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# The S.C.M. Putsch.

#### Lex Miller Leads Campaign.

Wednesday last to a quite fair andi ence (both in number and sex) with difficulty in the Christian faith was Jack Froude as Chairman, anxious how to live its. A Christian would to get rid of the chair. Eventually the principal speaker, Lex Miller, agreed to a cept it, though without the profusion of thanks that the gift.

Seeking the "Logos." seemed to merit.

only a company of the whole com- Friday night a few ardent spirit munity just as sinful as the mass, gathered to listen to addresses of but it had come to see that it had the tragedy of being a student, crucified Christ; and this realisation was like a commission faid on it to testify as to God-to point to facts that will help to interpret the real meaning of life.

that our knowledge was inadequate courage for the meaning of existto explain life. Misfortune, sadness ence-for the logos. fell on good and bad alike, and there did not seem to be any intellectual

We saw that there was a gap between what man wanted to be and what he was that could not be disclosed by human will.

ment did not minister to our needs, munity,

There were two alternative sugschool

me andly, there was the suggest tion that we should take this world that did not satisfy us and build a new world. The struggle for a new social order was one aspect of this. But even supposing economic conditions perfect, the world would still be dead because of the perpetual thwarting of our self-expression.

And so we saw that man could not live up to himself. Christ's reign on his first meeting. earth was testimony of this. We knew we were helpless. Christ came to prove it.

"brotherhood" ideals were substitutes for religion was refuted by the fact that man was not by nature brotherly, but selfish; and man could not alter this by his own will. With the intervention of Christianity man could be seen-not as he was, boorish, dull, but in a new light as the object of God's love.

Mr. Katz suggested that the gap between what man was and what he ought to be could be closed by greater social co-operation, The speaker had said that a world, perfect materially, would be meaningless without a further fact, and he he had advocated the establishment asked us to believe this without one of a central law school, the nucleus hint of what it was or how it affect-

Lex Miller replied that Christianity was essentially a supernatural religion and that the new world that came from the knowledge of Christ would always be the most important fact

#### Christianity Defined.

On Thursday, Mr. Froude and Miss Feltham spoke on "The Real obedience to which creates a defi- New Zealanders.

The S.C.M. campaign opened on nite community with definite rules. Miss Feltham said the greatest

The attractions of "Chines The Church, said Lex Miller, was White were not all-absorbing, for on

Miss Hoby, speaking briefly and pleasantly, said that we were here to gain fullness of life. We could not do this without entering into the social life of the college; but above Facing these facts, we saw, first, all we must seek with sincerity and

Mr. Nash described the problems -social, political and internationalthat confront us. Our solutions to these problems are dependent on our attitude to God. Christ taught the love of God and of our neighbonr. In the light of this teaching, the student will use his specialised We saw further that our environ- knowledge to the benefit of the com-

A brisk discussion followed. The gestions: first, the stoic suggestion chairman (Mr. Miller) dealt ably that we should cut down our desires with many questions. There was a to the level the world would satisfy, real effort to arrive at the basic This was the logic of the materialist proofs of Christianity. Mr. Miller would have it that the vital thingin life could not be proved after the manner of a geometrical theorem, but that a man's faith in God was comparable to the certainty Chinese soldiers, presented with sole felt by lovers.

#### Prof.'s Perfect Precedent.

Professor Williams shows the proper attitude towards the Profes

# The claim that "service" and Prof. Adamson Dons the Gloves.

Professor Adamson's speech at the Law dinner was the most valuable contribution of the evening. Apart from pointing out that the Law Faculty was the most active and influential of all Frenties at V.U.C. he made important points in connection with legal education.

When he arrived in New Zealand of which would be provided by giving bursaries to ten students from each province. With such a beginning the school would have grown rapidly and the appointment of teachers who were specialists in their subjects would have been made possible. No man could be such an ubiquitous expert as was required at are now spending on teaching of couldn't Mr. Froud explained law in the four centres," said the world. It is God's Message to us, parochialism and self-assurance of permitted them.

# "Chinese White."

AUDIENCE A LITTLE GREEN.

