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## COLLEGE POLITICS.

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### FINANCE

#### BY BANKRUPT.

There are about 1,000 students attending lectures. If each student pays 15/- to the Students' Association, the total yearly income of that body is £750. Concessions to Training College students and others reduce this figure to £700. In view of the heavy financial obligations recently undertaken by the Students' Association, including the upkeep of the students' quarters, the financing of cricket, tennis, football, hockey, athletic and basketball clubs, as well as all other affiliated societies, it must be apparent that the present haphazard system can only lead to disaster. A systematic study of the weaknesses of the financial policy (if any) of the Executive is therefore of vital interest to every student, and an attempt is here made to suggest some remedies.

**1. Building Fund Deficit.**—About five years ago the Students' Association agreed to find the sum of £3,000 towards the cost of the students' quarters. Of this amount £1,000 was immediately subscribed by students, and of the balance £500 has been paid out of the general revenue account. Although the Students' Association failed to fulfil its obligations, the College Council has itself raised the immediate cash and has neither pressed for payment nor demanded interest for the same. In common honesty, as well as from the point of view of placing the finances of the

Association on a sound footing, adequate provision should be made for the immediate liquidation of this obligation. The constitution provides that 10 per cent. of the income from the consolidated subscription shall be applied to this end. This might liquidate the debt in twenty years.

The immediate liquidation of the £1,500 outstanding might be effected by the Spartan expedient by which the previous £1,000 was raised. The membership of the Association has so greatly increased since that date that the heroic measure of individual contribution should realise a sum sufficient for this object, and would thereby release the sum of £70 for current or other expenditure.

**2. Maintenance of Students' Quarters.**—The building alone is valued at £20,000, and allowing 1 per cent. depreciation, ordinary business principles demand that the sum of £200 shall be written off per annum against deterioration. The internal furnishings, valued at, say, £3,000, depreciate at the rate of about 10 per cent per annum (conservative estimate). This would demand the allocation of a further £300 per annum. Such allocations should be provided for by a permanent income.

Mr. D. H. Steen in moving that the consolidated subscription be increased to 21s. stated as his prime object the provision of a sinking fund from the increased revenue, from which a permanent income might ultimately be obtained for this purpose. Such a sinking fund is essential and would improve our credit in dealing with outside bodies.

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3. **Tournament.** — Clause 3, section e, sub-section (ii.) of the constitution states as one of the primary objects of the Association that it shall provide a fund for tournament expenses when the tournament shall be held in Auckland. As far as the author is aware no provision for such a fund has ever been made.

The omission to provide a fund to cover tournament expenses is tantamount to a misapplication of the Association's money. The 10 per cent. of the income derived from the consolidated subscription, now allocated to the College Council, and which would be released as above, might form such a fund as required by Constitution.

(4) **Instability.** — The unfortunate corollary of democracy is inefficiency. Our own Association is certainly no exception. Every year a new executive is elected; every year a new financial policy is inaugurated; and every year the elections are held again; and the vicious circle still continues. Students, moreover, who are scarcely capable of earning their own living, can hardly be expected to display that acumen which is obviously necessary to deal with the highly intricate finance of the Association.

The provision of a sound financial policy is undoubtedly the most vitally important business for the executive. Recent executives, however, have found a far more engrossing and elusive subject for discussion—the hypothetical freedom of the student. Resisting the temptation to pursue this fascinating subject further, the author submits the following possible remedy.

In order to overcome the instability which is the worst feature of the Association's finances, it is necessary to appoint a small efficient semi-permanent body to control this department. Such a result would be obtained by the appointment of a committee con-

stituted on the following lines.

Registrar (chairman).

President and Treasurer of the Association.

Immediate past President of the Association.

One graduate of wide business experience.

The desired degree of permanence would follow from the presence of the Registrar, the President of the Association (who holds office for two years) and the graduate who should be appointed for a term of several years. Such a committee would be competent to invest the Association's funds and its personnel would command the confidence of financial institutions and secure advantageous terms both in the investment and borrowing of money.

