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ADJUDICATORS ACCLAIM AIMERS'S ANTOINETTE THE NEW EXECUTIVE

The contest for the Plunket Medal last Saturday evening went the full eight rounds. From a ringside seat, "Smad" brings you an eyewitness's impressions of the epic conflict, for which fans had packed the Concert Chamber to the doors. Jack Aimers secured the winning fall in the fourth round.

Jack's Poor Marie.

"A victim to levity": such was Marie Antoinette, the lady so charmingly introduced to the audience by the winning speaker. This unhappy Queen had been made the symbol for all the depravity of the French Court, but Jack wasn't going to let that pass. We had to examine the influences that led her from the nursery to the marriage, and thence, step by step, to the guillotine. When we had discarded the exaggerated accusations of infamy made against her, we would find a very human woman. A victim of the poison of flattery in her early life, she was yet able, on the threshold of the scaffold, to stand alone and face with equanimity the fate of the guillotine. Jack dealt with the elegant lady with appropriate artistry, while his direct and forceful style was fully equal to the underlying grimness of his theme. The tempo was sustained throughout, right up to the final picture of the Statue of Liberty in the Place de la Revolution: "She sees not, nor wishes to see, she knows not, nor wishes to know, the acts committed in her name."

The Twa Macs.

Wha wadna gae wi' the McGhie up tae Bonnie Scotland among the men wi' knobby knees and lean and hungry look, among the scent of the heather and a'?' Last year, ye ken, 'twere w' Rabbie Burns; but no matter, ye may as well gae agen wi' McG. and MacD.

Ramsay MacDonald was an idealist. Ramsay accordingly followed his ideals, Mr. McGhie followed Ramsay, but Mr. Justice Blair couldn't follow Mr. McGhie. "Was he a traitor?" asked the orator. "Aye," shouted a voice (an entirely unsolicited testimonial). Through the haze of a Killiecrankie mist we could hardly expect to see much of the man we were looking for, but Mr. McGhie himself made up for that by his unrivalled ease on the stage and his charm of manner. Mac was placed second in the contest, but "a Scotsman knows he's never beaten."

Miss Souter and Anaesthetics.

Third in the placing of the Judges was Miss D. C. Souter, speaking on Sir James Simpson. Beginning with his burial, Miss Souter traced his life back to the time when he was son of a baker. Sir James had a curious facility for dreaming first and sleeping afterwards. In 1847, for example, he first sniffed chloroform. This

was the fulfilment of a dream, and a deep sleep ensued. Miss Souter then gave us oratory on obstetrics, statistics, and anaesthetics, and the most powerful of these was anaesthetics.

Try Again, Bonk!

Bonk's Liberator for 1936 was Henri Christophe, who hadn't been told about the 40-hour week. This was a vigorous speech, and many fans thought it should at least have been placed. The Tourist Department ought to get down on his description of Haiti and all that tropical moonshine. (If too late, try "Tattoo" advertisement.) "Night! A m'bongo bird twittered on the outskirts of M'bongo-M'bongo" (Has this got punch? I'll say!) "Crashed the ceaseless cudgelling of clubs, and droned indeed the deathless dirge of drums." Thus descended the Perryration, in which Peter Chanel persistently proselytised the primeval pagans of the perilous Pacific.

Marg Shortall, introducing a well-known Crusader for armaments and for "things more precious than gold—oil, for example," sketched Sir Basil Zaharoff through troubled times to a final, well-earned haven at Monte Carlo. But Marg misjudged the judges. Although with elegant wit she carved Sir Basil into small pieces, she failed to treat him with proper respect. As unforgivable was the crime of the savage who ate a missionary during Lent! Judged solely by the effect on the audience this speech would have ranked high.

"Rosa talked, Rosa fumed, and the crowd listened; Rosa talked, Rosa fumed, and the crowd got ear-ache." For once, the thorny path of revolution was a bed of Rosas. Ken brought a new style a new formula, to the Plunket oration. But it must be before its time. It recalled the work of Gertrude Stein; but audiences are still Philistine.

The last heroine of the evening was Jane Addams, remembered to the world as the woman who talked about her activities even at meal-times. Miss Stock bewailed the fact that Jane had been branded an anarchist and vilified as a pacifist, but the show of heavy indignation hardly went across.

