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Communism Dictatorship Democracy.

But the Greatest of These is Democracy.

Speaking at the Free Discussions Club on July 17, Dr. Mitchell defended the cause of Democracy against Communism and Dictatorship. His address took the form of a theoretical discussion of the underlying principles of these three systems.

Beginning with democracy, he stated that faith in human nature and in its latent potentialities is essential to democracy, because democracy is based on the rights of each individual to become the best man he can possibly be. The supporter of democracy believes (1) that every normal man is endowed with a personality; (2) that every man should be free to develop his own personality to the benefit of society as a whole; (3) that each individual is free, possessing a will of his own, and should not therefore be regarded as the product of a machine; (4) that individuals are rational (not ideally or 100 per cent rational, but still capable of development); and (5) that man is infinite in capacity and that every man possesses in some degree a progressive ideal or aim. Taking into account these five principles, we find that the fundamental principle of democracy is that of promoting human welfare—of developing personality rather than of amassing material wealth.

Communism.

In dealing with Communism, Dr. Mitchell pointed out that Communism disregards number (5) of these principles, for Communism places material things above spiritual ideals (the old "feed the brute" method), and also regards man as being first and foremost an economic agent. Marx was right in so far as he saw that the conflict in the world to-day is not a conflict of things but of persons—i.e., that it is not capitalism but the capitalist who is the stumbling-block to society. But he failed in that he emphasised the material aspect of society to the complete neglect of the spiritual aspect. He had not grasped the fact that man is not so much a product of his physical environment as he is (or should be!) the creator of a spiritual environment, by means of which he can bring his physical environment more into conformity with his ideals.

Dictatorship.

Passing on to deal with dictatorship, Dr. Mitchell showed that this form of government is a complete contradiction to the principles of democracy because it denies the freedom of the individual. Under a dictatorship individuals become the unwilling victims and tools of the dictator and are prevented from carrying out free ideals freely conceived.

Democracy Requires Sacrifice.

Replying to the challenge that democracy has not been much of a success, Dr. Mitchell explained that people have never given democracy

a real trial. The success of democracy depends on the willingness of every single individual to fulfil his obligation in the development of society. This involves personal sacrifice, and unless we, as individuals in society, are prepared to do our share in promoting human welfare, the democratic State can never attain to the complete fulfilment of its ideal. Dr. Mitchell here quoted that wise saying: "A fool in the community, a fool in Parliament; a rich man in society, a rich man in Parliament; a wise man in society, a wise man in Parliament."

Man's Personality.

Someone here queried the advisability of allowing men freedom to develop their personalities. Dr. Mitchell pointed out that it was useless forcing a man to be good; he must learn to be good of his own free will. If God had not realised the necessity of allowing man to exert his will freely, surely He would have "stuck up a notice and planted a policeman to stop Eve from eating the apple!" Self-imposed discipline is essential to the development of strong personality. So the individual must learn to govern and control his personal aims and ambitions according to the effect he wishes to have on the whole of society.

Just as the discussion was getting really interesting, Mr. Brooks' "Lights out!" brought the meeting to a close. All present accorded Dr. Mitchell a hearty vote of thanks for promoting one of the best discussions of the year.

The Bledisloe Medal.

Tucked away in a corner of the "Dominion" of July 19 is a Press Association message conveying the news that the Bledisloe Medal Contest, held at Dunedin on the previous day, was won by Miss C. S. Forde, of V.U.C.

"Good old Cathie!" says "Smad." Her long and determined assaults on the Plunket Medal gave Cathie what many more fortunate contestants did not get—a training in oratory. As a spell-binder, Cathie stood pre-eminent at V.U.C. Through her, V.U.C. now stands pre-eminent among the University Colleges—as the first to put a woman competitor through the contest.

Cathie is entitled to be regarded henceforth as "some man or woman of note in New Zealand history," and no one will grudge her the honour.

"New Speakers" Debate.

