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YOU ONLY HAVE TO LEND Student Campaign Aims at £1000

The 1944 Victory Loan. The name in itself is significant: The Victory for which we have been working for five years now is in sight. The expression "Working for" is by no means universal in its application. Some are working for victory others are simply waiting for it. Now here is the opportunity for everybody to take a real share in the success of our war efforts. The fact that victory is at hand is no sign for a relaxation, but must be a signal for a spurt in our efforts which will reduce the duration by days, weeks and even months.

This war is our war—this fact is brought home when we remember the outstanding record of our fellow students in the war; there are students in almost every section of the war effort, both in the field and on the home front. Here is the chance for every student to make the war his war, the loan his loan and the peace his peace. Here is your chance to stop waiting for the victory and to DO something about it. The money for the loan will be provided in part from money already saved or invested in banks and companies, etc., but they are a comparatively minor source of supply. In the main the money will have to come from those who receive a regular wage as do the workers and one might well add—the students. It is true that for many students the investment of one pound or ten is a hurdle but the loan involves not merely assessing how much you can afford but in resolving

that you will make some sacrifice by your contribution to the loan.

The efforts of New Zealand students must be measured against those of students of other countries. The World Council of Youth in Great Britain in the recent world youth week received inspiring messages of greetings from student and youth movements of the following countries:

India.

The All India Students' Federation sent the following message:

"We affirm our solidarity with you in the name of all the youth martyrs who have fallen in the fight against Fascism. We pledge ourselves to fight famine and epidemics and to achieve National Unity. Together we shall make 1944 a year of Victory."

Panama.

The Panama Federation of Students sent the following cable. "The First Congress of Panama Students greets the World Youth Council and promise to support the heroic struggle of combatant antifascist Youth."

Britain.

"We solemnly pledge ourselves to work harder and better at our work to play a full part in youth service. . . . As one man let us go forward to the defeat of fascism and the beginning of a new and better world where peace and prosperity prevail."

U.S.A.

In the United States a National appeal was launched for half a million pints of blood from the youth of the States to help save the lives of the men in the allied armies on the opening of the Second Front.

Young Major-General V. Velebit, head of the Tito Military Mission to London, at a recent interview said, "Our Youth is organised in the 'United Association of Anti-Fascist Youth of Yugoslavia.' The Association has a membership of approximately 300,000. Not a day passes on which at least three enemy trains are not blown up and a few hundred German, Bulgarian and Quisling soldiers killed, captured or wounded."

These are but a few of the messages received from youth organisations.

You are not asked to give your blood or to blow up enemy trains. You are asked to do something much simpler, much more comfortable but no less effective. LEND YOUR MONEY. You are not even asked to give it, just LEND IT. The New Zealand students must and will stand beside these student organisations of other allied countries. Therefore SUPPORT THE VICTORY LOAN WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT AND MONEY.

Last year the V.U.C. students campaign in the Liberty Loan resulted in the raising of over £600. This year our aim is £1,000. The college campaign for the Victory Loan will commence on

Thursday, September 14th and end on Wednesday, September 20th.

Watch for the table in the hall where £1 and £10 Bonds and stock may be purchased.

For students who are unable to pay cash (and there will undoubtedly be many) the executive has arranged that they may pay a deposit of not less than 2/6 and not less than 2/6 per week until the full amount is paid.

The Executive Loan committee will require a large number of volunteers to assist in the campaign and the assistance of everyone who can spare any time at all will materially help make the Campaign a success.

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FROM WORK for
LIVE-WIRE STUDENTS
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and STUDENTS**

to take part in a show at Victory Corner on September 22nd. A male ballet, a haka party and individual items are required.

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EDITORIAL

DANISH YOUTH RESIST

Figures from Denmark tell of the predominant part played by youth in the underground fight against the invaders. It is confidently estimated by patriots recently arrived in Sweden that sixty out of every hundred acts of sabotage are carried out by activists between the ages of twenty and thirty years.

In five cases out of a hundred the saboteurs are under twenty years of age. If the youngsters had their way there would be many more, but the leaders of the illegal organisations do not allow the very young to be exposed to the great dangers implied on the job, with death threatening either through mishap in the execution of the task or from the firing squad, should the patriot be caught.

Apart from sabotage there are many others form of illegality. The principal sphere of activity for the very young is the printing and distribution of Denmark's thirty odd underground newspapers, whose total monthly circulation runs up to one million copies. Senior school boys and girls put all their skill and ingenuity into organising their age groups for the distribution of the precious truth.

Apart from helping in the editorial and circulation "departments" of other illegal papers, the youth run two or three of their own newspapers. One is the "Students' Information Service," which has an excellent reputation for speed and accuracy.

**And yet we only have to lend—
FIGHT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT AND MONEY!**

GLEE CLUB WINDS UP

Close of a Successful Year

The Glee Club rose to a climax with the combined M.M.C., Orchestra and Glee Club concert held on Tuesday last. As, at time of writing, we are unwilling to report this in advance, we confine ourselves to a few conclusions on the general success of the club in 1944.

Numerically, the Glee Club has not attained the 1942 membership of thirty, but has been more successful than last year, with its dozen or so members and insufficient women to go round. In truth, the president now finds the situation highly satisfactory. Whether this slight decrease is significant or part of a yearly trend it is hard to say. A little speculation is therefore in order. It may perhaps be that the sugar with which the club now attracts its members is rather less sweet and unrefined than that of 1942. Compare 1942 songs: "Lords of the Air," "To Sylvia," "Jerusalem," "Eriskay Love Lilt," with those of 1944: "The Crown of Roses" (Tschalkowsky), and chorales by Bach. This is obviously treacle compared with Sucrose recryst. Merck.

Another reason may be that the standard demanded by the conductor, Mr. A. A. Alpers, is considerably higher than before. In fact the club is fortunate in having the services and enthusiasm of a Mus. Bach. However,

the aim of a glee club is to get together and have fun making fairly sweet sounds. If the club's singing is mediocre, but pleasing to the singers, that aim has been fulfilled. If the members are pushed and urged (and there are times when every conductor must use coercion) into singing better than their usual, but are not enjoying the fun, then that aim is not so well fulfilled. It may be said of the Glee Club this year that there is less glee about it.

Some members of the club would have enjoyed a little close harmony, a la Tex Benete, Marion Hutton and the Modernaires, but this came to nothing, partly because no Hot Contralto came forward. It is to be hoped that all those contraltos in the college who did not come forward will feel personally responsible for this failure.

The fact that the Club has had an active membership of fifteen to twenty shows, however, that there has been enjoyment enough; indeed it might be argued that the absence of those flies whom only treacle ensnares is no loss. As the conductor could further point out, numbers are not important (beyond a minimum of eight persons for four-part singing) if members will turn up every time. Therein lies the flaw. How nervewracking it would be for Mr. Bengé to know that his absence would leave the club without a tenor.

To celebrate the victories of the season and to drown their defeats in the syrup of modern music the two hockey clubs recently held a combined dance (hyperbole) in the Gym. Under the glib guidance of the Great Bogle and his ever-ready assistant some forty or more hockey players of mixed sex spent a pleasant evening rotating each in an infinite series of circles (concentric if you like) in a manner barely comparable with their slick linear velocities on the field.

Margaret Ross was presented with the prize for the most improved player of the year, while Daisy Filmer received from the Women's club an appreciation of her untiring efforts as Club Captain and Organiser.

Ever ready for stale fields to conquer,

HOCKEY HOP

a team from the well-known battery firm presented a fresh challenge to 2B through their liaison officer, Ken Kiddle. It was explained that their failure to outflank us last time was due to an unfortunate incident (namely a beano) which preceded the game by some twelve hours. Provocative notes addressed to the members of the 2B team and inciting them to battle were read to a gaping audience.