Othello: . . Sweet soul, take need. Thou'rt on thy death-bed. Desdemona: I never did offend you m my life . . never force to-

Otheho. . . He hath confessed. . . It is too tate. [Smothers her.] "Othello," Shaks, v. -

Shena (furiously): For heaven's saice, stop. I've told you, it's no when proposing the toast of "Our good, Gerald It's over ..... With Guest" at the dumer of welcome acgo you know about my relations corded by the Law Faculty Club to are you taking ship to Melbourne?" with Leslie, anyway? How do you Professor Williams, our new Profesknow he wasn't my lover?

duction for the year. Mr. Gielgud. Hotel. good man of the theatre, has recogfor Shakespeare is good enough for berter melodrama and less pretentions stuff if he had gone the whole drunk with evident satisfaction. hog and strangled Sheila. He would thereby have gained the sympathy

and interest of his audience. buted most to the success of the piece was the producer. Once again-Mr. Edwards created atmosphere and vivid stage-pictures on a confined platform that could not offer the amenities of a padded cell

The play itself was a simple exercise in melodrana, replete with triangle, wronged wife (2), refined brigandige, virtue far above rube-, epigrams, and two magnificent lime stolidity by Messrs, Katz and

the varier scene dominated by Nes- on behalf of the Law Faculty and to bitt Sellers' excellent villian, Gen- welcome the youth, vigour and learnsoriel Board. He forgot to attend grad Wu. We had the strongs at and most satisfying scene in the play that his suggestions for reforming terouping, movement and term-sore had an althout professional to not go unheeded. In remembering

the resident missionary, the Berr in law, one of which Professor Wileroud James. Mr. Sandford was an liams held. extremely coy divine.

The burden of the work fell to Miss Nan Welch and Mr. 18ch The lady is a shallow creature, and ested in the present trials of the the graceful lie glid to Mr. Aimers rather over-alackguard, times of change ed, and perhaps Miss Welch found- reforming stars of Adamson and us can be indifferent? ered a little in the shallows. But Williams shine in the legal firmacoleatly, movements and gestures ment of Professor Williams. lacked spontaneity and the emo-

terpretations they offered.

In conclusion, one may say that We can assure readers that the

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We come to Professor Williams.

The Law and the Duke.

"Shall Lirefer to him as l'rof, as Dr., as Jimmy or Bill, or can I, in ing on the doctrine of estoppel, just refer to him as 'the fraud," he being an expert on this branch of the

sor of English and New Zealand Gerald (losing all control): You Law. The opening is typical of the tric shook her by the throat.) friendly spirit which pervaded the you ever teaching English." The second passage is from gathering of Professors, members of Comese venue, a membrana by the Bar, and students who met "in Val triefgud, wisely selected by the informal dress" to dine and drink be able to follow in the footsteps of Dramatic Crub as their initial pro- beer at the Duke of Edinburgh his predecessors, and we assure him

nised that what was good enough Adamson and Rankine Brown, Mr. operation he requested for the full I. C. White, in the chair, managed success of his efforts. him. I think it would have been to propose the loyal toast and, being the first toast of the evening, it was

#### Toast of the Faculty.

Mr. Cornish, K.C., ex-Professor. Perhaps the person who contri- etc., of V.U.C., while having to admit that "they still teach Law passably at Otago," acclaimed the Law Faculty as the leading Faculty at V.U.C. and V.U.C. as the leading law school of the Dominion; and proposed the toast accordingly.

Mr. O'Leary recalled the time when he attended the V.U.C., when there was no V.U.C. and when the common-room had been the bar of the Hotel Cecil-"a legal retresher, indeed."

