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VENERUNT

Canterbury Scoop the Pool

They came here with the Tournament Shield and the Tennis Cup. After a brief stay—and we hope pleasant—they left with the Tournament Shield, the Tennis Cup, the Haslam Shield, the Boxing Shield, the Hebblerley Shield, several athletic records and an achievement never before equalled in the N.Z.U. Tournament. With possibly one exception, namely the Tennis, there was no question of luck—they won convincingly. We salute you, Canterbury.

V.U.C. again gained the insignia of the losers—but only just. We'd have missed those spoons anyway.

That Tournament was a success there can be no doubt. The competition was keen, the competitors in many cases outstanding. Perhaps the race that will be remembered will be Boot's half. To make such a time on a track never really fast says much for his quality.

Of the friendships formed and the ideas exchanged, time alone will show. In the years to follow, Tournament will always linger freshest in our memories. We of V.U.C. can only hope that our visitors enjoyed the Tournament 1936 as well as we have enjoyed theirs.

Although an improvement on Dunedin's blizzard of the 1935 meeting, Easter Monday brought nothing better than a typical Wellington summer day. Another day like Easter Saturday would have seen even more records broken.

OLYMPIC REPRESENTATIVE.
Boot's 880 was thus a better effort than even the superb time of 1 min. 54 4-5 secs. represents. Team work, in this race, was, as usual a feature of Canterbury's performance. The high average ability of the Canterbury men was remarkable and had its reward in the new relay record. Carmichael, previously considered just a good sprinter has now graduated into the record-breaking class. Anderson's hurdling at Tournaments has been notable for its consistently high level. This year was no exception—a very fine performance. Blake had it all his own way in the pole vault, despite a good effort by the versatile Vosailagi. Canterbury's success in field events of recent years is peculiar. Perhaps excellent facilities and the absence of an active cricket club at C.U.C. are responsible.

The palm for the gamest run of the meeting must go to Watt. Preparation: A few before-breakfast canters round the deck of the "Kitano Maru" plus a bare three weeks' training. Result: Second fastest time in the history of the race. How's that for natural ability? Well run, Jimmy.

SOME WORTHY EFFORTS.

The small Auckland team stuck to its guns manfully and deserves full marks for refusing to collect the wooden spoon. The mile walk provided an unusually exciting

contest between two stylish performers. As expected, Cameron, a former national champion, proved a tough proposition, but Tom Birks was by no means disgraced since the time was the thid fastest recorded so far in this event. Currie, although fourth, must have walked about 7 min. 21 sec., good time for a novice. Our lone star, Phil Bowie, once more showed that for style he is without peer in New Zealand to-day. Abraham's record in the 220 yards hurdles was most encouraging—two years ago he was just a trier who struggled clumsily over the hurdles—an object lesson in sheer concentration and grit. Lindsay Black was disappointing in the 880 but in the mile, was another pleasant surprise. He ran a race out of the box, finishing magnificently in his fastest mile to date. McIntosh was a big disappointment. We expected more than 5 ft. 6 in. from the 1935 champion. But since Sceats, V.U.C. has never had a first-class high jumper. On the whole, the team was most uninspiring. The fault does not lie with the fellows themselves who, despite repeated failures, are wonderfully keen. At present we simply have not got the material. However, inter-faculty sports unearthed some promising freshers and next year should see a definite improvement. We may even lose that fixture, the wooden spoon.

Anyway, we did win the tug-of-war, we did win the "hooley" and we did "pinch" Otago's stone-hearted mascot. We excel in contests for which no points are awarded.

ABYSSINIA!

Haka Party's Effort

"They put us in the foremost pew,
They treat us just like Standard Two,
Wiki-Wikitoria."

Although some staid members of this city of ours were heard to remark on hearing the beautiful lyric printed above, that if they did treat us like Standard Two it was only because we behaved just like that stage of childhood that usually spends its laborious days in that class, the members of the haka party undoubtedly put up a good showing during the Tournament—better by far than that given by the other colleges. This may be said to be due to the superior numbers of the party from our College, but in the actual haka party there were fewer than thirty members on most occasions, and no one will deny that everyone knew the hakas—of which they had a large repertoire—and put them over well.

