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From Capping Week

Echoes and Reflections

Taking into account the fact that it came so close on a Tournament's junketing, Capping and its customary animation might easily have suffered by comparison.

As it was, the large majority who had predicted its failure, were agreeably surprised, and "Smad" for one, is prepared to guarantee its favourable comparison with any previous occasions.

Its impetus commenced with the success of the Extravaganza, which we have already reviewed. It gathered momentum as it continued through the most interesting Undergraduate Supper and the most provoking Procession for years, through an unimpeachably decorous Capping Ceremony, and it reached a care-free spirited climax at St. Francis Hall.

SUPPER IN THE GYM.

The Undergrad's Supper supplied many notable and one or two unforgettable things.

Obviously with the idea of making the students listen to the subsequent speeches, the Executive had arranged a supper very much superior to the usual one run. And on the face of things it seemed a pity that we were unable to hear any of Mr. McGhie's speech on the Professorial Board. We had already guessed, though, that cordial relations existed between Mr. McGhie's Executive and the Professorial Board, and in any case, Professor Rankine-Brown told us so a few minutes later.

The Professor it was who gave us the first laugh of the evening, and assured for himself a quiet hearing for the entire length of his reply.

On his own acknowledgment, Professor Rankine-Brown had an unqualified admiration for a famous American screen vamp, but he modified his confession by remarking, that, having seen three of the lady's pictures, he was of the opinion that he had seen as much of her as any gentleman ought to see.

The Chairman of the Professorial Board also expressed his pleasure at seeing women in the College revue, giving it as his opinion that they added to the aesthetic value of the production. It appeared that we had found a man after our own heart.

What appealed to us most about Mr. Edgley who proposed the toast of the Graduands was his positiveness. Had there been present a graduand whose achievement had gone to his head, Bob's unqualified debunking would have broken his heart. He caught, however, a Tartar in John White, who proceeded in his reply, to estimate Mr. Edgley's remarks in terms of the latter's statement

that "Oratory is the harlot of the Arts." And then the most original effort of the evening was furnished by Nesbitt Sellers, entrusted with the toast of the Students' Association.

He commenced with a thumbnail sketch of the members of the Executive. Shrewd, incisive pictures immediately recognised and heartily applauded by an appreciatively attentive audience. We remember that the President was "rather like Mr. Baldwin. Motto—Peace at any Price"; and that Dick Wild was "V.U.C.'s fairy prince, awakened from pleasant dreams by the kisses of a hundred geishas." And we agreed that "the hard-working Secretary's histrionic excursion into popular Shavianism has led him astray into the chilly embrace of a less entertaining Calvinism."

We listened interestedly to Mr. Sellers's sound ideas on the "ideal" Executive and noted with amusement the confused reactions of our own.

And when it came to the President's reply, we confirmed our agreement with Mr. Sellers by extending to Bob the full measure of our sympathy at his insuperable task.

We really didn't settle down to the excellent speeches of Mr. Chesterman, Miss Joy Stock and Mr. Brown after that, and we were inordinately thankful for the opportunity given us by Martin Liddle to join in a lusty chorus.

THE PROCESH.

The Procession, and the repercussions it set up, have been sufficiently well advertised to allow us to go on to the final day of Capping, with the Ceremony and the Ball.

THE CAPPING CEREMONY.

The graduands, graduates, College Council, Professorial Board, the Chancellor of the University, the Attorney-General, and the Chairman, entered the hall in traditional procession some half-hour late, and were welcomed with "Gaudeamus" sung half-heartedly by the Glee Club and students. At the last moment, Mr. P. Levi, Chairman of the College Council, was unable to preside and his place was taken by Mr. H. A. Parkinson. The address of the evening was delivered by the Hon. H. R. G. Mason, Attorney-General, and a graduate of the College; but we were not greatly impressed. However, the conventional advice was given to the graduands and the usual good wishes expressed.

After "Absent Friends" had been honoured in very apathetic fashion the Chancellor of the University, the Hon. J. Hanan, performed the actual capping ceremony by tap-

BLUES

At last Thursday's meeting of the Executive, the following V.U.C. Blues were awarded.

"Smad" wishes warmly to congratulate the recipients on their respective successes:—

ATHLETICS.—Messrs. H. J. Abraham, W. R. Birks, L. S. Black, P. T. Bowie, B. M. McIntosh.