Country members of the executive are doubtless familiar with the expedient of placing a china egg in a nest in order to induce the hens to lay and cackle. Such a member should then be in favour of the policy now briefly outlined. Student Unions of certain English Universities have a regular income derived from a fund provided by endowments. To encourage the growth of such a fund in this College the executive would be well advised to open a special fund, to be called the "Endowment Fund," with a small china nest egg consisting for instance, of carnival profits. The publicity of donation leads to donation, much as the cackling of one hen encourages the others.

In conclusion, the author wishes to point out that, although the financial position of the Association appears somewhat precarious, yet certain prominent officers of the Association in recent years have realised the need for a sound financial policy but have in many cases been prevented from carrying into effect some such provisions as are outlined above on account of the youth and inexperience of their colleagues.

## AN APPRECIATION OF THE "KIWI."

The fame of the "Kiwi" has travelled far, and everywhere it has won golden opinions. The following glowing appreciation, written by the editor of the "Spike" (Victoria University College Review) may be taken as a fair sample of the praise showered upon the "Kiwi" in distant parts:—

"... We gather that 'Kiwi' has suffered a resurrection, or a revival, or a something, and that the 'Present Management' has radically improved upon the work of its predecessors. It must have been necessary. An air of cheapness seems to pervade its pages. We are not sure whether it is the get-up of the magazine, which too closely resembles a Rugby Programme, with all poetry set in italics in the 'Ladies' Mirror' style, or the excess of cheap humour, whose leading properties are exclamation marks and inverted commas. However, we congratulate our friend 'Kiwi' on attaining this, his twenty-first year of existence, and shall look for something definitely better next year. Two poets and a comic artist do not make a university magazine."

(This "appreciation" is a gross libel. If you do not believe it buy a copy of the next issue and see for yourself. It is beneath the dignity even of "Craccum" to reply to such an attack, but to prevent any misconceptions on the part of freshers it is desirable that one or two points should be made quite clear. The "air of cheapness" alleged to "pervade" the "Kiwi" has reference to the fact that the "Kiwi" is sold for one shilling, whereas the "Spike" costs 2s. 6d. per copy per issue. If "Kiwi" looks like a football programme it at least appears more respectable than "Spike" which resembles nothing so much as a grocer's price catalogue. But if you would really like a clear idea of the



appearance of "Spike" then take out one of your old secondary school magazines and imagine the number of illustrations reduced to two, and these two printed as clearly as the illustrations of a fifth-rate newspaper. Then you will know just exactly what "Spike" looks like. As for "Kiwi's" two poets and a comic artist, "Spike" cannot boast even one poet or a comic artist.—Ed.)

### THE COST OF BLAZERS.

The high cost of College blazers was recently discussed by the executive of Stud. Ass.

It was explained that the material used by George Court, Ltd., was the best obtainable, and was imported for this particular purpose after being specially dyed in England—hence the high cost. The executive had made full inquiries at the time before accepting George Court, Ltd.'s offer to supply blazers.

The secretary and treasurer were appointed a sub-committee to make inquiries and interview George Court, Ltd., with a view to obtaining a reduction in the present price, and report to next meeting.

The executive of Stud. Ass. has decided to recommend the Consolidated Fee Committee to allow a rebate of 5s. on the Consolidated Fee to Training College students, provided that membership of tennis, football, cricket, hockey, or basketball clubs shall be open only to those who have paid the full fee. The concession is made in view of the fact that Training College students have to contribute substantially to the social activities of their own college and cannot avail themselves so freely as other students of the facilities offered to members of the A.U.C. S.A.

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Mr. D. G. Mathew was admitted to membership of Students' Association at a recent meeting of the executive.

### UNPAID TELEPHONE FEES.

#### Student's Talk to Wellington.

The enterprise of a student who used the Students' Association telephone to make a call to Wellington, but omitted to mention the matter to the treasurer of the association, or to take steps to pay for his rather expensive luxury, was responsible for a discussion of the subject of telephone bureau fees at a recent meeting of the executive.

