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### Editorial.

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**M**ANY and various were the changes wrought during the past century in the ways and customs of men, and not the least striking of these was the great awakening of the public conscience to a sense of social responsibility, the realisation by the more favoured sections of the community that all was not right with the world, and that they owed a duty to their less fortunate neighbours.

It is to this awakened conscience that England owes her Poor Laws, the reform of the criminal law, the radical improvements in the administration of jails and asylums, and the salutary enactments governing sanita-

tion and factories. Such was merely the public response to the call, the response of the nation as a whole ; but far from tightening the purse-strings of private benefaction, it served but to loose them further. The amount expended during the past eighty years on all that may be grouped under the head of "charity" is incalculable, and is yet no whit diminished, while the burden of public expenditure grows more and more oppressive year by year.

And what is there to show for this vast outpouring of the wealth and labour of so many devoted men and women? "The poor we have always with us." It must have been a brave heart that was undaunted by the apparent failure of all efforts to effect any amelioration in the condition of society. We speak in the past tense advisedly, for towards the end of the nineteenth century came indications that the future would unfold a brighter prospect ; that spirit of criticism which had characterised the literature of the last decades of the past century was making itself felt in other branches of thought. Men were beginning to see that the best of intentions of themselves avail nothing, that a spirit of altruism alone is an insufficient equipment for him who would heal the wounds of the body politic. Men are beginning to see now, with Oscar Wilde, that "their remedies do not cure the disease: they merely prolong it. Indeed, their remedies are part of the disease. They try to solve the problem of poverty, for instance, by keeping the poor alive ; or, in the case of a very advanced school, by amusing the poor."

The national conscience is now more critical, more scientific, than it was of yore, and less apt to assume that whatever is labelled "charitable" is good. Frequently, of course, "charity" is positively harmful, and just as the humane slave-owner was really the worst, inasmuch as he hindered the realisation of the horrors of slavery, so some of our greatest charitable organisations of the present day retard the millennium by patching up our social system, and so glozing over its defects, that no real remedy is ever sought for. These are the jerry-builders par excellence of society.

The new aspect of affairs has been summed up in the words "Benevolence v. Biology," but a more unjust and misleading summing-up could scarcely be imagined. Which is the nobler altruist, the greater benefactor of the nation and the race, the eugenist in his laboratory, or the philanthropic sweater as he writes out a cheque for the Salvation Army? The contest is not between charity and science, but between good intentions badly carried out and good-will allied with thought and reason; benevolence and biology are not opposed—they have joined forces. "We have realised, practically and literally, that we are our brothers' keepers; our sense of social responsibility is becoming a sense of racial responsibility. It is that enlarged sense of responsibility which renders possible what is called the regeneration of the race." (Dr. Havelock Ellis.)

The formation at Victoria College of a Social Service League is therefore a healthy sign of the times. We think the promoters of the movement are well advised in making their Society primarily one for graduates, for the graduate not only is (or at least should be) a person of wider reading and broader outlook generally, but he has more time at his disposal for the work involved, and here we are thinking not so much of the time devoted to actual labour in Tory Street or at the Institute, as to the time which all who are in earnest over their work will devote to the study and consideration of sociological problems generally. For it would be a grievous mistake for the members of the League to look upon their personal service in the poorer quarters of our city as an end in itself; it should be merely an experimental field from which they can learn something, however little of the practical application of their theories, and gather some knowledge, slight though it be, of their fellow-men and women. The student, in short, should not forget that his task is not merely to raise others to a higher standard of citizenship, but to advance his own.

One thing we cannot but regret, and that is the fact that the League has imposed upon its members a test of strict orthodoxy in matters of religious opinion; doubtless there is no inconsistency in this course, pro-

vided only it is conceded that orthodox Christianity is essential to the best citizenship. As we, personally, regard the question from the standpoint of Heterodoxy, our readers will understand our inability to grant this premise; even those who disagree with our view of the matter will probably agree that it is a pity that a number of students who would be zealous and enthusiastic workers should be excluded from the enterprise on theological grounds—this more especially as the theological work of the League is quite distinct and easily separable from the other branches of its activity.

This, however, is by the way, for the task of racial regeneration is by no means confined to any one society or any one method of work. The field is wide, and there is always room for more labourers, of whatever caste or creed, and so to all who would devote themselves to the new patriotism, the truer charity, the highest service, we commend the ideal which St. Augustine had before him when he penned these words:—"Thou givest bread to the hungry, but better were it that none hungered, and thou hadst none to give to. Thou clothest the naked: oh, that all men were clothed, and that this need existed not! For if thou hast done a kindness to the wretched, perhaps thou wishest him to be subject to thee. He was in need. Thou didst bestow: thou seemst to thyself greater because thou didst bestow than he upon whom it was bestowed. Wish him to be thine equal."

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# The Twelfth New Zealand University Tournament.

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Twelve Tournaments have come and gone, and the last, the third to be held in Wellington, was no whit less joyous than its predecessors. The most noteworthy features were, first and foremost, our own record victory in Athletics, and secondly the equally convincing triumph of Auckland University College in Tennis. For the second time since 1905 we failed to secure the Joynt Debating Scroll, which this year has fallen to Otago, while Auckland carried off the Relay Cup. In view of the fact that the latter College has these two victories to its credit, we are somewhat at a loss to account for its being awarded the Wooden Spoon in addition. Presumably the said utensil is regarded as a purely athletic trophy.

Our Auckland guests arrived on Thursday evening, and the Southern contingents the following morning. Good Friday was a glorious day, the sort of day that it is nothing short of criminal to waste, but beyond a little training by the sprinters and boxers, an hour or two of tennis practice, and the cricket match against Otago, was spent quietly.

The customary civic reception was held in the Town Hall Concert Chamber at 9.15 on Saturday, the Mayor and other local big-wigs being on the platform. Speeches of welcome were made by the Mayor, our own J. C. McDowall and Prof. Picken, all eminently praiseworthy by reason of their brevity. The Prof. secured the record he was after.

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## TENNIS.

From the Town Hall an adjournment was made with all dispatch to the Wellington Club's Courts, where, of the earlier games, most interest centred round the duel between Duthie and Parker; the play was mostly back

line, with little volleying, Parker taking more risks than his opponent: The first set terminated at 13—11 in favour of Duthie, who had no difficulty in winning the next, 6—2.

Cleghorn beat Parsonson, of Canterbury, comfortably.

In the Men's Doubles some splendid play was witnessed, notably in the semi-final between Duthie and Campbell and Abernethy and Parsonson. Auckland won: 6—1, 7—5. Cleghorn and Parker reached the semi-final without being unduly pressed.

The best contest in the Women's Singles was that between Miss Lawry, of ours, and Miss M'Laughlin. Victory fell to the Aucklanders at 11—9. Miss Tennant and Miss Cooke secured comfortable wins.

In the Women's Doubles, Misses Tennant and Lawry disposed of Miss Tompkins and the redoubtable Miss Cumming, 9—5, and Victoria College stocks began to look up; they followed this up with a victory in the second round over Misses Welsh and Taylor, 9—3.

In the Combined, Miss Tennant and Cleghorn beat Miss Millar and T. D. Smith, of Canterbury, 6—4, 6—4, Cleghorn being much superior to Smith, his overhead shots in particular being safer than his opponent's.

Thus on Saturday evening we wended our way to the Debate with our hopes of the morning translated into something nearly akin to confidence. All five championships seemed, if not within our grasp, at least within the realm of possibilities. Besides, who was Duthie, anyway?

By Tuesday evening we were considerably humbler. One of the best matches of the Tournament was played that morning, the semi-final of the Combined. The first set went to Auckland, 6—4, but in the second Victoria took four of the first five games. Then Auckland caught up, and it was game and game alternately, until we succeeded in getting the vantage, and won, 13—11. In the final set Duthie and Miss Cumming came away with a great rush, and at one stage the score stood 5—1. Then Miss Tennant and Cleghorn followed suit, and took the four next games—5 all, and the excitement was positively painful. But, alas, to the Aucklanders it was

that the next two games, and therefore the match, fell. The tennis played by both sides was really brilliant, and there was, as the score shows, little between them. Miss Tennant never played better in her life. In the final, Miss Cumming and Duthie won from Miss Welsh and Hart (Otago), 6—2, 6—4, without being extended.

Partridge caught Cleihorn napping at the commencement of the semi-final of the Men's Singles, but did not last, and in a similar fashion T. D. Smith took the first set from Duthie, who, however, made "no race" of the next two. The final came on rather late in the afternoon, when both men were feeling the effects of their strenuous day's work. The first set provided a stubborn go, with Duthie the winner at 8—6; he took the first game of the next set, but when Cleghorn carried off the next three games, decided to save himself for the succeeding set. In this Duthie showed himself the better player, for although Cleghorn volleyed well at times, he tired perceptibly towards the end, and lost his accuracy; the final score was 6—2.

The Men's Doubles had already been decided—another scalp dangling at the Auckland belt, 6—1, 7—5.

In the first set Parker was quite bad, but recovered himself in the second. Duthie played with exasperating accuracy throughout, and as Campbell played up to him, their combination was too much for our men.

The Women's Doubles provided us with yet another disappointment. Miss Tennant had had a very heavy programme of games to get through, and by the afternoon was perceptibly tired, while Miss Lawry seemed to be below form. Thus we could score only six games to the nine of Misses Miller and Tutten (Canterbury), who had the honour of annexing the only championship which did not go North.

Both Miss Cumming and Miss Tennant made short work of their opponents in the earlier rounds of the Singles, but the final was not the battle royal it was expected to be. Miss Tennant, not yet recovered from the gruelling effects of the Doubles final, fell a fairly easy victim, 9—4.

It was an ironical Fate that confronted T. D. Smith and Cleghorn, after they had both patiently and with admirable fortitude borne up against four years of Jennings, each yearning with a great and mighty longing for 1913, victory, and the other's blood, with such an able successor to Jennings as Duthie. The present prospect seems to be that Duthie will finish up like Jennings, with an unbeaten record, for Cleghorn has seen his last Tournament, and there is no one else in sight likely to defeat the champion, young as he is and certain to improve. Still, it is unsafe to prophesy for four years ahead, and a Wilding may turn up at V.C. at any moment.

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### ATHLETICS.

Easter Monday opened fine after the previous day's showers, but the southerly breeze was keen and strong. We will draw a veil over the tactics of certain citizens who blocked us from all athletic grounds, so that we had no option but to make the Athletic contest a part of the Citizens' Carnival. Suffice it that things went off much better than we had expected, and that we have the consolation of knowing that some twenty thousand of our fellow-countrymen and women have taken an interest in their University on at least one occasion.

The "gate" was, as we have indicated, a huge one; £35 was our share, all applications for an increase being firmly refused; once again we shall refrain from comment. On the whole it seems unnecessary.

Newtown Park is not an ideal spot for a sports meeting; it has far too much slope for one thing, and in the second place the surrounding hills and trees fail entirely to keep off the wind. Competitors in the middle and long distance events, therefore, had a double task, and the check on their pace, as runners turned the corner at the bottom of the ground, was most marked; as some slight compensation, the finish was down hill.

Otago were the favourites for the Athletic Shield, although Canterbury rather fancied their own chances; like ~~Bren~~ Rabbit, we lay low, and said nothing; Auckland, as usual, nobody seemed to take into consideration.

In view of the ultimate issue, it is interesting to recall the jubilation of several Otago barrackers as Williams, followed by Seddon, came romping home in the mile; the said jubilation was due to the fact that Canterbury would obtain no points in that event, and "we don't mind Victoria winning this so long as Canterbury's out of it."

Otago always seem strong in field events, and Boyne had no difficulty in winning both Shot and Hammer; indeed, his performance in the latter was over 9 feet better than Reid's record of the previous year, and should stand for some time.

The sprint events were a gift to Christie (Otago). It was very hard lines for Benham that necessitated the 100 yards being run a second time on account of a prodigious "break" by Mansell. Benham got second place in the first race, but was displaced by G. Strack in the re-run. Mansell failed to reproduce his form of last year, and even with his flying start was left in the ruck. Equally convincing were the victories of Thomas (Canterbury) in the middle-distance events; this runner is at least the equal of Moyes and Opie as a quarter-miler, and a N.Z. championship at either quarter or half is well within his powers. As it was, one could but lament the short-comings of the track and the strength of the wind, which combined to render records impossible.

In the Broad Jump Egley won comfortably, and his winning effort was at no time seriously endangered; Reynolds, of Auckland, might, however, have proved a serious rival, and even have carried off the victory had he not, with unflinching regularity, misjudged the take-off, sometimes to the extent of nearly a couple of feet.

Hall-Jones improved upon his last year's performance in the High Jump, with Young (Canterbury) only an inch below him, but failed in his attempts to reach Millard's record.

The onlookers will not readily forget Hudson's great Three Mile, which exhausted the stocks of superlatives of all the local sporting and newspaper men. Williams's performance would itself have been a meritorious one, but Hudson almost lapped him; little wonder all the

other competitors dropped out. The time was  $17 \frac{2}{5}$ sec. better than Rigg's best, run on the Basin Reserve on a perfectly calm day, with a track in excellent condition.

The most exciting race of the day was undoubtedly the 120 Yards Hurdles final, the starters in which were Stewart and Harston, of Auckland, and the Strack brothers.

Stewart and G. Strack fought out every inch of the way, never a foot between them; over the last fence Stewart landed just a fraction of a second in front of Strack, and it seemed that the race must be his, but our man made a desperate leap at the tape, and just got there. We cannot understand the "Evening Post" reporter's doubts as to the accuracy of the time-keeping in this event.  $16 \frac{2}{5}$ sec. for the first heat and  $16 \frac{4}{5}$ sec. for the second and final certainly do look rather sensational at first, but the fact that the race was run down the slope, with a following wind, affords ample explanation. The Quarter Hurdles provided another triumph for the Strack family, who had the finish to themselves; considering the conditions, the time (65sec.) was excellent.

The Mile Walk was yet another event from which we gathered 3 points. The perfect understanding between Cleghorn and Sievwright enabled them to press Ross that he "broke," and was called off in the third lap. Sievwright eventually won in record time, with Cleghorn 30 yards behind, the rest nowhere. A lot of nonsense was written by a reporter adversely commenting on the winner's style, the only effect of which was to draw forth a chorus of expert dissent from such criticism. The fact that Sievwright has competed at every local meeting for the past three years, without ever being so much as cautioned, is sufficient reply to his critics.

The Relay Race afforded some excitement by reason of the desperate finish. Stewart and Mackersey, the latter completely done, staggered down the straight neck and neck, until our man dropped a few yards from the tape. Meanwhile Thomas, who started something like forty yards behind, was coming along at a great pace, and actually finished not three yards behind the winner.

## THE DEBATE.

"That it is desirable that New Zealand should federate with Australia for the purposes of defence by land and sea."

Canterbury took the affirmative in the first debate, and were opposed by Victoria College. In the second debate, Auckland and Otago took the affirmative and the negative respectively. The judges were His Honor Mr. Justice Chapman, Sir John Findlay, K.C.M.G., K.C., and the Rev. Father Kennedy.

This practical political question was this year submitted to the College representatives for the testing of themselves and the edification of the Nation.

The speeches generally showed an abundance of reading on the subject, but the information so liberally scattered abroad lacked, in many cases, penetrative effect because of the absence of authority behind it. Statements by College debaters prefaced by the words "I believe" carry, now as of yore, curiously little weight. Especially in political disputation, concerned as it is with the ever-varying conditions of bodies politic, it is necessary for speakers to refer to competent authorities for the facts upon which they base their arguments.

The method of arrangement in individual speeches was generally bad, but it is fair to say that Hunt (O.U.), Watson (V.C.), and Phillips (A.U.C.) were quite lucid in the order of their deliverance. Most of the speakers made an attempt to anticipate or combat the arguments of their opponents, and in this respect the debate reached a high standard.