Poor attendance was the only disappointing feature of the second New Speakers' Debate, held last Thursday. The subject, "That the student is prepared to be instructed rather than to think," gave an opportunity for much pointed criticism of our University system, and speakers were not slow in referring the argument to V.U.C. in particular. "Potted information," "the utter apathy in various discussion clubs here," and the existence of "group opinions," provided the main planks in the affirmative platform. The negative based their case on the "advanced" movements among students in countries all over the world, with radicalism at Victoria as a fitting climax. "Certainly we didn't get that radicalism from our professors!" said one speaker.

The lighter vein was not absent. "I have here—" "A library!" supplied a prompt interjector, with an eye to the speaker's formidable pile of documentary evidence. Then there was a moving argument based on the digestive organs of one McEwan—but perhaps we weren't supposed to be amused!

After hearing the evidence the audience were evenly divided, but the chairman's casting vote went in favour of the motion. The judge (Mr. McCarthy), after some very helpful criticism, placed the speakers in the following order: Mr. Jack, Miss Stock, Mr. Mitchell, Miss Heford, Mr. Alexander.

"Badger's Green."

On Friday night the Dramatic Club read a play by Sherrif which told how the sleepy village of Badger's Green was threatened by the onslaught of civilisation, and how the fine old game of cricket finally came to the aid of rural England.

Mr. Wild interpreted the difficult part of the dreamy old doctor with a fine restraint; Mr. Christensen made Mr. Twigg just the pathetic little figure he was meant to be, while Mr. McGhie had the part of a testy old major. These three schemed to save the village from a speculator, Mr. Davidson.

One day, in a moment of crisis in a cricket match against the neighbouring village, Mr. Davidson was pressed into service: once he had played a real game on the village green, his desire for reform dies away. If the English countryside was to be despoiled, it must be by other hands.

Miss D. Grainger gave a sympathetic performance as the secretary of the hard fisted business man. Breathing the scent of green grass, sunshine and open air, the play was a delightful interlude in the drab life of the spectator.

New Executive Disposes of Routine in Record Time.

The first meeting of the new Executive took place on Thursday last. All new members, except Mr. Birks, distinguished themselves by arriving late. The new President, after a fatherly talk, got down to business and, with Mr. Scotney to move the closure when necessary, the twenty-two items on the agenda were disposed of in record time.

"Smad's" Hansard reporter prided himself upon his punctual appearance at the first Exec. Meeting last Thursday, but his pride was not shared by Misses Grainger, McLaren and Harding and Mr. Scotney, who arrived at intervals between 8 and 8.30 p.m.

The meeting began at 8.5 p.m., the McGhie reading the minutes with pompous and deliberate articulation which must have sounded somewhat impressive to the one new member present at this stage. To the accompaniment of a regular tattoo from hockey players, the minutes were continued until interrupted at 8.15 p.m. by the entry of Misses Grainger and Harding, flushed and apologetic. A suave and unperturbed Mr. Scotney then interrupted, closely followed by Miss McLaren. The McGhie and the hockey still continued.

The President.

Mr. Bradshaw rose and proceeded with a neat, well-rehearsed speech of welcome to new members. "When I was a new member I was frightened to open my mouth for six months . . ." quoth the veteran, in urging new members "to stand up, speak up, and shut up." Anxious looks were directed at "Smad" when this strong language was used. Mr. Bradshaw also mentioned the word "punctuality," whereat offenders above-mentioned registered renewed embarrassment.

Business.

Following a number of minor matters, the Constitution of the Historical Society was approved; it could hardly be refused when backed up by a letter from Mr. P. J. S. Smith.

Subsidised Footballers.

An application from the Football Club raised the question of subsidies to travelling players. The Exec. resolved to adopt as its guiding principle that teams travelling for inter-Varsity matches may be subsidised, but that other applications should be viewed with disfavour. As far as the Christchurch trip was concerned, the Exec. would consider necessitous cases.

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Jack Mules was appointed assistant treasurer, and a visit to the Exec. room on Friday showed him learning the ropes under Mr. McIntosh's eye.

The Building Committee.

As directed by the Annual Meeting, the Exec. considered the constitution of the Building Committee, and decided that it could not be improved upon. Another direction was carried out in the appointment of a

commission of enquiry into the Cafeteria. This commission is to report to the Executive early in the third term.