#### The Dean of the Faculty

Professor Adamson was cheered One must admit that the Clinics, by his students when he rose to the law courses in this country will what we owe to Professor Adamson,

#### Our Guest.

Mr. McGine dispelled distillusions

"And now time, which in this case tional passages did not always have is of the essence, is running against may be gladdened by dresses with the ring of sincerity. Both young me. Let us become engrossed in stately and graceful lines . There is players deserve special mention for the articles of our association, re- a fascinating hook on Chinese paintthe conscientions and intelligent are membering that our liability in this ing, and a daring one, called "Art respect is unlimited, be the same a Now," which is already very popu-Mr. Jack Covic played with the little more or less. In order to put har. But it is involvens to mention part of Leslie Dale. Who could for no further restraint on your antici- single books among such an abundpresent. But he was told it would get his performance in "While pation, I ask you to rise and drink to ance of good things cost too much; "not as much as we Parents Sleep"? The ambience the retainer in perpetuity of the death of the death of the death. flie andience the retainer in perpetuity of the should be the happy hunting-ground health of Professor Williams."

that the Christian faith is not a Professor. The failure to accept the cast did only as well as a toast was honoured with a respect not now enjoy this room, since it method of running our lives or the these improvements was due to the rancous and ill-mannered audience and heartiness seldom accorded to closes at 5. We hope that in the any who come amongst us in the future it will be open at least some role of masters.

The Prof. Replies.

Our anticipation of an interesting view of his part achievements, rely-reply from Professor Williams was not disappointed; two stories evidencing the parochialism of New Zealanders being part of our fare. le recounted that he had been met So opened Mr. A. T. S. McGhie, by the following remark from an then proposing the toast of "Our Aucklander. "I am glad you were appointed to that position. When And also, "In five to seven years you may learn something of the elements of the law, but I can't picture

His listeners recognised the earnestness of the Professor's hope to that his students will loyally extend Under the keen eye of Professors to him the support, help and co-

# Library Expands To Meet Growing Demands.

Let Otago boast its beer and its Medical School, Canterbury its mellow buildings, Auckland its modern-The pride of Victoria is her library. Laring the summer months Mr Brooks and his assistants socked hard and well to provide adequate accommodation for its growing riches. They have fitted up two new rooms, one of which is at present filled with science books. Mr liller is, however, anxious that it should not be known as the science come off with the honours, and in reply to the Solicitor General's teast room, since he does not intend to has the it normanently to the science faculty—a yant wish if another name ing of Professor Williams. We trust is not forthcoming. Will the reader- of "Smod" provide the new room with an appropriate name

#### The Fine Arts.

The other room is especially Miss Gallagher, confident and it is interesting to note that it was pleasant to look at, as befits the unobtrusive, gave a little gent of energy which led to the establishment of the fire acts. The Carnegie characterisation as the loyal wife of lishment of travelling scholarships pollection consists of 2200 prints and photographs and 130 books on art. Here the student whose series have is an diffical by inhormous days will med as a good a tradament

Victorial America and good things are Aimers, as the ill-assorted there in disclosing that the students were here. He will recoice in the soher locks; an unpleasant work it was "vitally and apprehensively" inter-leveliness of the Italian primitives, her husband a pretty blackguard, legal profession. "These times are a about all or the barrely perfection . may the twin the graceful height of a Gothic

The 250 beacks on the History of such errors they made were due to ment with a brilliance that knows no Art are varied. We hear that the inexperience and self-consciousness setting." Thus he went on in stress editors of Cappricals have gleaned Changes of mood were taken too ing the significance of the appoint- much from a study of some of the books on the art of advertising. There are hooks on dress design. It is ideasant to think that our eyes of every student.

> Unfortunately many students cannights in every week.

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#### COMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, 20th-Swimming Carnival, followed by Dance at Miss Webber's Studio.

Friday, 22nd-Debate.

Saturday, 23rd-Boxing Championships at Wellington College.

Monday, 25th-Fencing Club Annual Meeting. Tuesday, 26th-Free Discussions Club Annual Meeting.

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# Freedom and Progress.

The recent publication of Mr. de la Mare's excellent pamphlet enables us to view the problem of Academic freedom in an atmosphere uncharged with the explosives of violent controversy, and to see more clearly the hypocrisy that claims to support it while enacting repressive legislation.