The manner of delivery of the speeches rudely disturbed the consciousness of the discriminating editor of "The Triad." His telepathic communications were as follows:—

"Bad deportment was rampant. The Canterbury speakers glued a hand into a pocket, and were followed in their nasty habit by the first speakers for V.C. and A.U.C. Carrington (C.C.) hobbled incessantly, and deigned only on occasions to notice his audience. Faulty voice production was rife, as a pest is or an epidemic. It is positively certain that with the possible exception of Treadwell (V.C.), all



the speakers were distorting and mutilating their vocal chords. Galling indeed to a sensitive ear, or indeed even to that of a schoolmaster, was the pronunciation by some of these College students of the King's English; so also were their colloquialisms and their false emphases. Gray (C.C.) was the only speaker who could be excepted from this criticism, and his voice lacked resonance. Treadwell (V.C.) provided his audience with "heah" (hear); Carrington (C.C.) with "ackchilly" (actually), "Canad-or-India" (Canada or India), and with such irreverent little phrases as "It's like this," and "before I end up." McLeaver (A.U.C.) regaled the gathering with "gerreatest" (greatest), "rrecognise" (recognise), and "rreciprocity" (reciprocity), in quick succession. Hunt (O.U.) followed him with reference to the "fuchuar" (future), to "danejure" (danger), to "Australiyer" (Australia), and to the "sa-un" (sun). Phillips (A.U.C.) was suffering from a bad cold and a closed throat, and the whole of his speech was indistinct, and muffled. Watson's voice was not successful in escaping freely from the depth of his throat. Adams (O.U.) allowed his voice to sink in the wrong place continually, and reminded me of the awful feeling I have when a ship sinks from under me in the hollow of a great wave." . . .

The emanations here became so vigorous that they ceased to be intelligible. Nevertheless, Mr. Baeyertz, our unfeigned thanks for these crumbs of your genius!

The O.U. and V.C. teams were strongest in combined treatment, and of these two the division of the subject matter adopted by V.C. seemed the better.

A general survey of the debate convinced us that the Otago representatives well deserved to win, but that the best individual debating speech was made by Watson (V.C.). He never made a freer or more convincing speech in his life in public.

The interruptions which came from the massed students deserve severe condemnation. The inability of some speakers to make their voices carry to the back of the hall doubtless conduced to the volume of the noise made, but this in its turn seriously hampered most speakers and detracted unfairly from their efforts to represent worthily their College. An accurate parallel would be the "barrack" of a tennis representative playing



a difficult shot or the obstruction of a runner. Offensive references to a man's nationality were in evidence also, and these are at any time in the worst of taste. It was not thus in the earlier tournaments, and it will be a good thing if the Tournament Committee takes steps to prevent the manners of former days from vanishing from our midst.

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### THE BALL.

*"Nemo fere saltat sobrius nisi forte insanit"*—Cicero.

To many the Dance is one of the chief of Tournament delights, the pièce de resistance, in fact; and our visitors turned up in large numbers on Monday night to the Town Hall, where the decorations were charming, the floor perfect, the music divine, and partners plentiful. The presence towards midnight of some two or three half-intoxicated undesirables about the vestibule and stairs were the only blemishes. Needless to say, these individuals have no connection with any of the four Colleges.

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### THE PICNIC.

"A southerly wind and a cloudy sky" betokened ill for the picnic on Tuesday evening, but none the less the affair was a great success. The Duchess bore us down the harbour almost to the Heads, the Maori being vociferously farewelled en route, and then put us ashore at Rona Bay. Thence the whole party proceeded on foot to Day's Bay, and further proceeded to demolish the supper spread in the Pavilion. A dance followed, but alas! valuable time had been spent on the trip down the harbour, and hardly had we got into our stride, so to speak, when it was time to return to the boat. Songs and choruses helped to pass the time, all too short, before we reached the Ferry Wharf to the strains of 'This is the ending of a Perfect Day.'

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Appended is a list of the official results.

## OFFICIAL RESULTS.—ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Event.	First (2 points).	Second (1 point).	Time (or distance).	Record.
Shot ...	J. M. Boyne, O.U.	J. Mansell, C.C.	33 ft. 6 1-2 in.	37 ft. 3 1-2 in.
Mile ...	H. Williams, V.C.	G. H. Seddon, V.C.	4 min. 52 4-5 sec.	4 min. 36 sec.
220 Yards	R. L. Christie, O.U.	C. F. Forsdick, A.U.C.	23 7-10 sec.	23 2-5 sec.
Long Jump	B. Egley, V.C.	W. Alexander, O.U.	21 ft.	22 ft. 8 1-2 in.
880 Yards	C. S. Thomas, C.C.	R. Collins, V.C.	2 min. 7 1-5 sec.	2 min. 3 1-5 sec.
Hammer	J. M. Boyne, O.U.	C. A. Caigou, V.C.	116 ft. 10 1-2 in.*	107 ft. 5 in.
100 Yards	R. L. Christie, O.U.	G. S. Strack, V.C.	10 4-5 sec.	10 1-10 sec.
Mile Walk	A. B. Sievwright, V.C.	G. M. Cleghorn, V.C.	7 min. 11 sec.*	7 min. 21 2-5 sec.†
High Jump	F. G. Hall-Jones, V.C.	C. Young, C.C.	5 ft. 4 in.	5 ft. 6 1-2 in.
440 Yards	C. S. Thomas, C.C.	E. S. Harston, A.U.C.	52 4-5 sec.	51 2-5 sec.
120 Hurdles	G. S. Strack, V.C.	M. R. Stewart, A.U.C.	16 4-5 sec.	17 1-5 sec.†
3-mile	A. Hudson, V.C.	H. Williams, V.C.	15 min. 38 3-5 sec.†	15 min. 56 sec.†
440 Hurdles	C. H. E. Strack, V.C.	G. S. Strack, V.C.	65 sec.	62 2-5 sec.

## POINTS SCORED :

Victoria College	...	...	21
Otago University	...	...	9
Canterbury College	...	...	6
Auckland University College	...	...	.3

DE LA MARE CHALLENGE CUP (One Mile Flat) H. Williams.  
TREVOR HULL MEMORIAL SHIELD (High Jump) F. G. Hall-Jones.

## TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Men's Singles	D. K. Duthie, A.U.C.
Men's Doubles	D. K. Duthie & N. A. Campbell, A.U.C.
Combined	Miss E. Cumming and Duthie, A.U.C.
Women's Singles	Miss E. Cumming, A.U.C.
Women's Doubles	Misses A. Miller and B. Tutten, C.C.

## DEBATING CONTEST.

F. B. Adams and L. H. Hunt, O.U.

\*Record.

†Best performance, Standard fixed but not yet broken.

## VICTORIA COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES.

**Athletics—**

100 Yards: G. S. Strack, E. M. Mackersey.  
 220 Yards: A. East, R. M. Bruce.  
 440 Yards: H. Jowett, R. M. Bruce.  
 880 Yards: R. Collins, G. H. Seddon.  
 Mile: H. Williams, G. H. Seddon.  
 3 Mile: A. Hudson, H. Williams.  
 Mile Walk: A. B. Sievwright, G. M. Cleghorn.  
 120 Yards Hurdles: G. S. Strack, C. H. E. Strack.  
 440 Yards Hurdles: C. H. E. Strack, G. S. Strack.  
 Shot: C. A. Caigou.  
 Hammer: C. A. Caigou.  
 Broad Jump: B. Egley.  
 High Jump: F. G. Hall-Jones, A. East.  
 Relay: Bruce, East, Jowett, and Mackersey.

**Tennis—**

Men's Singles: G. M. Cleghorn, J. B. Parker.  
 Men's Doubles: G. M. Cleghorn and J. B. Parker, H. T. M. Fathers and C. H. Taylor.  
 Women's Singles: Misses I. Tennant, F. Cooke, G. M. Lawry.  
 Women's Doubles: Misses Tennant and Lawry, Cooke and Sievwright, E. Mason and L. Taylor.  
 Combined: Miss Tennant and Cleghorn, Miss Sievwright and Fathers.

**Debate—**

G. G. G. Watson and C. A. L. Tradwell.

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## TRIOLET.

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She smiles at me upon the stairs,  
 And sets my heart a-beating faster.  
 When the College clock six hours declares,  
 She smiles at me upon the stairs,  
 And banishes at once my cares.  
 Now since my heart owns her its master,  
 She smiles at me upon the stairs,  
 And sets my heart a-beating faster.

—OMICRON PI.

## University Reform.

*"The blood on the altars of the ignorant is the blood of the ignorant."*

Interest in this movement has been well sustained during the year, and substantial progress has been made. The retrogressive action of the Senate at its last annual meeting made it clear that no reform of any value could be expected from that body as at present constituted; consequently the movement for reform has received a considerable impetus in all four University centres. The demand for a Royal Commission of a competent and impartial character is steadily growing, and signs of immediate action are not wanting. Such an inquiry is the only means of ending the present deadlock.

The Education Committee of the House of Representatives, reporting on the petition of some members of the Victoria College staff for a Royal Commission decided:

- (1.) That there was need for reform, but that the setting up of the Professorial Conference by the Senate in 1910 was evidence that the Senate was anxious to undertake such reform.
- (2.) That the Inspector-General of Schools should report on the libraries and finances of the Colleges.

At the 1912 meeting of the Senate, the Report of the Committee of the House of Representatives aided the passage of the following resolution, moved by the Hon. Jas. Allen:—

"That the Senate arrange for an annual Conference of representatives of the Professorial Boards of the affiliated institutions, to be held in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, at times to be fixed by the Senate."

The first Conference was set down for November, 1912, and the staffs of the Colleges gave the question of the pass courses for degrees and of examination methods their careful and continuous consideration; so that

when the Conference actually met, it falsified the hopes of the prophets by producing moderate but valuable recommendations on both issues.

The Conference proposed that the present six subject degree-course should continue for those who desired to take it; that the University should also make provision for a course of correlated subjects and, by permitting repetition in two subjects, encourage students to aim at a mastery of a small group of subjects rather than a smattering of many.

The Conference condemned the system of purely external examination; suggested that it should be abolished within five years (a period in which the Senate could make equitable arrangements with its examiners in England), and approved of a board of examiners consisting of the teachers of a subject.

The reply of the Senate to these proposals was unambiguous: it threw out the proposals and, on the motion of Mr. Von. Haast, abolished the Conference. The position now is, that after more than five years of work, worry, and struggle, the problem the Senate set itself to solve—the modification of our pass courses so as to bring them into line with those of modern Universities—still remains “a riddle of the universe,” and the Senate has proceeded to seek its immediate amusement in the much more intricate problem of the constitution of the University: *Quem Deus vult perdere prius dementat.*

It is of interest to note that the last Royal Commission on the London University (upon which the New Zealand University was modelled) has, after four years inquiry, presented its report. “The London Times” devotes its leading article in its issue of April 16th to this question, congratulates the Commission on the success of its labours, and then says: “Their recommendations will be censured and attacked; proposed reforms always are. Vested interests are strong, and can make themselves heard; and the more chaotic an organization is the more elements there are to feel aggrieved by the introduction of a rational order.”

Concerning the two problems that face the N.Z. University, degree courses and examination methods, the Commissioners say: "We are convinced that both a detailed syllabus and an external examination are inconsistent with the true interests of University education, injurious to students, degrading to teachers, and ineffective for the attainment of the ends they are supposed to promote. . . . The effect upon the students and the teachers is disastrous. The students have the ordeal of the examination hanging over them, and must prepare themselves for it, or fail to get the degree. Thus the degree comes first, and the education a bad second."

The Report is full of information and guidance on the problems that face the New Zealand University, and could not have been published at a more opportune moment.

The Inspector-General of Schools has presented his report, which has been printed. It is a very valuable document; it brings together and sets out in logical order a mass of data that has never before been considered as a whole. When impartially viewed, this report itself is perhaps the most convincing evidence there could be that a Royal Commission is necessary. One thing is certain, that with this official document and the report of the Commission on the London University before it, the Government cannot refrain from doing something. It is no longer a question of whether anything should be done, but how that which must be done ought to be done. A Royal Commission seems the only satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

ACADEMICUS.

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"A violent charge over resulted in a race between Carrad and H. Marshall. The Melrose man won. Another charge and a Red indistinguishable in the melee kicked dead. The battle swayed back to midfield."—*Evening Post*.

*It is only fair to the referee to say that the corpse's team was awarded a free kick.*

## The Narrative of a Nut.

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I am a delightful brown being—yclept, a nut—small in size, but very large in wisdom, for I grow upon the Tree of Life, and I contain within me much of that subtle substance that one calls Importance.

I am good to look at—very! although, alas! 'tis all too true that my enemies call me "empty." Empty—I! when within me is the kernel of cleverness, of brilliance, and of wit; and without me the world would be at a stand-still, or perhaps even—woeful thought—in a state of vegetation!

I am the inspiration of all that is original, and all that is delightfully wicked. Even in my old age I shall be of vast importance to the world, for then shall I be that most indispensable dessert of all dinners (and especially of male dinners)—a chestnut.

A propos of dinners, I have many tales to tell, for they are—of all the attractions that this fair earth presents—the things nearest my heart. I revel in them! Oftentimes, at such functions, my fellow-nuts and I have so greatly startled the assembled company with our mirth that the cocoa-nuts have predicted the early advent of our day of roasting; and it is perhaps in consequence of these episodes that we have earned for ourselves the title of "The Hotties."

None the less dining and dinners do not occupy the whole of my pleasure hours. I spend (some would say "waste") much thought and time upon the fairer sex—the Ginger-Nuts. Sweet young things are they, playing a part in the work of the world almost as important as ours—but not quite! It is of course to the nut proper that the praise and honour for all noble deeds belong, although at times we humour our fair ones by leading them to regard themselves as very wise. Sad it is to think that as the Tree of Life grows older the nature of things is constantly changing. In those good days, when the fair Ginger-Nut was ever kept outside the walls of the Biscuit-Tin of Education, she was wont

to be always soft and pliant—a lithe and lovely being—but in this present age she enters, all unbidden, within the precincts of that vast Tin, and—once within—her charm is gone for ever, and her pliancy gives way to a hardness that is unbroken even by the use of crackers. But, Fellow-Nuts, I say unto you “Courage”! For the day is at hand when the Lid of the Biscuit Tin shall be permanently closed to all members of the fairer sex, and I it is who will bring this thing to pass. For am I—the brave, the brilliant, the debonnaire—to be crushed beneath the withering, scornful glance of a fair, but all-too-learned Ginger-nut? Behold me! Admire me! Trust me! Bend but to my will—and all the world is ours! I am a Nut!

“MUSCADE.”

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## MABEL.

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How could I e'er be able—  
 For roughest etching-tool in my blunt phrase—  
 To duly draw the errant charms of Mabel,  
 Or well appraise  
 A subject so unstable.

Warm lights in some sea-pool  
 In brown rock orbited are dull of ray  
 To those—the secret of her sweet misrule—  
 Which ever stray  
 From eyes so deep, so cool.

And so—and so—will this,  
 All this my eloquence not capture thee,  
 The treasure that my heart counts highest bliss.  
 — Ye laugh at me,  
 Fair lips I else would kiss.

—“BYRONE.”





REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR UNIVERSITY COLLEGES.



# University Examination Results.

*"And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,  
That one small head could carry all he knew."*

The following is a list of those students on the books of Victoria College who completed their degrees at the last examinations :—

## Honours in Arts.

Bates, F. A.	Second-class	Economics, History and Constitutional History
Brock, H. F.	Second-class	Latin and French
Castle, A. P.	Third-class	English and German
Cathie, W. A.	First-class	Botany
Hall, V. J. B.	Third-class	Latin and French
Hird, W. E.	Third-class	Economics, Jurisprudence and Constitutional History
Kibblewhite, B. M.	Second-class	Economics, History and Constitutional History
Morrison, J. C.	Third-class	Economics, Jurisprudence, and Constitutional History
Robinson, A. H.	Second-class	Latin and German

## Master of Arts.

Castle, J. G. F.

## Honours in Science.

Levi, L. E.	Third-class	Mental Science
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## Honours in Law.