Herr Scotney.

The Finance and Gym Committees were elected without trouble, but the question of a Stationery Controller aroused quite a storm. Miss McLaren accused Mr. Scotney of Fascist tendencies for moving the closure without allowing time for an adequate discussion. Mr. Scotney said he was quite willing to do the work, but that it was a delightful job for a woman. Mr. Bradshaw, to clear the air, called for fresh nominations, and Miss McLaren was elected. She was also elected unopposed as N.Z.U.S.A. member and corresponding member, Mr. Scotney declining nomination.

Honourable members for Football, Basketball and Hockey constituencies clashed over the personnel of the Blues Committee. After much involved discussion the following were elected: Mr. Bradshaw (chairman), Miss P. Quinlan, Messrs. Allen, Diederich, McIntosh, Plank, and Wild. They have yet to consent.

A Lifetime Job.

The appointment of Records Officer brought forth a speech from Mr. Birks. With becoming modesty he said he had not done very much, and added that it was a lifetime job. Mr. Birks then retired, and in his absence was re-elected.

A Home Away from Home.

Miss McLaren thinks the Exec. room should be refurbished or at least have some new linoleum. The President, however, would like to see forms instead of armchairs used for meetings, and thinks an atmosphere of discomfort will lead to strong efforts for a Student Building. A sub-committee to consider the rejuvenation of the Exec. room was appointed. Mr. Scotney at last accepted a portfolio. He also offered his services as a collector of Stud. Ass. subscriptions.

At 11.40 the meeting closed with the news that the next meeting would be on Thursday next at 7 o'clock.

The Honours French Class was amused when it read that a young man of the 12th century refused to join in a drunken brawl on the grounds that he had become a student and must now "play the wise man."—"Smad" reporters, please note!

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Mock Parliament at Otago.

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th instants the Public Questions Union at the University of Otago staged a Mock Parliament. A certain air of genuineness was given to the assembly by the presence of Mr. Munro, M.P., in the speaker's chair on the Wednesday night, the Hon. W. Downie Stewart on the Friday, and by a deputisation from the Unemployed Workers' Movement on the Thursday. A variety of political colours were shown on all three nights—official and Independent Labour Parties; a Communist, and sometimes two; Fascists with their black shirts, swastikas, and threatening dagger, paper-knife or toothpick; Conservatives led by the wit of the House; Social Credit fans eager to squeeze in a word about the immortal Douglas; and even a Liberal Party resurrected by the Law faculty. The funniest sillies came from the various brands of Diehards; the most serious contributions from the Labour benches.

The first night was devoted to a Conservative Defence Bill in which everyone used their imaginations rather freely and rather unprofitably; to a Labour Bill urging the Abolition of Preferential Tariffs. Thursday was occupied with the unemployed delegation and with a Communist Bill for the Nationalisation of Mines; Friday with a Conservative anti-sedition measure and one on venereal disease clinics from the Independent Labour Party. The session was well attended—in fact increasingly so on successive nights.

We have just been comparing notes on this and other subjects with a former Victoria student who was sergeant-at-arms at the Parliament (he had to brandish a hammer at sundry fellows more than once during the proceedings. As Nurse Somebody or other said, a Speaker is not enough). As another V.U.C. student was clerk of the court or the session or whatever you call it, we asked him if it was the comparative conservatism of Victoria that made your ex-students so eager to keep us down here in order. He replied, "No, no!" and added, as he saw us talking notes, "in a loud voice." He observed that, as far as Communism is concerned, Otago is "completely dead;" that our Communism has neither quantity nor quality. The political atmosphere of Otago, he continued, is definitely much more moderate than that of Victoria. He regarded this as a bad thing—or, rather (he really put it more moderately) not a good thing. Which place he meant it was not a good thing for, he didn't say. We have our own opinion, but, of course, we're polite people down here.

A. N. OTAGO.

SATURDAY, 27th.

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DAY OR NIGHT

The Rhodes Scholarship.