And in reviewing this question we must first admit that there can be no natural or innate right to freedom of speech, just as there can be no natural or absolute right to private property or to anything else. The whole matter is one of expediency. The time is undoubtedly coming when these "rights" that block every turn in the present social organisation will recede into the background. In the social arena to-day are opposed two forces, one of which affirms the absolute rights of property, and the other-almost as dogmatic and tolerant though no less inhuman-champions the absolute marks each as a transitory phenomenon that will pass with rights of labour. The prominence of the conception of rights the passing of our economic era.

There is no innate right to Academic freedom, but the cause can be easily defended on grounds of expediency. And the position is very similar to that created by the recent British extension of armaments. For the first few months during which Britain's armaments are extended more rapidly there may be greater relative security, but the further we look into the future the greater the insecurity caused by this move. We see the insidious race started that will not only wipe out the advantage of a relatively greater force but will also increase insecurity through the added temptation to use this carefully extended weapon. So, too, with Dictatorship. If we consider but the day or the month in which we are living, then it is probable that government by a dictator will be more efficient, but if we look to future development then the iron bands of dictatorial repression are seen as a brutal curb.

So our support of Academic freedom will depend on the extent by which we can raise our ideal from the humdrum stability of the moment to the future progress of Society and the development of more just forms of organisation. It depends, too, on whether we can raise our patriotism from a narrow adherence to national interests, to the wider sympathy of world co-operation. The more we believe in the advance of a dynami: Society, the firmer and more vigorous will be our support of Academic freedom.

Change must come, and the more general the understaning of the new philosophy, the less the possibility of violence and the more beneficial the change will be. This is the justiheation of Academic freedom.

### Credo. 1935.

And so you've come. Verve and "A ring on the finger is worth two enthusiasm. The portals of learning -you are through with college-university students now. 'Varsity? rained thick and fast during the Bricks, not storied stones, no dream- long Vacation. Zenic Henderson and ing spires, no dim cathedrals, but efficient if electic brick. Bricksa noble pile, aloofly sentinelling one Priestley, Zena Jupp and Ken Duff cresi of this gusty town. Varsity the higher education, well known gagements of Enid Cook to Bill but alluring Great minds Figland's proudest heritage were university men. Assert yourself nowindividual development, culture Here are scholars-real men-theirs the heritage of the ages. You, too, are men Go to it!

Wake up, fresher! You start liv ing now Self-development, chance for original work. Debate the stuff of controversy, tempting reputation Timaru, has brought high honours for nonconformity. quest for truth, eternal, impartial, ning the Bowen Prize for this year. whithersoever she may . . . truth at 'Varsity-well, there are 26,000 books in the library-truth, it is a relative concept-these books are true, if somewhat bloodless. What is truth said jesting; But fresher, attend:

If they do not act in you. . ." There is a credo. Truth? Each age creates its own. Culture? Each age creates its own. Take nothing for granted, freshers. Master your resources. In that only can 'Varsity help you. But the opinions of men are grounded in the past; each philosopher apologises for his own life. Thought, says Bertrand Russell, is a disease, like high blood-Thought implies breakdown condemns to Quietism, pass-

manently angry with the University propriate. because of its bourgeois economists? Wood.

# Scandal.

in the voice Marriages am! engagements Joey Mountjon, Edna Purdie and Wiggs, Tim Lambourne and Don were all among the fallen. The en-Stewart, Marjorie Bell to Phil Webb, Kath McClymont to Harry Bishoswere announced. To all "Smad" wishes the best of luck.

Victoria has lost a good friend in Miss Ola Nielsen, who left "to seek her fortune" in England or on the Continent. She hopes to secure a position abroad and remain for some

lack Scholefield, though in distant 'Varsity-the on himself and the College by win-

# Torn Tapestry.

"The words of the book are not dirty, drab hangings in front of the in procuring some first-class draw- disapproved of on the grounds of ob-

heautiful pelmet, incorporating the shock case A vein of sly humour Training College crest, which was runs through nearly all the stories designed and painted by Mr. L. T. and in some amounting to subtle Watkins, of Wellington This crest irony as exemplified in "The is composed of the lion rampant Homage to Switzerland."-O.A.E.H. from the V.U.C. crest, and should the Training College ever be incorporated as a faculty at V.U.C., the "I T Lang was more or less per- crest and colours will be most ap-

The Trustees are to be congratubut he did no damage to it."-Prof. lated on finding a suitable home for Or sing any tunes, the curtains.

