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COLLEGE POLITICS.

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OUR CONSTITUTION.

(By Maxwell S. Walker.)

The Auckland University College Students' Association (Incorporated) is a society incorporated under the provisions of "The Incorporated Societies Act, 1908." As such, in the terms of the Act, it is a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, and, subject to certain definite conditions, it has all the rights and powers of ordinary individuals. It is, however, solely a creature of statute and as such must conform strictly to the rules set forth in the Act, and the regulations made thereunder.

The fundamental principle underlying the law as to incorporated societies is that each and every object of the society must be set forth specifically in the constitution. A society has power to do acts incidental to the attainment of its objects, but cannot undertake any matter which is not definitely set forth in its constitution as an object.

It is well to examine the Constitution of our Association in the light of this guiding principle and the matters which must be provided for in accordance with the Act. The Act specifies that the following matters must be provided for in the Constitution:—

(1) The name of the society, with the addition of the word "Incorporated" as the last word in that name. (2) The objects for which the society is established. (3) The modes in which persons become members of the society. (4) The modes in which persons cease to be members of the society. (5) The mode in which rules of the society may be

altered, added to, or rescinded. (6) The mode of summoning and holding general meetings of the society. (7) The mode of voting at general meetings. (8) The appointment of officers of the society. (9) The control and use of the common seal, providing by whom and in whose presence such is to be affixed, and on what authority and who is to have custody of the same. (10) The control and investment of the funds of the society, i.e., banking, operation on society's account. (11) The powers (if any) of the society to borrow money. (12) The disposition of the property of the society in the event of the winding-up of the society. (13) The registered office must be stated either in the Constitution or in a separate notification. (14) Such other matters as the Registrar may require to be provided for in any particular instance.

In addition to these points any other matters of fundamental importance should be provided for in the Constitution, but it is advisable to make this as simple as possible and to deal with incidental and subsidiary matters by resolution of the society in general meeting, or by resolution of the Executive.

The Name.—In this respect the present Constitution is perfect.

The Objects.—In this connection the present Constitution is singularly deficient. Sub-clauses (a) (b) and (c) of clause 3 are very proper objects although they should be set forth in more definite terms. Sub-clause (d) gives power to encourage Athletics, Tennis and Debating with a special view to securing worthy representatives at Tournament. No power is given to encourage or assist these activities other than in respect of Tournament,

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nor to encourage or assist in any way whatever any of the other numerous sports or activities of the Students. Under this clause there is no power to encourage or assist, either financially or otherwise, the Football, Hockey, and Cricket Clubs or the Christian Union, the Literary, Commerce Students', Law Students' and Architectural and Engineering Societies or any other Associations of Students. It may be contended that sufficient power is given by the provisions of the Consolidated Fee Amendment, but these matters are properly objects of the Association, and should be provided for accordingly. Sub-clause (e) gives power to raise funds for certain definite purposes, and funds cannot lawfully be raised for other purposes. Provision (i) is couched in general terms, but it is doubtful whether this clause is sufficient to give power to raise funds for the numerous activities of the association. Provision (ii) aims at establishing a fund for Tournament expenses when the Tournament is held at Auckland. It is worthy of note that such a fund has never been established and it is suggested that the words "when the Tournament shall be held in Auckland" should be deleted from the provision. There are numbers of other activities of the Association which should be provided for in the objects. Among these are trading, such as the buying and selling of stationery, blazers, badges, cigarettes, and other articles in which the Association deals, the management of rooms or a Club mentioned in provision (iii), and the promotion of fairs. Clause 4 would be quite satisfactory if the objects were properly set forth.

Membership. — Clause 5 sets forth satisfactorily the conditions for persons who shall be eligible for membership, but provision should be made for the method in which persons are to be admitted. The usual method is by an eligible person paying the prescribed subscription.

