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## Margaret McPherson Answers Mr. Falla.

"The Mind Under Capitalism and Communism."

Suggesting that Mr. Falla, in his article in last week's "Smad," had criticised the Russian mind and experiment by a consistent reference to the unrelated background of his own culture and ideals, Mrs. Margaret McPherson, well-known journalist and lecturer, commented in some detail on the writer's outlook. Mrs. McPherson particularised her subject of "Soviet Sidelights" by taking a lead from Mr. Falla's article and speaking on "The Mind Under Capitalism and Communism." Illustrating her comments on the new regime by a series of amusing anecdotes, she pointed out that the virtues accorded to the Russian people by Mr. Falla were a direct result of the progress towards Communism. Such a large aspect of the system, however, could not be covered in detail in the time available, and the lecturer passed on to more incisive comment on the outlook in capitalistic countries as contrasted with that in the U.S.S.R.

### The "Rot" In Capitalistic Art.

Under Capitalism, either the upper classes deceive themselves as to the condition of the workers or they drug them into passive acquiescence. The opiate of the talkies and the idealisation of the crook in detective fiction illustrated the bankruptcy and self-contradiction of the bourgeois outlook, in whose fiction the gentleman burglar was the logical hero.

Contrasted with this was the simplicity and directness of Soviet artists, whose literature, in particular was stated to be more virile than the decadent, morbid retrospection of writers under Capitalism. The realistic and objective confidence of "Quiet flows the Don" was compared with the sickly wail of "Not Understood."

Mrs. McPherson explained that the anti-religious museums were being used in the fight against the crippling superstition enchainning the minds of the millions.

### Education In Russia.

Referring to Mr. Falla's statement about the exclusive secondary schools for the children of the elite, the speaker said this was a mis-statement of the actual conditions. In Russia, as in all countries, there is a large percentage of people who have no desire for higher education, and the Soviet leaders make no attempt to force them to attain it. However, any person who has the desire and ability to further his studies is given every opportunity. In this way the Soviet is producing artists in the truest sense of the word.

Broadly general as was Mrs. Margaret McPherson's lecture, some of the final questions were considerably more so. In the few minutes available, questions of education, immigration, and the success or fail-

ure of the whole experiment were discussed, whilst the time-honoured interest in Soviet marriage was expressed. It was quite refreshing to hear that the housing problem in Russia was not caused by any breakdown in the first or second Five-Year Plans, but was merely the result of an extraordinary rise in birth-rate.

This lecture was undoubtedly one of the best and most entertaining delivered at the College, and we hope we shall have the opportunity of hearing her again.

## Manners and Morals.

Friday's Debate.

The debate on Friday night was partly concerned with the importance of convention in modern society, but most speakers merely scratched at the matter—probably due to the itch, as an interjector suggested. The itchiest speaker was Mr. Nesbit Sellers, who explained why the real gent always walks on the outside—so that the girl friend will catch all the rubbish tossed out from above. Again, why do men trouble themselves with ties? Is it to enhance their beauty, or merely to hide their unwashed necks? Well

An Englishman's conventionality is centred on his club. He hangs on to it till the end—"because they are trumps," flashed back an interjector.

Mr. Scott hurled convention overboard and feverishly tore off his tie. But that was all the interest he provided. Much more to the point was the news that belching is a sign of good manners, rather reminiscent of a "Come to Weir" campaign.

It also appears that Mr. Caruso used to rush away at half-time and spit. The modern young man does this on account of an overdose of lipstick. Still, one man seemed to think that women were a very desirable institution. He was followed by the great McGhie with a flood of debauchery and illegitimacy and his opinion of modern marriage—hit and run, but mostly hit.

### The Syllabus.

The 1935 Debating Syllabus has been finalised. Intending leaders of debate (affirmative or negative) should see a member of the Syllabus Sub-committee—Larkin and McElwain. Leaders arrange their own seconds, but intending seconds may find out the names of leaders from these committee-men.

"We are relieved to hear from Professor Miles, during the course of a lecture on the Binomial Theorem, that he does not intend going into combinations at present.

## Haeremai Hooley. Executive's All-Night Sitting.

Mr. Birks' Night Out.

The proceedings of the Haeremai Club at their annual meeting could aptly be described as a "howling social success." Mr. Birks was in the chair, and Mr. Sainsbury conducted the secretarial side of the meeting.