Acheson, F. O. V.	Second-class	International Law, Contracts and Torts, Company Law
Gilfedder, M.	Second-class	International Law, Contracts and Torts, Company Law

## Master of Laws.

Smith, D. S.

**Senior Scholarship.**

McKenzie, F. E. (History)	Paulsen, N. M. (Latin)
Pigott, E. M. (Botany)	Aston, H. (Greek)
Tolley, J. (English)	Wolter, F. F. (German)

**Bachelor of Music.**

Collie, E. N.

**Bachelor of Arts.**

Barnett, M.	Brockett, A. E.
Coad, N. E.	Dempsey, S. W.
Dixon, L. W.	Duff, E. M.
Edwards, E. R.	Gavin, D. M. H.
Gondringer, B. J.	Heine, C. M.
Houghton, K. M. L.	Hunt, E. J.
Mills, J. E.	Mothes, F. W.
McKenzie, F. E.	Nightingale, H. J.
Paulsen, N. M.	Pigott, E. M.
Pigott, E.	Ranston, H.
Richardson, H. H.	Robson, H.
Smith, J. D.	Sutton, H. H.
Tait, A. F.	Tolley, J.
Watson, G. G. G.	Williamson, G. A.
Wolter, F. F.	

**Bachelor of Laws.**

Adams, R. T.	Aston, W. B.
Barton, C. H.	Broad, P. B.
Cook, P. B.	Delamore, A. W.
Duncan, A. T.	Gould, A. M.
Luke, A. J.	Mackay, D. E. C.
Mackersey, L. J.	McConnell, R. W.
Mousley, E. O.	Nicholls, G. H.
Rutherford, J. W.	Sim, W. J.
Vernon, J. D.	Vine, H. J.
Waldegrave, W. E.	Willis, V. B.
Wilson, F. A.	Wright, E. G.

## ATMOSPHERE.

*"The reason that most New Zealand poems lack a distinctive atmosphere is that many of our Native names terrify rather than inspire the muse."*

—"Liber."

Gentle Muse, you shake and tremble,  
 Scarce can hold Pegasus' reins,  
 As before your eyes assemble  
 Cities, mountains, rivers, plains.  
 England, Italy, or Fiji,  
 Happy fields are for your geegee,  
 Who will not obey his Jehu  
 Up the heights of Ruapehu.

Ida, source of many a fountain,  
 Witnessed sad Oenone's tears ;  
 Amaryllis on the mountain  
 Charmed her shepherd's listening ears.  
 But, O Muse, could gentle Chloe  
 Find her way to Pukekohe?  
 Cause for tears had sweet Oenone  
 Had she settled in Petone.

Travellers come from Ind or Tarshish,  
 Or from silken Samarcand,  
 Find the names sound rather harshish,  
 In our own, our native land.  
 Golden argosy that's leaky  
 Drops not down to Pipiriki ;  
 Eastern heavens pure and starry  
 Cast no gleams upon Orari.

Mark the Courts where Jamshyd gloried,  
 Isles of Greece where Sappho sung,  
 Famous spots where many a storied  
 Urn to earth its ash hath flung.  
 Yet no funeral pyre smoky  
 Wafts its incense through Kaitoke,  
 Dainty Paradisean Houri  
 Haunt no glades by Manapouri.

So, sweet Muse, I'll pass no censure  
 On your conduct, due to fright,  
 If you'll promise to commence your  
 Operations here to-night.  
 Bring, Alphonse, my glass of Clicquot,  
 Taupo, Toko, Koromiko,  
 Yield themselves with ready grace  
 To the Muse's smiling face. \*

—S.E.

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## VILLANELLE TO JUSTINIAN.

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Justinian, you and I,  
 Within the ti-tree's shade,  
 Forget the bye-and-bye.

Nor ask we how and why  
 This dappled world was made,  
 Justinian, you and I.

We watch the butterfly  
 Upon his brief parade  
 Forget the bye-and-bye.

We hear the sea-gulls cry,  
 Whose course to sea is laid,  
 Justinian, you and I.

So where, in grasses high,  
 Your restless paws have strayed,  
 Forget the bye-and-bye.

Let others fight and die,  
 Or gather spoils of trade.  
 Justinian, you and I  
 Forget the bye-and-bye.

[The executors of the late Emperor Justinian wish it to be clearly understood that the Justinian herein referred to is not their Justinian. As a matter of fact he is an old pal of ours, and is just a little dog.—ED. "SPIKE."]

## The Works of Oscar Wilde.

Almost every great author either tells us himself, or puts into the mouth of one of his characters, his ideas on literature, whether Art should be for arts' sake, whether Realism—life as it is—should be presented, or whether a work, realistic or imaginative, should have a moral value. Oscar Wilde is no exception to this rule. In his collection of essays, entitled "Intentions," he gives us his views at length. When an author tells us his principles, we naturally expect him more or less to carry them out; but knowing Oscar Wilde's delight in paradox, his joy in saying brilliantly exactly what he does not mean, one would not be surprised if his works were direct negations of his creed. But as it happens, they are not, with the exception of his very last works, and these were written in the time of his great unhappiness, and so might almost be the work of another man.

In his article, "The Decay of Livings," Wilde pleads for the pre-eminence of imagination over realism—he was the prophet of Art for Art's sake, the passionate lover of Flaubert, the severe critic of Zola. He acknowledges that life and nature may sometimes be used as art's rough material, but says emphatically that Art should never express anything but itself. So he never sought, in any of his works, to picture life exactly as it was—sometimes he did it in spite of himself, but it was not his aim. All he required in literature was, distinction, charm, beauty and imaginative power, and all these we find in his works. For distinction some of his witty passages cannot be excelled; some of his articles, and some of his fanciful plays have lines of great charm, but his imaginative power was not as great as he himself considered. For he was without doubt a borrower. Even his brilliant talk often contained epigrams coined by his wittiest friends, and it is said this fact occasioned a quarrel between him and Whistler, the famous artist; one of whose bon-mots he claimed as his own. So in some of his works, notably *Salome*, there are clear traces of his borrowing propensity. One critic said of

this play that it was a mixture of Flaubert and Maeterlinck, and described Wilde as a jackdaw picking up anything that attracted him by its shine and glitter; for such his taste was admirable.

But although he sometimes borrowed, Wilde's work is wonderfully original, for such was his personality. His talk was brilliant — there his individuality had full play. He says in one of his essays that the object of an artist is to express his own individuality—but it is a fact that the greatest artists strive rather to express their ideas than their personalities; they leave the discovery of the latter to the critic. But Wilde did not, and so a great many of his works, and especially his modern-life plays, contain an Oscar Wilde; his brilliance, his cynicism crop up time after time as attributes of his chief characteristic. In "A Woman of No Importance" Lord Illingworth is a case in point, and in lighter, less cynical way Algernon, in that delightful "trivial comedy for serious people," as the author calls it, "The Importance of Being Ernest."

Most of Wilde's works were received at first with general ridicule and condemnation. They were something out of the common, and many of his sentiments were distasteful to the great mass of readers. His plays even were but grudgingly praised, but praise could not be denied, for they were great stage successes. With his very first attempt, "Lady Windermere's Fan," Wilde showed himself a master in dramatic situation and dialogue. His other best plays are "The Ideal Husband," "The Woman of No Importance," and "The Importance of being Ernest." Another class of play Wilde wrote—tragedies. They deal mostly with times of long ago, and are rather exotic and fanciful. One might mention "The Duchess of Padua," "A Florentine Tragedy," and the much-discussed "Salome." This last-named has passages of great beauty, and was given by Wilde to the great French actress Sarah Bernhardt, but though she began to rehearse the play, it was not allowed to be performed in England; nevertheless it has since been acted there, and is famous in every European capital.



Turning from his plays to the essays, those in "Intentions" are written in his characteristically brilliant paradoxical style, and contain much clever criticism of literature and art. But the works in which his creed breaks down, the works in which he came to life and sought to express his ideas, and not his personality, the works he wrote for a purpose, are those of his last days. I refer to the beautiful sad "De Profundis," written during his imprisonment, and to "The Ballad of Reading Jail," written in 1898, two years before his death. In "De Profundis," that cry from the bottom of his heart, he says: "Prison life makes one see people and things as they really are." He lives with himself now that he is cut off from the world, and now he begins to know himself. As it was twilight always in his cell, so it was twilight in his heart, and he learnt that somewhere, hidden away in his nature, like treasure in a field, was Humility. The book ends with the acknowledgement that on his release Society will offer no place to him, but he hopes that Nature will give him a cleft in which to hide—that she will cleanse him in great waters, and with bitter herbs make him whole.

"The Ballad of Reading Jail" was the result of his imprisonment, and is a bitter protest against the cruelty of prison life and the horror of death by hanging. He describes the prisoners:

Like ape or clown, in monstrous garb,  
 With crooked arrows starred,  
 Silently we went round and round  
 The slippery, asphalt yard.  
 Silently we went round and round,  
 And no man spoke a word.

Silently we went round and round,  
 And through each hollow mind  
 The memory of dreadful things  
 Rushed like a dreadful wind,  
 And Horror stalked before each man,  
 And Terror crept behind.

He describes the gallows reared by the prison-wall, the horror of the other prisoners, the condemned man's

dread of death; and lastly, the horrible quick-lime grave, without a name, wherein the dead man lies. The poem, in its bitter hatred of the torture of imprisonment, inspired other works, notably Galworthy's "Justice," and so Oscar Wilde did, what in his early days he never dreamed of doing, draw attention to a social defect, and prayed for its reform. Anyone who has read only Wilde's plays or early poems, should turn to these last two sadder works, for there they will find the author writing of what he felt, and his sorrow and sincerity will give them a higher and kinder impression of this witty and brilliant writer.

M.L.N.

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## THE BEGGARMAN.

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The beggarman walked on a lonely road,  
 And a tear stood in his eye,  
 "They have all a home in the earth," he cried,  
 "But where in the world have I?"

Witness, ye wandering winds of the sky,  
 No shelter have I to my head,  
 For I have been to the ends of the earth,  
 And back," the beggarman said.

A shiver of wind came out of the West,  
 Where the evening star shone cold,  
 Where the birds swung home through the luminous air,  
 Black in an Even of gold.

A far-away melody floated across,  
 The beggarman loitered to hear;  
 And the tremulous notes of a fireside song  
 Were borne to his listening ear.

The beggarman wept as he went on his way,  
 "Alas and alas" was his cry,  
 "They have all a home in the earth," he said,  
 "But none in the world have I."

—SCRIBLERUS.

## Salmond's Law of Torts

(3rd Ed.)

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The sympathetic interest which readers of the SPIKE no doubt take in the career of the Solicitor-General, as a former Professor and still a loyal friend of Victoria College, may seem a reason for printing here a few comments on the new edition of his "Law of Torts." The admirable character of this work has been so generally and adequately recognized that there is no occasion for the present writer to repeat well-deserved eulogies on Mr. Salmond's genius for lucidity of exposition, or on his masterly command of the immense material of his subject. The following brief comments are made with a view to facilitating the removal, in future editions of this splendid work, of a few very minor blemishes.

To begin with, a few of the cases summarized in the text have been either misstated or inaccurately worded. There are mistakes of fact in the account of *Williams v. Birmingham Battery Co.* (p. 51), (*a*) *Hoey v. Felton* (p. 116), *Tillett v. Ward* (p. 216), *Brent v. Haddon* (p. 227). The account of *Shepherd v. Bateman* (p. 457)—preferably (*b*) *Shepherd v. Wakeman*—seems to be taken on trust (*c*) from Clerk and Lindsell. The true bearing of this case seems to be that attributed to it by Cave J. in (*d*) *Allen v. Flood*. In *Young v. Bankier Distillery Co.* (p. 278), the force of settled law is attributed to dicta (very weighty dicta certainly). But the actual decision (which follows (*e*) *Baird v. Williamson*) is no authority for the proposition founded upon it by Mr. Salmond.

In the "donkey" case—important to students—of *Davies v. Mann* (pp. 39-42), the language used suggests that Mr. Salmond misapprehends the facts. So on p.

- (a) 31 Law Journal C.P. 105; *Sharp v. Powell*, 1872, L.R.C.P. at p. 256.
- (b) English Reports, Vol. 82, p. 982.
- (c) Torts, 4th Ed., p. 630.
- (d) 1898, A.C. at p. 35.
- (e) 33 Law Journal, C.P., 101.

41, "if we assume that the defendant actually saw the donkey in time," is a supposition negatived by the facts. If this case is correctly reported, it is precisely a case like those imagined by Mr. Salmond on p. 42, where the parties are in *pari delicto*, and on his own interpretation of the rule in *Davies v. Mann* that case was wrongly decided, and should, according to Mr. Salmond's usual method of dealing with such difficulties, have been branded as "unsatisfactory" and sent into exile in a footnote.

Very possibly the difficulty of reconciling the cases under this rule with any logical conception of responsibility is insuperable. At any rate, Mr. Salmond's formulation of the rule gives no help. He says: "If the defendant, lying drunk and asleep in his waggon, has run over the plaintiff drunk and asleep in the road, there is, it is submitted, no liability. . . ." And below: "When an accident happens through the combined negligence of two persons, he alone is liable to the other who had the last opportunity of avoiding the accident by reasonable care, and who then knew or then ought to have known of the danger caused by the other's negligence." Here the words "ought to have known" beg the whole question. Ought the drunken man not to have known of the danger? If sober, he would have known. Ought he not to have been sober? The formula leaves us exactly where we were.

Here follows another case of parties in *pari delicto*, where Mr. Salmond's reasoning seems to go astray. He vigorously attacks the decisions in *Newton v. Harland* and *Beddall v. Maitland* (pp. 154, 155). The circumstances which move him to do so may be summarized briefly as follows:—Under Richard II. and for long afterwards the condition of England urgently required legislation such as that of the Statutes of Forcible Entry. To-day the stringency of this legislation may seem absurd, when invoked in connection with acts inspired by altogether different motives. The reasons for restraining forcible entry as practised by Sir Thomas Tuddenham or (*f*) Lord Molyne no doubt do not apply to the

(*f*) Paston Letters, *passim*.

case of a landlord desiring, in the interest of his tenants, to pull down insanitary cottages and erect better ones (g) (*Jones v. Foley*). Under such circumstances, the temptation to Judges to circumvent the statutes has more than once proved irresistible. As (h) Balzac says of the French Judges of his time: "La Magistrature est malheureusement très-spirituelle et conséquentielle, elle recherche l'esprit de la loi": a criticism every word of which, if we except the "malheureusement," applies to the Solicitor-General. The language of Day and Lawrance, JJ., in *Jones v. Foley*, bears out this view; they say of the act under consideration that it "does not belong to the class of acts at which the Statutes of Forcible Entry are aimed." I venture to think this statement would have surprised Sir John Paston as much as it surprises Mr. Salmond. What Day and Lawrance, JJ., meant is that the motives are not the same, but they use language which tends to abolish the effect of the Statutes of Forcible Entry altogether. As a matter of fact, the act (in *Jones v. Foley*) is precisely the sort of act at which the Statutes are aimed, and so Mr. Salmond appears to admit. Day and Lawrance, JJ., however, felt themselves bound by *Beddall v. Maitland*, and consequently had to violate common-sense in order to escape the effect of the Statutes. Mr. Salmond proposes to modernize the law in another way. He suggests that a wrongful occupier ought to be disabled from suing civilly for incidental assault, on the ground that he is a wrongful occupier; a doctrine that goes further than the occasion requires, since similar reasoning would deprive all wrong-doers of any protection at law. A forcible entrant (however morally justified) is, legally speaking, a wrong-doer. So is the wrongful occupier he seeks to dislodge. They are in *pari delicto*. The wrongful occupier has no civil remedy for the forcible entry; but he has a remedy for incidental assault or damage to chattels, and pace Mr. Salmond, it is not only the law, but also sound sense, so long as the Statutes of Forcible Entry hold good for any purpose, that he should have

(g) (1891) 1 Q.B., 730.