The treasurer reported that bureau calls by students were rapidly increasing, and many of the calls were not paid for. One student (a man) had made a call to Wellington for which the bill was 12s. The perpetrator was known and there were hopes of collecting the money from him. In the ensuing discussion it was made clear that the executive considered that free calls to Wellington were not among the privileges to which students were entitled on payment of the consolidated fee.

Women members of the executive stated that if a list of calls made by women were displayed in the Women's Common Room the fees would be paid promptly in nearly all cases, even though no names were attached to assist in jogging reluctant memories.

Men members were apparently not prepared to place so much confidence in the memories (or perhaps the integrity) of their sex.

The suggestion was made that the exchange should be instructed to refuse all bureau calls from the students' telephones, particularly in view of the fact that there was nothing to prevent persons having no connection whatever with the College from enjoying the privilege of free bureau calls. The executive was rather loath to adopt so drastic a measure and the treasurer was directed to suggest to the next meeting possible ways of overcoming the difficulty.

### CAFETERIA CROCKERY.

Consternation reigned among officers of the Christian Union when it was discovered that the Cafeteria crockery would not be available for use by C.U. at its Freshers' Welcome supper. It was explained that the caterer for the Cafeteria was bound by his contract to replace all breakages of crockery, and as replacement involved both expense and long delay in filling orders from England, he was not prepared to allow the crockery out of his custody. After much argument it was arranged that the caterer should provide the supper at a figure considerably higher than C.U. had expected to pay. Officers of other College societies hoping to borrow the crockery should therefore note the new arrangement.

### "THE KIWI."

With undiminishing fervour the "Kiwi" repeats its perennial appeal for contributions of every description. Sub-collectors are already busy soliciting monetary contributions—if you have not yet been approached seek out a collector at once—and the editor and his assistants are earnestly seeking contributions of a less material kind. Intending contributors are reminded that five prizes of half-a-guinea each are to be awarded for the best offerings under the headings of serious prose and verse, humorous prose and verse, and sketches. The final date for the receipt of contributions is not yet fixed, but it must definitely be before Easter. The Easter season is so late this year that it will be quite impossible to accept any contributions after the holidays. This is most unfortunate but quite unavoidable. The date of publication of the first issue of the "Kiwi" will probably be about April 30.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PROPOSED UNIVERSITY  
UNION.

Sir,—Has our Executive become so senile, or so indifferent to the interests of the students who elected them that it has actually approved of the scheme of a Union as outlined in the first issue of "Craccum?"

Membership of the Students' Club is at present open to all members of the Council and teaching staff, to all past and present students on payment of a fee of 15s., and, seemingly, to various outside bodies who, while paying no fee, are invited to use the clubhouse for their gatherings. All these groups, with the exception of the last, are full members with power to nominate and elect representatives to the Students' Association Executive.

But the glaring error in our constitution is that student interest predominates. One thousand students are compelled to pay a fee for membership. Therefore one thousand students cannot be prevented from voting, and the handful of graduates who have sufficient interest in the club to pay their fees do not always get elected to the Executive. Wherefore, some gigantic brain has conceived this scheme on which our representatives have set the seal of their approval.

The new Union Executive that is ultimately to usurp all the functions of the Students' Association Executive, shall consist of

1. Three members to be elected by one thousand students and by all the other members of the Union.
1. Three members to be elected by non-students.
3. One Registrar. (We take this opportunity of extending to the Registrar our sympathy for this final straw added to the burden he already has in managing the College.)

One thing the article in "Craccum" did not mention—are the students who are to count for so little under the new regime to be given any option in the matter of paying subscriptions? Because they may tire of supporting a club run by the few for the benefit of the few.

## ONE OF THE MANY.

Sir,—Those members of the Students' Association Executive who are in favour of the new University College Union seem not to be aware of the full consequences involved. Not only would the Union mean the setting up of an exceedingly cumbrous mechanism to accomplish what is now done by the Students' Association; but the control of student affairs—the control of the club house, which was erected for the use of the students of the College, so that they might enjoy a fuller communal life—the control of student social activities such as dances—would be in the hands, directly or indirectly, of an executive on which the students—the only people who count in the College, would have a minority representation.

