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## Military Service

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Officers' clubs have viewed with perfectly natural alarm the possibility of the repeal of compulsory military training in this country. But apart from these gentlemen, few people seem to exhibit the least concern. Indeed, the average student, who finds his day all too short for the pursuit of intellectual, social, and athletic interests, besides the necessity of gaining a competent livelihood, will hail the proposal as a blessing long overdue.

Under the present system, it would seem that coals are merely being brought to Newcastle, regardless of the waste involved. Why military authorities should deliberately leave the undersized and undisciplined lounge of the city streets to his own unprofitable devices, and impose an obligation of military service on young men who have been trained by education and environment to take an active interest in intellectual and athletic pursuits, officialdom alone can explain. In plainer words, our military conscriptive system has achieved the farcical; financially, it is burdensome; in view of the recent inventions of modern warfare it is hopelessly out-of-date; morally it is of little value, and that much is extremely doubtful.

It is true that both the Navy League, on the one hand, and the conscientious objector, on the other, have viewed

the question of national defence far too seriously. But in times such as these, when so much depends upon the continued unity of the Empire, it should, we feel, be respectfully made known that the quaint parody of sackcloth and canvas, popularly known as His Majesty's uniform, was not invented by the King himself. The equipment of our juvenile infantry, is to all eyes as undignified as it is unsuitable; but the feelings of the young conscript, who has to spend several hours a week cleaning an unholy assortment of brass and canvas to avoid incurring the wrath of an assertive person with a loud voice, must be experienced before they can be fully appreciated. There are even more serious difficulties than this. And it strikes us as remarkable that when Great Britain, Canada, Australia, and South Africa can bring conscription to an end without betraying the Empire into the hands of its enemies, only in New Zealand must the Saturday peace of the public parks be shattered by the blare of bugles and the popping of blank cartridges as a blasphemous and perspiring citizen army gets ready to defend Democracy. Earnest religious people have condemned all this as extremely provocative; and in the sense that the sheep and cattle grazing on the slopes of Orewa found the recent Battle of Woofit provocative, this may be regarded as a correct view. But surely someone has seen the joke.

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## Press Perversions

When in a recent editorial we urged students to take up the varsity "rag" as a serious proposition, we did not realise that the watchful eyes of Fleet Street and Grub Street combined were fixed upon us. It is true that the "rag" thrives on publicity; but of late the tail has been wagging the dog with a vengeance, "and when that happens, the tail must be cut from the dog" (Hon. J. Wright, at Parnell, recently).

Hence our complaint. In whatever manner he may while away his lighter hours, the student has come to be regarded as an object of public exploitation, to the financial profit of the popular press, and at considerable expense to himself. A.U.C. recently tendered a welcome to its Tournament visitors, on their arrival at the railway station, per medium of a few cheers and a pyjama parade. The "stunt" was orderly and well-organised. But a well-known weekly of doubtful fame held up its hands in holy indignation. Auckland students were denounced as hopelessly depraved and immoral, and our very guests were reproached for daring to flaunt their college colours in the public streets. The attack was as offensive as it was unjust; and we can only impute its origin to the fact that the journal found, to its chagrin, that student efforts directed towards the brightening of a dull day were more spontaneous and generally successful than its own.

A little previously, a band of students had committed a mild breach of the law in an endeavour to advertise a college swimming carnival. The "stunt" had been well received by the public, and the fine of £1, imposed for crossing a footpath in a motor-vehicle, was only a nominal one. But the incident was seized upon as first-class copy by an indiscriminating press, and posters shrieked the heinousness of the offence from every street in the city. A month ago, a drunken motorist careered across the footpath in Queen Street, during a crowded hour, seriously injuring a woman in his wild transit. Unlike the student, he was driving so rapidly that he escaped prosecution, and the press let the incident pass without special comment. Last year, again, a student was charged with the appropriation of a tram-ticket, valued at 2/3; a righteously indignant press went into headlines over the offence, but its efforts to correct the morals of a far from commercial world are conspicuous by their absence.

We can only enquire where this kind of thing is going to end. Charges of misrepresentation and sensationalism are continually being brought against modern journalism, and if the treatment referred to is any indication of the sense of values held by the public press, then the time is manifestly close at hand when the public press will no longer be taken seriously.