Supper was served and on this appetising note the function closed, winding up the events of a highly successful year.

V.U.C. LOSES JOYNT SCROLL O'Connor Second for Bledisloe

The Joynt Scroll Debating contest, which is held annually, and the Bledisloe Medal Debating contest, which takes place at three-year intervals, were contested for this year at Lincoln College for the first time in its history. The speakers from Victoria in the Joynt Scroll were Miss Cecil Crompton and Miss Joan Taylor, and Mr. B. O'Connor with Miss Taylor, spoke in the Bledisloe Medal.

The six University Colleges competed in the debates and Lincoln, which opposed the motion moved by Otago University, "That the inheritance of wealth should be abolished," was placed first. Mr. Jim Taylor, who was the leader for Lincoln, certainly deserved his place as the best speaker of the evening and he was outstanding for the logical and moderate statement of his case.

The most entertaining debate was that between Massey College and Canterbury College, which was "That New Zealand for her future benefit should link up with the United States of America." The resulting arguments, which were completely at cross purposes, showed that the people who frame the wordings of debates must exercise great care not to have statements which allow several interpretations. Our sympathy in this debate was more with the chairman than the contestants because the heated replies of the speakers needed all his efforts to keep the peace.

The third debate between Victoria and Auckland was unusual in that all the speakers were women. They debated on the subject, "That the divorce laws should be relaxed," and the dignified manner in which they conducted the debate produced disappointed comments from those members of the audience who had expected an outburst of feminine illogicality.

The Bledisloe Medal, which was held on the 30th August, produced some interesting speeches in widely varying styles. Mr. Bradley, of Otago University, was placed first for his speech on "Judge Denniston," which he delivered in an easy and forceful style. Mr. O'Connor, who came second, spoke on "Mother Mary Aubert" and gave the impression that he was intensely interested and well informed about what he had to say.

The other speakers and their subjects were, Mr. Petrie (C.U.C.), "The transition from Provincialism to Nationalism in New Zealand," Mr. Barton (O.U.), "Fergus Blair MacLaren," Mr. Hey (C.A.C.) "Rewi Manga Maniopototo," Miss Taylor (V.U.C.) "Samuel Butler and New Zealand," Miss Carter (C.U.C.) "The Enfranchisement of Women in New Zealand," Mr. Taylor (C.A.C.) "Lt.-Gen. Sir Bernard Freyberg, V.C."

The speakers from Victoria were billeted at Lincoln College and even if not successful in bringing home the

prizes were most grateful to Lincoln for the wonderful time they had. The weather unfortunately prevented a tour of the Lincoln farm itself but the kindness of students and staff made up for any lack of sightseeing. The wonderful dinners that the Matron turned on were alone worth the visit. Lincoln has expanded greatly in the past year and their present buildings are entirely inadequate for their needs as well as being rather antiquated.

Large scale improvements are being planned and building has already begun. Lincoln is a very old college and it deserves recognition for the fine work which is being done there.

Our contestants were royally entertained at dinner before the contests and at a dance after Bledisloe Medal which was described by one outstanding speaker as a means of cementing the friendly relations between the colleges. The students of Lincoln also took some of the speakers for a drive round the Christchurch Hills the next day—which was exciting from more than the scenic point of view.

We would like on behalf of the Victoria College to express our thanks to the staff and students of Lincoln. The Matron, who has an exacting task tending the health and welfare of so many students, deserves a special vote of thanks for her wonderful care of the delegates. Mr. Taylor, Secretary of the Debating Club, also went out of his way to make the stay particularly enjoyable. Occasions like these give an opportunity of seeing a college life quite different from our own and V.U.C. speakers at least will in future have a very great respect for the intelligence and kindness of farmers and very pleasant memories of Lincoln. —J.T.

PLUNKET MEDAL

Concert Chamber
September 30th

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ENTRIES CLOSE

TODAY

You Are Reminded— Do You Read "Le Carabin"?

You are reminded that *Salient* room in the Gym is open each Friday evening during term, from seven to seven-thirty, for the express purpose of affording students an opportunity of reading our exchange copies of newspapers received from New Zealand, Australia and Canadian universities. Where several copies of a journal are received a copy may be borrowed.

We present a few tit-bits from recent issues. *Cracum* (Auckland, 30th August) runs an interesting article on university life in Czechoslovakia, with special reference to the Charles University in Prague. Mention of this country reminds us that it is the subject of a controversy at present raging in *Farrago* (Melbourne, July 12th, July 27th, August 8th). The bone of contention: "Was the Republic betrayed to Germany by Catholic treachery from within?" This might be valu-

able material for our history students. For those of our readers who are musically inclined we recommend an article, "What's wrong with music?" in *Critic* (Otago, June 22nd) by Dr. Galway.

Students considering a language for their B.A. course should make a point of reading an article in *Critic* of May 4th. Dr. Grayeff gets away from the better known pros and cons to make a plea for languages as a "training in thought." Mention of foreign languages reminds us that both *La Rotonde* (Ottawa) and *Le Carabin* (Laval University, Quebec) are regularly received, and provide some useful French reading practice. Blondes and brunettes, anxious as to the temptations being faced by their "beaus," doing air training in Canada, may be interested in "La femme canadienne-française" in *La Rotonde* (May 4th).

UMPAH — OL' ARTHUR'S PASS Ski-ing, Above and Below the Snow-line

After a wakeful night in the steerage of the "Rangitira" deciding that the roar of the propellers was more like an aeroplane engine than an express train, twenty trusty trampers trooped triumphantly on to the Christchurch railway station (which is unworthy of capitals) and made a concerted rush for the breakfast room. They then each rushed off in all directions, trying to fill in time until the evening train. This they succeeded in after a fashion. (Christchurch readers please note: the semi-lunatics that walked all over Canterbury College making extremely rude remarks, who were nearly thrown out of three eating houses in succession, and who were most unbecomingly amused at a serious and mellow dramatic film were not a fair cross section of V.U.C.)

Guards and policemen to the contrary, they finally got under way on the train that drags its slow length rather amiably over every piece of shunt line on the Canterbury plains. By 1 a.m. they were tired of sitting in the carriage they had won from the guard, so they all jumped off at Arthur's Pass. Next morning, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a few of them managed to struggle up the steep, steep side of Mt. Temple in search of snow. This was found in reasonable quantities, though, as many persons could be heard to remark, "It hurts a bit when you fall on it." To record the skiing (pronounced skiing) operations that then commenced would be tedious. Sometimes it was fine, at others it snowed; sometimes people stayed on their feet, often they didn't; some people twisted their ankles, others their thumbs.

In considering the trip, the following questions spring to mind. (Ten correct answers win a box of chocolates.)

How did the hospitable Mr. Wittiskie keep the party in such excellent spirits? Was it the bathroom in his pretty little pub?

How was Benno Cotti's pipe recovered, and why does he still smoke it?

What was the interesting object Dave Cohen found on the floor one morning?

What should have been the reaction of the Christchurch butcher whom Jacky Patrick asked for forty pounds of sausages? Did he really believe the tiger yarn?

Is Roy Dickson's mind deeper or lower than one would think?

Does Mary Cohen always upset railway guards? She has a kind face?

Does Max Eichelbaum find swot easier than skiing (pronounced skiing in her case)?

Should Bob Hunt's eating capacity be measured in cubic yards or tons?

Did Gwenda Martin have some ulterior motive in jacking up a twisted leg?

What part of anatomy and physiology absorbed Gus Ferguson so much?

Why should Christchurch residents resent John Ziman's rendering of the mating call of the wild stag?

Does George Turner run down hill because he is too lazy to stop himself?

Why should Doctor Dan always go through the Otrira Tunnel (biggest hole in the British Empire) at 5 o'clock every evening?

