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## "CRACCUM."

If any would know the meaning of the word "Craccum," which has been chosen as the title of this small paper, let him delve a little into the history of our College in the days before the building of our handsome new home. We will not here disclose the meaning of the term lest some of the unworthy should learn it, but we will stress the fact that it is intimately connected with the past history of the College, and we would suggest "The origin, history, meaning and development of the word 'Craccum,'" as an excellent subject for a thesis by some earnest student of philology.

Making this its first appearance in the world, "Craccum" may be regarded as something of a curiosity for a time, but it is launched by its promoters and publishers, the "Kiwi" Committee, with high hopes that it will serve a very useful purpose in our College. It will appear fortnightly, and so far as is possible will contain a record of all the events and activities of College life. It should prove invaluable as a means of informing students of what is going on in College, and as a link between the College and its past students. It will record the doings of the Students' Association, and all its affiliated clubs and societies, retail the gossip of the common rooms, or some of it, and, perhaps, bring an occasional ray of merriment into the somewhat dull lives of students.

"Craccum" has few ambitions and fewer ideals. It has no slightest desire to adventure into the realms of literature, which are strictly reserved as the haunt of the "Kiwi." It must inevitably depend for its success on the assistance of students in providing readable items, and in purchasing copies regularly.

Dances will be held in the College Hall throughout the year, the first taking place before Easter.

## NEW COLLEGE ORGANISATION.

### An Important Proposal.

A proposal for the formation in connection with our College of an entirely new organisation, membership of which would be open to all present and past students, and also to all members of the teaching staff of the College, has been under consideration for some time.

The executive of the Students' Association has discussed the matter at length, and at a meeting held on February 24, decided to express its approval of the proposal in general terms, and appointed a committee to discuss details with other bodies interested. The matter will be discussed at the half-yearly general meeting of the Association, to be held this month.

A rough draft of the proposal as it has been conceived without going into details is contained in the following letter, which was received by the executive of the Association from the Board of Control of the Block.

"An effort is being made to bring into effective co-operation the various component parts of College life, and to realise, as far as may be, one of the true ideals of university education. It is often apparent that students, graduates and teachers are inclined to regard themselves as separate and distinct groups. In the true conception of the university ideal there should be no such separation; rather, there should be an active co-operation between teacher and student, each working for the advantage of the other and each striving to further the cause of true and liberal education. It is felt that the basis of healthy college life, and it is realised this ideal rests in no small degree upon the development of a broad and that, notwithstanding the absence of a much needed residential system, a

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very great improvement could be made in our present social organisation at College.

"After considerable discussion, we feel that the initial step in this direction is the formation of a University College Union, and we have pleasure in submitting the following rough draft of our scheme for your consideration. It is to be understood that these proposals are only tentative, and are to form the basis of discussion. Comment thereon will be appreciated.

"The proposed Union would comprise:—

1. Members for the time being of the Students' Association.
2. Past members of the Students' Association and all graduates of the University of New Zealand, upon payment of the fee prescribed from time to time.
3. Members of the teaching staff of the College—upon payment of the fee prescribed from time to time.
4. Life members admitted as such from time to time by the Union. (It is felt that life membership need not be costly, and it would be a means of securing the support of those who might not be inclined to pay many annual subscriptions after leaving the College.

"The chief function of the Union would be to develop and maintain an active social atmosphere at the College. It would control, through its executive body, the Students' Block and would be responsible for the management of the Dining Hall. It could also be made responsible for the control of students' lodgings. The executive body would consist of:—

1. One member appointed by the College Council.
2. The Registrar.
3. One member appointed by the teaching staff.
4. Three members appointed by the executive of the Students' Association, or by the members of the Association.
5. One member appointed by those members of the Union who derive membership under clauses 2 and 4 of the clause as to membership above.