In the long retirement of the judges we were convinced of the urgent need for some elimination contest for would-be interval stop-gaps. Is it any wonder if judges go out and stay out?

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Electro-Magnetic Radiation

Mr. R. J. Meek, who was bursting with energy, gave a whirlwind exhibition of writing and rubbing out during his lecture on "Electro-magnetic Radiation" to the Maths. and Physics Society on Tuesday, June 24th. Expressions and equations appeared and disappeared with a rapidity that would have mystified even the great Long Tack Sam himself. The lecture, however showed evidence of careful study, and contained as much information as a whole series of lectures rolled in one. After remarking that his lecture would have been better named "An Introduction to the Classical Theory of Electromagnetic Radiation," Mr. Meek went on to define the terms and symbols used, and as stated above, covered the ground in a most efficient manner. After a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, the meeting adjourned to an excellent supper kindly provided by Mrs. Florence.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

An interested audience watched Mr. J. W. Johnston's demonstration of enlarging on Wednesday last. Not only by his actual demonstration, but by an interesting selection of his work, Mr. Johnston convinced his audience that only by enlargement can the photographer produce the finest photographic studies and get the best out of his negatives.

Able answers were given to the many questions of members, and a very profitable evening was brought to a close all too soon by Brookie's Black-out.

S.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association held on Monday night was well attended and animated. About 150 of our brightest and best (including "Smad") attended and true to custom there was abundant evidence of those people who are born every minute. For the most part interjections were pointed and clever, and when Mr. Roberts wasn't entertaining the meeting, someone else was.

An apology for absence was received from Professor Brown in which he referred to the enterprise shown by the retiring Executive and to the cordial relations existing between the Professorial Board and student representatives.

The minutes of the last Annual General meeting were then read by the Secretary and confirmed.

Amidst much stormy interjection, the 38th Annual Report was taken as read and finally adopted, after the President had quashed a division by threatening to send all the "Noes" upstairs. The statement of accounts was similarly disposed of.

Massey Representation At Tournament.

Mr. Wild, as President of the 1936 Tournament Committee stated the position, viz., that Massey had originally desired separate representation.

Mr. Hamilton (of Massey College) after outlining the history of Massey stated that for Massey it is difficult to enter as a separate College as it cannot enter teams in all seven sports, and that many Massey students started their courses here. Further, that Massey had already been admitted to the N.Z.U.S.A. and to the Hockey Tournament.

It was then moved by Mr. Simpson that the M.A.C.S.A. be invited to nominate eligible members for inclusion in the V.U.C. Tournament team in accordance with the recommendation of the N.Z.U. Tournament Committee.

In the ensuing discussion, we conceived that the Tennis Club were against the motion, the Athletics, Boxing, Swimming and Rifle Clubs in favour of it.

The motion was then put and carried with one or two dissentient voices, and Mr. Hamilton, visibly moved, thanked the meeting.

The Secretary then moved the appointment of an Assistant Honorary Secretary, and after Mr. Wansborough's usual objection had been disposed of, the motion was carried.

Students' Association Fees.

A motion was moved by Mr. Viggers and seconded by Mr. A. G. Horsley, for a reduction in the S.A. fee for ex-students, but a mass of fact, figures and authorities failed to convince the meeting, and the motion was lost.

Office Qualifications.

Mr. R. W. Edgley moved that, though past students might be members of College teams, they should not hold office. He instanced the difficulties which other-

wise arise by the Debating Club. Mr. Scotney asked Mr. Edgley to whom he referred in the Debating Society.

Mr. Chorlton suggested amidst laughter that this might not be necessary.

Mr. Sellers, speaking in support simply overwhelmed his audience with his superabundance of superlative epithets. Considerable discussion then ensued, Mr. Mason and Mr. Scotney declaring that the Students' Association had no right to lay down such a principle for the individual clubs.

After voting on the voices, a division was declared, and subsequently a ballot. The motion was carried, 51 for, 49 against.

Half Blues.

A motion for the granting of half blues to players who are not quite good enough to be awarded a blue, or to clubs which by their activities do not enable a person to qualify for a blue in the same degree as an important club does, was moved by the Secretary.