Most of us know, in a general sense, the qualifications required for a Rhodes scholar, but we are apt to forget the aims which prompted Cecil Rhodes to bequeath the bulk of a vast fortune for the benefit of students in the British colonies, the United States of America, and Germany.

The objects, so far as students from the colonies are concerned, are "for giving breadth to their views, for their instruction in life and manners, and for instilling into their minds the advantage to the colonies as well as to the United Kingdom of the retention of the unity of the Empire." The object of including American and German scholarships was to promote an understanding between the three peoples which would render war impossible, for "educational relationships make the strongest tie."

The qualifications—academic attainments, sporting prowess, and qualities of leadership—are searching tests and, further, the obligations of the Rhodes scholar to the community are great. Rhodes himself dedicated his life and fortune to the Empire, and it was his hope that those who benefited from the bequest would follow his example of service. Only outstanding students can fulfil these qualifications—men who are capable of making a success of their careers and who are able to command the attention and respect of others. The Empire looks to her Rhodes scholars to avail themselves of a unique opportunity of making their five talents ten, not for self, but for the benefit of mankind. Only thus can they fulfil the Rhodes ideal.

A Fishy Lecture.

"The purpose of eugenics culture is to improve homo sapiens; the purpose of fish culture is to improve fish." We gather from this that fish culture is merely a sort of fishy eugenics. Mr. Hefford, chief inspector of fisheries, was lecturing to a small but select gathering of Natural Historians last Wednesday evening. He asked us to throw our minds back several thousand years to the Chinese. This proved difficult, but we succeeded in doing so just in time to hear that the Chinese practised fish culture.

Mr. Hefford then described the methods used by modern fish culturists. The fish are caught while ascending the rivers to spawn. They are taken and "skipped." Fertilisation takes place in the water, and the eggs are hatched under conditions as perfect as possible. The young fish are taken to rivers where the stock is low and are there liberated—poor fish!

Some think that fish left to propagate naturally would do better than those in hatcheries. Fish culture, however, is definitely useful where poor spawning has resulted in understocked rivers.

After the lecture supper was served in the Pass Biology laboratory, and as the Zoo class had dissected dogfish there earlier in the evening, the atmosphere was appropriate for the occasion.

Women's Amazing Meeting.

The Women's Common Room Committee has been chosen! The usual enthusiastic crowd was present, at least 20 women voted, and the meeting lasted 15 minutes. This record for brevity would have been lowered had there not been some discussion, introduced with malicious aforethought, by four amazons, on the subject of the division of profits (if any) from the bridge party. These aforesaid parsimonious females wished to retain all profits for the Common Room, but were overruled by the idealists present. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and a balance-sheet, which couldn't be understood, approved, supper appeared.

And in case you're interested, the committee for the ensuing year is Misses Joy Stock, Muriel Lancaster, and Audrey Nisbett.

Fancy Frivolity.

Arriving at the Fancy Dress Ball on Saturday last, we gently murmured "Press" into the doorkeeper's ears and sidled into the Gym. Dashing from the rain to the heater, we found Janet Grainger (Dutch—very patched) looking tremendously Executive and asking Charlie Plank (gentleman) for hints with special reference to correct times of arrival. As the music started pounding above we dashed upstairs to find our partners unrecognisable behind substantial masks. However, Tom Birks (more or less reasonable attire) broke in on our searchings and confided that he was carefully disguised as an "athletic student."

The predominant note in female dress seemed to be Spanish or Scandinavian. Hitler (three copies, to prevent assassination) seized the male imagination (who said New Zealand was not Fascist?). However, Alf Katz was there to provide the Russian opposition, though we must admit that it looked more Cosack than proletarian. Nan Welch exposed herself to the world in what looked very like a dunce's cap, though she insisted that it was different in having a veil attached to it—a most bewitching witch. Then Peggy Price, with blatant shoulder and tiger skin, suggested Mrs. Tarzan or the original Amazonne. (She said it was Spanish, but we didn't think Spanish women were like that.)

A very profuse and abundant supper gave us the opportunity to admire Sheila Fraser's "theme in pakapoo tickets" and throw peanuts at Harpur for him to show off his famous monkey act.