"The Executive body would delegate some of its functions to Men's and Women's House Committees. These committees would exercise—under the Union executive—a general supervision and control of the respective common rooms and they would make reports to the Union executive upon such matters as furniture and the allocation of rooms and the like. Each House Committee would consist of five members who would be appointed by the Union executive after consultation with the executive of the Students' Association.

"The general functions of the Students' Association would remain exactly as heretofore. Activities that could be described as essentially student activities would still be under the sole control and care of the Association. But the Union would handle those matters which have come into prominence more particularly since we moved into the new building; moreover, the Union would handle those matters where the College was seeking more directly to make an appeal to the general public. The Union would also provide a means whereby the graduates could be induced to maintain their touch with the College and to interest themselves in its general activities.

"It is hoped that this memorandum will receive careful consideration from those interested in the social well-being of students at College and that some step forward may soon be taken in the direction of achieving the goal here indicated."

Doubts as to the desirability of the proposed organisation have been expressed, chiefly on the grounds that it would usurp some of the powers and functions of the Students' Association, that it would give the control of the Students' Block into the hands of a body many of whose members would have little interest in it and little sympathy with present students, its chief occupants, and that it would tend to overcrowd the Students' Block.

Supporters of the scheme, however, explain that the Union need not conflict in any way with the interests of the Students' Association, and that the Union would not interfere with any of the powers or functions of the Association. Control of the Students' Block would to a large extent be delegated to the House Committee, whose

members would be nominated by the Students' Association. Even the most sanguine supporters of the scheme do not anticipate that its influence in overcrowding the building would be felt to any appreciable extent for at least a considerable number of years.

The advantages of the proposed union, if it could be brought into successful operation, would be many. It would enable students to gain a more liberal education by providing a common meeting ground for present and past students and members of the teaching staff. It would command the respect of the public to a greater extent than any existing organisation of present or past students, and would therefore act as the mouthpiece of the College in gaining the sympathy of the public. It would also form a medium through which prominent visitors from overseas would be enabled to come into touch with, and give addresses to, both present and past students.

### EASTER TOURNAMENT.

The annual inter-University Easter tournament is to be held in Auckland this year, and will certainly be one of the outstanding events of our collegiate year.

Students to the number of approximately 100 will arrive in Auckland from southern colleges on the morning of Good Friday. They will take part in athletic, boxing, tennis, basketball, and debating contests, and will leave for their homes on the following Wednesday evening.

The responsibility for the running of the tournament and the billeting and entertainment of the visitors will rest upon the students of this College. A vast amount of work is involved, and already the Tournament Committee is meeting at least once a week.

The assistance of all students who can help in any way will be urgently needed before Easter arrives. Perhaps the most difficult task of all will be the billeting of the visitors, and all students who can extend hospitality to our guests during the few days of their stay are urgently requested to do so.

The tentative programme so far drawn up for the tournament is as follows:—



Good Friday: Arrival of visitors; official photograph, reception and afternoon tea at College.

Saturday: Tennis; boxing preliminaries (morning); boxing finals, 8 p.m.; rendezvous, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sunday: Motor drive to Muriwai.

Monday: Basketball; athletic championships; debate (at night).

Tuesday: Tennis finals; tournament ball.

Wednesday: Rendezvous; morning tea; leave Wednesday night..

Following are the members of Tournament Committee:—

Messrs. Leonard and Miller (delegates), Vallance, Wilson, A. B. Thompson, Brooker, Hardy, Mathew, King, Andrews, McLeod, Lowe, and Steen, and the secretary and treasurer of Students' Association ex officio.

### "THE KIWI."

There will be two issues of the "Kiwi," our College magazine, this year. In past years editors have sometimes found difficulty in coaxing from unwilling contributors sufficient sustenance to nourish the "Kiwi" thoroughly and keep it in the state of plumpness natural to it in its native haunts. This year the "Kiwi" will be compelled to share its already rather inadequate food supply with its lusty offspring, "Craccum," which has the voracious appetite to be expected in so young a creature.