# Short Shrift.

By D. BUNKER.

Reviewing the last copy of the new "Smad" (the McGhie issue), we see the McGhie revue in extenso: McGhie the Big Executive, McGhie, the Romantic, McGhie, the Club-consolidator, McGhie the Neck-or-Nothing-Minus Debater (-1051). We hope to read something about V.U.C. in subsequent is-

In the Cockpit, he vents the wordy homily anticipated from this Flying Scotchman. For A. McG., intellectuals are tinder whereon is struck the spark of genius (these matchless intellectuals!), foundations with towers springing in profusion, and ashes whence phoenices arise. Every Club and Movement is seared by the liquid fire of his oratory. The McGhie will surely go down to history as the whip that cracked o'er Salamanca. All we need at the moment, however, that he descend from the chill air of his Olympus before he gets still colder feet.

The raspberry for the most useful information in the last issue goes to the experienced Mr. Morpeth, who in his innocence gives this sit-ter for the matrimonial stakes.

"For the benefit of freshers, the Cafeteria is situated near Women's Common Room.'

From "Smad's" Super Service: "The students sung the same

Yes, whatever they say about these freshers, the yangsters sure are great sungsters.

Not academic freedom but literary license was the chief substance of the book review. About the bones of ideas from a well-known thesis, the writer swathes wrapping with all the skill of the reviewer turned undertaker.

The puny child reaches its major ity at the end of the first paragraph -a desperate affair of 21 lines-two sentences -221 adjectives-too much!

And what an off-spring! "It is puny child of cold though Readers are agog to see the Planket Product of Hot Thought from this writer's pen next week

A windy, though well-meant, review, consigned (like all of us) to the timely sarcophagus of Oblivion.

flt is hoped to make the above column a regular feature for critical comment on the preceding week's issue. Any items from readers will be welcome.-Ed.)

#### "WINNER TAKE NOTHING."

Ernest Hemingway

This book has nothing to do with a local commercial school or the futility of passing exams, but is a volume of short stories of the unconventional type. Hemingway is an American cosmopolitan with a Latin outlook, and consequently there is no trace of moralisation in his stories. To those unfamiliar with his work; his sustained subjectivity may be a little disconcerting and his staccato style condemned as affectation. A further examination will show, however, that his economy of words is most forcible. The fact that his characters in their utterances confine themselves to single sen-Those few noble souls who have tences and often repeat themselves, gazed with disgust on the piebald may seem unreal; but there is no denving its significance in driving Gym. stage will be delighted to hear home the author's point. The slightthat the Dram. Club has succeeded ness, or total lack of plot, may be curtains. These have been acquired scurity, and in "The Sea Change" from the trustees of the Teachers the charge would be justifiable, but Training College, with the assistance elsewhere it will have to be conceded of Miss Irvine-Smith, well known that this heightens the effect of as the producer of many fine shows realism. This effect is best portray-at the T.T.C., Wellington. ed in "A Way You'll Never Be"-The curtains are surmounted by a the revelation of the mind of a shell-

> "The stork is a very valuable bird, Inhabiting all sorts of districts. Though it doesn't yield plumes It helps out with the vital statistica."

## THE COCKPIT.

#### RECORDS.

V.U.C., 8th March, 1935.

To the Editor, "Smad Sir,-Steps are at present being taken to obtain a complete series of "Spike," from the first number, with the Students' Association.

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Yours faithfully,

W. R. BIRKS. Records Other.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE.

A letter has been received from Mr. K. J. Scott objecting to the principle involved in the policy of the context.