BOXING.—Messrs. A. H. Armour, K. W. Barnes, B. C. Campbell, R. W. Edgley, W. P. Edwards, R. J. Meek, M. O'Connor.

CRICKET.—Messrs. D. S. Dean, T. A. Harpur, W. Tricklebank, W. F. Viemeyer, A. G. Wiren.

DEFENCE RIFLE CLUB.—Messrs. A. A. Gawith, B. D. A. Greig, G. T. Ryan, J. B. C. Taylor.

HOCKEY.—Messrs. C. G. Camp, L. B. Denby, P. N. Grant, R. D. McEwan, F. L. Newcombe, F. H. Stewart, W. F. Viemeyer, P. E. Webb.

ROWING.—Messrs. K. W. Barnes, G. B. Gibbons, R. P. Hansen.

SWIMMING.—Messrs. M. J. Mason, F. King.

TENNIS.—Misses D. Briggs, P. M. P. Edwards, J. Grainger, D. Gerard.

Messrs. J. J. McCarthy, B. J. McCarthy, L. H. Marchant.

ping each graduand on the head with his mortar-board. This very simple ritual seems fraught with deep meaning—those 44 masters, 116 bachelors, and 14 holders of diplomas are pushed out into the world equipped for anything, as was pointed out by the Chancellor in his brief address following the ceremony. With memories of last year's ceremony we found the Chancellor's remarks refreshingly brief.

The College song set to a new tune—but not yet the tune for which it was written—was rendered unenthusiastically.

FINALE.

And so, from the formality of the Town Hall to the Capping Ball.

Here, John Holderness, organiser par-excellence, had catered for the naive and the blase, the famous and the undistinguished, the capped and the still uncapped, old and young, profs and the sober, in a manner which invited gaiety and sweet abandon.

Myrmidons danced attendance; music and laughter, food and wine and good company released a flood of bonhomie that echoed as far as Marsden whence still more folks came, an eager and gate-crashing crowd.

We remember Professor Kirk, his heart warming to the cheery atmosphere, congratulating us on the students' behaviour at the ceremony.

We remember Professor Rankine-Brown telling us the same thing.

THE EXECUTIVE MEETS.

8.2 p.m. found "Smad" at the Executive Room in a flurry at being late, only to find that the President, Vice-President and Secretary were the only ones present. However, the rest arrived and the minutes of the previous meeting were mumbled by McGhie and confirmed.

Mr. McGhie asked his colleagues whether, owing to the increase of the work devolving upon him in his official capacity, it would not be possible to appoint an assistant-secretary?

The matter was lost sight of in a welter of gas, and Mac went on to describe with elaborate detail how he had purchased a new duplicator for £20, which would have cost any other than an Aberdonian £27/10/-. (Acclamation.)

Scotney arrived at 9 p.m. and immediately started the opposition though at periods he was screamed down by the ladies. The main subject, however, of the evening aroused considerable discussion, the vexed question of Massey College representation. A letter from the N.Z.U. Tournament Committee was read setting forth its recommendation that Massey College be united with Victoria for the purposes of Tournament, thus giving to Massey students the opportunity to win a N.Z.U. blue. It was pointed out that Canterbury made good use of Lincoln College—Massey's southern counterpart, and that Otago had its dental and medical students. It was, therefore, not unreasonable to expect Victoria to fall into line.

It was gently hinted that the inclusion of Massey might raise the standard of Victoria's attainments.

The President remarked that he had devoted considerable thought to the matter recently (See how the platitudes of the politicians have insinuated themselves into our councils!) and that his views had somewhat changed. He thought the request was not unreasonable. A motion was moved by Mr. Birks and denounced by Mr. Wild who stated that as the matter was one for the sports bodies concerned—football, tennis, hockey, swimming, athletics . . .

Miss McLaren: Basketball? (Laughter.)

. . . and for the body of the students in general. A recommendation either way by the Executive would weigh too heavily with the students who, after all, were the ones vitally concerned. Hence it was imperative that the Executive be strictly neutral." The motion was lost.

That matter was finally left over for the new committee. It would not, however, be breaking a confidence if it were stated that the general spirit of the meeting was pro-Massey.