Mr. Wild, opposing the motion, declared that it was a question of fixing a standard and that a half-blue was no compensation for not reaching the standard. (Applause.)

Mr. Sellers ingeniously asked what form would the half-blue take—a half a blazer, or one trouser leg, etc.?

Mr. Roberts suggested that blue be changed to pink.

Mr. Sansum suggested that some confusion with Oxford and Cambridge and our College had arisen. (Applause.)

Mr. McGhie then replied and the motion was put and lost.

The retiring President then declared that he wished to convey thanks to all those members of the College who have assisted the College and stressed the need for co-operation. "Criticism is one of the best spurs to action, but it should be constructive. I consider this Association owes a very great debt to the Secretary. (Loud applause.) Naturally he comes in for a lot of criticism. As President I had only to say what is the position and I knew that every machinery provision was in order."

The President's Farewell.

"I am jolly sorry I am dropping out," he said, and so was "Smad," sniffing hard.

After Mr. Wild's short eulogy on Mr. Bradshaw we all gave three cheers for Bob and Mr. A. T. S. McGhie, and after that—well, supper for the Executive, Past and Present, and home for us.

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Student Representation

Again the District Court of Convocation has proved its worth and another milestone in our eventful history has been passed, for news has been received that a delegate to be appointed by the Executive may now attend at meetings of the College Council. The Council, in the words of the "Evening Post," have "displayed sound sense," and we congratulate them.

The value of this right is apparent and we need hardly extol its merits beyond saying that it must necessarily lead to greater harmony between the Council and ourselves, which, of course, in itself is meritorious.

We hope that the day is not far off when a similar privilege or right will be duly granted to our Association by the Professorial Board. One vote counts for little—if a vote is granted—and in either case if our contention on an issue is right the Professorial Board would not wish to adopt a view which is wrong. The granting of this privilege would not only make for pleasant harmony, but it would also eliminate injudicious decisions and decisions unfortunately but occasionally made with an insufficient knowledge of facts—after all, delegations are unsatisfactory.

And now may "Smad" take this opportunity, on behalf of those who are now undergraduates and perhaps those who have not yet attained this honour, of thanking those responsible for the acquisition on our behalf of what we consider is a very valuable and indispensable right.

"We Have Been Warned." NUTSHELL RESULTS

By NAOMI MITCHISON.

Those who expect nothing more than another polished story of ancient Greece or Rome from this author will be woefully disappointed in this book. Instead of being able to browse in the Ancient World, they will find themselves being drawn into a provocative story of the present time. It is not only a novel with a modern setting, but one which is also a keen analysis and trenchant criticism of the social and political trends of to-day. Where before we have been astounded at Mrs. Mitchison's "classical" knowledge, we now find that her knowledge of contemporary political and sociological developments is equally thorough.

This book will prove of special interest to the student in that it expounds at some length the Varsity interpretation of the radical viewpoint. It is the story of a woman, who as the wife of an Oxford don and Parliamentary contestant in the cause of Labour, conscientiously tries to associate herself with the Labour movement. That is to say, it is the case of a woman brought up in comfortable, academic circles (here one cannot but associate the character with Naomi Mitchison herself) theoretically convinced that the social system is anachronistic and unjust, and of her endeavours to align herself with those whose knowledge of social injustice has been obtained in the embittering school of experience. It is a problem that is presented to nearly all radicals in a University where the mode of living is essentially bourgeois. By gradual contact with Communists, hunger marchers, and Labour leaders, and by the extension of a very genuine sympathy towards their causes, this woman finds herself able to understand and fully appreciate the proletarian outlook.

FOOTBALL.
Senior v Athletic, lost 22-10.
Juniors (1st Div.) v Plimmerton, won 12-3.
Thirds (2nd Div.) v. United, lost 25-0.
Thirds (3rd Div.) v. Karori, won 14-0.
Fourth (1st Div.) v. Onslow, won 25-3.

