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Ban on Student Revelry

Executive Discusses Situation

The Executive met recently to discuss among other things, the Professorial Board's plan to hold 1936 Capping in the Concert Chamber, to give admission by ticket only, and to put an end to that element of "undesirable" student revelry which has been a feature of the ceremony since the early days of the College.

The normal consequence of Capping, derived as it is from its function as the completion of a student's undergraduate labour was heightened by the announcement of the Professorial Board's intended arrangements for this year.

It appears that the badinage, the raillery, that indefeasibly infectious accompaniment of all student activity has year after year been the secret shame of the Professorial Board.

Year after year they have seen it as a devouring flame, playing destructive havoc with the dignity and moment of the ritual called capping, and this time the Board has determined it shall be conducted with the solemnity, the faultless regulation, and perhaps the grace of which Professorial Boards have dreamed for decades past.

THE BOARD'S PLANS.

Elaborate plans have been drawn up to prevent any element of boisterousness or exuberance.

It has been decided to hold the graduation function in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall during the afternoon. Admission is to be by ticket only.

At once it becomes evident that outside the graduands themselves, the two or three friends allowed each, the dozen or so ushers and door men who will be necessary, and the brave array of professors, very little room will be available for accommodating the interested public, and, more important, the large body of students whose attendance each year at capping has always been from motives of sincerity.

Now, the members of the Professorial Board quite justifiably consider that as capping is their own particular racket, a student should have the decency to show a certain amount of deference to their ideas regarding its conduct.

We cannot admit, however, and our opinion has the backing of a majority vote of the Executive, that the best interests either of the graduands, the student body at large, or the College itself, are being served by an attempt to exclude a large number of Victorians from Capping. Nor can we agree, and here the Executive's opinion is diffuse and diverse, that a reasonable amount of banter to which so much exception is taken, has at

any time detracted from the lustre and dignity of Graduation.

Student drollery is so regular as to be traditional. It has always been received by the interested public with good-humoured understanding and tolerance.

The graduand's familiarity with it enables him to ignore it, and even to use it as a moral comfort in a ceremony at times unnerving. In themselves, these animal spirits are rarely vicious, rarely undesirable.

EXECUTIVE'S PROPOSAL.

The Executive with admirable though not unanimous spirit forwarded through Professor Rankine Brown a strong recommendation that capping be held in the main Town Hall under the same conditions, tumult excepted, as last year.

We understand that the Board has refused to alter the arrangements planned and we can only regret that what should be an item inseparable from the University life, is now to be an occasion only for those fortunate enough to be full-time students or for those whose employers feel kindly disposed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Maths. and Physics Society
Should lectures be confined to the gloomy depths of Mathematical and Physical thought, or should they consider modern and practical applications of the sciences to radio, engineering, etc., was the burning question of the hour at the annual general meeting of the Maths and Physics Society held on Tuesday, 17th.

That members incline to the latter view is indicated by the nature of papers read and discussed at the meeting.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. Searle; Vice-President, Messrs. Meek and Watson-Munro; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Taylor; Committee: Messrs. Abraham, Mason, and Stewart.

"No one man nor group of men incapable of fighting, or exempt from fighting, should in any way be given the power no matter how gradually it is given to them, to put any country into war."—E. Hemingway.

LOVE OF LABOUR LOST

At the Debating club's meeting on Friday last, a small and apathetic audience decided by 20 votes to 12 that the accession to power of the Labour Party presented no hopes for New Zealand's salvation.

Opening the case for the affirmative, Mr. McGhie spoke the usual plausible electioneering drivel and disposed of our financial problems with a wave of the hand and a flick of the tongue. For the negative, Miss Shortall offered the comforting assurance that the Labour Party is attempting only tinkering reforms.

In seconding McGhie, Mr. Simpson began with a dash to say something about Miss Shortall, but thought better of it and said nothing at all.

Mr. Sellers, supporting the negative, denied that people voted for the Labour Party (who were only a pack of fascists, anyway). "Smad" suggests a recount!