The credit for this belongs largely to M. J. Mason, the leader of the party and president of the Haeremai Club, but much also must be attributed to the keenness of the individual members.

They got drunk gracefully and sang lustily, if thickly at times. "Smad" extends its hearty congratulations to the rowdy element in the College.

TOURNAMENT BALL

Scorned by Truth

No prosecutions have as yet followed the Tournament Ball, nor has anyone been reported missing; it achieved no mention in our leading scandal weekly, as did its predecessor; but nevertheless, judged by other standards, it was a great success. Ted Blacker and his horde of economically-minded would-be dancers did a great job of work on Tuesday, and the decorations, featuring the colours of all four colleges, were all that could be desired, even though they did not survive the evening. The mortality among the balloons during the afternoon was nothing short of tremendous but enough were left over to make a good display. As for the ball itself, it got off, for once, to a flying start, and ran itself out in the not-so-small hours.

Dick Wild's voice barely lasted out his term as president of the Tournament Committee, but in the successful completion of his half-hour marathon he amply vindicated the honour of Wikitoria. Dick is now known as "the man of many voices."

SHOT OR HALF-SHOT?

Fixing Conscientious Objectors

The Debating Society has somehow circulated a syllabus and it seems as if this fact constituted the sole reason for Friday night's debate. The standard of debating was—well, shall we say—somniferous. Nobody seemed to have an argument. Most even forgot to argue. The subject itself, "That Conscientious Objectors should be shot," deserved Major Pharazyn's criticism as being too wide.

MR. PERRY SAYS YES.

Mr. Perry opened for the affirmative by painting a mournful and morbidly sentimental spectacle of a nation during wartime with C.O.'s rife and spreading general starvation (a la Ghandi and otherwise). Yes, he was definitely in favour of the painless elimination of the species. Mr. Currie seconding the motion, spoke in a strained voice of emaciated C.O.'s being carried through the streets of New Zealand impaled on bayonet points suffering "lingering agonies."

MR. TAHIWI SAYS NO.

Mr. Tahiwī, for the negative, then inflicted another heart-rending picture upon us, one of babies being torn from cradles and slaughtered to the accompaniment of loud laughter from munition kings.

Miss Souter, seconding Mr. Tahiwī harked back to the good old days when we flitted through tree-tops (cheers) casting coconuts at next-door neighbours in the most approved simian fashion. Surely we aren't still the same? Haven't we abandoned war along with our tails?

YOUNG DAMSEL'S SORROW.

The debate was then thrown open for general discussion. One romantic young damsel began to bewail her upbringing. She had been brought up by "respectable" parents who hadn't allowed you to murder to whet the appetite for breakfast. We thought she was going to cry, but alas, some hungry scrounger (a C.O. suspected) had pinched the onion this precocious maiden had concealed in her handkerchief.

Mr. Kelly murmured something about "love being the law of life." (Cheers from the back.)

Mr. Scotney gave the opinion that C.O.'s were justified if they thought they were not getting a square deal from the executive of their state.

The motion was put to the meeting and lost unanimously.

PLACINGS.

The Judge, Major Pharazyn, placed Mr. Scotney as the best speaker with Mr. Perry and Mr. Tahiwī tying for second position. He then advocated a sensible view

PLEASURE AND PROFIT

N.Z.U.S.A. Meets

Victoria College students were reminded at the beginning of the inter-University College Tournament of the existence of the N.Z. U.S.A., which took the unusual step of holding a meeting on the Sunday night. Mr. R. J. Larkin, the president, presided over a very happy meeting, which did nothing in particular. Mr. Larkin commented favourably on the work that the Association had done during the year, though it did not emerge that it had actually done much, and remarked on the gain in prestige that it had experienced. This was certainly very gratifying as the Association had done nothing in particular to justify this gain.

It should be noted, however, that in connection with the peace ballot the Association had done very good work, and it can be hoped that something more definite can be done in the future; after all, the Association is a very young body.

Mr. Larkin referred also to the value of the Rugby tour to Japan and the hockey tour to Fiji.

CAPPING FEES.

There was a little discussion on the anomalies present in the degree fees charged by the University, and it was stated that the matter was being investigated.