The provision in clause 8 for a roll of members is in accordance

with the Act, and should be strictly adhered to. Section 22 of the Act provides that every society shall keep a register of its members, that such register shall contain the names, addresses, and occupations of the members, and the dates at which they became members, and that every society shall from time to time, when required by the Registrar so to do, send to him a list of the names, addresses, and occupations of its members, accompanied by a statutory declaration verifying the list made by some officer of the society. The insertion of this clause should serve to keep the matter before the attention of the Executive.

Determination of Membership. — This matter is adequately dealt with in clause 7.

Alteration of Constitution. — Clause 9 should be worded in a positive form with a proviso that no alteration should be made except in accordance with that clause.

(To be continued).

A SOUTH AFRICAN LETTER.

The New Zealand University Touranment Committee recently received from the National Union of Students of South Africa a list of students who would like to correspond with students in New Zealand. The list contained the names of two students, both women.

The committee decided to refer the letter to A.U.C. Stud. Ass.

The Executive of Stud. Ass. decided to refer it to the Women's House Committee in whose hands it at present rests.

Advertisement in "Herald" recently: "Person, kind, wanted, adopt healthy baby girl, six weeks. —B.A., 584 Herald."

Is this the "B.A." who holds such strong views on the University question.

Has the president of Stud. Ass. paid for his last copy of "Craccum" yet? Ask him.

THE COLLEGE TOWER.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

(R. Fairburn.)

"—Are you all an upward agony?"

Aldous Huxley—"Song of Poplars."

The thing has been erected, criticised, and defended; it has been compared to unnumbered things, from bridal cakes to cruets; and the idea of putting a little bonedust round the roots, in the hope that it might grow, has been abandoned by those who supported it.

Yet the whole affair seems incomplete, somehow. I mean to say, what are we going to *do* about it? I mean, there it is, and here we are, and what's to be done?

Are we to allow it to stay there and frighten old ladies in the Park, and scarce visitors away from the city, and all that? Or are we going to *do* something about it?

Of course, I mean to say, the thing looks gorgeous from some of the Queen Street basements, or from the Blind Institute. But to the naked eye it looks a little too—well, a little *too*.

Still, I mean, there it is, and after all, what *is* there to do about it, when all's said and done? Except pray for fog?

Can't the Christian Union do something?

We have often wondered why Social Committee never advertised dances with streamers, etc. Since Tournament Debate the reason has been clear.

Irate matron, at Blanford Park, to party of "Mansionites": "Get away from here! To play football on Sunday—the idea! This is a Soccer ground—not Rugby!"

Marion, telephoning University, but getting wrong number: "Has Kathleen come in yet?"

The Morgue: "No. Why? Has she been killed to-day?"

ON DIT.

That the flight of time is urged
on by the spur of the moment.

* * *

That the feminine of "Crac-
cum" is not "Crack'er."

* * *

That if you have a grievance
"Craccum" is willing to share it
with you.

* * *

That some people have not yet
been able to forget the more
"fruity" remarks made at the
debate.

* * *

That really the University stu-
dents of today are a rotten lot,
things were never like this when
we took lectures! Oh, no!

* * *

That many of us would like to
take the more crooked characters
in "Crooks Limited" with us to
visit our wealthy relatives in the
vacation—all business to be done
on a fifty-fifty basis.

* * *

That W. McN——e inserted
the nice verses about herself in
"Kiwi."

* * *

That curry is an unpalatable
dish for education students.

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That Mr. J. C. Andrews has
been appointed assistant to Mr. H.
G. Cousins as lecturer in voice
production.

* * *

The the Professorial Board are
viewing with concern the many
white patches to be seen on the
backs and shoulders of students'
coats—they don't mind their
tower being called a wedding
cake, but the students must not
remove the icing from the ex-
terior in such a surreptitious man-
ner.

* * *

That even if the night is cold it
is not advisable to drop a lighted
match on your mattress. If you
doubt it inspect the blackened
heap of ashes and kapok found on
"The Mansions" tennis courts on
a recent morning.