One of the advantages of the Union is said to be that it will provide opportunities for present students to come in social contact with past students, members of the staff and council, etc., with the idea, of course, that the present students, uncouth fellows, will gain much from that intercourse, and his doubtful advantage can be attained under the present system. It is open to these past students and others to become members of the Students' Association on payment of a subscription. Why take all this trouble about a Union when the end can be attained by existing means?

It must never be forgotten that the College exists because of the students and for the students, and that if any steps are to be made toward a closer social relationship be-

tween past students, members of the staff and council on the one hand, and the present students on the other, it is for these others to join the present students, not for the students to stand meekly by and be glad to be allowed to approach their elders.

If the Students' Association agrees to this proposal it is committing suicide, for the establishment of a Union deprives the Students' Association of its functions. In concluding, I would ask the members of Students' Association Executive to remember that they are acting as our representatives—that they are not free agents. Let them beware, and not place the whole body of students in a position which would mean the entire loss of autonomy in governing our own affairs.—I remain, etc.

C. R. STRAUBEL.

## COLLEGE POLITICS.

Sir,—One does not, I suppose, expect to find literary talent in your paper; as you very justly remark, that should be reserved for the "Kiwi." Nor again, does one look for refinement. Nevertheless, it is surely obvious that personal malice, especially when it is combined with dullness and obscurity, should find no place in a College paper. In this connection, I would respectfully submit that you have allowed your contributor, "Samson Agonistes," to go beyond the limits imposed by natural decency and good taste. The article on "Petticoat Government" seems to me a dull, obscure, impotent and unchivalrous attack upon the women of the College. Anyone who has the slightest knowledge of College affairs must know that without our women students the corporate social life of the place would be dead indeed. Do not think that I wish to belittle the work done by men students; I know that they bear the heavier part of the burden—as indeed they should; and I admit that this



burden too frequently falls upon the shoulders of the over-worked few. Nevertheless it would go hard with the student body as a living institution if the women were excluded.

I have said that your article was dull; that must surely be clear to the most casual reader. I have said that it was obscure; and in this one case, I am bound to think obscurity a virtue; it is fortunate that the more malicious of its insinuations could not possibly have been understood except by the few students who happened to know the very fine women against whom they were directed. And in that the article proves itself impotent, for its author, while sneering himself, quite patently cannot "teach the rest to sneer."

"Samson Agonistes," I imagine, is not the mighty, heroic sufferer in the cause of the people he would have us believe him to be; rather, his outburst would seem to indicate someone who had "attained" the "rest" to which his labours in the service of the students have entitled him. In one thing only does he resemble the champion of Israel—I mean, in his blindness.

"Eyes, in Gaza, at the mill, with slaves."

Yet, perhaps he is in this less unhappy than Samson; for whereas Samson had undoubtedly lost both his eyes, our modern deliverer would seem to have lost but one.

With every wish for the continued success of "Craccum."

HARAPHA.

#### A COMMUNITY TRAM.

Sir,—No doubt your correspondent, "Weary Willie, the Mansionite," will have perished of fatigue while trudging along the vasty stretches of Symonds Street and Whitaker Place, long before the second issue of your journal is published. Without doubt he has perished on the wayside and his bones bleach upon the sidewalk. He deserves the admira-

tion of all. Undaunted by the distance he set out to walk; but the way was long—more than a quarter of a mile—and he has perished. But perhaps, like Adonais, he is not dead. Perhaps he still survives. In that case he plods manfully up Symonds Street, his swollen toes emerging from the apertures in his well-worn footwear. In any case this state of affairs is scandalous and deserves the immediate consideration of all right-thinking and intelligent people, as well as the residents of "The Mansions." We cannot allow our students to walk these long and wearing distances. To my mind the most feasible solution of the problem, remembering the old saying about Muhhammudd and the mountain, is to transport the College, tower, tennis courts and all, further up Symonds Street. The corner of Whitaker Place would be an ideal site.