An eloquent appeal was launched to the effect that members should make themselves "au fait" with the hakas in view of the forthcoming tournament at Easter. The topic of hakas seemed to be all-important, since at the slightest provocation the chairman would burst forth into ecstatic exclamations about them.

### Birks and Beer.

Under this rather delectable caption, the eternal question of beer was belched forth by several members, but no satisfactory answer seemed to be given to the question. "Where did the beer go during the capping procession last year?"

Amidst the ensuing chaotic confusion, the balance sheet and statement of accounts were read. The Chairman stated that "the financial position of the club was strong"—whatever that may mean. During the detailed account of the Balance Sheet the word "halfpenny" seemed to occur with monotonous regularity. We are not certain whether this is indicative of a strong financial position.

### Election of Officers.

This monotonous task was ably controlled by the Chairman, who once again, after a short discussion on hakas and the relative merits of beer and other liquids, declared Professor Murphy re-elected President of the Club, opposed only by Mr. Brooks and Miss Irvine, both of whom, we understand, were unwilling to accept office. Following the election of president, the meeting developed into a heaving mass of frantic humanity. After the chairman had been consistently heckled, a vote of no confidence in the chair unsuccessfully attempted, and members had aired their views, consisting of sheer claptrap and balderdash, the remaining officers for the year were elected.

In fairness to this club, we must say that it deserves the support of more members of V.U.C. The ideals, aims and objects are the dissemination of goodwill and good fellowship, and in this respect the club is somewhat akin to the well-known Smith Family, the only difference being, apparently, that the Haeremai Club is in such a "strong financial position" that it is unnecessary for it to employ such people as Mr. T. C. A. Hislop to collect donations.

Mr. Cliff Camp has been appointed Chief Sampler to the N.Z. Reserve Tank.

The Executive meeting on Thursday opened with an added dignity, due to Professor Brown's visit. As chairman of the Professorial Board he discussed several matters of present importance—the forthcoming capping celebrations, Common Room reform, and the prospect of a satisfactory financial year. Capping was discussed, and after a strong recommendation for mercy towards the professors—meaning, of course, to get the frivolity over and let them settle down with their classes to good, solid grind, Professor Brown took his departure. He left the Executive with knitted brows and pallid faces and at least fifty-seven motions . . . before them.

The minutes were finally passed about 9.15 p.m. The pile of correspondence brought to light problems of which the harassed executive

its way to do more than give its approval to the project. This club is a revival of the Wellington Branch of the Historical Society, and although in the past meetings of this society have been held in the College, now it is being re-born as a College Club under the sponsorship of Mr. Smith and Harold Miller.

### Divided We Fall.

A letter was received from the Free Discussions Club, asking for permission to alter its constitution so that discussions might be reported, provided that individual speakers be not reported without their permission. Despite some vigorous opposition, the Executive at length approved this alteration, but only by a very narrow margin.

### Capping.

At 10.45 the question of Capping Week cast a decided gloom on the high spirits of the Executive. Arrangements, it seems, cannot be made to fit in the general scheme of things. Dates for the Extravaganza are hard to obtain, and despite Mr. Nankervis' most strenuous efforts, no finality has been reached. The matter is meantime simmering with a sub-committee. However, Mr. Bradshaw has been given charge of Undergrads' Supper (when it happens), and to Miss Hursthouse's tender mercies has been assigned the ball. Nothing definite could be arranged with things as they are, but there seems to be a distinct possibility of having to split up the festivities of Capping Week.

### Tournament.

11.10 p.m.—From Mr. Morpeth's maze of figures was produced the information that the subsidy to be granted to Tournament representatives this year is 15%. With 55 official representatives, the Executive will have to find over £40; and the prospect of fewer Stud. Ass. fees this year and Tournament here next year did not tend to make enthusiasm wax in the direction of a more generous subsidy. At midnight Mr. Bradshaw introduced the subject of collecting Student Association fees from people who have in the past year or so availed themselves of University clubs without being members of the association. Certain individual cases were considered for exemption from payment. At 12.15 the question of the new College blazers was introduced, and the method of voting by the students for choice of a blazer was gone into, the matter being finally left in Mr. Bradshaw's hands.