MEN'S HOCKEY.
Seniors v. Wesley, won 4-2.
Senior B. v. Karori, drew 3-3.
Junior v. Wesley B, won 2-0.
T.C. v. Technical, won 4-1.
Third A v. Indians, lost 2-0.
Third B v. Hula, lost 2-0.
Third C v. Petone, won 3-1.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.
Senior v. T.O.G. A, lost 4-0.
Junior v. Karori, lost 9-0.
T. Coll. v. T.O.G. B, lost 6-1.

BASKETBALL.
Senior A v. Wesley, lost 20-16.
Senior B v. St Pat's, lost 15-14.

The final section of the book presents in the form of a prophetic vision the likelihood of a Labour election victory being overthrown by a reactionary coup, and Fascism in all its cruelty sweeping Britain. As a novel, "We Have Been Warned" may not approach the level of "The Conquered," but doubtless Naomi Mitchison realises, as does Sinclair Lewis and others, that the Fascist threat to democracy is a very real and a very near one; and that, if other people are not made to realise this fact too, the possession of all the masterpieces in the world will not outweigh the loss of their political and intellectual liberties.—H.

GREEN CHEESE

Notices of births, engagements, marriages and deaths are received for this column. Advertisements must bear the signature of the chief persons concerned, viz.—the born, the engaged, the married and the dead.

Tuatara-mindedness.
I walked through the Gym.
And never saw
A Prof.

I walked through the Coll.
And heard
A snore.

Pride of the Varsity.
Oxford has no Brookie.
Cambridge has no Brookie.

The Isis and the Cam
Are wet.

Thoughts for Second Term.
"I like work; it fascinates me.
I can sit and look at it for hours."
—Jerome K. Jerome.

Rex v. Smith (1935) V.L.R. 410.
Defendant: "Justice! I demand justice!"
His Honour: "Silence! Remember you are in a Court of Law."

She: "There's a fly in my soup."
He: "What's a fly between friends?"

Recently we have seen little of our literary Editor and we learn that it is in pursuit this time of a definite "destiny" that he is neglecting the office.

TRAINING COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

The trophies to be contested were the Milnes Memorial Bowl for the greatest number of points in the athletic contests, and the Waghorn Cup for debating. The Van Tromp broom, which is to be used by Wellington in sweeping Auckland "off the face of the earth" next year, made its appearance only towards the close of the tournament.

Apart from the competitive aspect of the trip, the social life was not neglected, and the Wellington visitors were entertained by a free observation tour on the Sunday, and a Ball in the Concert Chamber on the Monday night. On Sunday evening, both colleges were represented at the church parade at St. David's Church, which was packed for the occasion, the preacher being the Rev. W. Bower Black.

The Waghorn Cup.

The Wellington team consisting of S. G. Andrews (leader), Patricia Prideaux-Pridham and J. D. Freeman had little difficulty in persuading the audience and the judge that the films exercise a detrimental influence on the rising generation. For the eighth debate in succession, Wellington won the Waghorn Cup, this time by 287 points to 270. In the placings, the judge gave first place to Mr. Andrews (83 points) and third place to Mr. Freeman (77 points).

DRIVE YOURSELF — ALL NEW CARS — LATEST MODELS —

C. S. PLANK

M.Sc., Grad. I.E.E. Accts. Prof.

It is "Smad's" pleasant duty to congratulate Mr. C. S. Plank on joining the small but exalted band of those whom the student body has rewarded for their efforts for the Association by electing them life members.

Charlie's career at V.U.C. has been long and outstanding. We felt convinced that the younger students could not fail to be impressed by the imposing record set out on the voting paper, even although we knew that only the older students could realise to any full extent the amount of effort which the formation of that record entailed.

There are those who grace committees with their voice and their smile, and leave it at that, as there are those who expend effort which is at best ponderous and misdirected. Charlie belongs to neither of these types. He was always in the thick of things. He gave to the Association a combination of intelligence and administrative ability enriched by energy and tenacity which thrived on opposition and cared not at all for unpopularity.

The Tennis Club claims the honour of discovering him, and it is from this Club that his many interests in the College have radiated. From the fruits of a period of service extending over a decade, we stop to mention the 28th November, 1932, on which date the Hon. R. A. Wright opened the new courts.