Students who have, or imagine they have, or hope they have, literary gifts of any kind, as well as all others who have any sympathy with an undernourished "Kiwi" or "Craccum," are earnestly requested to remember their dire need before it is too late. To encourage the indifferent and the forgetful, the "Kiwi" Committee has decided to offer five prizes of 10s. 6d, each for the best contributions to the first number of the "Kiwi" under the headings of sketches, serious prose, humorous prose, serious verse, and humorous verse. Five similar prizes will also be offered for the second number.

The first number of the "Kiwi" will appear about a fortnight before the end of the first term, and the final date for the receipt of contributions intended to compete for the prizes will be about Easter. The exact date will be announced shortly.

## AMERICAN DEBATERS.

### Visit to A.U.C. Proposed.

A proposal that an American debating team of two members should visit New Zealand this year and debate against teams from the different universities of the Dominion was considered by the executive of the Students' Association on Thursday, February 24.

It was decided that the executive agree to hold a public debate or debates, and give the whole of the nett proceeds to the visiting team to assist in covering expenses.

The question was raised by a letter from the Eastern Inter-College Debate League, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, which includes the universities and colleges of Amherst, Brown, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Wesleyan, Williams, and Yale. The letter is as follows:—

Dear Sir,—

The recent tour of the debate team representing the University of Sydney, Australia, visiting many of the colleges and universities of the United States, has strengthened the already firm bonds which unite the English speaking countries of the world. Feeling that a similar tour by an American debate team might aid in the work which the representatives of Sydney have so successfully initiated, a trip to Australia has been planned by an American debate team. We are very desirous of debating, during the course of this trip, representatives of the various colleges of New Zealand.

Enclosed herewith you will find a brief statement relative to the debate experience and education records of the personnel of the proposed team. I should be pleased to learn if the representatives of your college would care to meet us on one or more occasions during our stay in your city. We will be prepared to debate any subject which you consider suitable. It is impossible to inform you at this time exactly as to the time of the team's arrival in New Zealand, but it will probably be during July next. In order to keep our personal expenses at a minimum we are desirous of arranging as many debates as possible, and it has been suggested that through your courtesy debates might be arranged with the other colleges

of New Zealand. We would appreciate any help you might give us in the furtherance of this end.

Would you be so good as to indicate the probable financial arrangements which could be made for the purpose of defraying a portion of the necessary expenses of the tour. In order that the details of the schedule may be completed as soon as possible we would appreciate the favour of a reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE R. CRAIG,  
President.

Enclosed with the letter was the following:—

"We have been advised by the captain of the Australia debate team that you would be interested in a personal account of the members of our team, and therefore we submit the following:—

"Williams College, from which both members of the team, Mr. George R. Craig and Mr. Alfred E. Driscoll, graduated, is probably the foremost strictly cultural college on the American Continent. It was founded in 1792 in accordance with a bequest in the will of Ephraim Williams, a colonel in the British Army in the French and Indian war, who was killed in the battle of Lake George in 1755. One of its presidents was Mark Hopkins, often termed America's foremost educator, and the only educator to be included in the Hall of Fame. At present it is presided over by Dr. Harry A. Garfield, son of former president of the United States, James A. Garfield, who was himself a graduate of Williams. The Institute of Politics, celebrated forum of political thought, and dedicated by Lord Bryce, is held annually at Williamstown under the auspices of the college.

"Harvard Law School, at which both the debaters are now students, is a part of Harvard University, and generally recognised as America's leading school of law.

"At Williams both debaters were members of the Adelpic Union, the oldest debating society in any college or university in the United States, and both served as its presidents, Mr. Craig in 1924, and Mr. Driscoll in 1925.

"In 1924 the Williams team won the championship of the Eastern Inter-Collegiate Debate League, of which Mr. Craig was president. In accordance with the constitution of the



league, each college must uphold both sides of each question, and Mr. Craig and Mr. Driscoll were respective captains of these two teams during that successful season. At the Harvard Law School both debaters are members of the Ames-Gray Law Club.