Freshers this year must have more sex-appeal than formerly. It is rumoured that the fact that Roy Jack kept her waiting some minutes at a nocturnal appointment was responsible for the late arrival of our Junior Librarian to open the Library on Friday last.

### CAUGHT IN THE ACT!



The Cafeteria Comptroller enjoys some V.U.C. broth.

had not even dreamed. First came Thyra Gill's resignation, which caused some consternation and no little regret. The question concerning candidates for a new committee-woman caused considerable consternation, but this will be determined at the next meeting. Then Mr. Wild's bright idea about a caliphont for the showers in the men's changing-room occupied the attention of the meeting. Ways and means were discussed whereby the shower could be turned into—if not a money-making, at least a self-supporting affair; but the answer was invariably cold water. The scheme is undoubtedly a good one, and the expenditure in this direction will be well worth while.

### Yet Another Club!

A letter was received from Mr. P. J. Smith concerning the affiliation of yet another club to be known as the College Historical Association, and, of course, asking for a little something with which to carry on. Until, however, a constitution is in the hands of the Executive, it cannot see

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## COMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, 10th—

Free Discussion. A. Katz on "Modern Racial Problems"

Nat. Hist. Soc. Dr. Oliver on "Sub. Antarctic Islands"

S.C.M. Rex Brian Kilroy "Behold the Man!"

Thursday, 11th—

Picture Night "The First World War"

Friday, 12th—

Dramatic Club Reading "The Distaff Side" J. van Druten.

Law Students Society. "Appeal to House of Lords."

Tuesday, 16th—

Literary Society Annual Meeting.

Wednesday, 17th—

Departure of Tournament Team.

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## Student Union Building.

The extent to which the new Art Room is being used is an added proof of the fact that collective activity will only develop in a suitable environment. Before the room was furnished there was much cynical doubt as to the extent to which it would be used. Critics maintained that there was not sufficient interest in Art at Victoria to cause the room to be utilised. They have been confounded. The chance of expression has developed the interest.

It is considerations like this that make those of us who look forward to a more vigorous student life, regard impatiently the slow growth of the fund to provide a Student Union Building. The fund at present amounts to about £1,100, and the amount of increase last year was approximately £180. With a similar Extravaganza success, another £180 may be added this year, but the total to be aimed at is far away—£20,000.

It is legitimate to obtain some of this by borrowing, on the grounds that future generations should help to pay for an institution which will chiefly be for their benefit. For the present, it would seem we could best urge on the work by selecting a site and making preparations that will keep the aim before our eyes and encourage our efforts to fill the gaping purse.

## College Life.

Many have talked of the power of the Press, but we must confess we are disappointed. Despite our sarcasm, the Victoria (special Library track) Stakes are as well patronised as ever, and, furthermore, the list so thoughtfully provided by the Executive in the Hall for securing rooms for club meetings is rapidly filling up, every night for a considerable period being taken already. Not only are all clubs preparing for big programmes in the face of the prevailing apathy, but the simple expedient of providing a list has manifestly not solved the problem of clashing fixtures. On Thursday last, to mention only one date, there were three meetings taking place within the buildings. If a student is to take an active interest in any club he must be able to attend it fairly regularly without the continual need of having to pick between conflicting loyalties.

## New College Blazer. Down Eros! Up Mars!

The question of a new Students' Association blazer has been before the Executive for a considerable period, and at a recent meeting it was resolved that three designs be submitted to the students for consideration. The designs are as follows:—

(a) **Plain Blazer.**—This blazer would be somewhat similar to Weir House blazer, being plain College green with badge on pocket.

(b) **Present Blues Blazer.**—This blazer would be identical with the present Blues blazer, minus date and letter. The present badge might be replaced by the full arms crest and College motto.

(c) **Old College Blazer.**—The blazer which was in use before the current blazer was introduced four years ago, and consists of a design on College green with 1/2 in. gold vertical stripes at intervals of 1/2 in. Students are also requested to cast a vote on the question of the adoption of the full College arms, crest and motto.

Samples of blazers and badges are on view in the hall of the College, and it must be noted that the samples exhibit design only. The ultimate shade of colour will be the recognised College colours, and the quality of material will have to be chosen by the Executive.

**Price.**—The price of a plain blazer with the full crest, arms and motto, made to measure, would be between 45/- and 50/-, designs (b) and (c) varying on the higher side by about 2/-. The use of arms only for badge would mean a reduction of approximately 2/6 in the cost.

