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“ To day we will harangue
The fresh arrivals of the week before,
For they press in from all the provinces
And fill the hive.”

—Tennyson—“ *The Princess*.”

IF ever there was a time when it was doubted whether a University College in Wellington would be a necessity—and we venture to think that doubts were once entertained in some quarters—the voices of those who would in the past have poured cold water on the plan of establishing the Victoria College will not now be heard to give utterance to any dismal forebodings. It is only a year since the College entered into occupation of its new building, and already it has been found that the existing class-room

accommodation is entirely inadequate, both as to size and number of rooms. The Registrar's report to the Government for the present year shews that 382 students are now attending lectures, and points out in a very distinct manner the necessity for further accommodation.

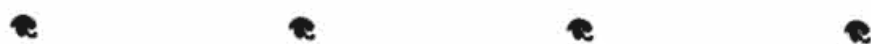
We are pleased to note that the report contains a reference to the question of building the College Hall, and there can be no excuse for the Government if it fails to recognise the necessity for that work, since there is one member of the Cabinet who must be aware of it in his official capacity as former Chairman, and still member, of the College Council, and who can, if he will, use his influence in its favour. The expense of additional buildings may be heavy, and other objects may seem to have as good a claim upon the generosity of the Government, but we doubt whether capital could be better expended than in the encouragement of an institution upon which must partly depend, not only the character of the leading men of the time to come, but also the place which New Zealand is to take in the world's competition. There is little doubt that, as time goes on, the number of New Zealand University men who will take a prominent part in the affairs of the Colony must continually increase.

Nor is there only the fact that many are entering the College each year from a desire for self-improvement, but there is also the evidence of results. The examination successes for 1906 exceed those for any previous year in quality as well as in number. The reproach that there is little desire to reach the Honours standard, and a natural tendency to be content with the mediocrity of the B.A. degree, has been removed by the consistent work of no less than thirteen successful candidates for honours. Each of those who graduated as M.A. has taken that course immediately after completing the B.A. The comparative statement which we print in another column is published, not in any spirit of self-satisfaction, but merely to prove that Victoria College has fully justified the confidence in her future shown by the Government when it provided the present buildings.

For one thing done since last year the Council specially deserves the hearty thanks of all students—the provision of a library worthy of the College. The beneficial effects of the expenditure are not least felt by the law students, who are now able to read, within the College building, the cases which must be examined if a subject is to be properly grasped. But if, in the face of such generosity, a suggestion may not appear impertinent, we think that the text-book portion of the third section work might be more fully provided for. Liberal provision has been made for students taking the first and second sections, but we hope ere long to see a better supply of modern text-books dealing with the chief special branches of practical law, as well as a considerable number of works containing the leading cases in each of those branches.



We publish in another column a short report upon the progress of the collection of subscriptions to the Gymnasium Fund. We hope that the result of the keen struggle for the Athletic Championship at Auckland will induce students to support the movement, both by word and deed. Moreover, no educational institution can do justice to itself in scholarship unless it is provided with the means of developing the body as well as, and along with, the mind.



We cannot help feeling some regret at the proceedings of the University Senate with regard to the petition to the Privy Council for a Charter authorising the New Zealand University to confer several new degrees. The petition had doubtless not received the prompt consideration to which it was entitled, but the delay did not in itself justify the assumption that any slight was intended. That the petition, together with the consideration of the general question of Colonial degrees, should have been referred to the Oxford and Cambridge Universities for report, and that particulars as to the proposed standard of examination should be asked for, might naturally have been expected, unless the matter was to be regarded as a mere formality. If it was only a formality, why was a Royal Charter sought at all?

Either it was unnecessary to ask for the Charter, or else, if the Charter had a value, an opportunity of obtaining it was thrown away by what appears to us, with all respect, to have been an impetuous indignation. To be afforded official recognition in the United Kingdom must, we venture to say, add to the value of the degrees, and we submit that the interests of the future graduates in that respect ought not lightly to have been imperilled by alienating those towards whom a cordial friendship is the proper attitude.



The question of wearing gowns at lectures, which was brought forward at the Annual Meeting of the Students' Association, is a comparatively new one at Victoria College. The meeting, before which it was brought for the first time in concrete form, decided adversely to the proposal, but we think the verdict would have been different if the idea had not been so unfamiliar to students. The general public of Wellington do not sufficiently appreciate the fact that Victoria College is of University standing, and often regard it as an institution never entered or thought of except by those who wish to fit themselves for "making a living." They forget that its benefits are also shared by those who have another object in view, the acquisition of learning for its own sake. There are two proposals which, if carried out, would have the effect of elevating the College in popular opinion: first, the changing of its name to "Victoria University College" (which could be done whenever any Bill to amend the Act of 1905 is before Parliament), and secondly, the establishment of a distinction by the wearing of the appropriate academic costume. The only possible objection is on the ground of expense, for surely none, even our lady students, will imagine that the style of the costume, though simple, is other than most becoming.



We regret that at the end of this term Professor Salmond will be taking his leave of Victoria College, and we can only say that what will be our great loss will be the Government's gain. Those who have worked under him during his short

connection with the College have been able to see new lights in the highways and byways of the law, and have come into contact with methods of study which we fancy will serve as their models for the future. Only those who have attended his lectures can fully realise what the loss of him means to the College.

At the same time we have to offer our congratulations upon his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Law to one who has been among us from the earliest days of the College. For some years Professor Maclaurin has been using only one portion of his resources of learning, and now he will have an opportunity of using his special knowledge of Law, in which he has excelled even more than in Mathematics.

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EXPECTS

to improve himself by attending College, but some are apt to forget, in their feverish anxiety to secure the addition of certain magic letters after their names,

THAT

they owe a duty to their fellow-students as well as to themselves. A University course is intended to INSTRUCT as well as EDUCATE.

EVERY STUDENT

should realise his responsibilities in this connection. If he claims to be a "superior" person, then let him be unselfish and help others to become polish like himself by associating with them; if he feels himself inferior to his fellows he

WILL

obviously profit by rubbing shoulders with those around him. The Students' Association exists for the purpose of promoting the welfare of students. Students, therefore, will

DO

well to take advantage of such opportunities for the promotion of social intercourse and good fellowship, as will be afforded them on the 27th and 28th June by the RE-UNION of past and present graduates and undergraduates in honour of those whose hard-earned Diplomas will be presented to them on Capping Day. The Chancellor will doubtless have

HIS

little (?) say on the Friday afternoon, but the evening will be ours. Let it be clearly understood that in addition to the usual entertainment, carnival, concert—call it what you will—there is a FREE SUPPER for students only which it is the

DUTY

of all to attend. If YOU have not been to a previous one, come this time. If you HAVE been before—well, we shall expect you again!

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Sixth Inter-University-College Tournament.

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HELD AT AUCKLAND, EASTER, 1907.

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“Non cuivis homini contingit adire Corinthum.”

—*Horace.*

FOR the second year Auckland has been the scene of the great event of the College year, and once more she has put in a strong claim to be regarded as the ideal centre for the meeting. The happy remembrances in the minds of those who visited Auckland in 1903 inspired high hopes in the breasts of this year's team, and if any expectations were not fully realised, they must have been high indeed. Apart from the good time enjoyed by all, Victoria College has every reason to feel proud of the success of her 1907 team—the Joynt Debating Scroll and the Tennis Cup returning to Kelburne, while the Athletic Shield only just escaped a like destination. The Relay Race trophy and the Ladies' Cup, held by the winner of most points in the Athletic Championships, would, with the Scroll and the Tennis Cup, adorn her entrance hall, but for the fact that the Council regard the dignity of athletic trophies as deserving nothing less than elevation to the students' common

room. Two Hockey matches also go to swell the list of her triumphs. One of the most pleasing features of the gathering from our point of view, was the whole-hearted way in which our representatives in the various contests were supported by their comrades—as instance the number present at Devonport on the second morning. In the hour of success we must not forget the future, and the existence of this spirit in our ranks is very cheering. Long may it continue to flourish, for while such a spirit of enthusiasm and energy remains, its strength will alike enable Victoria College to achieve further successes and aid her in bearing without disappointment those failures which may be brought upon her by the merits of her rivals.

VICTORIA COLLEGE TEAMS.

“From the four corners of the earth they come.”

—*Merchant of Venice.*

For inclusion in most of the events competition this year was keener than ever before: trial challenges being run off until some three days before departure for Auckland. In one or two events very few seek the honour of representation, with the inevitable result that we do not present a strong all-round combination.

The Teams were as follows.—

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

100 yards	..	..	F. W. B. Goodbehere	A. T. Duncan
220	..	..	F. W. B. Goodbehere	A. T. Duncan
440	..	..	F. W. B. Goodbehere	M. H. Oram
880	..	..	M. H. Oram	W. Tudhope
120 Hurdles	..	..	T. N. Holmden	G. V. Bogle
440	..	..	G. V. Bogle	T. N. Holmden
Mile Flat	..	..	H. T. Thompson	J. W. A. Heenan
3 Mile Flat	..	..	H. T. Thompson	J. L. Short
Mile Walk	..	..	J. M. Hogben	—
High Jump	..	..	A. H. Bogle	G. V. Bogle
Long Jump	..	..	F. W. B. Goodbehere	G. V. Bogle
Putting Shot	..	..	A. J. Luke	—
Throwing Hammer	..	..	A. J. Luke	---

TENNIS.

Ladies' Singles	Misses J. Scott, Cox and McKellar
Ladies' Doubles	Misses J. Scott and Cox
	Misses F. Scott and McKellar
	Misses McIntosh and Cooke
Men's Singles	G. S. Prouse and G. V. Bogle
Men's Doubles	G. S. Prouse and G. V. Bogle
	D. S. Smith and A. H. Bogle
Combined Doubles ..	G. S. Prouse and Miss J. Scott
	G. V. Bogle and Miss Cox

DEBATING.

H. F. O'Leary and B. E. Murphy (elected by Debating Society)

G. F. Dixon was again appointed Manager of the Team.

THE JOURNEY TO AUCKLAND.

Otago and Canterbury representatives were met at the wharf and driven to the Manawatu Station, where some thirty-seven of our own folk were already busy securing seats and arranging themselves in congenial groups for the long journey. The weather was bad and continued so all day, but the time passed merrily enough, the indefatigable Dixon's periodic distribution of good things being a very agreeable feature of the proceedings. New Plymouth reached, we were soon on board the Rotoiti. The sea trip was feelingly described by one student as a "slice of eternity." At Onehunga were several old Auckland friends, who soon despatched the visitors to the homes of their respective hosts. No functions had been arranged for the afternoon—for which most of the amateur mariners were sincerely thankful.

"This tempest will not give me leave to ponder
On things would hurt me more."

—*King Lear*.

THE MAYORAL RECEPTION.

"Did he receive you well? Most like a gentleman."

—*Hamlet*.

Saturday morning opened with a slight breeze and a clear sky, and by 9 o'clock the majority of the Southern delegates were present at the City Council Chambers, where His Worship the Mayor of Auckland officially welcomed the visitors. His Worship's remarks showed a hearty appreciation of the true aim of the Tournament in fostering a vigorous University spirit

among the students of the various Colleges, and at the conclusion of a happy little speech he was vigorously applauded.

Professor Segar also said a few words on behalf of the Auckland Professorial Board, and was succeeded by Dixon as representative of the three Southern Colleges. Their sentiments were voiced in his usual lucid manner, and feeling reference was also made to the sad death of Trevor Hull—who was to have represented Auckland.

When Ziman of Auckland had thanked the Mayor and extended a word of welcome from the Auckland Students, some mutual cheering was indulged in and the gathering dispersed—to meet again at Devonport, where the tennis matches commenced at 10 a.m.

TENNIS.

The five grass courts at our disposal were found to be rather heavy during the earlier games, but considerably improved during the day. It was early seen that Otago with Friedlander and Gower under her banner would keenly test our mettle, while Auckland was also strongly represented by Oliphant and Wyman. Of the ladies our most dangerous opponents seemed the Misses Ward and Newman of Otago, while Miss Taylor of Auckland and Miss Grace of Canterbury seemed likely to prove formidable adversaries. The singles, Prouse v. Gower, Bogle v. Oliphant, and Miss Scott v. Miss Taylor, were the keenest contests in the earlier part of Saturday, but everything preceding was a mere curtain-raiser compared with the last match of the afternoon, Prouse and Bogle v. Friedlander and Gower. All four men were playing right on the top of their game, and such an even exhibition of smashing, volleying, hard driving, and cunning placing is seldom seen in College matches, working the spectators up to a fine state of excitement. With one set each, and the score 2 all in the third, it was apparent that a close finish was in store, and the V.C. supporters, unable to bear the strain alone, began to congregate at one end of the lawn. The games mounted evenly, and during several long rallies one could have heard a crowbar drop : until a relieved sigh all round marked a deciding point. Three times we were within a point of losing, and three times the Southerners failed to complete.

At last Prouse finished the matter with a fine sideline shot, amidst the wild enthusiam of the green and gold "barrackers."