That "Craccum" has now fin-
ished its period of probation;
already in its short, hard life it
has "done a stretch," or to be
more exact "served a term."

* * *

That certain speakers in the
Literary Club's recent "Shaw"
evening offered a splendid sym-
posium of what all the critics who
have written on Shaw have ever
said.

* * *

That if you want a place in the
first fifteen you should be born
into it, but that after you have
played for the team for ten years
your position in it is assured; also
that parents who want their sons
to gain places in the team should
register them with the club secre-
tary at birth.

* * *

That parsons who set out to
conduct weddings by moonlight in
Albert Park are apt to receive a
severe rebuff; that this fact was
demonstrated in positive fashion
after the first night of "Crooks
Limited."

* * *

That if former Auckland stu-
dents who have left for the South
to join special schools represented
Auckland instead of their new
colleges, then it would be neces-
sary to erect a permanent stand
for the Tournament Shield in
Auckland.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

The Executive of Stud. Ass. has
at last decided to take definite
steps toward the much-needed re-
vision of the Association's consti-
tution.

At a recent meeting of the
Executive a committee of three,
with power to co-opt other mem-
bers, was set up to consider the
question.

The committee is not asked to
recommend drastic changes in the
constitution, but merely to sug-
gest alterations which would re-
move the anomalies and obvious
inconsistencies at present exist-
ing.

The members of the committee
are Messrs. A. K. Turner, D. H.
Steen, and N. S. Alexander.

"MANSIONS" NOTES.

Now that Tournament is a thing
of the past the excess energy of
"Mansionites" must find expres-
sion in new directions. On a re-
cent evening it found an outlet in
a series of hakas which must have
been more disturbing than pleas-
ing to the neighbours.

While the attention of the ma-
jority was thus occupied two of
the more enterprising members
of the company carried out an
effective bedroom raid.

When the resulting uproar had
somewhat abated and the knots
in various items of night attire
had been undone and portions of
bedsteads rescued from flagstaffs
and similar positions a search was
commenced for the offenders,
who had decamped. Their bed-
room being locked, the exercise
of a good deal of ingenuity was
required before entry could be
gained through the window, also
locked. Numerous improvements
and alterations had been made in
the room before the avengers
left.

On the way back to the draw-
ing-room the vigilance committee
carried out research work on the
use of hockey sticks as weapons
of defence. They convinced them-
selves that hockey sticks are ex-
cellent for the purpose.

The value of Eno's salts as an
ingredient of ink was discussed
during the supper and the men
retired after the fruit salad and
trifle had disappeared.

If the student whose hobby is
collecting notices will give his
name to the committee he will be
supplied with a copy of any which
they intend to put on the notice-
board. His friend, the proof
reader, will also be allowed to
effect any additions or deletions
that he considers necessary.

It is rumoured that three en-
tirely new candidates for heavy-
weight honours have been unex-
pectedly found. Those who know
say that there may be something
of a surprise packet for the Box-
ing Contest at Wellington next
Tournament.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TOURNAMENT TENNIS.

Sir,—I wish to draw attention to a miss-statement made by Bystander in his "Tennis" in "Kiwi." Miss Miller, in the singles final met Miss P. Witherow (O.U.) and not, as is stated, Miss Scott of C.U.C. To those who saw the tournament matches, it is astounding, to say the very least, that no comment was made on Miss Witherow's play by Bystander, except that Miss Whitelaw (A.U.C.) "just failed" to beat her. Undoubtedly Miss Whitelaw's play was the "prettiest" exhibition of tennis during tournament, but the fact remains that she was out-matched. And yet Miss Witherow earns no word of commendation on such a win.

One would have thought that as this was Miss Witherow's last tournament, the fact of seniority alone would have drawn a little tribute from Bystander's hasty pen. Her play is well known, and held highly in Auckland, for although she has represented Otago for four years, her first badge was an A.U.C. one. It is strange, too, that Miss Witherow's "temperament" did not appeal to Bystander, since it appears that Miss Miller owes her blue to this remarkable asset. And to a temperament Miss Witherow adds a fighting spirit, courtcraft and unusual tactics which break up many a redoubtable opponent.