The best speakers from the floor were Mr. Tahiw who referred to the incompetent way in which the Labour Party was facing the Native question; Mr. Katz, who is horrified to see Labour promising all things to all men and doing nothing; and Mr. Brown who approached the matter like a true economist and suggested there might be a little difficulty in finding the money.

Dr. Beeby, in judging the debate offered a few helpful remarks and placed Mr. Katz first with Mr. Tahiw second, and Miss Shortall third.

CHRIS-CROSSED IN LOVE

Girls, meet Chris Lima. He's the guy you've seen parading that effervescence of facial fungus round the Halls of your old Alma Mater. Once when crossed in love, Chris swore an oath of eternal celibacy and fearful lest Leap Year should take him by storm, he swathed his seraphic face in kiss curls. It is officially denied that Lima is entering the wrestling arena this season; nor is it true that once again Patriarchal Parasites is being featured at the Extrav with Chris in the title role.

THE SONGSTERS ASSEMBLE

On Wednesday last a special general meeting of the Glee Club was held at which it was moved and carried that a formal application for affiliation be made. The chairman, Miss Susie Sanders, outlined for the ensuing year an ambitious programme which included songs at Tournament, revivalist meetings, and a sing-song once a month.

CONDITIONS ABROAD

Mr. Sherwood Speaks

An extremely interesting address on a current topic was given by Mr. Dry Sherwood, a young London accountant, at the first meeting of the Free Discussions Club last Wednesday; but the poor quality of the ensuing discussion and questions showed a lack of intelligent interest and appreciation.

Mr. Sherwood's diagnosis of the causes of the present tension contained two fundamental points: first the domestic discontent in every country due to poor living conditions. This led to absolutism in the state since individuals would renounce their "natural rights" or anything else in order to obtain better living conditions. Dictatorship becomes unpopular when credits are low and seeks a diversion in foreign wars. Second, there is an unnecessary bitterness in international relations due to the struggle over markets. Both these points are economic and the remedy lies in the world's monetary system which suffers chronically from a shortage of purchasing power. Mr. Sherwood says that the incomes distributed throughout industry are not sufficient to buy the products of the system. The obvious result is comparative overproduction and unemployment.

ITALY AND GERMANY.

Mr. Sherwood then substantiated his thesis by referring first to Italy and then to Germany, and finally to the present armaments race. In Italy in 1922 things were in a bad way. Mussolini organised the state, built bridges, roads and railways. He provided employment and Italy prospered. These works have been finished and credit has run short. Italy is left with over a million unemployed. The position in Germany is parallel. Mussolini has attempted to create a diversion of attention in Abyssinia. If he succeeds he can create employment for the next 50 years. He can impose on Abyssinia such western blessings as a National Debt, a system of taxes, and even Mussolini.

Mr. Sherwood appeals to New Zealand where almost alone a spirit of optimism remains, where we have a new Government with new men to lead the way to peace by inaugurating a new system and thus save western civilisation from what may be its death blow.

The election of officers at the beginning of the meeting resulted as follows:—President, R. E. Jack; Treasurer, J. S. Hatherly; Secretary, B. Harding; Committee, Miss Sybil Williams, Miss Monica Robertson, D. N. Hall, D. R. Currie.

WEIR'S ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, March 15th, Weir House held its third annual meeting, M. J. Mason, retiring President, being in the chair. There was a good attendance, last year's residents being especially well represented.

The first business was the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and the balance-sheet having been taken as read, the President announced the results of the Annual Election—held on the previous day. This election had elicited much controversy and conjecture, speculation having been rife as to whether R. W. Edgley or R. S. V. Simpson would carry off the presidential honours.

The results were as follows:—President, R. W. Edgley; Hon. Secretary, R. L. Hutchens; Hon. Treasurer, K. A. Wills; Committee, K. A. Gough, A. G. Horsley, and R. S. V. Simpson.

REJECTS SPEAK.