The prize of the evening goes surely to the man who presented the recent bride (Jack Hlott) with that "beautiful" baby, and our commendation for most forethought to those in pyjamas and dressing-gowns.

It was a great pity that a show so well planned was not better attended, for there was a large percentage of outsiders; but the reputation of the Basketball and Haeremai Clubs for turning on one of the best dances of the year was in no way diminished. More frequent and less expensive dances might serve to keep the interest in 'Varsity dances higher.

We are glad to hear that the Exec. donated the sum of £1/10/6 to one of the lesser known Maintenance Accounts of the Wellington City Corporation.

Fishbones.

By Prof. Hound.

"N.Z.U.S.A.": Messrs. A. Katz and E. Bucklin thank the Editor of "Smad" for the delicate compliment to their influence implied in these letters.

"Distance bars travel to the majority"—Editorial, July 17. A similar illusion takes place when the majority travel to adjacent bars.

"Our Anti-War Movement, for example, might have joined in the international strike against Fascism and war on April 12."—Editorial, July 17. April 1 is a much better date on which to hold a war.

"Ave Caesar, morituri te salutant, we are tempted to murmur as we view the new lords we have elected to rule us."—Editorial, July 17. What we would like to know is, what member of the Executive did the shouting that tempted the Editor into murmuring this Fascist stuff?

J. Nesbitt Sellers murmurs in his turn, "Caveant Emptores."

"However, I feel that I can rely upon the honesty of three people who were present at the Annual General Meeting."—J. Nesbitt Sellers. Another powerful argument for excluding outsiders from participation in College activities.

"... that it be a recommendation to the Executive to hold a thorough enquiry into the question of the Building Committee."—J. B. Aimers. The question of the Building Committee is, of course: "Can we do nothing more impressively by meeting or not meeting?"

"At the monthly meeting of the St. Andrew Burns Club, which will be held in the Rechabite Hall, Willis Street, on Monday evening, the speaker will be Mr. A. T. S. McGhie. Mr. McGhie who won the second prize in the recent Plunket Medal oratory contest, will give an address on Burns."—"Evening Post," July 13. So far as our recollection goes, Mr. McGhie's Burns was neither Andrew nor a saint.

"Once a tiger has tasted blood you can never trust him again. It is much the same with inflationists."—Prof. Murphy.

WRITE FOR "SMAD."

With the end of year approaching, we again appeal to students to WRITE FOR "SMAD." Especially do we commend the "Fishbones" column to you. Send in social scandal, remarks overheard, lecture titbits, poems, articles, anything; otherwise this epitaph may have to be engraved over an untimely grave.

EPITAPH.

Victoria had a little mag,
Whose page was virgin snow,
And when she said, "Do write for us,"
The undergrads said "No."

And then one day, I grieve to say,
So great was inanition,
The white corpuscles won the day:
"Smad" died of malnutrition.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

I adopted a French child, and I'm learning French to understand him when he grows up.

"My husband says he's through with me. Should I take it to heart?"
—"No; take it to Court."

THE COCKPIT.

STANDARD OF BLUES.

Dear "Smad,"
 Apropos your remarks concerning the need for improving the standard of our Blues award.

The final judge of Blues standard is not the Blues Committee but the Executive.

This was clearly illustrated when the past Executive completely ignored the Constitution and awarded a Blue which was turned down by the Blues Committee on the ground of lack of "excellence in sport."

Obviously the standard of our Blues will not be raised in this way, and your own words will soon be realised, "our Blue becoming only a name."

Your comments concerning the proposal half-blues were probably inspired as amendments to the Constitution. Amendments along the lines of your suggestions were drafted prior to the last Annual General Meeting, and are, I understand, to be submitted to the Association members at an early date.

BLUE.

THE EXTRAV.

Dear "Smad,"
 I regret that Mr. Sellers has so little faith in the secretary's honesty. The point at issue is: did Mr. Phillips or the Exec, first suggest that Mr. Phillips should write the Extravaganza? The truth is not always clear-cut or simple. In this case it was obvious that everyone hoped and expected that Redmond would again write the Extrav, and Mr. McGhie's rather vague phrase, "it came to the ears of the Executive," exactly describes the situation. The fact that individual members of the Executive talked the matter over unofficially with Redmond tends rather to confirm than to give the lie to the secretary's statement. Doug. Burns, after talking with Redmond, gathered that he was considering writing an Extrav, and informed the Exec. of this.