The first final was played off on Tuesday by Bogle and Prouse against Oliphant and Wyman. The Auckland pair got even at 1 set all, but in the deciding set our men settled down to work and ran out fairly easy winners by 6—0. Prouse and Miss Scott were too steady for Wyman and Miss Taylor, while Bogle and Miss Cox also won from Friedlander and Miss Newman, leaving the combined Championship in our hands. Bogle had to catch an early boat, and the final has since been decided in Wellington, victory falling to Prouse and Miss Scott. The final of the Ladies' Doubles was a contest between steady accurate play and erratic individual brilliancy. Misses Scott and Cox were too much for Misses Ward and Newman, O.U., and vigorous cheers proclaimed another championship for Wellington. Prouse's final with Friedlander was a much tamer affair than was expected after the Otago man's fine showing in the Doubles, Victoria College again annexing the bronze medal by 6—2, 6—3. The last match of the day was the final of the Ladies' Singles between Miss Scott and Miss Grace, of Canterbury. The latter lady was very steady, but lacked the winning shots and placing ability of Miss Scott, who added yet another leaf to our laurel crown by 9—4. The winner had come through a long hard day without a loss, and was deservedly applauded on conclusion of the contest. Such a result, 5 championships, had only seemed possible in the happy dreams of the ultra-enthusiastic, and due allowance was no doubt made by the other Colleges for the uniform expression of "We are the boys" depicted on every Wellington countenance.

The following table shows the results :—

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Ladies' Singles	..	Miss J. Scott, V.C.
Ladies' Doubles	..	Misses M. Cox and J. Scott, V.C.
Men's Singles	..	G. S. Prouse, V.C.
Men's Doubles	..	G. V. Bogle and G. S. Prouse, V.C.
Combined Doubles	..	Miss J. Scott and G. S. Prouse, V.C.

" So, call the field to rest, and let's away,
To part the glories of this happy day."

—Julius Caesar.

HARBOUR PICNIC.

“ Put on your boldest suit of mirth,
For we have friends that purpose merriment.”

—*Merchant of Venice.*

On conclusion of Saturday's tennis matches all hands boarded the P.S. “Eagle” and were soon en route for Motutapu Island, which was reached without incident. Then the fun began. A huge bonfire on the beach lit the scene, and incidentally boiled the billies for tea. That business over, several couples showed a decided tendency to stray, but whether in search of scenery or solitude who shall say? When one of Salamanca's sons failed to appear in reponse to an insistent demand to come and lead a stave, there was no lack of theories advanced on the matter. In justice to the delinquent we must admit that he did appear—in due course. Performers from each College in turn mounted an improvised stage in front of a local whare, and did their best with song and story, Victoria College supplementing their efforts with a fearsome haka in the firelight. The playing of four searchlights considerably enlivened the return journey, though some on board are reported to have been unaware of it.

VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

On Sunday afternoon the Southerners were the guests of the principal of St. John's Theological College, beautifully situated in its own grounds at Tamaki. After a walk through the “Glen” afternoon tea was served in the main building. Divine service was afterwards held in the small chapel built in the time of Bishop Selwyn and connected with the memory of the pioneers of the English Church in New Zealand.

ATHLETICS.

“Speed then, to take advantage of the field.”

—*King John.*

Athletics championships were decided on Monday on the Domain Cricket ground under splendid weather conditions. Some fine performances were registered and one new record established. Victoria College showed to much greater advantage

than on former occasions, but with 12 points were unable to beat Otago, last year's champions, who won again by a margin of 2 points. This should not be the case when we consider that one man alone brought us 7 points. In some events, such as the High Jump and Walk, our men were not sufficiently trained. As it is, several events go each year to the other Colleges practically uncontested by Victoria College. Gilray's jump of 21' 11" was a splendid effort and will probably stand for some time as the best performance. Holmden exceeded all expectations by cutting out the 120 yds. hurdles in 17 1-5 secs. : a very fine run. Dunlop, A.U.C., and Harrison, O.U., were the only men finally concerned in the long distance events. Dunlop won the Mile in fine style, but Harrison's sturdy physique enabled him to turn the tables in the 3 Mile. H. T. Thompson, upon whom we had relied for points in the long distance runs, was unfortunately too unwell to compete, and the misfortune fell upon the College as well as upon him. Goodbehere easily held all the other sprinters from gun-fire to tape, and won the Ladies' cup for the competitor scoring most points. The Trevor Hull Memorial Shield, presented by Mr. Francis Hull, to be held every year by the winner of the High Jump, was won by Brookfield of Auckland with a leap of 5' 4½". It was rumoured that he intended making an attempt on Cook's record of 5' 6¼", but the fact that he was to run in the next race probably accounted for his failure to do so. De la Mare's extensive local knowledge, which invariably enables him to pick a winning partner in the Needle race in Wellington, availed him nought in Auckland, Beere and Miss Grace being the lucky pair. In the last lap of the Relay Race, Ryder, C.C, led till within 50 yards of the tape, when Goodbehere cut him down and landed the cup by 4 yards. Duncan made a fine run in this race, and gives promise of being a worthy representative of the College at future Tournaments.

The Official Results are given on page 25.

LADIES' HOCKEY MATCH.

"Fair maid, is't thou wilt do these wondrous feats?"

—*Henry VI.*

During the luncheon adjournment the ladies' hockey match between Auckland and Victoria College took place. Two of our

crack backs were forbidden to enter the arena, on account of tennis finals on the morrow, but Otago ably supplied the deficiency. Much good work was applauded by a large and somewhat partisan crowd of spectators. A very even go resulted in a win for Victoria College by 3 goals to 2, scored by Misses Johnson, McIntosh and Scott, Miss W. F. Scott scoring twice for Auckland. Miss McKellar's defence was very sound, and the whole forward line keen and vigorous. The victory was undoubtedly due to better combined play in this division than was shown by Auckland—individually there was little to choose. Beere made an efficient referee and did not hinder the game more than was absolutely necessary. In fact, his equitable distribution of free hits and corners was a revelation in the art of successfully controlling a ladies' match—experience will tell.

DEBATING CONTEST.

“Speak sweetly, man, although thy looks be sour.”

—*Richard II.*

“Give every man thine ear but few thy voice.”

—*Hamlet.*

For the second time the Joynt Debating Scroll has come to Victoria College, and she should be all the more proud of the honour because it has been won by two speakers different from those who represented her last year.

Professor Jarman opened the proceedings by firmly deprecating any pretensions to the facial beauty ascribed to him by an Otago wag, and briefly outlined the programme. The debate was upon the motion “That the growing activity of Eastern nations constitutes a serious menace to Western civilization.” In the absence of the usual written notes of the Judges, we deem it proper to attempt for the information of our readers a criticism of the debate as it appeared to us.

Lomas opened for Otago in support of the motion, but did not appear to have taken full advantage of the fact that his was an opening speech. His remarks did not form a connected chain of argument, but seemed to be each directed towards the motion from a different standpoint, though each was well aimed

and took due effect. His enunciation lacked that judicious placing of emphasis which makes the task of the listener an easy one.

O'Leary, who opened for Victoria College, was in his best form, and showed not only the oratorical power which obtained for him the Plunket Medal, but also an excellent reasoning faculty. He dealt with the matter from the standpoints of the military danger, the commercial competition, and the social menace. When he resumed his seat the prospects for Victoria College looked very hopeful.

Shaw, of Otago, made a favourable impression with his prepared matter, but shewed a tendency, as soon as he left the beaten track, to direct his arguments rather towards his opponents than towards the motion. His style was too heavy to be attractive to his audience.

Murphy then replied for Victoria College. He was as keen and incisive as ever, and gave an excellent display of the process of tearing his opponents' arguments to pieces. His speech was probably the most telling of the evening, and he did not materially damage his case by his candid admission of Mr. Shaw's contention that "East is East, and West is West."

The same question was then debated by Canterbury and Auckland. Monro made a good speech, and we think gained a great deal by the moderation which he displayed, both in admitting the force of the opposite view, and in not over-estimating that of his own. But unfortunately for himself he happened to make use of Kipling's already familiar aphorism, an old friend which, to Monro's apparent perplexity, was vigorously applauded.

Hampson, of Auckland, was unfortunately not well heard at the back of the hall. His speech was attractive and seemed to be methodically arranged, his division of the subject being similar to O'Leary's.

Shanahan, who seconded for Canterbury, was also not well heard. He was too slow and hesitant to attract the interest of his audience, and his difficulties with the word *menace* must have greatly embarrassed him.

Moore, the last speaker, had the hardest task of all. He had a tired audience, which had heard most of the possible arguments on the subject, and though he made a speech of which sound argument and clear arrangement were the leading features, he was very little appreciated.

The judges retired to consider their verdict. On their return it was announced that they had placed Victoria College first and Auckland University College second, but they declined to yield to the importunities of a large majority of the audience, which vehemently demanded some comment on the debate.

Various impromptu items were rendered by the audience during the retirement of the judges.

MEN'S HOCKEY MATCH.

“ Let's set our men in order, and issue forth,
And bid them battle straight.” —*Henry VI.*

This gallant struggle was to have taken place at 2.30 p.m. in a field adjoining tennis courts. By that hour the “green” stalwarts were ready and displaying their agility in every direction. Some even did their futile best to move a ball about on the “field,” but it had so obviously been set aside for hay, and showed such promise of a good yield withal, that those whose agricultural instincts were not totally merged in the excitement of the moment respected the owner's evident intentions, and the sanctity of his property, by refraining from trespass. About 3.30 p.m. some of the Aucklanders appeared, by 4 p.m. Beere and their skipper had arranged for the game to proceed on an adjacent cricket ground, and by 4.30 p.m. posts were erected and the ground marked out sufficiently to make a start—in fact quite an air of bustle pervaded the whole proceedings. Victoria College ranks included several “patriarchs” some of whom are rumoured to have stripped for the last time. If this be so, then it was fitting that after so many stricken fields their hockey careers should at least be ended with success.

The game itself was not a high-class exhibition, as was only to be expected in a first match of the season. During the first spell the green forwards maintained a vigorous bombardment of the Auckland goal, but only two of the many artillerists

found the posts—de la Mare and Prouse. Auckland opened the second spell with a score, Webster being the recording angel, but thereafter a general tired feeling began to creep over the game, relieved towards whistle by Dixon, who “bashed” our third goal through the posts with great accuracy and manifest enthusiasm. Tinley and Speight were probably the best of our opponents, while of our own men the ubiquitous Frog was—just ubiquitous, and gave a fine all-round exhibition of centre-half-full-back-forward play.

THE UNIVERSITY BALL.

“God match me with a good dancer.”

—*Much Ado About Nothing.*

This last, but let no man say least, of the many delightful functions arranged by our Auckland hosts took place on Tuesday evening in the Royal Albert Hall. No thought of finals on the morrow disturbed the calm enjoyment of the passing hour; the troubles of victors and vanquished alike were forgotten when the band swung merrily into the first waltz. Music, floor, and decoration were alike perfect, but their magnificence paled as the waning moon at sunrise beside the brilliance of the dresses and the fair wearers thereof—particularly the latter. Numerous quiet nooks, very thoughtfully arranged by the Decorating Committee, were in great demand during the evening—in fact the aptitude shown by the Southern visitors in adapting themselves to strange surroundings was quite remarkable. Gaily the happy moments sped with twinkling feet, and all too soon the last strains of the music died slowly away, as though reluctant to mark the close of so festive and brilliant an occasion.

THE RETURN JOURNEY.

“Away, away, once more, sweet lords, farewell.”

—*Henry VI.*

3 p.m. on Wednesday was the hour of departure from Onehunga—a sad occasion. Our hosts and hostesses were on the wharf in flattering numbers, and certainly there was noise and seeming merriment enough; but underlying the quips and laughter ran a very definite feeling of regret that the fun was over as far as Auckland was concerned. It is wonderful what strong friendships can be struck-up in five days, especially when

one's heart is in the work. Otago covered themselves with satisfaction and soot by climbing the shrouds to deliver their farewell orations; Cheers, college songs, war-cries, and individual spasms of wit fairly rent the air as the Rotoiti slowly backed away, while the white cambric which fluttered from every coign of vantage would have sufficed to sail a ship. The trip to New Plymouth was excellent, an impromptu concert pleasantly passing the waking hours. Train journey down was considerably enlivened at Palmerston North by the firm determination of two Canterbury men not to be left behind. Sprinting gamely down the platform they threaded their way through the crowd in true "All-Black" style, and cleverly eluding the offensive embraces of two porters, who went "high" as usual, in the best V.C. tackling style, gained the train. A full muster enjoyed a short concert during the run from Porirua, "Auld Lang Syne" concluding as the lights of Wellington hove in sight. The Southerners were driven to the wharf and farewelled in hearty style—fine fellows and true sports every man, who will strenuously endeavour to recover in Dunedin some of the trophies lost in Auckland. If their efforts are crowned with success may we lose with as good grace as they have shown, but in the meantime, O men of Victoria College, see to it that your armour is kept bright, and your swords keen, against the fray.

"THE MANAGER."

To our well-tried manager's able and energetic performance of his duties both representatives and "barrackers" of all the Southern centres owe much of the comfort and pleasure enjoyed on the trip.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Athletic Championships (Easter Monday, April 2nd).

