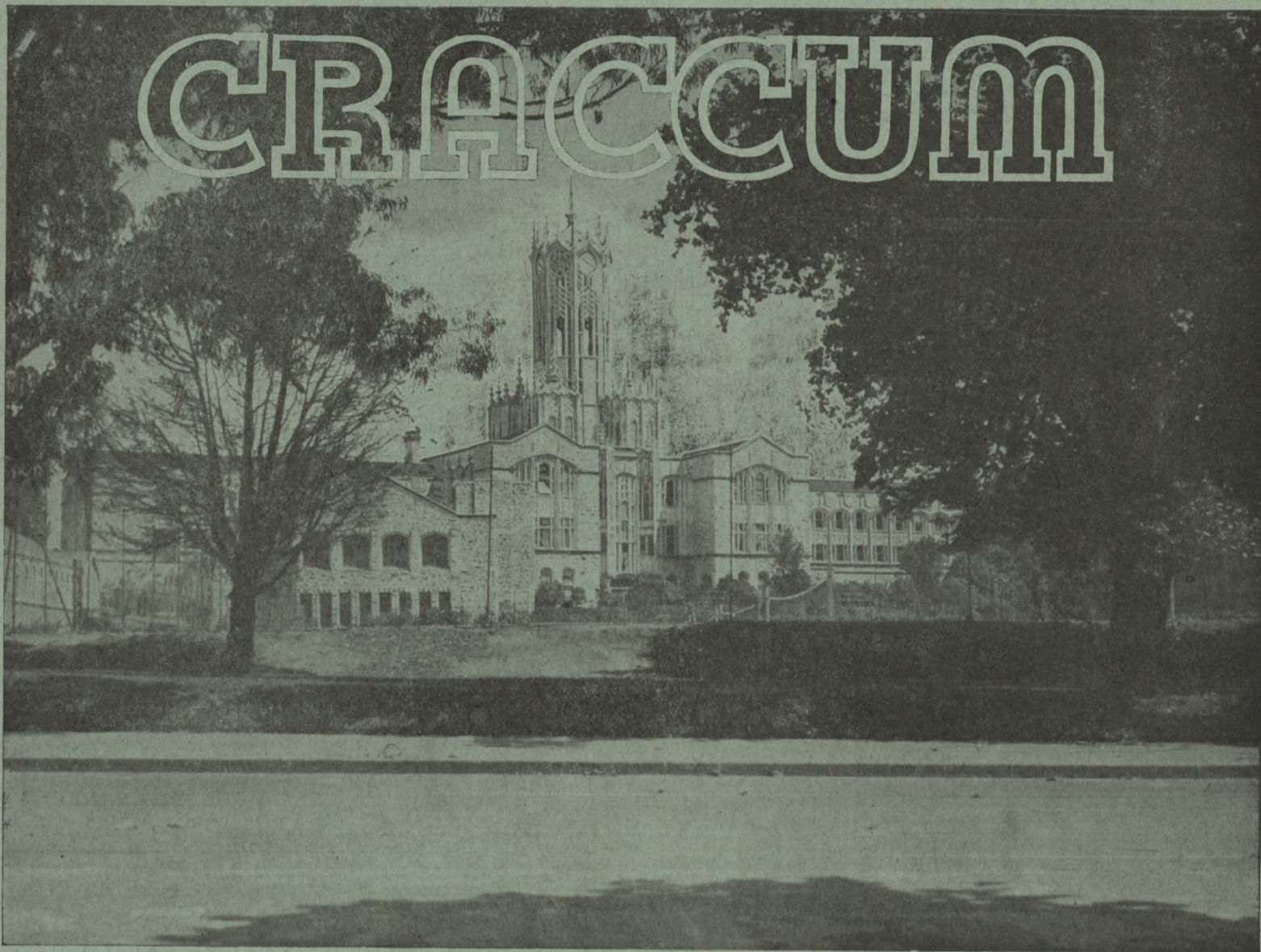


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TOPICAL TOUCHES

Miss Shona Patterson goes around these days looking blairy-eyed.

Our pocket diary: "June 20th. Monday. Cold bath boasting begins."

We are asked to announce that an inter-faculty swimming race will be held in the cloisters next wet day.

"What is the food of the gods?" asks a correspondent. Speaking theotrically, oranges.

A wireless enthusiast says he always gets Madrid when it's raining. We just get wet.

The earth is always regarded as feminine. For one thing, nobody knows exactly how old she is.

Naturalists point out that wasps are very brave insects. It may be so, but all have a yellow streak.

We take our hat off to Mr. Thompson. Even a studio stampede hang-over couldn't produce that!

It is stated by a critic that the modern woman is outspoken. By whom?

"New Creations in Prams," announces an advertisement. But that's where they generally put them.

In one part of India, the bride has a chain placed round her neck during the wedding ceremony. We refrain from making the obvious comment.

In an Anglo-Saxon lecture Mr. Ardern feelingly spoke of "Satan, the old Devil." Sounds like a case of familiarity breeding contempt.

"The Law is elastic," said a speaker at the Annual Law Dinner recently. That explains why some criminals get longer stretches than others.

A collector says that in a few hundred years our present-day coins will be rare and much sought after. They are now.

Herr Hitler is reported to be suffering from a toothache. Hopes are entertained that this is due to the late cutting of a wisdom tooth.

Strong kicking and vigorous tackling marked both sides.—Comment on inter-varsity football match. But not, we hope, for life.

Scientists claim to have discovered a substance resembling rubber but much more durable. They do not say what it is called on the menu.

"The average person," says a doctor, "doesn't visit his dentist often enough, I'm afraid." So is the average person.

A man who trod in some flypaper put in a passage by a neighbour applied to the court.—For a separation order.

Two inebriated sailors were arrested in Wellington for stealing a scale. In self-defence they claimed that they were told to weigh the anchor.

In the recent radio debate Mr. Woodhouse spoke of the Minister of "eternal affairs." Not the same kind as those that start at a coffee-evening, of course.

Mr. Thompson, in a recent education lecture, said, "Imagine an animal with the head of a crocodile, the wings of a bat, the body of a hippopotamus and a great beak full of teeth."

There must be some leavening influence at work on our dour Scots Professor Anderson. He, of all people, has been advocating a "back to nature" campaign in his lectures!

The President of a large co-ed college once said that if marriages were made in heaven, he was sure that the Lord had a branch office in his University. We have one in our University, too. It's generally called the Exec. Room.

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Chinese Student Relief

Every student is urged to pay special attention to the letter in this issue from the Chinese Relief Committee of N.Z.U.S.A. It would be superfluous to underline the Christian duty of all students in this College, and indeed in this country, to throw their weight behind the efforts of the committee to provide the necessities of life for the thousands of Chinese students, at present suffering almost incredible hardships as a result of the Japanese invasion. As human beings, we have a duty to assist our fellow-men in their need, and to work energetically to alleviate their sufferings. But as students, we have another duty, one equally as binding and equally as imperative—our duty as students towards our fellows in the same sphere of life in a distant country. The honour of learning is at stake, the ideal of culture and progress, the concept of the intellectual unity of students throughout the world. Chinese students, like us, live in an atmosphere of learning, of ideals, and as we would fight to protect those things against the forces of barbarism, whether they be national or international, so they are gallantly striving to retain their right to work as students for the intellectual progress of China. By assisting them, we shall be assisting the cause of learning throughout the world.

The Changing Attitude

For a long period, the law students as a body have been distinguished rather by their lack of interest in the college as a whole than otherwise. True, individual members of the Faculty of Law have occasionally broken away from this policy of isolation and have helped very materially to prosper A.U.C. But of late they have been few and far between. The time now seems to have arrived, however, when the faculty is taking a very keen interest in student affairs. The Law Students' Society has a most energetic committee this year; and an executive which is anxious to participate fully in the life of the College and to overcome as much as possible the "part-time" problem. This changing attitude is a gratifying one. Without doubt, it is bound in the end to have a beneficial effect on all sections of student life. "Craccum" sincerely trusts that the efforts of this year will be of lasting value.

University Mission

The mission that is at present being conducted at the College by the Rev. H. J. Ryburn is of more than passing interest. A former Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Ryburn studied at Oxford University and in the United States, and he has been engaged in church work in this country for over ten years. What he, a gifted and enlightened speaker, has to say on the Christian Faith is of importance in any university training, quite apart from other issues. To-day it is almost commonplace to say that Christianity in practice would solve the world's problems—the saying is commonplace, the performance rare. Any endeavour to amend such a position at least deserves attention.

POINTS OF VIEW

Dogs of war feed on bones of contention—Greenville Piedmont.

Dogmatism is puppyism come to its full growth—Douglas Jerrold.

Free verse is like free love; it is a contradiction in terms.—G. K. Chesterton.

In Russian politics they don't bury the hatchet; they bury the opposition.—(George Ryan in "Boston Herald.")

What passes for woman's intuition is often nothing more than man's transparency.—George Jean Nathan.

Life is the art of drawing conclusions from insufficient premises—Samuel Butler.

No fact is received as truth until the recipient has conformed and coloured it to suit his preferences—James Branch Cabell.

No doubt a potato sees life through its many eyes, and in its own limited way, is feebly amused.—Stephen Leacock.

Fashions exist for women with no taste, etiquette for people with no breeding—Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania.

It is not enough to be right. You mustn't be right too soon or too late.—(Jacques Bainville in "Je Suis Partout.")

Sometimes a man thinks he's ahead of his time because the times aren't going in his direction at all.—Boston Transcript.

People who consider themselves martyrs are not on that account necessarily saints.—(Sir Ronald Storrs in "Orientations.")

A man in the position
Of the Emperor Domitian,
Ought to have thought twice
Before being a monster of vice.
—E. C. Bentley.

The superiority of animals to men is shown in the fact that in fifty years we shall probably have invented a machine that will milk cows without the presence of the farmer, but never without the cow!—Bernard Shaw.

The worship that art implies is not necessarily a stated, a conscious worship. The worship that art implies is simply that by which a man devotes himself to the well-making of the thing to be made, be it house or chair, or carved stone idol, be it his family, or his own soul.—(Eric Gill in "Art and Love").

What is branded into the soul of every German school child is the scene in the mirror hall of Versailles where the Tiger sat forcing the Germans to sign a peace which disarmed them! That is the scene that is provoking a new war. It has bred in the Germans a feeling of inferiority they must get rid of at all costs.—Emil Ludwig, in "The German Soul."

When Spinoza believed anything he considered he was enjoying the intellectual love of God. The modern man believes either with Marx that he is swayed by economic motives, or with Freud that some sexual motive underlies his belief in the exponential theorem or in the distribution of fauna in the Red Sea. In neither case can he enjoy Spinoza's exultation.—(Bertrand Russell, in "In Praise of Idleness.")

As an epithet "Fascist" is a capital word. Used that way it will come off the tongue with a hiss. There is a natural sizzle in it that can be made to blister a microphone. It can be literally spat out. In consequence all who appreciate the merits of a good resounding oath must deplore the cheapening of such a word. And it is cheapening it when it is applied to designate anyone who doesn't happen to be a Communist.—(The Sydney Bulletin—"Fascist or Communist.")

TO ALL STUDENTS

CHINESE RELIEF APPEAL

All students of the New Zealand Universities are earnestly requested to assist in our appeal to alleviate some of the loss and suffering of the Universities in China. The desperate and unhappy plight of Universities and students in this country makes our appeal a Christian duty and privilege. Almost all the Universities and Colleges in the coastal area from Peking to Shanghai have been either destroyed, damaged or taken over. During the last few months Nankai University, Tientsin, and Tung-chi University, Shanghai have been completely destroyed by the Japanese. Nankai was shelled and bombed, drenched with oil, and burnt to the ground. Numerous others have been partially destroyed. The affected area contains the greater part (something like 80 per cent) of the students of China, and 30,000 students are involved. Among the students from the Northern sector refugee conditions prevail. Large numbers have lost all their belongings, books, in the destroyed areas. Some have been detained by the Japanese in the occupied areas; thousands of others are trekking southwards, finding temporary lodging where they can, being helped along by local authorities, the luckiest ones crowding into trains, the less fortunate trudging on foot, some pawning their few belongings to pay their way.

OUR APPEAL

Money is urgently needed, at first for the evacuation of students from the War area, and for the provision of temporary hostels and maintenance or partial maintenance for those students who need it. Next warm clothes will be needed for the winter and books and equipment to enable study to continue. "Temporary district Universities" are being opened and here professors and students are beginning to congregate. Each District University should have its Student Relief Centre, fully equipped and staffed and providing in addition to financial aid where necessary, medical service, baths, cheap meals, libraries, and reading rooms, and at least some of the facilities for recreations and community life which the Universities gallantly struggling along in scattered hastily converted buildings will otherwise lack.