A supply of voting papers is in the possession of Mr. Brook, and may be obtained in the period between ten minutes to and ten minutes after the hour.

Tenderest, the time is near, is here,  
When you and I shall pause no longer

In the wake of gas and lead,  
Say now your prayers, if prayers you have to offer;

Fold your lifetime's toil in that late list,  
No more shall boom for us the cannon,

No more the earth tremble,  
Come away, Tenderest, I am blind;  
Lead me to my grave.

My love, my soul, my little war-fiend,

Tell me lingering tales of war!  
No use for outside prattle!  
Whisper war to me.

Come, my love, I am dying;  
Only tales of war can soothe me,  
For there's war within the clouds.  
Furious wings shoot thick above me . . . .

Are they angels? . . . I am dying . . .  
Are they come to take me?

Ah, they come, man's angry Angels,  
Bringing sleep.

My love, the world is gone to rest . . . !

And a poor old Man,  
With His hand across His brow,  
Scans the wilderness of scene,  
Fixing in His head tall plans  
For His new man's future.  
And there shall be no war  
When all is over.

M.L.

As the selection of a suitable blazer is of vital interest to all students, it is earnestly hoped that all members will exercise a vote.

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It is not true that the Dramatic Society is under the thumb of Miss Tossman.

## Short Shrift.

(By D. Bunker.)

### M'LUD AMONG THE BOLSHEVIKS.

Dear "Smad,"—

We rejoice that Mr. Falla has emerged from his terrifying experiences among the drear, drab, melon-faced Muscovites and has returned in triumph to the civilised corridors of Oxford.

We hope that, despite his self-admitted "competent" knowledge of the oh-so-guttural Slav jargon, Mr. Falla's pure Osonian idiom remains undefiled.

Doubtless it was an upsetting experience for a man of Mr. Falla's background to be called "comrade" by common labourers. Really, these things aren't done at Oxford, y'know. In fact Moscow, from Oxford's point of view, is just a bad dream. It was so boorish, so plebeian, and so animal. It was nice of Mr. Falla to show us how abhorrent it all is to a really civilised person.

Now, after his little slumming party, we hope Mr. Falla can rest assured that Britons never, never will be Slavs.

### "THE FIRST WORLD WAR."

REVIEW.

This remarkably comprehensive picture shows how the world prepared for its last war, shows how it fought that war on land and sea and in the air, and gives glimpses of how the same world is preparing to-day for another war. The photography, of course, would seem crude to a sophisticated fan, and the sound consists only of alternate running comment and "appropriate" music.

The picture is marred by two defects. Although it shows much of the wastage of life, it pays no heed to the blighting and twisting of life. If this is war—if war means happy life and perhaps sudden heroic death—"now more than ever seems it sweet to die," especially to the stirring martial music. And yet one hears the film referred to as anti-war propaganda.

The other defect is not so important. Obviously, a picture of this nature cannot reveal that the war was really a crisis in the economic conflict between rival systems of imperialism, but surely it isn't necessary to suggest quite so strongly that the poor Kaiser was responsible.

Nevertheless the film is an immensely interesting historical document which nobody should miss seeing. "Smad" hears that the Anti-War Movement is having a shilling party in the best seats on Thursday (the 11th).

### Prof. Murphy Tells a True Story—"The Prodigal Son."

In 1913, a wealthy gentleman in Vienna departed this life and left each of his sons a million pounds. One was a good young man and the other was bad. The good young man invested in Austrian Government stock, while the other had young man invested his million in wine and song at all events. At the end of a short time all the bad young man had was a cellar full of bottles and corks. Then came the war and the Austrian currency went very flat so that the good young man was worth 2/6. On the other hand, bottles and corks had shot up in value and the bad young man was worth about £30,000.

# THE COCKPIT

## SHOCKED.

Dear "Smad"—

In common with many students who can claim to have the best interests of the College at heart, I have been surprised and dismayed by the lack of taste displayed by certain members of the tennis club. These members of a club which has arrogated unto itself the right to dictate who shall play on the courts, and in what coloured costume have calmly proceeded to leap about the courts in abbreviated and scanty garb. I refer to these shorts as I believe they are called. Perhaps these people want to distract attention from the weaknesses in their game by their costume. If so, they have certainly succeeded as many God-fearing people returning on Sundays from Divine Worship have been disgusted by the display of angular limbs.