I am aware that the last Executive, like their predecessors, did not always make wise decisions. We were to blame in making an indefinite arrangement with Redmond, but when Mr. Sellers accuses our most conscientious secretary of lying, then he forgets that moderation and fairness which are typical of him.

MARY HURSTHOUSE.

EXTRAV. AGAIN.

Dear "Smad,"
 Mr. Sellers was right when he said he was considerably handicapped in writing his letter, and, in the circumstances, he was a bold man to write such a letter on the interpretation of a sentence he did not hear used.

The only point he desires to make is that Mr. McGhie's words, "it had come to the ears of the Executive," implied that Mr. Phillips was "a pedlar" of plays. In the first place that is a possible but very strained interpretation of the words, and secondly it was an interpretation which did not occur to the meeting. Surely there are a hundred other ways the Exec. could have heard that Mr. Phillips was thinking about writing a play.

As far as Mr. Sellers' witnesses are concerned, we can only hope they were competent to remember what happened and were entirely unbiassed!

-CAROLUS.

Women's Club Bridge Party, Saturday Night, in aid of Building Fund.

RECORDS.

Dear "Smad,"
 It was not my intention to carry the matter of the University's records further until I learnt that the Executive had again appointed Mr. Birks to the position. This seems to be a very surprising step, for his letter in reply to mine seemed to indicate a small amount of activity, and, furthermore, I understand that he had not been able to do very much in his capacity as Records Officer. Will he have any more time now that he is a member of the Executive?

In his letter to "Smad," Mr. Birks said that the Records Officer was not "historian of the College," but in an earlier paragraph he quotes as one of the duties of the office the compilation of a list of past and present students, together with their records. I maintain, Sir, that the Records Officer should, in a sense, be a historian; that he should collect photographs and press cuttings and keep a record of current events, and thus compile something of more interest than a mere biography of students and their careers. If this were done now and continued from year to year, there is no doubt that the records would become valuable in the future.

In conclusion I suggest that the office is one which could be better filled by a person who is not a member of the Executive.

PEPYS.

THE LAST ROUND UP.

If only as an appreciation of our posters and the weekly notices in "Smad," it is to be hoped that the next few days will see the letter-rack snowed under with envelopes addressed "Editor, 'Spike'."

In case anyone is in ignorance of the fact, we would like to bring before the notice of contributors that the final date for accepting contributions is next Saturday, July 27. At the same time the editorial staff is conscious of the existence of exams, and other acts of God and professors, and will accept contributions that have evaded finalisation, later than the 27th, provided that notice is received of the intention to submit them.

In giving this notice, will contributors please intimate the date on which their submissions can be expected? The foregoing remarks are also applicable to photographic entries. These will be handled with extreme care, and those not required for reproduction will be carefully returned to entrants.

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 27th: Women's Club Bridge Party in Women's Common Room.

Closing date for "Spike" contributions.

Monday, 29th: Closing date for Literary Society's Competition.

Wednesday, 31st: Labour Club Meeting—Max Riske: "Further Lights on Russia."

Final number of "Smad" for this term.

"I wonder why my fiancée said I was good enough to eat?"

"Evidently because he's fond of plain food."

"My brother is a detective. He got a man involved in a murder."

"The murderer?"

"No; the man who was murdered."

Tale of a Fish.

This is a tale without a moral—not because I believe that such tales should be told without suitable moral appendages, but simply because it has not yet come to an end.

There was once a fish that lived in the sea—as most fishes do—but it was a very observant fish, and desired to get some higher education. So it left the undersea cave that was its home and swam out into the sunny waters beyond.

It found very many things of interest there, and gathered a great store of knowledge concerning the ways of the deep. From the sharks it learned discretion, and from the sea birds the art of diplomatic evasion; and even the whale could give it lessons in observation.