Event.	First (two points)	Second (one point)	Time (or distance)	Record.
100 Yds	A. T. Duncan, V.C.	10 4-5 sec.	10 2-5 sec.
220 "	F. R. Wilson, A.U.C.	24 2-5 sec.	23 3-5 sec.
440 "	A. W. P. Brookfield, A.U.C.	54 1-5 sec.	51 2-5 sec.
880 "	M. H. Oram, V.C.	2 min. 9 sec.	2 min. 3 1-5 sec.
120 " Hurdles	C. M. Gilray, O.U.	17 1-5 sec.	17 sec.*
440 " "	T. N. Holmden, V.C.	1 min. 2 3-5 sec.	62 2-5 sec.
Mile Flat	G. V. Bogle, V.C.	4 min. 42 3-5 sec.	4 min. 40 sec.
3-mile Flat	T. Harrison, O.U.	16 min. 6 2-5 sec.	15 min. 30 sec.
Long Jump	F. G. Dunlop, A.U.C.	21 ft. 11 in.	21 ft. 11 in.†
High Jump	F. W. B. Goodbehere, V.C.	5ft. 4 1-2 in.	5 ft. 6 1-4 in.
Mile Walk	W. Oliphant, A.U.C.	7 min 45 sec.	7 min. 15 sec.*
Putting 16lb. Weight	J. Oliphant, A.U.C.	32 ft. 4 in.	35 ft. 7 1-2 in.
Throwing 16-lb. Hammer	H. Hamilton, O.U.	79 ft. 6 1-2 in.	103ft. 3 in.
	..	P. L. Foote, O.U.		

The following is the order for the Championship Shield :

Otago University	...	...	14 points.
Victoria College	...	...	12 "
Auckland University College	...	...	9 "
Canterbury College	...	...	4 "

* Standard fixed—not broken. † New record established.

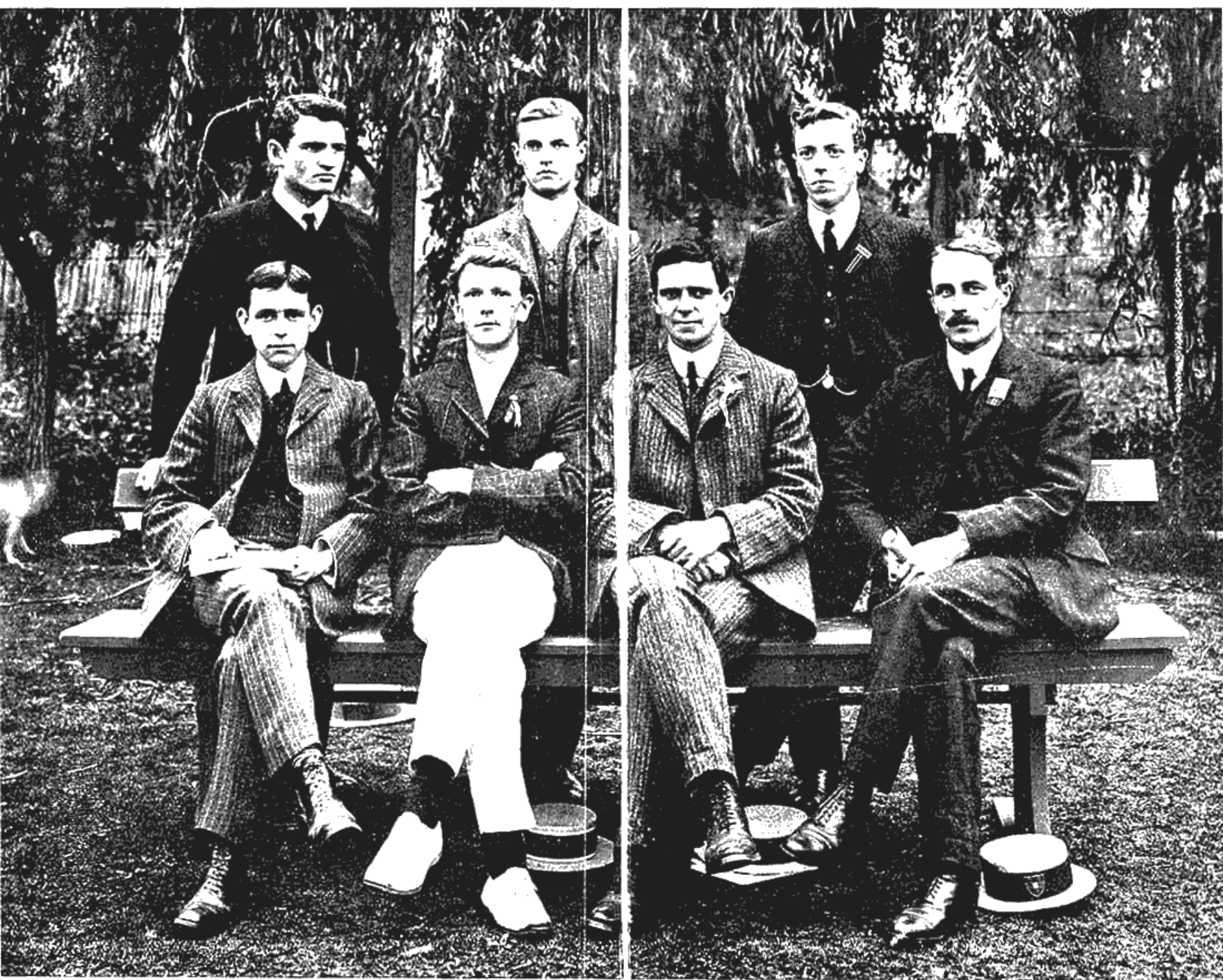
Our Illustrations.

THE illustrations contained in this number comprise portraits of Mr. J. W. Joynt, Registrar of the New Zealand University, the delegates of the College to the Easter Tournament Committee, the representatives of the college at the Tournament, and a group comprising representatives and "bar-rackers" taken at the Tennis Courts at Devonport.

Mr. Joynt is one of those who were closely connected with Victoria College in the days of its earliest youth, having lectured in German for two years before the arrival of Professor von Zedlitz. Born in Co. Wicklow, and educated at Kilkenny and Dublin, he entered Trinity College in 1873 at the head of the Classical Bursaries list. He continued at College until 1880, when a brilliant University career was for a time interrupted by ill health. Among the distinctions won while at Trinity College, the most noteworthy are a scholarship in 1875, a Studentship of £100 a year for seven years awarded upon first place of First Class in Classics and second place of First Class in Mental and Moral Science, a prize in the Fellowship Examination, and the M.A. degree "*stipendiis condonatis*." While at Trinity College Mr. Joynt was closely associated with the Historical and Philosophical Societies, in which he obtained gold and silver medals for oratory and composition.

In 1886 Mr. Joynt came to New Zealand for the benefit of his health, and after a year spent in Hawkes Bay, devoted some time to study for the bar. However in 1888 he was appointed Principal of Nelson College, where the results of his ten years work testify to its quality. In 1898 he resigned, and was "runner-up" for the chair of Classics at Victoria College. He was appointed to his present position in 1899, on the death of Mr. Maskell.

Mr. Joynt has made several trips to England since his first arrival in the Colony, the last having been in 1904.



DELEGATES TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE TOURNAMENT.

BACK ROW—C. M. Gilray (Otago), W. C. Harley (Canterbury), J. M. Hogben (Victoria), G. F. Dixon (Victoria). FRONT ROW—D. Ferguson (Canterbury), A. F. Howarth (Auckland), Thompson (Auckland), J. Harrison (Otago) absent.

Aspects of American Student Life.



AMERICA is a young country of great enterprises. The American dates everything from "the War," and while the interval covers a period of about half a century only, the development of America in all branches is too well known to need further comment. Perhaps in no other sphere has the progress been so rapid and so revolutionary as in education. Compared with the Universities of the Old World, most of the American Colleges are but growths of yesterday, and yet how vigorous they are! To-day, in point of equipment and organisation, they lead the world.

American student life reflects in many ways this modern and rapid growth. There is a freedom from prejudice and custom—tradition finds little, if any, place in the direction of student life.

The first thing that strikes a visitor to a large University, with its three or four thousand students, is the attempt that is made—and in most cases very successfully—to deal with the whole life of the student: physical, mental, and moral. Outside his actual classes, which occupy him during fifteen to eighteen hours a week, the University takes care to nurture its student's physical and intellectual frames. Gymnasiums of costly structure and equipment, with boxing rooms, fencing rooms, swimming baths, and running track, are found in all the modern Universities in charge of a fully-qualified man, who ranks as a Professor and has under him a staff of competent assistants. At most Colleges attendance at gymnasium for a certain number of years is compulsory; at Cornell military drill or gymnastics for two years; at Pennsylvania, no one who cannot swim is qualified to receive a degree. To us, no doubt, such conditions seem out-of-place, and yet time, I believe, will show that in this matter, at least, the Americans have looked more deeply than we have. Track matters, rowing and football are under proper coaches, and while no undue emphasis is now placed on athletics, the University that does not produce graduates in accordance with the well-worn adage is not considered to be doing its duty. It is commonly supposed that the ordinary undergraduate in America is an athlete first and a student if he finds time. In this regard, however, our American cousins are much stricter than ourselves. No one is able to represent his University till he is a Sophomore

(a student of one year's standing), and he cannot represent it for more than three years, making in all the four years that are generally necessary to qualify for an American degree. Further, the student who falls below being "conditioned," i.e., keeping twelve hours weekly per term instead of fifteen, is "busted"—to use the student expression—which means that he must leave the University until he qualifies in those subjects in which he has failed to pass. While the American student then engages in athletics, it is not, I think, in the vast majority of cases, to the detriment, but rather to the benefit, of his class work.

Buildings devoted exclusively to the social life of the whole body of students are common. That at Pennsylvania is perhaps typical of the best of them. The Howard Houston Hall—a memorial to the student whose name it bears—is a three-storied building after the style of the old English Colleges, containing a general reception room, writing rooms, library, billiard and pool rooms, a branch of the Post Office, a restaurant, an auditorium with a grand organ, trophy rooms, guest rooms, photographic dark rooms, and meeting rooms for the societies of the special faculties. This Club has nearly four thousand members and, although the subscription is small, is self-supporting. It is evident that, even with the facilities that such a club offers, so large a body of students must, for its more intimate social life, divide itself into smaller groups. Those who enter the University in the same year form the class of that year, and it is but natural that they should work together to forward their own interests.

Many of the Universities do not admit women as undergraduates, and it surprised me considerably to find how conservative the staffs of some of the Eastern Universities were in this respect. It is true that at Harvard women take classes in the University, but only in those cases in which there are few female students taking a subject, and thus increase in the staff of their own ladies' Colleges is saved thereby. They are not really undergraduates, and indeed, rather bitter feeling exists between the undergraduates of the University and those of the ladies' College. At Cornell, based on the democratic principle of its founder, that the University should be a place to which everyone might come for the kind of knowledge that he wanted, nearly one-fourth of the students are women.

There is rivalry, too, among the classes—a rivalry that, in the old days, used to take the form of "hazing," which, however, has lately given way to a peculiar method of determining superiority, class fights. At Cornell it is called the "Flag

Rush," and takes place on the Campus on Hallowe'en at 8 p.m. Each class is represented by three teams of five men each, each team representing the heavy, middle, and light weights. A piece of canvas about six feet long does duty for the flag, and five men of each of the two competing classes take hold of it, while the other ten men of each side retire to a distance of some fifty yards and, on the signal, rush for the canvas flag. Anything but deliberately striking an opponent is allowed and, after five minutes chaos, the struggle is stopped and the number of hands that each class has then on the flag is counted, victory going to the side whose number is greater. Thus all the "hazing" passions of the year are liberated in a brief five minutes.

The rivalry that exists between our Colleges in academic matters is not so apparent in America, where each University is independent and grants its own degrees. Universities there are judged, not by the number graduating only, but by the quality of the men they produce, as shewn by their subsequent careers. On the athletic side the enthusiasm and *esprit de corps* have an excellent opportunity of showing themselves and the chance is never lost. To see an important College football match raises in the visitor's mind this serious question—Why have the game at all?

The proceedings open by the students of each University marching to the ground in force, some three or four thousand strong, to the accompaniment of College tunes played by the College band. On both sides of the ground are tiers of platforms, and each College has a side allotted to it. The students are arranged in sections under a leader and there is a kind of conductor on each side who calls through a megaphone for the kind of cheer or yell that he desires. This is announced by the section leaders and taken up by the whole body of students. All through the game, which is dreadfully slow, these rival yells are shouted back and forth to the never-ending commands, "Three short ones," "One long one," etc., indicating the nature of the particular yell that is required, and the distinctive flags of the rival teams—miniatures of which are carried by most students—are waved almost continuously. To attend a closely-contested match demands almost as much training (particularly vocal training) from the enthusiastic student who has failed to "make" the team as from those who have obtained that coveted honour. To the uninitiated it seems as if the game was but the occasion for the hurling forth of rival yells.

In such large bodies a good deal of the detail in discipline must fall on a section of the students themselves. The author-

ities look to the senior or upper class men to see that the general tone of University life is kept as far as possible up to the idea of the controlling body, which is represented by a president, the official head of the University. To such an extent has reliance on the student been carried in some Colleges, that the "honour system" is adopted in examinations, no supervisor being appointed, but the candidates left to be guided by the general moral tone of the student body. Whatever may be said for and against this procedure, it is still true that such an aim makes an endeavour to introduce a higher ethical code, that indicates a healthy moral tone in a University. The control by the upper classmen shows itself also in regulations for the guidance of those entering College life—the freshmen. Among the rules issued by the Vigilance Committee of Cornell, Ithaca, are to be found the following:

No freshman shall smoke at all on the Campus, nor shall he smoke a pipe in the streets of Ithaca; certain places such as the front seats and boxes of the theatre are proscribed; regulation caps are to be worn at all times, except on Sundays; no freshman is allowed to go without a coat or a cap on the Campus.

