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1937 Plunket Medal

Scotney Wins at Last

The Plunket Medal Contest seems to grow more popular each year and the gymnasium was far too small for the crowd who attended. The committee did well to get so many in, but this scarcely excuses the delay in starting, a fact which aroused the ire of at least one distinguished visitor in the front seats.

At twenty-three minutes past eight Miss Tossman took the stage and the sympathy of everyone was with her in her early difficulties. It was indeed bad luck that the draw made her the first speaker. She pluckily tried again at the end of the evening and gave us a well composed speech on Vincent van Gogh. With her sweet voice and winning manner she will be a strong competitor next year when we hope to see her again.

In spite of her fine stage appearance and studied delivery, there was a certain hesitancy about Miss Stock which made us feel her speech had been too well but not well enough prepared. She drew some vivid pictures of Mesaryk, the man of faith, who made a nation where there had not even been a geographical expression; but we do not think she was at her best this year.

Mr. Perry made an effective opening and gave us in his first few minutes a clear picture of his subject Nehru and of his own views on British administration in India. But his acid treatment now began to fall. The speech was well thought out, but the treatment was at once too cynical and not powerful enough for an oration.

Mr. McCulloch treated Napoleon in a new fashion—that superlatively bad man with yet an irreducible maximum of greatness. The speech, a series of well-balanced sentences (some of which we seem to have heard before), would possibly have beaten the others on paper and, with more experience, its author will do well next year.

To many Mr. White's speech on William the Silent, must have been the most convincing of the evening. It was very well prepared—a good standard Plunket Medal oration. The matter may have smacked of the history book, but the delivery and platform manner were excellent.

Miss Shortall made contact with her audience immediately with her whimsical opening. In an easy conversational manner she led us through the simple story of Madame Curie and never failed to hold our interest. It was a bold experiment she made, and it was not surprising to find an infinitive split here or a sentence astray there. But it was an absorbing story, delivered in a most effective style and deserved the success it achieved.

Mr. Scotney's familiar figure at once drew and held our attention. A fine opening and a first class ending—the only parts of his speech he had committed to memory, but the delivery was so good that even the judges could not guess that this was so. There were fresh moments in the shooting of von Papen, and he made a pitiful figure of Hitler in the peroration. His experience stood him in good stead and he won the medal from Miss Shortall because he kept to the time limit (or nearly so)—a trap into which she had fallen. Mr. Scotney's twelve minutes seemed shorter than anyone else's and this, as Dr. Beeby said, made his speech stand out ahead as an oration.

We had a clear and accurate portrayal of Robespierre from Mr. Andrews. His diction made him easy to listen to, but his rather poor pastures and tendency to wander about, rather spoiled his speech. Nevertheless, he must have been close up with the leaders.

The judges (Bishop Holland, Dr. Beeby and Mr. Rollings), in response to a wise request from the committee, had previously met to agree on the method of working the competitors, and they were unanimous in placing Mr. Scotney first, just ahead of Miss Shortall.

These two were far ahead of the others, so the judges told us, and in this they were perhaps lucky with their judges. Last year's board, for instance, would have ruled the winner out if only for the treatment of the subject. Judges of other years would probably have preferred the prepared speech style and it is no reflection on the placed speakers to say that the result may have been very different in other years. If we are right in this opinion, and bearing in mind the decisions and views of past judges, it is time the Debating Society, in fairness to future competitors, did one of two things:—

(1) Defined oratory for the purposes of the Plunket Medal;

(2) Asked judges to announce, well before the time of the contest, just what would be regarded as an oration for the particular year in question.

Mr. Scotney's win was popularly received and well deserved. To have tried for the sixth time, after coming third once and second twice, is determination if you like, and everyone was delighted for him to win. Miss Shortall's success, too, was popular, for she has been a firm favourite with Plunket Medal audiences for two years.

Mr. Edgley, making his first presidential appearance, was a capable chairman and deftly got in a plea for the Building Fund. The blanks in the programme were ably filled in by Miss Combs, Messrs. P. Marsack and J. A. Carrod.