HOW THE NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CAN HELP

The Student Christian Movement which is affiliated to the World Student Christian Federation has requested the New Zealand University Students' Association to organise an appeal to help our sister University. No more worthy cause could be sponsored by N.Z.U.S.A. and every possible effort must be made in its support.

A Sub-Committee has been set up in this College to organise the collection of donations. We earnestly request all students to acquaint themselves with the circumstances of this appeal. We feel that, if they do, the cry of these stricken Universities will not go unheeded.

A. P. BLAIR,
President N.Z.U.S.A.

E. H. HALSTEAD,
President, A.U.C.S.A.

(The President of A.U.C., Mr. Cocker, has expressed his sympathy with this student appeal and wishes the Chinese Relief Drive every success.—Editor).

INSURANCE AGAINST EXAM. FAILURES

(Per N.Z.U. Press Bureau.)

Providence College, U.S.A.

A new plan has been evolved by a group of enterprising "seniors" who have formed the "Students' Protective Insurance Company."

For a premium ranging from 50 cents (2/-) for freshmen to 35 cents (1/5½) for seniors, the company will guarantee an undergraduate's complete scholastic programme for a semester.

If he fails to attain the passing mark of 60, the Student Insurance Company will assume the payment of all conditional examination fees to the college amounting to two dollars (8/-) for the first try and five dollars (£1) for the next two attempts afforded by the college.

Following the policy of regular insurance companies who issue pamphlets on disease the students' new organisation will issue a syllabus of scholastic "hot tips" for the examinations to policy holders in an effort to cut down academic "mortality" and lower premiums.

"NO MORE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS"

DANCES POORLY PATRONISED

"There are to be no more social functions held at A.U.C." If this statement were officially made, what consternation would be felt among students! What a general riot would be caused! What a clamouring for rights there would be! But, as it happens (for the benefit of those who are not aware of the fact), there ARE dances held at the College for students. Yet how small the attendances at these functions are.

This is a problem which has been causing great anxiety to the Social Committee of the Students' Association and likewise to Committees set up by various societies and clubs to run dances at the College.

ENTIRE LACK OF INTEREST

This year, with the exception of the Grad. Ball, there has been an entire lack of interest taken in University dances by the general body of students. Why is this so? In the past these functions have always proved very popular and have been successful both socially and financially. They will, however, have to be discontinued altogether if the present apathetic attitude of the students persists.

The running of these dances entails a great deal of work both before the event and afterwards, and it is most disheartening to the Committees to find that after going to so much trouble such poor patronage is received. It must be remembered that University functions cannot be run for nothing, and with admission charges cut down in an endeavour to suit the student pocket, heavy losses are sustained unless reasonable numbers turn up. The recent deficits have been borne by entertainment funds built up from profits made in "the good old days," but the time is fast approaching when these will be exhausted completely. What then? The logical conclusion is—no more 'Varsity dances.

CALL TO ACTION

Students! Men! Women! Are you going to allow the present sorry state of affairs to exist? Do not forget that our own social functions are a vital phase of true University life. If you have any suggestions or helpful criticisms on this subject, show your 'Varsity spirit by making them known and thus helping to place our dances back on the footing they deserve.

MILTON G. MABEE,
Chairman Social Committee.

("Craccum" readers would do well to pay heed to the weighty words of the Chairman of the Social Committee. There can be no doubt that student interest in University social functions is definitely apathetic, and we should all remember that it is only by whole-hearted support of the dances and social evenings so painstakingly arranged by the Social Committee, that students can ensure their continuance. Mr. Mabee's appeal may be the writing on the wall, and unless an enthusiastic response is made, his first sentence may become a cold reality—Editor.)

Gramophone Recitals

PROGRAMME FOR COMING WEEK.

MONDAY, JULY 4, at 12 noon.

Carnival Overture Op. 92—DVORAK.
Piano Concerto, Op. 16—GREIG.

(Wilhelm Bachaus, piano, with the New Symphony Orchestra.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, at 12 noon.

String Quartet in A minor Op. 29—SCHUBERT.

FRIDAY, JULY 8, at 5.30 p.m.

Music by SCHUBERT.

Chamber Music: Octet in F Major; Trio in B flat for piano, violin and cello.
The Art Song. Erl Konig, Op. 1. Haiden-noslein. Der Wanderer.

Symphony. First Movement (Andante, Allegro) of Symphony No. 7 in C Major. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

The programme for the week following includes music by SCHUMANN, CHOPIN and MENDELSSOHN.

The days and hours will be the same in each week.

UNIVERSITY MISSION COMMENCES

REV. RYBURN IN CHARGE

The third of a series of missions that are being conducted in the constituent colleges by the Rev. H. J. Ryburn, M.A., B.D., New Zealand Rhodes Scholar in 1921 and minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, began with an official welcome and an address by Mr. Ryburn at the College Hall on Monday. The mission is being conducted under the auspices of the New Zealand branch of the World Student Christian Federation. Three weeks are being spent here by Mr. Ryburn, who will continue his addresses in the College Hall to-night (Thursday) and to-morrow.

The subject chosen by Mr. Ryburn for his opening address was "The Church and the World." On Wednesday, he spoke on "God or Man?" and his subjects to-night and to-morrow are "Sin and Repentance" and "Reconciliation with God." A tea will be held in the Women's Common Room on Sunday at 4.30 p.m., when the Rev. A. J. Grigg, M.A., B.D., will speak on "The Christian Certainties." The tea will be followed by a service at St. David's Presbyterian Church conducted by Mr. Ryburn, whose subject is "God in Action."

Supper is being served in the cafeteria following each of this week's evening meetings and the opportunity is available for all to meet Mr. Ryburn. He is also available for interviews this week in the college council room between 1 and 3.30 p.m., and next week and the following week, July 4—July 15 in the students' block between 1 and 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

Mr. Ryburn is to speak in the Training College Hall on Thursday, July 7 at 1 p.m. and will give an address at the College on the following Sunday afternoon, when a tea will be held. Arrangements are also in hand for a further church service to be addressed by Mr. Ryburn, details of which will be announced later.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD

(per Bress Bureau.)

Passports have a bad reputation, partly because they cost £1, and partly because they seem a useless formality, merely providing an excuse for vexatious delay when the storm-tossed traveller is least able to cope with the jostlings of his fellow creatures and the blusterings of uniformed autocrats.

Neither of these objections applies to the International Student Identity Card, which, like the passport, begins with a stately preamble recommending the bearer to the good offices of the powers that be in the various countries he may visit. This recommendation is no empty phraseology. It means that the holder of an identity card can present himself at the office of any foreign university or student organisation and be instantly accepted as the fellow-member of a Trade Union which extends all over the world. His card will be duly stamped, and he will be given the best that the local student organisation can offer.

It is not only to university student circles that the card acts as an introduction. Several Governments have recognised it, and in many cases visas are granted free or at greatly reduced charges. In many countries restaurant proprietors and guardians of box-offices can be induced by judicious brandishing to grant special concessions, which, in most parts of the Continent are available to students. Many an Englishman has been astonished at the impression produced by his card. A printed list of the concessions granted to holders is published each year, but it is the beauty of the card that one never knows when it may soften the heart of some hotel-keeper or entertainment purveyor.

To avoid abuse of its privileges the issue of the card must, of course, be carefully controlled. Two photographs have to be submitted, together with the application form, which must bear a certificate, signed by a member of the university staff, to the effect that the applicant is a bona fide student. The card costs 10/-, and the issuing authority is the New Zealand University Students' Association, Norwich Chambers, 153-155 Featherston Street, Wellington.

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A.U.C. DOES WELL—MANY HUMOROUS SALLIES

Nearly twelve hundred enthusiastic and appreciative Aucklanders, including members of the Consular Corps, headmasters of the local schools, and representatives of organisations throughout the city, listened to the debate on Tuesday night last between the Le Moyne College representatives (U.S.A.), and a team from A.U.C. The Rialto Theatre was filled to the doors. The frequent applause, and the laughter, which occasionally rose to a crescendo, told its own story of the fluency of the speakers and their witty sallies. The two negroes, Messrs. Gilton and Byas, can fairly be regarded as masters of this type of debating. Each of them gained immediate favour with the large audience by their penetrating humour; and this, combined with their eloquent exposition of their motion—"That continued world peace is impossible and undesirable"—made the debate one that will not readily be forgotten. Auckland's representatives, Messrs. Braybrooke and George, though more serious, held their own on the platform, and many people must have realised for the first time that A.U.C. is capable of producing debaters of an exceedingly high standard indeed.

In his opening remarks, the President of the New Zealand University Students' Association, Mr. A. P. Blair, explained the significance of the visit. He stressed the fact that the two visitors are in a sense, unofficial ambassadors of their country and their race, and he assured them of a warm welcome throughout New Zealand. Mr. I. H. Halstead welcomed the team on behalf of A.U.C.

THE OPENING SPEAKERS

Mr. Byas pointed out that his motion did not indicate an attitude of militarism; he said that New Zealanders and his own people "are part of the two greatest peace-loving democracies of the world." But the state of the world to-day was more detrimental than a purging world war would be. He mentioned "that lately Japan has been working on her newly-acquired hobby of collecting China," enumerated the cases of Italy and Ethiopia, and the Spanish war, and painted a vivid picture of the rapid deterioration of civilization. He stressed the similarity between conditions to-day and in 1914, and suggested that once more the war-cycle had been almost completed. The whole tenor of his remarks was to the effect that war was inevitable. His speech was well-ordered, humorous and appealing to the audience.

Mr. Braybrooke in an admirable attacking opening, pointed out that "half the nations of the world are crying out for peace," and deplored the possible "tragedy" of a war which would encompass the surface of the earth." He talked of the futility of wars, of their horror and bloodshed, and the fact that they brought gain to none of the warring nations. He then stated that the only nations anxious for war could be Germany, Italy and Japan, but their financial and other resources, and their internal problems would cause them to put the thought of a world war aside.

FURORE OF LAUGHTER

Mr. Gilton did little for several minutes but watch the audience rocking with laughter at his witty retorts to Mr. Braybrooke and his own colleague (who had "handed out a few slams" at his expense).

He finished by recalling Mr. Braybrooke's remarks regarding Italy's desire for peace in view of her financial troubles. He said, "the speaker didn't mention what sort of peace Italy wants; she has already got a piece of Africa (laughter); but Mr. Braybrooke said she wanted war too....."; at this stage hysteria swept over the audience at the sight of Mr. Gilton's pleasant, half-tolerant expression combined with his wonderful skill in arousing humour out of almost anything. At this stage, he became more serious, evidently fearing that two or three more minutes of his sallies would "break-up the party." And then he proceeded to describe the present "peace" in Spain and China and the recent peace of Abyssinia where "Mussolini sent his missionaries to civilize the country. And the funny thing was that when that peace arrived the people suddenly started dying like flies." An unhappy thought this, but "Craccum's" reporter spent the next min-

utes, together with the rest of the audience, mopping up his tears brought on by too much incessant laughing.

ANARCHY OF WAR

Mr. George insisted that war would destroy civilization and that the sacrifice of millions of human beings for an ideal was abhorrent. He said that if only the peoples of the earth were agreed, there would be no war. He deplored the regimentation of thought and custom during war, the stultified thought that resulted and the withholding of truth from the newspapers. He asked for more time to be spent on construction and less on the destructive side of science.

REPLIES OF THE LEADERS

A.U.C. felt proud of Mr. Braybrooke after he had finished his summing-up of the position for the negative. He spoke with assurance, attacked all points with decision, and seemed to convince the audience of his belief in his remarks. "We owe a duty to our own nations," he said, "but we owe a greater duty to civilization" (loud applause).

When Mr. Gilton rose to reply, one felt doubtful as to his ability to combat Mr. Braybrooke's devastating attack, but he appealed once more to the humour of the audience. And at times almost laughed his opponents off the platform.

CLOSE OF PROCEEDINGS

The debate closed with a few remarks from the Chairman, Mr. Blair, and Mr. Braybrooke, who both thanked the visitors for an enjoyable evening.

No decision was taken, and the two teams left the platform to the prolonged applause of the audience. The whole debate was an unqualified success, and the local committee, and N.Z.U.S.A. deserve the congratulations and appreciation of every student.

LAURELS TO AUCKLAND SUCCESSFUL RADIO DEBATE

"UNSEEN AUDIENCE OF 60,000"

The almost unbroken line of successes which Victoria University College has experienced this year in practically everything from athletics to oratory, was broken at last on Sunday evening, June 19. A.U.C. succeeded in winning a radio debate against V.U.C. on the motion "That the Gaming Laws are Unsuitable and Inequitable and Should be Revised."