Charlie interested himself in the winters with Hockey and it was as a member of the Hockey Club that he won a New Zealand University Blue in 1931. His administrative experience with these two clubs served as the forerunner to an extremely valuable period on the Executive, first as Hon. Secretary and later as Committee Member and Men's Vice-President. He saw the defects in a "system" under which many important matters were attended to or not according to the efficiency of particular Executive Officers. He remedied the position by seeing that all important duties were specifically stated in the Constitution which he drafted and which is now in force. He found time also to prepare the material which finally induced a reluctant Council to allow the Students' Association to control the Cafeteria. Young students who have known no other conditions are assured that this is no mean achievement. After noting his continued interest in the Cafeteria, we pass on to mention his work in the now victorious fight for student representation on the Council.

The Foundation Number of The Spike refers to Charlie as being "ever a worker and one whom difficulties never dismay—he has done his full share for this College in many ways, perhaps without due recognition."

We are as happy to subscribe to the first part of the quotation as we are glad to be able to say that the last phrase is no longer true.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOLICITED

Contributions to "Smad" will be gratefully received.

Contributors of letters or articles must add their names, not necessarily for publication.

FOREIGN NEWS

Farrago, June 16, 1936 (Melbourne University) states:—

"Let's Skite a Little: Four Intersarsity contests and three wins for Melbourne—that is the satisfactory result of the vacation sport. A very substantial win in athletics and comfortable victories in rifle-shooting and women's tennis have consolidated Melbourne's reputation as the premier sporting University of Australia, and we hope (and believe) that the many Intersarsity contests in the September vacation will add still more victories to our list of honours."

"But let us not be blinded by the brilliance of our successes in these Intersarsity carnivals. Just as important are the weekly inter-club competitions held throughout the winter months in each sport, when every club is battling for pennant honours. Here also the University teams should be amongst the leaders, but here, unfortunately, they have in many cases slipped, and some teams are struggling against relegation. Weak teams, sometimes even non-appearance of teams (and not only during vacation time) are a poor advertisement for University sport, and discouraging for those who really are enthusiastic."

Honi Soit, June 17, 1936 (Sydney University) reporting a talk delivered by Mr. W. E. Stanner, states:—

"The aboriginal in Australia is a race rapidly rushing to extinction. Our civilisation spreads its influence to them, and if they return to the bush they crave for white men's food, tobacco and other of the amenities offered by modern society."

"Much of the trouble between the aboriginals and white people is due to the latter's misunderstanding of the former's tribal laws, social and economic organisation, and their failure to realise that once the aboriginal religion and customs were interfered with, his morale is shaken, his purpose in life disappears, he becomes listless and "cadges" on white settlements to support him."

"The white man considers the aboriginal to be dirty, lazy and communistic. That is a well-known and widely-shared but fallacious opinion. Mr. Stanner, however, gave his experience of what was the aboriginal's opinion of the white man. The black man hates the white man's self-conscious attitude when he is present at aboriginal ceremonies. By comparison, the black is self-controlled and perfectly-mannered when present at white men's functions. Further, the black despises the attitude of whites towards physical deformities. The black never dreams of mocking physical defects."

"To a native there is nothing more useless than saving. Property has no use for him except when it is in use. He thinks the white man is being 'mean' when he saves, and more than anything else, he hates meanness. He cannot understand the economic incentives of whites to accumulate material objects of value. Nor can he understand the value of time. A black has all day to do a thing in, and if it is not done, well as one native boy put it, 'Darwin will still be there to-morrow!'"

"Legal and moral observances are different among the blacks."

"The blacks have a society which did not make neurasthenia one of its main products."

"The black has no discrimination on the basis of possession. Anything which is of no social value is available to every member of the tribe. White civilization, however, takes away these and other ideas, and gives nothing in exchange."

"Yet native life is not without its economic organisation. Tribes in Arnheim Land, as yet almost untouched by white civilization, have a perfect system of tribal organisation, with a wonderful system of marriage laws. Moreover, considering the barren nature of the environment, some of their ideas and ceremonies show distinct beauty, and signs of cultural development, to a degree rarely credited by white opinion."

FILM REVIEW

"THINGS TO COME."