"In case it should interest you, Mr. Driscoll also distinguished himself in athletic as a member of the Williams College track, football, cross-country and winter sports teams. The latter team won the championship of North America in 1926. He has but lately returned from an expedition in the Arctic."

It was decided to forward copies of the letter to each of the other university colleges of the Dominion, and inform them of A.U.C.'s approval of the proposed visit, at the same time requesting them to reply by telegram.

### TENNIS NOTES.

The Tennis Club which was formed last year, has made good progress and the six courts, for which we have to thank the College Council, have been in constant demand. Three teams were entered in the inter-club competitions this season, and although not successful in their respective grades, all three teams put up a good performance.

The A Grade team had bad luck in being defeated by Remuera A II. in the first round by 14 sets to 13, after a very even contest.

The B Grade team met Eden and Epsom in the first round, and though they put up a good fight, the experience of their opponents proved a deciding factor.

The C Grade team was entered in the Play-all Division, the results of their matches being: v. United, won 7 matches to 3; v. Takapuna, won 7 matches to 3; v. Trafalgar, lost 4 matches to 6; v. Aratapu, lost 4 matches to 6. The club has to acknowledge several handsome gifts as follows:—

Booking Board—Johns, Ltd.

Silver Cup (Women Freshers' Singles Championship)—Mr. W. Rainger.

Silver Cup (Men's Championship Singles)—Men's Common Room Club.

The College Tournament will be held during this month.

### ATHLETICS' NOTES.

By "ONLOOKER."

Trainer for A.U.C.'s Team.

It may be the fact that Auckland was not capable of winning even one place in the inter-Varsity Athletic Tournament in Dunedin last year which has this year disturbed the prolonged "snooze" of our athletic representatives and goaded them into Spartan preparation, or perhaps their feverish activity is merely the outcome of a revived interest in athletics among all sporting circles of Auckland; whatever the cause, an early start has this year been made in all track work.

In view of the fact that this year the Tournament is to be held in Auckland some attempt is being made to organise training that Auckland may place a worthy team on the athletic field.

Having obtained the hearty support of the Students' Executive, we have now been able to engage Mr. Davis, Auckland's foremost trainer, for about five weeks. He commenced his duties at the Domain last Monday.

A tentative team has been drawn up for each distance; any runner who is eligible to represent Auckland may challenge any member of this tentative team. If the challenger wins he will replace the other man in the team. Teams will be decided finally after the inter-faculty Sports.

All team members will be trained free; we ask only hearty co-operation on the part of the runners. Any member of the team who proves inconsistent in his training will immediately lose his place in the team.

Messrs. Shirley, M. O'Connor, and M. Flynn have consented to aid in the coaching. A general team coach is also being appointed to take charge of the team. Mr. H. Frost has kindly consented to be on the Domain each evening to give starting practice.

It is sometimes rather costly to speed in a manner which, having consideration for all the circumstances, "might" be dangerous to the public.—Ask Arnold.

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"You are the son of one of the defendants in this action?"—"Both." (George's famous reply to an inquisitive counsel.)

### CROOKS, LTD.

#### 1927 Carnival Play.

Under the title of "Crooks, Ltd.," the Carnival Committee is producing as its annual play Mr. J. Dumble's musical farce. The first rehearsal is being held in the College Hall to-night, at 7.30 p.m., when all students interested are invited to be present. Subsequent rehearsals, of course, are not open to any except the company.

The plot of "Crooks, Ltd.," turns on the operations of a gang of crooks who open a detective agency as a side line, with the idea that what they lose on the swings they make up on the roundabout. The farcical position of the gang when required both to steal valuable papers and to recover them when stolen, and their ingenuity in accomplishing both are highly entertaining, while the disclosure of the nature of the papers forms an excellent climax. The music supplied by Mr. Dumble is all original, and is said to be very tuneful.