## TOURNAMENT

Tournament was a triumph for Auckland in many ways. The total of 200 visitors was a record number, and the fact that one and all enjoyed themselves to the full is a fitting tribute to the efforts of the local organising officials and their many assistants. For most of the events, the weather was warm and summery, the tennis alone being marred by rain. The athletics and swimming championships were run off exceptionally well, and the financial results are understood to be very satisfactory.

Tournament Ball surpassed itself as usual.

Auckland came off with the Haslam Shield for shooting, the Swimming Shield, the Basketball Shield, the Tennis Cup and the Tournament Shield—a fair bag. The Wooden Spoon in athletics was retained, as usual, by a comfortable deficiency. Canterbury won the Athletics Shield and the Boxing Shield went to Victoria. Otago failed to qualify.

Auckland's women representatives deserve special congratulations. The basketball team has headed the list for the fourth year in succession, and the usual high standard of play was maintained in the women's tennis events. Similar results obtained in the swimming championships. The mooted advent of women into university athletics should prove a special boon to A.U.C.

Points for the Tournament Shield were allocated as follows:—

	A	V	C	O
Athletics	1	6	7	2
Boxing	1½	5	1½	2½
Tennis	9	—	1	—
Swimming	2	—	—	1
Basketball	4	1½	—	1½
Shooting	3	—	1	1
Totals	20½	12½	10½	8

N.Z. Blues were awarded to the following Auckland members:—

Athletics: V. C. Butler.

Basketball: Misses J. McIntosh and E. Wann.

Swimming: J. P. Farrell and Miss E. Leitz.

Boxing: R. B. Moorhouse.

Tennis: A. C. Stedman, J. E. Stedman, and A. H. McDonald. Misses N. Whitelaw, L. Robertson and J. McIntosh.

### ATHLETICS.

This year's meeting was marked by the close contest fought out by Canterbury and Victoria for the Athletic Shield. Harley (C) ran brilliantly in the half-mile, and on present form promises to become one of New Zealand's greatest middle-distance runners; Taylor, his team-mate, put up a record performance by capturing the three miles event for the fifth year in succession. Ramson and Jenkins (V) also deserve special mention for their fine performances in the sprints and hurdles respectively.

Points for the Shield were: Canterbury 14, Victoria 13, Otago 10, Auckland 7.

100 yards: C. Jenkin (V), 1; O. Morgan (A), 2; J. Goodson (V), 3. Won by inches. Time, 10 2-5 secs.

220 yards: C. Jenkins (V), 1; O. Morgan (A), 2; J. Goodson (V), 3. Won by 2 yards. Time, 22 4-5 secs, equalling the record.

440 yards: O. C. Harley (C), 1; P. C. Minns (A), 2; T. Buxton (O), 3. Won by 2 yards. Time, 51 2-5 secs., equaling the record.

880 yards: O. C. Harley (C), 1; J. Webber (O), 2; J. S. Watt (A), 3. Won by 10 yards. Time, 1 min. 59 1-5 secs, a record.

One Mile: E. B. Taylor (C), 1; J. Lovelock (O), 2; D. Bain (C), 3. Won by 10 yards. Time, 4 min. 29 3-5 secs.

Three Miles: E. B. Taylor (C), 1; R. Barrer (C), 2; A. Porter (A), 3. Won by 20 yards. Time, 15 min. 32 4-5 secs.

120 yards Hurdles: F. Ramson (V), 1; D. Smith (O), 2; A. Henderson (A), 3. Won by 5 yards. Time, 16 secs.

440 yards Hurdles: F. Ramson (V), 1; T. Buxton (O), 2; R. Lunn (C), 3. Won by 10 yards. Time, 59 2-5 secs.

1 Mile Walk: E. Mackenzie (C), 1; F. Fraser (O), 2; T. Holmes (O), 3. Won by 3 yards. Time, 7 min. 24 2-5 secs.

High Jump: H. Morris (C), 5ft. 6in., 1; J. Allen (A), 2.

Long Jump: D. Barker (V), 21ft. 6½in., 1; H. Brainsley (A), 2; A. Watkins (C), 3.