#### CAPPICADE.

Last year the frantic efforts of a few individuals, together with the unconscious co-operation of in a record sale of the 2000 "Cappicades" printed. For the uninitiated, "Cappicade" purports to be a pro-Revue. It is, of course, nothing of the sort; the lists of graduates and performers are merely an excuse to on the printed page as Reddy Philthe prospects for this year's "Cappicade." Bigger, brighter and mad-"Cappicade" staff.

But we must have help. All thosin which they can assist, in the letter rack, by means of a note addressed to Carl Watson, Cappicader- ultimate reality. From their sensi- to do. in-Chief. Otago sold 10,000 Capping tiveness to veering social issues. Not only would they destroy the does things.

MORE ABOUT SEATS.

Friday, March 1st Arising from a letter from the Dramatic Club, the inadequacy of seating accommodation in the gymnasium was considered. The opinion was that the matter should be remedied if finance permitted. Mr Bradshaw nointed out that the continual hiring of chairs meant an unprofitable expenditure of Club money and it was finally decided to ascertain whether extra forms might be obtained from the Training College Hall.

"Here shall the Press the People's right maintain.

Unawed by principle and unbribed by gain. Here patriot Truth her glorious pre-

cepts draw, Pledged to Religion, Liberty and

("New Poems" is obtainable from Here with all men the Secretary of the Literary So. The clear and equal sunlight of the finest bodies of administrators he ciety at 1/- a copy).

## Poets Polemics.

"New Poems," selected by Ian Milner and Denis Glover. The Caxton Club Press, Canterbury College, 1934.

know that in New Zealand there are It is essential that, to grasp this idea poets whose verse sensitively reflects clearly, as its assists in the crampboth the changing scenes in the ing of one's ideas on the subject a view to binding and preserving theatre of our time and the formal into the circumscribed limits. The such series as the official record for currents in the stream of modern economist is very like the man seatpoetry. This small volume of verse ed beneath the banyan tree study-It has been found, however, that that the Caxton Club has published ing a book on longevity while a certain numbers are missing from is the first attempt to group those hungry tiger considers him with a the Association's collection, namely: New Zealand writers who are un-No. 29 of June, 1916. New Zealand writers who are un-compromisingly modern in outlook. consists of crudite commouplaces on The book is at once a challenge a system rapidly becoming effete. It and a valuable creative venture, is not within its scope to contem-The poets represented in the political developments which every Efforts are being mode to obtain anthology are by name, Jean moment threaten to engulf it.

these numbers and I would be very Alison, Lawrence Baigent. Charglad if any of your readers who have les Brasch, Eric Cook, Allen economist is peculiar to himself. It such numbers and would be precurnow, A. R. D. Fairburn, Denis should be called the "Economic pared to dispose of them to the Stupared to dispose of them to the Stu
Glover, R. A. K. Mason, Ian Milner, Method." Rather than gather the dents' Association, or who could as- and Carl Straubel. Only two or facts from which to ascertain the sist in obtaining such numbers, three of them have made their name truth, he asserts the truth (obtainwould communicate with me by and been granted grudging recogni- ed from some other course) and sets means of the letter-rack of College, tion by the pooh-bahs of culture, about collecting such facts as will Your assistance in this matter Yet anyone who is concerned about support it. If, as is sometimes the would be greatly appreciated the prospects of a creative up-surge case, he changes his mind, this is sibly on grounds of age, the writers back again. of "New Poems" are the most seri-

the Editor in deleting words as sip chit-chat of our minature "cul-reach a conclusion," "harmless" as "puppet," which was tural" circles; and with the tradibefore the phrase "politicians and and talent. But this is not the bureaucrats," and was omitted by break with tradition for blind rethe Editor. The policy of "Smad" volt's sake. Rather it is the realisain cases where alteration to an pr- tion that these forms, and the states ticle is being considered, is to re- of mind they express, may continue fer the matter to the author, but on to exist in the semblance of litera-

> lyricising and emotional embroidery, country a lifeless growth which, though not necessarily insincere, is in no sense creative.