Such regulations may appear strange, but they all aim at preventing a new student from adopting a certain course of action before he has had an opportunity of measuring the respective University values of the different courses of life.

Other topics, such as the Cosmopolitan Club at Cornell, the relation of Staff to Students, the Fraternity Houses, etc., naturally suggest themselves, but already this article has run its full course.

T. A. HUNTER.



University Examination Results.

The following is a list of the year's successes of Victoria College students :—

HONOURS IN ARTS.

Abernethy, Jessie O.	Second-class	Latin and German
Andrew, W. J.	Third-class	Latin and English
Beaglehole, E. W.	First-class	Mental Science
Bee, J. G.	First-class	Mental Science
Clarkson, R. P.	Third-class	Political Science
Eastwood, Ada	Third-class	English and German
Goulding, J. H.	Third-class	Latin and English
Mason, H. G. R.	Third-class	Mathematics
Murphy, B. E.	First-class	Mental Science
Slowey, A. I.	Second-class	Chemistry
Taylor, Clara M.	Second-class	Chemistry
Watson, Isabel E. S.	Third-class	English and French

MASTERS OF ARTS.

All those who gained Honours in Arts.

HONOURS IN LAW AND MASTER OF LAWS.

C. B. Collins, first-class in International Law, Contracts and Torts, and Company Law.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Barnett, G. R.	Pure Mathematics
Eichelbaum, S.	German
Jenness, D.	Latin—also in Greek (awarded Greek)
Lankshear, F. R.	Chemistry

FIRST SECTION B.A. AND FIRST SECTION LL.B.

Adams, R. T.	Holmden, T. N.	Remington, F. C.
Cheek, M. C. H.	Maltby, G. C.	Smith, D. S.
Craig, G.	Oram, M. H.	Willis, V. B.
Hoggard, D. R.	Reilly, C.	

FIRST SECTION, B.A.

Arcus, L. H.	Gibbs, Margaret E.	Miller, May J.
Ashcroft, B. D.	Gordon, W. P. P.	Monaghan, H. W.
Bartley, F. W. S.	Graham, C. T.	Morrison, Elsie S.
Bayley, Vera H.	Hildreth, Ellen M.	Palmer, Constance M.
Blair, T.	Hind, Edith M.	Ross, J. W.
Cowles, Quinice B.	Hylton, Ina G.	Slowey, J. S.
Currie, Amy E.	Johnson, J.	Stuckey, F. G. A.
Dyson, S. W.	Law, Euphemia E.	Tennent, Ida F.
Fitt, A. B.	Lyon, W. A.	

FINAL B.A.

Barnett, G. R.	Evans, H. E.	Jenness, D.
Bruce, Isabella D.	Gillanders, W.	Lankshear, F. R.
Clayton, Ruth L. G.	Gordon, Jessie	Macdougall, A.
Dale, Margaret F.	Grant, Frances J.	Pegler, L. F.
Eichelbaum, S.	Hoult, W. H.	

FINAL B.Sc.

Maude M. Rigg, M.A.

SECOND LL.B.

Bowater, H. R.	Evans, H. E.	Turnbull, F. K.
Buddle, H.	Mackenzie, S. S.	Watson, R. M.
Christie, J.	Prouse, G. S.	
de la Mare, F. A.	Seddon, T. E. Y.	

FIRST PART OF 3RD LL.B.

Arthur, C. A.	Hannan, J. W.	O'Leary, H. F.
Currie, Amy E.	Kelly, F. P.	Rout, W. V.
Fair, A.	Luke, A. J.	Scantlebury, P. J.
Gould, A. M.	Mousley, E. O.	

FINAL LL.B.

Buddle, H.	Mackenzie, S. S.
Fair, A.	Samuel, G.
Fitzgibbon, E. J.	Watson, R. M.
Jordan, T.	Wilson, W. H.

SOLICITORS' LAW EXAMINATION—PART.

Armstrong, N. G.	Hay, E. P.	Slipper, T. B.
Browne, K. N. H.	Jacobs, B. J.	Tudhope, W.
Butler, J. J.	Jourdain, W. R.	Wilson, W. G. R.
Grundy, E. S.	Rayward, H. H.	

SOLICITORS' LAW EXAMINATION—FINAL.

Armstrong, N. G.	Slipper, T. B.
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INTERMEDIATE MEDICAL.

Bogle, G. V.	Richards, J. F. G.
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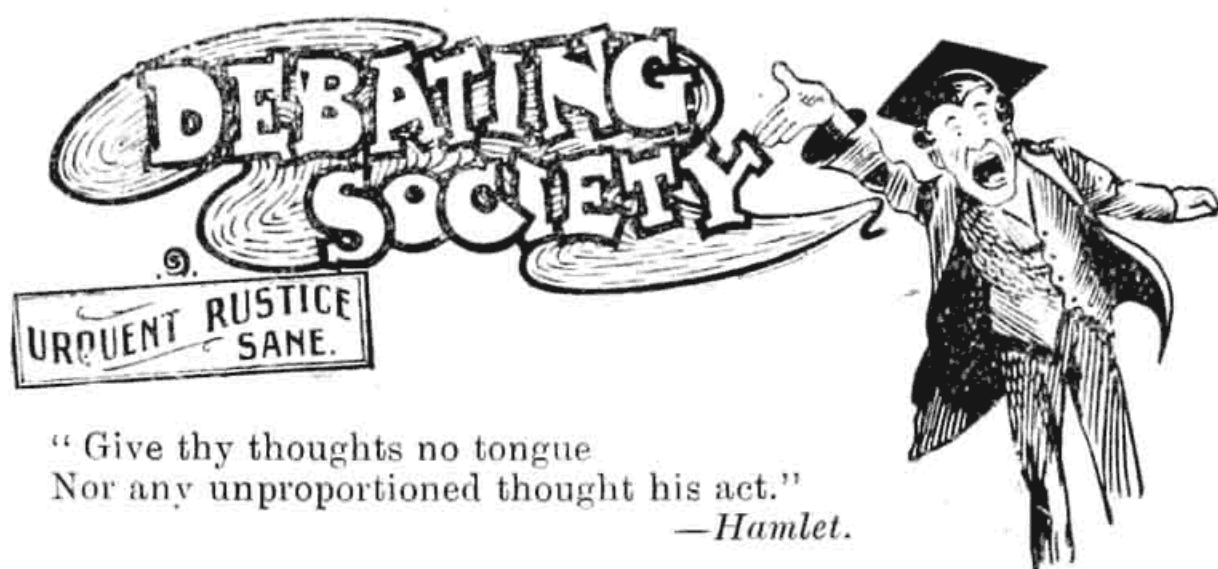
MACMILLAN-BROWN MEMORIAL PRIZE.

Evans, H. E.

THE FOUR COLLEGES.

		Auckland	Victoria	Canterbury	Otago
Honours in Arts and M.A.	..	1	12	5	5
Masters of Arts (without Honours)		1	0	2	0
Honours in Law and LL.M.	..	1	1	—	—
Senior Scholarships	..	1	4	1	4
Doctor of Science	.. ..	1	—	—	—
1st B.A. and 1st LL.B	..	4	11	2	5
1st B.A. only	.. ..	7	26	21	21
Final B.A.	.. ..	6	14	13	16
1st B.Sc.	.. ..	1	—	2	2
Final B.Sc.	.. ..	2	1	3	5
1st B. Com.	.. ..	2	—	3	—
2nd LL.B.	.. ..	5	10	5	—
		<u>32</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>





THE meetings of the Debating Society are this year attracting more interest than ever, probably as the result of the success at Auckland, and the now numerous prizes for which members of the Society can compete. The subjects of debate at the first three meetings have been neither easy to handle nor strikingly inspiring, and yet under these circumstances there have been both an abundance of speakers and large and interested audiences.

Early in the session His Excellency the Governor was elected Patron of the Society, and has graciously accepted the office. The interest which His Excellency has taken in the Society makes it all the more desirable that his connection with it should be an official one.

We are sorry to have to note that in the first three debates our lady members have contributed but one speech to the Society's deliberations. The political subjects included in the syllabus doubtless offer but few attractions to the lady members, but the more historical and literary subjects surely afford some scope for the exercise of the literary learning which must have been accumulated in the ordinary Arts course. The ladies of Canterbury College appear to be not merely active, but even pugnacious, members of the Dialectic Society. They have actually undertaken, not only to prove "That Bachelors should be taxed," but also to conduct the defence of that long suffering class of humanity against those who would add one to the many burdens beneath which it struggles.

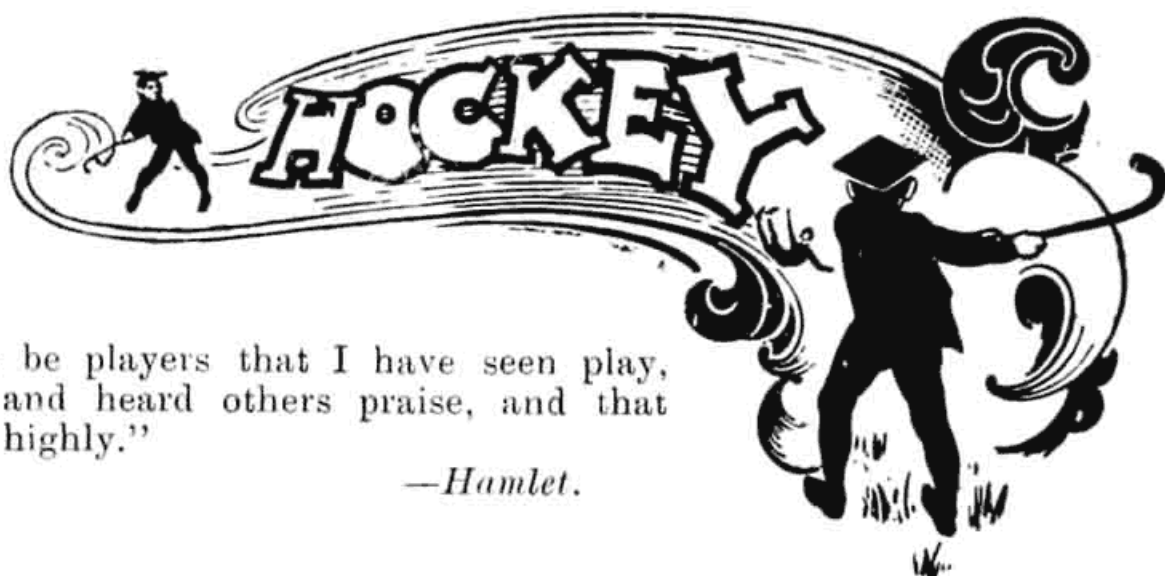
In the first debate, held on 20th April, G. V. Bogle, seconded by J. M. Hogben, moved "That female franchise should be granted in England." The arguments of the movers were directed not so much towards shewing that there were good reasons why women should vote, as there was no reason why

they should not. They enlisted the sympathy of their audience, and neither the persuasiveness of R. Mason nor the blandishments of S. Eichelbaum availed to convince to the contrary. Eichelbaum, who was making his maiden speech to the Society, endeavoured to shew that though the female franchise in New Zealand is a success, the inferiority of the women of the United Kingdom in political discernment made it impracticable there. This suggestion was warmly repudiated by H. E. Evans who assured the audience that he could not allow himself to be associated with any such suggestion. The first five places were awarded by Mr. Black as follows: R. Mason (1), Eichelbaum (2), W. J. McEldowney (3), and 4th and 5th places equally divided among Bogle, J. M. Hogben and D. S. Smith.

At the second meeting V. B. Willis, seconded by A. MacDougall, moved "That Cromwell did more than William III towards establishing the freedom of the people of the United Kingdom." J. Mason and D. S. Smith opposed, and notwithstanding one or two slightly mixed metaphors and a great deal of eloquent pleading on behalf of the maligned Oliver, the advocates of the less obtrusive William carried the day by 16 votes to 14. Mr. J. W. Joynt awarded the first five places to Messrs. J. Mason, Bretherton, D. S. Smith, Willis and Gibb.

A very amusing debate was held on May 18th upon a motion "That Industrial Arbitration is, and has been shewn to be, a failure." Messrs O'Leary and Willis supported the motion and were opposed by Messrs Kelly and Bretherton. O'Leary made a very effective speech, but as he had withdrawn from competition for the Union Prize, the first five places were awarded by the Rev. Father Keogh to Messrs Kelly, Boyce, MacDougall, R. Mason, and Lankshear. Boyce made a good speech upon a subject with which he was evidently familiar, but would be more effective if he spoke more slowly. Lankshear, too, spoke well, and followed the wise policy of choosing for his maiden speech a subject upon which he had both personal knowledge and personal conviction.

As we go to press, the fate of Ireland is hanging in the balance. The ever fruitful subject of Home Rule is again on the syllabus for discussion, and though we are sure the debate will be interesting, we are confident that the meeting will not be held to be an "unlawful assembly" within the meaning of the Criminal Code Act.



"Here be players that I have seen play,
and heard others praise, and that
highly."

—*Hamlet*.