After a rather dull debate on the question of increasing the annual contributions of the colleges to the Association, Mr. A. T. S. McGhie, the treasurer, raised the question of the proposed overseas tour of a N.Z. University team of debaters next year, and it was decided to proceed with the exploration of the possibilities.

A new constitution was adopted, the purposes of the Association being set out as follows: (1) To represent the views of past and present students of New Zealand nationally and internationally; (2) To maintain an effective co-operation with students in New Zealand and in other countries; (3) To promote and maintain the welfare of all students; (4) To maintain effective co-operation between the various sporting organisations of the students of the University of New Zealand; (5) To preserve all records connected with the life of the University of New Zealand likely to prove of historical interest.

Altogether, a pleasant and not unprofitable meeting. The New Zealand University Students' Association is undoubtedly deserving of support.

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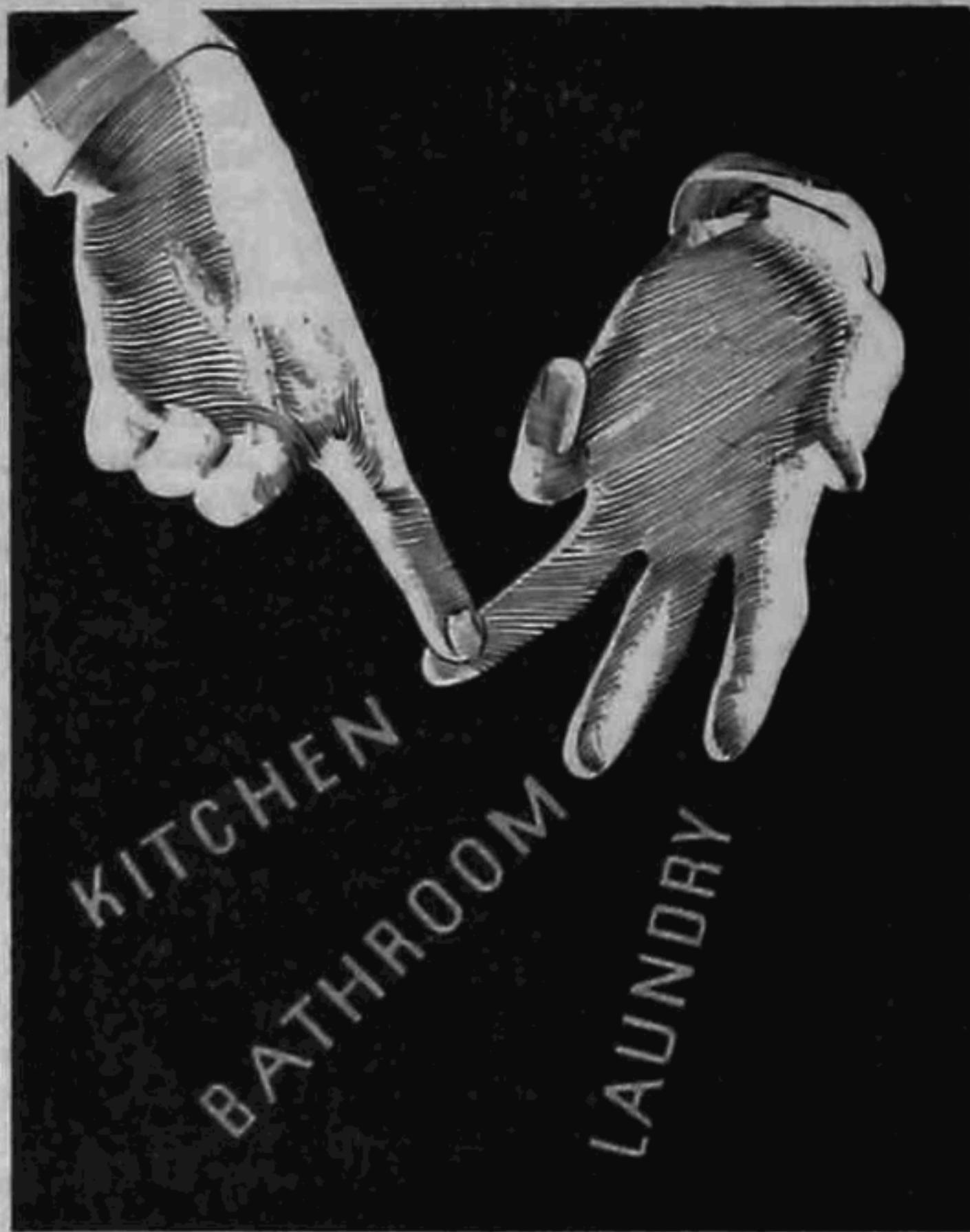
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Tournament Memories