SCIENCE AMONG PRIMITIVE PEOPLES

Address by Dr. E. Beaglehole

In his lecture to the National History Society on "Primitive Man as a Scientist," Dr. E. Beaglehole did not deal with prehistoric man, but described present-day communities where man pursues a primitive existence, such as the South Sea Islands.

The primitive scientist resembles the civilised scientist in his close attention to detail, but differs from him in that his interest is entirely practical; upon his accurate observation of natural phenomena depends whether he shall starve or not. In the South Sea Islands, for instance, practically every species of fish is known to the natives.

Dr. Beaglehole spoke of development of surgery among the South Sea Islanders and Red Indians. A common operation is that of chipping away bits of the skull to relieve pressure on the brain. In connection with surgical operations, it is remarkable how free the natives are from septic poisoning, although incisions are made with any sort of instrument, even a rusty nail and no dressings are applied.

The South Sea Islanders have an amazingly precise knowledge of the stars, by which they navigate and by which they compute their system of time.

When the primitive peoples have done all that is humanly possible in the scientific line, they invoke the aid of kindly spirits to bring them rain and good fortune.

Professor Kirk moved a motion of thanks to the speaker and this was carried by acclamation.

NEW BUILDINGS AT V.U.C.

Towards the end of last year, the Government granted money in the vicinity of £40,000 for the erection of a biology block and an administrative block at V.U.C. It is reported that work is soon to be commenced on these two buildings, which will ease the serious pressure on accommodation, which has been intensified this year by record enrolment numbers. Many of the staff have for long been working in very cramped conditions, five being accommodated in cubicles, permeated by the unpleasant odours of the science block. With the construction of the biology block on the ground above the gymnasium, the hockey and football club will have to look elsewhere for a practice ground.

Let it be our fervent hope that in the near future this building plan may be completed by the erection of our student union building.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. E. R. Chesterman, M.A., former V.U.C. 1st XV player, and a member of the N.Z.U. team which toured Japan, has been selected to take part in the Rugby trials at Wellington this week. He is at present on the staff of the Southland Boys' High School.

NARROW MARGIN FOR SOCIAL VIOLENCE

At Debating Society

At the meeting of the V.U.C. Debating Society held on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. J. B. Aimers, the small audience decided by a majority of one, in favour of the motion that "Social violence is necessary in human affairs."

The judge, Mr. C. H. Arndt, said that he had allotted most marks for manner, and placed the speakers in the following order: Messrs. Andrews, Perry, Scotney, Freeman, Miss Stock.

Mr. Freeman, who opened the debate, followed this line of argument. Human affairs presupposed human beings, who presupposed a society, which presupposes a common organ which presupposes a coercive authority, which presupposes social violence, which presupposes... (sorry, that's all). Mr. Freeman showed how modern society was divided into two classes, and that, therefore, violence was inevitably the midwife of social change.

Miss Shortall, in opening the case for the negative, said that as a trial state means all the individuals in that state coercion of those individuals by the state, cannot be violence. She considered that in the modern world where there was enough food for everyone, and, therefore, there was no need for violence. Violence and war were the result of unwillingness to face up to crucial problems of life.

Mr. O'Reilly, seconding Mr. Freeman, said that all progressive ideals must sooner or later desert pacifism. Lenin's slogan was "Turn the imperialistic war into a proletarian revolution."

Miss M. J. Stock, Miss Shortall's seconder, adduced instances such as Ghandi's work, to prove that social change had been accomplished without violence. From her arguments it appears that she doesn't consider stay-in-strikes and boycotts to be forms of violence. We understand there is at present a difference of opinion between John L. Lewis and President Roosevelt on this matter.

Speakers From the Floor

Mr. Jenkins followed in the main Mr. Freeman's arguments that violence is a concomitant of the state; and pointed out that the only people who don't want a state are anarchists who contemplate its overthrow by violence.

Mr. Perry said that violence leaves only ill-feeling and jealousy in its wake and cannot produce stable results.