The debate, which was relayed from Stations 1YA and 2YA, occupied an hour and was judged by Mr. O. C. Mazengarb, a prominent solicitor, of Wellington. The V.U.C. team consisted of Messrs. Edgley, Scott and Treadwell, and the Auckland team, of Messrs. Lewis, Day and Woodhouse.

The station-director of 1YA mentioned to the Auckland team that at conservative estimate, about 60,000 people would have been listening to the debate.

OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

ANNUAL LAW DINNER

CAMARADERIE OF THE PROFESSION!!

The presence of His Honour, Mr. Justice Callan, Mr. F. K. Hunt, S.M., Mr. L. K. Munro (President), Prof. R. M. Algie, and senior members of the legal profession, together with truly admirable after-dinner speeches, helped to make the Law Student's Society Annual Dinner of 1938, an outstanding success.

The attendance must be regarded as almost a record for an occasion of this nature and the executive committee of the society may be justly proud of its efforts. Attention and care had been bestowed on every factor which might contribute to the entertainment of the evening and the senior members of the bar, no doubt realising this, responded by producing a spirit of camaraderie and good-humour which will remain a happy memory with every student present.

The function was held in the Star Hotel on Monday, June 20, and was presided over by Mr. L. K. Munro, Acting Supervisor of the Law School and President of the Society. The official guests included the Hon. Mr. Justice Callan, Mr. F. K. Hunt, S.M., Professor R. M. Algie, Mr. J. B. Johnston, representing the Auckland District Law Society, Professor F. P. Worley, and Messrs. A. K. Turner, L. P. Leary, H. Ah Kew, S. I. Goodall, H. J. Butler, S. W. I. Weir, R. Keith.

"Craccum's" reporter was pleased and surprised at the exceedingly eloquent and successful speeches of certain members of the Society who have not previously been heard in action as orators. Mr. C. P. Hutchinson, of course, needs no introduction as a speaker of considerable merit, but to Messrs. Hesketh, Hanna, and Morgan, we extend our sincere congratulations, upon their most excellent addresses.

ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT

All students of the College will regret to have learnt of the illness of the President, Mr. W. H. Cocker. "Craccum" is pleased to be able to inform its readers, however, that he is now making a good recovery. We feel sure that we are expressing the sentiment of all students when we wish him a pleasant convalescence and a speedy return to good health.

NEW UNIVERSITY CHAIR

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COURSE

(Per N.Z.U. Press Bureau Service.)

A tendency in higher education must always be towards the enlargement of its scope and range. An interesting step in this Dominion is represented in the decision of Victoria University College to establish a chair of public administration. The college is thus embracing the opportunity to become the seat of a new department of study, the necessary funds being provided by the Government. There seems to have been no serious competition among the university colleges, in the discussions of their representatives, on the furtherance of this project for the possession of a new educational distinction. The grounds for the selection of Wellington, the seat of Government, as the appropriate centre for the dissemination of academic instruction in such a subject as public administration, are, of course, sufficiently apparent. The students who sit at the feet of the Professor of Public Administration who is to be appointed, will have readily available a practical demonstration of how the Legislature functions. That may not greatly assist them to pass examinations, but it will afford them an object lesson that may be usefully incorporated with their general instructions. Legislation is one thing and administration another. But the necessity of competent advice to Cabinet Ministers respecting the administrative difficulties in giving effect to any proposed legislation enactment is manifest. Even so, not every piece of legislation which is cheerfully placed upon the Statute Book is found to be practically operative.

—(Extract from leading article, "Otago Daily Times," 10/6/38.)

THE OPEN FORUM

CURRENT STUDENT OPINION

(CONDUCTED BY DON JOHN.)

(Students are cordially invited to air their views on each and every subject in "The Open Forum." All points of view will be accepted, but must not be taken by readers to be the opinion of "Craccum" or of the University, but of individuals. Articles should be as brief as possible, and addressed to "Don John.")

JAPAN EXCUSES HERSELF

As a result of her aggression on China, Japan has become the target of the attacks of the world. Realising the danger of isolation, she sends numerous apologists abroad, and uses all sorts of fantastic propaganda, making desperate efforts to excuse her actions in China. But in her haste, her explanations become both inconsistent and irrelevant. A glaring example is seen in the statement made by Tatsuo Kawai, Head of the Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, after the passing of the League's resolution denouncing Japan's aggressive action. This statement virtually amounted to Japan's confession of her own guilt in the invasion of China. Foreign Minister Hirota himself was shocked by the straightforwardness of Kawai and quickly "corrected" what Kawai had boldly revealed. Such disorderly propaganda is common with Japan; only it looks the more comical that such things should appear at a time when the Japanese are supposed to be doing all they can to become master of China. In short, such propaganda betrays Japan's confusion and consciousness of the falsity of her case.

JAPANESE "SELF-DEFENCE."

One of the most ludicrous examples of Japanese quibble is their excuse for sending troops to occupy Chinese territory. This action they call "self-defence." But it is difficult to ascertain what the "self-defence" is against. It is as if robbers, who have forced their entrance into somebody's house, not only refuse to go away when the owner remonstrates, but after shooting the majority of the inmates of the house, call these acts by the noble name of self-defence! And the Japanese have done more than this. They bomb innocent civilians from their aeroplanes and massacre poor fishermen with guns from their submarines. "Self-defence" does seem a rather inadequate explanation.

JAPANESE FALSEHOODS

Again, the Japanese claim that they only wish China to awaken, purge herself and co-operate with Japan. Yet ever since the Manchuria Incident of September 18, 1931, what has China done but to forbear, concede, retreat and yield? She has withdrawn her army from the north of Hopei and keeps silent on the creation of the East Hopei bogus government. Indeed, the Chinese Central Government conceded so much that opposition rose on all sides in the country. Yet still the Government held on to its policy, hoping that by preserving a temporary peace the work of reconstruction might be facilitated. It is due to Japan's oppression and ambition, over-riding China's desire for peace, that the present war has broken out. Prince Konoye has said that China ought not to adopt a national policy which is anti-Japanese. Yet the hereditary policy of Japan, known as the "Continental Policy," is a policy of conquest dear to the heart of every Japanese. As Professor O'Conroy, Carl Crow, and other Europeans with an intimate knowledge of the Japanese mind have declared, the Japanese openly assert their intention to conquer China and enslave its people. It is their destiny, implicit in Shinto.

IS CO-OPERATION POSSIBLE?

As to co-operation, if Japan could only be generous enough to treat China on a basis of equality and to maintain friendship between the two countries by agreements for mutual benefit, what obstruction would there be to prevent these neighbouring countries from helping each other? But Japan has never looked upon China as an independent country and will not allow China to have a government strong enough to unify the country. For years she has been intriguing to disintegrate and weaken China. She means to establish a special relation between Japan and China—that between a lord and his vassal. The root of the present trouble, then, really lies in the Japanese feeling of superiority, which is both insulting to the great Chinese nation and renders co-operation impos-

sible. Yet Japan complains about China's non-co-operation and condemns China's attitude so that her own fault might be covered up.

"CRUSADE" AGAINST COMMUNISM

Japan's prize excuse for her aggression is that she is on the holy mission of cleaning up communism in China. This is the most ridiculous of the lot. Indeed, while yelling out her anti-Soviet slogans and explaining her actions, as attempts to keep back the tide of communism, Japan knows full well that the Soviet Union is at present joining hands with those democratic and capitalistic powers, Great Britain, France and the United States to form a strong bulwark of world peace. She knows too, the heroic efforts made by the Chinese Government itself to eradicate Sovietism from China, and the noble work over years performed by Chiang Kai-shek himself against communism. If Japan is so terrified of Marxism why does she not send her planes to bomb Siberia and warships to blockade Vladivostok? Why should she come to China to uproot communism when its root is not there?

It is certainly ironical that Japan's clever excuses should have given an opportunity for the real facts to present themselves—the facts that Japan has bullied China and maltreated the Chinese people. It is scarcely likely that anyone with the least knowledge of the recent history of the Far East will draw any other conclusion from the present conflict than that Japan is an aggressor whom no amount of diplomatic lying or distortion of facts can excuse.

—A.L.M.

The facts in the above article have been derived from the following sources: (a) *Ta Kung Pao*, Shanghai, October 13, 1937; (b) "Japanese Excuses," *Pacific Digest*, Vol. 1, No. 3, December, 1937; (c) *Hong Kong News*, Hong Kong, October 18, 1937.—A.L.M.)

THOUGHTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Now that Hitler has provided us with an eminently satisfactory solution to the Austrian problem, the Leftist warmongers have been forced to turn their attention to the neighbouring country of Czechoslovakia. Anxious to realise their ideal of a world divided into two camps, the Liberal-Communist and the Fascist, they are again up to their old game of glossing over the essentials of the situation.

The essence of the problem of Czechoslovakia is the enforced inclusion within its frontiers of millions of people who are neither Czechs nor Slovaks. The facts are glaringly obvious. The Czechs themselves admit that 34.2 per cent. of the population of their republic is composed of non-Czechoslovaks—and there is a great deal more than that to be said about the matter. Granted that certain sections of this minority population, Jews and White Russian emigres for instance, are reasonably well satisfied with their lot, there still remains the all-important fact that the discredited elements, the members of the German, Hungarian, Ukrainian, and Polish minorities, amount altogether to the impressive total of 4,554,517 people.

We may sum the matter up by describing the Czechoslovak States as the complete negation of the principle of self-determination. Communists and League of Nations supporters may prate as much as they like about its value as a bulwark against Fascism. Liberal it may be, truly democratic it certainly is not.

HENLEIN'S COMMENTS

In an interview granted last March to the well-known French journalist, Bertrand de Jouvenel, the leader of the Sudeten Germans, Conrad Henlein, gave the following exposition of the situation: "It is not for deeds alone that we reproach them (i.e., the Czechoslovakian government), but for the very principle on which the Czech State is founded. Contrary to geographical and historical reality, contrary to the promises made at the Peace Conference by the founders of the new nation, we have

a national state of Czechs and Slovaks; that is to say the power is exercised by the representatives of these nationalities and for these nationalities alone. But the German minority in this country cannot be ignored, for in itself it includes more than 22 per cent. of the population of the Republic, and, united to the Magyar, Ruthene, and Polish ethnic minorities, it makes up a "foreign" group, including more than a third of the national population. We suffer from being second-rank citizens submitted to the excessive centralisation exercised by Prague and the Czech officials."

Herr Henlein's statement of the position is truly moderate. It is not the foreign ethnic minorities alone that are dissatisfied. Many of the Slovaks are also enthusiastic for autonomy, and as early as 1935, the political organisation of this faction, the Slovak Catholic People's Party of Father Hlinka, was able to poll no less than 564,273 votes, a figure which appears to represent about half the effective voting strength of the Slovak population. How far Hlinka's support has grown since then, it is difficult to say.

SLOVAK CLAIMS

The autonomist faction in Slovakia claims contractual justification for its demands, and argues that the Slovaks were deprived of their rights by a mere legal subterfuge. Its version of the dispute is briefly this. On the 30th. of May, 1918, Dr. Masaryk, who was then in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as an agent of the Allies, guaranteed to the Slovak associations of America "the complete State autonomy of Slovakia." Slovakia was to have her own administration, parliament, and law courts, and Slovak was to be the official language of the schools, the administration, and of all public life.

This pledge was upheld by a resolution of the first Czechoslovak Government, but was ignored from then on. Dr. Masaryk belatedly remembered that the Pittsburg agreement had been concluded on a public holiday, in violation of the law of the United States, and argued that it was for that reason to be considered null and void!

ATROCITY CHARGES

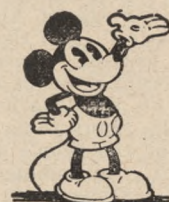
It is in regard to Ruthenia, however, that the most serious charges have been made against the Czech administration. Thus a certain Dr. Henri Pozzi, a patriotic Frenchman who has nevertheless felt compelled to denounce the policies of the Serb and Czech allies of his country, has made himself responsible for the following allegation in a book entitled "Black Hand Over Europe." A single fact will indicate to what violent conduct the Czechs have resorted in their struggle against their weaker "brothers." Being profoundly religious, the Ruthenians have been exposed to the most violent persecution since the annexation. The Czech legionnaires, who terrorise Ruthenia, have gone so far as to "carve the Catholic cross on the breasts of villagers as a joke; and they have beaten the priests to death and pillaged the churches."

Altogether, one can only wonder at the moderation of the demands of the subject nationalities. The Sudeten Germans, for instance, who might well demand the right to transfer their allegiance to the German Reich, are apparently prepared to be content with autonomy. "The experience of twenty years," said Henlein to de Jouvenel, "has shown us that minority rights accorded to individuals do not permit an ethnic group to defend its personality. We do not want to be German citizens of a Czech State. We want it to be recognised that our German community has a corporate right, and we agree to be members of an autonomous German community forming part of a pluralistic State. Naturally the German community must administer itself."