The great event is over. Although the valiant efforts of our representatives to exchange the wooden spoons for the Tournament Shield were of no avail, they can at least console themselves that they admirably played the part of generous hosts, who allowed their guests to share the prizes. We offer congratulations to the Canterbury College Team for its outstanding achievement in gaining as many points as the rest combined.

However, thanks to the work of the Executive and the Tournament Committee, to the generosity of those who billeted visitors or offered their cars for the motor-drive, to the enthusiasm and enterprise of the scantily-clad members of the haka party, and to the support given by a host of other willing workers, this year's Tournament was certainly a great success.

Capping

Before Victoria College students have fully recovered from the 1936 Tournament festivities and before their good resolutions for 1937 are completely forgotten, they will be faced with the annual celebrations in connection with Capping.

We are pleased to learn that the Professorial Board has decided to hold this event in the Town Hall, as on previous occasions and we feel convinced that if the enthusiasts, whose efforts were so greatly appreciated at the Tournament, provide entertainment on more refined lines at the Capping Ceremony, those present should receive welcome relief from the speeches, which on such occasions have an inevitable tendency to become rather boring.

Any bright ideas relating to the Capping Procession will be welcomed by the organisers, who wish to restore this event to the position it held in the good old days.

NUTSHELL KNOW-LEDGE

III.—Poverty.

You mustn't bother to feel sympathetic just because a lot of people have less than a decent minimum of food, shelter and clothing, and, hence, of self-respect. Even though we have a productive system that is capable of producing plenty, for everybody we must remember the words of the Master: "The poor ye have always with you."

The greatest intellectual triumph of twentieth century civilisation has been the solving of the problem of poverty by Christian science. The application of scientific method to religion has produced the comforting philosophy that the world is merely subjective and exists only in so far as we think of it. Thus poverty exists only in the mind of man, and ceases to exist when one ceases to think of it. Bishop Berkeley thought of this philosophy centuries ago, but it was not till our own time that anybody really believed it. Lots of people now know that it's true, and they don't have to worry about widespread social distress. Haven't you noticed the crowds of cars outside the Christian Science churches on Sundays?

Although man's chief end is to glorify God, he should also glorify Gold. Man finds his highest and his most fundamental function in achieving success. The poor show by their economic failure that they lack all the highest human qualities. They deserve to be poor. In case you think me hard-hearted I shall support my argument by a quotation from a statement issued two years ago by the Wellington Chamber of Commerce:

"It (is) a matter for consideration whether the view should not be definitely placed before boys that the unskilled labourer (is)

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

We have been brought up on a Shakespearean tradition—a tradition of "doing" Shakespearean plays at school, and occasional visits of the elocutionary Allan Wilkie. So well steeped are we in it that any deviation, as given in this picture, seems incapable of appreciation by the public; and yet the diction was pure Shakespeare.

Untrammelled by the time and place limits of the "legitimate" stage, and commanding all the superior effects of photography and lighting, the producer, Max Reinhardt was well able to sublimate Shakespeare's idea of the madness of Midsummer-Night. The result was a picture of surpassing originality and very great beauty. A new idea of grace is presented in the movements of the fairies, a new conception of expression is shown by a single pair of hands while a deeper impression of tragedy comes from Bottom's transformation.

The mortals play a secondary part despite the splendour of their palaces and equipages. It is not given to them to float and glide through the air, to see anything so impressive as the billowing of Oberon's cloak, nor to hear such sweetness as the gnomes' orchestra and the fairies singing. The quarrels and the actions of the lost lovers, and the presentation of "Pyramus and Thisbe" by Bottom and his friends is to show just "what fools these mortals be."

not entitled under natural law or under the principles of justice to the luxuries of life, but to little more than the barest necessities; that comfort, ease and luxury in life should be regarded as the reward of skill or special industry, not as a right." —SPECTATOR.