Did Keith Dudson learn those songs in Otago?

Is a private bar the only place where Larry Calvert has fits of hysterics?

Why did three members of the party not return until 7 a.m. after the strenuous dance put on by the local yokels?

Does Midge McLaughlin like walking to Otrira because of the view?

Is hunger what makes Mary Flynn like cooking?

Did Mike Benges's night cap help his night allure?

Did Bruce Milburn repent his life as it flashed past him while he was sliding down the glacier?

Has Jean Priest long been in the habit of muttering "Dirty bottles," under her breath?

What prevented Ted Bradstock from getting around to a bit of mashing?

(As the answers to the above questions are confidential, they may only be obtained by writing to the appropriate authorities in triplicate.)

ANNA CHRISTIE DRAMA CLUB MAJOR PRODUCTION

Act 1.

In August the Drama Club achieved a three night show of a full length play for the first time since 1941. The play chosen, "Anna Christie," by Eugene O'Neill, was an interesting one. Despite the fact that the play's setting was remote from the experience of New Zealanders, nevertheless the very human problems involved and fine drama gave scope for acting.

The caste was fairly strong, I say fairly advisedly, for while no member of the caste was incompetent they were all open to criticism, and indeed in view of our long silence in drama it would be surprising were this not so.

Derek Rose had made very satisfactory use of the room on the stage in setting this scene. The opening was adequate and the entrance of Sybil Reynolds put the whole production on a higher level, she gave a grand performance and was brave in her showing of a tough part in costume, make-up and voice. Edith Hannah made a good entry and sustained her part well throughout the act; the dialogue between her and Sybil Reynolds was notably one of the best parts of the play. The pace throughout the act was bright. The minor parts were satisfactory enough—though we thought Derek Rose's performance as barman reminiscent of his part in the recent one act play as the "Terror of the Goths."

Act 2.

The barge scene made excellent use of the stage space, the set-up and lighting were flawless and the atmosphere of fog and eerie distance was surprising. Anna was still good but the hard overtone in her voice became tiring and monotonous through over-use in the second and third acts, but nevertheless it was a convincing portrayal.

Campion, making his appearance as Matt, had a fluent but abominable

brogue, no doubt acquired in his fifteen years at sea. The pace was sustained and the atmosphere good. They lost the audience once only and that probably because, as amateurs, the audience were familiar with them in their ordinary lives and manners.

Act 3.

This was a tough scene to put over. First the kicks—why did Matt find it necessary to claw his hands the whole time? It was awkward and added nothing to his character. The same applied to Chris, his stoop tended to become his only real attempt at character. Campion in the full lighting gave a more convincing and sincere portrayal of Matt and he gave a very fair rendering of silent grief and anger. The clash of Chris and Matt, first against each other and, following the explosion from Anna which brings down their castles about their ears, against Anna, was well built up. It was Anna's big scene and well done; the hurt and bitterness in her came through every word and gesture.

We should congratulate the Drama Club and their producer. The play was not perfect, their audiences were too small, but it was a worth while venture and a big step forward for the club.

In spite of a recent denial we again assert that rumour is a lying jade. The following completely unauthenticated story has been brought to our ears: That well-known personality, Professor Boyd-Wilson, while returning from a jaunt with the local Alliance Française, and speaking he believed the appropriate language was plaintively requested by a fellow traveller to refrain from speaking Maori, as he, the plaintiff, had a deep distaste for that language. In reporting this we wish to state that we have no wish to disparage the Maori language. —Q.E.D.

RUSSIA IN THE PACIFIC —Winston Rhodes

During post-war years, what happens in the Pacific depends on what happens inside Britain, America, China and the Soviet Union, and upon their relations with each other. Will the united nations remain united after the war and adopt a policy of collective security essential to maintaining peace? This is a vital problem to New Zealand.

In his book, "Russia, the Coming Power in the Pacific," Winston Rhodes gives a survey of Russia's far-sighted development of this policy. For one who is fairly ignorant of Pacific affairs this book gives a very clear outline of Russia's role in the general situation, and for the well-informed there is much that should be illuminating in the facts collected from diverse and intimate sources, and in the conclusions drawn from them.

Mr. Rhodes surveys the geography of the Soviet's vast East, her population and communication problems, and shows how they have been overcome by migrations from the West, and by electrification, railway construction, and Arctic ports and sea-routes. Huge industrialisation schemes make the country self-sufficient, replacing Czarist methods of extortion and exploita-

tion of subject peoples. Planned economy, collective farms, continual improvement of living conditions accompany this growth.

Decentralisation of industries and vast networks of communication are a defence as well as a supply measure, and co-operation from liberated minorities and republics of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reinforce these measures.

In defending the Soviet Union's foreign policy, Mr. Rhodes cites the release of concessions in China as proof of a non-expansion policy. Intense defence organisation on the Asiatic border consolidates the permanent boundaries and is mainly to oppose Japan's aggressive attitude. Besides maintaining inviolability of her frontiers and resistance of attempts to embroil her in war, Russian foreign policy stresses support for China and all victims of imperialist aggression.

The other powers must take this lead in reconstructing Pacific affairs. They must co-operate in opposing all imperialist tendencies, in building up collective security.

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STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Director of National Service Addresses N.Z.U.S.A.

The N.Z.U.S.A. recently made a co-operative move in asking Mr. H. L. Bockett, Controller of Manpower, to address their annual conference. In return Mr. Bockett made a full and informative statement on the obligations of university students for war-time service. This, unfortunately, is too long to print in full; we present the more important sections together with a table showing the allocation of students during the 1943-4 vacation.

The obligations of university students for war-time service are twofold. There is the liability under the National Service Emergency Regulations, 1940, of male students for service in the Armed Forces, and there is also the liability under the Industrial Manpower Emergency Regulations, 1944, of all persons, male or female, and irrespective of age for direction to work of national importance.

General Policy

It may be well first to refer to the general policy of the National Service Department in regard to postponement of service in the Armed Forces of students. War Cabinet has directed that in respect of male University students pursuing a full-time course of study in medicine, dentistry, science, engineering, architecture or agriculture who by reason of age and medical grading have a present liability for mobilisation in the Armed Forces, postponement of such service may be granted on appeal (made if necessary by the Director of National Service). No such postponement shall be continued unless the student pursues his studies diligently and effectively, nor shall any such postponement be granted or continued unless the Director of National Service is satisfied that it is in the National interest to maintain the minimum number of students in any particular course estimated to be necessary to meet the urgent requirements of the Armed Forces and of essential industry.

Law and Commerce students will not be permitted to take courses as full-time students except in cases of most exceptional merit.

Postponements of service granted to students approved by the Director of National Service, are subject to periodical review and there is no undertaking that postponements will be renewed year by year even though a student's academic performance may have been entirely satisfactory. Owing to changed circumstances it may not be possible in the public interest to continue postponements already granted. In these circumstances students would be well advised to make the best progress possible in each year so that if studies are necessarily interrupted by service in the Forces students will have covered at least a material portion of their studies.

Only in exceptional cases and unless there is good reason therefor can students who have completed their degree course be approved to pursue studies for some other degree. Further approval for proceeding to a Master's degree will be favourably viewed only in respect of students who have shown very special merit.

In view of the critical manpower situation during the 1943-44 summer vacation and of the urgent need for

labour in various industries, particularly during March which was the most critical month for seasonal activities, it became necessary to utilise the services of students through various industrial avenues and further to request the University of New Zealand to postpone the opening date of the first term for one month. As a result over 4,000 students were brought under direction, and I should like to express to those concerned my deep appreciation of their splendid service and co-operation. The nature of the work undertaken covered seasonal requirements of high priority including farming, orchards, vegetable growing, freezing works, dairy factories, engineering, wool store, medical, scientific, hospital, domestic, commerce, Government and other work of national importance. The table attached briefly summarises the allocation of student labour. The figures include some members of the teaching profession.