The Students Association constitution definitely lays down that—"The field dress and badges of all members of sport clubs shall, before use be submitted to the Executive for approval." Presumably these people know this rule—certainly one frequent offender as a member of the Executive should know of its existence.

I am sure all reasonable people will join with me in asking the Executive to take stern disciplinary steps in regard to the offending club and its would-be smart members and teach them a well-deserved lesson in breeding, and thus remove this slur on the fair name of the College.

—"Not a Wowser."

## FRESHER SPEAKS.

Dear "Smad,"—

As a fresher (I suppose freshmen are allowed to contribute to your time-honoured magazine) I would like to give my views on some of the College institutions.

First, the men's common room (very common as a rule!); Light is supplied by large windows flanked on one side by some antiquated curtains, apparently the last of the old brigade. It is suggested that these curtains should be taken down and used to drape the skeleton in the Museum, or put into a glass case with a suitable inscription, such as: "Presented to the University by Queen Victoria for hanging in a Suitable Position." It is also suggested that Mr. Currie and the Natural History Society conduct a search to find the exact number of new species of bacteria existing among the dust in the Common Room furniture (or shall we say "suite"?). However, I think most of us would miss the old curtain, dust, furniture, cigarette butts, etc., if they were duly removed.

The remarks made by "Hungry" in a previous issue of "Smad" sum up the Cafeteria position rather neatly. When sustenance is needed between lectures (and it often is!) it is certainly rather a wrench to have to pay 3d. a cup for "stimulant," or 2d. a cup for tea. The only thing you have plenty of is sugar. Surely the Students' Association do not think these reasonable prices. Sixpence for two cups of coffee and fourpence for two cups of tea! To quote Byron, or, better still, Mac West (abridged). "They done us wrong!"

The Library struck me as being most efficiently managed, but the atmosphere seemed most oppressive. The place seemed as "dead" as a crystal set I made once.

## "THE BLACK GIRL'S BROTHER" AGAIN.

Dear "Smad,"—

An innocent, unsophisticated little nigger thanks Mr. Miller for his epistle on two of the attendant evils of authorship, but frankly admits that, in spite of all Mr. Miller's "irresistible longing" and "what-oh-ing," his soul is still intact.

Mr. Miller is truly a conundrum. He spends two-thirds of his letter in treating what he says is unimportant, and dismisses what he holds is important, together with my question, in seven lines! And to cap it all, he renders in conclusion two paragraphs—one on Marxian Communism (which I made no pretension to support) and the other on a plea for mysticism. Further, in the course of his letter he assumes on no adequate grounds that I "advocate" atheism.

Mr. Miller misses the point of my argument in connection with the lamentable history of the Church. I will repeat it more simply for his benefit. The men who committed the atrocities a chronicle of which, as Mr. Miller says, can be found in "any thorough church history," were men who claimed to have encountered the "personal intervention of God in their lives." Now, if these men, all of whom had received this "personal intervention" could commit such crimes, are we not entitled to suppose that this "personal intervention" is not enough to reform the world?

And now, to please the irritated Mr. Miller—an unconditional confession—first my real name is Kabush and I live in the Nuba mountains; and, secondly, the whole of this letter is taken verbatim from "An innocent . . . dictionary," from the Shorter Oxford Dictionary.

The Black Girl's Brother.

## NEW POEMS.

Dear "Smad,"—

In reviewing "New Poems" for "Smad," I gave my own enthusiastic opinion, hoping that other people would get some idea of the verse from my review. But your correspondent "M.L." thinks there have been no poets since the English Lake poets, rebukes the writers of "New Poems" for not writing like the English Lake poets, and by implication chastises me for being perverse enough to like modern verse and to praise these young New Zealand poets because they are writing in modern idiom and about modern problems. Finding no beauty in any of the poetry of the last hundred years, "M.L." suggests that the poems I reviewed are inspired by "immortality in words, apocalypticism, and gallery play." To him, this may be a brave defence of the Romantic tradition of Beauty in Poetry. I'd call it merely bad manners.