Miss Miller's play receives scant comment and brief dismissal, and even if her play has been previously reviewed, surely the Editor would not be averse to lending a little of his valuable space once more for a tribute to so fine a player. In her final match it is true Miss Miller was not playing brilliant tennis, but that was due to her opponent's cramping style, and to no lack of ability on her own part. May we point out that she managed to defeat even Miss Scott 6—1, 6—0!

We would also take this opportunity of thanking Bystander for his acknowledgment on this occasion of Mr. Hardy's work. Such

acknowledgment was last year obviously lacking, although a great deal of hard work had been done under much less favourable conditions.

ANOTHER BYSTANDER.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Sir,—Although quite agreeing with "Mourner," who writes in the last number of "Craccum" about the dying struggles of the Debating Society, I cannot let his letter pass unchallenged. It is perfectly true that the Society is not as flourishing as it should be, but in fairness to the present committee I should like to point out that the Annual General Meeting was held only a week before Easter and consequently the present committee has scarcely yet had a chance to prove itself. It is, however, a little comforting to find that there is at least one person sufficiently interested in the Society's doings to mourn its total disappearance from College life.

Can I remind "Mourner" that there are other ways of helping the Society than bewailing its inactivity in "Craccum"; if he really cares let him lend active assistance.

E. P. WILLS

UNIVERSITY WIT.

Sir,—Please allow me per medium of "Craccum" to thank your anonymous correspondent "Orator," for his fine letter on the subject of University Wit. Orator deserves the heartfelt gratitude of all students of this University and particularly of the Tournament Committee in that at a time when the rank and file were rushing hither and thither doing this and that that suggested itself to them, he kept his head, stood aside, and was able to give an impartial and considered opinion of the efforts of the mob.

It must be admitted by all that men of this calibre are rare. "Orator's" criticism of the Mock Reception should on that account be all the more valuable to the

Committee that promoted it. It was unforgivable that they should organise a "flat" entertainment. Excuses of exhaustion after seven days' continuous work, of bad weather conditions and of lack of assistance should properly be held irrelevant. We have no money, no corporate University life and few University traditions, but we must have University wit. Thank you, Orator.

GRATEFUL.

OUR COLLEGE SPIRIT.

Sir,—The oily and excrescent self-satisfaction of this year's student membership has culminated in fulsome adulation from the editorial pen in the latest issue of the "Kiwi." The whole of the first paragraph of the "Kiwi's" editorial is odiously typical of the smirking ingenuity which enables the spineless pirate of this present year of conceit to congratulate himself upon those comfortable conditions and elegant surroundings which are entirely due to the self-sacrifice of his antithetically worthy student forbears.

EPEE FELEE.

LITERARY CLUB.

Sir,—I attended the Literary Club's "Evening on Shaw," held at the College on Wednesday evening last.

The entertainment was splendid. At the same time I was wondering what G. B. S. himself might have remarked about it. I do not pretend to imitate the "great master" but he might have gone on in somewhat the following strain:—

The "swarthy woman" added a touch of "baggage" to the scene. She was "all disordered" and ran from the stage in a torrent of sobbing. Obviously she was imitating certain advertisements for well-known pills—that type of advertisement which will persist in repeating that "pictures tell stories."

The Queen was stately and pure; so like what the virgin Queen Elizabeth would have been

in the presence of the naughty Bill Shakes. She reminded one very much of a hop-sotch player as she haltingly approached the calm Bill to overwhelm him with her rightful indignation at his reference to her "damned spot."

Bill himself had a nasty habit of writing things on pieces of paper. He seemed to be "of the same Kidney" as the beef-eating warder; in fact at times one wondered if they were not the "Two Gentlemen of Verona" in disguise.