Following this announcement, general business ensued during which topics relevant and irrelevant, profound and humorous, witty and inconsequential were introduced. After the meeting was cleared a little of the atmosphere of garrulity which at stages threatened to overwhelm it, the chairman called upon several of the "rejects" to say a few words. McGhie led the way with his usual words of wisdom which were "delightful unsubstantial things," and all who spoke, ably backed him up in this respect. "Whiskers Blake" Lima presented a sight for sore eyes and kept the meeting in fits of laughter with his wit, appearance, and sheer barbarity.

After these interesting tirades of rhetoric, M. J. Mason held the floor and gave the Freshers a friendly bit of counsel. He emphasised that if Weir House was to be a success, all residents, old or young, inexperienced or sophisticated, must pull together and ensure that Weir House should be a vital unit and the means of the "reincarnation of the spirit" of the College as a whole.

Mention should be made of the services of last year's President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee who, despite many outer superficialities always worked conscientiously towards a common end—that of the betterment of Weir House.

In conclusion it must be remarked that this meeting was livened by the intense interest of all present, and that such a beginning augurs well for a happy and successful year—a year that will go down in the annals of Weir House as an epic one.

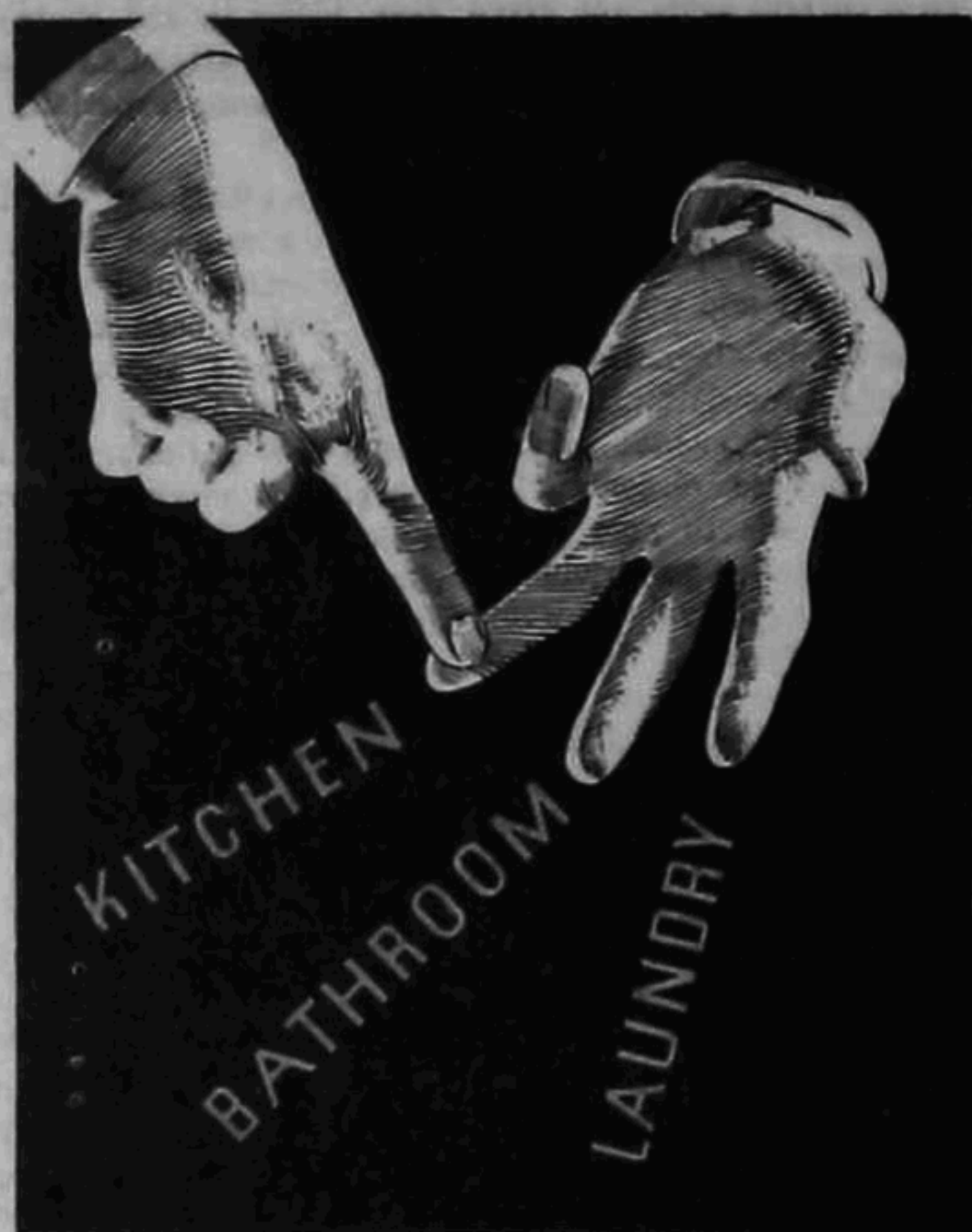
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Affairs of State