The Sudeten Party has never, either in its public declarations or in its parliamentary speeches, questioned the frontiers of the Czechoslovak State."

—R.F.P.

History repeats itself. Historians repeat one another.—Philip Guedalla.



"EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS" THE SOCIAL ROUND

By "GIPSY"

Dr. Brown, of Science Block fame, has apparently risen from a doctor to peer. Betty Del Pratt, on seeing him enter the cafeteria, said in an audible voice, "Who is this lordly person?"

Frances Cooper is the girl with "It" around this joint. She sold twenty tickets at half a crown apiece for the Le Moyne Debate, in one day and also organised the week-end trip to "Waiheke." What, ho! Frans! even if your spelling is not too good your organising is grand.

The Commerce Ball this year was a wow! Among the celebrities we noticed Professor and Mrs. Belshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Rodwell. In one way it was a great pity that more people did not put in an appearance, but those who were there appreciated to the full the super arrangements of the committee. Decorations, supper, orchestra and floor—they were all perfect.

Ge C—k—ll has a lamentable habit of saying to his girl friends, "How about a Movie," or "Come along to Football," and when they say "Thanks very much," he says "That's O.K. you are paying for yourself, but I'll come along with you." That's the way, George. Treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothing.

(The aforesaid gentleman may have unusual methods but they certainly work. Incidentally, he was one of the very few who collected from one man on Procession Day, one whole pound note.—Ed.)

Everyone has seen dashing Mr. Sprckett and daring Mr. Horne holding long and seemingly amusing chats with the pretty, dark librarian, Enid Evans. Even the solid barrier of the librarian's desk does not prevent cheery chortles from floating through the library. You will have to practise what you preach now Miss Evans, and let us whisper as much as we like.

Hector Orchiston is one of the bright boys around this University, his acquaintance list is longer than anyone's. Hec, I hope you are not leading pretty little Dawn Duthie astray or letting dazzling Dorothy Bell lead you astray. Remember your reputation for insisting on a chaperon (see 'Varsity Chateau party last year) of course, each girl could chaperon the other!

I have just seen Lawrence Hogben leaning droopingly on the bannisters of the Students' Block. I said, "Hullo, you aren't looking too good." He said, "No, I have just taken a couple of days off from Training College owing to extreme debility," but when I smuggled him out a cake or two from the staffs' wives' afternoon tea, he bucked up amazingly—not so debilitated after all, eh Lawrence;

It is good to see Prof. Sewell back at A.U.C. once more, after his trip abroad. We hope that the notorious Auckland climate might not prove too cold and damp after the warm summer weather he has just left.

Peter Brandon is a naughty little boy; he has such a wicked look in his eye along with a bad habit of parking, ostensibly to work, in the gallery of the library, and from there distracting by his flashing personality all the girls downstairs, including Miss Minchin and Miss Miller if the latter happens to come into the library. Somebody ought to take him in hand!

Don Algie has asked me to announce to all prospective visitors and friends that Naval business will take him away from Auckland for five weeks from July 6. We understand



OH! MR ALGIE.

that he intends visiting (per medium of the "Leander") certain native tribes of the Pacific Islands! Many quarters of this city will be lonely places for five weeks.

Jean McGeachie and Pat Shirtcliffe have both had hard luck lately, Jean just failing to make the Auckland Hockey Rep. team and Pat the New Zealand one; never mind, 'Varsity knows you did your best and are jolly good, sporting players; we wish you and Shona and the rest of the team the very best of luck in the coming Tournament at Dunedin.

An invasion of Hamilton took place last week-end for the Diocesan Old Girls' Ball, and our Hamilton correspondent informs us that the A.U.C. Law School was well represented. Jack Vautier, Lloyd Hesketh, and Graham Tudhope were visible at odd moments during the evening.

FIRST INTERFACULTY DEBATE

LAW TROUNCES ARTS

The Debating Club held the first of the Inter-faculty Debates on Wednesday night. The judge's decision was in favour of Law, whose leader, in his temporary capacity of Minister of Foreign Affairs, had very eloquently put to the house the motion "That Britain should be prepared to defend Czecho-Slovakian independence at all costs." The standard of the individual speakers was even and the decision made on a margin of less than a third of a per cent. Considering that the subject was a difficult one, the amount of data, and historical fact, collected by the speakers, was remarkable, but the style was ultra-American in that though there was a mass of detail carefully and logically worked out, few definite conclusions were drawn, and practically none sufficiently stressed. The peculiarly British side of the question was, too, rather neglected.

TOO MANY NOTES

This excess of worked-up matter was responsible for the worst faults of the debate—no refutation and defense and above all too many notes. The leader of the affirmative, Mr. Finklestein, appeared to read almost every word, but made quite powerful use of imagery and used his voice most effectively. Mr. Speight was, as usual, animated, and was conspicuous as the only humourist—imagine Mussolini playing he was little Audrey (Punch). His audience contact is always good, and he shows a decided bent for apposite quotation. Mr. Shaw tackled a fairly hard aspect of the subject to score on, and succeeded pretty well from the point of view of material and thought. He made a real attempt to do without notes, but was rather heavy in his delivery. Mr. Cawkwell, who led for Arts, tried to do without notes, too, but was consequently a bit halting—you could hear the wheels going round—but he didn't fill his pauses with miscellaneous noises. His matter was very good and his thoughtful delivery lead to a clearness, conciseness, and polish—without too many notes.

ANIMATION AND FLUENCY

Miss Tewsley got best marks, mainly on matter and method. Her manner was animated, but she, unfortunately, got lost in her notes and had to hunt wildly. She produced a small map to enlighten the geographically ignorant, and made her point in a strikingly unconventional way. Once—the only time in the whole debate until the summing-up—she debated and it was debating of the highest type—defence worked in with new matter as a part of her speech. Mr. Cornwell was most obviously nervous and probably most *ex tempore*. He was fluent and definite without constant reference to copious notes, although his rather tense delivery separated him from his audience. Lack of experience is his worst trouble. On the whole, the standard was high, and there was no one who did not show some promise of success on the platform.

Mr. Sando, the judge, deserves the deepest thanks of the Club for his assistance and helpful criticism.

ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE

An event of considerable importance in the University year will take place at St. David's Church, Khyber Pass, on Sunday evening next, July 3rd. This will be the occasion of the Official Annual Church Service of the Students' Association. The Official Church Service was inaugurated in 1937, and proved then to be a desirable and fruitful addition to the student functions of the year. A special committee representing the various student religious bodies in the University has been set up for the purpose of selecting by mutual agreement the church and preacher for each year. The Service for 1938 will be held, then, in St. David's Church next Sunday, and the Rev. Ryburn will be the preacher. All past and present students of A.U.C. are invited to be present and it is hoped that the attendance will be as gratifying as was last year's.

Atheism is a disease of the mind caused by eating underdone philosophy.—Dr. Austin O'Malley.

IMPORTANT!

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One of the most witty, scintillating, and delightful pieces of musical comedy ever presented by the students of A.U.C. The play has been written by Mr. J. E. Moodie—music by Mr. T. Sparling.

YOU MUST COME!

The Bookshelf

REVIEWS AND COMMENTS

(By Malvolio)

Books on Russia, books on China, books on Austria, books on Germany, published by all reputable publishing houses and Gollancz, continue to flood the booksellers and book clubs in never-diminishing torrents. Occasionally, however, amidst this welter of political comment by broken-down journalists, pink professors and ex-crown princes, one comes across a book which is worth reading for its sanity of approach and its component handling of the subject. Such a book, I am happy to state, is "The House that Hitler Built," by Professor Stephen Roberts. The present crisis gives added value to this careful treatment of the Nazi ideology. Doctor Roberts spent sixteen months in Germany, in 1935-37, and interviewed all the leading personalities in the Nazi Party. His book, which is objective and clear, gives a complete survey of the Nazi movement from its humble origin in 1919 to its present supremacy, and analyses Hitlerism in all its aspects, political, social, economic, religious and cultural. Not the least notable feature of the book is the character sketches of Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Rosenberg, Schacht and others, but the chapters on the Jewish problem and the "Swastiki versus Cross" question are outstanding. They reveal the deep-rooted paganism, animal brutality and racial fanaticism which seem fundamental to Hitlerism. Doctor Roberts warns the world against an armed Germany. It must march on through Austria into Hungary and the Balkans, through Lithuania, into the Baltic lands, if it is not to collapse at home. He predicts the subjugation of Austria (now a *fait accompli*), and the liquidation of Czechoslovakia. Sooner or later, he contends, Germany must fight the world.

Dr. Roberts is no iconoclast. He gives Hitler credit for his great economic achievements, and he plausibly defends Germany's claim to colonies. He writes carefully, without passion or prejudice and presents with a mass of evidence a picture to alarm the friends of religion, culture and peace the world over.

"The House that Hitler Built" by Dr. Stephen H. Roberts (Harper and Bros.)

Thank heavens for the Sitwells! A certain type of critic, embarrassed by the shrewd hits so often registered by Edith and Osbert, persists in decrying their ability through the nauseating medium of personal attack. The result of this is that many people regard them as literary freaks, not a little bit crazy and very unhumorous. Let one of these read Osbert Sitwell's latest excursion into satire, "Those Were the Days," and be speedily disillusioned. Robust, roaring, acid, pungent, delightfully malicious and sympathetically human, this comedy-satire is one of the most wholly satisfactory things Osbert has given us. The story begins in that watering-place on the Yorkshire coast already celebrated by Mr. Sitwell, and extends over the last forty years. Mumbling old men, and withered old ladies throng the pages, chattering and cackling like malicious parrots at the degeneracy of the young generation. Then Mr. Sitwell draws for us this same younger generation caught first in the madness of war, and then in the subsequent madness of the post-war. All the mad carnival of literary and artistic London with its sideshows of grotesques and freaks is also painted for our delight. Osbert, like Edith, hates like a man and the rapier-thrusts with which he demolishes his *bêtes noires* will appeal to everyone who has the least trace of vindictiveness in him. Great skill, and great spirits have gone into the making of this glorious satire.

("Those Were the Days," by Osbert Sitwell. Macmillan.)

MALVOLIO RECOMMENDS

"Journalist's Wife," by Lilian Mowrer. The wife of the author of "Germany Puts the Clock Back," tells some delightful stories of prominent contemporary figures and incidentally makes some acute observations on present-day politics.

"Mightier Than the Sword," by Ford Madox Ford. Conrad's distinguished collaborator reviews his life and work. Entertainingly written and full of valuable notes for a literary history of our times.

THE NEWSPAPERS FORGOT

The Other Side of Things

(We publish the following contribution without prejudice, inviting articles of a similar nature. It is hardly necessary to add that views herein must not be taken to be the views of "Craccum" or the University—but you never know.—Editor.)

NORWAY, THE NEXT BELGIUM?

Peace-prizing Norway has always felt bulwarked by Sweden and Finland, and insured by Britain's need for sea-security. Recently, however, mysterious aeroplanes have been scouting Norway's ports, and evidence has been brought to light which shows that flying-fields are being sought near the coasts. These things have brought strategists to realise that in a coming war, Russia, will need one of Norway's ports as her fleet outlet. This is why so many German officers are ostensibly vacationing among the fjords—they are planning the counter-attack. Meanwhile Norwegians keep to what is, proportionately, the smallest of war budgets, knowing that even if they gave their all to war preparation, they would still be a puny force. So Norway must submit politely to the humiliation of being reconnoitred by two nations who are preparing to fight a battle on her soil.

PROPAGANDA AND THE TRUTH

The bombing of the Basque town of Guernica was one of the most fortunate bits of material for the Red propaganda machine. Guernica had an arms factory. It was used as a Loyalist military base, and it was in the path of Franco's march on Bilbao. But the government propaganda workers exploited the fact that Guernica had a venerated oak-tree in a central plaza. The bombardment became "an atrocious attack on the holy city of the Basques." It aroused such a wave of indignation abroad that not even the joint statement of disinterested correspondents, testifying that the principal damage had been caused by Anarchist incendiaries and Asturian dynamiters, before they evacuated Guernica, together with photographic and documentary evidence of this published in leading English periodicals, carried much weight with the dupes of the "Government" propagandists.

—(From Edward Knoblaugh's "Correspondent in Spain.")

FAMINE IN RED RUSSIA

The Soviet land presented a tragic picture at the beginning of the Second Five Year Plan early in 1933. Discontent was deepening, half of the country was starving, actual famine threatened the 40,000,000 inhabitants of the Ukraine and Northern Caucasus. But admissions of the fact would have jeopardised the inauguration of the Second Plan.