Putting the Shot: G. Orbell (O), 35ft. 2¼in., 1; E. England (C), 2; R. Grey (O), 3.

Hammer Throw: B. Dunne (O), 105ft. 4¾in., 1; G. Wilson (O), 2.

Javelin Throw: V. C. Butler (A), 149ft., 1; J. Mackay (V), 2; R. Bush (A), 3.

Relay Race (880 yards, 440 yards, 220 yards, 220 yards): Victoria 1, Canterbury 2. Time, 3 mins. 41 4-5 secs.

### BOXING.

The finals of the boxing championships, held in the Town Hall, provided a noisy and exciting evening, which ended sensationally when a group of over-enthusiastic Otago supporters invaded the ring, a foolish act which cost their team the shield.

Otago and Victoria were leading with two wins each, and the decision hung on the heavy-weight final result. In this bout Hartnall (Otago), had knocked out Sowry (Victoria), in the final round, after some fierce rallies. Sowry rose at nine and the referee motioned to Hartnall to box on, but before either could commence, several Otago men invaded the ring and endeavoured to shoulder Hartnall. The referee had no option but to award the fight to Sowry, who, although very groggy, was prepared to box on. There was an uproar for several minutes, and many loud declarations that Victoria would not take the shield. The referee's ruling, however, was quite in accordance with the rules dealing with such circumstances.

Some of the bouts were of a high order, while in many others willingness was displayed where science was lacking. The light-weight, A. M. McDonald (Victoria) was awarded the medal donated by the Mayor, Mr. Baildon, for the most scientific boxer.

Results are as follows:—

Bantam-weight: J. K. Logan (Victoria), 8st. 4lb., beat C. Lowndes (Otago), 8st. 10lb. The opening round was tame, Logan crowding the Otago man in the final stages of the bout.

Feather-weight: R. Keenan (Otago), 9st. 2lb., beat N. N. Woods (Victoria), 9st. 11lb. Both showed up evenly in the first two rounds. Keenan did better in the third round, and had the Wellington man missing badly at the end of the bout.



Light-weight: A. E. Stirling (Canterbury), 9st. 10lb., knocked out A. M. McDonald (Victoria), 9st. 10lb. The bout opened brightly. McDonald was faster than his opponent, but the latter proved too strong in the third round and the referee stopped the fight.

Welter-Weight: T. Dovi (Otago), 10st. 5½lb., knocked out M. Smith (Auckland), 10st. 9lb. In the third round Dovi landed a hard right flush to the jaw, putting his man out for the full count. A bright and scientific bout.

Middle-weight: M. E. Mahoney (Victoria), 11st. 2½lb., beat W. S. Allen (Canterbury), 11st. 4lb. There was a good deal of clinching in an uninteresting bout, which was stopped in the third round after Allen had gone down twice.

Light-heavy-weight: R. B. Moorhouse (Auckland), 11st. 9lb., beat A. M. McFarlane (Otago), 11st. 11lb. Moorhouse held the lead from the first, but did not take advantage of many openings. The Otago man pressed in the final round, but was overhitting badly.

Heavy-weight: L. Sowry (Victoria), 11st. 13lb., beat M. Hartnall (Otago), 13st. 2lb. This bout was fast from the start and Hartnall had his opponent groggy in the final round. At this point a number of students invaded the ring and attempted to carry Hartnall shoulder high. The referee thereupon awarded the fight to Sowry, who was prepared to box on.

A sensational evening was concluded with dancing at the college rendezvous.

### TENNIS.

Auckland won the Tennis Cup, which it has now held for four years, by a greater margin than was expected. Only one event, the Ladies' Singles Championship, was lost by the local team.

The results are:—

Ladies' Singles: Final.—Miss Sherris (C), beat Miss Taylor (A), 6—1, 6—1. Miss Sherris's graceful and consistent play impressed greatly.

Men's Singles: A. C. Stedman (A) defeated C. Bowden (A), 6—1, 6—0. Both had shown good form in the preliminaries, but in the final Stedman was far superior.

Ladies' Doubles: Misses Robertson and McIntosh (A) defeated Misses Taylor and Whitelaw (A), 2—6, 6—1, 6—3. A triumph for Auckland's "second strings" over their team rivals.