The opening of Parliament this week will attract more than usual attention, even from Wellingtonians, because the newly-elected Labour Party will have its first opportunity of carrying out electioneering promises. Since the election, we have had from certain Ministers suggestive hints as to what is likely to happen, but not until Parliament has met shall we be able to judge whether Mr. Savage and his merry men are determined to carry out some of the proposed reforms, in spite of the opposition and newspaper criticism which these are sure to provoke.

That New Zealand is once again attracting attention abroad is the opinion of Mr. D. M. Sherwood, who, in a recent address to the Free Discussions Club, maintained that New Zealanders at the present time had a unique opportunity of showing the rest of the world how to solve the debt problem, which he regards as the fundamental cause of the present unrest. It would appear that the more progressive countries are too preoccupied with elaborate preparations for war (which, we understand are, of course, purely defensive measures!) to give this problem the attention it deserves.

If the present leaders of the Labour Party resist the tendency to follow in the footsteps of their confreres in England and Australia, and are able to retain the whole-hearted support of all members for the next few years, the people of New Zealand will have an opportunity of determining whether a modified socialist programme is sufficient to remedy their social and economic problems. The electors should also be in a position to say with a certain degree of truth that they are governed by their representatives in Parliament and not by a batch of well-paid commissions obediently carrying out the policy of the so-called Government's financial advisors.

It is also refreshing for students to see that an intelligent interest is being shown towards Education, and they will hope that the confidence New Zealanders have in the present Government is quite justified.

FRESHER WOMEN WELCOMED

The Women's Club is to be congratulated on the enterprise shown in arranging for a distinguished old student, Miss F. Irvine-Smith to address the Freshettes. In addition to being a prominent member of the Women's Hockey Club in the early days of Victoria College, Miss Irvine-Smith took part in all phases of Varsity life, and it is to her that we owe the artistic design which now adorns the cover of "Spike."

After Miss Hurley, the president of the club had extended the official welcome, the speaker for the evening gave a very interesting address in which she paid a tribute to the work of the Foundation Professors of Victoria College, interspersing her remarks with delightful reminiscences of early College life.

At the conclusion of the address, enjoyable items were given by Misses R. Miller and J. Powell, while members of the Glee Club availed themselves of the opportunity to put in some solid practice for the coming year.

TRAINING COLLEGE BALL

The ex-students of the Teachers' Training College are to be congratulated on the success of the ball last Friday night. They certainly produced a fitting welcome to the "freshers." A good floor, a full band, and an excellent supper induced that congenial atmosphere which "delivered the goods." Thanks, Training College!

We trust that Dick Wild's farewell in Japan was not as enthusiastic as his welcome at Wellington.

URGENT!

BILLETING APPEAL

In fourteen days it will be the eve of the N.Z. University Tournament to be held in Wellington.