The whole effect was delightful but the groundlings went away, asking each other to tickle their ears.

A. CID. DROPS.

MEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Sir,—I desire to rake up the hoary past, to go back to the article on "Petticoat Government" which appeared in "Craccum" No. 1. The article in question was a weak attempt in a labourious style to prove that men had the interests of the College more at heart than the women.

Proof incontrovertible to the contrary is now available and may be seen by all who are not as blind as Samson Agonistes. Some time ago the Carnival Committee, desiring to keep its expenditure on properties as low as possible, wrote to the two House Committees asking for the loan of some of their furniture. The Women's House Committee offered everything—even its one ewe lamb, the new carpet. The Men's House Committee, too crassly stupid to see that the success of the play is its insurance for future repairs, maintenance and replacement of furniture, and so far lacking in public spirit as to refuse its properties to *another sub-committee of the Students' Association*, regretted that it was unable to comply.

Surely this is a matter for the Association Executive to take up. The position is absurd. How can we ask for the loan of properties from city firms when our own right hand refuses assistance to our left? I suspect Samson of

being a member of the Men's House Committee.

CLUB.

THE COLLEGE TOWER.

Sir,—Much has been said against our College tower, and since no one else seems inclined to do so I take up my pen in its defence. The tower may perhaps be slightly reminiscent of a wedding cake, but a wedding cake can be graceful, it can be stately, and it can be beautiful, and in my opinion our tower is all three. In addition it has an advantage in size over a wedding cake which gives it, under some circumstances an air almost of grandeur. Seen against the background of a rising moon, or flood-lighted on a dark night, it has an air of fairy-like beauty combined with a strange impressiveness. Somewhat ornate it may be, but in this it merely matches other parts of the building. To me in this and other respects it appears symbolical of the youthful vigour and joy in life which should be characteristic of the College. For my own part, then, I will always remember the tower as I see it by moonlight, a spotlessly white, slender, graceful, and stately crown to a compact and handsome pile of buildings.

ALMA MATER.

STUD. ASS. ELECTIONS.

Sir,—The article in "Craccum" on elections and the constitution of the Students' Association should do much to make readers realise the defects of the present system. The new system of election propounded has much to recommend it. The present system of election by popular vote is theoretically democratic but as has been pointed out is in reality as farcical as the city council elections have become. The roll of student election has grown rapidly during recent years and will continue to grow making it still more difficult for candidates for office to be known to electors. Whatever system of election is finally adopted, it is to be hoped that those responsible for it will

bear in mind that the University should set an example to the rest of the community. The much-to-be-regretted apathy regarding municipal elections in New Zealand is partly due to the cumbersome system of voting.

ELECTOR.

STUD. ASS. FINANCE.

Mr. D. H. Steen, president of Stud. Ass., announced at a recent meeting of the Executive that he intended to move at a future meeting that the Executive should set aside annually a sum of £250 to form a fund to meet repairs, depreciation, and replacement of furniture in the Students' Block.

Mr. Steen said he would also move that a sum of £50 be set aside annually to meet the cost of entertaining visiting Tournament delegates whenever the Easter Tournament was held in Auckland. This would provide a sum of £200 to be spent on entertainments at each Auckland Tournament.

THE BOXING SHIELD.

The future of the Boxing Shield appears to be the cause of some concern at Otago University.

The following is the text of a reply-paid telegram received by the Auckland Tournament delegates from the Otago delegates immediately after Easter:—

"When can you send shield definitely. Reply University.—Cabot."

The following brief reply was sent:—"October eighteenth.—Athol, Dave, Leonard."

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TOURNAMENT FASHIONS.

Some interesting fashions were noticeable among local and southern representatives at the Easter Tournament.