Men's Doubles: A. Stedman and J. Stedman (A), beat J. Stallworthy and L. Christie (O), 6—2, 6—4. The two Aucklanders combined brilliantly, though their opponents put up a sound defensive game.

Mixed Doubles: A. McDonald and Miss Whitelaw (A) beat J. Beatson and Miss Sherris (C), 6—4, 3—6, 6—1. The most open event. In the last set, with Miss Whitelaw serving and McDonald playing brilliantly at the net, Auckland gained the final decision.

### SWIMMING.

The first inter-University swimming carnival was a great success—possibly the best held in Auckland this season. J. P.

Farrell (A) was the star performer, winning both men's events and returning the fast time of 59 4.5 secs. for the 100 yards. Points for the shield were: Auckland, 8; Otago, 4; Canterbury, 2.

50 yards Ladies' Championship: Miss E. Leitz (A), 1; Miss V. Edser (O), 2; Miss H. Gaze (A), 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 34 secs.

100 yards Men's Championship: J. P. Farrell (A), 1; L. Fitch (C), 2; C. J. McLean (A), 3. Won by 4 yards: Time, 59 4.5 secs.

100 yards Ladies' Championship: Miss V. Edser (O), 1; Miss E. Leitz (A), 2; Miss H. Gaze (A), 3. Won by 5 yards. Time, 76 secs.

220 yards Men's Championship: J. P. Farrell (A), 1; L. Fitch (C), 2; H. Morris (C), 3. Won by 15 yards. Time, 2 min. 43 secs.

200 yards Inter-College Relay: Auckland (Farrell, McLean, Misses Leitz and Gaze), 1; Otago (Fogg, Shanahan, Misses Edser and Weston), 2. Time, 2 min. 6 2.5 secs.

### BASKETBALL.

Auckland retained the basketball shield by defeating Victoria and Otago.

Results: Otago, 15, defeated Canterbury, 9; Auckland, 36, defeated Victoria, 10; Victoria, 32, defeated Canterbury, 8; Auckland, 42, defeated Otago, 12.

Members of the A.U.C. Team: Misses M. Graham, F. Kenny, J. McIntosh, E. Wann, L. White, B. Buckley, N. Gallagher, M. Cowan, M. Stehr, R. Clear, L. Court.

### SHOOTING.

Auckland won two practices and the aggregate (5 points) and Otago and Canterbury one practice each (2 points). The Haslam Shield scores were: Auckland, 809; Canterbury, 780; Otago, 756; Victoria, 626.

Members of A.U.C. Team: G. Watt, E. Boulton, J. Mars, N. Squires, W. Platts, N. McCullough.

### AFFILIATED SPORTS.

Rowing: Canterbury, 1; Victoria, 2; Auckland, 3. The race was rowed over a two mile course from Mission Bay to the Eastern tide deflector. Auckland first took the lead, but dropped back behind Victoria through trouble with No. 2. Half a mile from home Canterbury challenged strongly and went on to win an exciting contest by one length from Victoria, with Auckland five lengths further back. Time, 14 mins. 34 secs.

Cricket: Auckland beat Victoria by six wickets. In the first innings Victoria made 152 runs, and Auckland replied with 205. Victoria's second total was 156 runs, and Auckland made up the deficit of 114 runs with six wickets to spare. Fine bowling by Matheson was the deciding factor in Auckland's victory.

## THE LATEST.

Born but recently into the world of university journalism. *Canta* is, as its name suggests, the less official chronicle of activities at Canterbury College, Christchurch. We have received a copy of the first issue of this journal, and congratu-

late the committee on the excellent start that has been made.

*Craccum* welcomes his southern brother, and wishes him every success.



## She Goes to College

(Being an enquiry into the motives and methods of women in attending a University.)

"With prudes for proctors, dowagers for deans,  
And sweet girl graduates with their golden hair."

Tennyson, writing the above verses away back in 1847, probably did not visualise the problems which would attend woman's invasion of the halls and cloisters of a modern university. He did not foresee, for instance, the cyclone of bitter dispute which swept Britain recently, when the undergrads. of Glasgow University raised the ire of their womenfolk by alleging that female students did not possess sufficient charm to marry, and that, so far as Glasgow was concerned, the "sweet girl graduate" was the world's greatest myth.