The students of Victoria College are to be the hosts, but what of our guests? To date, billets have been arranged for only thirty visitors and offers from students to assist are practically negligible. The position is now becoming critical and a frantic appeal is now being made for help. Please co-operate immediately. Forms may be obtained from Mr. Brook and in the Executive Room.

INJURED INNOCENCE

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Sir,—

It was with feelings of hurt surprise that I read the contemptible aspersions that were cast upon the conversational flights of a member of Victoria House at the Freshers' Dance. Presuming the account of the low-brow conversation which took place to be correct, the only explanation of it that occurs to me, is that the member of the House in question had become weary of making original remarks in reply to the usual male platitudes, and had resigned herself to being non-committal.

Perhaps it was a humane sense of their conversational unfittedness, even when they were not concentrated on turning corners without mishap, that kept so many men in the serried non-dancing ranks massed round the door. If that is the case, thanking them,

I remain, etc.,
"LETSOH."

RUSSIAN DRAMA REVIEWED

Max Riske's Impressions

Max Riske speaking last Thursday night on Russian Drama claimed that in Russia, as elsewhere, the drama provides entertainment, amusement and education, only in Russia it is more consciously propagandist. There is, of course, "straight" drama unaffected by politics as well as the new art which has resulted from the struggle to establish a new social system. There are large numbers of amateur dramatic circles run by all the workers' clubs.

Mr. Riske described a performance at the new Realist Theatre which differs from the old box type in having the stage composed of two platforms set diagonally and joined by a narrow gangway. All the rest is auditorium and it seats at the most 250 persons. The particular play which he saw at this theatre was called "Aristocrats."

It was the story of the building of the 150-mile Baltic-White Sea Canal by 60,000 convicts. This was a strange prison camp, where carpenters were paid carpenters' wages and miners worked as mine labourers. The work was completed in 19 months despite appalling conditions of snow and storm. The men were regenerated and made into constructive members of society by a realisation of the dignity of labour and the joy of creation.

Mr. Riske next described the film "Chapeieff," made by the new Kino film organisation. It is the story of the civilising of a Red guerilla leader in the Civil War.

The sequence moves into the climax—a White attack by Old Russia's most famous regiment, the Death's Head Guards, on a position held by a rabble of Red soldiers.

The guards march into action with their rifles slung, smoking cigarettes, goosestepping as if on parade. The drums roll continually around the Death's Head standard as they march. One man falls and another steps forward to take his place. Panic seizes the Red Army men. They fire feverishly and still the drums roll on. Suddenly there comes the harsh spluttering of a machine-gun—stark in its rhythm, ghastly in its effect. The lines are mowed down and the Guards fall back broken. The emotional climax of this fearful surprise of the attack aggravated by the volley of the drums is terrific, as dramatic art, it cannot be surpassed.

SMADISMS

Perhaps someone has not heard of the Massey College agricultural student who sowed his wild oats and prayed for a crop failure.

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WAYS OF APPROACH.

There are two ways of approaching a library and you ought to try both. First of all, you ought to approach it as a cow approaches good pasture—un anxiously, without plan, taking what comes. No amount of explanation and guidance and bibliographical aid can take the place of browsing. And don't let your professors keep you in their own paddocks—half the fun of being at a University consists in trying other people's grass. So take an hour off occasionally just to look around. Read a page here and a page there, a chapter here and a chapter there, and you may discover a new world. The other way of approaching a library is the methodical, scholarly way; and if you mean business you must settle down to that. The only scholarly way to approach the library is through the catalogue. And a catalogue is a thing that goes by rules. Our catalogue, so far as the first 28,000 books are concerned, is unsatisfactory and will have to be done over again; but all later books are catalogued according to the code of rules adopted by the British and American library associations. If you are going to pass four years in the library, you ought to learn the chief rules.

CLASSIFICATION.

At present the books are arranged on the shelves according to a simple classification. You can master it in ten minutes. Unfortunately it is almost useless unless you already know what particular book you want. We intend to begin to re-classify the whole library this year in such a way that you will be able to find all the books dealing with a particular topic on a single shelf—or at any rate on a few shelves.