Early Start Next Year

As yet it is rather early for me to be able to indicate the extent to which students will have to be called upon during the approaching summer, but the indications are that it will be possible to avoid making any request for an extension of the University vacation. I would say quite definitely, however, that there will be a need for assistance from students in various avenues of work of national importance and that, apart from an extension of holidays for the purpose, much the same measures can be expected to apply this summer as applied last summer.

I would make a particular request to students first of all to give the Manpower Officers the maximum of co-operation and to bear in mind the difficulties which those officers themselves are confronted with; and secondly, if they have any cause for complaint, to make it known fully and specifically to the Manpower Officer without delay. You may rest assured that Manpower officers will do their utmost to avoid valid causes of complaint or, where such unavoidably arise, to remove them quickly.

The types of work to which students will be directed are likely to be much the same as last summer, preference being given to open-air work to the greatest extent that the urgency of national needs will permit. Students can also expect a reasonable break between finishing their examinations and commencing holiday work and a further short break between finishing that work and resuming classes. Students are called up for this vacation work however only because of the urgency of the national need. It is a call to National Service and a duty in the same sense as any other national service. I stress this point because, while we shall do as much as possible to meet the circumstances of students and to safeguard their reasonable wel-

fare, I would not like any student to be under the false impression that the obligation required of him is one that can be mollified to his or her convenience without regard to the national interest, or that his or her duty is in any sense a lesser duty than similar ones necessarily imposed on other citizens. But over all, and particularly in the light of your fine response last summer, I do not anticipate that any such attitude will be found, and I certainly feel assured that whatever call it may be necessary to make for students' help will be answered fully and willingly.

VACATION WORK

This article, contributed by L. S. Hearnshaw, Industrial Psychology Division, V.U.C., is of considerable interest in view of Mr. Bockett's statement to N.Z.U.S.A. It will be concluded in our next issue.

The majority of students had no serious complaint with the work which they undertook or to which they were directed during the last summer vacation. Any general statement about majorities, of course, falls to do justice to the minority who had legitimate grievances, who were badly treated, or whose health suffered from unsuitable work. But this minority was a small one, and to emphasise individual cases of injustice would give a distorted picture of student employment as a whole. For the most part complaints among the majority were against conditions which fell upon regular workers and students alike—the deplorably poor standard of working conditions in many New Zealand industrial concerns, stores, etc., and the almost total lack of adequate welfare provisions, except in a few exceptional undertakings.

The above is perhaps the main general impression from an analysis of the questionnaire returns on vacation work which was drawn up by the Industrial Psychology Division, and circulated to students at the beginning of the present academic year. Nearly 800 replies were sent in by students from Otago University, and from Victoria and Canterbury University Colleges. Auckland students also filled in a rather different questionnaire, which is at present being analysed by the College authorities, but will be added to the general pool later.

The present brief report is an interim report only, and covers only those points of particular concern to students. The questionnaire returns, many of which were filled in with commendable thoroughness, have proved a distinct contribution to the study of working conditions in New Zealand. It is hoped that students will again, during the coming vacation, make use of a valuable opportunity of carrying out some much needed "mass observation" in New Zealand. They can rest assured that the information supplied is being carefully sifted, and that use will be made of it in due course.

THE JOBS

The following table shows the distribution of returns into the main classes of job:—

| | Men | Women |
|--|------------|------------|
| Farming | 107 | 22 |
| Horticulture (inc. orchards, etc.) | 49 | 66 |
| Wool Stores | 94 | — |
| Freezing Works | 103 | — |
| Dairy Factories | 27 | — |
| Mines | 18 | — |
| Manufacturing | 65 | 15 |
| Domestic (inc. Waitresses) | — | 57 |
| Domestic Work in Hospitals | — | 31 |
| Scientific and Professional | 49 | 12 |
| Clerical | 2 | 19 |
| Labouring | 21 | — |
| Miscellaneous | 9 | 2 |
| Total | 544 | 224 |

These figures do not, of course, cover the entire student force at work during the vacation, as the completion of the questionnaire was voluntary. Particular thanks are due to Otago students for the fine response from Otago University.

(To be continued)

National Service Dept. table showing allocation of student labour for the 1943-44 vacation:

| CLASS OF WORK. | Males | | | Total | Females | | | Total | Combined Total Males & Females |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| | Univ. Stud-ents. | T.C. Stud-ents. | Teach-ers. | | Univ. Stud-ents. | T.C. Stud-ents. | Teach-ers. | | |
| Farming (Incl. Orchard, etc.) .. . | 393 | 118 | 18 | 529 | 178 | 333 | 116 | 627 | 1,156 |
| Vegetable Growing .. . | 65 | 32 | 32 | 129 | 129 | 272 | 112 | 513 | 642 |
| Freezing Works .. . | 291 | 83 | 14 | 388 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 389 |
| Dairy Factories .. . | 76 | 19 | 2 | 97 | — | — | — | — | 97 |
| Engineering .. . | 102 | 4 | 3 | 109 | 3 | 35 | 4 | 42 | 151 |
| Other Secondary Industries .. . | 79 | 30 | 11 | 120 | 29 | 39 | 61 | 129 | 249 |
| Wool Stores .. . | 257 | 58 | 20 | 335 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 336 |
| Medical Work (Medical Students) .. . | 241 | — | — | 241 | 36 | 2 | — | 38 | 279 |
| Scientific Work .. . | 43 | 1 | — | 44 | 20 | 3 | — | 23 | 67 |
| Hospitals (incl. Domestic Work) .. . | — | — | — | — | 73 | 48 | 25 | 146 | 146 |
| Domestic Work (on farms, etc.) .. . | — | — | — | — | 108 | 147 | 15 | 270 | 270 |
| Commerce .. . | 31 | 6 | 1 | 38 | 15 | 24 | 3 | 42 | 80 |
| Government .. . | 9 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 33 |
| Other Work .. . | 103 | 36 | 108 | 247 | 28 | 38 | 212 | 278 | 525 |
| Total .. . | 1,690 | 388 | 212 | 2,290 | 625 | 947 | 558 | 2,130 | 4,420 |

Total exempted because of Health, Studies, or other reasons, 267.

Chess Club Grows

League competitions have continued to give quite favourable results to the Varsity teams.

The A Grade team scored a comfortable win against Hutt by 3½-1½ with one game to play, showing the benefit of the practice gained in earlier matches where the results were not so good.

| Varsity | Hutt |
|----------------|---------------|
| Steele .. 1 | Wade .. 0 |
| Wood .. ½ | Hansford .. ½ |
| Renderson .. 1 | Fisher .. 0 |
| Jamieson .. 1 | Murch .. 0 |
| Button .. 0 | Smythe .. 1 |
| 3½ | 1½ |

The top-board game was the first defeat suffered by the New Zealand champion in League play since 1938. Perhaps the fact that he is this Club's Patron may have had something to do with it!

In the Wellington-Auckland telegraphic Chess match, V.U.C. was represented by present students on 25% of the boards, i.e., Boards 1, 5, 10, 14 and 15, which speaks well for the standard of the present students, particularly as they scored 4 out of 5 for the team.

At a recent meeting of the Club Committee it was decided that as the sets available were of very poor quality, it would be better to wait until the beginning of next year before starting the club's internal activity, in the hope of there being more likelihood of good sets available.

Christian Order

Do YOU know what is happening at V.U.C. during CHRISTIAN ORDER WEEK?

Note special meetings for students on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, September 20th-22nd.

Place: Room B.2.
Time: 8 p.m.
Societies Participating: S.C.M. and E.U.

Wednesday, September 20—

Speaker: Rev. J. M. Bates, M.A.
Subject: The Nature of the Christian Faith.