The argument of Mr. Andrews was that social violence never completely achieves its end, and as long as there are examples of the successful use of non-violence, then the principle becomes established.

THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF GAS WARFARE

In his lecture to the Chemical Society on "Chemical Warfare," Mr. Davis made it clear from the start that he was not discussing the ethics of the case.

Gas warfare is considered dispassionately and scientifically with a view to its physiological effect on man.

There was a good discussion after the lecture, one of the points considered being, that gas warfare is the most humane type of combat. The effects of gas are such that either the casualty dies or recovers completely, as compared with the casualties from shellfire or bullets, who linger for years between life and death.

A hearty vote of thanks moved by Mr. E. White was carried by acclamation.

PROFESSOR F. L. W. WOOD TO VISIT GENEVA

Professor F. L. W. Wood of the Chair of History at Victoria University College, and president of the League of Nations Union in New Zealand, has been invited to attend the September meeting of the League Assembly as a temporary collaborateur on the secretariat. "Smad" wishes to extend to him its congratulations on his appointment, a fitting recognition of his keen insight into international affairs. Professor Wood, it is understood, will leave New Zealand at the end of this month.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

At the initial meeting of the new executive on Tuesday, 6th July, the following appointments were made: Hon. assistant-secretary, Mr. R. S. C. Agar; hon. assistant-treasurer, Mr. Pasley; President's representative on Building Committee, Mr. H. R. C. Wild.

Mr. Scotney, dealing with interjectors in fascist style, argued that violence did not always defeat its own end, and said that we must either submit to violence or use violence to end violence. (This seems about as logical as the war to end war).

Mr. Myers made the one original joke of the evening when he said, "at one time they put Coates on to us, next time they will take coats off to us!"

In her summing up Miss Shortall said that we must oppose violence because it had come to a pitch where one or two men could wipe out humanity.

Mr. Freeman, closing the debate, said that the negative had treated violence purely as a normative fact, not as a positive fact. His arguments were generally sound, but too elaborate for a speech, and he made too many quotations from learned authorities.



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That Four Bob...

The urgent necessity for a new Students' Building at Victoria has been stressed so often that we are heartily sick of writing about it, and you must be equally bored with reading and hearing of it. Nevertheless, the fact remains, and we think everyone realizes it as a fact, that money is needed in such quantities as will warrant an early start being made with the work.

That the Student body realises how essential is a determined drive for funds, was demonstrated to a certain extent by the unanimous decision to raise the Sud. Ass. Fee. The practical value of that amendment will now be shown when we see the response to the Exec.'s appeal to have the four shillings paid this year. It is very easy to make fine speeches in meetings—it costs nothing—but it is a different matter when sacrifices in hard cash are demanded. We hope that the enthusiastic vocal support will be followed up with the more substantial but rather exacting "four bobs."

The appeal which is being made is, we consider, a very reasonable one. After all, the people who voted for an increase in the fee for future generations of students, should, if they have the interests of the College sincerely at heart, be prepared to submit to the conditions of their own legislation.

Now that the motion for raising the fee has gone through, it is useless offering opposition to this request on the grounds that we are paying for something we might never enjoy. The argument is quite beside the point now that the additional four shillings will henceforth be compulsorily levied. No one will deny that the students themselves must pay something towards the cost—that is quite obvious. Well, someone has to bear the burden, why not us? And anyway, if we pay up our four bobs we shall be all the nearer to enjoying the benefits of the new building ourselves. We think it rests only with present students themselves whether they participate in the advantages of a new building. The growth of the building fund will be in direct proportion to the personal sacrifices students themselves are prepared to make and the practical manifestations of their enthusiasm for the cause.

Four shillings is the amount—not very much, but a like sum from everyone in the College will mean many pounds to the fund, so pay up, won't you?

In Reply...