There is a subject catalogue for the last 6,000 books which we have received. It is rapidly growing. A list of new books is posted on the notice-board (at the main door) at the end of each month, and the new books are kept together for about a month on shelves opposite the counter. Any reader may recommend books for purchase—giving author, title, publisher and year of publication and price of the book required. We don't undertake to buy the book, but we shall consider it on its merits.

FASCISM INDICTED
"It Can't Happen Here."
By SINCLAIR LEWIS.

This book is described by the publishers as being the result of Sinclair Lewis becoming politically conscious. The result is a fine indictment of Fascism.

The criticism levelled against Sinclair Lewis's recent novels is that he concerns himself too greatly with the technical details of his subject—penology in "Ann Vickers," and hotels in "Work of Art"—at the expense of careful character delineation. The literary critic will be able to find the same fault in this book, but those people interested in the present social trends will find that its material outweighs such shortcomings.

A comparatively enlightened small town editor provides the common background to illustrate the effects of Fascism in U.S.A. The description of this man's downfall, his imprisonment, his sufferings and his escape epitomise those of thousands, and some readers will exclaim, "There is nothing new in this book, it is just a rehashed description of Nazi terrorism." Such readers will be uttering the truth, for the whole aim of the book is to illustrate to Americans who say, "It can't happen here," that it is peculiarly liable to happen there where Tammany methods have been so successful. Lewis portrays the rise of a dictator, a man of no moral or political sensibilities, definitely dull, but cunning. Aided by a clever and ruthless secretary, and also by storm troopers he becomes supreme. Then follow the torturings, the beatings, the concentration camps, in short all the inevitable concomitants of Fascism. The only refuge is Canada and thousands endeavour to escape; many do escape to find that only starvation awaits them there.

The conclusion of the book, however, is unconvincing. It shows the gradual decay of the Fascist system through assassinations, internal schisms and foreign wars; the party is swept out and gradually democracy is successfully and happily built up. Such events are unlikely, for once established nothing short of a violent revolution will overthrow Fascism and to restore a capitalistic democracy is to resow the seeds of Fascism. After reading the book it is interesting to recall that the filming of it was prohibited recently on the ground that it might offend the susceptibilities of other countries—it would appear that Fascism already has its sympathisers in American official circles.—H.

PLANNED READING.

One word more. Plan your reading. And the best way to plan your reading is to go to the few great writers in any subject and note what they recommend. Most scholarly books have a bibliography at the end. If you read a thundering good book, look for the bibliography and make a short list. You will find good bibliographies in the Encyclopaedia Britannia. Perhaps you will suffer one word of advice. The golden rule is surely: Not many but much! Browse among the multitude of books, dip into many, but really get to know a few (not text-books) and think and argue about them freely. "If I read as many books as my neighbours," said John Locke, "I should be as ignorant as they are."

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion Criticised

Sir,—
I attended a meeting of the Free Discussions Club last week, at which Mr. Sherwod was the speaker. I have never been so disappointed in my life. A most inspiring and challenging address was delivered, after which all the united forces of the Club could do in the way of discussion was to politely ask a few innocuous questions. What's the use of a Free Discussions Club if they won't freely discuss, sir?

This club has been steadily slipping into the doldrums and is now openly sailing under false colours. The remedy is obvious. Either go out of business or change the name to something like "Cultural Development in Society of the Politer Type Association" and cease to attract people along by waving the flag of discussion only to find that their efforts in that direction will be sat on with the sombre solemnity of a decaying tomb. I am sorry if my outburst offended the gentler susceptibilities of those disciples of truth who sat in silent discussion (?) but I was very displeased with the club.

Yours, etc.,
A. McG.

Ex-President in True Colours
Sir,—

Gross inconsistency and unconfined egoism confronted me when I read the letter submitted to "Smad" last week by M. J. Mason allegedly to correct the interpretation put on his speech at the farewell supper to the old residents of Weir House.