(h) Ursule Mirouët, Ed. Perche, p 129.

such a remedy. The parties are wrong-doers, one at Common Law, the other by a Statute which may be unsatisfactory, but is nevertheless binding. Either party committing a civil wrong distinct from and in addition to the original wrong, may properly be liable to the other in a civil action.

As regards the curious case of *Baker v. Snell* (p. 392 n. 25), Mr. Salmond, following in the wake of Mr. Beven's article in the (*i*) *Harvard Law Review*, puts forward the doctrine of "common employment" as applicable to the case. The report of the case (*j*) contains no mention of the defence of "common employment," and it is submitted that the reasoning of Sir F. Pollock in the *Law Quarterly Review* (*k*) justifies this omission, and proves conclusively that the doctrine of common employment can have no bearing on *Baker v. Snell*.

Another note which, it is submitted, Mr. Salmond might be well advised to omit, is the note to *Hiort v. Bott* on p. 310, n. 7. He doubts whether there was any "act of wrongful interference" in this case at all. No doubt an involuntary bailee has no duties towards the owner save one of reasonable care. But "his immunity does not extend so far as to justify him in . . . appropriating it." (*l*) And that is just what the worthy *Deritend publican* did by exercising an act of ownership over the bailment, having notice that the goods did not belong to *Grimmett*. His excellent intentions are immaterial, unless Mr. Salmond's intention is to revive for his benefit the doctrine of *Fouldes v. Willoughby*, against which he has protested vigorously enough (p. 307, n. 25).

The view taken by Mr. Salmond of *Ilott v. Wilkes* (p. 370) is difficult to reconcile with his own doctrine as expressed in ch. I., par. 14. He says (p. 52): "There are cases in which the act of the plaintiff in knowingly running a risk created by the defendant's wrongful act amounts to contributory negligence. . . . Whether

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(i) xxii. 465.

(j) 1908, 2 K.B. 352, 825.

(k) xxv. at p. 319.

(l) *Kenny, Select Cases on Law of Torts*, p. 420, n.

it does so or not depends on whether the conduct of the plaintiff was reasonable, having regard to the magnitude of the risk and the urgency of the occasion." In commenting on *Ilott v. Wilkes* (p. 370), he asks: "If a man intentionally shoots me, am I debarred from an action because I knew of his intention and faced the risk?" Bonus dormitat Homerus. Intentionally to shoot a man is always wrongful. When *Ilott v. Wilkes* was decided the setting of spring-guns was not yet a criminal offence, and the view that the "conduct of the plaintiff, having regard to the magnitude of the risk and the urgency of the occasion" was not reasonable, perfectly defensible.

Another minor criticism bears on p. 20, n. 12, where sec. 226 of the German Civil Code is quoted, but not quite accurately translated. It should read "The exercise of a right is not allowable when there can be no other object in exercising it except to injure another person." This prohibition is not quite so wide as Mr. Salmond's translation suggests.

The book is singularly free from misprints: a fairly careful perusal revealed but five wrong references out of many hundreds. The larger questions raised by this extraordinarily able work are mainly concerned with the author's powerful effort to reduce various portions of the Law of Torts to a comparatively small number of coherent and intelligible principles. Although the 3rd Edition has abandoned the series of "Rules" as to Conversion in the form in which they previously appeared, it would be difficult to overestimate the value and importance, especially to students, of Mr. Salmond's attempts at systematization. At the same time, such an attempt as that of reducing to one principle the law of nuisance as regards animals, and fire, and filth, may be regarded as overshooting the mark. Suppose a man becomes the occupier of a house in which bricks have been dislodged by an earthquake, in such a place that he cannot be expected to have any knowledge of the defect. In one case the defect is in the chimney, and a fire results; in another case, it is in a sewer, and filth escapes into his neighbour's cellar. Can it be maintained that the principle on which his liability depends is the same in these

two cases? These larger questions, however, are far beyond the competence of the present writer, who trusts, in conclusion, that a few criticisms on minor points will not be taken as evidence of disrespect for Mr. Salmond's admittedly magnificent contributions to legal knowledge.

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## HOME HINTS

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*The Editors of "The Spike" have pleasure in announcing that they have been successful in retaining the services of Mr W. B. Purbidge, Dean of the Faculty of Domestic Science at Victoria College, whose bright little paragraphs have done so much to delight and instruct readers of "The Woman in Print" column of our evening contemporary. The following is the first of a series of articles from Mr Purbidge's pen entitled "Mother's Help, or Homely Hints for Harassed Housewives."*

**Some Notes on Dieting.**—It is not generally known that the ovum of the common or barndoor fowl contains no small amount of nutriment in a form highly suitable for assimilation by elderly people. In order, however, that the full benefit of the diet may be obtained, it is essential that the food should be taken in an uncooked state, and I shall, for the benefit of my readers, describe briefly a method which I have employed, with wonderful results, in the case of my own maternal grand-parent. Take a fully matured egg, and with a tin-opener or other suitable instrument make a hole about the size of a threepenny piece in the smaller end. The patient should then grasp the egg firmly in her right hand (or left, as the case may be), apply her lips to the orifice, and draw in a deep breath. The result will probably astound you.



## THE HERETICS.

*(With apologies to Bunthorne).*

The drum beats loud and long!  
 Come forth, ye cits., and see  
 The Heretic throng, a thousand strong,  
     At their corroboree.  
         Conceive them, if you can,  
         A bold, outspoken clan,  
         A very pugnacious, disputatious,  
         Anti-conforming clan.

The Patron rates the times  
 In high words, passion-spiced,  
 That shake the old Post Office chimes,  
     And fulmine o'er N.Z.  
         Conceive him, if you can,  
         A most imposing man,  
         An Ultima Thule-ry, no tomfoolery,  
         Anti-tobacco man.

The President then strikes in ;  
 And a keen, keen blade hath he,  
 That splits the skull of a Philistine  
     As one might split a pea.  
         Conceive him, if you can,  
         A cool, sarcastic man,  
         A French-cum-German-y, Hang a long  
         sermon-y,  
         Anti-priori man.

A Hebraist, the next.  
 See in how staunch a way  
 He quarters Genesis, text by text,  
     In search of E. and J.  
         Conceive him, if you can,  
         A cloak'd, mysterious man,  
         An ex-tutorial, non-tonsorial,  
         Anti-Mosaic man.

Then one, though he has no doubt  
 Some Biblical tales are true,  
 Damns the Old Testament out and out,  
 And doesn't think much of the New.  
     Conceive him, if you can,  
     A bluff St. Andrew's man,  
     A top-dog-hating, parson-baiting,  
     Anti-Barabbas man.

Another comes talking big  
 Of Professorial skill:  
 The farmer alone who has fed the pig  
     Knows when he's fit to kill.  
     Conceive him, if you can,  
     An up-to-date young man,  
     A Pol. Economical, one whom they Tommy  
     call,  
     Anti-Outsider man.

A lady, too, would teach  
 World-weary wanderers how  
 By Buddha's golden Path we reach  
     Nirvana, here and now.  
     Conceive her, if you can,  
     A fair Blavatsky-an,  
     A Self-attaining, astral-planing,  
     Mystical Super-man.

Conceive them, if you can,  
 A contumacious clan,  
 A very polemical, unacademical,  
     Anti-Dark Ages clan.

—F.

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#### WHAT TO DO WITH OUR BUTCHERS.

"We cleared our entire catalogue, which was made up of town and country butchers' hides, at most satisfactory prices."

—*Otago Witness.*

*Now we are ready for the next Petone strike,*

# Olla Podrida.

UNITY! UNITY!

(To the Editor "N.Z. Times.")

Sir,—The lion and the lamb lie down together in perfect peace; the seeds of unity sown, internecine struggles cease. The Mills, exceeding slow, grind the Semple very small: a lion's mane of tow may adorn a lamb as well. Waihi in flaming red, hath done her little dot; fitted to the bed she made, for why, because why not. Now resteth the Labour servant, sans fear of hateful traps: what sayeth polemic savant? Of course; yes, no, perhaps!—I am, etc.,

HENRY BODLEY.

"etc" sums up our own opinion very nicely.

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"EIGHT HOURS DAY WHEEL RACE.

Melbourne, April 23.

violable; we should prove ourselves ir-miles, resulted: Gore."

—*The Dominion.*

*Apparently an accident of some sort.*

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"That night I wrote an ode to her eyelash, which has since been consigned to the flames."—M.S. in our waste-paper basket.

*Vous l'avez échappé belle, mon ami!*

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"The demand for chaff is still on the slack side, although at the present time consignments from the country are not so heavy."—*Otago Witness.*

*Never mind, the Dunedin boys will probably prove equal to the occasion.*

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"K. & S. Ltd. are making a special offer of 45in. shot Merveilleux silk, worth 3s. 11d., at 5s. 6d. a yard. This is a great bargain."—*Ad. in Evening Post.*

"Great" isn't the word.

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"Lady would like little Girl or Boy, about 3, to take charge in her own home. Write Refined, *Evening Post.*"

*We know the sort, dear little things!*

## Past Students' Column.

H. D. Skinner is reading hard at Otago University for his M.A. in Languages—English and Latin.

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E. Lyon has left Waverley, and is now practising with Messrs. Duncan, Cotterill and Stringer, Christchurch.

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D. Jenness recently paid us a flying visit, and made his debut as a lecturer. His subject was Papua, and the lecture was much enjoyed by all those fortunate enough to be present. He has now left New Zealand to join the Stefanson Arctic Exploration Expedition.

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V. J. B. Hall is teaching at New Plymouth Boys' High School.

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Miss J. Butler is on the staff of the Blenheim High School, of which J. H. Goulding is Head Master.

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Miss Gwen Isaac and Miss I. Edwards are on the staff of the Nelson Girls' College.

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We have to congratulate H. H. Ostler on his election to the Chairmanship of the Victoria College Council, and H. Buddle on his success in the recent Municipal elections.

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G. V. Bogle has returned to New Zealand after completing his degree at Edinburgh, and is practising as a doctor in Waipukurau.

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J. Russell is farming at Lakemba, Fiji.

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D. E. C. Mackay is leading the simple life at Sale, Victoria, and intends returning to Wellington in a few months to tackle Honours in Law.

J. Hogben is practising his profession at the Thames, A. Tudehope at Tauranga, F. A. de la Mare and W. Tudehope at Hamilton, and H. L. Cook at Dunedin; E. G. Wright is managing at Picton for Messrs. Connelly and Burden; G. C. Jackson is with de la Mare; P. B. Cooke is Associate to His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G.

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T. N. Holmden has been appointed local Consul for Liberia, whereat there is much rejoicing in West Africa.

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Miss Sampson and Miss C. Rockel are teaching at Wanganui.

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C. Davies is studying at the Medical School, Otago University.

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A. R. W. Tate and H. H. Dean are holding commissions in the Indian Army, and are very enthusiastic about the military life.

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## THE INNOCENT MAIDEN.

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*(From the German of M. Claudius).*

Mother dear once said to me  
 With a voice though stern, yet mild,  
 "Nature gave thy lips to thee  
 But for speaking, sweet my child."

"Why then are my lips so red?  
 Mother mine, will you not tell?  
 Surely if their bloom were fled  
 I could still speak just as well."

"Lips were meant for speech alone."  
 Who will teach me if 'tis true?  
 Ah! how fain would I be shown  
 Aught else that my lips could do.

—C.

## REMINISCENCES OF A 'VARSITY BOARDING HOUSE.

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For the thoughtful observer there was no mistaking which house of the Row was the Boarding House: a glance over the low front fence of No. 18 sufficed to show him the worn front lawn and mangled shrubs which eloquently testified to the efforts of the resident members of the Junior XI. to master the late cut and leg-glide. Looking up at the windows, one might even be blessed with a glimpse of some of the Boarders—old Gaffer himself, the longest resident, or the fair hair and cheerful countenance of the Dane; or one might, on a balmy summer evening in the Long Vacation be happy enough to see half a dozen of those blithesome fellows sway arm-in-arm down The Old Salamanca Road, their *Alma Mater* standing lofty and serene above them, and about them that indefinable mellow sweetness that belongs only to this time of a summer day. Gracious days! Let us drink to them—or shout to them all ye who knew them, for I know you cannot be too traffic-hardened to remember their sweetness!

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I find in my notes the following record:—

The Bromose Farewell Revel.

The northerly, which for days had screamed over the heights of Salamanca, had finally sobbed itself out, leaving behind it a stillness that could be felt. Dense mists clung to the hill-tops, and settling softly, threatened ere long to envelop the whole place. It was the Winter Term, and so was characterised by hard study, football, hockey and dances. In contrast to the dreary prospect out of doors, the Dining Room of No. 18 was most cheerful; china and silver struck back the light from a bright fire. In the demeanour of our friends as they came in from their several classes might be observed something more than the mere anticipation of a meal. The Racer, with characteristic dexterity, had slipped into the only armchair and lazily swung one leg over the arm, prepared, since he had what he

wanted, to speak graciously with anyone. Had you asked him what was in the air, he would have informed you something after this wise: "Oh, Old Bromose (the soubriquet for the vegetarian of the house) is leaving the show to-morrow, and is turning on a spread this evening."

I attended the "spread." I always do when I can. In many respects it was no different from other supper parties, and I will not record it in detail, but will give you the following notes:—

- 8.30 p.m.—Gaffer commences speech laudatory of everything in general. Occasional references to the host of the evening. Has evidently sought the Muse in her home in the deeps of the flowing bowl, and is armed with more of her home in case she escapes him.
- 8.45.—Tommy tells a funny story, at which the Dane is sport enough to laugh.
- 8.55.—Racer, Dane and Weary unusually affectionate.
- 9.—Bromose has tackled a sausage roll—must be overwrought—whispers to the Artist that it is his first for 8 years.
- 9.10.—Gaffer, still speaking, "There are epochs in a man's life when friends must part. . . ." Emphasises by bursting a meringue on Artist's shirt front in answer to that gentleman's request for the plate.
- 9.22.—In the name of all that is unprecedented, The Saint is commencing a cigarette! The Bloods looks for symptoms of sickness. (Gaffer still speaking.)
- 9.30 p.m.—Gaffer, with a flourish, declares he is not getting a fair hearing, and looks wicked. Tommy and the Dane, in the interests of good order, crockery, and evening's business, kindly but firmly draw him down to his chair.
- 9.30-9.50.—Uninterrupted eating and drinking.
- 9.50-10.20.—Speeches by Racer, Weary, and Bromose; toasts.
- 10.25.—The Saint suggests we turn coats inside out, roll up right trouser leg, and convert ties into bows. Looks dreadfully earnest and a bit insane—the Nicotine has done its work.

Suggestion carried with acclamation. Table rises and sets out en masse for a run round the Park. Outside, all is fog. Astonishing agility of Gaffer, who dashes out over the lawn and takes front tence at a vault, is reclaimed from the foot-path drain, and set jogging down the road.

10.40.—All assembled at the Park; run commenced; Racer quickly lost to view in fog.

From this on one felt isolated, as ten yards' separation was sufficient to blot out one's companions from view, and almost smother the sound of their voices. Two-thirds of the way round I sank exhausted on the soaking grass; out of the fog came one of the most ludicrous spectacles I have ever seen; on either side of Gaffer laboured Bro-mose and the Dane; Gaffer's legs strayed irresponsibly; his tongue wagged regardless of sequence. He passed in the mist glorious as a Caliph of Old Baghdad, his slaves on either hand.

As I voiced my delight, The Saint gasped into view, quite unconscious of the weird figure he presented in the garb he had advocated. I could almost see the enthusiasm in his eyes as he panted: "I say, what a fine—setting—for King—Alfred's last battle!"

I rose to my feet. Back from an immeasurable distance it seemed Gaffer's voice still came faint, as he addressed the retinue who were bearing him home to his bed-chamber. Beyond the steep slopes of the Park was nothing but an unplumbed sea of fog, in which the nearest lights of the city were just discernible. I could always most readily grasp those fugitive fancies which hover beyond the insistent clangour of the commonplace when I communed alone with The Saint. We were now alone of the company that half an hour ago were seated so uproariously together, and the close silence by its contrast brought home impressively how transitory indeed are all our institutions, and how infinitesimal a fraction of the silent expanses of Time is occupied by the little noise and stir of our day and generation.