AT the beginning of the season, that is to say before the commencement of Cup matches, the Hockey Club was nothing if not optimistic. We were told, in the strictest confidence, that the first eleven expected to win some matches this season: that they would win their match against United, their first game; and that the Senior Cup would soon be adorning our trophy case. Needless to say, not one of these expectations has been realised: the Senior eleven has not won any matches; the Uniteds just managed to pull off a win against them, and the Senior Cup seems no nearer the trophy case than it was at the end of last season. The theoretical knowledge of the first eleven is, however, good: in fact they pride themselves on the way they use their heads; but if they could only learn to use their hands and feet—! The backs, too, should try at times to hit the ball hard, and towards their own forwards. But let us hope that before the season is over the first eleven will make a daring attempt to emulate the example of the III B team.

Individually the firsts are a very good team. It is true that we have lost J. A. Ryburn (of the "class by himself" fame), and D. Watson, a 1906 Wellington representative, both of whom have decamped—the former to attend the Theological College at Dunedin, and the latter to study medicine at Edinburgh. But we have Skelley again at the helm, Pope's "knee" does not at present prevent him from taking an active part in the game, and from the freshmen we have C. H. Strack, who is a decided acquisition to the forward ranks. The other members of the team are men who would not be unworthy of a place in any Senior team, but there seems to be a need for that "homogeneous entity" which last year's June SPIKE accused III B of lacking.

The Junior teams have done excellently well. The members of these teams attended in force at the hockey lectures given at the beginning of the first term by members of the first eleven, and we can attribute the successes of the three Junior teams only to the aforesaid excellence of the theoretical knowledge of the game possessed by the Seniors.

The second eleven has put up a record which might, to use the words of their captain, be described as "hefty." They have so far won every match played, and should finish near the top of the Junior competition. The forwards are very willing and have good combination, but they would do well to obtain some degree of efficiency in shooting. The backs are a strong defensive lot, although they show a little of the Seniors' antipathy to the use of their hands.

The III A team, under the guidance of Rex Mason, are battling along with a grim determination, and an everlasting grudge against the Ground Committee of the Wellington Hockey Association. They have so far been fortunate in meeting comparatively weak teams, but the time may come when both backs and forwards will need their best efforts to stave off defeat. As is the case with the teams above them, the forwards seem on occasions to lack eyesight sufficiently keen to direct the ball straight and true to the goal; they are fast and can take the ball up to the circle, but as soon as they get there they seem to become paralysed. The backs are a very sound lot.

The IIIB's have been playing under most remarkable conditions, and the results have been equally astounding. In other words, the team contains eleven men, and has won both matches played. We have heard it rumoured that they intend making a bold bid for the third-class cup; at least they deserve the very fullest credit for every success they gain. They are willing, young, enthusiastic, and above all "sports." They have a good scoring line of forwards who are not afraid to shoot hard, and their backs have shown themselves as safe as any in the third-class competition. To defeat teams which were last year two of the strongest in their class, is indeed a meritorious performance. May they continue in their victorious career!

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held in the middle of March, the constitution was altered to provide for the election of life members. The Meeting elected, as the first life members of the Club, G. F. Dixon, the Club's founder, and J. A. Ryburn, who has been an active member since 1903.

We are hoping this year to have a match with the Otago University Club. This match was first suggested at Easter, when members of both teams took up the idea with enthusiasm. We have so far heard nothing definite from Otago, but we believe that they are making every effort to send up a team during their winter vacation. If there is no chance of a game being arranged this year, we hope that a series of annual matches will be instituted not later than in 1908.

RESULTS.

SENIORS.

Captain - C. Skelley.

"Strenua nos exercet inertia."—*Horace*.

V.C. v United. Lost, 8—2. } The Secretary has fuller details of
V.C. v Wellington. Lost 3—2. } these matches, and is evidently not
proud of them.

JUNIORS.

Captain - V. B. Willis.

Vice-Captain - S. Eichelbaum.

V.C. v Y.M.C.A. Adjourned *sine die*, owing to ground being under water. A scratch game was played, notable only for a general "tired feeling."

V.C. v Karori. Won, 4—1. Played in pouring rain and a sea of mud. Paterson (2), Duncan and Sargent scored. The last-named, together with Niven, Matthews and Castle deserve special mention, but Castle should learn to use his hands.

V.C. v Hutt. Won, 3—1. Weather, good: ground, a horse paddock. Willis (2) and Wilkie scored. Eichelbaum very safe. The team was much encouraged by the presence of Professor von Zedlitz amongst a group of excited spectators.

III A.

Captain - R. Mason.

V.C. v Wesley. Drawn.

V.C. v Thorndon A. Won, 3—2.

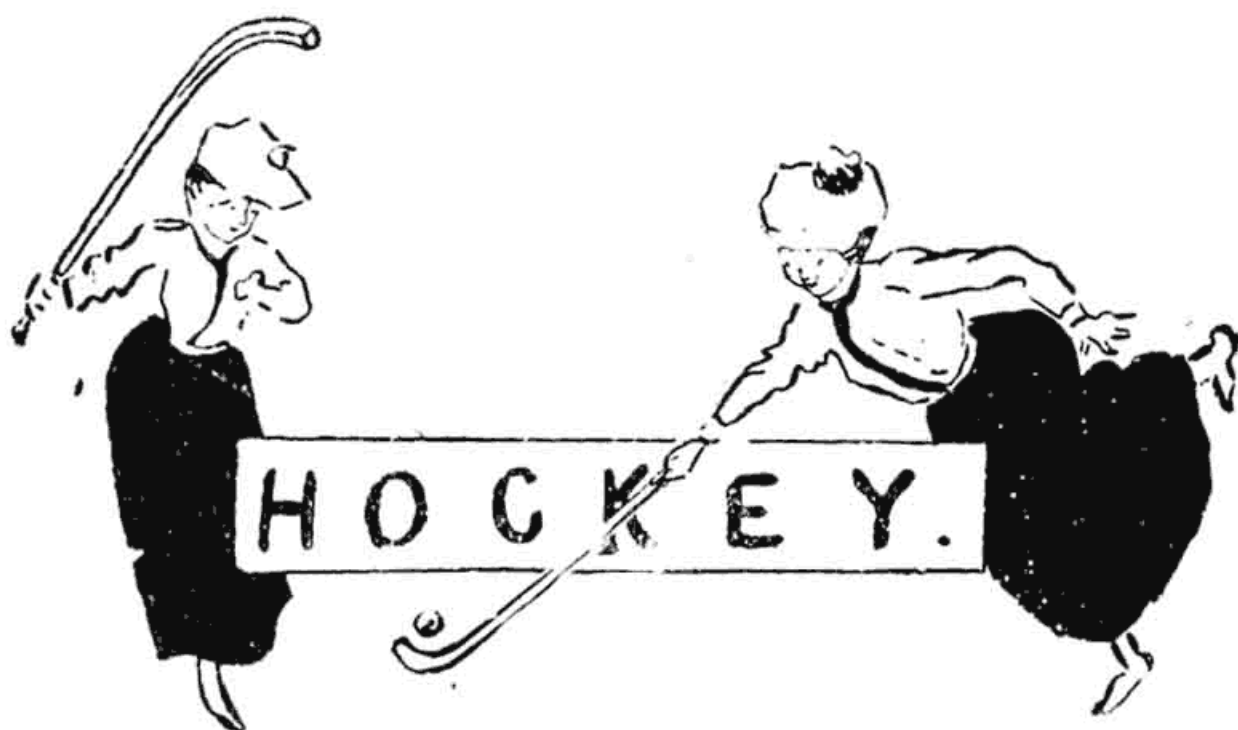
V.C. v Thorndon B. Drawn, 1 all. A dreary, uninteresting game. We attacked all the first spell but could not shoot effectively. Matters were even in the second spell. R. Mason scored. We should have won easily.

III B.

Captain - J. Christie.

V.C. v Wellington. Won, 9—4. Broad (5), Coombes (2), Rigg, and Trethy scored. Forwards played splendidly.

V.C. v United. Won, 2—1. Rigg scored. Played under somewhat adverse circumstances: wind, rain, hail, sleet, snow—singly and in various combinations.



"These are thy charms, sweet maidens; sports like these
In sweet succession teach even swat to please." —*Adapted.*

Since the last issue of *THE SPIKE* this Club has distinguished itself in many ways. In the first place there was the picnic—reported elsewhere—and secondly there were the escapades of some of our members at Easter—also reported in another column. But readers must not imagine that the Club has confined its attention to frivolities; it has also been remarkably successful at Hockey.

In spite of a decreased membership, the energy and enthusiasm displayed by members of the Club is by no means less than that displayed last year. The Club now places three teams in the field every Saturday for the inter-club competitions, and of the seven matches played so far, five have been won. The first eleven has a most remarkable record—it has won every match played. The second and third elevens also have records which come under the category of good. The personnel of the first eleven is almost identical with that of last year's first, but there has been a considerable infusion of new blood in the junior teams. We hope that the time is not far distant when there will be at least four teams of ladies upholding the honour of the College at each week-end. A match every Easter with a team from one of the other Colleges should do much to increase the desires of members to obtain a place in the first eleven. Our win at Auckland—due no doubt to the well-directed "bar-rack" of Mr Barkas—was the result of a hard-fought and most enjoyable game; and an annual inter-College match would do much, not only to increase the interests of lady students of all colleges in the game, but also to give us a chance of coming into closer contact with our fellow students in other centres.

Considerable loss has been suffered by the retirement from the arena of such enthusiastic players as Misses F. G. Roberts, L. Tooman and J. Scott, while Miss F. Scott's promotion to Carterton saddened the hearts of the first eleven.

The Club tenders its best wishes to Mrs C. Faulkner (nee Miss K. Morgan) who was married at Easter. [N. B. This is not to be confused with the Easter escapades referred to in the first paragraph.—Ed. SPIKE] As a member of the first eleven and of the 1905 Committee, Miss Morgan rendered the Club much valuable assistance.

Results of Matches played :—

FIRST ELEVEN.

(Captain : L. McINTOSH)

V. C. v Wellington. Won 3—1. Ground unspeakable; referee ditto. No combination. No anything. M. Antill scored all three goals.

V. C. v Thorndon. Won 16—0. A real "All Black" victory. Opponents two "men" short. Combination seemed to have improved. Our scorers were: T. Strack (10), K. McIntosh (4), M. Antill and M. Burden.

V. C. v Petone. Won 5—1. Scorers: T. Strack (2), K. McIntosh (2), and M. Antill. T. Strack and B. Reeve distinguished themselves.

May next October's record be at least as good!

SECOND ELEVEN.

(Captain : M. R. BARKAS)

V. C. v Huia. Won 3—2. Scorers: M. Gibbs, L. Renner, M. Robson. No records of the nature of this match seem to have been preserved. Why this modesty?

V. C. v Ramblers. Lost 2—0. The forwards seemed to have lost all their wonted skill and daring when approaching their opponents' goal.

V.C. v Girls' College. Lost 3—1. N. Hildreth scored. No details to hand. Perhaps she was the only survivor.

THIRD ELEVEN.

(Captain : R. GILLANDERS)

V. C. v Girls' College. Won by default.

"Nay . . . nay . . . my little girl, quoth he,
But 'twas a famous victory."

V. C. v Terrace A. Won 4—0. A. L. Pufflett (2) G. McGill and R. Gillanders scored. "Nuf sed."

Ladies' Hockey Club Picnic.

THE members of the Ladies' Hockey Club may not be the best exponents of the game in the province, but they are the keenest "sports," and have a fine sense of what is due from them in alleviating the leisure moments of their fellow-students. November 30th, 1906, was chosen as the day for their Annual Picnic, and was in every way worthy of the great occasion. The vague feeling of unrest which seemed to possess the large crowd of students gathered at the Government Buildings was quickly dispelled by the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Brook and binoculars on a huge commissariat waggon, and a procession of six drags was soon en route for Trentham, where Mr. Barton's beautiful grounds had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Club for the day. On arrival there, *chacun à son goût*, as the French say. Some went exploring, others started a round game, and Ryburn and A. H. Bogle exhibited their bushcraft and grew hot and dirty over the camp fire.

Lunch was spread under the trees by the energetic hostesses, who attended to their guests with tender solicitude. Records waving been duly preserved for posterity, an athletic meeting has the next attraction for the majority. Competition was keen and finishes were good right through. Faithful records of all results were not kept, but Millier was probably the "best thing" out on the day.

A great variety of other amusements, including a concert in the bush, occupied the hours till tea-time, when a large number whose duties had kept them in town all day arrived by train to enjoy the moonlight drive home.

On the return journey, a short halt was made at the Taita Hotel, the reason for which still remains a mystery, unless the drivers were offering a last chance of wiping out the reproach that it had been the "driest" picnic in their memory.

"Dry" it may have been, but it was the best outing the College has enjoyed for many a day, and we trust the same enterprise will be carried out again this year.



And young and old come forth to play
On a sunshine holiday
Till the livelong daylight fail."

—*L'Allegro*

IN recording the events of the past Tennis season, the first note to be struck is one of congratulation. At last industry and energy have received their due reward, and now the Club is able to enjoy the full use of Tennis courts which it can call its own.

Saturday, 3rd November, was the day which witnessed the consummation of the hopes of the "navvies" who, with blistered hands and sore muscles, had for months toiled away at the weary work of excavation. The thanks of the Club are due to all who took part, and especially to Beere and de la Mare, under whose guidance operations were carried out.