No doubt—and I would be the last to deny the fact—Mr. Mason has done sterling work at the House, but to sever his connection with it by such a speech and with such a letter, is entirely beyond reason. And here I explain myself. In one portion of the letter under discussion Mr. Mason said ". . . as if I categorically stated that Weir House would be a failure owing to the departure of the older members of whom I was one. Such an attitude would be an extremely conceited one." Later in the later appear the astounding words, ". . . and find leaders, either in the House or outside, to replace those whom the short-sighted policy of the Management Committee has made it necessary to leave, etc."

Is not that an "extremely conceited attitude"? In Weir House at the present moment are leaders as capable as there have ever been.

Hoping this will clear the atmosphere of the hot air so prevalent,

I remain, yours etc.,
"WEIR-ITE."

LIBEL!

As advertised in this issue, the Dramatic Club is presenting a reading of "Libel," a play by Edward Wooll. The action takes place in a courtroom of the King's Bench Division where an action for libel is being heard. To assist in creating the correct atmosphere for this reading the stage will be set as a courtroom, while the court officials will appear in wigs and gowns. This dramatic play will make an excellent reading, and will be of particular interest to law students.

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SWIMMING.

Last Wednesday evening the Swimming Club held their annual Carnival at Thorndon Baths. A rather disappointing crowd, consisting mainly of competitors, was present but nevertheless there were some good races and altogether an enjoyable evening's entertainment. This carnival serves as a finale to the club's year, and also as a means of bringing to light members of future teams.

During the last few weeks regular trials have been held with a view to the final selection of the Tournament team. In all, some ten races have been held over the distances in the Tournament programme. In these races Mason showed superiority in the sprints and King in the distances. Meek was obviously the best of the breaststroke "eligibles." As a result the team for Easter is as follows:—

Freestyle.—100 yards and 220 yards, Mason. 100 yards and 440 yards, King. 220 yards and 440 yards, Archibald.

Breaststroke.—220 yards, Meek. In the women's events the representatives will be Miss Pilcher, 50 and 100 yards freestyle; and Miss Sanders, 100 yards breaststroke.

It is hard at this stage to judge the merits of the team but with Symes of O.U. unavailable, V.U.C.'s chances will be raised. The races will be held in Thorndon Baths and as the other Colleges have tepid baths available for training, the home course will be a definite advantage. Meek, who was second last year in the breaststroke will be a hard man to beat. Carlyon, the logical choice as second string in all events, is unavailable.

FOOTBALL IN JAPAN.

Rugby in Japan is as yet confined to the schools and universities. It has not achieved the popularity of baseball which is the national game and is followed by huge crowds. When a man adopts Rugby as his sport he takes it up with characteristic thoroughness, practising for a couple of hours daily all the year and playing no other game.

Rarely do they depart from the orthodox style of Rugby. Back and forward play follows the traditional method of giving the ball to the backs and out to the wings as the scoring agents. In this they have attained a high standard. Scrumming and line-out work is terrifically vigorous: the forwards seldom weighed 12 stone, but what they lacked in weight and height they certainly made up in dash. They often beat our big men for the ball and always held their own until the end of the game when pure superior strength overwhelmed them. The inside backs excel in passing and tackling—to nail a man he had to be put down ball and all, otherwise he would get the ball away. They seemed to be able to pass standing on their left ear. But for all this, they lacked initiative, preferring to pass straight out to the wing, often without drawing an opponent. The New Zealand method of cutting in or putting their ears back and go-

ing for the line was unknown to them.

According to our standards the crowds (often as many as 40,000) are most unsporting. Any Japanese gain would be hailed with shouts of delight, but a brilliant movement by our team would appear to leave them cold. This was not bad sportsmanship, but merely an indication of the intense nationalism of the people. It was a case of playing for Japan and cheering for Japan.

On the contrary the Japanese players themselves were the very finest sportsmen in our sense of the word: there was never a suspicion of moaning or putting in the boot. And they could teach New Zealand how to take an international beating.