"The poet," they go on to say, world's brightest humorists, resulted is the focal-point of awareness in his time, and since we are living in a revolutionary age, some interpretation of its influence is only to be gramme associated with the Capping expected. Several of these writers respond more definitely to social stimuli than others. Yet we do not feel they are poetically significant have as much fun with everybody because of their any common interest in social material for itself. What lips has on the stage. Excuse the compels our attention is the liberatverse, but we are feeling lyrical at ing effect of such material on their verse." That is the key to under-

larity of the classical forms, and isations. from the quick and flexible free verse of Ian Milner. In the last stanza of "Youth at the Dance" legions of the rising, oppressed multitudes:

"Their faces are more scarred Than a miner's boot and rough As a quarry-face and as hard As a hammer-head, and good tarred Canvas is not more tough." And from Milner's impassioned "To the Living"

Stand together now And let our anger-measure of our

love-Explode like shrapnel through the stagnant air. Nerve our fibres

In the acrid savour of renewal, And hearts recharged with passion. Bob Hall is reliably reported to Let our eyes drink

world." A.K.

# Rocks Ahead!

#### ECONOMICS COURSE.

Conscientious students will by this time have learnt from the best text-It is a greatly heartening thing to books that Economics is a science, represented in the anthology are, by plate any of the philosophical or

in this country must look to them. due to Progress, which is also re-With but a couple of omissions, pos- sponsible when he changes his mind

That a course in economics proous poets now writing in New Zea- vides a valuable training in versatility is demonstrated clearly in the For these are poets who have diversity of opinion it breeds on any shaken free from the paralysing grip question of importance. As a cerof official, bookish "Saturday-sup- tain wise man has said, "If all the plement" culture. They have broken economists in the world were with the politic literary-column-gos- placed end-to-end they would never

I offer a Parliamentary apology omitted from the Review of Mr. de tional forms, in whose refurbishing if I have suggested that a course la Mare's book. This word appeared the literary folk expend their time in Economics is of very little value.

#### PHILOSOPHOMANIA.

The scientist does not sit down to this occasion "time was of the es- ture after all life and interest has write a thesis on decaying fish or sence," and, as Mr. Scott agrees, the long ago fled them. As Milner and on the contents of garbage-tins, yet omission of the word did not affect Glover say in their excellent fore- the psychologist dotes on the lunatic and his imbecilities. And this prying "A predilection for decorative into putrescent humanity is hidden in a maze of technicalities, comweakly reminiscent of pre-war plexes, rationalisations and subnor-Georgian verse, has produced in this mal manifestations, just as the secret opium-smoker bides himself well away from the world before indulging his craving. The psychologist is the first to point out that the constant contact of a teacher with infant minds tends to make his own mind childish. How then does he escape from his own contact with the insane?

> Your philosopher is a morbid introspective fellow destroying our hearty humanity and good-fellowship. Remember the warl of Johnson's friend, who "tried to be a philosopher but cheerfulness would keep on coming in.

Condemning civilisation as a mass of repressions, he craves to return standing the poets of this volume, to the natural or bestial state. He der than ever is the motto of the Poets are of the prescient beings; says I have sex and libido. Well, one measures the major issues for what of it; I do not ask whether their own and immediately suc- he has corns on his right toe. He who can assist in any way with eessive generations in terms of their criticises the conventions in the presketch drawings or topical articles sensitive responses. And, emotions sent expressions of sex and favours are invited to leave their names, ally rooted not in fantasy but in fuller expression. On the same with an indication of the direction life, all these poets agree in seeing grounds, I suppose, I should murder the social problem as the pivotal a man I feel angry with, because it problem, the social locality as the is the natural and primitive thing

Programmes last year. Lend your their implied faith in a more cre- beauty of our emotional life, but weight and show them how Victoria ative way of living derives the re- even thought they destroy. In the nowned poetic vigour and pliancy of olden days one refuted another's argument with logic and reason. To-To select only two examples, from day your long-haired and shaggy the verse of R. A. K. Mason, who psychologist, when outwitted. deextracts the utmost dramatic power rides the arguments of his adversary from the rhyme, emphasis and regu- as defence-mechanisms or rational

> The psychologist forms part of the tyranny of modern life. The pacifist won't let us fight, the economic Mason describes the revolutionary system wout work and won't let us work, the Government won't let us he seditious, and the psychologist own't let us behave decently.