Of course if I wanted to play personalities in the way "M.L." does, I could point out that at least three of the poets of "New Poems" have written volumes of verse that have been highly praised in America and England; that one of these is the only New Zealand poet to be represented in Harold Monro's standard "Anthology of Twentieth Century Poetry" (Phoenix Library). As for the others, only a disgruntled bigot

Finally, a question: Has anyone ever managed to walk along a corridor without making an unearthly noise? If so, how.

FRANKENSTEIN.

would question their sincerity. "M.L." can take them or leave them. I'm sure nobody cares.

I don't want to bore "Smad" with a personal squabble about tastes in poetry. I think most people will agree that the poetry of the English Romantics comprises a magnificent portion in the English poetic heritage. But these poets lived a hundred years ago; their reactions and problems and conclusions about life, and the forms in which these found expression, were adequate for them; they no longer are for us, although, through their art, we gain appreciative insight into these.

The times change. A psychologist, or anyone who knows how intimately inter-connected are all of an individual's reactions, including poetic ones, and how closely these are bound up with life, will tell "M.L." that "Poetry for Poetry's sake" is an exploded doctrine which, as a matter of fact none of the poets he likes held to. Poets are people in the signal-towers of their time who can see what other people miss. So the writers of "New Poems," as I tried to show in my reviews, are responding to the triumph of the collective ideal over the Romantic individual one. I think if "M.L." is really concerned about poetry he will try to see this A.B.C. point.

A third party's remark on "New Poems" may be a propos. Mr. H. Winstone Rhodes, English lecturer at Canterbury College, said about the book in "To-morrow": "The publishers are to be congratulated upon this excellent venture . . . I should certainly recommend 'New Poems' as a valuable addition to our library of verse."

ALFRED KATZ.

## MODEST AND EFFICIENT.

Dear "Smad,"—

"Bayard" brays hard in his dispraise of an Exec. that does its work modestly and efficiently, but decently fails to go chasing after the fleshpots of notoriety. Either the parfait knight has had a bad night or else the Stud. Ass. elections are within coo-ee. The tone of this "Truth" stuff that Bayard emits sounds suspiciously like pre-election propaganda. Is it designed to make straight the path of some young boulder who seems in Exec. office an opportunity for bringing his name prominently before all and sundry (particularly his employers) as the Vox Studentium of V.U.C.? The work of the Exec. is to execute the common will of the students, not to go publicity-mongering in their own interest under the pretext of sweetening the public, much less to be that pestilential nuisance of modern times, "a potent politically progressive, up-to-date body." If there is a Hitler in our midst who would like "to centralise" student opinion in himself, his presence has been indicated in time, and we have now no excuse for failing to scrutinise carefully the personal proclivities, particularly the selfish ambitions, of any who offers, or contrives to have himself offered, for election this year, to that representative committee the competence of which has justly been measured in the past by the quietness and inconspicuousness with which its individual members have discharged their duties on behalf of the student body. Leave potent political progressiveness to the students, Bayard, whose multifarious club activities can quite properly compass this sort of thing, but refrain I beg of you, from yahooping at one of the best Executives we have ever had simply because they do not descend to noisy self-advertisement.

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### Prospects for Easter Tournament.

#### CRICKET.

The match against Midland was resumed on Saturday afternoon. Varsity had concluded their first innings the previous week and Midland found the total of 256 too many for them. After a good start they collapsed and could only total 229, against mediocre bowling and fielding.

The play before tea was mainly notable for a first wicket partnership between Tindill and Bill Osborn who completely mastered the Varsity bowling and ran to 149 before they were separated, Osborn being caught by Blandford off the last ball before the tea interval. To Edgley must go the credit of breaking this dangerous partnership. Tricklebank, Harpur, Stevens, Dean, and Vietmeyer, all bowled without success, although the batsmen had been assisted by fielding which was only good in patches. At least two chances went begging and the ground fielding was not as clean as usual. After tea, Baker joined Tindill who, however, did not last long, going l.b.w. to Stevens, two wickets being down for 173. Stevens now had one for 61, but his performance was better than the figures indicate, as he had taken the brunt of the attack on his shoulders to keep the runs down. From then on, the bowlers were definitely on top, Tricklebank and Harpur being successful in dividing the remaining wickets between them. The last 8 batsmen added only 14 runs and the total of 229 gave Varsity a 5-point win, and left them in third position on the senior championship ladder. The bowling figures were—Tricklebank 4 for 64, Harpur 3 for 26, Stevens 1 for 61, and Edgley 1 for 14

#### INTER-FACULTY SPORTS.

Shot Put—Donovan 1 (33.0), Powell 2, Eade 3.