The play is, as yet, not completely cast, but it is hoped to have the old favourites of "Tilly of Tamaki" and "Size Three," Miss Jean Robertson, Mr. A. H. H. Fryer-Raisher, Mr. Trevarthen, and Mr. J. Cox with the new play.

The producer, Mr. Trevarthen, looks forward to meeting the members of last year's company and hopes also to find new blood. It is rumoured that the chorus will be considerably smaller than in previous years so there will probably be healthy competition for places. At the same time, there are many more parts than usual, so that the opportunity for promotion is also there.

"Crooks, Ltd.," has every prospect of being as great a success as "Tilly of Tamaki," which held the record booking for His Majesty's Theatre. It is to be remembered, however, that success or failure depends ultimately on the willing help of every student. A sluggish disinclination to assist in any degree evidenced by a considerable number of students (mostly, one regrets to say, full-time students) was the chief cause of the loss on "Size Three." A pound of push from every student amounts to considerably more than a hundred-weight from one or two. What about it?



## STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

After the annual election last year it was decided to adopt a "portfolio" system with the executive of the Students' Association, each member of the executive being allotted a sphere of duties for the efficient conduct of which he was to be held entirely responsible.

The system was designed to relieve the secretary of a great deal of work which could be done equally well by others, to prevent the overburdening of two or three of the more enthusiastic members of the Association with a multiplicity of duties and to ensure that in each department of the Association's activities someone would be responsible for seeing that the necessary work was efficiently done.

As the work of the new year is only now beginning in real earnest the portfolio system has not yet been thoroughly tried out, but it has already been tested sufficiently to show that it is a great improvement on the old haphazard methods.

Soon after the elections members not elected to specific positions were assigned portfolios as follows:—

**Sports:** Mr. A. D. Anderson and Miss Mueller. **Duties:** General supervision of all sports clubs and checking and reporting on applications for Blues.

**Property and Carnival:** Mr. N. S. Alexander. **Duties:** The care of the Association's property and the sale of blazers, badges, stationery, etc., and supervision of matters connected with Carnival play.

**Tournament:** Mr. N. A. Leonard. **Duties:** Supervision of all matters pertaining to tournament.

**Club house:** Mr. E. F. Thompson and Miss K. Dunning. **Duties:** The control, discipline, and upkeep of the Students' Block, etc.

**Social:** Mr. N. W. Gilling and Miss M. Forde. **Duties:** Entertainments for students, from Graduation Ball and Freshers' Welcome to College dances and smoke concerts.

**Minor Activities:** Mr. G. McLeod and Miss L. Cranwell. **Duties:** Publication of the Handbook, direction of an information bureau for freshers, capping, etc.

Prior to the allotting of portfolios the resignation of Miss Takle was received, Miss Cranwell being ap-

pointed in her place. Since that date Mr. Gilling has resigned, his place being taken by Mr. A. Smyth.

Others members of the executive, who were elected at the annual meeting are:—Mr. D. H. Steen, president; Mr. T. C. Hay, secretary; Mr. A. P. Postlewaite, treasurer; Mr. A. K. Mathew, "Kiwi" Editor.

On October 7 a grant of £40 was made by the executive to the Tennis Club, a further grant of £20 being made on November 29.

At the latter meeting a grant of £10 was made to Social Committee for running expenses.

An offer by the Christian Union to run the information bureau was accepted with thanks on February 24.

## OUR COLLEGE HOSTEL.

A great forward stride in the history of A.U.C. has been made this term with the opening of our College Hostel at "The Mansions."

The entire absence of anything even remotely resembling a residential system has been one of the principal causes of our failure to develop a really active College spirit in the past. The opening of "The Mansions," though admittedly only a temporary expedient, should do much to fill one of the great gaps in our College life. So far students have not availed themselves as fully as might have been expected of the opportunity of entering into residence at a University Hostel on extremely reasonable terms. By the end of this week it is anticipated that about 30 students will be in residence, but this is only a fraction of the number who should be there.