The average "co-ed," in short, was charged by her Scottish critics with being "ugly in face, form and mind; no humour, initiative or originality; no love of beauty, no taste in dress, no idea of food, no religious beliefs, no discernment where men are concerned, no aptitude for serious study, no delight in music, no taste for art, and no wish to escape their destined damnable profession—school teaching."

The feminine rejoinder was interesting, though hardly to the point: "If we are ugly in face, form and mind, men are not even conscious that they are so; if we lack humour, men have only sex and beer for subjects of conversation . . . and they evince no desire to escape from their destined damnable profession as our husbands." Which, it is evident, cuts both ways. Then a Londoner took up the cudgels, and went so far as to say that the original attack understated actual conditions. "A photograph of the first six girls seen entering Glasgow University any day would show that not one had sufficient charm to marry. As soon as girls attend a University they get the impression that they are competing with men as their intellectual and professional equals. This brings out the worst in them.

Women are distorting the ideals and destroying the individuality of every university they enter, and give nothing in return. They are parasites on a great tradition. The average typist beats them for looks; the average waitress gives you your bill with more charm than a woman student puts into a whole half-hour of conversation."

I shall pass over the painful incident of the Glasgow "kiss-shop's" unqualified failure, and endeavour to examine this series of charges with special regard to local conditions. Should criticism be forthcoming, I shall welcome it whole-heartedly. The fact that such large numbers of abnormally plain women attend our universities is, I think, easily explained. For it is obvious that the many social distractions of modern life make it exceedingly difficult for the attractive girl to remain studious, so that the pursuit of the intellectual naturally tends to become the preserve of her "less-favoured" sister. Whence it follows that the Blue-stockings frequent lack of charm in dress, speech, and deportment should be regarded not so much as a personal failing, as an unfortunate result of circumstance. And we should not neglect to credit her with a sincere desire for serious study, often attended by no mean order of intellectual achievement.

Far more serious is the charge against a still more common type of woman student—she who, with the frivolous "Melisande" outlook, is in truth "a parasite on a great tradition." The fault lies largely with our private schools, which tend to produce a girl with an ill-assorted and scanty knowledge, a selfish view of life, and a fine regard for social niceties. Successful marriage is manifestly the ambition of her educational "career." She is the curse of Oxford University, whose men have succumbed to the fashion of abandoning athletics for afternoon tea; in Yale, Harvard, Cambridge, and cer-

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tain Scottish colleges, the standard of football has been maintained only by discouraging women from entering those universities. The position has become almost farcical in the great co-educational institutions of the Western United States, where the majority of women enter college for matrimonial purposes, although perhaps not consciously so. The university succeeds in carrying them over the gap between home and high school on the one hand, and matrimony on the other. Often, if the family can afford to send only one child to college, it will send the girl, rather than the boy, for strictly social purposes—to enable her to marry “successfully.” This, of course, is a complete distortion of the educational ideal, and is a social phenomena absolutely unique in the world’s history.

The position here in New Zealand differs in degree only, and not in kind. With the spectacle of so many women’s associations contenting themselves largely with bridge parties, high teas, and the entertaining of an occasional visitor from overseas, one is forced to the belief that women are shirking their responsibilities. Marriage should not be the end of a woman’s educational career. It is sad to see a woman with her family reared and ten years of robust intellectual life before her, frittering away her time in social inutilities, simply because her mind has never been trained to a work of value to society. Yet it is generally true that women do not spend the time in those better-class societies which aim at the promotion of the feminine intellect, until they have tasted matrimony.

In its earlier phases the situation has its humorous side, no doubt. The position of young and eligible medical men in our public hospitals, for instance, is said to be extraordinarily “precarious”; and there is to my own knowledge the case of a woman whose main satisfaction in attending Canterbury College for five years was that she learned tennis and, incidentally, wedded a graduate in a good position. To quote the Gilbertian phrase, she embraced “an unbounded opportunity to marry with impunity.”

Part of the blame, I must admit, attaches to the men students themselves, many of whom seem to regard feminine society as a social distraction, purely and simply. The desire to take refuge in circles where “talking shop” is *infra dig.* is, I suppose, an instinct ingrained in the masculine. This will explain why so many great scientists unite with fluffy little soul-mates, a phenomenon in which a southern versifier recently found food for comment:—

“Some like ’em high-brow, and some like ’em low,  
And brains are alright if you’ve got any.