100 yards Freshers—Adams 1, Sunley 2, Taylor 3. Time 11 secs.

100 yards—Bowie 1, Smith 2, Arnold 3. Time 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

880 yards—Black 1, Birks 2, Eggleston 3. Time 2.06.

120 yards Hurdles—Bowie 1, Holderness 2, Patience 3.

Hop, step and jump—Patience 1, (45.2), Powell 2, Griffiths 3.

220 yards flat—Smith 1, Bowie 2, McElwain 3. Time 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

220 yards Freshers—Patience 1, Adams 2, Taylor 3. Time 25secs.

One Mile Walk—Eade 1, Birks 2. Time 7.15.

Javelin—Powell 1 (121-23), Donovan 2, Turnbull 3.

High jump—McIntosh 1, (5-6), Adams 2, Wogan 3.

One Mile—Morpeth 1, Desborough 2, Dixon 3.

220 Hurdles—Bowie 1, Holderness 2, Patience 3. Time 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

440 yards flat—Smith 1, McElwain 2, Chesterman 3. Time 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Long jump—McIntosh 1 (19-94), Griffiths 2, Patience 3.

Inter-faculty relay—Arts 1.

All events were championship events. Points are as follow: Arts and Science 61, Law and Commerce 89.

The points cup has been won by P. T. Bowie.

The tournament team has been picked as follows: McElwain, Chesterman, Black, Morpeth, Bowie, Holderness, Abraham, Eade, Birks, B. M. McIntosh, Lauchlin, H. M. McIntosh, and Mason.

#### TOURNAMENT PROSPECTS.

This coming Easter, Victoria will strive with the other Colleges at tournament. It will be our honest endeavour to hand over the "wooden spoon." Prospects are not bright—indeed, the outlook is very gloomy and the question the "cognoscenti" are asking themselves is, will it be necessary to brush the dust off the souvenir of last Easter's efforts.

#### Swimming.

All that can be hoped for at Tournament is a place in the 220 yards breaststroke. The V.U.C. team is not made up of strong swimmers and the opposition will in some cases be of New Zealand championship class.

#### Rowing.

The placing of the the rowing at Tournament is extremely hard to judge. Rowing at the best of times is hard to pick. The V.U.C. crew is keen and improving with every row. They are, however, an absolutely untried combination, and, against them, we find an experienced Canterbury crew, who have been in strict training for some months. Auckland is bound to be a strong combination, while Otago will have the advantage of knowing the course. Their heavy crew will have had longer together this year owing to Easter falling so late.

#### Athletics.

The athletic team will have to strive very hard if they wish to hand on the "wooden spoon." Bowie and Eade seem likely for wins, and the possibles among the places are Morpeth, McElwain, Birks and McIntosh.

Reports from other Colleges give us some idea of what our Tournament Representatives will be up against in Dunedin at Easter.

In the Swimming, Syme (O.U.) should win every men's event. Keen competition for minor placings may be expected from Lazarus (A.U.C.), Herrick and Atterley (C.U.C.), and Clarke (O.U.), all of whom can do the hundred in about 60 seconds. There is no definite news about the Women's events.

Athletic news is plentiful from C.U.C., who are losing some of their old champions and in search of new blood. Carmichael will be out again, but there is no second string. Boot, the Timaru schoolboy record-breaker, is considered to have a great chance in the 880 and mile. A. T. Anderson, Oldfield and Geddes are likely quarter-milers. Joe Ward has gone to England, and there is no walker. Milner and Benham, who ran against Bowie at the New Zealand championships, will be starters against him again in the hurdles, and C.U.C. officials think Milner can extend Bowie to the limit this time. A. T. Anderson is considered a safe bet for the 440 hurdles. Tiffen, who jumped well last year, will again represent, but otherwise C.U.C. will have to rely on new blood for field events. Brainsby, Empire Games representative, has been voted eligible for A.U.C., and he will be unbeatable in the jumps. The championships will be evenly divided, it seems, and it is in the second places that V.U.C. must be all out to pick up points. It is hard to forecast the Basketball and physical fitness will probably win the day. We have but little news as to Boxing, Shooting, and Tennis, but V.U.C. should stand an even chance in these sports.