A. W. NEWS.

Sir,—Surely "Mansionite's" ideas of solving the transport problem which he, in company with others, is faced are rather fantastical when he suggests Community Buses.

I would respectfully point out to him that the community bus system depends for its success upon the honesty of the travellers in paying for what they get.

Roller-skates would help "Mansionite" to solve the transport problem and at the same time acquire a graceful figure once the "figure eight" was mastered.

Or if "Mansionite" has a friend in high places at Takapuna, he may prevail upon him to get the old steam tram—complete with shakes and smoke—for a mere song, now that the Devonport Ferry Co., Ltd., wish to run a service."

May Heaven aid "Mansionite" in his perplexity, and may his shadow never grow less through walking, is the sincere wish of

"PICK-A-BACK."

#### USE OF A COMMON ROOM.

Sir,—I understand that one day in the last week of the vacation the Rotary Conference had the use of the Women's Common Room. I am informed that the Women's House Committee was not consulted, and was not aware of the privilege accorded the Rotarians until preparations for their function had actually been begun. Can such things be! Why take the trouble to set up a Board to control the Students' Block when it can be disregarded so lightly? If this can happen now, what would happen under the proposed University College Union?

BOLSHIE.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Alluvial.—Yes, art unions have on occasion been known to close on the advertised date, but not in New Zealand. We understand that alluvial gold is a work of art for the good reason that art unions could not be run profitably if it were not.

Still Hungry. — Reckoning pears in jelly at 3d. per cubic inch, we have been unable to calculate the cost of a case of pears, as we do not know the price of one gram of jelly.

The first subscriber (and first annual subscriber) to "Craccum" is Mr. E. H. Northcroft, a member of the College Council and chairman of the Board of Control of the Students' Block.

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## TOURNAMENT CARDS.

## CHOICE SPECIMEN REPLIES.

The majority of students should before this have received copies of the cards distributed by the Tournament delegates asking for assistance in preparing for the forthcoming contests. Numbers of replies have already been received, but there are still many cards to be returned. For the guidance of those who have not yet filled in their cards we give two samples from among those already received to show the uninitiated some of the pitfalls to be avoided in the process.

The first card reads as follows:—

Are you prepared to assist in Billeting?—Yes, rather!

If so, how many, and what preference? — Two's company. "Gentlemen prefer blondes."

Can you obtain the use of a car for the motor drive?—Yes, Wallace will lend his Baby.

In what other ways are you prepared to assist—(1) Seeing them home after each event. (2) Seeing them home after each event. (3) Testing matured vintages. (4) Seeing them home after each event.

Do you wish to be considered as a College representative?—Yes.

If so, in what particular event?—Tournament Ball.

Phone No.?—66-666.

In the case of the second card the questions were not answered, but the following appeared on the back:—Dear Sir, I thank you for your circular undated, and regret that I can neither take part in the functions nor assist you as regards billeting. I would like to point out that Easter is the period when a number of Bible Class Unions in Auckland hold their annual camps. Yours faithfully, —.

It was a great pity that this ingenuous document could not have been received by the Tournament Committee at an earlier date. For then in the light of the information contained in

it, the committee could undoubtedly have postponed the Tournament to a later date when there will be no Bible Class Camps. But unfortunately it is now too late to undo the present arrangements, or to obtain the consent of the various colleges to the suspension of lectures for a period to allow the delegates to visit Auckland later on in the year.

## "THE MANSIONS."

On the first Thursday of the term the men at the 'Varsity Hostel met in the ball-room at "The Mansions," and elected a committee to look after their affairs.

Among other matters the Committee discussed ways and means of creating a social atmosphere, and it is hoped that some of the "necessary" may be obtained from Stud. Ass.

News is being awaited as to how "hostilitis" influences the lives and activities of the engineers and doctors of Canterbury and Otago.

As soon as the desired information is received a list of rules for the conduct of a University Hostel and for the decorous behaviour of "Mansionites" will be drawn up.