It is with the feeling of carrying out an unpleasant duty that we cross swords with the late President. Our last editorial was not meant to pass judgment on the new Executive. Its purpose was to pass judgment on a democracy which, in our opinion, and quite evidently in his, made a mistake. We were at pains to point out that the electors had to vote on candidates who, on paper, were position for position, younger, less experienced, and busier with studies. That being the case, in our view, commonsense showed the need to take advantage of any experienced and mature judgment offering. We do not want to continue comparisons which may be odious, but we qualified our statement by saying that members were experienced on the Exec. or in the major activities of the College. In so doing, we had in mind particularly Messrs. White and Blacker. We did not mention because it seemed obvious, and Mr. Wild with characteristic modesty has refrained from mentioning the difference in experience of the persons elected to the most responsible position of all.

ROSES

We all go, we all have been, and still shall go
Down, down into the grave
Where all is dust—all dust and dreams,
And our sorry hopes spoken moons ago,
Rise like thin fluted silver ghosts in the solemn air;
Lives be broken by some strange music
As sands on vibrating glass—
Now roses blow above in grateful glee
And the pale curve of petals moving in the wind
Is the stir of your breasts in the slow moonlight.
I love roses.
Their calm whisper is the question in your eyes.
Ah, but I'd rather have your eyes than all the roses!
And this leaf against my finger tip
Is the pang of some kiss from your wild lips.
Tell me, were you a dream, or only dust—
I know not which is dream and which is dust.

—Vesta Emanuel.



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A special general meeting of the Students' Association held last term by an overwhelming majority decided to raise the Students' Association fee to £1/5/-, the increase to be paid into the building fund, and also unanimously decided that the increase should be made this year. The Registrar's office cannot enforce payment this session, but voluntary payments may be made there. At the last annual general meeting, it was decided that a drive should be organised for collecting subscriptions. Accordingly the following students have been authorised to receive payment and issue receipts:—

- Weir House: Allan Gordon.
- Victoria House: Dora Wild.
- Science Students: Hugh Robertson.
- Law Students: Lloyd Ellingham.
- Commerce Students: L. B. Sandford.
- Woman's Common Room: Susie Sanders.
- Men's Common Room: Lord Cappicade.
- Training College: Joy Stock.

These students have power to appoint assistants.

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1. Registrar's Office.
2. Students' Association Office (Gymnasium).
3. To the authorised students mentioned above.

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Vindication?

Dear "Smad,"—

In spite of the reservation in the last paragraph I think your editorial observations of the July on the new executive may tend to weaken the average reader's confidence in that body. I am sure you would not wish them to be judged before they have been put to trial.

You say . . . "the men's vice-president has about three months as secretary to his credit, the women's vice-president, a year as a committee woman. The two committeemen and two of the committee women are new—the third committee woman has been on the executive for about three months. . . ."

Had you been writing a year ago you might have said, "The men's vice-president is new to the executive, the women's vice-president has a year as committee woman to her credit. The two committeemen and two of the committee women are new—the third committee woman has been on the executive for about three months. . . ." Add to this the fact that in each case the secretary and treasurer and their assistants were new and you will agree that there is not much in the comparison.

I am with you when you say that last year's treasurer should have been returned. He would have given the new executive a wonderful backing of experience. But there is no reason to despair of those who have been elected. They form, as I pointed out at the annual meeting, probably the

WHAT THE CLUBS ARE DOING

In accordance with the report issued by the Building Committee all clubs and committees were asked to raise money for the Building Fund, the amount asked from the different bodies being governed by their size and the opportunities available for raising money. The majority of clubs have responded enthusiastically, and are at present working on various schemes. It is hoped that these efforts will result in £100 being added to the Building Fund.

The following donations have been received this session:—

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Debating Society	12	0	0
Tennis Club	8	19	5
S.C.M.	5	0	0
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Weir House Association	2	0	0
Boxing Club	1	1	0
Maths Physical Society	1	1	0
*Women's Gym. Club	6	6	1
*Commerce Society	5	18	6
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That Phone.