D.E.M.





The Football Club may, appropriately enough, have its ups and downs; the Glee Club, moribund one year, may be full of lusty life the next; various male social clubs may die and, dying, Phoenix-like give birth to successors themselves no longer lived; but the Hockey Club is a worthy rival of the Scriptural bay-tree—it still retains the proud distinction of putting more teams into the field than any city club, and it still maintains a consistently high standard of play in each grade.

A notable absentee from the ranks of the First Eleven is that old warhorse Rawdon Beere, a consistent goal-getter for something like eight seasons, and more than once an indefatigable captain.

On the whole, however, the team is not greatly changed; the backs are all in their last year places, the new-comers being Cleghorn and "Strack tertius" in the forward line, and if anyone has any doubts as to the efficiency of the said forward line we can but refer him to the Monday issue of any of the local dailies.

At one time it was contemplated entering the Seconds as a Senior B team, but as this course would have deprived the First Eleven of its reserves, the Committee thought better of it, although the team is really well up to Senior standard.

The season opened with a seven a-side handicap tournament, in which College was represented by four teams. The A's reached the fourth round, but the task of catching up their opponents' handicap proved beyond their powers. The B's went one better and reached the semi-finals, but here they too succumbed. The C and D teams had perforce to be content with a smaller measure of success.

We give below a summary of the various matches played up to the time of going to press,

## FIRST ELEVEN.—Captain: C. Strack.

- v. Wellington.—Won, 5—4. A very willing game, and exciting withal. The team did not seem to settle down properly to work until the second spell, when what had begun to look like defeat was turned into victory. This match was quite a brilliant debut for Cleghorn, who put on four goals, the other one being due to Griffiths.
- v. Metropolitan.—Won, 9—0. The steady downpour of rain which lasted throughout this match quite failed to damp the ardor of our forward line, as the score conclusively shows. Suffice it that the fun was fast and furious, so much so that the Secretary has been unable to sort out the scorers; with admirable restraint he notes that the team is "shaping much better."
- v. Karori.—Won, 9—1, and recalled to old stagers golden memories of that great victory of 1910, which snatched the Championship from Karori and gave it to us. Although we certainly found Karori "a tasty dish," and "picked the bone" fairly clean, yet we do protest we are not the cannibals the "Dominion" would have people believe. Again we regret we cannot immortalise the scorers.
- v. United.—Won, 8—4. Another "day out," as the "Post" has it, with the United forwards putting in some great rallies at intervals. Cleghorn and C. Strack each netted 3 goals, G. Strack and Griffiths 1 each. Newspaper prophets as to the Championship seem now to have cast aside all doubts.

## IIA.—Captain: Foden.

- v. Greggs.—Won, 9—0. Foden (4), Collins (3), Jones and Salek scored. Cockerill was brilliant in defence.
- v. Karori.—Won, 4—1. Forwards' combination improved, Collins especially prominent. The half-back line also played up well. Collins (3) and Salek scored.
- v. Wellington.—Drawn, 1—1. A hard-fought game, Cockerill being once more a tower of strength. Scorer unknown.
- v. St. Marks.—Won, 2—0. Salek scored both goals.

## IIB.—Captain: Eager.

- v. K.Y.M.I.—Lost, 12—2. "Here we are, here we are, here we are again!" The old, old complaint—2 men short. Well, after all, "the fewer men the greater share of honour, Eager and Scott scored for us.

- v. United.—Won, 2—1. Everyone did his share, Heron and Jowett being most prominent. Eager and Seddon were the scorers.
- v. Gregg's.—Won, 7—3. Seddon (3), Eager (2), Scott and Jowett scored for the College.

III.—Captain: Edwards.

- v. Miramar.—Won, 22—6. Sorry we cannot supply the scorers' names, especially of him who put through a goal for the other side. Some of our cricket teams are said to be consumed with envy.
- v. Hutt Valley.—Won by default. Great is the mana of V.C. ! We are assured that the team "sought all round the Hutt Park in vain for their opponents." Bloodthirsty wretches !
- v. Wellington.—Lost, 0—9. "Pride goeth —."

In conclusion, the SPIKE would urge upon all hockey players, past and present, the desirability of their giving active and immediate support to the Executive of the Club in its efforts to secure a Club-house at Karori Park. The advantages thereof are so obvious that it is superfluous to set them forth, and as the annual rental is estimated to be but £2 10s. a year, the object aimed at should not prove impossible of achievement if only each will do his share.

N.B.—The Club will not refuse assistance from non-players.

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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

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This year an attempt has been made to revive this excellent Club, which was allowed to lapse during 1912, and a meeting was held for this purpose early in April. We have only one team in the field, entered for the Senior Championship; Miss Neuman is captain. A change has been made in the Club colours, which are now full green, with a narrow gold tie. The Club entered for the Opening Tournament, but was displaced in the first match. Another entry has been made for one on June 3rd. Few matches have been played so far, but the results have been good on the whole, and we are not without hopes that the ancient glory of the Women's Hockey Club will return.

## NOTES ON MATCHES.

- V.C. v. St. Augustine's. 0—1. The match was played in the rain on a bad ground, which may help to account for the defeat.
- V.C. v. Ramblers B. Won, 3—0. Miss Evans scored two goals, Miss Caigou one. There was no score in the first half, but in the second College gathered itself together, and Ramblers were kept throughout in their 25.
- V.C. v. Syrens. Draw, 1—1. The play was fast on both sides. Miss Evans was again the scorer in this match. The forward combination was particularly good.
- V.C. v. Greggs. Won, 7—0. An easy victory; goals were scored by Misses Arthur (3), Wallace, Dagg, Evans, and Campbell.

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## Boxing.

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This year is an important one in the annals of the Boxing Club, for it marks the first inter-Collegiate tourney since the Club was founded three years ago. It is true that the contest was, unfortunately, confined to Otago and Victoria, but with something definite to work for, Canterbury College should be able to raise sufficient enthusiasm to resuscitate their Boxing Club, defunct some two years since. Auckland never had such an institution, and we are unable to express any opinion as to the prospects of the sport with them, but it should not be a matter of extraordinary difficulty for them to get together a team.

As it was, the tournament, which was managed by the local Association, had to be supplemented by a professional contest. The large Town Hall was crowded with spectators, and perhaps the nervousness induced thereby was responsible for some of the performances not being up to standard. The following is a detailed account of the bouts:—

**Light-weight.** Stewart (10st.) v. Menzies (9st. 3½lb.).

This did not turn out the easy victory we had expected. Although Menzies was boxing several pounds below his weight, he put up a game fight. The first round was fairly even, both being cautious; in the second, Stewart scored well, but did not show his old form, and two attempts to obtain a knock-out ended

in failure. In the third round both contestants put a good deal of life into their work, and Menzies scored two or three times with his left. Nevertheless there was no doubt as to the verdict, which was in Stewart's favour.

**9st. 7lb. Class.** Boyle (9st. 4lb.) v. Partridge (9st. 4lb.).

In this bout Boyle had the advantage in both height and reach over the Otago man, but failed to make the fullest use of them against his more experienced opponent.

The first round was wasted in a lot of useless perambulation, and even when the parties did begin to mix it neither was as effective as he should have been. The second and third rounds were a vast improvement on the first, and as Partridge showed more enterprise he was awarded the victory.

**Welter-weight.** Stainton (10st. 3lb.) v. Barton (10st. 4lb.)

Stainton cheerfully but rashly undertook to box at short notice and without any training, with the inevitable result that before the end of the third round he was suing for mercy. This was a pity, for in the first round he repeatedly non-plussed Barton, his ducking and dodging being most adroit.

Although he was visibly tiring during the second round, Stainton still led on points at its conclusion, but further he could not go, and in the third round was just a punching ball for Barton.

**Heavy-weight.** Brosnan (11st.) v. Cody (12st. 11lb.)

Cody has a great advantage in weight over our representative, and in consequence was tipped by the crowd as an easy winner. However, his superiority ended there, for he soon showed himself quite ignorant of the art of boxing.

In view of the punishment which Brosnan was able to inflict on him at will, Cody boxed very pluckily, and well deserved the applause of the onlookers.

**Middle-weight.** Dudson (11st. 3lb.) v. Childs (11st. 4lb.)

Dudson and Childs were a splendidly matched pair, and this was easily the best contest of the evening. Both made the pace hot from the commencement, each being quite willing to take the aggressive. Dudson was at his best in the first half of the second round, but Childs wore him down, and in the last round was dominant right through.

Although Dudson was beaten, his was the best boxing performance of the tournament, and he was warmly applauded for his determined effort. It was, by general consent, the best amateur contest seen in Wellington for a very long time.



The Club has commenced the year with very promising prospects for a successful season. The membership is up to the standard, and finances are very satisfactory. The Committee is endeavouring to develop the social as well as the musical side of the Club. For this purpose a social evening was held on Wednesday, May 21st, after the ordinary practice, when musical and other items were provided by members of the Club. Supper was served by the ladies, which a few hard-working, late-watching Science students were also invited to partake of.

At the end of the second term last year, the Annual Concert and Dance were held, but were not financially as great a success as could have been desired. Efforts are being made to hold this function earlier than usual this year, to assure its being attended with success.

Last November the Club paid the annual visit to Porirua Mental Hospital. A concert was also given at the Missions to Seamen Institute. Miss Clachan has again kindly consented to act as pianiste, while the conductorship of the Club is still in the hands of Mr. Stainton, so that success is assured.

There are a few vacancies yet for male voices, and we would urge all of the musical fraternity to give the Club their support.



“With some speakers appropriate language flows forth in such a rapid and unbroken stream that the charm of art is lost in its very perfection. With others the difficulties of expression are so painfully exhibited and so imperfectly overcome that we listen with feelings of apprehension and pity. But when the happy medium is attained —.”

When it is attained it is the delight of a very select few. Certainly the weather is rarely kind on Saturday nights, but not less certainly are our audiences too small. Has it not been announced that there is a New Speakers' Prize, a Union Prize, and a Plunket Medal? Perhaps the syllabus appeared too soon, and frightened people. Can it be that the Secretary's gentle art fails to persuade? He has been heard to murmur “Wider interests . . . deeper feeling . . . truer appreciation of responsibilities. They must, I say they must, come to debates.” The Society is happy in claiming about half-a-dozen new speakers. Here again its happiness is not in the numbers. This Society believes essentially in quality, and extends to promising youth a heart-felt welcome. Among habitués there is a regrettable lack of interest in the Union Prize. Perhaps that, too, is yet to come.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 9th, with W. J. McEldowney, Vice-President, in the chair. The popular verdict seems to be that the meeting was not “slow.” That old friend, the “votes for new members” question, was again raised, and once again the presumptuous freshman was put in his place. The method of Easter representation was also under review, and debate waxed warm at times, but the majority proved staunch supporters of the old Victoria College ideals and ways.

The subject for the first debate, held on April 19th, was “That Ulster should be excluded from the operation of the

Home Rule Bill." The motion was moved by D. S. Smith, seconded by W. Hogg, and opposed by R. H. Quilliam and J. Stevenson. The subject of the debate did not lend itself to any but serious treatment. The speeches, therefore, were all interesting, and at times even inspiring, but lacked the sparkle of repartee. Indeed, this term an atmosphere of deadly seriousness pervades nearly all debates at *Victoria College*; or has done so up to the present, at all events. No doubt the responsibility of making up for the lack of numbers weighs upon the minds of the debaters. The judge, Mr. Neave, placed the first five speakers in the following order:—Hogg, Burbidge, McConnell, Quilliam, and Aitken.

The next debate was that "New Zealand Anti-Gambling Legislation has failed to improve the social conditions of the community," moved by C. A. Treadwell and J. Stevenson, and opposed by H. H. Cornish and O. C. Mazengarb. Even at the beginning of the evening the audience was small. At the end it had dwindled to one-half of its original number. But perhaps it was just as well. Many people were thus spared the pain of hearing startling revelations of New Zealand's moral degeneracy and the state of New Zealand's anti-gambling legislation. The movers and opposers of this debate left very little argument unclaimed, but their followers nevertheless managed to present some very telling speeches. The following speakers were placed:—Cornish, Mazengarb, Borer, Sievwright, Treadwell and Quilliam—in that order.

The motion before the next meeting was "That it is desirable that an Imperial Council be established for the purpose of controlling the foreign policy of the Empire." P. B. Broad and R. McConnell spoke for the motion, F. G. Hall-Jones and A. B. Sievwright opposed. Patriotism was the order of the night. All the speeches were stirring. Some were even impassioned. The judge placed the debaters thus:—Siewwright, Hall-Jones, Burbidge, Borer, Broad.

Among the general rules of the Society is one declaring that its aim shall be to promote the fellowship and mental culture of students, and another declaring that members shall have the privilege of introducing friends to any of the meetings of the Society. It is strictly in accordance with these rules that the Society is inaugurating a meeting for the public discussion of New Zealand's Naval Policy. The discussion will be led by Sir John Findlay, K.C., LL.D., Colonel Chaytor, and Professor Laby, who are recognised leading authorities on the subject. The discussion should be intensely interesting, in view of the fact that this question will be debated at the next session of



Parliament, and we much regret that the necessity for going to press early prevents our including an account of this meeting in this number. In inaugurating this meeting the Debating Society is only following the lines of the wise policy advocated by the Hon. James Bryce, that of connecting the life of the University more closely with general public interest.

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### WOMEN'S DEBATING SOCIETY.

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This Society believes in quality always, but yet it is not averse to quantity also. We cannot think that the main body of women students are aware of its existence, or of the vast amount of good to be derived from it. But the audience grows nightly, and the Executive is always hopeful. We take this opportunity of informing any women students who have not been able to attend the meetings that a very attractive syllabus has been drawn up, and promises to be ably carried out. The syllabus is not limited to debates. Several open discussions and story-telling evenings have been arranged.

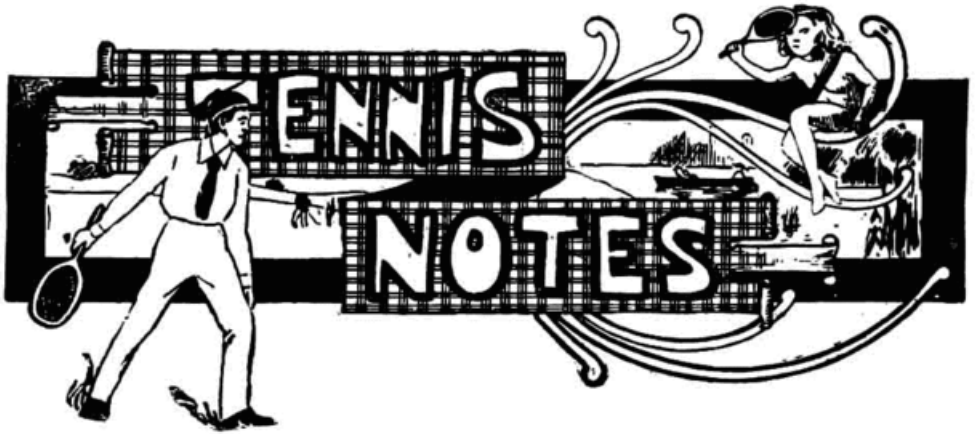
The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, April 11th. Other meetings captured most of the expected audience, but those who remained were enthusiastic. The social evenings in the Gymnasium, which proved so great a success last year, are to be continued.

Three ordinary meetings have been held. The first, on Friday, April 18th, in the Common Room, was a triangular debate on the respective merits of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte and George Eliot with regard to their literary value, character drawing, and descriptive talent.

The second debate, on Wednesday, May 9th, took the form of an open discussion as to "Whether or not the women of New Zealand have used their franchise to the fullest extent." The difficulty of finding anyone to oppose the motion compelled an alteration in the mode of treating the subject. This evening proved a very interesting one, and all the speeches were animated and stirring. Miss Myers, who judged this debate, gave some very helpful criticism and suggestions. Miss Myers has offered to the Society a prize for the best essay on "How Women Can Best Use Their Influence in the Political World."