As regards street clothes the passing of the hat is to be deplored. Economically, of course, it is a welcome change though, aesthetically, it is a sadly retrograde step. The heads of so many of our young men are by no means perfect in shape. But the new upstanding coiffure is doing much to hide glaring defects. The air of astonishment which it imparts is, however, in many cases not distinctly becoming and we deplore the fact that since several of our College men who occupy positions of eminence in College life have adopted this new mode, it is liable to become even more widespread. Our southern friends, we note, are still for the most part hatted, but they are well ahead of us in the fashion of wearing horn-rimmed spectacles. If they can outnumber us in horn-rims we can hold our own in moustaches. This is a step Auckland has taken on its own initiative, "seven asides" being seemingly peculiar to our own College; we should very much like to know the inaugurator of this mode, so that he may receive the reward due to his work as a pioneer.

LITERARY CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Literary Club it was not difficult to appreciate the point of the parenthesis in the remarks: "Those here present (if any) who are not members of the Committee. . . ."

The following officers were elected:—President, Professor Egerton; acting-president, Mr. Ardern; vice-presidents, Miss G. M. Brierly, Mr. S. F. Meiklejohn; student chairman Mr. J. N. Wilson; hon. secretary, Mr. A. D. W. Woolcott; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. G. L. McLeod; committee, Miss L. M. Cranwell, Miss B. Fotheringham, Miss M. Milne, Mr. F. H. Sagar, Mr. C. R. Straubel.

"THE KIWI."

The second number of the "Kiwi" will be published about the middle of next term.

As is always the case, its success or failure must to a large extent depend upon the support it receives from students gifted with literary talent. The inevitable tendency is for the task of writing to be left until the last possible moment, and then probably postponed until the next term, or the next year. For this reason those who can write are earnestly requested to remember the "Kiwi" during their hours of leisure, and to use some of their spare time during vacation on its behalf.

For those who care to compete half-guinea prizes will again be offered for the best contributions under the headings of serious and humorous prose and verse and sketches. For various reasons it will be necessary to close the competitions comparatively early next term, so that intending competitors should make the best use of their spare time during vacation.

Non-competitive contributions can be received for a few days later than others, but in their case also the closing date will have to be comparatively early in the term.

Students are reminded that a number of copies of the first issue of the "Kiwi" are still in hand and may be purchased at the cafeteria or in the library.

THE PROPOSED UNION.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SUPPORT.

The following is the text of a letter received recently by the executive of Stud. Ass. from the President of the Auckland Association of University Women, a branch of the New Zealand Federation of University Women:—I am directed to write to you concerning the proposed formation of a University College Union, which, we learn, is being discussed by your Association.

We consider it essential that everything possible should be done to increase the prestige of the University in this city, and wish to express our sympathy with you in taking up this matter. You will understand that as a branch of a national federation and part of an international organisation which includes 27 countries we must continue our own existence as a separate body. We wish, however, to co-operate in any way that is possible. We understand that graduates of A.U.C. alone will be eligible for membership as graduates, and as many of our members are from other university centres we cannot join as a body. (Let us be thankful for small mercies.—Ed.) but will advise those who are eligible to do so. Any available information will be gladly received.

(We hope that supporters of the scheme will not permit this enthusiasm on the part of the Association of University Women to damp their ardour.—Ed.)

"CRACCUM."

At Otago University "Craccum" has a cousin somewhat older than itself which goes by the name of "The Critic." This is "The Critic's" third year of existence, and it is now apparently well-established and flourishing. Like "Craccum" it is published fortnightly. We take the liberty of quoting the following extracts from "The Critic," Vol. III., No. II:—We welcome the advent of "Craccum," the rather curious and yet descriptive title given to the fortnightly organ of the A.U.C. Students' Association. It is a good thing that the student authorities throughout New Zealand are coming to recognise that unless the general body of students is kept in touch with the affairs of college their interest will soon languish. From the two issues that have reached us already "Craccum" seems to be a particularly worthy understudy of that very hardy animal "The Kiwi." We wish our northern contemporary every success in its

enterprise and we trust that the very high standard which has been attained in the first issues may be sustained throughout its existence.