Dear "Smad,"—

Recognising you as the personification of the powers (if any) who Get Things Done, I wish to tender the suggestion that you use your influence towards the providing of seating accommodation of some kind in close proximity to the telephone cabinet at the cafeteria stairs.

It has been my lot many times to struggle up these stairs and through the north door in the face of (sometimes around the rear of) a bevy of clustering females, who, intent upon telephoning in their turn, perforce must lounge against the wall, recline against the bannisters, or repose, somewhat inelegantly, at various levels of the stairs.

Whilst there is something to be said for the claim that their presence under such conditions adds colour, life and variety to a portion of the building otherwise unattractive, at the same time the True Gentleman hesitates to tread upon ladies more than is absolutely necessary, while the Real Lady would doubtless prefer to make the pre-telephoning period one of repose and elegance rather than hazard and discomfort.

Only a little thing, "Smad," but you know how I feel.—I am, etc.,

SUPREMA IN SEATYOU.

youngest executive to take office in ten years. Look at the names. Certainly they have vigour and initiative, and in the sum total they are not much worse off in experience than any other executive. Personally, I am confident that they will do the job.—I am, etc.,

H. R. C. WILD.

OLD AGE.

The moonlight rippled in her hair Like liquid silver, jewel-cold; Her skin, snow-soft, was ivory, And the light in her eyes was old.

And she sat in her armchair, watching the moon rise,—

Coral-cool moonlight, that streamed through the window;

And she said: "I don't think that when you die

There'll be choirs, and angels with wings, playing harps,

I don't think it'll be like that at all."

She paused, a little fearful at her words—

Surely the God of Job could not pass by

Without a thunderbolt or two this blasphemy.

This shattering blow on age-old orthodoxy!

"I think I'll have a lovely little cottage,

All by myself, with nothing to worry about,

No one to ask me what I'm going to do,

Or where I'm going—I'll just please myself;

A lovely little cottage, with a garden

Full of the things I loved before I died.

Pansies and tulips,

Slim-throated nasturtiums,

Gold-freckled berries,

And soft, pink-flushed roses;

Green-woven snowdrops (Dew-iced in the morning)

And row upon row

Of crisp little lettuces;

Slender green vines

Twining through trellises;

Grass, clipped and scented,

And ripe swelling strawberries.

A lovely little cottage, with a garden

Full of the things I loved before I died."

She turned and smiled:

Her eyes were old, but panther-keen.

And I,

Replete with Mr. Huxley's "Thirty tons of ratiocination,"

Striving to rationalise a lack of faith,

Was silent.

The moonlight rippled in her hair,

Like liquid silver, jewel-cold;

Her skin, snow-soft, was ivory,

And the light in her eyes was old.

—R.L.M.

A WARNING TO WANTONS

When I consider that this guinea, spent

On so futile an examination fee,

Might once have bought a hat, or have been lent

At compound interest; might have paid for me

To go to fourteen pictures, or have sent

An orphan for a fortnight to the sea,

I wonder with a vague astonishment

What made me buy these hours of misery.

"Can I reply at any length to this?"

I fondly ask, as I review with pain

The weight of some professor's mental capers.

Alas, it is an empty hope to wish

I had that wasted guinea back again,

They also pay who cannot do the papers.

—M.J.

... MIXED GRILL ...

WEIR HOUSE v. MASSEY.

On Wednesday the 30th of last month, a Massey College XV came down to play a Weir House team on Kelburn Park. A very good display of clean fast football resulted in a win for the home team by 21 points to 3. For Weir House tries were scored by McLeod (2), Larkin, Blackley and Carroll, Larkin converting three of the tries. For Massey College, Easton scored one try. After the match the visitors were entertained in the Recreation Room and following tea at the House, went to a very successful dance held in their honour at the Walshe Dancing Studio.

Since several of the best players in the House were not available for this match, it is reasonable to suppose, after this team's showing, started by one.

that the Weir House 1st XV will be able to turn on some brilliant football in the match against the Rest of Varsity for the Ruru Memorial Shield at the end of this term. The Rest will certainly not have everything their own way, and may receive a set-back from the "Kindergarten" players.