DISTRICT COURT OF CONVOCATION

Graduates in Conference

Two matters prominently discussed at the annual meeting of the District Court of Convocation held at the College on Thursday last were Medical Schools and Membership of the College Council. The members present, few in number, were however prolific in ideas.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION.

The Chairman, Mr. H. McCormack, referring to the question of student representation on the College Council, stated that a deputation from the Court had approached the Council, but as yet no finality had been reached, although it was accorded a sympathetic hearing. The Committee of the Court had prepared a memorandum setting forth the case for representation and had forwarded it to the Council.

BALLOT PAPERS.

Exception was taken to the present method of setting out ballot papers for election of the Court's representatives to the Council, inasmuch as these papers were considered discriminatory when academic qualifications and occupations were endorsed after the names of candidates. The practice of the Council in going into committee when controversial issues were raised, was also criticised, and a motion was carried suggesting that this privilege be less freely availed of.

ANOTHER MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The question of establishing a medical school in the North Island provoked lengthy discussion, in the course of which Dr. Sutch made feeling reference to the inability of unfinancial students to pursue the medical course. He suggested the establishment of medical schools similar to the present Training Colleges. Finally it was decided on the motion of Professor Kirk that a special committee be set up to consider the best means of enabling students well fitted for the medical profession, but unable to afford the expense to pursue the medical course.

The present method of choosing the personnel of the College Council was condemned. Dr. Beaglehole maintained that those who had the greatest interest in running the College had the least voice in doing so, and he was warmly supported in these views. It was accordingly resolved that the Court's Committee be directed to consider the possibility of improving the system of choosing the personnel of the Council.

The following committee has been elected for the ensuing year: Dr. Beaglehole, Mr. N. A. Foden, Mr. W. P. Rollings, Mr. P. J. G. Smith and Dr. Sutch. Hon. Sec.-Treas., Mr. C. S. Plank.

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Banning Our Procession

Again a Ban has been decreed and again we hope that it will be lifted. There is not likely to be the same general storm of protest as arose on the announcement that the Capping Ceremony would be a private ceremony but there is a storm none the less. We hope to show in our next issue that, due to a storm of protest, this year in a University such as Sydney, the ban on the procession has been removed.

From time immemorial a procession has been held and it has now become, instead of a right or privilege, a hallowed tradition to be honoured, respected and observed by our younger blood. Never an occasion in keeping with a gentleman's frock coat or a little black tie nor constitutionally for innocent jokes—although always there are many in a procession. There are limits to all questionable jokes, but where is that shifting line dividing the right from the wrong. We feel that the procession from an ethical aspect was no more to be censured than its predecessors.

We consider that the best and a practical suggestion is for the Professorial Board to appoint a censor to review the procession before it starts out on its journey through the city.

We feel that the trust lies in our Executive, as soon as the warmth of anger has subsided, to take up the matter with the Professorial Board as their impartial and unprejudiced judges. We have found in the past that they will listen to reason. How well we honoured our undertaking to preserve the peace at the Ceremony! How many Cappicades will be sold without the procession? How poorly will the Extravaganza be advertised, and how many people in the City will know that Capping Week is on, without a Procession? How will the Building Fund prosper? No longer a myth it will now become a legend.

NEW SPEAKERS' DEBATE.

"That Female Freedom is a Farcical Failure"

New speakers on Wednesday night were favoured by the largest audience at such a debate for some time. Mr. Lima moving, after burbling irrelevantly for some time informed us that in former times false prophets came in sheep's clothing. We had a momentary suspicion that perhaps he was speaking of himself—we found, however, he was speaking of women. Miss Dickens in opposing remarked that to solve women's problems to-day we need women in all spheres to deal with them.

We were amused at Mr. Wansborough's contradiction of himself. He told us that women took up careers to get her man but, as a later speaker remarked, he gave the lie direct to this by saying that men couldn't stand such women. Miss Butler reminded us of Montesquien's statement that suffrage should be refused only to those who hadn't wills of their own.

A stream of speakers from the floor produced the winner of the debate, Mr. McGlynn, who sagely remarked that freedom for women was freedom to do as they themselves liked, not to do as men wanted them to do. After Miss Pridham's remark that no man would care to open a home for hopeless imbeciles—voice: "There's a university now!"—we listened seriously to Mr. Seotney's capable handling of the subject.