But what I really am anxious to know

Is, *were* their pure foreheads just meant to be so  
Bulgeating with logic and botany?

“Philosophy’s topping,” said he,

“And I dote on retorts and appliances.

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Is a skirt without Arts or the Sciences.”

—P. L. S.

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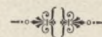
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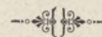


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## FOOTBALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on March 27th. Prof. Algie presided over an attendance of about 200, of whom nearly half were new members. The following officers for the year were elected:— President, Prof. Algie; Vice-Presidents, M. R. O'Shea, Prof. Bartrum; Secretary, D. Milliken; Treasurer, D. G. O'Hallaran; Senior Selector, R. B. Hardy; Junior Selector, N. Cashmore; Club Captain, L. C. Brooker; Committee, A. Badley, M. McKay, Hosking, N. Cashmore, Keane.

Mr. Harry Frost, President of the Auckland Rugby Union, called in to give players some advice for the forthcoming season, as to keeping fit, etc., and after the elections, several slight alterations in the club's rules were accepted.

Practices to pick teams and to get into form for the season were held on 5th and 12th of April. The second practice, on the King's College grounds, was very well attended and a scratch game on the Saturday of Tournament brought out quite a good muster.

The senior competition started on the 27th April, when the club's A. Team met Technical Old Boys at Eden Park and the B. team played Otahuhu. The First XV. gave a very disappointing display and were decisively beaten after a rather ragged game, 14—6. The forwards played good football on a hard and tiring ground, though they were obviously unfit and faded badly in the last quarter. Douglas and Edwards hooked the ball from nearly every scrum, but these opportunities for attack were consistently spoilt by the poor play of the inside backs. Neither of the five-eighths ran straight or showed good judgment in kicking, and as a result

Minns and Milliken on the wings were usually crowded over the touchlines. There is splendid material in both backs and forwards and with more attention to training the team should do well this year. The new players, Butler, Rae and Stacey, from Training College, and Douglas and Jolly, from Otago, all played well.

Last Saturday the team won easily against Grafton, 31—8.

University Senior B. team, with several of its regular players absent, just scraped home against Otahuhu with a score of 9—6. The club is entering in the junior grades this year, two second grade, one third open, and one third intermediate team. The second grade colts team under Mr. N. Cashmore, should meet with some success, though its backs will be found a bit light; and the second A. team is reported to be better than last year's. It is rather early yet to give any definite opinion as to the Third Grade teams.

## MELISANDE'S MALADY.

Readers will regret to hear that Maid Melisande, gracious correspondent and mistress of college gossip, has been laid low with psittacosis, vulgarly known as parrot disease. It is understood that the chalky atmosphere prevailing at Tournament Ball, caused by the annihilation of Canterbury's Easter Egg, was the direct cause of her complaint, which has been brought under the notice of the Hon. Stallworthy, Minister for Health. Melisande sends her best love to everybody, and promises to write soon.

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## CARNIVAL PLAY

### ALL QUIET ON THE WATERFRONT.

The chief public event of the students' year—the Carnival play—is now rapidly approaching. The Extravaganza represents the only point of contact that the University makes with a large body of the population of Auckland. By our enthusiasm for the extravaganza we can show the real unity of the student body to the outside world.

Those who are in a position to speak know that "All Quiet on the Waterfront" has all the qualities necessary to make the reproduction a record one. There is good talent in abundance in the cast. Some of the brightest dialogue that has ever been found in a Carnival play is contained in the libretto. The music is catchier than ever. The topical numbers are particularly good.

The cast is as follows:—Strong Whac Sam, J. R. Don; Ah Sprin, R. E. L. Aubin; Knew Chin, L. Smith; San Sope, C. J. E. McLean; The Emperor Fi Tum Tum, C. Lowrie; William Shakespeare, A. H. H. Fryer Raisher; Benjamin Bunsen, R. F. A. Grey; William Goodbellow, L. E. Williams; Delawney Hornpipe, T. C. Hay; Amilia Higgins, E. Brodie; Vitamin B, Miss Joan Hankin; Vitamin C, Miss Jean MacCormick.