The committee elected is as follows:—Messrs. A. Smyth (chairman), E. J. Thomas (secretary), L. H. Briggs, and K. E. Bullen.

At present only about 30 students have taken up their abode at "The Mansions," although 50 indicated their willingness to do so at the end of last term. Those who are holding back to see how the experiment works need do so no longer. Although at this early stage the students have scarcely even got to know each other, they are one and all enthusiastic advertisers of the joys of hostel life, and enthusiastic canvassers for more "Mansionites."

## "CRACCUM."

## VISIONS OF THE FUTURE.

Once again "Craccum" casts itself upon the mercies of the student world. Last time, as was not surprising in view of its contents, it met with rather a mixed reception. This infant journal destined no doubt to a great and glorious future, must struggle at present with many problems of finance, circulation, supply of "copy," and printing.

These mundane problems may, however, be dismissed as purely temporary and entirely unworthy of a journal with so assured a future as "Craccum." Fifty years hence, when perhaps even the first issue each year will be filled with news from front page to back (inclusive), when the circulation will (perhaps) have grown to many dozens weekly, when the revenue will (perhaps) have become sufficient to more than pay the expenses, and when the paper so modestly begun in 1927 will (perhaps) influence the thinking, not only of the students of A.U.C., but also of the vast majority of the really educated people of the Auckland province, then in those great days, what will it matter if the first few issues were forced to struggle vigorously for mere existence? Not without some misgivings—due to pardonable modesty—we venture to suggest that the historian of the future will count the birth of "Craccum" an even greater event than "The Rising of the 'Sun.'"

It is with the most pleasurable anticipations that we welcome the advent of the "Sun" in Auckland. We wish the management of our daily contemporary every success in their enterprise, and we would assure them that although competition will at all times be keen, it will, so far as "Craccum" is concerned, at any rate, always be entirely friendly.



## FASHION NOTES.

(By 'ERBERT.)

Now that the College has assumed her structural trousseau, it is decorous as well as desirable that the inmates of this institution should pay some slight attention to the dictates of Dame Fashion. This worthy lady has not in the past commanded that respect which is due to her from the intellectual elite of Auckland. It is highly probable, however, that tennis enthusiasts will be obliged (under some slight compulsion from regulations) to incline a more friendly ear to her future behests.

In the course of these articles we hope to deal with such styles and appurtenances as are suitable for all occasions. In our first instalment it would perhaps be advisable to advance certain hints re the dress of those who indulge in recreation upon the tennis courts, since it is they (perish the thought) who have most offended that susceptible lady, our informant.

In this connection the following rules are now laid down for general observance:—

1. Ladies are requested to appear in white throughout. (N.B.—This also applies to lingerie).
2. Dresses shall be neither pleated nor tucked, and with regard to length, ladies would be well advised to emulate Her Royal Highness of York.
3. Head gear, if worn, shall be white; if not, the hair shall be restricted by bonds in such a manner that it shall not assume the shape of a gyrate helix or other immodest form.
4. Men must appear clad in virginal whiteness. This rule shall not be deemed to be observed even if only black socks are worn.
5. Jazz and coloured jumpers shall not be permitted, since such shall be deemed to interfere with the lighting of the courts.
6. Sleeves shall be worn at

the elbows in order to avoid a clothes' line appearance.

Tennis players of both sexes are warned against inappropriate remarks, immoderate laughter, and such playfulness as jumping the net between games.

We note that:—

1. Dresses will be worn longer this year. N.B.—They cannot be worn any shorter.
2. Gentlemen will be seen with walking sticks this season—also ladies.
3. Max's chin warmer is in urgent need of cleaning.
4. Nigel is wearing a new suit.

## SCIENCE FRESHERS.

Science Freshers are warned that if they desire terms in the various science subjects they should fulfil the following conditions for each particular subject:—(a) Chemistry—play tennis. (b) Physics—play cricket. (c) Geology—play football. (d) Biology—play 'cello.