DESCRIPTIVE ART.

"Drunkenness is passing out," states a prohibitionist. We could not describe it more delightfully ourselves.

WISE CRACKS.

A minister once remarked that a war was once prevented by the jawbone of an ass. He omitted to add, however, that many have been

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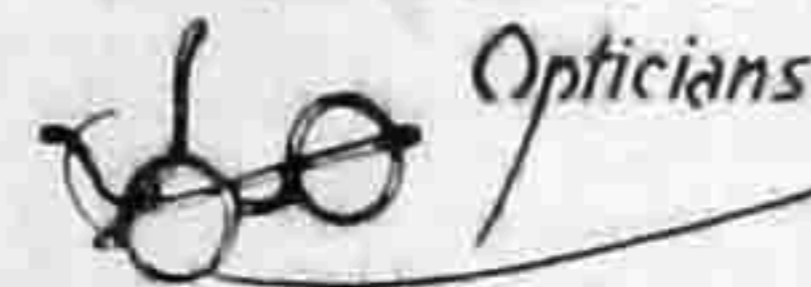
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A Tennis Club Echo Hockey Contrasts

A casual glance at the Tennis Club's notice board the other day revealed the outstanding fact that although 1937-38 season will soon be commencing, the last season's championship events are still uncompleted. Is this due to inefficient management on the part of the controllers of the events, or is it due to the inertia of the players concerned? The tennis bogey "weather" can hardly be an excuse, as even during this winter there have been days on which the matches could easily have been played. Which is it, inertia or management?

Peculiar contrasts are shown by the Hockey Senior XI, one week they exhibit excellent combination and stick work, and the next week, when everything is in their favour, even to the opposing team being short, they turn on a positively "foul" display. Fickleness cannot apparently be attributed only to woman!

The Senior Rugby game against Wellington showed up the usual weaknesses in Varsity's play, and until these are remedied, the team will not meet with any great success.

RUGBY.

The 1st XV played Wellington on a heavy ground and went down by a big margin of points. At times the backs played some bright football, but for the most part it was a forward game.

As usual, Varsity went straight to the attack, but the game tightened up and for some time a dour forward struggle took place. Play was taken to Varsity territory and from a penalty for an infringement, Lang kicked a good goal for Wellington.

Wellington 3, Varsity 0.

The University forwards were going well now and forced Wellington down the field. If they could have combined with the backs a score must have resulted, but Dixon relieved the pressure. Harpur was well tackled by Lang after a good run, but a bright passing movement by Wellington took them to the Varsity line, where, from a scrum, Harvey went over for Wellington. Lang missed the kick.

Wellington 6, Varsity 0.

Wellington were not having everything their own way, and in the loose the Varsity forwards, in particular Eade, Burke and Russell, were making Wellington very uncomfortable. Larkin and Dea were hustled by the opposing five-eighths and Wild was cramped. Absurdly weak tackling by Varsity let Lang through to open up a movement from which Paterson scored in the corner. Lang's kick dropped short.

Wellington 9, Varsity 0.

Wellington nearly got through again, but Buddle, who was playing doggedly on defence, tackled his man well, and backed up by Betts, kept the Wellington invasion out. The Varsity forwards carried all before them down the field and Burke scored a good try. Larkin's kick missed.

Wellington 9, Varsity 3.

From loose play Edwards ran from half way to score, Buddle making a determined effort to catch him. Lang's kick missed.

Wellington 12, Varsity 3.

Varsity then scored a well-earned try after a fine passing rush in which Eade, Buddle and Larkin figured, Larkin scoring and converting his own try.

Wellington 12, Varsity 8.

After half-time, the Wellington backs staged a pretty movement which took Edwards over in the corner. Lang's kick going astray.

Wellington 15, Varsity 8.

The Varsity forwards took play

into the Wellington twenty-five where Buddle took a penalty kick and raised the flag.

Wellington 15, Varsity 11.