BOXING.

The boxing preliminaries were held in Parris's gymnasium on Thursday night. On the whole the result was most disappointing and things do not look too bright for Tournament. We pin our faith on those whom we did not see fight—Armour, Edgley and Meek. These men automatically go into the team as they were the only ones in their respective weight classes.

The first bout between Campbell, 8.10, and Goring Johnston, 8.10, was a poor one, neither man adopting any style at all. Johnston did not make any use of his long left, nor did Campbell with his stocky height, concentrate on his in-fighting and, most important, he must get rid of the habit of hitting with an open glove.

Tossman, 9.9, gained the decision over Egleton, 9.13. The first round was bright and speedy, but the fight soon slowed up. Egleton made little use of his left, which is his chief asset. Tossman took some hard knocks, but stood up gamely, meeting his man with some heavy rights as he rushed in.

Edwards, 9.7, with his useful left and a right which sometimes connected beat his opponent, Richards. Edwards would be much improved if he showed a little more "devil" in his fighting.

Skelly, 9.7, fought Turnbull, 10.0, in the semi-finals of this weight. Skelly was the most stylish boxer we saw; his steady lefts stopped his opponent, who was apt to rush in somewhat blindly. He appeared to be the fittest man there, and showed no fatigue in his second bout, when he easily defeated Edwards for the final. In fact, he gave an even better display in this latter fight. Unfortunately, he is a fresher this year and consequently is not eligible for the team. A man who shows such promise at 17 will undoubtedly have a colourful boxing career in front of him.

Lima, 11.12 (complete with beard), provided an amusing bout with Barnes, 11.7, the latter winning easily.

O'Connor gave an exhibition bout of two rounds with Walsh, but as it was purely an exhibition, nothing can be gauged from it.

Tossman and Edwards have still to fight off for representation in the lightweight.

ATHLETICS.

On Saturday next the Inter-faculty Sports will be held on Kelburn Park. Everyone is asked to attend, especially freshers. There will be a full programme of events and a team from Massey College will also compete. The Tournament Team will be chosen after this meeting.

TENNIS.

When the weather improves and one or two doubtful questions of eligibility are settled, it will be possible to give more detailed information regarding the tennis team for Tournament. In the meantime, the following notes on the likely players may be of assistance to punters

D. Briggs has held top ladder position for this season. Mainly a baseline player, her lack of height making journeys to the net relatively dangerous. Her forehand is played in a natural, easy manner which, however, makes it difficult to return only when fast and accurately placed. Plays till the last stroke and is not easily disturbed. Ought to learn her sister's backhand drive.

J. Grainger is in good form at present. Displays a willingness to take the net and to "pack away" overhead shots. Has not managed to practice enough early in the season so as to consolidate her play. Prone to serve doubles. She also is very determined to win.

P. Edward's play is spoilt to a certain extent by lazy habits formed in friendly games. Consequently in match play certain things which should be automatic require extra mental effort. In fact her whole attitude is so different that she feels the nervous strain and is apt to be easily upset. Has an excellent backhand. Is expected to combine well with Dorothy Gerard.

D. Gerard holds the mixed doubles title. She is the best of our women as a doubles player.

"Buff" McCarthy's play has been summed up as "all attack." However he is careful to note weaknesses and it is not surprising that he has improved.

Marchant plays a steady unobtrusive game, preferably from the backline. There is no fuss or fireworks but he wins the points.

White is a stylish player with very accurately timed overhead strokes when on form. Has the doubtful advantage of knowing what ought to be done and is unduly distressed by the occasional hiatus between the idea and its execution.

Sivyer is a left-hander who has improved very rapidly during the past season or two: makes full use of his height and is thus hard to pass at net. As a singles player shows admirable match temperament, hanging on till the very end. But in doubles there is a grimness about this play which may be disconcerting to a player of a different temperament.

Little has all the strokes—good forehand and backhand, good service and overhead plus an iron wrist for volleys, but for some reason does not get the best results.

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