Q.: "What are the marks of a true Rotarian?"

A.: "To drop cigarette butts all over the floor of a University building, to behave like naughty schoolboys, to sing childish ditties, and to call each other "Dickie," "Bobbie," "Tommy," and "Georgie."

Students are hereby officially advised that in the event of their ordering a cold joint in the dining room the words "and potato" must be added if this wholesome commodity is required in addition to the aforementioned cold joint.

Students should note that an error occurs in the Handbook in a rather important particular. The first term ends (unfortunately) on May 14, and not on May 7 as stated in the Handbook.

One student purchased 11 copies of the first issue of "Craccum." Recovering himself with commendable promptitude, the business manager said "Are you sure that is all you will want? If they keep on selling in bundles of thirty there will be none left shortly." The student concerned was not, as might have been expected, a fresher, but declared himself to be actuated solely by a spirit of pure patriotism. It is worthy of note, however, that so far he has ordered only one copy of the second issue.

We note that hordes of eager students are crowding into lecture rooms. This is a good sign. But in order to maintain this enthusiasm we suggest that the lecturer could not do better than copy the Auckland draper. Let him hold: (1) An autumn lecture; (2) a great clearance lecture; (3) an internal alteration lecture; (4) a stock-taking lecture; or (5) an enlargement of premises lecture.

The date of the carnival play is not yet definitely fixed, but efforts are being made to have it set down for the last week of term.

For the information of freshers the editor announces that the box marked "Kiwi and Craccum" beneath the letter rack, is not intended for the receipt of cigarette packets, chewing gum, broken pencils, old correspondence, or torn envelopes, but for the receipt of reading matter for publication in "Kiwi" or "Craccum." The office boy has his hands full carrying rejected articles to the destructor without having to deal with freshers' waste paper or old chewing gum.

A language lecturer recently deplored the presence in the lecture room of "ardent conversationalists." It is certainly enough to give one the "Pip."



## THE WORK OF THE LEAGUE

### Very Heartfelt Appreciation.

"I was just thinking about the League," said Mr. Hugh Kiddum reflectively, in the course of an interview with "Craccum's" special representative yesterday.

"No, it was not the Rugby League, the Reform League or the Young Citizens' League," he continued in answer to a query. "It is the Navy League I have in mind. Yes, the Navy League. No, I am not a member or an official of the League, but only a well-wisher.

"Yet I myself was once a member," mused Mr. Kiddum. 'Twas long ago. Everyone at our school belonged to it. I forget if we paid anything for the privilege. Perhaps we paid a shilling. It was a great privilege. I recollect that one year the members were each presented with a photo of our dear Prince of Wales—and a very good photo, too, signed 'Edward P.' in the corner. No, I

have not it with me now. I believe I tacked it up in the washhouse where it gave a resting place to poor tired flies till someone tore it down and thrust it under the copper on Monday. Sic transit gloria Monday.

"Yet another time," continued the speaker, "we each received a badge, one of those well-known badges, surmounted by the sea king's crown. No, I hardly think they were made from copper taken from the Victory. Were we proud? We were. I lost mine soon afterwards, I regret to say.

"But the recollection of this little kindness on the part of the League grows brighter as the years roll by and shines through the haze of time like my little badge burnished with quick-silver stolen from the school lab." Here Mr. Kiddum wiped his eyes and continued with some emotion: "We all loved the League. The reason for our devotion was a very good one. These distributions

of souvenirs took place in school time. I recollect that on one occasion I missed a Latin lesson thereby. I disliked Latin and my heart went out to the League. Truly the League—the Navy League, not the League of Nations—is doing commendable work in our schools," he concluded, sighs mingling with the dying echoes of his last words.

### TENNIS COMPETITION.

Entries for the Tennis Club's competition close on Saturday. Those interested will find details posted on the notice board.

Waitress, at breakfast: "What will you have?"

Mansionite, dreaming: "Whiskey and soda, mixed order, one, please."

Fresher, observing letter in rack: "The Professor of Gothick—does he lecture in architecture or in languages?"

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