Thursday, September 21—

Speaker: Rev. M. W. Wilson, M.A.
Subject: The Christian Faith as a World Force.

Friday, September 22—

Speaker: Mr. E. M. Blacklock, M.A.
Subject: The Christian Faith in the Individual Life.

The Speakers:

Mr. Bates is Chairman of the N.Z. S.C.M. He was a senior scholar in philosophy and in 1933 acted as head of the Department of Philosophy at Otago. For two years he did research work under Professor Brunner in Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Wilson is a Presbyterian Minister. He studied at Cambridge, and did parish work in York, England. For some years Mr. Wilson was an Air Force Chaplain.

Mr. E. M. Blacklock had a distinguished career as a student at A.U.C. Since 1927 he has been (senior) lecturer in Classics at A.U.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING N.Z.U.S.A. Conference Lively

N.Z.U.S.A. Annual Meeting was held at Headquarters in Wellington on August 26 and 27. All Colleges were represented, many topics of interest to students were discussed, and some important decisions were made.

After the formal business had been disposed of, the meeting was addressed by Mr. H. L. Bockett, Director of National Service, on the military and industrial obligations of university students. He gave some indication of the work done by students during the 1943-44 vacation and mentioned arrangements being made for the coming vacation. This address, which is reported elsewhere in this issue, was greatly appreciated by the meeting, and Mr. Bockett was thanked by the President, who stated that closer liaison between the National Service Department, the College Students' Associations and N.Z.U.S.A. would be of benefit to all.

After Mr. Bockett's departure there was considerable discussion on vacation work. The report issued by the Industrial Psychology Division of D.S.I.R. was considered during the discussion. An important point to come out of the discussion was that students should try and find their own jobs. Those doing this came off best during the last vacation.

Union Fees

The question of union fees was talked over, and it was decided that the Federation of Labour should be approached with a view to making subscriptions payable only for the period of work and not for the whole year.

Examination Fees

It was reported that the solicitors of N.Z.U.S.A. and the University had discussed the matter, and a full statement of the legal position was placed before the meeting. It was agreed that legal action to test the validity of the increases should be proceeded

with before attempting further negotiations with the University.

National Union of Students' Conference

This conference, which was being organised by the N.U.S. of Great Britain to consider future international student organisation and activity, will probably be held in England shortly after the war. V.U.C. was of the opinion that a representative of N.Z.U.S.A. should be sent to the conference, and it was decided that every endeavour should be made to send a representative from N.Z. This person would be either financed by N.Z.U.S.A. or would be someone proceeding to England on business or on a scholarship.

Representation on Senate

The most practical way of getting student representation on the Senate seemed to be to nominate suitable candidates for the Court of Convocation elections to be held this year, and to run a campaign for their election. Two candidates were chosen—Dr. McClintock of Dunedin and Dr. Blair of Wellington—proposed by O.U. and C.U.C. respectively, and it was agreed that Students' Associations should form committees in each centre to carry on the campaign.

As A.U.C. and O.U. are still without representation on their College Councils, they decided to work together with a view to having this rectified.

Capitation Fees

This hardy annual was again introduced by O.U., who considered that as N.Z.U.S.A.'s activities were curtailed as a result of the war, the College capitation fees should be reduced by one-third. After some discussion the motion was lost on the grounds that

it was desirable to build up N.Z.U.S.A.'s finances for post-war activities, and that in any case the relief to Colleges would be small.

Winter Tournament

This caused long and sometimes violent discussion. C.U.C. considered that Winter Tournament should not be run under the same rules as Easter Tournament, chiefly because this would eliminate ex-students from the hockey teams and would lower the standard of the tournament games. Mr. Cyril Walter, President of the N.Z.U. Hockey Council, addressed the meeting and supported this point of view. It was finally decided that N.Z.U.S.A. should take steps to draw up a constitution for Winter Tournament in collaboration with the Councils of the university sports concerned, namely, men's and women's hockey, fencing, cross-country running, and possibly football and basketball.

N.Z.U. Blues

This other hardy annual was well and truly thrashed out. V.U.C. pointed out that there was a ruling from the 1942 A.G.M. that all students eligible for 1942 and subsequent tournaments (if they had been held) would be eligible for the next tournament to be held, and this would mean that there would be a great number competing for blues, and a number would be eliminated who would otherwise have qualified. To relieve the congestion it was decided that blues should be awarded to those recommended for them in 1943 and 1944 as a result of playing in tournament and inter-island games, but that persons who had competed in such tournaments and games should not be eligible for subsequent tournaments by virtue of the 1942 A.G.M. ruling, but only if eligible through attendance at lectures in the ordinary way.

"Rostrum" and Press Bureau

V.U.C. reported that little material had been received for "Rostrum," and more than half of it was of poor quality. It was decided to postpone publication of "Rostrum" by V.U.C. until early next year. O.U. mentioned that they had been instructed to revive Press Bureau or bury it. There was some discussion, and it was agreed that in future N.Z.U.S.A. should arrange at the beginning of each year for "Rostrum" to be published by arrangement with the College Students' Association concerned.

Miscellaneous

Term vacations of Colleges were discussed and it was decided that some attempt should be made to make these coincide. The University is to be asked for a report on the progress in the establishment of a University Press, and also on increases in bursaries.

Election of Officers

The following were re-elected:—President: J. B. C. Taylor. Secretary, Janet S. Bogle. Treasurer: D. F. Lagan. Records Officer: Margery Gowenlock. Auditor: J. Bower Black. The meeting closed with the usual felicitations and votes of thanks.

ORDERLY EXEC. MEETING! Student Union Building on the Way

At the most orderly exec. meeting the President had ever attended matters of immediate and of long term interest were discussed. Proposals for early action include the raising of a Victory Loan Campaign within the next few weeks, along the lines of last year's effort. Preliminary plans for Easter Tournament and advertising for Extrav. scripts were also on the agenda.

Most important of post-war plans for the College discussed was for the Students' Union Building and Dicky Daniell was also concerned with the demolition date, scheduled for 200 years from now. With peace in sight the building becomes a reality instead of an unattainable dream. Concrete details are under discussion and practical proposals pour in fast. Instead of spending their ninetieth birthdays at the opening ceremony students may visit the common room while they still have something in com-

mon. Approximately £17,000 are still required to complete building costs. It was proposed to raffle the old gym to raise funds.

Important and practicable was the proposal to advocate a University course in Physical Education. The third year Training College Course is inadequate to meet the demands, and students spend two years on a training, may be irksome, on the chance of being chosen among very few. Pushing this plan seemed to be in line with our health scheme and with a long-felt need in the country.

Also discussed was the inaugurating of schools of Oriental Studies and Anthropology in our University.

Liaison members to clubs gave first reports on their findings. Although information they had received was not vital, it appears that most of the clubs are on the up-grade, notably the Drama Club and Maths. and Physics, which are staging phenomenal revivals.

THE FATE OF GRADUATES

Contributed by Avis Mary Dry

The readers of "Salient" will doubtless have noticed in the Press reports of negotiations between the Secondary Schools Association and the Prime Minister concerning salaries and conditions of employment. It was stated on August 28 that the Prime Minister had invited the Association, together with the Technical Schools Association, to work on a plan for improvement, which would be considered by the government immediately stabilization is lifted.

It is to be hoped that these reports will help to make the public realize that conditions of employment, not only for teachers, but for all salaried professional workers, constitute a very serious problem in New Zealand. Students have a double interest in this problem. In the first place, a large proportion of graduates each year, especially from the Arts and Science faculties, enter salaried jobs. In the second place, anyone who is worthy to be called a student will set a high value on intellectual pursuits and will wish the country to progress therein. Since cultural advance in a modern state depends to a large extent upon the efforts of its teachers and research workers, any country wishing to reach or to maintain a high standard must provide reasonably attractive conditions of employment for such workers.