Definitely in favour of female freedom, he hoped he hadn't been biased, therefore, in the placing of the speakers—Mr. McGlynn, Miss Bullen, Mr. Perry, Miss Dickens and Mr. Gretton in that order.

"Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it."—Henry Ford.

"JOURNEY'S END"

The Dramatic Club has selected R. C. Sherriff's famous play, "Journey's End," for its first production in the Winter Term. The Committee received numerous requests from students that the Club should present some play other than comedy or farce, and in acceding to those requests, the committee feels certain that its decision will be appreciated by a large majority of students.

Although "Journey's End" has not been staged in Wellington for many years, little need be said about the play itself. It is a gripping drama of the front-line trenches, which shows the effect of the War on a small group of officers and their individual reactions to the strain placed upon them. It must not be thought that the play is entirely devoid of humour: on the contrary the author has lessened the tense atmosphere of the play with brilliant comic relief. He has skilfully portrayed and distinguished all his characters to remarkable effect. A strong cast has been rehearsing steadily during the vacation, and the club feels confident that it will do full justice to this great play.

"Journey's End" will be presented in the College Gymnasium on Thursday and Friday, 11th and 12th June. Students' Night will be Thursday, when supper and dance will follow the production. The play will also be presented on Saturday for members of the R.S.A.

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Latest Lamentation:

No more sex; no more beer.
Why be here—out of gear?

HERE AND THERE

Chris Lima's Beard.

"Smad" is still receiving articles on this subject.

A Correspondent's Views.

A person who can sell such a paper as "Smad" for twopence and get away with it, does not need a University education.

[It is, we hope, inapt.]

Psych. Exam Paper Howler:

"The areas in the brain other than sensory and motor are sacral."

As It Should Be:

"I am afraid I am not sufficiently prepared to undergo a cross-examination on the subject."

The Music Goes Round:

The following astounding conversation took place at the door of the Grand Opera House during the dress rehearsal of "Brave New Zealand," between two elderly females of the species, who had apparently been attracted by the musical noises issuing from the hall, and the open door.

1st Lady: There aren't many here to-night, are there?

2nd Lady: No.

1st Lady: I think they should have opened the doors earlier, don't you?

2nd Lady: Yes.

1st Lady: By the way, which Gilbert and Sullivan is this? I don't seem to remember it!

We Should Like to Meet—

The lady who, at the Capping photograph, repeatedly hid her face with her bouquet.

A Perversion.

Our Procession goes down and is damned

And round and round and comes out banned.

Mussolini on Hearing of the Banning of the Procession and the Fines Inflicted:

What a brilliant innovation

To further my renovation

Of this prurient vulgar and barbaric nation.

Echoes of Turakirae:

I still maintain its Queen's Wharf.

Mr. E. R. Chesterman has accepted a position on the Otago Boys' High School. He was a member of the N.Z.U. Rugby team which has just toured Japan.

His many friends and acquaintances will wish him good luck and every success.

Mr. Alfred Katz leaves on June 12 by the Monowai for Sydney and from there by the Otranto through the Suez Canal to London. He plans to go to Stockholm and to see as much of Europe, Russia, Germany and France as possible before returning to New York in October. His plan is then to enter Yale to work for a doctorate of Philosophy in Social Psychology.

COMING EVENTS

June 10, Photographic Club—Annual Meeting.

June 11, Dramatic Club's "Journey's End."

June 12, Dramatic Club's "Journey's End"; Weir House Annual Dance.

June 16, S.C.M. and Fencing Club's Meetings.

June 17, Free Discussions Club.

June 22, Interschool Hockey Dance.

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THE COCKPIT

Procession Aftermath.

Dear "Smad,"
Far more important than the banning of the procession are the respective attitudes adopted by the Students' Executive and the Professorial Board.

The Executive's attitude involves an important principle: whether the Executive as the elected representatives of the students should assume full responsibility for the actions of those to whom they have delegated specific tasks. The inquiry into the "Cappicade" magazine affords an excellent example. The Executive themselves appointed the Editors, and accordingly I consider that they should have faced the subsequent inquiry, instead of allowing the responsibility to rest on the Editors. It may be argued that the Professorial Board demanded the name of the chief Editor, and that refusal to supply the name would have resulted in friction between the Board and the Association.