In the presence of a distinguished gathering of undergraduates and other dignitaries, the opening ceremony was performed by Professor Easterfield, who with commendable agility "placed" a tennis ball in the opposite court, and shewed the spectators that the deepest immersion in chemical subjects is not inimical to the highest development of the art of playing tennis. On the same occasion Lady Stout presented the medals won by the champions of former years.

For what the Club now enjoys it has others besides its own members to thank. The College Council has enclosed the courts with a high fence, and a hedge has been planted at the north-

eastern side as a protection against the high winds, exposure to which is at present the only drawback of the Courts. It is however still necessary to devise some method of preventing the filling of the trenches with clay which is washed down from the banks above.

During the first month of the season our own Courts were still incomplete and Miss McLean was kind enough to allow members the use of the Courts at the Girls' College, a favour for which the Club offers its best thanks.

The club also owes a debt of gratitude to Mr Brook for his unfailing courtesy at all times, and for the assistance which he rendered preparing the afternoon tea every Saturday.

The finances of the Club are in a satisfactory condition, considering the heavy expenses which the formation of the new Courts rendered necessary. In addition to the amounts received from the College Council and the Students' Association, it was found necessary to provide a further sum of £60 for completion of the Courts. This has been raised by the issue of debentures bearing interest at 5% and repayable within five years. The Committee appears to feel no anxiety as to the means of repaying the borrowed moneys, and considering that the Vice-President and Secretary have made themselves personally liable by signing the debentures of an unincorporated body, the confidence which they express is all the more satisfactory. The Club even proposes to incur further capital expenditure by completing the fourth court in time for next season, and much of the necessary excavation has already been done. The addition of this court, though not the most urgent of the College necessities, will be a very beneficial improvement, considering the large numbers of players.

The Club claims now to be, with a membership of 80, the largest in the College, except of course the Students' Association.

On Anniversary day a team from the Otaki Club played a match against Victoria College on our own Courts. The match ended with 8 sets all, though Otaki won one game. The visitors were entertained at lunch at the Kelburne Kiōsk before returning in the afternoon. In succeeding years it is proposed to play this match alternately in the two centres, following the precedent set this year.

The details of the various matches are as follows :—

Ladies' Championship Singles	..	Miss M. Cox
Men's Championship Singles	..	G. Prouse
Ladies' Handicap Singles	..	Miss J. Scott
Men's Handicap Singles	..	J. G. Bee
Ladies' Handicap Doubles	..	Misses Van Staveren and Jameson
Men's Handicap Doubles	..	Withdrawn
Combined Doubles	..	Miss J. Scott and D. S. Smith

INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

SHIELD MATCHES.

V.C. v Brougham Hill—November 24th. Lost 9—4; games 89—66. Played on our Courts. The ladies won all our games.

V.C. v Wellington—February 2nd. Lost 11—2; 99 games to 63. Played at the Wellington Courts. Misses Scott and MacKellar and Beere and de la Mare won their respective doubles.

V.C. v Newtown—February 23rd. Lost 11—2; 95 games to 59. Played at Newtown. We were seriously handicapped by the absence of three of our senior players.

CUP MATCHES.

V.C. v Karori—December 15th. Won 7—6; games 94—83.

V.C. v. Brougham Hill—March 2nd. Lost 8—4; 68 games to 35. One match was abandoned owing to rain, and each side lost two matches by default.

V.C. v Newtown—March 9th. Won 7—6; 84 games to 77.

V.C. v Wellington—March 16th. Postponed on account of rain and subsequently defaulted, as, owing to Hockey and Football, no team could be obtained.

PENNANT MATCHES.

V.C. v Brougham Hill A—November 17th. Lost 9—4; 92 games to 62.

V.C. v Brougham Hill B.—December 15th. Lost 11—2; 92 games to 17.

V.C. v Wellington—February 9th. Won by default, 13—0; 105 games to 0

ANALYSIS OF MATCHES.

Teams	Matches Won	Matches Lost	Sets Won	Sets Lost	Games Won	Games Lost
Shield	0	3	8	31	188	283
Cup	2	2	18	33	213	333
Pennant	1	2	19	20	232	184



MR. J. W. JOYNT.



“And some with many a merry shout,
In riot revelry, and rout
Pursued the football play.”

—*Lay of the Last Minstrel.*

THE Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Friday 15th March 1907, when W. Gillanders presided over a gathering of some 40 members. It was resolved that for all save new members the subscription for this season be raised to 7/6. During the discussion on election of officers, exception was taken by certain members to the methods of selection employed last season. The Club must be represented in Club matches by its strongest players, even at the risk of lessening the chances of successful combination in the lower teams, and changes are not made to suit the personal whim of the selectors. The sporting spirit existing among III B players who face a heavy licking every Saturday with equanimity and a team of “rejects” might well serve as an example to the Club in general.

The deeds of bygone days were remembered and officially recognised by the election of A. H. Johnstone, H. H. Ostler, W. Gillanders, F. A. de la Mare and T. A. Hunter to Life Membership: no honour was ever more richly deserved.

Before the opening games there were some misgivings as to our probable numerical strength, but though several familiar forms are absent, younger players have appeared to swell the ranks, and we can still muster four full teams. Of our success we need not speak: total points against the Club already aggregate some hundreds.

The new Committee has taken training seriously in hand, and good results will no doubt yet appear. Tuesday and Thursday mornings see the game afoot on the Nairn St. Reserve and at Thorndon, as many as 22 men having been out on one occasion—less frost than usual. This is only a fair muster: there are still several who might with advantage try the effect of an early roll or two in stimulating a desire for breakfast and a fair share of the work on Saturday. As regards the former consideration, we can vouch for the beneficent results obtainable on the sworn testimony of several anxious landladies, notably one who is unfortunate enough to harbour a well known septet of “frothers,” and who is confronted by black ruin more and more certainly as succeeding practice occurs.

An effort was again made to arrange a triangular contest with Canterbury and Otago, to take place in Christchurch on Saturday and Monday, June 1st and 3rd. This would have necessitated travelling on Friday night, but though we were quite prepared to risk our chances for the Cup by scratching Saturday's engagement, Otago were unable to see the matter from the same point of view. Certainly they have been slightly more successful in their competition so far than Victoria College. Monday was equally impossible for them, on account of travelling on Saturday, so by an unfortunate combination of circumstances our chance of humbling their pride this year has been rendered practically nil. However Canterbury College gladly agreed to satisfy our lust for battle, Monday being selected as the day of decision. Further particulars, if favourable, will probably appear in our next issue.

The disheartening “run” which the juniors experienced last season has not destroyed their hope of better times this year, and in spite of a poor start, they are still hoping. The forwards have shown themselves a sturdy lot, though a lack of form is evident. The backs show signs of coming greatness—lack of combination is still the great failing: the backs do not save their forwards enough, and the forwards are prone to forget that their backs might be capable of scoring if given an opportunity.

III A. as usual has been the most successful of our teams. Not contented with scoring occasionally, it has even won matches—and, with the fine material at its command, should do better as the season advances.

III B players have not achieved greatness in the matter of points but have worthily upheld their reputation as “hard doers” who love the game for its own sake, and are not disheartened by trivial reverses.

FIRST FIFTEEN.

Captain - G. V. Bogle

- V.C. v Melrose. Lost, 34—0. Three tries were scored by the opposition in each spell. G. Spencer converted them all, and also potted a goal from the field. A feature of the game was the tackling of G. Bogle, which was excellent. Lynch was the best of the forwards. Kennedy, Fathers and Thomas, new members of the team, worked solidly.
- V.C. v Old Boys. Lost, 14—0. Rather disappointing display. The first spell was very even, and the opportunity of playing an open game thrown away. In the second spell the Old Boys forwards played with more dash and some excitement, whilst lack of training left the College defenders an easy prey. Goodbehere and Prenderville made their first appearance in Wellington Senior Football, and fully justified their selection.
- V.C. v Wellington. Lost, 3—0. It was anybody's game to the call of time. Our backs seemed to get together more than previously—but the attack always found the weakest link on the wrong side of the goal line. Whenever play on either side became interesting the whistle sounded "as you were." The performance on the whole was promising. O'Leary made his first appearance for College and did much solid work.
- V.C. v St. James. Lost, 9—0. Not a bad game, though St. James' attack broke down at many critical points. The old, old story—lack of form took the sting out of College attack and defence. Of the forwards Thomas was in action throughout, and O'Leary was good. G. Bogle, as usual, was the mainstay of the backs.
- V.C. v Athletic. Lost, 29—0. Expectations unrealised. Our men were walked over and utterly routed for a quarter of an hour.
- V.C. v Petone. Lost, 29—3. Probably our best exhibition this year. We scored first—a penalty goal kicked by G. Bogle—and at the end of the first spell it was 8—3. As usual we didn't take the second spell seriously, and Petone took revenge for the anxious moments they had when Victoria College got in its surprise party.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

- V.C. v Petone. Lost, 49—0. A wretched display; backs quite outclassed. Rests while Petone kicked at goal greatly appreciated.
- V.C. v Wellington. Lost, 15—0. Much better game. This team drew with Petone.
- V.C. v Selwyn. Lost 5—0. Narrowly escaped a win. Delightful to find that some of our backs could really go "low" occasionally.
- V.C. v Southern. Lost, 12—0. Against very bulky opponents we did well. State of ground and weather relegated game to chance, which inconsiderately favoured our opponents.

III A MATCHES.

- V.C. v St. Patrick's College. Lost, 18—0. We played short. Their extra man was too good, though we played well—while condition lasted.
- V.C. v Wellington College. Lost, 5—3. Forwards in great nick—backs outclassed. T. Moore scored and divided the honours of efficiency with Lyon and H. Thompson.
- V.C. v Kia Ora. Won, 6—3. Hard but ragged game. McDonald and Mitchell scored. R. Enting at half was good, but other backs were starved by the five-eighth. Talk very abundant.
- V.C. v St. James. Lost, 9—8. One short again—Brockett snared by Juniors. Played two five-eighth game very successfully. Lyon scored a try, converted by Enting, and, just on the call of time, O. J. Reid secured another, unconverted, after a splendid piece of combined play.
- V.C. v Selwyn. Lost, 15—0. High hopes after last match, but matter ended there. McDonald, forward, and King and Richmond, backs, did most to stem the tide.

III B MATCHES.

- V.C. v Old Boys. Lost, 12—0. Thirteen men. Forwards too light, backs too "speculative."
- V.C. v Southern. Lost, 35—0. Twelve men. Result might have been anticipated.
- V.C. v Epuni. Lost, 52—0. Opponents far superior in weight and combination. We made a better showing with the tea and scones after the match.
- V.C. v Athletic. Lost, 29—0. Thirteen men. Another "Epuni" seemed imminent, but in the second half our opponents had an anxious time defending.

Matches with Sydney University.

A meeting of Delegates from the Football Club of the University Colleges was held at Auckland on Easter Monday to discuss the above matter. It was decided that it was desirable to inaugurate home and home matches with Sydney University. The main difficulties seemed to be three:—(1) Finance; (2) The fact that the holidays observed by all the Colleges are not uniform; (3) selection; Moreover the Auckland players were severely handicapped because their Union will not recognize the College as a district under the district scheme. The secretary to the delegates was instructed to appeal to the Auckland Union, and approach the New Zealand Union on the subject.

With regards to finance, the cost would be about £250, and it was decided that the New Zealand Union be asked for assistance, and that the college clubs be asked to guarantee an equal share. In the event of matches taking place, and money being obtained at the gates, any surplus should be paid into a common fund. It was considered that, before visiting Sydney, we ought to be certain of being in a position to receive them in return.

Rather much has been made of the non-uniformity of the holidays. Canterbury and Victoria College agree, while Otago has holidays that slightly overlap ours, and considers that a change of holidays cannot be arranged. The secretary was instructed to obtain reports and schemes from the clubs whereby uniformity might be gained, and to draw up a petition for the consent of the clubs.

The delegates were of opinion that a selector should be appointed to watch matches between Victoria College and Canterbury and between Otago and Canterbury this year, with a view to picking a team after similar matches next year. As there seems no prospect at present of any match between Auckland and any other Colleges it would be necessary for them to nominate players for the selector's consideration.

The selector has however not yet been appointed, as Canterbury has been asked to find a suitable man, and had some difficulty in doing so, and Otago does not consider a selector necessary at present. Many members of the Otago team are leaving at the end of this year, and the work of a selector would be rendered futile.

When the Sydney footballers were in New Zealand last year, they expressed a strong desire that the New Zealand University as a whole should send a team, as they wished to play matches, not with any particular College, but with another University, and to grant a "blue" to their representatives. The honour of gaining a "blue" would be great, and it may be that the rivalry thus set up would be but the commencement of such another great struggle for supremacy as that which interests the world in the athletics of Oxford and Cambridge. The making of the attempt rests with the New Zealand Colleges, and it is to be hoped that their footballers, one and all, will be fired with the determination to set the ball a rolling, and make representation in such a team their goal.

Christian Union.

“ Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before,
But vaster.”

—Tennyson—“ *In Memoriam.*”

SINCE last Session the Christian Union has lost two of its old identities, W. Gillanders and J. A. Ryburn, each of whom has left the College to enter on another sphere of labour. Men of sterling worth they were, pioneers of the Christian Union, and it well behoves us to wish them every success in their future careers.