The markets of the world at the time were glutted with grain. A few million dollars spent from Russia's gold reserves would have bought bread enough to head off the famine. A very minor diversion of money from machines to food would have saved millions of lives.

But the Kremlin neither imported food nor permitted an appeal to the world's charitable instincts. It merely took extreme measures to conceal the disaster and thus save face for the Plan. The decision made by Stalin and his underlings was as directly responsible for every bloated baby stomach, and every wagon load of corpses as if they had strangled the victims with their own hands. As the Soviet Government stopped the publication of vital statistics for the period in question, how many millions died will never be known; but estimates made by foreigners and Russians range from three to seven millions.

—(Extract from Eugene Lyon's "Assignment in Utopia.")

AGRICULTURE IN NATIONALIST SPAIN

Last year Franco's National Government subsidized agriculture to the extent of 100,000,000 pesetas and supplied farmers with seed, machines and instruction. As a result, the area under cultivation has increased by 62,167 hectares for wheat and by 3,500 hectares for oats. In the province of Malaga which was not freed from Red occupation until after the year's crop had been sown, the area under cultivation

was found to have diminished by 40 per cent. The total production of wheat, oats and barley in Nationalist Spain has increased in a proportion varying from 41 per cent. to 106 per cent. and the average production per hectare has been greater than the average of the last 10 years, owing to improvements in method. After the needs of the whole Nationalist territory had been supplied, there was found to be a surplus of 800,000 tons of wheat and 160,000 tons of sugar. Pre-war prices have been maintained and there has been no difficulty in supplying the whole population of the liberated provinces. A "National Wheat Service" has been established to ensure that the farmer shall be able to sell his products at a fair price. Franco has said: "We must at all costs raise the standard of living of the country people, the permanent vital source of the Spanish nation."

CHILD LABOUR IN DEMOCRATIC AMERICA

The old evil of child labour still exists in many parts of the United States. It exists because working conditions for adults are so desperate that parents cannot make a living wage without the aid of their children. And this in spite of widely-publicized "New Deal" schemes.

In the "tiff" mining countries of Missouri, child labour laws are cunningly evaded by legislation which permits children to work with their families. "Tiff" is a colloquialism for the ore, barite, which is used in the manufacture of paints, enamels, paper and rubber goods. In the "tiff" country, the average boy or girl starts digging before the age of ten and school is abandoned forever. Working ten hours a day with pick and shovel, the children make on the average less than 12/- per week.

In the Gulf States of Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, children as young as six years old, many so small that they have to stand on boxes to reach the tables, go to work in the shrimp-packing sheds. The hours of work begin when the shrimps come in, sometimes as early as one o'clock in the morning. It lasts until the "catch" is finished, then begins again in the evening and continues until the second "catch" is dressed. The average wage for children is 5d per hour, and they rarely receive one penny of this themselves. Hooray for the great democracies!

MANIFESTO FROM THE RIGHT

Fifty-five of the most prominent French intellectuals, all holding distinguished positions in the cultural or political spheres in France, have recently issued a manifesto in support of Nationalist Spain. They support Franco unconditionally, declaring "In these unhappy days we Frenchmen should not forget the ties of race, tradition and culture, which bind us to our sister nation. . . . We cannot do otherwise than desire the triumph in Spain of civilisation, as against barbarism, order and justice against violence, tradition against destruction."

Among those who signed the document are Louis Bertrand, of the French Academy, Paul Claudel, famous poet and Ambassador of France, Jacques Bardoux, of the Institut de France, Jacques Chevalier, Dean of the Faculty of Literature at Grenoble, Henri Bordeaux, of the French Academy, Jacques Baulenger, Leon Daudet, Robert Cohen, Bernard Fay, professor of the College of France, Dr. Jean-Louis Faure, of the Institut de France, Georges Goyan, of the French Academy, Max Jacob, Francis Jammes, Admiral Lacaze, Henry Massis, E. de Peretti de la Rocca, ambassador of France, Comte de Saint Aulaire, ambassador of France, Igor Stravinsky, great musician, General Weygand, of the French Academy, and Dr. Emile Sergent, of the Academy of Medicine. Not a single mention of this manifesto, the most important ever issued on the Spanish question, appeared in the local press, while whenever such professional manifesto-signers as Laski, Huxley, Haldane, etc., protest against cruelty to reindeer, or the wearing of black shirts, they receive at least a column to fulminate in. This is known as "the impartiality of the Press."

—M.F.

ON THE CURRENT SCREEN

What—And What Not—To See

(Conducted by "Manfil.")

Things are looking up a little in the quality of the city's film shows. Mickey Rooney's work in "Thoroughbreds Don't Cry" at the Embassy, is always worth watching and rescues the film from the depths of mediocrity into which it early threatened to fall. "The Firefly," at St. James' is tuneful, though it would be a far, far better film if it were 1000 feet shorter. "Tom Sawyer," at the Civic, has a surface resemblance to Mark Twain, but the programme is enjoyable enough. The latest March of Time, also at the Civic, is quite up to standard. Those who recall that delicious picture, "Desire," will not need any recommendation to take them to the Regent: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," the newest Lubitsch film, is not his best picture, but it is good enough to make one find the film all too short.

Of the coming films, I recommend attention to what Miss Lejeune has to say about "A Yank at Oxford," and the intention of everybody to see "Dead End" when it reaches the Embassy.

"LOVE AND HISSES" (Mayfair—showing).—Ben Bernie, a band leader, and Walter Winchell, an American gossip writer, continue a feud which most people must be finding quite palpitatingly tiresome. Simone Simon, more than ever like the prettiest of bulldogs, reveals a very sweet drawing-room voice for a very small drawing-room.—Campbell Dixon, in the Daily Telegraph, London.

"DEAD END" (Embassy, coming).—"A sober study of the lives of a bunch of frustrated people down by New York's East River; the architect, who dreams of better things but never achieves them; the shopgirl, whose shoes are worn out with picketing; the local killer, who comes back after ten years to find his girl walking the streets and his mother hating and disowning him; and a crew of ragged boys, wharf rats, and killers in embryo. A hard-hitting and honest attempt at a social document, in which the boys make the film."—C. A. Lejeune in "The Observer, London.

"DIVORCE OF LADY X" (Civic, coming).—Gay and urbane comedy written by Lajos Biro and Robert Sherwood. Made in technicolour at Denham, the film enjoyed some success in the United States, and it takes a good British picture to reach such a distinction. The film is nimble-witted, the lines bright and Ralph Richardson (the huff-puffing dictator of "Things to Come") achieves some success in a funny drunk sequence. For an intelligent and talented actor, Lawrence Olivier makes a neat job of a part which at no stage requires the least exertion.

"A YANK AT OXFORD" (St. James', coming).—"This film is a beauty. It has pace, and wit, and action, a hint of the real grey skies of England, and, with it all, that quality of excitement that no one can beat the Americans in bringing to the cinema.

It is simply the story of a bumptious young athlete (Robert Taylor), from a small American college who comes to Oxford thinking he will set the Isis on fire. Instead, the Isis nearly fires him. There isn't much hint of Oxford as a seat of learning in the film, and I should say that as a study of university life it has its oddities, but what it may miss in documentation it makes up for in vigour. Its 103 exciting minutes include two track races, a bump race, a fight, a debagging, a mass rag. May morning on the river, three parades, and the Boat Race, the whole thing combining an enormous gusto with a considerable illusion of authenticity.

Mr. Griffith Jones, a real up-standing British actor, is just the man that was needed as the Yank's rival; Mr. Rigby, Mr. C. V. France, and Mr. Morton Sellen have fine and fruity moments as veterans, and Mr. Taylor himself has never been more effective. I suppose we have made subtler films in England than "A Yank at Oxford," but off-hand I can't remember any that was calculated to give more people so much good fun.—The Observer, London.

"BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE," (Regent, showing).—"Called out of a bed, a Riviera hosiery magnate has to settle a crisis in his shop. Gary Cooper wants to buy a pyjama jacket only—he never uses the trousers.

That's how this sparkling yarn starts—and goes on. Claudette Colbert is buying pyjama trousers only—for her father. Gary plays a much-wed millionaire. Claudette resists his over-masterful wooing, and when he marries her gets her own back by leading her own life.

Situations and treatment are, for the most part, on the highest level of director Ernst Lubitsch, master of terse innuendo. His old habit of getting over points by making his characters take long walks through rooms and corridors is still effective; indeed, the old silent technique is brilliantly vindicated.

Both stars play superbly. Gary's doggedness and Claudette's seductive guile magnificently matched, are a joy in conflict. This is by miles the best picture of its kind since "Desire." Edward Everett Horton, as a mercenary marquis, David Niven, Herman Bing and Warren Hymer are all admirable.

Dialogue is neat and not too copious, and Paris atmosphere excellent. Altogether, top-notch entertainment. It reassured me, too, for lately I feared Lubitsch was losing his touch. He isn't.—P. L. Mannoek, in "the Daily Herald, London.

"ROMANCE IN THE DARK" (Embassy, coming).—"Boles, Barrymore and Budapest, in roughly equal proportions, not to mention Bois, Bahr and Boutelje who also figure in the credits, add an alliterative fillip to the general B-ishness of Miss Gladys Swarthout's latest, "Romance in the Dark." A slight little fable with about as much originality as the popular part of its score, it is neither especially romantic nor especially comic; and, for a romantic comedy, that is unfortunate.

Mr. Barrymore, one of the screen's few screen actors who have had the courage to present the art of yesterday as the caricature of to-day, is a comic bulwark with his sardonic ogling, posturing and nostril-dilating. (The best thing about Mr. Barrymore's farce style is the realisation that we took it seriously when he was young enough to play "Don Juan.") Fritz Feld contributes his usual amusing burlesque of a gentleman's gentleman and Mr. Boles raises a better tenor than he does an eyebrow. A considerably better tenor, in fact.—The New York Times.

DRAMATIC CLUB SUCCESS HENRI GHEON'S "COMEDIAN"

Perhaps the most successful reading yet presented this year by the Dramatic Club, was given on Tuesday, 21st. June, in the Women's Common Room. The play which was convened by Miss June Grevatt, was "The Comedian," a powerful play of early Christianity by the famous French Catholic author, Henri Ghéon. A small but appreciative audience followed with intense interest, the magnificent dialogue and beautiful verse of this moving piece, so that the play, long as it is, seemed only too short.

The drama, which like all Ghéon's plays, is based on the life of some saint or martyr of the Church, told of the great actor Genesius of the time of the Emperor Diocletian, who, through playing the role of Christian martyr, Adrian, becomes himself a Christian and dies for his faith. The penetrating knowledge of the actor's craft displayed by Ghéon in this play would alone suffice to make it one of the outstanding masterpieces of the modern French stage, but the profound psychological studies of Genesius' mind and of the heart of the actress Poppaea mark it as something quite unique. It would be no exaggeration to say that the audience sat spell-bound throughout the two and a-half hours of the play, and their enthusiasm was manifested in prolonged applause at the conclusion.

Mr. Ivan Hodder, well-known to us as a comedian, revealed unexpected depths as Genesius, and gave a sympathetic and moving reading of the part. Other outstanding parts were Miss Valerie Anderson as Poppaea, Miss Edna de Marr as Albina, Mr. C. Zambucka as Diocletian, and Mr. James Staunton as Felix. Included also in the large cast were, Miss N. McFarlane, and Messrs. A. Giffkins, A. Segedin, D. Gully, and Mr. Norman Stace made a delightful Hermes.

Pearls & Pebbles

(By CALIBAN)

THOUGHTS ON IDEOLOGIES

It's pleasant to reflect that if
A revolution comes,
If you would not be made a "stiff"
Or strung up by the thumbs,
You only have to change your suit,
And learn in time the right salute.

That Russians ne'er neglect their friends,
In Stalin clearly shows,
It's sad, of course, he always ends
By turning friends to foes,
But, since he hasn't time to hate 'em,
His conscience makes him liquidate 'em.

Young Hitler was, in earlier days
A painter, so they say,
I think the fact deserves some praise,
Since then he earned his pay,
But now he'd need a sea of paint
To purge his murky soul of taint.

That Barnum's not alive to-day
Gives cause for no regret,
Though one great bluffer pass away,
Another liveth yet.
The greatest showman of his age
Our Musso, dominates the stage.

The Japanese is so polite,
No manners could be finer.
You know, of course, he's in the right
About this war in China.
He must be—papers tell us so
In charming words, from Tokyo.

Weep for democracy in Spain
While Major Atlee sobs,
And manifestoes screech again,
Signed firmly by the nobs,
"We'll plant in Spain when Fascists flee
The flag of Marxist liberty."

Oh, for some isle of calm and peace,
Where class-war is a crime,
Where bickering and shrieking cease
And concord reigns sublime,
And where you'd swing on towering trees,
For preaching ideologies.