Another meeting was held on Thursday, May 22nd. Story-telling was the business of the evening. The competitors were few, but provided the audience with excellent entertainment.

So far the Society can claim only three new speakers, Miss Taylor, Miss Hueston, Miss Neumann, and would remind others that they are always sure of a welcome.



“An uneventful season” is recorded by the Tennis Club, although we may be pardoned for suggesting that the retaining of the Tennis Shield by the Senior team for the second season in succession is not unworthy of record. This year, too, the College improved upon her last year’s performance by going right through the competition without defeat.

The Cup A (Junior) and Racquet A (Fourth Grade) teams, and in the Women’s Grade the Senior team, all had successful seasons, each losing only one match, and being runners-up for their respective grade premierships.

Once again have we to lament an Easter barren of championships, our only consolation being that in four out of five events we reached the final.

Tennis at Victoria College seems to be entering on a lean period. In numbers the Club membership has been well maintained, the roll at present containing 95 names, but no remarkable talent has as yet disclosed itself amongst the new-comers.

By defeating Cleghorn, Parker has made the Club Championship practically his own, while Miss Tennant is leading for the Women’s Championship; there are still a few more games to be played in each case.

Lack of entries was the principal cause for the abandonment of the handicap tourney last season, a reproach which should be removed next summer.

The following is a summary of the positions of our various teams playing in the Saturday matches:—

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A. E. Caddick, Miss D. Gavin, F. G. Hall-Jones, R. H. Quilliam, Miss K. M. L. Houghton,  
H. H. Daniell, Miss M. L. Nicholls, P. B. Broad, F. L. G. West, Miss F. Cooke, G. G. G. Watson,  
Miss W. Cathie, R. Bruce.



## MEN'S GRADE.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Position in Grade.
Senior ...	6	6	--	1
Junior A ...	9	8	1	2
Junior B ...	9	6	3	4
Third ...	6	1	5	7
Fourth A. ...	5	4	1	2
Fourth B ...	5	0	5	6

## WOMEN'S GRADES.

Senior ...	4	3	1	2
Third A ...	6	3	3	4
Third B ...	6	1	5	6

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## Athletics

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Through the courtesy of Mr. J. P. Firth, the Club's Annual Sports were this year held on the upper ground, Wellington College, and barring such little trifles as a fresh northerly breeze, the shortness of the track, and the absence of programmes until half-way through, were in every way successful; for the fields in most events were good, the performances well up to standard, and the competition keen throughout, and after all that is the main thing.

The attendance was good, the majority of spectators being ladies, as was only fitting. The afternoon tea, dispensed under adverse conditions, was warmly appreciated, and the Club is most grateful to those girls who so readily sacrificed their share of the afternoon's enjoyment and, making light of difficulties, so capably presided over the tea urn and the buttered scones.

The programme included two events for Wellington College boys, and both of these provided good fields and close finishes.

We have already referred to the lack of programmes in the earlier stages of the meeting, which recalled to some few of those present the sports of 1908; however, things were not so bad this time, as the programmes did ultimately turn up, whereas five years ago they failed altogether to put in an appearance.

Lest harsh and unconsidered judgments should be passed, we hasten to absolve the Club's officers from all blame in the matter, and as regards the printer would ask you to forgive and forget; besides, as one who shall be nameless went into the matter in his usual impartial and unimpassioned manner as he accompanied the erring tradesman up from town, we doubt if anything remains to be said on the subject.

The following are the results of the various events:—

#### 100 Yards Handicap.

(Record, 10  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.; A. T. Duncan, 1912.)

1st Heat: G. Strack (4yds.), 1; E. M. Mackersey (4yds.), 2.  
Time, 10  $\frac{3}{5}$  sec.

2nd Heat: A. T. Duncan (scr.), 1; J. Grey (10yds.), 2. Time,  
10  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.

3rd Heat: W. Bennett (6yds.), 1; C. Strack (7yds.), 2. Time,  
10  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.

Final: A. T. Duncan, 1; W. Bennett, 2; G. Strack, 3. Time,  
10  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.

A great finish. Duncan in excellent form.

#### Half-Mile Handicap.

(Best performance, 2min. 5  $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.; F. Reid, 1912.)

L. J. Shaw (25yds.), 1; S. T. Seddon (10yds.), 2. Time, 2min.  
10sec.

Six others started, but all dropped out.

#### High Jump Handicap.

(Record, 5ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; F. Hall-Jones, 1912.)

W. Bennett (2in.), 5ft. 4in., 1; W. Longhurst (3in.), 5ft. 2in., 2.

There were numerous entries for this event, and the competition was keen. Hall-Jones seemed to lack training, and could not produce his form of the previous year.

#### 120 Yards Hurdles Handicap.

(Best performance, 18sec.; T. H. Holmden, 1907.)

K. Strack, 1; G. Strack, 2; C. Strack, 3.

Quite a family affair, there being only one other starter.

#### Mile Walk Handicap.

G. M. Cleghorn (100yds.), 1; A. B. Sievwright (scr.), 2. Time,  
7min. 1  $\frac{4}{5}$ sec.

There were no other starters. Cleghorn courted disaster by competing without any training, but still contrived to get home by about 50yds. Sievwright's time was, by an oversight, not taken, and it was decided to let his performance at Easter count as a Club record.

**220 Yards Handicap.**

(Record, 23sec. ; A. T. Duncan, 1912.)

1st Heat: W. Bennett (10yds.), 1; A. East (12yds.), 2; W. Longhurst (15yds.), 3. Time, 24sec.

2nd Heat: A. T. Duncan (scr.), 1; R. W. Bruce (9yds.), 2; J. Bullard, 3. Time, 24 2/5sec.

Final: A. T. Duncan, 1; W. Longhurst, 2. Time, 23 4/5sec.

The final of this race was completely spoilt by the fact that all the rest of the field came down in a heap at the very awkward corner just before the straight. Some were rather badly spiked, though no serious damage was done.

**Mile Flat Handicap.**

(Record, 4min. 35 2/5sec. ; T. Rigg, 1911.)

L. Shaw (50yds.), 1; H. Williams (scr.), 2; Greville (60yds.), 3. Time, 4min. 53 4/5sec.

A disappointing race. Seddon was expected to extend Williams, but faded away at an early stage; he seemed quite out of form.

**Putting the Shot Handicap.**

(Best performance, 31ft. 7in. ; G. P. Anderson, 1908.)

W. Bennett (scr.), 32ft. 6in., 1; C. A. Caigou (scr.), 29ft. 10 1/2in., 2; W. Longhurst (scr.), 29ft. 5in., 3.

**Broad Jump Handicap.**

(Best performance, 19ft. ; A. H. Bogle, 1910.)

K. Strack (2ft.), 20ft. 7in., 1; W. Longhurst (1ft.), 20ft. 5in., 2; W. Bennett (9in.), 19ft. 11in., 3. Seven others competed.

**440 Yards Hurdles Handicap.**

(Best performance, 64 4/5sec. ; G. Strack, 1911.)

C. Strack (scr.), 1; G. Strack (scr.), 2; A. Mackie (25yds.), 3.

**440 Yards Flat Handicap.**

(Record, 53sec. ; A. T. Duncan, 1911.)

A. T. Duncan (scr.), 1; H. Jowett (12yds.), 2; S. T. Seddon (15yds.), 3. Time, 54 2/5sec.

This provided an excellent contest, Jowett running splendidly and being beaten only on the tape.

**Three Mile Flat Handicap.**

(Best performance, 16min. 22 2/5sec. ; T. Rigg, 1912.)

A. Hudson (scr.), 1; H. Williams (scr.), 2; S. R. Ellis (40yds.), 3. Time, 14min. 5 4/5sec.

This race was Hudson's almost from the crack of the pistol; he made short work of the rest of the field and, running the greater part of the distance unpaced, won very easily. It was therefore very disappointing to discover, when all was over, that

one lap (330yds.) had been missed by the track judge, so that a splendid record was lost. The Committee therefore decided to take Hudson's time at the Tournament, should it beat the previous best, as the Club record. Williams deserves a word of praise for the game way in which he stuck to his task, although he must have been feeling the effects of his mile earlier in the afternoon.

The Inter-Faculty Banner went to Arts and Science, who beat the Law by a two to one majority.

A. T. Duncan carried off the Graduates' Cup for best performance, W. Bennett the Oram Cup for most points.

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## Cricket.

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Last season was, in many ways, one of the most successful experienced by the Club. It is true that the Senior XI. just managed to avoid the wooden spoon; and yet, strange to tell, we had a team really stronger than that of 1911. The Juniors, however, under the able leadership of Fred. Martin, worthily upheld the traditions of the Club by winning most of their games and finishing up the season as runners-up for the Junior Championship. The Third Eleven, too, won a majority of the games it played, though its score-book has vanished utterly.

What gave greatest satisfaction to the Club's Executive was the keenness displayed by practically all members—a good augury for the future.

During the season we played Canterbury College at Christchurch, and Otago Varsity at Wellington. Each of these games ended in a "draw"; but the good-fellowship which exists between us and the men of the Southern Colleges was enhanced by each of these matches. We were exceedingly sorry that Auckland Varsity could not make the trip to Wellington at Christmas, and we hope, at no distant date, to meet them here.

### VICTORIA COLLEGE v. CANTERBURY COLLEGE.

Our annual game with Canterbury College was played on Hagley Park, Christchurch, on 21st and 22nd January. Canterbury College batted first, and made 261. Whether it was the result of our trip will never be known, but we failed badly in the first innings, the only ones to make any headway against the



Canterbury bowlers being Howe (45) Caddick (31), and O'Shea (18), the total being 128. We followed on, and surprised even ourselves by making 322 for 7 wickets (innings declared closed); Broad batted splendidly for 134. The other chief scorers were Howe (55), Dempsey (50), and Birch (48). In their second innings, Canterbury College made 91 for 1 wicket, and then stumps were drawn.

We took a reluctant farewell of our Christchurch hosts at the train, with lively feelings of gratitude to them for their splendid hospitality.

### OTAGO 'VARSITY v. VICTORIA COLLEGE.

This was the first time on which we had met Otago on the cricket field, but it is certainly not to be the last. The Basin Reserve was the scene of the encounter, and Good Friday and Easter Saturday the time; the turf was good and the weather conditions excellent, although the shortness of the afternoon was a drawback, and precluded the finishing of the match. Going first to the wickets, Victoria College compiled 151 runs. Dempsey and Howe put up a fine partnership for the second wicket, contributing 70 runs; the former's score of 36 included 6 fours. Howe (21), Dickson (31), Atmore (14), and Duncan (13) were the only other double figure scorers. When stumps were drawn for the day Otago had four wickets down for 104, but the tail failed to wag, and the innings closed for 138. Duncan obtained the excellent average of four for 22, and Dempsey two for 17; Dickson and M'Intosh took one for 20, and three for 54 respectively.

As in the Canterbury match, our second innings was a marked improvement on the first, and we declared with four wickets down for 108. Fanning played a forceful innings for his 23, which included a six and three fours. Birch (41) and Howe (48) were both run out, and Dickson carried his bat for 45.

Otago were left with two hours in which to get 212. Nugent was at once dismissed without scoring, but A. W. Alloo and Tweedie knocked up 70 in three-quarters of an hour, the former being bowled for 45, the latter for 33. Reid got 38, and the call of time found Otago 47 runs behind our total, with four wickets to fall. Dempsey (two for 12) came off best in the bowling.

The following is a summary of the matches played in the Senior Championship during the last season:—

**v. Petone:** Lost by 9 wickets. V.C. 114 (Fanning 39, Dempsey 15, Jameson 10) and 123 (Birch 31, Dickson not out 28, Howe 18, Saunders 14). Petone 207 and 33 for one wicket.

**v. Lower Hutt:** Won by 24 runs on 1st innings. V.C., 173 (Caddick 48, M'Intosh 34, Birch 26, Burns 22, Fanning 17) and 161 for eight wickets (M'Intosh 22, Dempsey not out 10). Hutt, 149.

**v. Central:** Lost by 83 runs on 1st innings. Central, 175 and 32 for two wickets (innings declared closed). V.C., 95 (Birch 18, Howe 16, Fanning 16, M'Intosh 12) and 52 for seven wickets (Howe 17, Fanning 16).

**v. South:** Lost by 10 wickets. V.C., 54 (Dickson 16) and 68 (Dempsey 12). South, 115 and 10 for no wickets.

**v. East B:** Lost by 3 runs on 1st innings. V.C., 63 (Birch 12, Howe 10, Griffiths 10) and 119 (Birch 28, Dickson 20, M'Intosh 18, Dempsey 11). East B, 66 and 112 for 9 wickets.

**v. East A:** Lost by an innings and 27. V.C., 98 (Burns 20, Fanning 17, M'Intosh 16) and 140 (M'Intosh 71, Dempsey 14, Burns 11). East A, 265.

**v. North:** Lost by 34 runs. V.C., 147 (Howe 40, Birch 18, Dickson 25, Burns 17, Saunders 10) and 34 (Fanning 14). North, 76 and 139.

**v. Petone:** Won by 13 runs on 1st innings. V.C., 178 (Dickson 59, Birch 42, M'Intosh 21, Howe 14) and 140 for 6 wickets (Dickson 38, Howe 26, Fanning 20).

**v. East B:** Won by default.

**Batting Averages:** M'Intosh, 18.91; Dickson, 15.57; Birch, 13.5; Howe, 12.53; Fanning, 12.14.

**Bowling Averages:** Saunders (coach), 12.79; Dickson, 14.64; M'Intosh, 17.78.

It has practically been decided to return the visit of the Otago 'Varsity team at Christmas time. In all probability three or four games will be played, one at Queenstown, which we propose to visit after leaving Dunedin. Those members who have never sat on the edge of Lake Wakatipu on a moonlight night and listened to——well! never mind; come with us at Christmas.

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“Birch attempted to sneak one off W. Alloo, and as a result Howe went out. Dickson then went to the wickets and was dismissed in a similar way. The ball was returned smartly, and Burns knocked down the stumps, the umpire giving Birch out.”—*N.Z. Times*.

*Umpire (log.):* “Out you go Birch.”

*Birch:* “Shan't!”

*Umpire:* “Oh, well! Somebody ought to, you know. Dickson,!”

## The Men's Club.

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" . . . no doubt.  
*A place where we may crack a joke,  
Or light a pensive pipe and smoke,  
And ponder Bobbie Stout.'*

Early in the present term a meeting was called for the purpose of winding-up the old Savage Students' Club, forming in its place a "Victoria College Men's Club," and at a moderately attended gathering of men students this was brought to pass.

The aims and objects of our Alma Mater's latest born seem to be largely those of the erst-while Men's Common Room Club, without the Common Room, i.e., the promotion of social intercourse amongst College men. It cannot be denied that there is room for something of the sort amongst us, but the fate of the said C.R.C. shows that without an adequate common room, a really accessible one in the College itself, any social club that is set up will have a hard row to hoe. However, the Executive of the Men's Club is nothing if not energetic, as witness the very excellent entertainment provided on the evening of the 24th May. The fact that by the 30th May over seventy financial members were on the Club's roll shows that the Treasurer, at any rate, knows his business.

The Club intends to observe something like a close season during the second term, like most other College clubs, and for the same old reason, work. Moreover, the Club is only feeling its way as yet, and its talent is not yet very mature, that is why their concert programme consisted of items contributed by non-Collegiate performers.

Good as the concert was, it was nothing, so runs the legend on the notice board, to what the Annual Dinner set down for Capping Day will be. It is a pity, though, that this function is going to conflict with another promoted by the Students' Association for the benefit of the undergraduates generally, of both sexes. Such clashing cannot but be detrimental to both functions, and the Club's Executive would be well advised to avoid a recurrence of such a state of things wherever possible.