Apart from the advantages they would gain from association and contact with the intellects of other students and the benefits of a more active social life which should characterise the Hostel, students living away from home, like all others, owe a duty to their College, and have one more opportunity than others of performing that duty.

The principles of Mass Production, which enables Henry Ford to sell his products so cheaply, should need no explanation to University students. The greater the number of boarders at "The Mansions" the better will be the result, both intellectually and materially. Every organisation in our

College must necessarily become moribund if students do not support it.

The same applies, particularly on the material plane, to our College Cafeteria, which is under the same management as the Hostel. If the Cafeteria is not well patronised, obviously good meals cannot be expected at the present low rates.

Therefore, students, remember your College spirit.

If the men's hostel is a success it is hoped that a hostel for women students may be begun before long.

## OUR BEAUTY CONTEST.

### A Competition For Men.

All the world over beauty contests are held regularly for women, but a similar contest for men is almost an unheard-of thing. That this should not be so is obvious, and it is therefore with a high sense of duty to the community that the management of "Craccum" have decided to conduct a contest for the men of New Zealand.

It was at first proposed to hold a competition to select the most handsome male undergraduate in the College, but after due matter had been given earnest thought it was decided that our undergraduates need not fear comparison with the men of any part of the Dominion, and much good and no harm would result from throwing the competition open to all.

The competition will be conducted along absolutely fair lines. The judging will be done entirely by an expert committee of judges so that no competitor will be prejudiced by the whim of popular favour and absolutely no outside influence can be brought to bear. The names of those selected to form the committee will show the seriousness with which the management views its responsibilities, and the strength of its determination to secure absolute fairness. The committee will consist of the registrar of the College, the chairman of the Council, the Mayor of the city, the Superintendent of Police, the Chief Traffic Inspector, the President of the National Council or Women, the President of the Women's Political League, and the professor of Greek antiquities.

Competitors will be judged by their



approximation to what is regarded by the committee as the ideal. Mere "prettiness" is not desired. What is wanted is a combination of the physical perfection of the cave-man with the intelligence and mental development of the highest type of civilised man. Competitors will be expected to show strength of character combined with physical strength, in addition to that uniformity of feature which is known as handsomeness. A suitable series of tests for both strength of character and physical strength will be devised immediately.

Intending competitors should send in their names and addresses without delay, to the Beauty Manager, c/o "Craccum." They will then be supplied with a coupon entitling them to be photographed at their own expense by our official photographers in bathing suits and in evening dress. The photographs when taken should be placed in the wastepaper basket.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### EDUCATION FOR WOMEN.

Sir,—I notice among the women students of our College a greater proportion of unshingled or unshorn locks than I can find at any other gathering of women in our city. As the advantages of short hair are so indisputable such conservatism among what should be the most intelligent and the most advanced section of the women of the community seems almost unbelievable. As I do not find conservatism so strongly ingrained anywhere else I can only conclude that women do not benefit by, but rather are injured by, a university education.

MALE.

### EQUALITY FOR WOMEN.

Sir,—Delving into my copy of the constitution of Students' Association, I see that the women folk of the College are represented on the executive of the Association by "one vice-president, and three of the members elected under sub-clause (a)," and further that "these shall be the only women bearing office under the preceding provisions of this clause." This means that of an executive of 14 members four, and four only, are women. Obviously this is grossly unfair, seeing that the proportion of men students to women students in the

College is far more nearly equal than this, and that the women do their share in the work of the Association with as much energy and success as the men. It is also most unfair that women students should be debarred by the constitution from holding the office of president. Surely the ingrained prejudice and conservatism of the men students would be a sufficient guarantee that no woman would ever reach that office unless she were extraordinarily well qualified, without absolutely debarring her from even aspiring to it. Surely the women of the college will have enough energy to make their protest against such barbarous injustice heard to some purpose at the next general meeting of the Association.

UNDERGRADUETTE.