Varsity looked like taking the lead when the forwards again broke through, but Russell, after some good work, dropped the ball when on the line. From then on Varsity cracked up. The backs did not tackle and Trapp, Paterson and Veitch ran through in turn. Paterson and Veitch both scored and Lang converted one try and kicked a penalty. Both Russell and Harpur retired at a late stage and were replaced by Parker and Kissell.

The final score was:

Wellington 28, Varsity 11.

Throughout the game the Varsity forwards played well, Meads and Blacker performing yeoman service in the tight, and Burke, Eade and Russell shining in the loose. Buddle showed pluck and determination on all occasions but the rest of the backs let the opposition hustle them and run through them almost at will. If the backs could only have tackled in this match, the forwards would have won the game. The backs should get up after their man and put him on the ground, not wait to be drawn and then make feeble efforts at a high tackle. Nevertheless, the spirit seems to be in the team, and before long some one of the other teams is going to get a surprise. The 1st XV has demonstrated its ability to score a decent tally of points in each of its first division games so far, and if only the opposition can be held, a win is inevitable.

HOCKEY.

It is very difficult to report the matches of the Senior XI, they show such remarkable reversals of form from one week to the next. Against the redoubtable Karori B side, the team displayed excellent combined and individual play and forced a draw, one goal all. There were no pronounced weaknesses as there have been in recent games. Benjamin played his soundest game of the season against perhaps the best forward line in the competition. Dixon more than fulfilled the promise he showed as a junior, and some of his clearances would have been creditable even to a more experienced full-back. Banks showed coolness and initiative worthy of a veteran, and broke up many at-

tacks. The re-shuffled half-line went better than they have lately, and certainly had a full share of the play. Against the solidest defence in Wellington club hockey, the forwards played the only game which could possibly win, combining really excellently, and swinging the ball about in great style. Innes, for a change, was given a fair share of the game, and consequently Shaw and Cole, with the defence drawn, made better progress. Struthers on the left wing showed plenty of dash, getting a very smart goal, the ball going in and out of the net so quickly that there was doubt in some quarters as to whether the ball had actually gone in. This doubt, however, was put at rest most emphatically by the Karori goalie. Altogether, it was as far as we were concerned a game "out of the box," and the stickwork and tactics generally, were highly creditable, considering the sodden state of the ground.

Last week, however, in better playing conditions, the team turned on a display that was the very reverse of inspiring, losing to a 10-men Technical side by 6 goals to 2. Individually, our men quite equalled their opponents, but they simply allowed themselves to be hustled into making errors. Using the push shot to advantage, Technical just ran our fellows off their feet; a feature which it is to be hoped will teach our team the value of placement and steadiness on attack.

Our defence was time and time again caught out of position, giving the opposing forwards time to put in shots that left the goalie no chance whatever. Robinson, deputising for Newcombe at centre half, was in brilliant form in the first half, his goal being reward for fine anticipation, but lack of condition told in the second half. Eggleton took the ball too far before passing, too often allowing the defence to consolidate round our forwards, when an earlier pass would have found them unmarked. His habit of losing his temper consistently each game is a credit neither to himself nor the team. Innes played his best game of the season, seeing plenty of the ball and turning it to good advantage, though his centres were at times left too late. Cole essayed several unsuccessful shots at goal. His stickwork has been consistently good during the season, and in this game he tried snap-shooting as soon as he neared the circle, which is certainly the best paying game on attack. A trifle more steadiness, and a glance to find direction, would have brought more reward for his efforts. Shaw hustled his way through several times, and scored from a melee near the start of the second half. Struthers was speedy and centred well, but his in-passes too often went begging. Dixon's clearing from a penalty bully was very praiseworthy, and this young player, as he gains experience, will be an invaluable member of the side.

In the junior grades quite bright play was seen. The thirds played a draw with Karori, showing good form. Playing two short, the fourth grade lost, but played well. Bowyer and Wallace showed plenty of dash in the forwards, while Macrae, Dwyer and O'Donnell were solid on defence, the latter in particular, making some excellent saves.

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