This may be true, but surely the duty of the Executive to students and an important principle, should be placed before the duty of "maintaining cordial relations with the Professorial Board."

The behaviour of the Students' Executive was questionable enough, but far worse was that of the Professorial Board. Seemingly influenced by a controversy in the local press it instigated an inquiry into the Procession and the "Cappicade" magazine. On the completion of the inquiry the chairman made a statement: the offenders had been fined and processions banned. Strong stuff! Swift justice! The Board justifies its existence in the face of public opinion! The "Dominion" in its sub-leader emphasized the important point that the action taken by the Board was purely negative and of no lasting value.

The Board's attitude was destructive, not constructive. That is a fact which must be realised by Students and the Board itself. It is serious enough that Professors are accused of divorcing themselves from the everyday world, but far more serious is the accusation that they stand aloof from the students and student affairs. And at V.U.C. such an accusation is fully justified. Club functions, whether cultural, sporting, or social, rarely receive their support or interest, while it is even rumoured that some professors do not even attend meetings of their own board.

From events in the past three years it appears that the Board's sole interest is administering rebukes and inflicting punishments at the dictate of the correspondence columns in the daily press.

When the Professors put their own house in order and take some interest in student affairs, then will the students appreciate and respect their criticisms and advice.

Yours, etc.

—"A."

Capping Caterpillars

Dear "Smad,"
It has been said that critics often take from the tree caterpillars and blossoms together. We take that risk without fear because the Capping caterpillars were big enough and hairy enough to be identified without trouble.

Capping week was full of blemishes; few could see anything funny in a puerile Capping book while the Procession hardly caused a smile, unless it was derisive. Surely it is obvious to the Executive that a Capping Comptroller should be appointed so that these two essential parts of Capping are properly organised and livened up.

Apart from these blots on the escutcheon Capping was successful, the Extrav., Undergrads' Supper, Ceremony and Ball being of a high order. Even here, however, we think we can see room for improvement.

The Extrav. was not assisted by those who attempted to be funny in the boxes, for although the idea was good, the jokes were about as puerile as those in the Capping Book. As non-actors we also take the liberty to criticise the dramatis personae. Is it not possible to pay more attention to make up and to the outstanding traits of those who are impersonated? If the N.Z. politicians had approached Bernard Shaw in this respect the effect would have been 100 per cent. better.

We think the Undergrads' Supper is too full of words. A song for absent friends is surely enough while there seems little necessity for a toast to the ladies. Perhaps the Prof. Board and Exec., who apparently live together in such perfect amity, might be combined into one toast! These economies in speech making would, we feel sure, be much appreciated.

The Ceremony and Ball defeat us.

Yours, etc.

—THE CRITICS.

RESULTS IN A NUT-SHELL

FOOTBALL.

Senior A v St. Pats, lost 8-3.
Senior B v. Eastbourne, lost 6-5.
Junior (1st Div.) v. St. Pat's O.B., won 5-4.
Junior (2nd Div.) v. Pirates, won 25-6.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

Senior B v. Hutt, lost 3-2.
Junior v. Karori, won 2-0.
Training Coll. v. Hutt, drew 2 all.

BASKETBALL.

Senior B v. Woolworths, lost 21-17.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Junior v. Hutt, lost 7-0.

VACATION RESULTS—SPORTS SUMMARY.

Rugby—Seniors:

v. United, won 9-3.
v. Athletic, drew 8 all.
v. Miramar, lost 18-12.
v. Miramar, lost 18-12.
v. Pirates, won 13-9.

Men's Hockey—Senior:

v. Wesley, drew 3 all.
v. Hutt, lost 2-1.
v. Wellington, lost 5-3.
v. Karori B, drew, no score.

Basketball—Senior:

v. Awatea, lost 14-12.
v. Kia Toa, won 18-5.

Women's Hockey—Senior:

v. Huia, lost 5-1.
v. C.O.G. lost 4-1.
v. Toa, lost 3-1.
v. Training Coll. won 8-0.

"The only way to fight booze is by ceasing to make life chronically painful for the masses."—G. B. Shaw.

TRUE STORY

The Early Bird Gets the Worm

In a northern suburb an aspiring Chief Justice awoke, yawned, and jumped into a cold bath. But even as his Nelson Eddy voice rose above the melodious murmur of falling water the icy chime of seven-thirty struck a note of panic into the frosty morning air. So seizing a Gillette blade in one hand and a porridge pot in the other, he burst from the house in an attempt on the thousand metre record.