> > "If an enemy smite thee on the right cheek, let thy subsequent actions be governed largely by his

"Every man should know himself, but in doing so he is apt to waste a lot of time that might be spent on making more agreeable acquaintances."

have said that the present Swimming Club Committee is one of the has met.

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the immediate prospect is probably grinding in the special interests of their weight for the sake of saving one of peace. But accidents will the U.S.S.R. is likely to lessen the their own skins but have no social happen; and war is the kind of ac- effectiveness of the movement by vision beyond; and it may develop cident that seems to happen most earning it the cold shoulder from into an "ism" of some sort or ansurely when it is most prepared potential cannon-fodder who, for other masquerading under a single against. Corrent preparations are whatever reason, prefer the devil item of its programme. To be sure, furnishing all the materials required they know to the devil they merely this would not necessarily condemn

an end to the dirty sport of smash that war may not break out before than that of effectiveness under exing drilling, stabbing, poisoning, suf- the period of the annual examina- ixting conditions; but effectiveness focating, and blowing to bits the tions. It might break out after, under existing conditions is the soul-cases of tellow-beings who hav which would be worse. Nor can any whole point. committed no greater crime then to serious objection be based on the be born somewhere else; and the fact that the movement, so far as it fundamentals is no fault in the stuanti-war enthusiasm recently gener is audible to the V.U.C. student, is dent mind. The abolition of war is, ated in this College deserves the cloistered in a remote University however, a concern of many types heartiest commendation for its de College. Even if it were so restrict- of mind, among which quantitative sire to have the brutal activity ed (which is not the case), a start to fundamentals is too much to exstruck out of humanity's list of so must be made somewhere and some- pect. The immediate practical probhow; and if one University student lem is to make it possible for The measurement is undenliftedly (as at Serajevo) could star a Euro- solution of the problem cannot be whole souled and is no foulst pean war, there is no telling what hung up until the world is converted single hearted as well. Some of its two or three possessed of an equiva- to belief in some economic or politiimpulse seems, however, on a super- lent real could not set off in an op- cal cure-all. There are difficulties ficial view to come from worship posite direction Justifications exist enough without complicating the isperson the section of horses in plenty. Some are generous, such suc, it is a poor war that cannot be nomicus known as. Communist as the desire to see mankind freed made to seem just; it is an unusual which is doing not a little prompting of a cruel, indigman burden. Others, generation of youngsters that can behand the scenes of our craze so such as the objection to dying like resist the prospect of new expericial compile If the Anti-Wor those a dog in the gutter, or a student in ences such as war offers; it is a wonment derives its inspiration from the middle of a limitary), are not at derful enthusiasm that can be mainthis quarter which is not he all reprehensible for being purely tained in spite of failure to secure credible than that the mount it is personal. But the only justification immediate and gratifying results; of war a hand up with the restriction that can have to be effective is the and the work to be done is treat our since It is reast not a strong anti-war senti mendous. The position with which not so me is that the measures man among a large number of the Anti-War Movement has to might be and a stepaw for Come people in few reforms is mass feel- deal is simply and suggestively munous W are used to discharged such prime importance. An stated by Prof. Chartier ("Alain") and the movement hamstrings it- in his book "Mars, or the Truth which is to many who are not Cont sell it allows any character to be about Wir " If the mass of citizens montes and all and the affixed to it other or beyond that of does not exercise a continual pres-

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When everybody is talking fight, rather that any suspicion of axe- Dumdrudges who are ready to pull the movement on any ground other is very appropriate, therefore, for a 1 No serious objection can be taken this would no tnecessarily condemn effort to be made towards putting to the movement on the ground the movement on any grounds other

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What about the cricket, you ask? Well, we had one loss, two draws, and one game (fortunately) was washed out by rain. Our record was a mixture of good and bad, and we leave it to our readers to say just how good and just how bad. By the way, next Christmas the Team must have more support from 'Varsity men-we had to rope in three outsiders this year

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