Anyone who goes along to see "Things to Come," expecting to be entertained with brilliant phantasies of a future Utopia, will be disappointed. It is a picture which demands serious thought. It is a picture in which ideas rather than material things are important—a piece of excellent propaganda upon which this modern world would do well to meditate very seriously. Its text is "war paralyses all progress, scientific, social, and political."

War, undeclared, descends on Everytown on that most happy domestic occasion, Christmas Eve, when peace and tranquillity mingle with universal goodwill. Its weary futility exhausts and destroys centuries of civilisation, leaving in its wake a wasted countryside, a degenerate people and a strange, malignant plague, "The Wandering Sickness." Strong, coarse men are supreme. We find ourselves reverted to the absolute barbarity of petty chieftains. A few useless aeroplanes and a horse-drawn Rolls-Royce remind us of past achievement. Science is unwanted except in so far as it may further the selfish ambitions of an unimaginative warlord.

To this chaos comes civilisation, "Wings over the World," who, without the retrograde effect of war had evolved and were enforcing their plan for the rehabilitation of mankind with their "Peace Gas," and giant flying-wings. Peace and progress come to the world once more. Progress becomes the ideal of the intellectuals, but human nature has not changed and there is an example of mob hysteria when an abortive attempt is made to prevent the shooting of explorers to the moon.

The photography is excellent, the settings are well conceived, but lack vitality. It is still evident that outdoor scenes photographed indoors still present difficulties to British technicians. The casting was flawless and the acting of a consistently high standard. Raymond Massey, the Chauvelin of the Scarlet Pimpernel, confirms our opinion of him as a first-class actor. Ralph Richardson as The Boss played a difficult role of bombast and self-assertion where over-acting must have been a temptation, with the restraint of a polished artist.

THE AUSTRALIAN STUDENT LEAGUE

THE N.Z. STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

What It Does

That students are facing up to the tremendous problems of a collapsing society, that they are abandoning the "above the battlefield" attitude and actively struggling to defeat reaction and suppression is evident from news received from many quarters.

The National Student League of America unites thousands of students in a splendid militancy and can bring out 150,000 students to strike against war.

Students in colonial countries like Egypt and China are protesting and organising against foreign domination.

But what of Australia and New Zealand?

From news received within the last few days, it would seem that something of more than ordinary significance is occurring in the Australian student world. An Australian Student League is in the process of formation. A conference was held during January, in the form of a camp; 50 delegates attended and organisational committees were set up. The following excerpt from a recently issued Bulletin gives an outline of the scheme:—

Aims.—To unite all students, graduates, and teachers for Peace, Freedom and Progress.

For Peace.—Opposition to militarism in schools and universities, examination of tendencies in teaching which justify war. Prevention of the use of university research for war purposes.

For Freedom.—Defence of the rights of critical expression, opposition to repressive legislation, such as Book Censorship and Crimes Act, etc., etc., and more self-government for students.

For Progress.—Increased financial grants for education. Better facilities for social intercourse among students. Attempts to lower costs of books and instruments. Improvement of economic position of graduates.

Organisational work is now well under way. On April 4, an Australia-wide Congress was held. Representatives from all university societies (including faculty societies), the Students' Representative Council, the Professorial Board, representatives from the senior students and staff of all secondary schools, from various teachers' unions, and from headmasters' and headmistresses' associations. Also a four-page Student Paper to sell at 1d. is to be issued, probably monthly, by the League.

It seems certain that the League will be a success, and that Australian students will be placed in the van of the world movement for Peace, Freedom and Progress. Let us hope that it shall not be long before New Zealand students put "as" in Australian.

"There is no more independence in politics than there is in gaol."—Will Rogers.

Altogether a picture well worth seeing and thinking about; a welcome change from the superficial inanities of modern profit-seeking producers.

Some freshers and many old-timers at V.U.C. have wondered at times what exactly the New Zealand University Students' Association does. Here it is:—

The New Zealand University Students' Association, the official body representing the students of New Zealand, is recognised by the Senate, and has its headquarters at present at Victoria University College, Wellington.

All N.Z.U. blues are awarded by the N.Z.U.S.A. in consultation with the Councils and Committees controlling the various sports, and it keeps a complete record of all blues awarded. The N.Z.U. blue blazer is obtainable only on an authority signed by the Hon. Secretary of the Association.