But alas! this morning the stage is late and at Government Buildings it wants but two minutes to the hour. Never foiled, our hero hails a passing cab and in one minute climbs above the cold cruel commercial city onward and upward into the stratosphere.

An interchange of currency, a sprint up the drive and our hero lands safe within the portals of his Alma Mater. Save for the swish of three brooms all is silent as a tomb. Like one who treads alone some banquet hall deserted, he tiptoes to the notice board and reads, "The second term will begin on Monday, June 2nd."

"MODERN TIMES"

A Precis Film Review

To see Charles Chaplin again was to be reminded of his perfect artistry and his great genius. There is no other artist living who can present us with mixture of pathos and humour that makes us laugh lest we weep.

In this picture we see a maturer Charlie Chaplin tilting at all the paradoxes and injustices of modern times. Because his ridicule is tempered with humour the thrust goes deeper. In a few flashes he brings home to us the inhumanity of the conveyor belt system, the tyranny of machinery and above all the absolute despair of unemployment. With sardonic pleasantry he tears to shreds the methods of justice and the "equality" of our social system. While we may laugh at this little man in difficulties, we cannot but remember that the world over people have been arrested for crimes, especially political crimes they did not commit; others have preferred prison (and shelter) to walking the streets, while others have had to live in hovels, and there are such on Te Aro flat, that fell to bits with the touch.—H.

THE DANCE OF THE YEAR

It is reported from an unreliable source that the night of the United Hockey Clubs' Tournament Dance—June 22nd—will be a memorable one in the annals of Victoria. Wine will flow like water and commissionaires flee like Maori dogs. Full opportunity for the record hangover of the year will be given by the King's Birthday, Tuesday June 23rd.

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MEN'S HOCKEY.

The game against Karori A on Saturday was hard and fast and ended in a draw—2 all. Territorially, Varsity had the better of the game in the first half. Webb (centreforward) opened the score with a fine shot into the top of the net. Varsity forced several corners and from one of these a hard shot from Shaw was stopped by the Karori goal keeper. The whole team was combining very well and the forwards were unfortunate in not scoring again.

In the second half Karori evened the score but Eggleton secured the lead again for Varsity by following in quickly on a rebound from the goalie. A few minutes later Karori made the score 2 all, but although they continued to press hard with a series of corners towards the end of the game, no further score was added. Robinson (full-back) stopped a hard shot. The final score, 2 all, was a good indication of the play.

The three full-back formation which has again been adopted was put to a severe test, and it is evident that it has greatly strengthened the defence. In the two matches played, since it has been put into practice only two goals have been netted by opposing teams. Abraham, formerly left wing, is now filling the third full-back position very well, his extra speed being more useful there. With Foster and Robinson as the other full-backs, and Newcombe filling the difficult position of fourth half, the team has a very strong defensive combination.

On Thursday the team will play their annual fixture with Massey College at Palmerston North. In view of the approaching tournament, this match should give indication of Massey's strength, and also demonstrate the success or otherwise of the new system against a similarly speedy and scientific team.

The Juniors have an unbeaten record to their credit and capped it on Saturday by defeating Karori by two goals to nil. They are now equal with that team as leaders of their competition. Training College in the same grade, are also playing well, being in second place despite the vacation.

FOOTBALL.

On Saturday the Seniors met St. Pat's Old Boys in the early game at Athletic Park, and after an evenly contested game were defeated by 8 points to 3. It was Varsity's best performance for the season. The forwards still lack the fire and ginger of a first-class pack, but could remedy this by concentrating on fitness and speed in the loose. Of the backs, Rae was by far the best, his defence and covering up of mistakes being excellent. Tricklebank's tackling was sound throughout and his penalty goal from fifty yards out, which gained Varsity's only points, was a magnificent effort. We only wish he could get the leather over the bar more often.

The inside backs are still very weak. Reid showed promise as an attacking back but again, as in Auckland, his defence was not all that it should have been. Ted

Blacker played his best game for many a day, leading the pack well. Burke was the outstanding forward, being in the limelight not only for his hooking, but also for good following up and solid defence. Eade, too, was prominent, particularly in lineouts and stopping rushes.