Very few people at all conversant with our conditions would describe them as "reasonably attractive." Virtually, there is only one employer, the Government, which, owing to lack of competition for their services, has its employees at its mercy far more than would be the case in England, for example, where alternatives can more readily be found.

Among the legitimate grievances of teachers may be mentioned, understaffing; overcrowding of classes; innumerable anomalies in the grading system; slowness, in many instances, absence, of professional advancement; and excessive centralization of authority. The last two apply also to research workers, agricultural advisers, etc., in other Government Departments.

One of the biggest grievances—the most tangible and least controversial—is financial. A glance at the Civil List reveals this clearly. Salaries as high as £615 are not common; £350-500 are usual figures; an Inspector of Primary Schools and a Chief Chemist, Bacteriologist, etc., in a Government Department both receive £715. Yet, taxation and cost of living being what they are, even £715 is insufficient to free a married couple with, shall we say, two children, from constant strain, innumerable choices between expenditure on this or on that equally worthy object. It is not sufficient to prevent them, in many cases, from limiting the size of their family more rigorously than they would otherwise desire. Any provision they can make against catastrophe, in particular, against the death of the husband, will be totally inadequate and, such as it is, must be purchased by the sacrifice of many items—e.g., holidays for the wife—which ought to

be within the reach of everyone. The consideration accorded to dependants under the Superannuation Scheme is, however, so slight that no responsible people will feel entitled to refrain from making these sacrifices. We have been discussing, let us remember, the budget of a senior government servant. We have not attempted to throw light upon the domestic life of young married couples on £300-£400 per annum.

It is sometimes averred, on behalf of the medical profession, that a long and arduous training entitles the possessor to ample worldly rewards. While I would not be prepared to say that the "professional training" argument is entirely invalid, I should not like to press it very far. The maxim "To each according to his need" seems in fuller harmony with the dispassionate analysis, the unwillingness to favour one's own class at the expense of all others, which a course of study ought to inculcate. But it can surely be maintained that the needs of teachers or research workers are not only as great as, but greater than, the needs of skilled artisans, who, on the whole, are now receiving higher wages. Their children tend to require more education; they themselves need books, refresher courses and trips overseas, not merely for the pleasure gained thereby, but in order to work with the maximum degree of efficiency.

Balance of Trade.

The question of efficiency leads us on to consider the position from the viewpoint of the community as well as from the viewpoint of the private individual. A remark of Bernard Shaw's may be recalled "New Zealand exports brains with butterfat." In normal times an energetic and ambitious graduate can either settle in a job at once, or contrive to get overseas experience. Having had overseas experience, he must choose between settling down in his country of adoption and returning to New Zealand. Even if salaries and general conditions of work

were improved, the dilemma would not be resolved in all cases, since the older countries have a charm of their own. But if, when the student was trying to weigh the advantages of Europe against the ties of family, friends and old associations, he had a somewhat brightened picture in his mind of the career awaiting him at home, much of New Zealand's "exporting brains with butterfat" could be avoided. The drain that did take place could more easily be made good by the immigration (judiciously scrutinized) of men of similar calibre. As for those who have remained, and carried on good work for many years despite innumerable obstacles, what would they not be able to achieve if circumstances were more favourable?

It is simple enough to assert that something should be done, simple enough to scheme out some, at least, of the details (e.g., that an extra £200 per annum should be handed out all round!) It is less simple to find a method of attaining this desirable result. The mere fact that the Prime Minister is willing to receive suggestions from the teaching profession does not necessarily mean that the system will shortly be remodelled. On the contrary, unless the teachers can get a fairly strong body of opinion behind them, only trivial concessions will be made, and nothing whatever will be done for non-teachers who are in much the same predicament.

Is there anything that we ourselves can do? Some would say that, really, there is *nothing* we can do—nothing but fold our hands and wait, wait for several generations, until the slow process of time has rubbed away the crudities of a young and growing community. Others, again, would suggest that a few small deeds might be performed.

Would it be possible for the Students' Association of this College (or, preferably, the Students' Association of the University as a whole) to express publicly its dissatisfaction with existing conditions, and to make contact with those graduates outside the Civil Service who would be likely to take an interest in redressing the injustice with which it is corroded?

"CRUX ANSATA" CHALLENGED

"An open letter to Mr. H. G. Wells, written in great fear and trembling."

We have received a highly controversial letter attacking Mr. Well's latest publication. It would appear that, without taking up the cudgels over his indictment of the Catholic Church, one might deplore his attack on any section of a community engaged in a struggle such as the present war. We shall leave this, however, to our correspondence columns.

Dear Sir,

Today I picked up your "library" contribution to the ideal of religious toleration and co-operation. It is a tasty little pamphlet entitled impressively "Crux Ansata," with a real clarion call of a sub-title "An Indictment against the Roman Catholic Church."

You are, I believe, the champion of this scientific approach. I am told that you have done things with Darwin's theories that leave man completely in the shade; I believe you have very winning ways with science. I also be-

lieve that your scientific qualifications wouldn't obtain you a position in even a second-rate English secondary school, but let that pass.

At least you have some new ideas. You have (most scientifically) observed priests in tramcars, so you say, and when they are faced by temptation, they don't react at all as Miss Monk said they do; oh no! They gibber!

Mr. Wells has often observed this: Catholic priests sit in public conveyances, looking at their boots and mumbling incantations against temptation! Ah, Mr. Wells, what reason, what science!

For the Pope, Mr. Wells, you adopt other methods. You're not too sure whether the Pope is a gibbering idiot or not, but you do prove (most scientifically) that the Pope, besides being a Fascist, is also simple. Your theory is that he spends so much time saying prayers, hearing confessions, arranging feast days (sic!) that he has no time for reading. Then you go on to prove

that the Pope is actually a great deal less educated than an unemployed labourer; that he is in short a narrow, bigoted, simple-minded Fascist! Oh, Mr. Wells! How convincing, how worthy!

In your book I notice some of the good old lines; cute little chapters on the doings of the Church in the dark Ages; the old blind fury at the dogma of infallibility—although, as Mr. Shaw says, considering the Pope's position, it is really a very modest claim when placed beside the similar claims of our modern political Zionists, scientists, etc.

You have, in short, done a noble work; considering the modern tendency to swallow unthinkingly the endless babblings of unqualified scribblers, your scurrilous little treatise will have quite an effect. And how desirable at this time, when people are trying to salvage something for the common good out of the chaos resultant from past mis-understanding and intolerance.

You have a perfectly unquestionable right to set Rome on fire if you wish to, Mr. Wells, but such pitiable scratchings are hardly likely to destroy what is still a rather formidable edifice.

I remain,

Yours etc.,

FRA MUTO

NOW FOR THE KNOCKOUT!



Let's all be in.
£40,000,000 has to be raised.
Your money means an extra punch.

INVEST IN THE
VICTORY LOAN

TABLE TENNIS HIGH IN CHAMPS

Varsity players did very well in the Wellington Championships held a fortnight ago. Although the only outright win was the Open Handicap Doubles, won by Alpe and Smith, Club members played well to reach several semi-finals.

In the Second Grade Singles Phillips eliminated Boroughs, the Wonder Boy from Christchurch, only to be put out in the semi-finals by Flint, another Christchurch player. In the other semi-final Grinlinton was defeated by Gray, of Shipping, in an exciting game. In the Second Grade Doubles Grinlinton and Mayo reached the semi-finals, where they were beaten by Flint and Boroughs, who went on to win the event. Shirley Grinlinton was defeated in the semi-finals of the Women's Second Grade Singles by Miss Wineera, of Hospital. Finally the College B team did well in the teams handicap event.