Sporting tours and debating are other features of University life that are the concern of the N.Z.U.S.A. Every year the Joint Scroll contest, and triennially the Bledisloe Medal Oratory contest, are held in one or other of the four main centres, and teams from each of the college debating societies compete.

Apart from its work in New Zealand, the Association, as a member of the International Federation of Students, obtains for its members, and all students enrolled at any college of the University of New Zealand are ipso facto members, very valuable privileges for those travelling or studying in other countries. Students leaving New Zealand can obtain from the headquarters of the Association free of charge, what are known as "Identification Cards" but which would really be better described as "student passports," and these documents will not only provide the bearers with a welcome in foreign universities, but also obtain for them very considerable concessions on foreign railways and in foreign hotels.

AND NOEL DID.

She was a winsome lonely lass,
And Noel* on a brief vacation,
More pleasantly the time to pass
Essayed flirtation;
And, as they strolled in twilight dim,
When near the time for parting drew,
Asked if she'd like to have from him
A Billet Doux.
Of French this simple maid knew naught,
But, doubting not 'twas something nice,
Upon its meaning quickly thought,
Then, in a trice
Upwards she turned her pretty head;
Her rosy lips together drew
For purpose plain, and coyly said,
"Yes Noel, do."

*Noel, it is understood, was a University student and had passed some divisions of the LL.B.

(This note above is for the censor's benefit, so that it cannot now be said that the poem is not connected with the University.)

Inter-Island Rugby Match 1st XI's Fifth Successive Win

FOOTBALL.

The N.Z.U. Football Council has been negotiating for some time now with the N.Z.R.U. for representation against overseas teams visiting New Zealand. At the last annual meeting of the Rugby Union the claims of the Council were again advanced and application made for a game against the Australian team which will visit this country later in the season. A conclusion satisfactory to the Council has not been reached, the Rugby Union giving as their reason the fact that they owed a duty to their various Unions and were unable to allocate a game to a New Zealand University team.

There can be no doubt that such a team would provide good football and there is every chance that they would defeat even a strong visiting team. The best N.Z.U. team would include many who represent their provinces, and at a casual glance the names of Bush, Watt, McAuliffe and Parsons (backs) and Burke, Chapman, and Green (forwards) to mention only a few, tends to the impression that a powerful team could be assembled.

It is considered that the N.Z.U. team would supply bright, open football which the pessimists claim is fast disappearing. It is easy to see the Union's viewpoint, but if they are anxious to see the game brightened up they should use any legitimate means open and this despite their unions.

However, what is, will be, and at the moment there is no game against the visitors. During the vacation two games were played, the first of a series, one between O.U. and C.U.C., and the other between V.U.C. and A.U.C. The respective winners were O.U. and A.U.C. From these displays the Council has now picked teams representing the North and South Islands to play a game in Wellington on 8th July. While it is too much to expect that a game against the Australians will be arranged, it should go a long way towards a game against the South Africans during their invasion in 1937.

It can only be hoped that the Council will maintain the North v. South match as an annual fixture.

The game next Wednesday will be at Athletic Park, and spectators are assured of an excellent exhibition of Rugby. As a curtain-raiser, Victoria will play a return match against Massey. It is hoped that all enthusiasts who can will come along.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

By defeating Wesley 4-2 at Karori Park on Saturday, the Seniors are now third equal in the competition. In the last fortnight they have played five matches and won them all.

Saturday's game was not up to the standard of the Tournament matches, but Varsity easily accounted for their opponents. With the centre-forward, Webb, absent owing to injury, things went surprisingly well and Varsity had whacked up four goals by half-time.

They attacked continuously throughout the spell. Robinson

sent in a lovely shot from a penalty corner; from a tussle in the circle, Shaw put one between the goalie's legs. Eggleton scored next from a combined forward movement. Shortly before half-time, Grant, after a nice solo effort, netted with a beautiful high flyer.

In the second spell, Varsity did not add to their total. Wesley fought hard to equalise, but could only manage to reduce the lead by two goals, one of which was scored right on time in rapidly fading light.