#### BOXING CHANCES.

The Boxing team is training steadily under the tutelage of Roy Brien, and with only a fraction of the luck that is so overdue, should give a good account of itself in Dunedin.

Armour ought to be the heaviest man in the four teams, and if he hops into it instead of repeating leaning tactics, he should beat any opponent. Our College tourney proved that Hott is a hard man to knock down, and he will do well if he speeds up a little. The provincial rowing eights in which he is rowing for Wellington may tire Boswell, but he is as fit as can be. Edgley's strength is untried, but he is a strong fighter and will do well. The best boxer in the team is Meek, and "Smad's" shirt will be on him. If they are properly fit and continue hard training, the lightweights Akel and Lennie will also put up creditable showings.

It is a fairly well balanced team and, given a change of 1933 and 1934 luck, it has every chance of success.

#### AND THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST.

The Swimming Club met in solemn conclave last Monday week and with due consideration picked its tournament representatives. To say the least their choice has resulted in an injustice to Andrews. The circumstances are as follows: Andrews was invited to swim in the tournament trials. He came a bad last in the 100 yards, but won the 220 yards fairly comfortably. There was no 440 yards trial. These trials are practically all that can be taken cognisance of when picking the team, yet the committee with this meagre information met and picked the team.

There seems to be no doubt that, if satisfactory trials had been held, Andrews would have proved to have been the best distance swimmer by several yards in the 220 and by a bigger margin in the 440. The four events that the free-style swimmers compete in at the Tournament are the relay (66 $\frac{2}{3}$  yds.), 100 yards, 220 yards, and 440 yards. Mason emerged as the best sprint swimmer—Andrews as the best distance swimmer—yet Andrews was left out of the team.

The Swimming Club can have no possible defence for its action—there is none. Andrews cannot be turned down on the ground of non-participation in club events when Meek has been placed in the team. Again, it cannot be said that sprint races are more important than distance races—V.U.C. chances in these events are equally negligible. The non-inclusion of Andrews will not have weakened the team when judging its points-earning capacity, but what the action entails is that one person has been unjustly deprived of the honour of representing his College.

"Smad" will welcome any explanation on the part of the Swimming Club, in fact, we consider the situation demands one.

#### COME TO BUTTERFLY.

Are you going in the crowd that is going to Butterfly for the Natural History Society expedition on Sunday? If you know the difference between a cow and a sheep, come along and help the scientists, and make this the "picnic" of the year.



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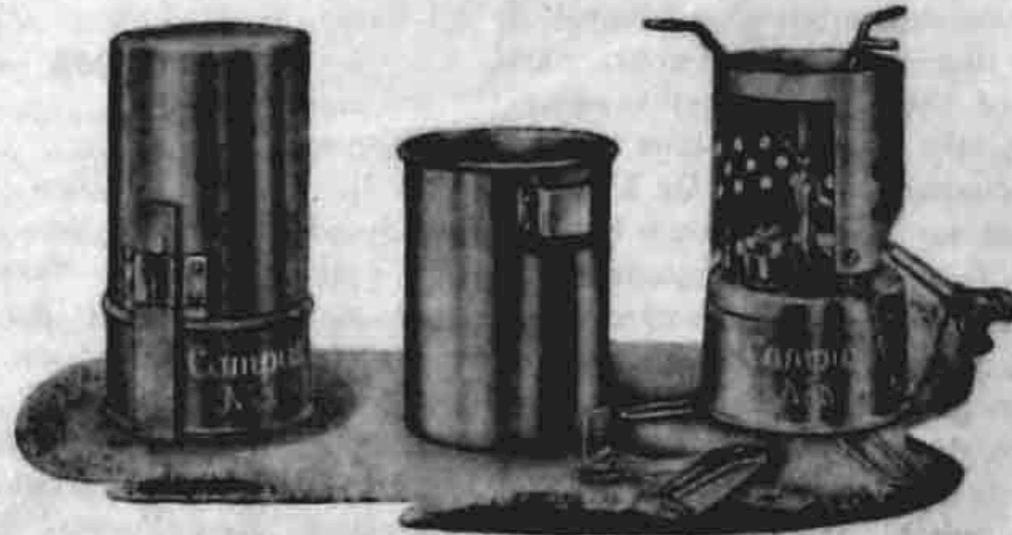
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