There is also a beauteous bevy of vitamins A, B, C, extending down to H. The ballet consisting of vitamins has long been in training and should be as popular a feature of

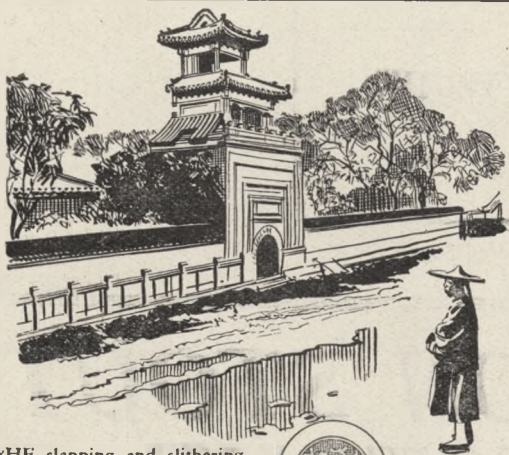
the show as it has ever been. The rest of the company are allotted the varied roles of Citizens of the City of Songwesing, and Members of the New Zealand Butter Board.

The season will commence at His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday, May 17th, and will continue till Saturday, May 24th. Box plans will open at Lewis Eady's at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 12th. Students' concession tickets will be again available this year. The price is 4/-. They will be obtainable at the College Library, the Cafeteria, at the Students' Bureau, and from the cast on and after Monday, May 5th.

Students are required to assist as stage hands, ushers, and programme sellers. All willing to help are urgently requested to leave their names in the rack for the Business Manager, Mr. A. P. Postlewaite.

Contributions for the Carnival Programme are urgently required and should be forwarded without delay (per letter rack), to the Editor, Mr. D. H. Monro. Bright and amusing topical matter and dud advertisements—in fact anything amusing—will be welcomed.

Most students can help the play in one or more of the ways we have mentioned. But in any case everybody can help by advertising "All Quiet" among their friends. The show belongs to everybody in A.U.C. right down to the shyest fresher and all can do something towards making it a bigger success than ever.



THE slapping and slithering of slippers, the quick, even gabble of the language, the clicking of fans, that peculiar pungent odour, certainly not Occidental, yet somehow quite fitting with the strange costume—an overpowering, sickly sweetness of over-many flowers. And yet each flower its own delicate scent, each in its own way fragrant against the over-sweetness. The animation of swinging lanterns, the moving to and fro of silken-clad humanity, the picturesque groups seated at tables sipping refreshing, fragrant Tea—the ornate architecture with overhanging boughs of trees.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### BARE FACTS.

(The Editor, *Craccum*)

Sir,—Reviewing the past successful tennis season, I wish to raise one slight point in criticism. Some time ago a notice was set up on the courts in reference to matters of dress—"all players must wear white or cream"—and as a sunburnt leg does not agree with these specifications, it cannot be said to be "covered by regulations." I have noticed certain ladies have been playing without stockings. This seems to me to be a bare-legged breach of the club's regulations. However, most of those who have given this point consideration, have viewed, or attempted to view, the question from every angle—at least, from every window facing that way in the Students' Block, and their decision is unanimous.

If rules such as these are to be constantly broken, one begins to wonder when (and where) it will stop! The tennis ladder will not, perhaps, be affected by the breach, but I submit that when this question—"the unstockinged limb"—comes before the committee for consideration, it will have to be handled with extreme care. I am, etc.,

EXPERIENTIA PERMULTA.

### CARNIVAL PLAY.

(To the Editor, *Craccum*)

Sir,—Without commenting on the production at present in hand, I wish to protest against the methods under which the Carnival Play Competition is conducted in A.U.C. The closing date for the submission of MS. is, I understand, the beginning of December, which means that the large body of students who have been engaged in examination work up to November 20th, have practically no chance of competing. (A play written before November would, of course, be far too "cold" for consideration in the New Year.) In other colleges the plays are generally written during the summer vacation, a decision being made at the end of February, and preparations commenced forthwith. This means that the efforts submitted are far greater in number, and more up-to-date in reference, than would be the case under the local system. I am, etc.,

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