With the return of our two delegates from the Healesville Conference, Victoria, it was to be expected that this year the Christian Union would make a decided progressive movement. This hope has to a large extent been realised. The total membership now stands at 111, a decided increase upon that of last year, and it does indeed appear that the Christian Union is now a force in the College. All branches of the work have been entered on with enthusiasm by the members. The Bible Study classes, the most important section of the work, have now a total attendance of 79, 9 circles having been formed, 6 for women and 3 for men. The text-book used is Oldham's “Studies on the Life of Christ.”

The Mission Study class, despite the early hour (7.15 p.m.) at which it meets on Saturday evenings, has a membership of 22, which, under the circumstances, is most satisfactory.

The hand-book, in a much improved edition, was as usual presented to students at the opening of the session, and the Executive expresses the hope that freshmen found its information of use in their introduction to College life.

Pre-Sessional Work.

During the months of November, December, and February, the Rev. T. H. Sprott was kind enough to deliver a series of lectures intended as an introduction to the study of the text-book prescribed for the present year. Those who were fortunate enough to attend the lectures were amply repaid by the interesting and learned manner in which Mr. Sprott treated his subject.

On February, 10th, in St. John's Class Room, Willis Street, the Universal Day of Prayer was observed. The class-room, which seats about 100, was comfortably filled, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Gibb and Mr. W. Gray, M.A., B.Sc. The former gentleman took as his subject "Why Pray?" and the latter "Practical Work for and by Students."

Meetings.

The opening meeting of the Union was held on April 13th, and the seating accommodation of the room used last year was taxed to the utmost. W. Gillanders was the speaker, this being his last appearance before taking up his position of Travelling Secretary for Australasia of the Y.M.C.A. The speaker outlined his conception of the ideal of the Christian student, and concluded with an earnest appeal to freshmen to join and stand by the Christian Union through thick and thin.

An address was delivered on the 27th April by the Rev. Dr. Gibb on "Bible Study." After stating his reasons for studying the Bible at all, Dr. Gibb urged that the Bible has nothing to fear from the results of present-day criticism. He was convinced, he said, that the Bible would come out of the ordeal the grand old Book it has always been.

On May 11th the Rev. T. H. Sprott gave an address on "The Divinity of Christ." Mr. Sprott pointed out very clearly the dilemma with which the denial of the Divinity was faced. Having established by quotation from Christ's own teaching the fact that He laid claim to a divine nature, the lecturer asked whether it was possible to conceive so admittedly pure a character stained with what, if untrue at all, must have been the most blasphemous of impostures. Mr. Sprott urged that if for nearly 2000 years men had laboured under a delusion, then that delusion had had more beneficial results than had ever been attained by truth.

On May 25th an address was delivered by G. H. Gibb, one of the delegates to the Healesville Conference. The speaker sketched the trip of the delegates, and gave an account of the most important work carried out at the Conference, laying special emphasis upon its practical nature.

H. W. Monaghan, the other delegate, was unavoidably absent owing to illness.

Athletic Club's Sports.

WITH a spirit of optimism, a credit balance of six shillings, and the possibility of losing twenty-five pounds, the Athletic Club undertook its second Sports Meeting. The Meeting was held on the Basin Reserve, a charge was made for admittance, and programmes were printed. The customary good fortune which seems to be showered on the risky speculations of any Victoria College institution, did not desert the Athletic Club, and it came out of the Meeting with a greater credit balance and a more optimistic spirit than ever.

There was an attendance of about six hundred and the weather was all that could be desired. The racing was good throughout the Meeting, more particularly in the sprints, in which events the over-training which had been indulged in by competitors was less evident. One good result of the Meeting was that it induced many, whose capabilities would otherwise have remained an unknown quantity, to go into training for the Tournament. Several new students who competed showed considerable promise, and should find their way into the Tournament team next year: notably F. A. de la Mare (late of Boys' High School, Christchurch) who gained first place in all the events in which he competed.

The programme included three open events and events for St. Patrick's College and Public School boys. The Challenge Cup presented to the Club by M. H. Oram was won by G. V. Bogle with $10\frac{1}{2}$ points, O. J. Reid with 8 points being second.

The following are the results of the various events:—

100 YARDS HANDICAP.

FIRST HEAT.

O. J. Reid, 7yds. 1; A. E. Dobbie, 9yds. 2; B. W. Millier, 7yds. 3.
Time 11 1-5 seconds. Eight starters.

SECOND HEAT.

A. T. Duncan, 5 yds. 1; F. A. Wilson, 7 yds. 2; T. Moore, 11 yds. 3.
Time 10 4-5 seconds. Seven starters.

FINAL.

Reid 1; Duncan 2; Millier 3. Time 10 4-5 seconds.

A good keen race run against a northerly. The leaders finished within feet of one another.

880 YARDS HANDICAP.

J. P. Ryan, 40 yds. 1; W. Tudhope, 35 yds. 2; M. H. Oram, scr. 3.
Time, 2 min. 10 2-5 sec.

Tudhope made the pace from the start and led for a great part of the journey. Ryan came up in the last lap and finished about ten yards in front of Tudhope who just beat Oram for second place. All very tired.

THROWING THE HAMMER.

B. J. Jacobs, 5 ft. 1; A. J. Luke, scr. 2; G. V. Bogle, 10 ft. 3.
Distance 72 ft. 6 in. F. A. Wilson "also started."

The competitors in this event were below N.Z. championship form.

MILE WALK HANDICAP.

G. M. Hogben, 100 yds. 1; H. G. R. Mason, 300 yds. 2; J. M. Hogben, scr. 3.
Time, 8 min. 25 sec. Five starters.

This race, as was the case last year, provided considerable excitement—not to say amusement. Mason started off at a steady pace and led until within five yards of the tape. In the last lap, however, G. M. Hogben put on a great spurt and won by the narrowest of margins from Mason, who finished smiling. J. M. Hogben ran a good third.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP.

A. H. Bogle, 1 in. 1; G. V. Bogle, scr. 2; F. A. de la Mare, scr. 3.
Height, 5 ft. 1 in. One other competitor.

220 YARDS HANDICAP.

FIRST HEAT.

B. Goodbehere, scr., 1; A. E. Dobbie, 17 yds., 2; B. W. Millier, 14 yds., 3.
Time, 23 4-5 sec. Seven starters. Won with a little to spare.

SECOND HEAT.

O. J. Reid, 14 yds., 1; A. T. Duncan, 11 yds., 2; F. A. Wilson, 14 yds., 3.
Time, 23 4-5 sec. A close finish.

FINAL.

Reid, 1; Wilson, 2; Duncan, 3. Time, 23 2-5 secs.
Won by three yards. A good struggle for second place.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

W. Tudhope, 5 ft. 6 in., 1; G. V. Bogle, 4 ft. 6 in., 2; A. Tudhope, 3 ft 6 in.
and F. A. Wilson, 4 ft. 6 in., 3.
Distance, 33 ft. 4 in. No records broken.

120 YARDS HURDLES.

FIRST HEAT.

G. V. Bogle, owes 10 yds., 1; G. R. Barnett, scr, 2.. Time, 20 1-5 secs.
A. Bogle also finished.

SECOND HEAT.

T. N. Holmden owes 10 yds., 1; B. Goodbehere owes 10 yds., 2.
Time, 19 4-5 sec. de la Mare and J. Hogben also started.

FINAL.

Holmden, 1; G. Bogle, 2. Time, 18 sec.
The only starters—both from scratch. A very good race.

THREAD THE NEEDLE RACE.

Miss Mackenzie and de la Mare, 1; Miss Antill and J. M. Hogben, 2.

MILE HANDICAP.

de la Mare, scr., 1; T. Rigg, 60 yds., 2; J. W. Heenan, 20 yds., 3.
Time, 4 min. 51 4-5 sec.

In the last lap de la Mare made his annual effort and won by yards.

440 YARDS HANDICAP.

G. V. Bogle, 16 yds., 1; O. J. Reid, 20 yds., 2; M. H. Oram, 16 yds., 3.
Time 54 4-5 sec. A very good finish.

COSTUME RACE.

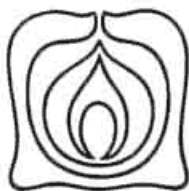
G. M. Hogben (Davy Jones), J. M. Hogben (a footman), A. J. Luke (a female), and F. A. de la Mare (Slaughterman on strike) paraded for this event.

de la Mare, last year's champion, was again given first place.

RELAY RACE.

Tennis Club's Team, 1; Football Club, 2; Hockey Club, 3.

The winning team comprised Beere, Barnett, Duncan, and F. Wilson. Dixon (Hockey) made the pace for the first 220 yards, but in the second run Beere left the others, and the gap was not reduced.





"'Tis no matter how it be in tune, so it make noise enough."

—*As You Like It.*

INSPIRED by the musical success which marked the Carnival last year, a determined effort was made in the second term to revive interest in the old Club. Some of the original members, to whose enthusiasm the present position of the Club is largely due—notably Miss Frühauf and F. P. Wilson—aided by a vigorous influx of "new blood," have achieved great results.

In years gone by the Society has suffered from a dearth of active members and a superabundance of active criticism, but there is little prospect of a recurrence of such troubles. At this year's meeting interest was keener than ever, and now that practices are held in the College, budding prima donnas, and as a natural consequences, heavy profundos, are expected to offer themselves in such enthusiastic profusion as will seriously tax the available accommodation, and may even necessitate a Board of Selection.

"Let the piano's martial blast
Arouse the echoes of the past."

—*Bab Ballads.*

A breezy confidence in its own future is at present the Club's most valuable asset, almost the whole of the accumulated funds, together with some whose ultimate accumulation rests with the Fates, having been recklessly voted towards the purchase of a piano. The Executive, evidently firmly convinced that Providence helps those who help themselves, boldly requested

the Students' Association to provide the further amount necessary. That august body, with commendable promptitude, decided to meet their wishes.

Success attend you, sweet songsters! And long may your tuneful melodies resound within our walls!

“Ecoutez! . . .
Un bruit confus s'approche.”

—Victor Hugo.

A review of the year's work shews that besides the annual concert described in another column, entertainments were given at the Home for the Aged Needy, and at the Mount View and Porirua Mental Hospitals.

For the Porirua Concert a large number travelled out by brake. The various items evidently pleased the audience, which shewed a keen appreciation, but the weary sigh which a long recitation drew forth from one over-wrought soul will probably live for many a day in the memories of those who were privileged to hear it.

Supper was kindly tendered by the staff, *considerably* delaying the start for home. Of the return journey no authentic reports seem to be available, but, from what one can gather, this is more to be attributed to a “Light that failed” than to any shortage of incidents worthy of observation.



GROUP TAKEN ON EASTER SATURDAY AT THE LAWN TENNIS CONTESTS.
THE INTER-UNIVERSITY-COLLEGES' TOURNAMENT OF 1907, IN AUCKLAND.



And Entertainments.

"They dance, they revel, and they sing,
Till the rude turrets shake and ring."

—Scott—*"Lay of the Last Minstrel."*

THE GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

On the evening of Friday, 29th October last, signs of animation on the top floor of our new building betokened a festivity designed to relieve the pent-up feelings of those who had during the preceding fortnight gone through the ordeal of "terms" examinations. The occasion was the first annual concert of the recently rejuvenated Glee Club. The audience did not fill the hall to overflowing, but those who were fortunate enough to be present enjoyed the best concert programme ever presented by Victoria College students. From the moment the dainty sopranos filed on to the stage till the last heavy bass trundled off it, there was nothing to jar the musical susceptibilities of the most fastidious, the only sign of flatness occurring when one of our now famous chairs had so little regard for grace and dignity as to deposit Conductor F. P. Wilson on the floor. This little incident was not the least appreciated item, though we have Mr. Wilson's assurance that it was quite unrehearsed. A glee opened the programme, followed by solos from Misses Martin and Isaacs, more glees, then a humorous quartette by Misses Strack and Lyons, A. H. Bogle and G. W. Reid. In the second part, besides several glees, the audience enjoyed solos by

Misses Strack and Lyons and F. P. Wilson. On conclusion of the performance the floor was cleared with all due celerity for the dance which rightly is the only recognised ending to an evening's amusement in these sporting days.

BREAKING-UP SOCIAL.

The last entertainment of the year was just the bright little function one has come to expect when the Students' Committee decides to hold high festival. The Glee Club first occupied the stage, "hailing" the "smiling morn" with all its accustomed melodious enthusiasm. Solos were given by Misses Robson and Strack and A. H. Bogle. The brothers Bogle with warlike howls and appropriate grimaces gave a Maori haka in their best style. "Celebrities" was dropped on this occasion—fine old pastime, what memories of bygone functions float around thy name—but parlour football, an entirely new departure in evening amusements, was introduced with much vigor and enthusiasm. One participant was "flattened," while another had recourse to cold water for a bleeding nose. "Quick work, quick work!" "General Post" was another distinctly exhilarating pastime. The excellent impromptu display of ju-jitsu which ensued when two of the blindfold catchers succeeded in catching one another was much enjoyed by all present—save themselves. "Consequences" followed, the results, as read out by the careful President, being clever and original, but *not* the work of the audience. Dancing concluded an interesting evening.

We recommend that a Committee be set up by the Students' Association to enquire and report as to a substitute for parlour football for use at future functions.

CONCERT AT SYDNEY STREET SCHOOLROOM.

