for distinguished performances in the seven sports that comprise Tournament are always highly coveted. This year fifteen have come to Victoria. In 1938 our representatives gained sixteen. "Salient" congratulates the following:—

Eric Overton, Ruth Bell, Rosamund Drummond (basketball).
J. B. Bullock, R. P. Hansen (rowing).
C. V. Adams, J. P. Eastwood, E. M. Irving, J. S. Adams, D. R. Scrymgeour (athletics).
Elizabeth MacLean, N. A. Morrison, F. H. Renouf (tennis).
P. H. Ryan, H. S. McLaren (Massey) (boxing). —L.B.S.

RUGBY WIN

Sporting their new uniform in which white shorts have replaced the traditional black, the Victoria College senior fifteen lived up to their speck and span appearance by running up nineteen points in snappy fashion to Eastbourne's three in the opening game of the season.

Four tries figured in the total which adequately represented the superiority of the all green fifteen who played with purpose and vim. At full back Kissell was safe and reliable but his goal kicking was not up to the standard of his general play. The three-quarters, Young, a real flyer from Dunroon Military College, Tricklebank at centre, and O'Regan were very sound and Rae at the base of the scrum was, despite lack of protection by Varsity's pack, the same nippy and dashing half that we knew of yore. Adams at first five-eighths showed real promise and should do well. Betts at second five-eighths had a hard day and it is too early to judge how he will go. More protection must be given to the insides by the Varsity pack.

Individually the green forwards were very impressive. As a scrumming power, however, they were decidedly less impressive. The hooking was poor, seemingly because the scrum lacked balance, thus preventing the Union's best hooker from showing his true form. The vigour of the pack, however, overcame the scrumming weaknesses and Borrie showed what a good loose forward he is. McVeagh was solid and heady, the type of forward the side needs, whilst Burke led rush after rush. A newcomer, Shannon, was noticeable for good following up and for the general keenness of his play. Meads and McNeil were solid and Eade and Stacey shone occasionally in the open.

Summing up, the 1939 Varsity side gave promise in their opening game of becoming a solid and dashing combination. —J.A.C.

HOCKEY

By holding last year's champion team, Karori, to a 4-all draw in a practice match last Saturday, Varsity showed that this year they have a team considerably better than in recent years; and with a little more practice and co-ordination between the players, should be a force to be reckoned with in the deciding of championship honours.

It is indeed pleasing to find the team with so strong a half line this season, for it is usually the strength or weakness of this section that decides the fate of a match. They were called on to face as strong an opposition as they will meet during the season, and they came through with flying colours. The backs also played soundly, especially Kirkham.

More should be heard of this player, and he will be very unlucky if he does not gain a place in the Senior team.

The forwards combined well, but showed their old weakness—an inability to seize chances in the circle. This might be remedied by a reshuffling of the players. Naidu on the left wing played a very nice game but would be well advised to get rid of the ball a little quicker.

The probable side for the opening match will be:—

Goal: Benjamin. Backs: Dixon, Banks. Halves: Buchanan, Sharp, Newcombe. Forwards: Souness, Braithwaite, Shaw, Cole, Naidu.

In the lower grades, positions will be uncertain for the first few matches, and criticism of players will be left till next term. At present two players at least show distinct promise. Whitham for Senior B, and Whitlock, a young player who should before long be gaining a place in a higher grade.

HARRIERS KEEN

The Harrier Club is gaining in popularity year by year, and so far this year it is experiencing record attendances, from 25 to 30 running each week. Moreover, all members are displaying keen enthusiasm for so early in the season, especially many new members, who are showing distinct promise and should help to place the Club in a better position in open competition this year.

On 22nd April there was again a very good attendance. About thirty runners, including many new members, ran in two packs from Lyall Bay bathing sheds. The trail, which was laid by Newall and Hoffman, led up Fryberg Street to the top of the hill, along the ridge and down the side of the hill to Houghton Bay. From there the road was followed back to Lyall Bay. Along the bitumen road on this last stretch the pace was increased and the runners spread out at the end, good form being shown, particularly by some of the new men who went to the front and led the slow pack home.

LAST WEEK'S RUN.

On Saturday last the run was held at Wadestown. O'Flynn and Robertshawe laid a trail down Wilton's Bush Road, across varied country, eventually meeting the road again and coming on to the railway line, a short distance south of Ngalo. From this point the fast pack continued towards Ngalo and down the gorge road, returning to Wadestown across the hills, while the slow pack returned by a shorter route. In the fast pack de la Mare showed improved form, while Powell and Lowe were prominent in the slow pack.

FORTHCOMING RUNS.

On Saturday, 6th May, a run will be held from Island Bay bathing sheds, followed by an invitation afternoon tea at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Shorland. Then on 13th May the Novice Race will be run at Wadestown.

For all runs members are asked to meet at 2.15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

OPENING TOURNAMENT

Last Saturday three teams were fielded in the two-life Tournament—Senior A, Senior B and Third grade. Unfortunately all three were eliminated in the second round.

The two lower grade teams consisted mainly of newcomers to the club and showed signs of promise. With consistent practice they should give a reasonable account of themselves.

The club has doubled its membership this year through an influx of freshers. Quite a number of older girls have taken up the game again, too.

The weather has stopped outdoor practice but the regular weekly club nights have been held.

THREE TEAMS.