CALIBAN REPLIES

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GRACE

Who, being awkward, does not feel
Great admiration for a seal,
As with such charming grace and pose,
He juggles candles on his nose?

—CALIBAN.

THE JAPANESE

How courteous is the Japanese,
He always says "Excuse me, please."
He climbs into his neighbour's garden,
And smiles and says "I beg your pardon."
He bows and grins a friendly grin
And calls his hungry family in;
He grins, and bows a friendly bow,
"So sorry, this my garden now."

—OGDEN NASH.

To be of no church is dangerous. Religion, of which the rewards are distant and which is animated only by Faith and Hope, will glide by degrees out of the mind, unless it be invigorated and re-impressed by stated calls to worship, and the salutary influence of example."

—Dr. Johnson.

OLD GIRLS' NOTES AND OTHER OUTPOURINGS

(By AUNT DORA)

Sorry I missed last issue, boys and girls, but I was stricken low by the 'flu and alcoholic poisoning just as the last issue was going to press. However, I'm about again looking for any tit-bits of gossip I can pick up. You know the trouble with us journalists is that we're never allowed to print the best bits.

At Grad. Ball, I had a compliment paid to this column—my first. One of the younger lecturer's wives told me she enjoyed it very much, and she, incidentally, is a young lady for whose literary opinions I have the greatest respect—now.

I should like to interrupt these ditherings for a few moments to say how much I enjoyed the Revue. Possibly I am growing old and childish, but like little Audrey I laughed and laughed. I would like to award a special bay leaf to Van Hodder for some of the best comedy work I have seen on the 'Varsity stage.

I met an old friend the other day coming out of the pictures—Paul Holmes, who for many years was leader of the 'Varsity Orchestra, and a pillar of the Lit. Club. Paul is earning a more or less honest living as a steward on one of the Shaw Savill boats. He has been to England and to North and South American ports, and was off to Wellington to catch his boat again for foreign parts. He told me that by the end of the year he might be settling down again.

I read in the National News—my favourite comic paper—that one W. L. Barker is standing for Parliament in the National interests in Wellington East. Those who remember Bill as an indefatigable arguer and champion boxer, may express sympathy for anyone who has the temerity to interrupt his meetings.

I trust I am not trespassing on the province of another gossip writer in this paper, but I must tell you of the whole pack of 'Varsity people I met at Government House the other night. First, there was the President of the Students' Association, looking perhaps a little less saturnine than usual, then there was Brig. Cahill, looking more than ever like the belle of the ball; there was also Jack Demsey, whom I always seemed to meet at the bar. There were dozens more, but I am getting old and my memory is failing me so I can't give you their names.

CHINA UNITED

"The Chinese nation has risen as one man against the Japanese aggressor. Never in the whole Chinese history have we witnessed such unity of spirit, action and purpose. It is certain that the four hundred and fifty million people of China will not perish as a nation. No power on earth can vanquish her. All the different political groups and parties have united, putting aside past differences for the one common purpose of meeting and defeating the Japanese invaders. The Chinese Red Army under the command of General Chu Teh is to-day fighting together with the other armies of China, under the leadership of General Chiang Kai-shek. All civil warfare has automatically ceased and internal differences have disappeared in the face of foreign invasion. In this unification of all our forces lies our greatest strength."

MADAME SUN YAT SEN.

JAPAN, THE PUPIL OF CHINA

The Lords of Japan asked St. Francis in 1551 how it was, if the Christian religion was true, that the Chinese knew nothing about it.

The Japanese had derived all their culture from China. They revered China as modern Europeans reverence Greece. Xavier noted this, and decided that the best way to win vigorous Japan would be to capture the greater country first.

He began to learn the Chinese script—that dreadful writing which has several hundred characters instead of the twenty-six with which we write our language.

But before 1552 was out, he was in his grave on the island of Sancian.

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CHINESE LIFE and CULTURE

THE SOUL OF A GREAT NATION

(The following passages are condensed from "My Country and My Right" by Dr. Lin Yutang, world-famous Chinese scholar and author. A man of wide culture and learned in all branches of Eastern and Western thought, he has given in this book the most comprehensive study of the Chinese people ever written in English, and one which makes the "mysterious East" comprehensible and living to Western minds.—Caliban.)

THE CHINESE CHARACTER

"Character" is a typically English word. Apart from the English, few nations have laid such stress on character in the ideal of manhood as the Chinese. The Chinese seem so preoccupied with it that in their whole philosophy, they have not been able to think of anything else. Totally devoid of any extramundane interests, this ideal of building of character has, through the influence of their literature, the theatre and proverbs, permeated to the lowliest peasant and provided him with a philosophy of life. But while the English word "character" suggests courage, "guts," and looking merely glum in moments of disappointment, the Chinese word for "character" brings to us the vision of a mature man of mellow temperament, retaining an equanimity of mind under all circumstances, with a complete understanding not only of himself, but of his fellowmen. A mellow understanding of life and of human nature is, and always has been, the Chinese ideal of character, and from that understanding other qualities are derived, such as pacifism, contentment, calm and strength of endurance which distinguish the Chinese character. Strength of character is really strength of mind, according to the Confucianists. When a man has cultivated these virtues through mental discipline, we say he has developed his character.

RESPECT FOR LEARNING

An outstanding element in Chinese thought is the idea of the supremacy of the human mind over material surroundings. Supremacy of mind has more than one meaning. It means not only the application of human cunning to convert a world known to be full of pain and misery into a habitable place for human beings, but it implies also a certain contempt for mere physical courage and strength as such. Confucius and Mencius distinguished between mental labour and physical labour and did not hesitate to put the former above the latter. For the Chinese have no nonsense about equality, and respect for the mental labourers or the educated class has been an outstanding characteristic of the Chinese civilization. This respect of learning, differs from the Western respect. The Chinese respect for the scholar consists in an admiration for that type of education which increases his practical wisdom, his knowledge of world affairs and his judgment in times of crises. It is a respect which must be earned by actual worth. In local as in national troubles, the people look to him for cool judgment, for farsightedness, for a better envisagement of the manifold consequences of an act or decision and therefore for natural guidance and leadership, and real leadership is conceived as a leadership of the mind.

APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY

The Chinese mind, is as keen to detect the beauty in a common pebble as it is anxious to squeeze the last drop of happiness from an insecure world. A painting of a cat watching a grasshopper, a Chinaman would hang on his wall and contemplate, though a civil war might be raging outside his very doors. To find beauty in common life, that is the value of the Wordsworthian and the Chinese imagination, for Wordsworth is the most Chinese in spirit of all English poets. "If you do not run away from the rain-drops, you will find them most beautiful," said Hsiao Shihwei at the end of the Ming dynasty. He was speaking of the familiar style of writing diaries. But it was not only a literary doctrine. It was a doctrine of life.

CHINESE SOCIAL LIFE

The Chinese are a nation of individualists. They are family-minded, not social-minded. It is curious that the word "society" does not exist as an idea in Chinese thought. In the Confucian social and political philosophy we see a direct transition from the family, *chia*,

to the state, Kuo as successive stages of human organisation, as in such sayings as "When the family is orderly, then the state is peaceful," or "Put the family in order and rule the state in peace." The nearest equivalent to the idea of society then is a compound of the two words, Kuochia or "state-family."

The Chinese Doctrine of Social Status cuts through the idea of equality in a curious way, and it is important to see this point in order to understand the whole spirit of Chinese social behaviour, both good and bad. The humanist temper is one emphasizing distinctions of all kinds, between men and women, rulers and subjects, young and old Confucianism always imagined itself as a civilizing influence which preached these distinctions and thus established social order. It hoped to bind society together by a moral force, by teaching benevolence in rulers and submission in the ruled, kindness in the elders, and respect for old age in the young, "friendliness" in the elder brother and humility in the younger brother. Instead of social equality, the emphasis is rather on stratified equality. For the Chinese word for the five cardinal relationships *lun*, means equality within its class.

CHINESE LITERARY LIFE

The Chinese distinguish between literature that instructs and literature that pleases, or literature that is "the vehicle of truth," and literature that is "the expression of emotion." The distinction is easy to see, the former is objective and expository, while the latter is subjective and lyrical. They tend, therefore, to look down upon novels and dramas as "little arts, unworthy to enter the Hall of Great Literature." The only exception is poetry, which they not only do not despise, but cultivate and honour more intensively than in the West. The Chinese artistic and literary genius, which thinks in emotional concrete imagery and excels in the painting of atmosphere, is especially suitable to the writing of poetry. Their characteristic genius for contraction, suggestion, sublimation and concentration, makes the writing of poetry natural and easy to them. Chinese poetry is dainty. It is never long, and never very powerful. But it is eminently fitted for producing perfect gems of sentiment, and for painting with a few strokes a magical scenery, alive with rhythmic beauty and informed with spiritual grace.

THE CHINESE TRADITION

The racial tradition of China is so strong that its fundamental pattern of life will always remain. Even in the remote event of a cataclysmic upheaval like a communistic régime, the old tradition of individuality, tolerance, moderation and commonsense would break Communism and change it beyond recognition, rather than that, Communism with its socialistic, impersonal and vigorous outlook would break the old tradition. It must be so.

Sleeping China must awake, must purge itself, must restore the rule of Justice and sweep out official corruption. This requires a change of ideology; the family-minded Chinese must be changed into social-minded Chinese, and the pet ideas, age old, of official success and robbing the nation to exaggerate the glory of the family must be modified. The process will be slow and laborious, how slow and laborious only one who knows China can say. But the process is already at work, and is as inevitable as dawn. For a time yet there will still be ugliness and pain, but after a while there will be once more the calm, the beauty and the simplicity which distinguished old China. But more than that, there will be justice, too. To that people of the Land of Justice, we of the present generation shall seem but like children of the twilight. I ask for patience from the friends of China, not from my countrymen, for they have too much of it. And I ask for hope from my countrymen, for to hope is to live.

"When I am dead, I hope it may be said,
"His sins were scarlet, but his books were
read."

—Hilaire Belloc.

Letters to the Editor

"JUDGMENT DAY"

Dear Sir,

Much against my will, last week, I was persuaded to attend a presentation of Elmer Rice's "Judgment Day" by a group known as the "People's Theatre." The obviously proletarian name of the company, I admit, did not appeal to me, as I have had some considerable experience of the "people's drama" and prefer not to be reminded of it. As I had read the play, too, which is simply a childish fantasy on the theme "Death to all Dictators," mingled with crude melodrama and hysterical jargon, I was prepared for the worst. But I was pleasantly surprised. I have never enjoyed anything so much in all my life. I can honestly say that for good clean fun and sustained side-holding "Charley's Aunt" had nothing on "Judgment Day." The efforts of the actors to make the crude script convincing resulted in a hilarious burlesque such as Mr. Reid might have written for a 'Varsity Revue, and the study of the terrible dictator was as near to a Ritz Brother version of Mussolini as I could ever hope to see from any local actor. The continued mirth of the audience at some of the speeches and especially at the finale showed that I was not the only one who enjoyed the show. I cannot help feeling, seriously, however, that it is a great pity that the three people in the cast who could act should have been thrown away on such bilge, which was either written by Rice with his tongue in his cheek, or else is the result of senile decay. To expect the average man to take this hysterical propaganda seriously is too much even from a "People's" Theatre. The audiences of the last century to listen in rapt wonder to "The Silver King" and "Randall's Thumb" would have screamed with laughter at "Judgment Day." If this is drama for the masses, God help the masses.

THESPIAN.

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Dear Sir,

It was with immense amusement that I read your "Prize Joke of the Month." (How could one remain unamused at the "Prize Joke of the Month.") But my amusement was trebled when I saw the point of the joke—it really was awfully funny of you to quote a paragraph from the "Left News" and miss out some words.

As (probably) only a small proportion of your readers possess copies of the "Left News," I think you might let the rest of your readers into the joke, and publish the whole paragraph, which is as follows (words omitted by you in black type):—

"Members may be aware that there are already two religious book clubs in existence and may therefore be inclined to query the need for a new one. The existence of these two religious book clubs have made the formation of our own not less, but more urgent, for ours is a left club and the others are not. The first intention, indeed, was to call our new book club, the Christian Left Book Club, but it was pointed out that such a name would be tautological, as in the view of those responsible for it "Christian" and "Left" are synonymous terms."

But perhaps this would be spoiling your little joke. Or perhaps you didn't have room to print the whole truth and thought half a paragraph better than none. G. L. HOGGEN.

P.S.—All personal attacks on me in your Correspondence columns should be anonymous as usual.