But one day it swam into the ken of man. The experience was most interesting in fact—under the piles of a wharf it was—with the sunlight filtering green through the water.

There was a curious glittering thing bobbing around there. Perhaps it might be good to eat? At any rate, why not try?

So it did, and almost at once there was a sharp tug and our fish found itself drawn rapidly upwards through the water.

It was most unpleasant, and he struggled and struggled, but could not get away. Out of the water and into the sun—dangling on the end of the fisherman's line. Most unpleasant, this. Flip, flop, flap—splash. Back into the water now, and away; must not repeat this experience.

Under the piles of a wharf it was, with the sunlight filtering green through the water.

There was a curious glittering thing bobbing round there. Perhaps it might be good to eat? At any rate, why not try?

-E.F.H.



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ATHLETIC PREPARATIONS.

MASSEY v. VICTORIA.

Massey defeated Victoria by 10-3. They are to be congratulated for their well-deserved win. Victoria, on their home ground, fielded the best team available, but could not hold the country college. Massey fielded a strong pack who worked from whistle to whistle, and a safe back-line. They worked well as a team. They beat Victoria from the start by getting possession of the ball, and in the second half, with the lead secured, they took no risks, kicking the ball out on every possible occasion. The chief failure of the 'Varsity team was the lack of virility in the forwards. Jackson played again, but the hooking was poor against the excellent packing of the Massey scrum.

Rae played well. He received poor support and protection from the forwards, and had an unenviable task.

Paul did not show up favourably, but here again he had a difficult task dealing with the opposition forwards. Harpur made some excellent runs. Russell and Blacker were the pick of the forwards.

The display of the Massey team has enhanced their prospects of gaining several places in the N.Z.U. team.

FOOTBALL.

Martin-Smith Criticises.

The 'Social' met another with over Berhampore on Saturday, 17-0. The game was on a very poor standard, the forwards throughout being weak. Three tries were scored by W. D. O'Regan and O'Regan (2). O'Regan took a penalty and the 'Social' converted one try.

Amongst the forwards, Chesterman and Wilson were up with everything on attack, and their rushing was not infrequently got their side out of difficulties. With Lima hooking the ball, the backs had a feast which they didn't digest. Rae was solid but erratic. Overtown featured in several bright movements, but was inclined to hold on too long. Wild suffered a relapse and was only patchy. After a scratchy beginning, Tricklebank's handling was good, but his kicking lacked direction.

The N.Z.U. Team.

"Smad" caught "Bobby" Martin-Smith in an unguarded moment on Saturday, and gathered a little information on the team. He informed us that he would have a fairly strong side for the Japanese tour. So far he has seen all but A.U.C. in action, but has his spies well placed and reporting on form.

V.U.C. would be very lucky to get two into the team, but Bobby's defence was sound and we could not trap him into giving any names. Bobby witnessed the game Otago University v. Southern, the leading teams in the Dunedin competition. The game was not very interesting, but "Smad" here obtained the first red-hot tip.

"Mr. Farland, the O.U. full-back, played a flawless game. I liked his play more than that of any full-back I saw in the All Black trial games."

We asked if there would be ten certainties. Mr. Martin-Smith ridiculed the idea of any certainties, as it was hard to fit them in with later selections.

We left the selector in deep conversation with Roy Diederich, hatching what devices we know not

Have you signed on for the Women's Club Bridge Party?

BASKETBALL NOTES.

In the fourth match of the second round the Seniors were again successful in defeating Furlor, by 19 goals to 13. After a somewhat scrappy exhibition of passing in the first half, the half-time score stood at 10-5. The forwards worked well despite rather unfinished play in the other two thirds. Play in the second spell, however, improved greatly and there was some really spectacular passing. M. Gibbons, in the forward third, played brilliantly, frequently taking both first and third passes and finishing off with a well-timed goal. J. Grainger played a steady and reliable game, showing the advantages gained as a result of coaching in the Wellington representative practices.

The improved play of the team as a whole is a definite indication of the valuable work done by the enthusiastic coach, Miss Quinlan, and it is anticipated that the team will show better form against the teams which defeated us in the first round.