Another extract from "The Critic" reads:—They say.—That "The Kiwi" on March 10 gave birth to a new species and both are doing as well as could be expected. That the puzzled parents finally decided to call the hybrid "Craccum."

LIST OF FIXTURES.

Friday, May 13.
Last night of "Crooks Limited."
Saturday, May 14.
End of First Term.
All second round tennis matches must be completed on or before this date.
College Hall.—Stud. Ass. dance.
Sunday, May 15.
C.U. Tea.
Wednesday, June 1.
Last day for signing Matriculation Declaration.
Friday, June 3.
King's Birthday. College Holiday.
Monday, June 6.
Second term begins.
Friday, June 10.
Tentative date of Graduation Ball.
Friday, June 17.
Y.W.C.A.—C.U. Jumble Sale. Old clothes, books, etc., wanted.
Saturday, June 18.
College Hall.—Engineers' and Architects' Ball.

Advertisement in Herald recently: "H.M.S. Veronica will carry out heavy gun practice in Hauraki Gulf to-morrow."

Has the word "heavy" acquired a new meaning since our school days, or is this a technical term peculiar to Gunnery in the New Zealand division of the Royal Navy?

ECONOMIC STUDENTS' FATE.

SENSATIONAL OCCURRENCE.

Sensational reports have just come to hand of the first lecture taken by Professor H. Belshaw, our new professor of economics. The early reports are naturally somewhat incoherent but they indicate quite clearly that an unparalleled catastrophe has overtaken the pass economics class.

In place of the customary two hours per week, the reports state, economics students will in future be expected to attend lectures for four hours weekly. In place of the usual two or three textbooks the professor has furnished students with a list of 17 which he recommends them to digest thoroughly if they would secure an understanding of the ground work of their subject.

Latest reports state that the majority of the students are still in hospital, but it is expected that with careful treatment they will recover. Fortunately it is not anticipated that any deaths will result.

The only explanation of this sensational incident so far advanced is that the professor has mistaken A.U.C. for a University. It is indeed a pity that someone did not enlighten him.

STUD. ASS. RECORDS.

Two students were discussing old records at College one day recently. "I tell you what I have got at home," remarked one calmly. "I have got the first minute book of Stud. Ass. I found it one day among some old books belonging to my brother."

This surprising statement illustrates perfectly the efficiency with which important records and documents belonging to the Students' Association are kept and filed. Minute books of the Association are of greater importance than any other documents in its possession, and yet a student casually picks up at home the first of all its minute books. If ever a history of the Association

comes to be written how can it be made complete if the first minute book is missing?

A PROPHETIC THESIS.

Taking the advice given in the first issue of this little journal, certain students have been endeavouring to elucidate the meaning of the mystic term which forms its title. They have made excellent progress, and have already unearthed a strangely prophetic thesis on the subject published in 1923 by one who must obviously have been an unusually gifted seer.

"The morals of 'Craccum' are bad. The place is infested with robbers," states the thesis at one point, and a little lower down occurs the following:—

"The men who live in 'Craccum' Have cunning in their eyes.
Their females never whack 'em,
They are so quick with lies.
For 'Craccum,' just like Hades,
Is full of men of law;
They lie about the ladies,
They lie about the score."

Obviously these prophetic words, published so long ago, and yet so extraordinarily accurate, could have been the work of none but a genius divinely inspired.

BASKETBALL CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the A.U.C. Basketball Club was held on Tuesday, May 3, Miss J. Mueller presiding.

The annual report and balance sheet showed a very successful year. Mention was made of the success of the Auckland team at the recent inter-University Tournament.

The following officers were elected: — President, Professor Algie; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. M. Algie, Misses D. Miller, M. Bourne, A. Minchin, Messrs. R. B. Hardy, A. J. Miller; club captain, Miss J. Mueller; vice-captain, Miss M. Adams; secretary and treasurer, Miss L. Shenkin; committee, Misses K. Leonard, N. Gallaher, M. Takle.

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