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Blues Head Basketball Ladder FIVE CHOSEN FOR REP. SIDE

So far the 1938 season is proving fairly successful with the Basketball Club. There have been three teams entered in the Auckland Basketball Association matches, the Blues, Whites and Colts. So far the Blues have won all their matches and have been honoured by having five members of their team chosen for the Auckland Representative trials—Molly Carey, Joan Howie, Lois Stanton, Hilda Thomson and Valerie Wyatt. Of these, Molly and Hilda are freshers. On the 24th July Meg Matangi and Mary Martin will leave Auckland to join the New Zealand team which is to tour Australia, and therefore were not included in the Auckland representative trials.

The Whites and Colts have been unfortunate in that the holidays badly interfered with their teams. The Colts had to default for three Saturdays. Now that the teams are settling down they should be able to improve their positions on the grade ladder.

Recently, by combining with the Edendale team, we have managed to get the Drill Hall for practices for one hour a week; players are urged to attend these practices if at all possible, so combinations may be worked up.

BLUES HEAD THE LADDER

The combination in the Blues' goal is the outstanding feature of the 'Varsity teams and is much appreciated by the spectators on the side line. Hilda Thomson has a good idea of getting into position and is one of the fastest back goalers in the Association. She needs to cultivate a better style of goal throwing. Meg Matangi, and Val Wyatt, the other two goalies, are already well-known to all interested in basketball for the high standard of play which they never fail to produce.

The defence is decidedly the weakest part of this team. Joan Howie has not maintained the high standard she displayed at Easter. At times she makes some very speculative interceptions, but she should practice sticking to her partner and also make more use of her height under the goal. Meg Everton is another defence who could use her height to more advantage. Molly Carey's shortness is a disadvantage for a defence player, but despite this she sticks well and does some good interceptions.

Mary Mark, Murielle Smeed, and Iris Stanton are considered by the Association to be the best combining three in the centre section. The old habit of passing the ball down the side line, quite frequently used to our disadvantage at Easter, has been overcome with the result that the ball travels down the centre, a movement which is of great assistance to the goalers. Mary has been most unfortunate in that she has met with several disastrous accidents during the season, but the real standard of her play is demonstrated by the fact that she has been chosen to play in the New Zealand team. Lois well deserves her trial in the Auckland

Reps. and will no doubt be chosen in the final twelve.

THE WHITES ARE STEADY

The White team is under the capable leadership of Margaret Bartrum. Every member of the team does her share while such stalwarts as Lemoine, Moloy and Annette Solomon give their partner a good run for their money. On the whole the team shows good combination and has a commendable grasp of tactics, but slow footwork mars what would otherwise be a good game. More practice as a team would make a vast improvement. Moggie Bartrum, Ailsa Blaky, and Lois Echlin all play a sound defensive game, a strong feature of goals are inclined to lose their heads and muddle when opposed by some of the stronger defense. In their combination they would gain much if they concentrated on keeping the ball to the centre of the court instead of passing down the side line. Also the goals waste time holding the ball for a few seconds instead of getting rid of it immediately, with the result that the opposing defence are able to upset their movements. Katie Simmonds is a reliable shot, but Lorrie Maloy and Nancy Harvey would do better if they took more time in aiming. The centre players work hard. Annette Solomon's experience holds them together but they would do well to follow the Blues' example of keeping the ball down the middle of the court.

COLTS SHOW PROMISE

There has been considerable shuffling in the "Colts" team since the beginning of the season. Nancy Strange and Dorothy Higginson who, until recently, played defence, have changed to goal, and this has considerably improved the standard of play as these two have proved competent goalers. In the centre the players are quick, but their passing leaves much to be desired. Beryl Hokkis has the makings of a good centre player, but uses an ugly underarm pass to the disadvantage of the person to whom she is passing. In the defence Faith Hughes is very keen. This section, especially, of the Colts' team has been at a disadvantage since, as there are more than enough players for a full team, the members are not able to work up a definite combination as the same people do not play together regularly. This is due to the fact that we try to give each member an equal amount of play. Nancy Strange, the captain of this team, has gone to a great deal of trouble to arrange her team from Saturday to Saturday.

The Club is very fortunate in that many of our players who now consider themselves too old to play regularly, are always willing to assist us in an emergency. We very much appreciate their action in turning out to play for us and so saving a team from having to play short.

PING-PONG CLUB PROGRESS

PLANS FOR SEASON

One of the newest 'Varsity clubs and one which will without doubt be one of the most popular is the A.U.C. Table Tennis Club. This club, mainly owing to the enthusiasm of the present student chairman, was formed with the ultimate hope of introducing inter-club Ping Pong at 'Varsity, but though this will not be realised during the present season, by stimulating interest in organised matches, the Committee hopes to enter teams next year.

At the moment there is a more important matter to be dealt with. The equipment in the Ping Pong room is badly in need of replenishment, and when enough funds are obtained, there will be an alteration in the lighting, (at present the room being lit for billiards), and a new table will be bought, so that there will be less time wasted in waiting for a game.

The first annual general meeting was held in May and the officers elected were:—

President: Dr. K. Bullen.

Vice-President: Mr. L. Desborough.

Student Chairman: Mr. H. Prendegast.

Secretary and Treasurer: Miss Jean McGhie.

Committee: Misses Joan Howie and Betty Skipper, Messrs. R. Culford Bell, A. Finkle-

stein and K. Lee.

There will be an alteration in the running of the inter-faculty matches this year. Previously all the matches were played on the one night, but now there will be matches between the different faculties each week. This will mean that each team (two ladies and four men) will play every other team in the competition, and the results will be much more satisfactory. Teams taking part should already have been handed to the Club Secretary.

The introduction of ladder matches should add interest to play among keen members, and a "Yankee" Tournament which will be held later in the season should be very popular. The Table Tennis Championships for which there is always a large number of entries, will now be run by the committee, but these will also be a little later in the term.

Actually there is no restriction on any member of the Students' Association playing on the tables, although a club has been formed, but when new equipment has been obtained there may be a small levy made on players to pay for it. As this will be wholly to the players' advantage, and as the levy would be a very small one, it should be paid willingly. Otherwise ping pong is being played as usual during the winter term, and with enthusiastic club officers, the usual inter-faculty and club championships should be well run and more popular than ever.

TOURNAMENT HOCKEY AUCKLAND PREPARES

The selectors have chosen the following to travel to Dunedin to defend the Seddon Stick at present held by A.U.C.

R. Henderson, R. W. Moir, G. L. Hogben, W. Hanson, B. Herriott, M. W. Speight, R. J. Wilson, J. R. Devereaux, D. K. Neal, S. W. Perry, G. M. Yule.

You may remember the great games here last year. Well this team is determined to maintain that high standard and to return if possible, victors.

All members are exceptionally fit and keen and with the blending of youth with experience should form a solid combination. It is to be hoped that they will not be too frozen to play up to their Auckland standard.

The defence appears very strong and the Southern teams will need strong forward combinations to pierce it.

Our hockey expert thinks that a number have a good chance of obtaining the coveted New Zealand Blue, but as Southern form is unknown he is rather hesitant in naming them. Hogben, a Blue for three years, and captain last year ought to get in on reputation if on nothing else. At present, however, he is playing really well. So good luck, Lawrence. This year, of course, the New Zealand match is something to look forward to—for the N.Z.V. Blues will try their strength against the redoubtable Indians on July 9th.

G. M. Yule and R. J. Walton (ex-Otago), must also have good prospects. Others who may catch the selector's eye and get a Blue are R. W. Moir, B. Herriott, D. K. Neal and M. W. Speight. All or any will be welcome. The more the merrier.

CLUB NOTES

Since our last issue the club teams have settled down and prospects are brighter.

The Seniors came to light and with a glorious exhibition soundly beat the championship leaders, Grammar Old Boys. They have a good chance of winning the championship, although tournament will interfere with the teams.

As a result of their defeat by Papatoetoe 2A are now nearly out of the running in the A section of the second grade. N.B. have registered two more wins and B section honours lie between them and Wesley. The thirds have also had two more wins, over Somerville and Papatoetoe, and the fourths have a draw and a win. The Hockey Club is certainly putting up a great all-round performance this year.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

The programme for the N.Z.V. Hockey Tournament is to hand and is as follows:—

FRIDAY, JULY 1:

Auckland teams depart.

SUNDAY, JULY 3:

All teams arrive in Dunedin at 8.24 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 4:

Afternoon: First round.

Evening: Free.

TUESDAY, JULY 5:

Morning: Second round.

Afternoon: Third round.

Evening:

Ladies' Dinner.

Pictures (St. James Theatre).

N.Z.V. Ladies' Team announced.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6:

Morning: Fourth round (men).

Afternoon: Fifth round (men).

N.Z.V. Ladies v. Otago.

Evening:

Men's Dinner.

Ball.

N.Z.U. team announced.

THURSDAY, JULY 7:

Morning: Departure 11.35 a.m.

Afternoon: N.Z.U. v. Otago (practice).

Evening: Free.

FRIDAY, JULY 9:

Free Day N.Z.U. Team.

SATURDAY, JULY 9:

Morning: Free.

Afternoon: N.Z.U. v. Indians.

Evening: Party to be arranged for N.Z.U. team.

And a Message of Cheer from Otago.

"The Chairman of the Tournament Committee, Mr. Hubbard, has everything moving in order that the Tournament will be a super one. Mr. John Boyel has scoured the city to find the best billets for the teams and it is certain that Dunedin men and women will be waiting with the customary Southern hospitality when the teams arrive. O.U. is waiting to welcome you!

CONGRATULATIONS

"Craccum" offers its congratulations to the following members of the College sports teams who have gained representative honours:

PAT SHIRTCLIFFE, on her inclusion in the Auckland Provincial rep. hockey team which played the English ladies' team at Eden Park.

MEG MATANGI and **MARY MARTIN**, who will be touring Australia with the N.Z. basketball team.

MOLLY CAREY, **JOAN HOWIE**, **LOIS STANTON**, **HILDA THOMSON**, and **VALERIE WYATT**, who have been chosen for the Auckland rep. basketball trials.

TED COLLINS on his sterling run in the Pakuranga road race, where he was placed second in the handicap event.

"SCOTTY" WATSON, on his selection for the Auckland rep. hockey side which plays the country reps. on Saturday.

MURRAY SPEIGHT and **W. S. COWPERTHWAIT**, for being picked to play for the Auckland junior reps.

DON MARTIN, for a sterling display for the Auckland reps. against Waikato which should insure his place in the side for the rest of the season.

Also to **BERGHAN** (Otago University first five-eighth) and **WILLIAMS** (Canterbury College breakaway), who are going to Australia with the All Blacks.

HARRIER CLUB

EARLY RUNS REVIEWED

The season, having opened two months ago, is certainly producing some very promising novices and keen competition is anticipated for the selection of A.U.C. representatives for the Inter-Varsity cross-country race this September at Dunedin. Reviewing club runs and inter-club races there is to be seen much evidence indicating one of A.U.C.'s most successful seasons in Harrier Racing.

Combined club runs at Birkenhead, though held the first Saturday in the vacation, was supported by a good muster of our members who split, as did the other clubs, into four packs, E. Stephenson leading the fast and supported ably by E. Collins, A. Ball and W. de Lisle. Les. Barker ran well in the racing pack lead by Jimmy Neal. Other pack members giving impression were W. Stephenson, L. Tweedie and W. Lang. One of the best courses of the season was from Victoria Ave. terminus over Orakei and Meadowbank districts giving the boys great variation in types of "going," including heavy rank grass, road work and rough hill-climbing, not to forget a half of mile of railway scoria. The fast pack men running well were E. Stephenson, Barker and Tweedie (they always go well), while Nev. Stephenson, Lang and Nelson, a promising novice, ran with much impression in the medium pack. Bob Kay, an old rep., leads the plodders and keep up the spirits of the "stitchy" ones. Our vice-president, Mr. Ball, provided us with ideal harrier changing quarters, and Mrs. Ball won the hearts of all after the run held from their residence. The course followed was about seven and a half miles including much rough and bitumen road trails over the latter half. The releasing of the packs on this occasion was luckily timed, resulting in representatives of each pack arriving "home" together. Les Barker, E. R. Collins and Tweedie, figuring in the fast pack, with C. L. Green, A. Ball and T. Nelson not lagging too far behind. Bill Harden, our energetic secretary, is an extremely consistent runner and can always be counted on as being to the fore. I. Smith, N. Mackenzie, E. Butcher and W. Brunt are new members who ought to do well as the season progresses.

The first competitive race for Auckland clubs, the Takapuna Road Race around Lake Pupuke, saw the club represented by G. Tyson, who ran well to finish in fourteenth place, C. L. Green, B. R. Harden, W. de Lisle and I. Smith. On the whole the showing was poor probably due to the shortness of the course, namely three and a half miles. For members not competing a club run was held from Mission Bay and was treated more as a training run over country work rather than a race.