### A COMMUNITY TRAM.

Sir,—We of "The Mansions" are not so handy to our College as we might be, nor is the tram and bus service run by the City Council so frequent or so speedy as it might be. The residents of outer Dominion Road, to meet a somewhat similar situation have adopted the ingenious system of the community bus. I would like to suggest that we of "The Mansions" should go one better still, and have our own community tram. Where we are to get it from I do not quite know, unless the City Tramway Department would like to take this opportunity of getting rid of one of its obsolete and allegedly dangerous trailer cars. Whether the City Council would permit us to run our tram on the Council's tram rails is a further question, and one which, I fear, the answer would be in the negative. Our best way of overcoming this difficulty would, I think, be to obtain a railless tramcar, and simply erect extra overhead wires along our route. We might well, in imitation of the residents of Dominion Road, adopt the "pay-what-you-please" system of fares. I am sure that it would prove popular with the students. Some may think this scheme a little fantastical, but if the people of Dominion Road can run several community buses, surely we, representing as we undoubtedly do, the cream of the intellect of New Zealand, can run one community tram.

MANSIONITE.

## OUR NAME COMPETITION.

The competition conducted by the "Kiwi" Committee at the close of the third term last year to discover a name for this new journal, attracted widespread interest, and in all the surprisingly large number of 7,893 suggestions was received. Entries poured in from all parts of the world, including Leningrad, Paris, Hollywood, Vladivostok, Peking, Buenos Ayres, London, Vienna, and Takapuna.

The committee, after sitting continuously for a week, managed to reduce the number of suggestions to 7,500 by eliminating all but the very best, and after much careful consideration this number was still further reduced to 7,000. From this reduced total the committee had little difficulty in selecting the winning title of "Craccum." As the winning suggestion was anonymous, the prize of one year's free subscription to "Craccum" still awaits a claimant.

To all those who assisted by sending in suggestions the committee extends its heartiest thanks.

Among the best entries were the following:—The Rocket, Wee Kea, Kiwean (wean—youngster), etc.

As a mark of appreciation for the industry and enthusiasm of one competitor who submitted a variety of suggestions, it was decided to print her letter in full, as follows:—

Sir,—Impelled both by the munificence of the prize and by strong College spirits, I beg to suggest the following titles for the new journal. You are at full liberty to use any or all, either individually or collectively, and, moreover, without royalty of any kind. Indeed, if successive papers are published employing all the titles I am prepared to share the reward with any charitable organisation you care to nominate.

The weaker titles (as you may deduce) have been proposed by less talented friends who evidenced a desire to have their efforts brought under your notice.

(1.) Wee Kea: This, while preserving a soupçon of the parent title, is singularly appropriate, the "Kea" being a subtle reference to the practice of editors and men of like kidney pouncing on unsuspecting lambs and depriving them of their living.



(2.) Kai Wai: Or again, what more apt than this, also with a hint of the original about it, for a magazine which will (perhaps) be as food and drink to those students who will (perhaps) read it.

(3.) The Chick: Presumably the "Kiwi's." The proposer is a devotee of the popular children's paper of the same name.

(4.) The K.I.S.S.: The Kiwi in Sport and Study.

(5.) C.U.S.S.: Christian Union's Sentimental Sermons.

(6.) A Subsidiary Manual on the Works of the Auckland University College Students' Association. What more dignified than this

(7.) The Ostrich: It swallows anything.

I should prefer the subscription to be in hard cash, and would deem it a favour if you would remit same to me immediately in order that I may retrieve my "Pro Murena" from the pawnbroker with whom it has reposed since April. My letter is, however, like . . . (Unprintable.—Ed.)

With fondest love and best wishes, your devoted admirer,

CONSTANCE READER.

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(Thanks for the kisses, Constance. Sorry you did not win.—Ed.)

## COLLEGE POLITICS.

### Petticoat Government.

(By SAMSON AGONISTES.)

No. 1.