It was a rather scrappy game on the whole with Varsity definitely on top most of the time. The team has had an exceedingly strenuous time lately and considering this, their performance was quite satisfactory.

In the Junior grade, Varsity and Training College are still maintaining their unbeaten records, registering comfortable victories again on Saturday.

BASKETBALL.

Varsity A was stunned by the realisation that they had lost to Wesley last Saturday. And the whole team came to the conclusion that "We sure must have our ups and downs," because to have scored 15 to Kia Ora A's 16 on a previous day and then to lose to Wesley 16-20, seems not only inconsistent, but a disgraceful exhibition. True there were many hold-ups throughout the game—first the team fielded eight only for the first five minutes and then Nora McL. developed stitch, causing a minor sensation and a five-minute spell for all save Nora; then came the rain, a slippery ball and a treacherous asphalt court. Then, too, the goals were shooting badly, and undoubtedly Wesley played a topping game, Betty Hill in the centre and the Wesley forwards being particularly outstanding. However, it was quite evident that the trouble with Varsity was lack of practice. There was no co-ordination at all in any third; the forwards missed goal after goal, the centres lagged and didn't even attempt to chase their partners, and the defence became puffed after the slightest exertion. We are still hoping great things from the Varsity Senior A. There is still time; when are you going to brandish the old school tie? and by the way how many games have you won this season? In passing, let us remark that we have heard it whispered abroad that a certain Varsity Senior A player and Wellington rep and ex-Exec. member has ceased attending lectures, thereby jeopardising her eligibility for Tournament. The team cannot spare thee, madam! So back to the grind again, please!

The B team saved the day for V.U.C. for although they did not do anything so cataclysmic as winning, they put up a splendid fight and finished up 15-14. Joan Maysmor, Roma Hoare and Muriel Lancaster played well. We notice Jean Roberts and Muriel Lancaster are still practising with the B reps, and Janet Grainger and Margaret Pilcher with the A's. And last Saturday each team was asked to elect another girl to be tried for

the reps and V.U.C. nominated Erice Goble. Bravo to our five possible and probable reps, and here's hoping!

INTER-TRAINING COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

Auckland v. Wellington

For the first time since 1930, teams representing Auckland and Wellington Training Colleges met in a tournament over the King's Birthday week-end. Sixty-five Wellington visitors, competitors and staff representatives were the guests of the Auckland Training College.

The Milnes Bowl.

Competition for this was very keen, the newly-trained Wellington combinations faring very favourably when matched with their Auckland opponents. The A.T.C. teams won the trophy only by the margin of one match, and near the end, excitement had reached a very keen pitch.

The first event was tennis, which was won by Auckland by 7 matches to 3; nevertheless the Wellington ladies put up a splendid exhibition, Janet Grainger and Stella Phillips excelling in both their singles and doubles matches. All the matches were keenly contested, and several of them were lost by narrow margins.

In the women's hockey match, there was evidence in both teams of good combination and some promise. The game was fast and Auckland, who were slightly superior, won by 6 goals to 4. Outstanding Wellington players were Myra Reid, Betty McDonald, and Mabel Corby.

Hard training by the Wellington team earned its reward in the men's hockey match, a popular victory being scored against a team playing two grades higher in the Competitions. High praise should go to Revell, the captain, for cool and effective leadership, while players of note were Scott, who scored 4 goals, Banks and Bice, whose solid defence was favourably commented upon. Wellington won by 6 goals to 3.

Certainly the greatest thrill was afforded by the Basketball event. Never previously have the Wellington girls won this event. Great interest centred in the match, and a fast, exciting game was played between two evenly-matched teams, each exhibiting great skill in passing. Scoring was even all through, but towards the close, Wellington drew ahead, and to a chorus of cheers and hakas, ran out victors by 16 goals to 15. The outstanding players were Janet Grainger, Stella Phillips and Eve Irwin.

This left the fate of the Milnes Bowl resting on the football match, which was played under poor conditions at Eden Park. The match was ragged, with numerous scrums and penalties; the play ranged up and down the field. Apart from extra forward weight, Auckland's only superiority was in luck. They ran out victors by 11 points to nil. Players from the local college who caught the eye were Griffiths, McGreevy, Ross, Marriott, and McNicol.



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