SENIORS' FIRST WIN
V.U.C. Beaten in Open Game

Another chapter was written in the history of University Rugby when for the first time a College team played V.U.C. on what is in a sense its own ground. The fact that the match in spite of the poor standing of the Seniors this year, and also of the adverse weather conditions, drew quite a large crowd, indicates what a source of revenue the football club may be in years to come. As regards the match itself, it left little to be desired, and the spectators must have left the ground well satisfied.

Both sets of backs rose superior to the atrocious weather conditions and their handling of the slippery ball was remarkable. The match was won for Auckland in the three-quarter line, where Martin's brilliance in particular, proved the deciding factor in the game. Hayman, on the wing, also gave a splendid exhibition—easily his best this season—and Kirkland, who had relatively few chances, did all that was required of him. The five-eighths played soundly; perhaps Hamilton kicked too much in the second half, but with the ball becoming more slippery all the time he cannot be blamed. Paterson, at full-back, did not have much to do.

The forwards were outplayed in the tight—beaten for possession in the line-outs and well out-hooked in the scrums. But they were definitely superior in the loose, which suited Laurie Drake well, and he played a really splendid game, leading many fine dribbling rushes and doing his share in the tight. Lange put in his usual solid afternoon's work, while Foreman and Morgan also played well.

Two of the stars for V.V.C. were old Auckland players. Bob Thomas in the forwards gave the fiery display to which we have become accustomed, and gave a great exhibition of hooking into the bargain. Hec. McVeagh, at full-back, played a very fine game, his handling being flawless and his kicking long and accurate. Other Victorians to impress were the inside backs, especially Larkin, the first five-eighths. Bryers, who played outside him was very sound, and Papps, the half-back, emerged from a gruelling afternoon's work with flying colours. Forwards to show up were Meads, Blacker and Russell.

Mention should be made of the high standard of goal kicking. Of nine attempts, eight were successful, this with a heavy, greasy ball. Greig's last conversion was a beauty.

It must not be forgotten that V.V.C. had only about half of their regular team. Their star back, Wild, a five-eighth, was away, as were both the wings, the full-back, and McNicol, Hansen and Eade in the forwards. This takes much of the shine off the Seniors' first win this season.

THE RUN OF THE PLAY

After five minutes hard play Auckland hooked from the scrum in their own half. The ball came to Martin, who swerved beautifully past Palmer and drew McVeagh to give Hayman a clear run in. Martin converted, putting Auckland 5-0 ahead.

Auckland continued to attack, Foreman nearly going over from a dribbling rush. Wilson cut through to half-way with a good run and when, a minute later, Cooney was caught in possession, he intercepted Cooney's inside pass and transferred to Thomas, who scored under the posts. Larkin converted, making the score 5-5.

From a ruck Hodge broke away and passed to Hayman who fooled the opposition with a very tricky infield run before sending Drake over. Martin converted. A minute later Larkin put over an easy penalty to leave Auckland leading, 10-8.

Martin made another beautiful opening, but Russell saved with a splendid tackle. From a scrum fifteen yards out, Edwards worked the blind and Hayman, running strongly, evaded three poor tackles to score. Martin again converted. Play see-sawed for the rest of the spell, and half-time came with the score:

Auckland	..	..	..	..	15
Victoria	..	..	..	..	8

Immediately after resuming Martin beat the centre and wing beautifully to give Kirkland an easy try. Martin kicked his fourth conversion. A few minutes later Larkin retaliated with

another penalty, making the score: Auckland 20, Victoria 11.

The Auckland forwards were now working better and giving their backs more of the ball, but the slippery ground was making play rather scrappy with occasional bright movements. Towards the closing stages, V.U.C. attacked strongly, and their efforts were rewarded when Larkin cut his way through the forwards to score well out. Greig's kick was the best of the day, and made the final score:

Auckland	..	..	..	..	20
Victoria	..	..	..	..	16

The referee was Mr. A. A. Lucas.

After the match there was a very pleasing ceremony in the ping-pong room which took the form of a re-union of old V.U.C. students. Speeches by Prof. Bartrum, Mr. Lucas and Mr. J. Parker, the V.U.C. coach, struck just the right note. Mr. Stace was seen in an unaccustomed role pouring beer into glasses.

A.R.U. MATCHES

With relegation certain the Seniors went down with flying colours against Ponsonby, forcing the championship leaders to go right out to snatch a decision which might easily have gone the other way. In their first second division match they did not have to be impressive and were not to defeat a weakened Takapuna fifteen 15-3. It looks as if the second division is not going to be as easy as was expected.

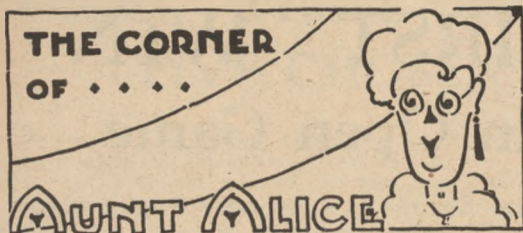
The Colts have slipped rather badly. Grammar beat them decisively at Eden Park in the curtain-raiser to the Auckland-Waikato match, and now they have gone down again to Grafton, and seem definitely out of the running. The same is true of 2A, who were beaten 9-3 by the A.M.C., but improved to draw 13 all with Technical. The Third Opens had a great struggle with Marist, being perhaps unfortunate in being beaten 8-6.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

The Victoria College team which has played second division in Wellington for a number of years was very nearly promoted this year, being defeated 5-3 in the deciding match. They are coached by J. Parker, well-known All Black forward of a few years ago, and have a good record this season. They have not yet played Massey College.

Canterbury College after finishing very near the top of the A competition last year, are well down this season, and it was rather a surprise to hear that they had drawn with Otago in the annual match which this year was played at Christchurch. The score was there all. From Otago we have the following interesting item:

History was made to-day when in a first grade Rugby match between Otago University A and B teams played, the B's won by 11-8, thus putting on record the first loss ever suffered by the A's at the hand of the B's. It was a very even game, the wet ground and slippery ball making handling difficult. The B forwards put up an excellent showing, and at least shared the honours of the game. The B backs however had H. F. ("Hatch") Fookes, former Otago provincial and University representative who retired at the end of 1936, but is playing for the B's again this season. As centre he displayed his former brilliance on attack and his tackling was very sound. He did not appear to be properly fit but he dominated the game as one player can and scored two brilliant tries. The B's scored inside the first minute, lost their lead at 6-8, and then went ahead again 11-8 a few minutes from time. There was nothing lucky about the win, although the A backs did not play impressive football.



Dear Aunt Alice,

On your page in the last issue of Craccum Samuel P. complained that the Field Club Camp at Hunua was socially dead.

If Samuel P. is looking for a really sociable crowd he should join the S.C.M., for I understand that a special feature of their vacation camp at Hunua was the elopement, for one whole night, into the bush behind the camp, of the Secretary and one of his ladies. They called it getting lost, but when you know the participants, well—

I have no doubt that the rest of the members will follow in their footsteps, so if Samuel P. joins the S.C.M., he should be assured of a sociable time.

Yours faithfully,

OLD THOR.

Reply: Thanks for giving me a hand-out, Thor. Co-operation of this kind is all too infrequent, and I have no doubt that Samuel P. will benefit accordingly.

AUNT ALICE.

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Dear Aunt Alice,

A hard-working official of a prominent A.U.C. institution, it devolved upon me to arrange for an excursion to the Brewery. I posted a notice to that effect, explaining that only a limited number of people could go, and was immediately deluged with applications for places. "Deluged," though, is hardly the word. They buttonhole me in the corridors, write me letters, ring me up in the middle of the night, so that I hardly have time to eat, let alone attend lectures. While this sudden access to popularity has its compensations—I get lifts all over Auckland, and have been shouted seventeen beers and a milk shake to date—it really isn't worth it, and I am writing to find how I can get out of the whole affair and settle all the disputes at the same time.

F. CULFORD COLLINS.

Reply: After much anxious cogitation I think I have found a solution which should satisfy both you and the members of your society. Hire the College Hall and put the places up for auction. This, admittedly, favours the capitalists, but seems to me as equitable a method as could be devised. And just think of the money! You could perhaps build a gymnasium with it, or a swimming bath, or at least turn on a super coffee evening. If you do, I'll be there.

AUNT ALICE.

Dear Aunt Alice,

I recently heard of a scheme which is in operation at several American Universities and which I thought might be introduced with advantage here, but before doing so I would like to know what you think of the whole idea. In brief it is a means whereby students can insure themselves against examination failures. For a premium ranging from, say, 1/6 for honours students, to 2/- for freshers and 2/6 for training college students, the company, which we might call "Students' Protective Insurance Company," will guarantee an undergraduate's complete scholastic career. If he fails to pass an exam. the company pays his re-examination fees, and for an extra premium could probably arrange for financial compensation for the shock to his nervous system. I was greatly impressed with the potentialities of this scheme, and if you, out of your mature experience, can add your approval, I hope to proceed with it.

W. WORTHINGTON WENTWHISTLE.

Reply: This is something for which we have been waiting a long time and to which I certainly lend my enthusiastic support. I am not quite sure how you would start it. Perhaps one of the big insurance companies would lend you their support, but somehow I doubt it. However, once you do get going the rest should be easy and many obvious extensions immediately suggest themselves. For instance, freshers could take out endowment policies to enable them to celebrate suitably when (if ever) they get their finals. Again I visualise the company following the policy of regular companies who, as is well known, publish pamphlets on disease, by issuing to policy-holders a list of hot tips for examinations in an effort to cut down what we might term academic mortality. I think, Worthington, that if you succeed as you ought, College life will be bigger and better in every respect.

AUNT ALICE.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 29th.—Interfaculty Football: Science A. v. Science B.; Engineers-Architects v. Arts.

Friday, July 1st.—Hockey teams leave for Dunedin.

Saturday, July 2nd.—Harriers—Onehunga Road Race.

Wednesday, July 6th.—Interfaculty Football: Engineers-Architects v. Science A.; Arts v. Science B.

Saturday, July 8th.—N.Z.U. Hockey Team v. Indians.

ANOTHER ROMANCE

The engagement has been announced of Dr. Norman L. Edson to Miss Suzanne Moor. Miss Moor is a 2nd year Medical Student and did her Intermediate in Auckland, 1936-37. Dr. Edson is Senior Lecturer and Lecturer in Biochemistry Department of Physiology, Otago University Medical School.

SOCCER CLUB PROGRESS

The newly-formed Varsity Soccer Club, after a hard time earlier in trying to get together a full team, have at last found their feet, and from now on should do fairly well in the competition. With two wins against Y.M.C.A. and a draw against Onehunga under their belts so far, there is strong enthusiasm evident among the players.

The club has been fortunate in securing the services, as coach, of Mr. Cable, a member of the A.F.A. Control Board, and an ex-player of a first division Irish Club. The club looks forward to this and future seasons with every confidence, and there is no reason why the Soccer Club should not be, within a few years, one of the strongest sports bodies in the College.

WRITE FOR KIWI

YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

This year's Great Success is to be KIWI.

In case your minds are too much fixed on Higher Things, you are reminded that this annual College Magazine comes out this Term, therefore all entries must be in soon, therefore get to work now, put some of those elevated thoughts of yours upon a fragment of papyrus, and send in your priceless effort to the Editor, that your name may be preserved "inter viros claros et honoratos."

At the last Publications meeting, it was unanimously decided that something was to be done about Kiwi, so the old bird (metaphorically speaking, of course), was stood in the limelight, and prodded and plucked in every direction. After a long and most enthusiastic discussion, the committee decided to return to, and adopt, the first suggestion of the evening—i.e., that the prizes for the best entries be awarded differently this year. Instead of giving two small separate prizes for the best serious and humorous poems, and the same for the best serious and humorous prose masterpieces, it was agreed to lump it all together, and award £1 to the best literary efforts (whatever the subject matter) in each of the two classes, poetry and prose. It is hoped that there will be some articles of a political nature, while humorous work (intentional or otherwise) would be most welcome, though by the closing day, the Editor will probably be willing to welcome anything at all, provided it is (a) legible, (b) intelligible, and (c) a classic in its own sphere of literature. In addition, it has been agreed to donate the sum of £1 to the greatest triumph of art which is sent in—so pull up your socks, you artistic geniuses, and see what you can do!

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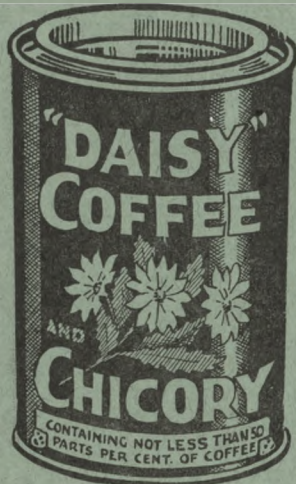
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