## Social News.

Women students, we are told, know all too well the effects of the first climb to the heights of Salamanca. Breathless and weary after their strenuous "pull" up the hill, they find themselves—upon arrival at the Gates of Learning—prey to the essentially feminine longing for a cup of tea; and doubtless it is with this memory of their "freshmen" days uppermost in their minds that the Students' Association's "better half" every year prepares a welcoming tea in honour of new women students. The function this year was held on Thursday, 27th March, and proved, like its predecessors, to be an undoubted success—the new students entering cheerfully into the spirit of things, and finding themselves, at the end of the afternoon, dismantled of their shyness and fortified, by means of the "cup that cheers," against the dryness of the Chairman's address.

Early in April, on a certain Saturday evening, the opening social—an official welcome to new students of both sexes—took place, and the old bare walls of the Gymnasium once again rang with the sounds of hilarity and mirth. We have no need to describe this entertainment. All new students who were present will not easily forget it, and those of the "has beens" who were unavoidably absent have but to recall the breathless, palpitating moments of their first V.C. social, and before them lies the scene in all its novelty. That "the old order changeth, yielding place to new," does not apply to Victoria College entertainments.

The next event of social importance was the Cricket Club's annual dance, at which the number present was unaccountably small; but despite this fact (or perhaps on account of it), the select few who found time to put in an appearance managed to enjoy a very pleasant evening's amusement.

On the 23rd May the Victoria College Men's Club—an entirely modern institution—gave vent to the high spirits of its members by holding a concert and dance. The management of the musical portion of the entertainment was most generously undertaken by Mr. Robert Parker, and to him and to the talented musicians who came to his assistance all music-lovers amongst the audience must feel that they owe a debt of gratitude. That such a concert should perforce have to give place at an early hour to dancing was a regret that filled many minds when the time of conclusion arrived; but the spirit of music seemed on this occasion to have penetrated even the rafters of the top floor, and there followed an enjoyable dance—much enlivened by the caprices of a certain "wicked" Prof.



"Oh my stars!"

—Marlowe's "King  
Edward II."

During every one of the past seven years, and probably before then, our First Fifteen has started the football season with excellent prospects and with hopes strong, and yet the best performance was the one registered in 1910, when we finished up half-way down the list in the Senior Championship.

The fact is difficult to account for, but there it is none the less. We can take comfort only in the fact that this season the scores against us, except in the Oriental match, have been low ones, but one trembles to think what is in store when the cracks are away in Sydney with the N.Z. University Team, and that in the vacation. Even now, at the end of the first round, only St. James save the First XV. from the wooden spoon.

In the last issue of the SPIKE the Club captain had occasion to enter an emphatic protest against the lack of interest displayed by students in the inter-College games. Let us hope that there will be no grounds for a similar complaint in respect of the match against Auckland University, to be decided on King's Birthday. On Saturdays it is unquestionably better to be a player than a mere onlooker, and the team does not cavil at the lack of support received from the side lines on these occasions, although there must be something more than a mere handful of students who play neither football nor hockey, and are not watching our hockey matches. After the Poneke match a local newspaper, suggesting a bid for the Championship, remarked that if we won "Capping Night would be nothing to it." While loth to damp the ardor of our very good friends the daily press, we are regretfully compelled to express a contrary opinion. About 10 per cent. of the College would actively rejoice, 20 per

cent. would be mildly interested, and 70 per cent. would remain blissfully ignorant. Perhaps the formation of a "Barrackers' Club," as in Canterbury College, would effect an improvement.

### FIRST FIFTEEN.

(Captain: P. J. Ryan.)

**v. Petone.** Drawn, 12—12.

There have been many matches in which College has tried conclusions with Petone, but never until this day one in which College was out to win. They literally swept Petone off their feet at times, and on the day's play were 3 points the better team. Dansey drew first blood, scoring near the posts, but T. Beard equalized from a mark. Later in the first spell Dansey scored again, and M'Farlane kicked a goal from a mark, placing Petone 6 points in the lead. In the second spell, College had things lively. Goodbehere made two great runs, scoring in one and just failing to hold the ball in the other. Quilliam and T. Beard also scored good tries. The kick at goal, which was to decide whether V.C. was to be the winner, flew wide. We refrain from mentioning the name of the man who kicked.

The news caused quite a sensation in town, and produced the following telegram from A. Curtayne, of Wairoa, our old captain: "Py korry! What you mean?"

**v. Athletic.** Lost, 0—14.

The Union seem determined to try our metal this year,—the two worst matches to begin with. Right off the mark, Evenson speculated a lucky drop-kick, which took all the heart out of our men for a quarter of an hour, and enabled the Blues to score two more tries, both of which were converted. But from half-way through the first spell till call of time there was no more scoring. The College forwards showed up well, but had not the science of their antagonists. M'Kenzie, who was playing an excellent game, had the misfortune to dislocate a thumb, and retired.

NOTE.—The newspapers are giving us a good hearing these days.

**v. Poneke.** Won, 16—0.

This match should have been won by more had the referee been a little more watchful, and one of our men (name not disclosed) a little less hot-headed. In our reporter's opinion, for instance, Fawcett scored a fair enough try, but it was disallowed. Stainton opened the scoring list by running over

cleverly, and T. Beard's kick failed by inches only. Then L. Beard scored and converted his own try. Next his big brother got over, and L. Beard added the additional two points, and finally Quilliam (variously called Gwilliam, Quvilliam, etc., by the papers) got over. Ryan played his usual sound game, and the manner in which he kept his backs in motion evoked a generous (and well deserved) outburst of applause from the local press.

To-night, the Sporting Edition was almost enthusiastic.

**v. Wellington.** Lost, 0—3.

This was a very disappointing match, and yet on the day the score just about represents the difference between the teams. Wellington would have been unfortunate to lose; they owe their victory to the superior weight of their forwards and the marvellous kicking of Lambert. Rain was descending in torrents at the kick-off, and continued to do so without intermission for several days, so that neither of the spectators saw much back play. However, at the commencement Sim sent the ball out from about half-way, and it passed through the hands of all the intermediate backs right out to Enting on the left wing, being sent infield by him to L. Beard, who, with the line at his mercy, was brought down by the treacherous ground. The ball rolled over the line, and Wellington forced. We dominated the game for the first quarter of an hour, but the rest of the spell was very even, play see-sawing up and down the field. In the second spell Wellington saw more of the game, but Fawcett had hard lines in missing a score; while Quilliam on one occasion, diving at the slippery ball after it had been dribbled over Wellington's line, was just able to scrape its side with his finger tips—it was a Wellington hand that got on top. Right at the end of the game Wellington tried their only passing rush, and it almost ended in a score, Durie being tackled by Goodbehere in the corner. A minute afterwards, in the gathering darkness, there was a scrum on our line, and a yellow-jerseyed forward dived over with the ball; the kick failed, the bell went, and we had dropped a place on the Championship ladder.

Walker had the misfortune to sprain his ankle during the first spell, but pluckily saw the game out.

**v. St. James.** Drawn, 8—8.

We beg to state our entire disagreement with the local reporter who described the game as dull, and the play as bad. In our opinion there was much excellent play, and to the par-

tisans of either teams the match was exciting enough. On the other hand, the refereeing was simply atrocious, and we were the principal sufferers.

From the start our backs set to work, and Enting, after a great burst, got over in the corner; Ryan's kick went very near, but not near enough. Shortly afterwards L. Beard broke through and carried the ball from his own to his opponents' twenty-five, but the pass was intercepted. Ryan next made an opening, and passed to Paulsen, who, with a determined dash, crossed the line by the posts. L. Beard converted.

Another passing bout ended in Enting being collared by the full-back, and then St. James took a turn at attacking; a free kick enabled Thomas to place a goal, and although Young was nearly over twice, the spell ended without further score.

The second spell was not very old before the St. James outside five-eighths cutting in ran right through our backs and scored, Thomas goaling. From then on the ball travelled up and down field at a great rate, T. Beard being on one occasion within inches of scoring, while more than once only Ryan's tremendous line kicks saved us from disaster.

Within five minutes of the commencement of the game Bennett's ankle once more played him false, but the way he stuck to his task was good to see. Besides Ryan, Grey and Stainton were both very safe and sure, while Paulsen, Shaw and Fawcett, amongst the forwards, were the most conspicuous.

**v. Melrose.** Lost, 0—12.

From this match, Bennett (ankle), Sim (wrist), and L. Beard (knee) were absent, the gaps being filled by Stewart, Faire and J. Bennett. The Melrose forwards dominated the game, which was played in the traditional Melrose way, keeping the ball tight. When the Melrose backs did try a passing bout they made little progress, the ball simply going across the ground, while in the loose our forwards were the better of the two packs. As we seldom or never secured the ball from scrum or line-out, our backs had little chance to show their quality.

The first score came half-way through the first spell, their left wing, tackled on the line by Faire, being carried over by the impetus of his run.

This spell was mostly in our favour; Fawcett got over with four men hanging on to him, but a scrum was ordered, and then a free kick helped Melrose out. Later Bennett kicked when he should have come round, and the ball went over the dead ball line. Shaw and Meldrum, with a dribbling rush, made a great



opening for Goodbehere, but the ball bounced the wrong way, and the chance was lost.

Melrose began the second spell with a fierce attack by their forwards, forcing us three times. Later we got within striking distance, and Tom Beard had two unsuccessful attempts at goal from free kicks. Stainton initiated a passing rush, in the course of which Bennett beat three would-be tacklers, but it ended in Goodbehere, unmarked, knocking on when all he had to do was to drop over the line.

A spell of even play followed, then Grey failed to gather a rolling ball, and Melrose had put on another try: 6-0. From the kick-out their backs went right through our whole team: 9-0, and then repeated the performance: 12-0. It reminded the SPIKE of old times in IIB. Stung by the reverse, the College men roused themselves, but in the few remaining minutes no score came our way, although Stainton came very near a try, being held up on the line.

Without any hesitation this defeat can be put down to feeble tackling. It was very noticeable that when Melrose tackled the victim came to the ground, while a Melrose man could frequently be seen to plunge forward for yards with two or three affectionate College chums (presumably) hanging around his neck. Verb sap.

**v. Oriental.** Lost, 6-24.

As the first match of the first round saw the Fifteen at its best, it was perhaps a fitting antithesis that the last match should show it at its worst. But that the disgrace should fall upon us on Park No. 1, on our first appearance there for years!

And yet we started out popular favourites, and performed so well in the first spell that the Man on the Bank put quite a small fortune on us, and in consequence gave us, for a time at least, that vocal encouragement that hitherto has always been sadly lacking.

The ball was thrown about a lot by both sides, and each in turn nearly got over; at last Grey hung on to the ball too long in front of his own goal posts, and Oriental had a penalty goal to their credit. Almost immediately after we were awarded a penalty just on their 25, and over against the touch-line. L. Beard landed a splendid goal amidst much applause. Faire was conspicuous for two great and characteristic dashes down the touch-line, but was crowded out on each occasion. Promising passing rushes were spoilt by knocks-on, or spent themselves on the Oriental defence, which was very sound; then Enting marked right in front of the goal, and L. Beard made the score read 6-3.

Oriental now had a turn, and a free kick went very near, twice their right wing nearly got over, and once a forward rush ended in touch in goal. Faire intercepted a pass, and covered over half the length of the field, but his pass was dropped. After another chance had been lost through Enting failing to take a pass, the ball travelled out to the Oriental right wing, and back again to Kinvig, who dropped over in the corner just as the spell ended: 6—6.

Over the second spell a veil had best be cast; suffice it that Oriental scored six tries, fortunately converting none; while we achieved nothing. The forwards several times swarmed on the Oriental line, Meldrum and Paulsen putting in good work, but as Enting and Goodbehere cheerfully dropped all passes, and Faire received none, no score came our way. Our tackling, too, was painful to see, even Ryan and Quilliam catching the contagion, and showing a liking for necks instead of knees. Grey, too, was sadly off colour. Stainton played his usual solid game, and shirked nothing.

### JUNIOR.

(Captain: H. H. Daniell.)

**v. Petone.** Lost, 6—21.

As this was the first match of the year, many of the members of the team were practically strangers to one another. We scored first, East getting over from a passing rush. Petone replied with a somewhat lucky try, which they converted. A little later Daniell scored from a forward rush, but this was the last of our scoring. The first spell ended 13—6 in Petone's favour, the final score being 21—6, still in their favour. Contrary to the usual custom of College players, our men were well enough trained to last to the end, and were pressing strongly when no-side was called. Had the forwards put more bite into their play Petone's score would have been much lower. Undoubtedly the best forward on the ground was Meldrum.

**v. Oriental.** Lost, 3—11.

Our team played better this Saturday, but met a better combination. The half-time score was 3—0 against us, our only score coming in the second spell—a goal by Fathers from a mark by Daniell.

**v. Marist Old Boys.** Won, 6—0.

This match was played at Miramar. It started raining as we left town, and at the time of writing (three days later) it is still raining. This is practically all there is to say about the match. We were one short, our opponents three short. O'Shea

and Ryter scored for us. There were approximately forty force-downs, the ball being too slippery for the forwards to hold. The backs are to be complimented on their showing under adverse weather conditions.

**v. Porirua.** Won, 14--5.

Played at Porirua on a fine day. Tarrant missed the train, so we played one short once more. Our opponents were a healthy-looking lot, but they couldn't last the distance. McKenzie scored within five minutes of the start. A little later Stewart repeated, O'Shea converting. O'Shea kicked a penalty goal, and our last score came from a try by Tait. All this happened in the first spell. In the second spell, playing against the wind, we felt the loss of our man short. Porirua scored and converted. However, our backs got going, and for the rest of the spell we were attacking. Much appreciation was expressed by members of the team for the Porirua Club's action in supplying a room at the Porirua (Private!) Hotel to dress in, with a hot bath at the end of the game.

**v. Selwyn.** Lost, 17--0.

Again one short. Our three-quarter, Ryter, ricked his knee before the game began, and had to go off. East was away in Auckland, Butcher had hurt his hand, another of the forwards had to take a "friend" to the Athletic Park, so once again we were one short. In the first spell Selwyn only scored three points, but within a quarter of an hour of the end of the game Selwyn scored 14 more points. It took our peaceful friend "Barney" forty-three minutes to express himself fully on this game, so the least said soonest mended. The most unkindest cut—we missed our tram, and had to walk to Kilbirnie.

**v. Poneke.** Won, 6--0.

Just as we go to press comes news of another victory, in spite of two men short. O'Shea and R. Geville scored tries. Nathan prominent.

### THIRD FIFTEEN.

(Captain: A. Hudson.)

**v. Wellington.** Lost, 0--32.

No details of this match are forthcoming, but under the circumstances they seem hardly necessary.

**v. Petone.** Lost, 3--6.

A marked improvement all round, and this against one of the leading teams in the competition. Ellis was our scorer.

**v. Berhampore.** Lost, 9—24.

The score at half-time was 9—0 in our favour, thanks to Robinson, Tarrant, and Hudson. The final score would therefore seem to call for some explanation, but as we have received none ourselves, we can only leave our readers to conjecture; for our part, suspicion falls on "condition," that old foe of Victoria College teams, or perchance a superabundance of self-satisfaction had something to do with it.

**v. Y.M.C.A.** Lost, 6—19.

A piece of stop-press news that might as well have been left unrecorded. Rodwell scored a try, and an unknown kicked a penalty goal.

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## Swimming.

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The Swimming Club has an uneventful season to chronicle, devoid of any event of outstanding importance. In common with all other local clubs, we suffered from the very unseasonable weather which prevailed all too often this summer, and materially affected the entries for and attendance at the weekly races. It is also to be regretted that the Carnival, which has been an annual event for several seasons back, had to be dropped this summer, but here the Executive can plead "circumstances over which they had no control."

A "Cyril Aston Memorial Cup" was subscribed for by members and friends of the Club as a trophy for the Club Championship. The distances were to be 50yds., 100yds., 150yds., 220yds., 440yds., and 880yds. Unfortunately, bad weather and the illness of entrants necessitated several postponements, so that the end of the season came with the 100 yards, the quarter and half-mile undecided. Under these circumstances, the Executive decided that the Cup be not awarded this year. It is highly advisable that more definite rules and regulations be drawn up to govern the Championship.