VIEWS OF A VISITOR Ourselves In Other Eyes

Amid the tired but cheery crowds gathered at the Ferry Wharf the other evening, "Smad" was engaged in intelligence work. All during the feverish days of the Tournament, characterised as they were by an almost incredible camaraderie, the thought had been occurring that Victoria's Tournament was proving a success. Just a private thought it was. Carefully kept from alien eyes in case inspection should wither it.

And now at the last moment "Smad" was making an effort to find out what impressions the visitors might be taking away with them.

Student after student had declined any comment beyond a fulsome "Marvellous!" and we were in despair. The minutes sped away. Soon it would be too late.

And then a pale drawn ghost moved past. A dark lean specter whose wan countenance bespoke the feted guest.

"Thomson!" Above the din the figure heard and turned.

"Tell us, Thomson, before you go, what you've thought of Tourney."

A gleam came into the dulled eyes. The thing came to life.

"I can't remember when I came here," it said. "Probably in the previous incarnation but I would like to go on and on and on."

know that by leaving Wellington, am increasing my expectation of life but if life could be as friendly as full of stalwarts and graceful women as it has been this past few days, or is it years, then one could cheerfully look forward to a shorter span.

"I have been amazed. The hospitality has made even Otagoam open their eyes." WE purred. "From 7.30 on Friday morning when I had my first glass of refreshment until I was put to bed last night, I have been in a seventh heaven. And the ladies. The attentions to which we visitors have been subjected would have unnerved Cellini, and since I am a mere Dunedinite, I succumbed hourly. Indeed, Otago people generally can speak appreciatively on this aspect. Ask Oliver Chapman. The arrangements too, were tip-top. I can't remember a single thing which wasn't just so. Even the weather seemed to have been perfectly managed by Dick Wild and his Committee."

We thanked him, elation in our hearts and watched him go wearily aboard. In a few moments the boat began to move off. And as it drew slowly away we saw a lean figure gesture from the deck. Shrilly to our ears a sound came.

And in answer we shouted, "Banzai!" with all the rest.

Except for the hang-over, Tournament had finished.

TRIOLET

It was a pleasant Tournament
For in the "George" grand deeds
were done.

The Spoons? Well—Fate would
not relent,

But 'twas a jolly Tournament.
The teams that Canterbury sent,
Were just too good. Sure, Boot
can run—

It was a glorious Tournament
And in the "George" the Horn
was won.

—"C."

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The College Cockpit...

(To the Editor "Smad.")
A Blade for Weir

Sir,—

I will not reply directly to "Stop that Humbug" by answering his objections, but will carry the war into the enemy's camp and analyse his state of mind.

Granted for the moment that the Weirites behaved like children in being carried away by the eloquence of the Executive members, it still remains that the mental condition of our opponents is infinitely worse. They are bound by the chains of a false tradition. They have observed that the students' right to play the fool is traditional, hence they conclude, if any event should clash with our revelry, then the revelry comes first; but here is where their minds malfunction—it does not follow that if a student is entitled to be rowdy, that he has nothing else to do but to be rowdy. He comes to the University first and foremost to train his mind and if he cannot take a full and comprehensive view of his college as a whole, his intellect is certainly not trained. A student should be able to apply his superior powers to any and every situation; for instance, he deduces that a certain amount of pomp and dignity enhances the value of a University, he realises that on certain occasions he must be dignified and solemn and he knows that ceremony is an integral part of human existence. Contrast this perfect student to the conventionalist of the Haeremai Club who says: "We must always resist authority whether we are in the right or in the wrong, just to gratify our petty pride."

I might also add as another proof of their low mental age, that they see the world in black and white. The Profs. are tyrants who are always wrong and they are the suffering heroes who are always right.

Again, public opinion is the opinion of those who have an opinion. If individual persons do not have an opinion, then as a whole they have no opinion. Similarly with V.U.C., most of its members take no interest in it at all, so its public opinion is formed solely by those who lend support to its activities. And of these Weir House forms the majority. Therefore Weir House opinion is Varsity opinion.

That means, of course, that Weir House has a mandate over the rest of the College, and it is right that this charge should be administered till there is sufficient energy forthcoming from elsewhere—so until then, Weir House is the

ARBITER.