To a humble admirer of the sex such as myself, it is most gratifying to notice the extent to which woman is assuming the lead in every walk of life. Even in the lowest grades it is the woman who is now the breadwinner, who goes out charring, cooking, or factory-working to earn the wherewithal to keep her nusband and family. Higher in the scale we find the shop girl, the Carnival Queen, the Beauty Contestant, queening it over the mere male and reducing him to half-willing serfdom. Even the defence of this country depends almost entirely upon Inter-house Girls (cf., Military Pageant). And at the top of the tree in the most rarified intellectual atmosphere of the University, woman reigns supreme.

Nonsense, you say, and point to the preponderance of men on the student governing bodies. That is all very well on paper, but to a skilled observer, it must be patent that the moving spirit, the guiding hand in College is that of Woman. There is a faint hypnotic haze pervading the deliberations of some of the College committees which to the initiated spells "femininity." To the busy part-time student the presence of women on a committee with their idle ingenuous prattle and delicate shyness (tinged though it be with lachrymatory tendencies) brings a feeling of blessed relief. He nods. He sleeps. Imperceptibly the burden, the responsibility and the glory of the work shift to the women. So tactfully and graciously do they work that no one may see what they have accomplished.

They are angels of mercy. In their pity for the overworked man they use their admirable organisation at elections to ensure that those who most deserve the rest shall attain it. Hard-pressed mariners in the storm of life pass at last into the peaceful backwater where the women, Circe-like, lull them to soft slumber.

Now, Mr. Reader, don't be alarmed. It is a fact that Woman has established her sway in this College, but what of it? Is it not to our advantage to have our affairs directed by women, whose minds soar beyond facts and the material advantages resulting therefrom to the Eternal and Ethereal Liberty of the Student?

Behold the fruits of the system. Our sister College, Victoria, has a woman as President of its Students' Association. Certainly, from all accounts the finances of that body are not in the admirable position of our own, but the writer feels absolutely confident that other advantages must exist which more than compensate for this state of affairs. Chivalry, for instance, must be of a very high order since it is forborne to hold smoke concerts because the President would be unable to attend.

You may ask, what peculiar qualifications have women for managing affairs. First and foremost, they have a glorious singleness of purpose. They have fixed their minds on an ideal which they have mounted on a pedestal until its head soars above the clouds, whence god-like from Olympus proceeds the inspiration of their souls. Their aim is fixed and from

their path they swerve not. Mere conventions, ordinary rules of conduct, do not exist in the pursuance of their object. No detail is too trivial, no side issue too remote for their attention, if such seem to further such object.

Their organising ability amounts to genius. Who but women (for instance) would have conceived the magnificent project of a Social Committee of whom two-thirds are potential non-dancers?

We are exceptionally fortunate in the women of this College in that they are blessed with a generosity beyond their kind. In Victoria College (where, as we have already pointed out, a woman is President) one game of ping-pong (or table tennis) is the prerogative of the female sex. In our College, men have equal privileges with the women except that the women's games may be longer.

That's all very well, you say, but what about business experience? Why, my unsophisticated young friend, that is just where women shine. Have you never been to a bargain sale?

It has always been a matter of wonder (and indeed of considerable trepidation) to me that the women of this College do not follow the example of some of their sisters overseas and set up an Association of their own. Unhampered by the dead weight of the men, they might then pursue a course of unparalleled brilliance which would bring them at last to their Ideal. When one considers how their efforts are nullified by the mercenary instincts of the men, and how they are retarded in their course by man's lack of vision, one realises that it is out of their infinite compassion that they remain with us.

"O, woman! in our hours of ease, Uncertain, coy, and hard to please; When pain and anguish wring the brow,

A ministering angel thou!"

Freshers' Welcome will be held in the College Buildings on Saturday, March 19. A concert, games, and dancing will be the chief attractions.

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Freshers are warned that this is their one and only chance of getting a free entertainment at 'Varsity.



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