Although the club has sufficient members to enter four teams in this year's competitions, only three teams will be fielded. Exams are the main reason and the fact that many players are away during the holidays.

Professor T. A. Hunter, Principal of V.U.C., captained the first Rugby team to represent the College in senior competition matches in Wellington. That was in 1906 when, with 254 students attending lectures, the Rugby Club, then entering its third season, fielded two teams, one senior and one third-class. Professor Hunter is a life member of the Club.

The 1938 award of the G. F. Dixon Trophy has been made by the Men's Hockey Club to the second Senior B team, captained by D. Good, whose team, playing in the Junior Grade, had also won the trophy in 1937. The regular members of the 1938 side were:—H. Olive, F. Walker, L. Sandford, D. Good, G. Whitham, I. Purdie, I. McAllister, D. Williams, W. England, J. Thompson and F. Renouf.

KAPITI TRAMP

Eight men and three women comprised the party for the Tramping Club's Easter trip to Kapiti. Thursday night was spent sleeping out at Paraparaumu and the party caught the first boat to the island on Good Friday morning. Upon arrival tents were set up, the caretaker interviewed, and the afternoon principally spent in fishing. Croxton, having the doubtful honour of catching the first fish. In the evening a small representative party made a combined business and social call to the northern end of the island. Upon their return the leader cheerfully offered to make tea for the whole party, only when the tea was made was it discovered that salt water had been used.

On Saturday a trip was made to the Kapiti trig, and despite the sheer 1700ft. drop on the Western side all hands returned safely to camp and much to their satisfaction were invited to join a launch party. All those present tumbled aboard, the launch started and did not stop again until we anchored off Webbers. Here the fun began, no sooner were lines dropped over than they were hauled up again, every line with a fish. Shirley Grinton even catching two fish on one hook.

On Sunday an expedition of five—one woman and four men—set out for the south end, following the coastal route. At 4 p.m. after some small amount of rock climbing en route the south end had been reached. A conference was held on the spot and Messrs Oliver and Charlton plunged ahead, the other four returning and arriving in camp at 7 o'clock to find a large hot meal waiting, meanwhile Chorlton and Oliver continued their little jaunt, climbing up to the trig, from the south side, rescuing two benighted members of another party, the four arriving in camp at one a.m. A party then stayed up around the fire until dawn to hear the bird chorus (just before sunrise). Having heard the birds they then made breakfast for the whole party.

Monday morning was spent in many different ways, some fishing, cooking, washing up and rock climbing. The launch arrived on time, the party scrambled aboard and soon landed safe and dry (?) at Paraparaumu and some five hours later had all reached Wellington.

Kapiti is undoubtedly a most interesting place from every viewpoint and it is most unfortunate that the Club cannot obtain permits for larger parties to visit the preserve.

SECOND FIFTEEN RUGBY

Considering that there were a number of senior players in the second fifteen—now playing Junior A grade—a better display was expected last Saturday in the first match. The team was decisively beaten by Marist.

The forwards gained possession of the ball throughout and combined well as a pack in the second half.

Prominent—especially in the loose—were Corkill and Clenden. Playing out of position on the wing, the latter scored a meritorious try.

In the backs Carey played very pluckily and Greig kicked well. But on the whole back play lacked combination and penetration and there seemed little inclination to tackle. The team "has the makings" however, and under the keen guidance of Coach Fred Mackin should do him credit in future games.

V.U.C. INTERVALS

Hockey: H. F. Bollard, N. R. Jacobsen (captain). E. G. McLeod (captain).

Rugby: G. G. Aitken (captain), E. T. Leys, J. D. Mackay, R. H. C. Mackenzie, S. K. Siddells (All Blacks). E. T. W. Love, J. H. Ruru (New Zealand Maoris); F. M. H. Hansen, G. J. McNaught (New Zealand Army Team); J. O. J. Malfroy (Great Britain); G. G. Aitken (Scotland).

TOURNAMENT ECHO

Scene: Very early morning outside Studholme Home Science Hostel, Masculine V.U.C. crowd. Principal inside smoking behind shutter blinds.

First Voice: "Oi!"
Second Voice: "Oi!"
Principal: Go away or I'll call the police!
Crowd relaxes and goes into conference.

First Voice: "Oi!"
Principal (pushing up window snappily): "What do you want?"
Anaemic third Voice: "Three pennyworth of jube-jubes, please!"
Exit crowd on arrival of policeman.

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by V.U.C. and A.U.C., and both were lost by a narrow margin. A recommendation by V.U.C. to remove the present distinction between matriculated and non-matriculated students, so that the latter now only require the three-hour weekly attendance at lectures, was carried.

Other miscellaneous topics, such as the standardisation of degree fees, the insurance scheme (see notice boards), and refresher courses for graduates were debated on and various sub-committees set up to investigate these matters. The election of officers for 1939-40 resulted as follows:— President, Mr. J. B. Aitmers; Secretary, R. H. Wade; Treasurer, D. M. Hatherly; Auditor, J. B. Black; English Representative, Mr. A. T. S. McGhie. —M.L.B.

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"There can be no government by the people, were it an elected government of angels or red-hot Jacobin devils, unless the people have previously taken the precaution to hang the holders of economic power," Julian threw out.

"But this is anarchy," Mrs. Latterby protested.

"No, Madam. It is physics," Julian said.
Robert Briffault "Europa in Limbo."

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