Weighing-in of Boxers.

(To the Editor "Smad.")

Sir,—

I should like to draw attention to one Tournament event which requires modification—the weighing-in of boxers. For some unknown reason it has been the practice for boxers to weigh-in at 10 o'clock on Friday, before fighting on Saturday. This procedure, followed by

no other boxing club in the world, obviously leaves too big a loophole for overweight boxers. By fasting for a few days and indulging in Turkish Baths, it is customary for men to weigh in correctly, recover from the effects and enter the ring half-a-stone overweight.

Everyone admits that weighing-in has become a farce, but this procedure is justified or rather excused on the ridiculous plea that it is the recognised custom, and that, in the long run, no advantage is gained by any college. This is possibly correct, but one would expect regulations drawn up by a N.Z.U. Tournament body to be reasonably foolproof.

There have been half-hearted complaints made for years and it is now high time that some definite move was made.

If those in charge talk the usual bilge about not wishing to interfere with recognised customs, then "Smad" should offer a prize to anyone drawing up a more rafferty set of rules relating to weighing-in, with the help of which Ted Blacker and Alec Armour may next year be brought together in the flyweight division.

Yours, etc.,

THE FASTING TURK.

Nutshell Nonsense

(The Editor, "Smad.")

Sir,

In your issue dated April 1st, there appeared an article headed "Nutshell Knowledge," which claimed to direct freshers in matters of intellectual discussion (otherwise defined as "intensely glamorously interesting" conversation). Now, sir, while I appreciate your desire to fill your columns with readable matter, I suggest that the proposed series of articles, taking their first as a representative example will be both valueless and dangerous. I am not concerned with the fate of communism at your hands, but I am concerned with the presentation of other possible "intellectual" topics.

In the first place, the article is valueless because it is a "nutshell" version of the subject. Though I suspect a satirical intention on the part of the writer, he must realise that it is impossible to compress an intellectual subject into the compass of an article half a column in length.

If "Smad" elects to pose as the mentor of the new student, let him first see to it that his advice is adequate. If space will not allow a more comprehensive treatment than that presented on April 1st, I think that "Smad" might well revert to the practice of recording rather than of directing the opinions of the student body.

The article is dangerous because it does not fulfil its aim of providing adequate matter for intellectual discussion. By purporting to be complete, moreover, it could easily mislead the unsuspecting novice into an unwarranted self-confidence. In fact, the very result most deplored by the writer of the article himself, might eventuate—the emergence of more intellectual "poseurs."

Yours etc.,

S. G. ANDREWS.

GO THE WAIRARAPA WAY

Boys, take you holidays up the Wairarapa. At each town, village, hamlet, and farmhouse, a T.C. girl gets on the train, and with her playmates beguiles the way with innocent conversation. All the T.C. girls from "Wicky" House are only too super, and none of them has been able to save her pennies and threepences since she came doan (down) heah (here). These girlies don't say apples are exclusive, they call them "exotic" or "ambrosial" And talking of food, have you ever heard rabbits whimper, when shot (with bullet)? They cry like babes, the dears. And as for hares! Oh yes, Annabella's father once brought home some lobsters, and the brutes would persist in running round the backyard with A. and Father in pursuit. Mother would not have anything to do with them. These young ladies scorn any knowledge of farming and don't know a two-tooth from a cow. They all discuss the person and the family of the Vice-Principal of T.C.

By the way, they were all given a free ticket to Ted Blacker's Ball last Tuesday so see what you missed if you didn't go. But you can make up for it, by spending your next holidays in Masterton. The fare is five shillings return, second class.

THE EXTRAV.

With the pre-announcement of Cappicade 1936 in the last issue, "Smad" has been on the job to find out everything. Investigations confirm that all the controllers for the various Capping festivities have been appointed, and if students put their weight into it, Cappicade 1936, should be an even greater success than Tournament.