So far as the Interclub Grade Championships are concerned, the Club's top team has won its Grade, being three points ahead of the next team, with one match to play. The C team still has a chance of winning its Grade. The two D teams have no results sheets in: if they don't play off a few matches very soon they will have to default as examinations are getting close.

The C Grade team last week beat A.M.P. by 7 games to 5. In this match Mayo and Grinlinton were the only members of the usual team playing, the absentees being replaced by Geoff.

Stewart, from the D team and Shirley Grinlinton. Only one double out of 4 was won by V.U.C. (Grinlinton and Mayo) and the match was won on our singles play. Mayo and Grinlinton won all their singles, Stewart and Shirley Grinlinton one each out of two.

Harriers Lose Rixon

Reports on runs go back to August 5th when a jolly run was held from Karori via the Makara Stream. Since then it seems that not much had better be said.

At Canterbury, contrary to our wisest expectations, we were severely defeated to lose the Rixon Trophy. On August 26th but few of us accepted an invitation run with the Hutt Club—a breach of courtesy. The previous week we did come second in the provincial race and MacDowall has held our colours high in his fine performances in winning the N.Z.U. race and in being second in the provincial. Both MacDowall and Hawke were selected as provincial representatives and deserve congratulations. On September 2nd we ran from Brooklyn and some of us took great pains not to see the notice "No trespassing." Needless to say after we had carefully avoided observation by choosing the worst possible route the notice read "No manure thieves." We returned bitterly disappointed but consoling ourselves with the sweet thought that "the run's the thing."

I cannot remember the words muttered to finish the sentence.

MASSEY BEATEN

V.U.C. Footballing Mediocre

Club Matches

Seniors.—Since the last report the Seniors have lost to Seatoun Army 3-8, and to Johnsonville, 6-17 and have defeated Upper Hutt, 8-3. They played poorly against Seatoun, but the main reason for the Johnsonville defeat was that many of the regular players were unable to turn out.

Juniors.—Lost to Seatoun, 5-3, in an uninspiring game and defeated Karori, 3-0 and Wellington, 13-12. Their standard of play seems to fluctuate. Although this may in large measure be explained by the constant personnel raids of the Seniors. Two members of the team, Paki and Benseman, have been chosen for Wellington Junior representatives. Paki, an extremely fine defensive half, has been playing very well and Benseman, especially in the lines-out, is one of the Club's best forwards.

Third A.—Beat Wellington, 13-12 and St. Pat's. (Town) and Athletic by default, and, when they got the chance to play a game, members showed that they still retained their form. One of the backs, Berry, was selected as second five-eighths for the College XV against Massey, and another, R. Evans, played for the Town Third Grade team against Country on August 26.

Third B.—In its last three games Third has had two wins and one loss by default. The wins were over Onslow, 11-0 and Upper Hutt 18-7, compensating for previous defeats by both these teams. Thus of its last five games the team has won two, drawn two and lost one. Drummond, as five-eighths and McKenzie, at full-back, are the mainstays of the backs, while Jamieson, a really good hooker, MacDonald and Fox are the best forwards.

Stuckeyed!

A V.U.C. Colts' side travelled to Waipukurau on 26th August and was severely manhandled by the Te Aute College 1st XV, 27-7. Te Aute, definitely a better and fitter team, kept Victoria struggling for the major portion of the game. Their impassive movements and the ability of individual players to change direction when running at top speed were too much for V.U.C.

SWIMMING CLUB BRAVES CLIMATE

In 1942, on a chill March evening the then existing swimming club quietly assembled in Thorndon baths. The membership numbered four. Three of these slipped into the cold water and swam a few lengths. Not very promising. However the nucleus for a swimming club survived; and in 1943 the swimming club flourished moderately, backed largely by Weir House swimmers and Vic. B barrackers. But as there are several clubs now flourishing which existed not at all in 1942 the few remaining members of the sorry group who assembled on that chill March evening look forward to a vigorous season. The high probability of an Easter tournament next year should boost the membership.

There will be an Annual General Meeting this term. Watch the notice boards, all swimmers.

It was not until the second spell that Ackroyd potted an excellent goal, having narrowly missed earlier with a good attempt and Watson, backing-up after all the backs had handled, scored a fine try.

The best among the backs were Ackroyd, Paki, Tweed and Goldfinch, and of the forwards Benseman, McKee and Perkins.

The team was as follows: Trapp (capt.), Tweed (v-capt.), J. Goldfinch, Watson, Hyeth, Berry, Ackroyd, Paki, Perkins, Todd, Benseman, Hall, Dowrick, McKee, Igglesden.

Play on the field was, however, of a very high standard. Anyone interested should consult the manager, (S. J. Creed) or Messrs. Tweed, Watson and Hall. Mr. Paki will answer all questions about Junior if the enquirers will enclose a plain stamped addressed envelope.

Massey v. Victoria

This annual inter-college game, played at Kilbirnie on Wednesday 23rd August, was won by Victoria 11-9, after a somewhat scrappy game.

Handling among both backs and forwards was not good, but the tackling of the whole team was really excellent. The forwards as usual were too loose, but appeared to work quite well in the set scrums from which Kurtevich was able to secure about seventy per cent of the ball.

Of the backs Berry played a fine game and made a good opening for Brian's try. Loveridge made two magnificent runs from half-way, scoring from one and paving the way for Barraclough's try from the other. Brian played well at centre and Blakeley at full-back. Dobson was probably the best forward, Kurtevich hooked very well and played a good game in other respects and Cornick also gave an excellent performance. Benseman was outstanding in the lines-out and played a good all-round game.

Tries were scored for Victoria by Loveridge, Brian and Barraclough and Te Punga converted one. Massey's points came from a try and two penalty goals.

Tennis Under Way

With the prospect of an Easter Tournament next year, the Tennis Club looks forward to a larger gathering at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 14th September, than has been the case in the past three years. On the following Saturday and Sunday a working party is being organised to remove sundry broken bottles (sad but true), rocks, boulders, gorse and grass from the courts and their surroundings.

The problem facing this keen and energetic party of students is the lack of tools so that all who come are urged to bring spades, shovels or slashers. All this work is not without a purpose. It is proposed to hold the usual Opening Day Yankee Tournament on Saturday, 23rd September.

*A tiger by taste anthropophagous.
Felt a vacancy in his oesophagus,
When he saw a fat Brahmin
He thought "There's no harm in
A peripatetic sarcophagous."*

REP. HONOURS WON

Hockey Scores Well

MEN—

Before going to Tournament the Senior A team suffered its second defeat against Wellington, 1-4. Unnecessary confusion in the organisation of teams was the cause. Although Win Smiler and Johnny Nichols did their best to make up for the several men who were missing the team was still rather weak. However, in the next competition game the team played remarkably well as a result of their training during Tournament. They defeated Air-Force decisively, 5-2, in a pacy game. Norm. Townes' shooting was excellent.

Last week the team suffered its third defeat, against Hula, 4-5, thereby losing its chance of catching the leading team, Karori.

Representative honours were gained by Win Smiler, Johnny Nichols, Ivor Ting, Bryce Gunn and Tom Slinn in senior team and by Colin Button in the second grade team. The Committee is gratified that so many V.U.C. players were selected and congratulates these players.

Tournament.

The N.Z.U. Hockey Tournament held in Christchurch was a terrific success and fully justified the N.Z.V.H.C.'s venture. Every aspect of the Tournament was run smoothly and the Victoria team enjoyed playing under such organisation. From the hockey point of view the Tournament was not such a big success. Results were:—

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|-----------------|------|-----|
| v. Canterbury A | | 3-6 |
| v. Auckland | | 1-4 |
| v. Otago | | 2-5 |
| v. Massey | | 3-2 |
| v. Canterbury B | | 5-5 |

Bryce Gunn is to be heartily congratulated on winning an N.Z.U. Blue and Representative Honours in the N.Z.U. XI and Win Smiler, who was selected as emergency, should share these congratulations.