HOCKEY REPS.

"Smad" wishes to congratulate L. D. McEwan, F. H. Stewart, F. L. Newcombe, and L. B. Denby, who have been selected for the N.Z.U. team to tour Fiji. K. N. Struthers should also be joined with them. He has been selected from Massey.

RESULTS IN A NUTSHELL.

Football.

Senior v Berhampore—won, 17-0
Junior A v Hutt A—won, 6-5
Junior B v Hutt B—won, 32-0
Third A v Marist—won, 6-3
Third B v Johnsonville—lost, 22-0
Third C v Petone—won, 23-3
Fourth v Old Boys—won, 14-0

Hockey.

Men.
Senior A v Karori—lost, 2-0
Senior BA v Huia—lost, 9-0
Senior BB v Hutt—lost, 4-1
Junior v Petone—lost, 3-1
Third v Huia—won, 1-0
Fourth v Technical—won, 5-3

Women.

Senior v Hutt United—lost, 2-0

Basketball.

Senior A v Furlor—won, 19-13
Senior B v Wellington East O.G.—lost, 13-6

ATHLETICS.

Victoria have never distinguished themselves at Tournament in field events. This is where shield points can be easily picked up, if attention is paid to training. The paramount thing in this line is style, and style takes a long time to acquire. In previous years field events men have competed in meetings shortly after commencing training. The element of competition is opposed to the acquisition of style.

Now is the time for field events men to learn the science of their particular branch of sport. It takes six months to learn to throw the javelin.

There has never been serious competition in field events. Those who intend to take up this line should immediately make contact with Stan Eade, Athletic Club captain. They should hand together, arrange tuition hours, and, in general, let the correct methods become second nature to them.

Track athletes should also bear in mind that easily two months' training is required before actual competition.

VICTORIA REPRESENTED.

One of the outstanding performances in the New Zealand Harrier Championships at Lyall Bay last Saturday was that of A. G. Bagnall, of the V.U.C. Harrier Club. Chosen originally as emergency to the Wellington provincial team, Bagnall was called upon at the last moment to replace Prosser, who had injured a foot. Bagnall ran a steady, well-judged race, and fully justified his place in the team by filling thirteenth place out of a field of over 40—third man home of the Wellington team.

Alistair Stewart, winner last year of the Inter-College Cross-country Championship, ran in the Otago team. His strong finish gained him a number of places, and his position as eighth man contributed largely to Otago's defeat of Wellington.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Women's hockey has improved steadily since the beginning of the season. In the first round Hutt United defeated V.U.C. 7-0, but when we met them again last Saturday, Hutt, a much older and more experienced team, were hard pressed to gain a 2-0 win.

The defeat of Technical Old Girls was a surprise, and, to quote the "Dominion," it was a splendid exhibition of the code, which showed the 'Varsity team in their true light.

Nancy Webber is continuing her good work in the goal, and has already represented Wellington twice this season.

Elsie Gibbons is tackling well, and makes good use of the push stroke, but needs to practise a good clearing shot.

Chris. Robertson, who has been playing brilliantly throughout the season, has been invaluable as left half. Time and again she has broken up dangerous attacks by the opposing forwards, and her tricky stickwork is a delight to watch.

Eric Williamson gains a lot of ground on the right wing, but is inclined to keep the ball a little too long. She should develop a stronger and more accurate centring shot.

Audrey Harding has played consistently good hockey this season.

THE "SOCIAL" TEAM.

The Third C Rugby team, which commenced the season in lighter mood, have now developed into a match-winning combination. Scoring freely from bright and speedy back play, they defeated Petone by 23 to 3. Mason distinguished himself by his goal-kicking.

TO CLUB SECRETARIES.

"Spike" in general, and the Sports Editor in particular, wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to those club secretaries who displayed their sense of duty by submitting their club notes on or before the 22nd July. To those secretaries who have not succeeded in finishing their notes, attention is drawn to the fact that, while the onerous duties of secretaryship are realised, a continuance of the present friendly relations is not possible unless outstanding notes are received within the next two or three days.

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