The Extrav. this year will comprise two revues, "Hell's Bells," and "Brave New Zealand." The first is aptly described as "a morale in one talk," coming from the pen of W. S. Gulban and A. Sillivert. In short it is anti-war propaganda in its most subtle form with the undertaking of a campaign for a cause dear to all womanhood. "Smad" has great pleasure in releasing the fact that His Insane Magnificence, Bunko Mustalinitlerassinini, Dictator of the Nozi State of Umbugonia will be none other than A. H. Scotney. It is with regret that we learn that no Aspirinelanders will be on exhibit.

In "Brave New Zealand," Ron Meek has very ably satirised Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," meantime entwining in the plot the leading figures on the New Zealand political stage. Boys, girls and Varsity students will be interested in the methods of creation in the year 372 A.F. (after Ford) while the mere mention of some of the characters gives sufficient promise of topical interest. The cast includes Mustapha, head of the local branch of the World Federation of Hatchery, Mickey, the Super-Savage, Mr. Didflopp, the soul of the Savages, Mr. Hash, the financial wizard, Mr. Simple, a vulgar gentleman, and, of course, Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

"Hell's Bells" is being produced by J. B. Aimers while the production of "Brave New Zealand" is in the hands of W. J. Mountjoy Jun.

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HOW THEY FARED

AUCKLAND WINS THE BASKETBALL SHIELD

Once again Auckland carries off the honours in basketball. Unbeaten in their three games, the Auckland team showed us what fitness and training can do. Victoria well deserved her place as runner-up. The best team won but the home team put up a good fight.

Monday, 13th, saw a crowd of barrackers lining the banks of Wellington East Girls' College courts. The first game, C.U.C. v. V.U.C. was won by V.U.C. 9-7. Home barrackers had plenty of opportunity for hakas as Victoria steadily potted the goals. Some snappy shooting by J. Grainger and brilliant centre passing by Victoria centres were highlights in a fast open game. The A.U.C. v. O.U. match was won by A.U.C. 9-6. Auckland's almost perfect team co-ordination won the match. After this, there was an interval during which the haka party staged a North v. South match. Abyssinians in bare feet and other gentlemen in stocking-feet gave a demonstration of Abyssinian basketball, all-in, catch as catch can. C.U.C. and O.U. resumed play. O.U. won this game 4-2. The shooting, as the score shows, was extremely poor, and the whole game was marred by stoppages owing to minor accidents to players.

A.U.C. then met V.U.C. V.U.C. was defeated by 6 goals to 12. V.U.C. seemed to lose their morale after half-time when the score stood 4-3 to Auckland. Auckland's centres did some brilliant passing and the Auckland defence managed to keep the ball away from our goal.

2 o'clock saw A.U.C. and C.U.C. on the field. Canterbury was obviously outclassed and though the defence worked hard, A.U.C. won 8-1. Then V.U.C. beat Otago 6-3. The brilliant interceptions of M. Pilcher and accurate passing of N. McLaren and S. Fraser put the ball down into our goal more often than the score would indicate.

SWIMMING.

The swimming teams were fortunate in the ideal conditions that prevailed at Thorndon Baths for the Swimming Tournament. Otago won the shield comfortably from Canterbury with Victoria and Auckland tailing them in that order.

One record was broken, when Horsfall (C.) lowered his time for the 220 yards breaststroke by 4 secs. It was easily the most exciting race of the day, Davies (O.) putting up a great performance to finish a touch behind the winner after leading over the latter stages.

Victoria's match points were scored by F. King, whose win in the 440 yards championship although not entirely a surprise, was most convincing. Our other representatives did not fare as well, perhaps due to there being no tepid baths in Wellington. The other Colleges have these facilities, making cold weather training possible. With summers such as our last, tepid water is an essential before Victoria can hope to train up to the required standard.

BOXING.

Opinion will vary with regard to the Inter-University Boxing Championships. On the whole, however, it must be said that the Boxing was of a very high standard. Canterbury College won the Boxing Shield for the first time since 1926, annexing the Bantam, Welter, Lightweight, and Heavyweight titles.

A cup presented by Mr Kean to be awarded to the competitor giving the most scientific display of Boxing, fell to the lot of J. Chapman-Smith, winner of the Lightweight title, and the only successful A.U.C. competitor. This boxer in the preliminaries gave a brilliant display of scientific boxing against Edwards (V.U.C.), and in the final against McFadzien (O.U.), who had the advantage every way, he won by sheer ring-craft against an opponent who clearly carried T.N.T. in either fist.