From Saturday's form it appears that Varsity may be able to make their customary mid-season burst. A fact that should help guarantee this is the acquisition of Canterbury's brilliant five-eighths, G. A. Parsons, who has been transferred to Wellington. Last season he captained the Canterbury team in some representative matches and was captain of the N.Z.U. team on its successful tour of Japan. He can be expected to fill the gap so noticeable at present in our back line.

On Thursday, the team will meet Massey at Palmerston North. We wish you luck, Green, and another good Capping Ball—you lucky beggars!

HARRIERS.

Admirable conditions favoured the harriers on their run for the Sherwood Cup over three miles of varied country from Rongotai on Saturday. Sixteen started, fifteen completing the course. The run for the cup was under handicap conditions, Gabites being the winner with the nett time of 18.77 minutes. Porter, 18.90 mins. was second, and Cairns, 18.91, third. With an actual running time of 19.41 mins. and nett time of 19.03, Horsley gained fourth position, and also fastest time for the race.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

The Varsity team is suffering from a holiday complex—a different team for every match. Accordingly combination is weak and lack of training at the beginning of the season is also taking its toll.

On Saturday, in T.O.G., the team encountered a very scientific set of players, and what with commencing two short and having no centre-forward till half-time, the result was very encouraging. It was Varsity's best game to date.

The team has that common fault of women's hockey, the halves' positional play is weak. They evidently prefer to hang back in lingering admiration of their attacking forwards.

Notes on the Players:—

A. Hunter.—A dependable winger who centres well.

N. Goldsbury.—A right inner with good combination and stick-work.

M. Nelligan.—Must speed up her shots. The team needs a snappy goal-getter.

G. Kean.—Shows dash on occasions and is improving.

M. Johnstone.—New to the left wing and must learn to centre sooner. We know it's hard.

N. Bayfield.—A dependable right half.

C. Robertson.—Must watch positional play and back up her forwards.

B. Ball.—Keep your position Beris.

E. Chatfield and J. Bacon, full-backs, are hard workers, but must learn to support the team on attack.

H. Maysmor.—Don't trust your stick too much Helen. Kick more.

BASKETBALL.

The Varsity Senior A team has as good material this year as it has ever had. Yet the whole team plays a poor game as a team. There is a palpable lack of co-operation. The girls do not know each other's play. With solid and regular practice this year's team could carry off the Wellington championship. True, they would have to beat Wellington East with their unassailable defence and their sure goalies, and too, Kia Ora A, with their swift centres and bright passing throughout.

But Varsity has the stuff. Every girl in the A team is a first-class player, and it can also be said that there is not one who, in favourable circumstances, might not rank as a Wellington rep.

But no one can do much in a team which does not practise regularly. The season is yet young and we can hope for great things from Varsity A if they will buck up and attend practices, and if those practices could be held in a well-lighted and full-sized gym.

Some Notes on Players:—

Stella Phillips.—This year's captain is a good and reliable player. We still like you in defence best, Stella—memories of your sticking propensities and also good interceptions. However, if you intend to remain in goal, get free from that partner.

Janet Grainger.—Tophole. But brighten up that shooting, Janet, and you'll be a second Mary Line. Field work brilliant.

Marjorie Gibbons.—Our best goalscorer this season; but you must get in front of that partner and make for the wide open spaces.

Nora McLaren.—A stalwart player and a steady passer. But don't overdo the defending and get pulled up for infringements, Nora.

Dorothy Grainger.—A pretty player who would do well to cut out her moments of lackadaisai. Stick to those brilliant moments.

Margaret Pilcher.—Good, because she uses her head. But the rest of the team don't know you, Miss Pilcher.

Marion Bell.—A brilliant interceptor and defender. But you get your tail down too easily, Marion. Beware of fumbling.

Eric Overton.—A prospective Wellington rep. A fighter and a brilliant defence. (And a practiser!). Keep it up.

Sylvia Hefford.—The only fresher to make the team. Congrats! Stick to that goalie partner.

Sheila Fraser.—A good player, but must get more active and less self-conscious of her play. And don't fumble. Your brain is a good player.

All the goals must practise their shooting.

We've got our money on the V.U.C. Senior A. They defeated Kia Ora B very convincingly on Saturday by 13 goals to 8.

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