Graham Kemple and Bill Osten should also be commended for their fine effort in being selected to play for the N.Z.U. 2nd XI.

It was indeed fitting that Canterbury should have won the Tournament. It was the least they deserved after expending so much energy in making the arrangements so excellent. Victoria congratulates them heartily and passes a unanimous vote of thanks..

WOMEN—

At the end of the season the Senior A team was placed fifth in the grade. Their standard of play improved considerably in the second round, perhaps more than their placing indicates.

The Senior B team took some time to settle down because of frequent changes in teachers, but allowing for this and for their relative inexperience their performance was creditable.

Like the B's the Intermediate's main need is for sound coaching and further experience, but nevertheless some of these players are on the way to becoming senior players. It is notable that they were able to field a team every Saturday except one—a good record for a low grade.

Tournament.—Unfortunately Auckland and Otago would not participate in a full-scale Tournament but Canterbury rose to the occasion by inviting the Seniors to Christchurch and lined up four teams to play us. Victoria acquitted itself well and returned with three wins out of four.

It had been hoped to arrange a game for the B's against Massey, but this had to be postponed till next season.

Personalities.—Mira Baker was picked for the Wellington Senior A Representatives, to play as Goalie.

The Ralph Trophy for the most improved beginner was awarded to Margaret Ross.

SPORT

Winter Tournament

Winter Tournament, child of many vicissitudes, has been and gone. It is commonly held that Victoria's lack of success and indeed of the other colleges also, was due to the magnificent entertainment turned on by Canterbury.

Well this sounds a good theory—just imagine the Victoria College Tournament representatives laid out in rows up on the sidewalks, dead drunk or worse. And imagine the happy Cantabs affably loading them on trams and buses as suitably-destined ones passed. A pretty picture. And indeed Victoria may have done better had it been so. For on examining individual sporting performances the scientifically minded inquirer discovers that the best, in their moments of relaxation, approximated to this standard in behaviour. Those people journeying to Christchurch by Friday night's boat and under stress of the large amount of weather prevailing, sleeping little, performed well on Saturday. Indeed their efforts were only excelled by the Cantab's, who in entertaining their guests had entertained themselves better. This then explains the rule that the local team always wins. It is to be correlated with the universal propensity for giving guests a good time, a process which (ask the most hardened) leads to excesses on the part of the host rather than the guest, who in being anxious not to overlap the bounds of hospitality gives in to inhibiting restraints. The misguided souls were those who journeyed to Canterbury the previous Wednesday and just rested. The more they rested the more misguided they undoubtedly were. This paradoxical truth can best be stated in the form of a law:

Success varies inversely as rest, and directly as celebration.

This the first law of sport can be compared with Kirchoff's equation, the Pattinson-Harker synthesis, Konowaloff's rule and the earlier laws of Newton. This profound truth has been most nearly realised by golfers and dimly appreciated by the sporting hoy-poly throughout the centuries. The time has now come for it to be enunciated clearly and unequivocally.

The reasons are plain enough. Muscular inhibition it is well known follows upon excessive concentration in any field of endeavour. The psycho-physical freedom engendered by inhibition removers enables sporting activity to be taken as it should be—as a natural rhythmic activity uncomplicated by conscious control. When the Victoria College Sporting People face these facts fairly and squarely it is certain that the plums of success will go to them. Until that time we face sour grapes, the wooden spoon and dull mediocrity.

After years of talk and dreaming Winter Tournament had its genesis in wartime and despite travel restrictions. From August 10th to August 13th V.U.C. was represented at Christchurch by Men's and Women's Hockey teams, a Basketball team and a Harrier team.

There was, of course, the muddled scheming beforehand usual with a new enterprise. About half-an-hour before the Wednesday boat left the Association football team reconsidered their decision to go down. If the Football Club (Rugger you know) had not cancelled their berths for the Friday night without reference to other clubs affected the Association team might have been able to travel.

Auckland made a valiant effort and sent by (very) slow train a male hockey team and a harrier team. They left Auckland at 7 a.m. on Monday to catch a boat leaving Wellington at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday. We were almost worried when we received a telegram from up the line that they were arriving 11-15 Thursday but after correcting for daylight saving and a touch of the Auckland sun (or was it Taihape beer?) we guessed they meant

10.49 a.m. Wednesday and hockey boys and harriers were there to meet them in force.

When a football team arrived from Massey the following week to play V.U.C. there were no members of the V.U.C. team and but one supporter to give the visitors a welcome to Wellington.

Our Canterbury hosts entertained us right royally from the time Cyril Walters met us on the Lyttelton Wharf in the grey light of dawn (although a fair proportion of C.U.C. did not know there was a Tournament on) and took us to a ball, a dinner, a dance in the College Hall and many another party. We couldn't help noticing the able way they dealt with the licensing regulations—it was a lesson to us.

All the same the V.U.C. girls belied Victoria's reputation and became known for their sobriety. "In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."

Even though sober, the girls had no difficulty in leading a choral procession through the city on the Friday evening, and the Cathedral City rang with the familiar strains of "We're Boys and Girls from up the Hill," and "Aplop and Hithleton." A V.U.C. song sheet was much prized as a souvenir by the other representatives and we

certainly taught a lot of people a lot of songs that had not previously disturbed a sheltered southern existence. And then there was the spirited V.U.C. haka in the centre of the Square at 6.10 p.m. on Saturday—what an odd time?

And the boat trip back on the Saturday when the women's teams reluctantly went to bed about 11 p.m. because there was nowhere else left to go. And of course the all time high in hooles in the Sunday night boat train when the Connon Hall girls farewelled the men's teams. Three guards made a concerted attack and collected tickets from nearly half the carriage before they decided it was safer to repossess their caps from where they had been thrown and beat a strategic retreat.

And Auld Lang Syne drifting across Lyttelton Harbour as the boat pulled out . . . "Lest old Acquaintance be forgot." That is the real reason for a Tournament, not the sports results. It would be an expensive game of hockey if we each spent from £3 to £8 and several days of the University team for no other purpose than to play a game or two in another city. The real justification for Tournament is not the games you play, but the people you meet.

That is why the more people you send away, the more benefit you derive, and why Victoria must be sure to see that every year in future as many teams as possible compete in the same city at the same time, both at Easter and in August. N.Z.U.S.A. will help provide the machinery—it's up to Victoria to carry on and provide the enthusiasm.

This Tournament was a success because 170 representatives competed; let's hope that next year there will be at least 250 taking part.

BASKETBALL GOES SOUTH

The visit of the Tournament team to Christchurch in August was a great success. V.U.C. were defeated by the C.U.C. Senior A team 15-23, but we defeated their Senior B team, 15-10. In a friendly match against Christchurch Training College we were beaten 4-29. Our outstanding player was Shirley Roberts in the defence. Maxine Dunn also did excellent defence work, although she seemed to prefer "tunnel ball." Pam Hills played a good game in the centre and Shirley Webster shot most of our goals.

Special mention should be made of our emergency, Phyllis Ball, who stood by us in success and defeat and who also organised the crayfish which was such a great success.

The dances and the dinner arranged by C.U.C. were much appreciated by our girls, who also indulged in lunch at Beath's (in gym frocks!), boating on the Avon and cycling in Hagley Park on tandems.

V.U.C. Rowing Club?

The Rowing Club has started the season optimistically by posting a notice bearing the names of its members. Some of these members, when interviewed, confessed they didn't know they were members until they saw the notice but were considering the idea very favourably. Thus it appears that the high-pressure salesmanship of the rowing club geom. members has been successful and might well be copied by other clubs.

All young fellows who are interested—see the notice board or contact Harry Cutler.

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