A number of new members joined this season, of whom McNab, Hudson and Foden showed themselves to be first-class swimmers; while Adams and Greville improved wonderfully, and next summer will have to be reckoned with by the best.

The water picnic is now quite an institution; Maori Bank saw two gatherings of Victoria Collegians last summer.

The following is a summary of the races of the past season:—

- 50 Yards.—Adams (8sec.), 1; Hudson (4sec.), 2; Bullard (2sec.), 3. Time, 38sec. There were six other starters.
- 100 Yards.—Hudson (3sec.), 1; Bullard (scr.), 2; Mason (12sec.), 3. Time, 78sec.
- 50 Yards.—Mason (9sec.), 1; Clark (5sec.), 2; Bullard (scr.), 3. Time, 40  $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.
- 50 Yards Championship.—McNab, 1; Bullard, 2; Grey, 3. Time, 29  $\frac{2}{5}$ sec. Ronayne and Clark also competed. A very good race, won by two or three yards, Grey a similar distance behind, and only a touch in front of the unplaced men. The time is a Club record.
- 100 Yards Breast Stroke.—Mason (8sec.), 1; Ronayne (scr.), 2; Clark (5sec.), 3. Five others started, and very little separated the placed men.
- 75 Yards.—McNab (scr.) and Clark (9sec.), 1; Stevenson (20sec), 3. A dead heat, McNab's time being very good—49sec. Three others started, and all finished in a bunch.
- 220 Yards.—Grey (scr.), 1; McNab (scr.), 2; Bullard (scr.), 3. Time, 3min. 14  $\frac{1}{5}$ sec. The first two men got to the front at 150yds., whence Grey slowly drew ahead, and finally won by a couple of yards. Three others competed.
- 440 Yards.—Grey (scr.), 1; Adams (90sec.), 2; Clark (50sec.), 3. Time, 7min. 22sec. A very close race, won on the touch, with Clark only two yards away—a tribute to the handicapper. Seven started.
- 150 Yards.—Bullard, 1; McNab, 2; Grey, 3. Time, 2min. 9sec. A field of nine started, all the placed men being off scratch.

With the Carnival that exciting event, the Wanganui-Wellington Old Boys' Relay Race, went by the board. This seems a pity, and the Club might well consider putting the matter on a proper footing next season, and let any school that can raise a team of Old Boys from amongst members of the Club be represented. We incline to think that Nelson could make a very fair showing.

## Christian Union.

The various branches of Christian Union work have been taken up this year on the same lines as usual.

Bible-study amongst the women is based upon Bosworth's "Teachings of Jesus and His Apostles," and amongst the men, upon Angus's "Discipleship." Andrew's "Renaissance of India" is being used for the monthly Mission Study in both branches.

A slight difference is to be made this year in the forms of the fortnightly General and Intercession meetings respectively. The devotional element will be removed from the former; and the Intercession meetings, which are held directly before the General meeting, will be enlarged and take on a devotional character.

Miss England is again holding a Sunday morning class.

An account of another activity of the Union, the work of the Christian Social Service League, appears elsewhere.

### PRE-SESSIONAL WORK.

The bi-ennial Business Convention of the A.S.C.M. was held this year at Rangiora, New Zealand, at which a large number of Australian delegates were present.

This was immediately followed by the annual conference of the N.Z. Christian Movement, which was the largest yet held in New Zealand. The keynote of the Conference was "Discipleship."

Sunday, February 23rd, was observed as a day of universal prayer for students. A special service was held by Rev. Reed Glasson in the Terrace Congregational Church, followed by a students' intercession meeting, conducted by Professor Picken.

At the time of the Easter Tournament, two meetings for students were held, both on Easter Sunday. The first was held in connection with the Social Service League, and was addressed by Mr. Jamieson, Australasian Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. The second took the form of a Students' Service, held at St. John's Church in the evening, and addressed by Rev. Dr. Gibb.

A pre-sessional conference of members was held at the College on April 1st, when short addresses were given by several members and ex-members of the Union, these addresses being followed by discussion upon the various topics introduced.

## MEETINGS.

The first general meeting of the year was held on April 12th, when Mr. D. S. Smith gave an address upon "The College Student and Christianity."

On April 26th Professor Kirk gave an address upon the subject of "Immortality." The paper was followed by an animated discussion.

The Rev. Gibson Smith was the speaker at the next meeting, his subject being "Jesus as Lord."

On May 24th Mr. J. R. Young, Travelling Secretary of the A.S.C.M. for New Zealand, gave an address upon "The Responsibility of the Individual." This address also gave rise to considerable discussion.

Mr. Young also addressed several Faculty meetings, and a general meeting for men on Friday, May 30th.

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## The University Christian Social Service League.

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*"If seeing and acknowledging the lies of the world . . . you submit to them without any protest further than a laugh; if plunged yourself in easy sensuality, you allow the whole wretched world to pass groaning by you unmoved; if the fight for the truth is taking place, and all men of honour are on the ground, armed on the one side or the other, and you alone are to lie on your balcony, and smoke your pipe out of the noise and danger, you had better have died or never have been at all, than such a sensual coward."*

Thus speaks Thackeray in "The History of Pendennis," and the world is widely awaking to the truth of his words. The easy vagrant way, traditionally associated with University life and its "camp of camaraderie," is a delightful way at proper times and seasons, but, steadily pursued, it is a fertile root of the selfishness which is the foundation of our national and social evils. The University Christian Social Service League stands out against a selfish conception of individual and corporate life. It stands for individual worth and social responsibility. Its message is the gospel that every child has a right to a "normal

physical, social, mental and spiritual life," and that "every man has the right to reasonable compensation for reasonable service." The League pleads that the admitted failure of civilisation to express in an extensive way the spirit of this gospel can be cured by the unselfish lives of individuals and by the application to social and national life of the principles of the teaching of Christ. It claims that the method of the application of these general principles to the ever-varying needs of bodies politic and to the diverse needs of different classes of human beings, demands patient study of a high order; that men and women trained in the University are in general best equipped for such work; and that such work is a reasonable service which such men and women should attempt to perform for the sake of the nation to which they belong and the State which trained them.

The present League has already undertaken practical work, the Women's Branch carrying on a settlement for girls in Jacob's Place (off Tory Street), and the Men's Branch having charge of the educational and religious work of the Wellington Boys' Institute. In the future, more attention will be paid to the study of the problems which concern the League.

Leagues with like aims are being established in the University Colleges of Australasia, and the spirit of the new movement may perhaps be best summarised in the following resolutions carried at a meeting held during the last Easter Tournament of some 60 students representing the different Colleges affiliated to our University:—

1. We are in earnest for our country.
2. The strength of our Christian purpose is to be measured by deeds, not words; by the construction of a better state, not by figures on a balance-sheet.
3. We place the prevention of waste in manhood and womanhood as the chief of New Zealand's industries.
4. Evangelizing agencies are incomplete unless opportunities for every-day unselfish service are given each man and each woman according to their strength.
5. We believe in reaching every man and every woman through their interests, not ours.



## The Heretics' Club.

*"A man who never changes his opinions has probably no very important opinions to change."*

Quite a respectably large audience assembled on April 25th at the first meeting of the Heretics for the 1913 session. The Club, true to itself, departed from the usual order of things, and in place of a lecture arranged a debate concerning an old friend, "The Bible in State Schools" question, now very much before the public.

A motion approving of the proposals advocated by The Bible in State Schools League was entrusted to the Rev. W. H. Compton, who was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Stephenson, and opposed by F. G. Hall-Jones and Miss Nicholls. Neither side adduced anything very new in the way of argument, although this was hardly to be wondered at, but in the arrangement of their case and of their evidence in support, the opposers of the motion left the movers far behind. The Rev. Mr. Compton, moreover, failed to make the best use of the time at his disposal.

In addition to the speakers already mentioned, Miss M. E. McLean supported the motion, while Professor Kirk, Messrs. D. S. Smith, Burbidge, Watson, Wolter, Cooke, Taylor, and Ponder opposed it. The testimony of the last-named, who has had practical experience of the working of the New South Wales system, was particularly illuminating.

Altogether the debate was, as a member of the audience subsequently observed, "remarkably instructive."

At the second meeting, held on May 16th, Professor Laby read an address entitled "Prove All Things," originally delivered to the inaugural meeting of The Religious Discussion Society, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, by the late Dr. Chawner.

After briefly tracing the changes in religious thought and in the attitude of men, both in England and on the Continent, towards theological and philosophical problems during the century just closed, the lecturer turned his attention to the society and to the problems it had set itself. Some of his remarks in this respect are so apposite that we may be pardoned for quoting verbatim.

"When you come from school to college, you make the critical passage from boyhood to manhood. You come here to prepare yourselves for your life's work. One of the most im-

portant parts of that equipment is the formation of a reasoned view of the world and of your relation to it. You want all the help you can get in that difficult task. It is not enough to exhibit to you one solution and to leave you to work out for yourselves the difficulties that beset it."

"It is obvious that such a Society does not appeal to all. There are many who unhappily—or happily—for themselves feel no need of its assistance. It is only the man with some intellectual force and logical power who feels the need to co-ordinate and harmonise his beliefs."

"It is by criticism and by attacks of unbelievers that religion has been purged and developed, that it has abandoned its material elements and become a spiritual creed. The Founder of Christianity himself said that he had not come to bring peace, but a sword, and to set the members of a family one against the other; and precisely for this reason that he was attacking the established religion. It is a part of that truthfulness on which the whole fabric of society and civilisation rests that we should as a rule openly acknowledge what we believe to be true."

A brief discussion followed the reading of the paper.

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## Correspondence.

(The Editor, SPIKE.)

Dear Sir,—In ancient times, when a man had a grievance, he took down his trusty battle-axe, went into hard training for a week, sallied forth and alleviated his injured feelings by tapping his opponent firmly on his medulla oblongata. In modern times one writes to the papers—hence this epistle. Some five or six years ago, when one received an invitation to attend a dance or other social function, it was customary to reply within a stated time, in order to assist the hostess or committee, as the case might be, in making the necessary arrangements. Now, alas! another generation has arisen, to whom the mystic symbols R.S.V.P. are as meaningless as Belshazzar's warning. This is a pity, as these blasé ladies and gentlemen are as a rule the first to complain if arrangements, through their own negligence (one might almost say discourtesy), are not everything they expected.

Our own University Ball, the Capping Dance, and the one-time annual Victoria College Ball, are all examples of the gamble which the committee has to take as to the number to be catered for.

“Coming nearer home, at the various dances held on “the hop floor on the top floor,” the greater percentage of the dance tickets are sold at the door, thereby causing great inconvenience to the Committee. Let me give a concrete instance. At a recent dance flaring notices were displayed in the vestibule, and tickets were offered for sale everywhere. Ladies were to be admitted free, but they were asked by general proclamation to notify the Committee if they intended being present. The result was twelve tickets were sold and ten girls notified the Committee. The Committee were naturally somewhat at a loss, and decided to cater for forty couples. Some sixty couples attended, and these same individuals grumbled because the supper ran short about one o'clock, or because some other minor detail went wrong.

While on this subject, I have had a little experience as a Committee member, and it is a wonder to me that more conscience-money is not received after these dances. There are a number who go in on the “dead-head” ticket at every College dance. This is a statement easier left unsaid, but it

is high time that such a blemish should be removed from College life.

In conclusion, I may add that I have not this year been a member of any dance committee, but these facts have at one time or another been brought forcibly before my notice, and I think it is time that this state of things should cease.—Yours,

N'IMPORTE.

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(To the Editor.)

DEAR SIR.—At Easter I happened to be in Wellington, and of course paid a visit to Victoria College and renewed my old acquaintance with the Gym. I found little change in either place, but one change which I had expected to find I looked for in vain. I should like to know, Sir, why there are on the walls no photographs of the First XV. since 1910, the Cricket Eleven since 1908-9, and the Hockey Eleven since 1908.

To the ex-student revisiting the scenes of his youth there is nothing more pleasant than the renewal of old memories, friendships, and acquaintances, per media of such College groups. At one time each club used to present a copy of the photograph of its representatives to the Students' Association, and surely the clubs in question are not so poverty-stricken as to be unable to continue this eminently praiseworthy practice. Should this be the actual case, however, it seems to me to be "up to" the Students' Association to go to some little expense in the matter rather than leave the walls of the Gym. in their present bare and unadorned condition.—Yours, etc.,

OLD BOY.

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(To the Editor.)

Dear SPIKE,—For some years past, ever since its foundation in fact, the Swimming Club has talked confidently of inter-College contests, and leading spirits have repeatedly suggested that at any rate when the Easter Tournament came to this city a competition would most certainly be arranged.

The SPIKE for June, 1910, makes mention of a delegation set up to confer with swimmers from other Colleges, with a view to some such tourney being arranged, and I distinctly recollect the annual meeting of 1911 instructing the incoming Committee to

bestir itself in the matter. Mr. A. N. Hancock was the mover, and apparently now that he has departed from Victoria College the Executive is quite content to sit still and do nothing. If ever there was anything more in these promises than the vain dreams of enthusiasts, surely the Easter just passed should have seen their fulfilment.

The holidays this year fell exceptionally early, practically in the middle of March, and Club carnivals are frequently held as much as three weeks later. Of course there would have to be a certain amount of risk run as regards the weather, but such a risk is always present, and in the sequel no more perfect day for swimming than Good Friday was could possibly be asked for.

The Cricket and Boxing Clubs have shown what a little enterprise will do, and have set us an example which I hope future Executives will take to heart. In my opinion the Swimming Club has been very badly "left," and will have to buck up considerably in future if it is to justify its existence.

It will be interesting to see what the Committee has to say on the matter at the next Annual General Meeting.—I am, Sir,

DISAPPOINTED.

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### EXCHANGES.

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The Editors beg to acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges:—"The New Plymouth Boys' High School Magazine," "The Scindian," "The Nelsonian," "The N.G.C.," "The Wanganui Collegian," "The Adastrian," "The Waitakian," "The Timaruvian," "The Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine," "The Victorian" (Hokitika D.H.S.), "Otago Boys' High School Magazine," "Southland Boys' High School Magazine," "The Cooe," "The Review" (Otago University), and "The Canterbury College Magazine."



E. M. M-ck-r-sy: So you think every man ought to be allowed to speak for five years? Ah, well, it's only honest to practice what one preaches.

P. W. B-rb-dge: (1) As you say, housewives often polish stoves when they are warm—a pernicious practice. Our own skivvy suggests a liberal diet of ice-cream as an efficacious remedy; you might knock out a paragraph for the "Evening Post" on the subject. (2) See reply to Henry Bodley above.

Rev. C-mpt-n: (a) Re your little sketch "Me and the Lunatic," regret unsuitable, rather too much both of "me" and "lunatic." Now, if you would only send us along one or two of those little stories your old friend Sir Charles Bowen told you after dinner——! (b) We suggest "à voleur voleur et demi."

M. G-ldsb-r-gh: We cannot too strongly condemn your flippant attitude towards one of the "grand old men" of the English legal system. "This fellow Doc" is old enough to be your—uncle.

B-rne: We don't care for any of the terms you used. When addressing a meeting of the Debating Society you should avoid being too familiar, and yet not be too stand-offish. "Chaps" and "fellows" both err on the one side, and "gentlemen" on the other. Now, what's wrong with that grand old English word "gents."?

V-rn-n: The song you ask about appears in the 1911 Capping Carnival Programme. See verse II.:

"No tooth could keep a man awake

Through hours of P-ck-n's vague conjectures."

The anti-Opium Association might take the matter up as a sideline.

Prof. P-ck-n: The quotation is from the famous soliloquy in Hamlet, Act III., Scene 1, from the sixth to the tenth line. As a matter of fact, however, the person you mention assures us that his sleep was quite dreamless—the nightmare came before and after.