Contrary to expectations, Aspell defeated Armour, defending champion. It would not be unfair to the Canterbury man to say that he sought safety in clinches. He had no option, outweighed as he was by 34 lbs. Rather it speaks well for his tactics. It must be said, however, that he was lucky to win.

Probably the highlight of the Tournament was the bout between Armour and Vosilagi (O.U.). The latter however, found the 30-odd pounds in weight too big a concession to make, but he gave a sterling display of courage in weathering Armour's fusillade of deadly smashes, and the final goal found him fighting back gamely.

Many considered the bout between O'Connor (V.) and Tuckey (O.U.) the best scrap of the Tournament. O'Connor more than deserved the Featherweight title after standing up to Blake's (C.U.C.) bear-hugs and bull-rushes.

Other boxers who impressed were the Barnes brothers of Canterbury and Victoria respectively, who contested the Lightweight-weight final which the Canterbury man won. Butler (O.U.) showed promise, as did Campbell (V.), although he was lucky to win his first bout. Edgeley's powerful straight left also commended itself.

ROWING.

The Eight prayed for it, "Smad" prayed for it, V.U.C. prayed for it—and if ever there was a perfect day for rowing it was Easter Saturday.

The only wonder is that C.U.C. did not win by more. They lead from start to finish and except for the first half-mile or so when it seemed as though A.U.C. would be dangerous, they were never hurried. Eaton, the stroke, is to be complimented on his race. This was his first time in the stroke seat, and he rowed excellently. Maintaining a steady 30, they passed the post two lengths in front. Congratulations C.U.C.—a great race.

O.U. for the first time were placed. They rowed well inshore and it was the course for the day. It seems strange that the others

kept out so far, but apparently they followed advice from the Petone shed.

Of A.U.C. and V.U.C. we shall say this—they were beaten by better crews. The Canterbury crew was as outstanding as Auckland's of the two previous years and to be beaten by them was no disgrace. For V.U.C., let it be said, "We'll see you next year."

TENNIS.

Perfect weather for both days of the Tournament tennis prevailed at Miramar and players were able to exhibit their true form under the best conditions Comptroller Plank and Wellington could offer. "Smad" extends congratulations to all winners and to our own representatives for the general excellence of their performances.

The highlight of the tennis was J. J. McCarthy's win without the loss of a set in the Singles Championship against the best entry for years. Meeting Ivan Corich in the first round, he unloosed a battery of strokes that could not be denied and continued his way with an easy victory in the second round to meet Duffield in the final. Knowing that it is almost impossible to outdrive Duffield, Jock adopted correct tactics in varying the game; time and again he drew Duffield to the net with a perfectly executed drop-shot and then either passed him with an angled drive or else lobbed deep for a winner. It was a fine exhibition of tactical tennis and the better man won.

L. H. Marchant, driving strongly, reached his best form in the men's doubles partnered by B. McCarthy, the pair reaching the final to lose to Duffield and Walls (C.U.C.). V.U.C. played excellently in the first half of the match but after leading 6-4, 5-2, inexplicably faded away and allowed their opponents to stage a magnificent recovery to take the title. The other doubles pair, Sivyver and White, lost their first round match to a weak Otago pair; poor combination and an equally poor knowledge of doubles play led to their downfall.

Faulty net play changed a possible victory into defeat for Marchant and Miss Edwards. Their inability to "kill" anything gave their opponents too many opportunities.

J. J. McCarthy and Miss Gerard, after an excellent first-round display were defeated by the hard driving of the C.U.C. pair. Miss F. McKinnon, of Auckland, is to be complimented on the excellent play and imperturbable temperament she displayed to win this event with Carnahan.

The general standard of the Ladies' events was low and, without wishing to deprecate the performances of any competitor, "Smad" maintains that it is still far behind the men's. Miss D. Briggs reached her best form in a marathon match against Miss Wauchop; a slight over-eagerness in the final stages cost her the match, but there was nothing between the players. Janet Grainger was expected to win the final against Miss Wauchop, but met defeat in a long match that was noteworthy for her opponent's ultra-steadiness; Janet was rarely able to put away a ball for a clean winner and consequently rallies were generally concluded by her mistakes.



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