The Students' Association was on the horns of an appalling dilemma. Unless additional funds were forthcoming it seemed probable that some of our Easter representatives would be reduced to dire extremities—would have to work their passage, in fact. The panic stricken Committee decided to give an entertainment in the Sydney Street Schoolroom, and the situation was saved. The entertainment went off with tremendous *éclat*. The Glee Club revived several old favourites, and the audience was not unappreciative. Songs were contributed by the Misses Martin, Strack, and Lyons, and Mr. G. Hutcheson. Mr. and Miss Newton gave a very clever and amusing sketch. De la Mare recited, and no weary soul was on this occasion

heard to express itself in a yawn. Various results were promised by Mr. Von Haast to those who would "wear a nice piece flannel next the skin." "Box and Cox," excellently portrayed by the Reid Brothers and Mr. Blythe, concluded the public portion of the programme. Most of the students present were prepared to indulge in a little dancing, but the caretaker was indifferent alike to the cajoleries of the ladies and the more direct persuasion of the men, and for once in the history of the College the enthusiasts were disappointed.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS.

This Social, held in the College on Saturday, 6th April, was chiefly distinguished from those of former years by the large number of new students present, and by an ingenious scheme of automatic introduction by means of name-labels. Perry, on behalf of the Students' Association, welcomed back the Easter Reps. in a speech bristling with good points, ranging from the condition of the "distressful country" to the recent visit of the Japanese warships. Dixon replied as well as his evident emotion would permit, and handed over the trophies gained by the team, who cheerfully accepted an invitation to render their haka on the platform. Songs were contributed by Misses Fell and Robson and by J. Pope, and recitations by O'Leary, J. B. Reid, and Isaacs. Supper and the usual dancing completed the evening's amusement.

ENGAGEMENTS.

"Then be not coy, but use your time,
And while ye may, go marry."

--Herrick.

S. R. GAWITH to MISS K. MORRISON.

H. P. RICHMOND to MISS ELSIE MCTAVISH.

MISS L. GILBERTSON to J. NAIRN.

UNIVERSITY LIFE.

A Candid Criticism.

"I cannot tell what you and other men
Think of this life; but for my single self
I had as lief not be, as live to be
In awe of such a thing."

—*Julius Caesar.*

"It's a gr-reat life, Hinnissey!" said Mr. Dooley.

"What's that ye're talkin' about, Dooley?" said Mr. Hennessy. "Is it th' life iv a perliceman ye're rayferrin' to, or th' life iv a Sthipendhiary Magisthrate?"

"No," said Mr. Dooley, "it's none iv thim lives. They're gr-rand lives in their way, but they're nothin' compared wid th' life of a Univerrrsity shtudent. Begorra! it's a gr-reat life! There's me frind Hogan: his son Michael Aloysius goes t' th' Victhorian Collidge. 'Hogan' I sez t' him, 'Hogan, what does that son iv yours lurn at th' collidge?' sez I. 'Och' Dooley" he sez, 'Och!' sez he, 'Michael Aloysius is runnin' over wid larnin'. What wid his-Joorispoodence,' he says, 'an' his Algebratics, an' wan thing an' another,' sez he, 'Michael 'll sune be burstin' fr'm overwurrk,' he sez. But it's a gr-reat life' Hinnisy! There may be some iv thim what takes a little thrubble with their Algebractics or whatever they call it. But then there's some iv thim, maybe, that don't. There's me frind Hogan's son: Michael Aloysius the same. He gets up about nine iv th' mornin' after havin' what he calls a dayjurney in bed; it consists iv some bacon an' eggs or beefstake an' onyons, wid plenty iv hot butthered toast and tea t' wash it down wid. When he's got up he goes and takes a conshtintoosh'n'l, as he calls it, which manes that he walks down t' th' shtore at th' corner, an' talks t' th' gurrl behind th' counther about th' price iv bootlaces, an' whether it might rain t'-morrer if it's not fine; an' then he comes back wid an appetite like a fish, an' has some more hot butthered toast an' tea: 't' rayfresh me mem'ry,' he sez. Then he sets down wid a pile iv books in front iv him, that Hogan had t' buy f'r him. He sez he's goin' t' do some shtudy, an' ye musn't daysturrb him or ye might wake him up. He's all there agin wid another appetite when dinner comes along, an' afther his dinner he takes a seaesthra, as he calls it, which consists iv slapin' till it's time to have some afthernune tea, which he does, an' then goes down t' th' colledge t' do some pr-ractical wurrk, as he calls it, which

manes some more afthernune tea I s'pose. In th' avenin' he goes along t' a commiddy meetin', or a sosh'l t' new shtudents, or a Ladies' Football Club dance. Or else he has a daybate on wid Willis an' O'Leary whether Billy th' thurrd was th' gr-reatest adm'ral or wuz Hannybul? or shud ye give Home Rule t' Ireland, or shud ye rayfer it t' industhrial arbitration; Och, it's a gr-reat life, Hinnissey!"

"But what about examinayshuns?" said Mr. Hennessy.

"Bejabers! Hinissy" said Mr. Dooley, "they have their M.A.'s an' their B.C.'s—that's Bach'l'r iv Science, Hinissy—an' their D.D.L.'s—which Mr. Joynt shpells wid only wan full-shtop—an' wan thing an' another, but that don't thrubble thim. Not a bit iv it. There's me frind Hogan's son, Michael Aloysius. 'Hogan,' I sez, 'Hogan,' sez I, 'does y'r son Michael go in f'r examinayshuns?' 'Examinayshuns,' he sez, 'examinayshuns don't worry him,' sez he. 'Didn't he make a hundhred an' twinty, not out,' he sez, 'th' other day, f'r th' furrst fifteen,' sez he, 'playin' agin Melrose?' he sez. 'They don't thrubble wid examinayshuns, Hinissy. Shure an' they have thim oft'n enough though! Furrst iv all there's th' turrms as they call it, but why they call it th' turrms I don't know, unless it's becuz it's held in Octtober. They never fail in their turrms exceptin' their Jurispoodence, f'r which th' book they sthudy costs twinty-two shillin's, nicely bound in red wid th' writer's name in gold letthers on th' back which is Salmon'. Then there's what they call th' Home examinayshun, which is in November in Bellamy's wid cush'n'd seats t' sit on. They always fail in thim Home exams., or get furrst-class honours wid speshul menshun. An' th' list iv thim what passed comes out in Th' SPOIKE an' they have a cappin' carrnival an' a supper an' dancin' afther it's all over. An' as long as they get th' dancin' an' th' supper t' wind up ev'rything wid, they don't care what happens. Begorra! It's a gr-reat life!"

"But don't th' Perfessers have t' wurrk, Dooley," said Mr. Hennessy.

"Bedad, Hinissy, an' they have a fine time too. Th' only thing is that they don't have t' sit f'r examinayshuns, which is a mighty good thing f'r th' Perfessers."



Poetry.

" Les dieux eux-mêmes meurent,
Mais les vers souverains Demeurent
Plus fort que les airains."

TRUTH.

Look how serene the mountains that outwatch
Our stormy sea of agony unheard
From the far south ; a welter from the cold,
Shattering its load of icy reticence
Over our tumbled shores ; a sound resolved
Into Eternity, that never joy
Nor sorrow linked with words. The thunder rolls
Beneath the cumulative spires that hear
Immoveable : far, far below, the sea,
The forest, and the cataract are gloom
With cloud and tempest ; light is on the peak
Shut from the world, an altar unsustained
By anything but sacrament of heaven.
Upon the very summit of the peak,
Where the breath hardly hath a sustenance,
How incorruptible the fading air
Thinning to vacancy away from the world,
Scarce feeling the curved aerolite that glows
One moment for the marvelling eyes beneath.
Mark the felicity that does not want
The appanage of cloud or wandering rain
For its supremacy—the best is best
Aloof in its Olympian majesty.
The peak the sunrise captures when the earth
Lies in a drug below, hath silences

More soul-unburdening than eloquence.
The hour the pool of the heart an angel stirs
We are as music, or the beat of wing,
Or evanescent cloud, or as the shade,
Too imperceptible moving to the eye
Afar upon the hills; aye, anything
So be it not the soil; for God is found
Dearer and holier in us when the foam
Of daily struggle is forgotten, sunk
Below the horizon, when we stand like scars
Uncanopied by any film of earth.

Would God the silent Spirit of the hills
Were the forerunner in the mind of men
Of the Messiah, Truth, who cannot bear
One blade of grass denied, who can but look
And in her eyes are all the splendours told,
And all the miseries; nothing glozed or hid
Beneath a lying lace. What sacrifice
Is too exorbitant for rich design
To build a temple for the mind wherein
All snare and trickery are maladroitness,
And withered where the glance of Truth compels
The soul to be a music sung by her.
She hath her precinct where the foot must fall
Still to the rapture of the holy place;
Light clouded by the mullioned shaft of aisle
Makes softer prayer that wells within the heart
Softer than moonlit sea or taper flame
The abbess burns before her crucifix.
Art thou her votary? Dost thou contend
In struggle of the world to overcome
Reefs perilous of many seas, and pierce
The vast, bare, main, unbroken, yet behind
Thy boat that with the setting of thy Sun
Hath visionary light upon its sail?
Oh, fortunate if thou hast her domain
Alone thy covenanted walk and shade;
One chosen from the multitude art thou,
That know not thy impending glory, a light
Making the dim path clear. It is for thee
The sun hath matins and the moon desires
The waters with her vespers; they respond
To her meek prayer, and follow her; the earth
Rolls round for thee, and all her joy is thine.

HUBERT CHURCH.

AN AUTUMN EVENING.

Evening of perfect April day,
Mirror of Autumn sea,
Shivered by fitful airs that sway
The glittering wavelets o'er the bay
To kiss the harbour quay.

Calm of the sun now westening low,
Glory of cloudy isle,
Far and aloof on the wide sea-bow,
Aetherial archipelago,
Bathed in the sunset smiles.
Shadow of lonely mountain height

Lengthening o'er the plain,
Pillar of smoke ascending light
From cottage ingle, while the night
Grows in the East again.

Glimmer of lights in the gloaming sky,
Glimmer of lights on the hill,
Murmur of restless surf, faint sigh
Of breathing pines, late owl's lone cry ;
All else is dark and still.

A. F. T. CHORLTON.

THE QUEST OF THE SANCGREAL.

Who seeks the Holy Grail he rides aloof.
The lure of lips and eyes and rippled hair
And clinging arms,—all love's white silken snare
He shall thrust from him for his soul's behoof;
And when Night cowers upon Comfort's roof
The leaping fire and circling wine forswear
And follow where Adventure's clarions blare
And spirit frets its fleshly warp and woof.

The salt of life shall mock with appetite
His lips denied the savour and the spice
Wherein the sons of men do take delight :
He shall enthrone his soul beyond their price,
And follow the cold twilight of the trail,
And in the end he shall not win the Grail.

SEAFORTH MACKENZIE.

PARTING.

So all is over, then,
This love of a month and a day ;
Ended as April leaves
Began to fall, in May.

Matters the wrong or the right ?
No more our arms entwine !
For you—warm Love and kisses wait,
For me—the Vestal Shrine.

I could half forget I live
Were it not for the sound of the sea—
The swish of the rain on the roof—
For the wind, and rain, and the sea.

All speak of a tale of war
Of the strife of Love and Delight
Warring with things that are,
And I have gone down in the fight.

Through all the jarring years
While I sought for you—my mate,
Did I turn away from all
To find you at last—too late.

Yes, just for a month and a day,
While the glamour lasted—so—
Our spirits rushed together
As we kissed—then I let you go.

What harm did you get from me
I loved you—love you still
With a love that is not of the senses born
Robbed of their passionate thrill—

Robbed of the joy and the thrill,
Purged of the passionate pain,
Love it is still, though sense rebels,
Love let it still remain.

Do I yearn to hold you yet ?
Does the Earth desire the Rain ?
Ah ! for the right to feel your lips
On my lips and brow again !

I have a task to do !
I am beaten to earth—but shall I
Falter when love is pointing the way ?
No ! let selfishness die !

Then go to the other and take
Her kisses in place of mine
For you—warm Love is waiting,
For me—the Vestal Shrine.

EMMA WARD.

ANTIPODEAN HORACE

Carmen I.

McKenna, sprung from Ancient Kings
Of Erin, O my friend in need,
Of many men the poet sings ;
And first of such as love the steed ;
The centaurs of the Classic race
At Riccarton or Avondale
Leap from the barrier, set the pace,
And closely hug the inner rail
And spurn the dust along the straight
And win the cup and stakes, that crown
Them lords of earth, and gods create
For seventh heaven of renown.

Then here a man, if city mobs
To pride of office him would bear,
With ecstasy of triumph throbs,
When he is thrice elected mayor ;
And there another lives to hoard
The fruits of Canterbury fields,
And keeps them in his corner stored,
Till to his price the market yields.

The freehold farmer with his plough
Not all the gold of Grand Waihi
Would tempt aboard an Auckland scow
To cleave the barren Tasman sea.

The merchant midst the billows high
Of wind-swept Straits afraid to drown
For rural restfulness will sigh
Back in the suburbs of his town ;

But soon upon the Patent Slip
He has repaired his battered craft
And braves the Terawhiti rip,
With genteel poverty abaft.

What of the man who does not spurn
A fragrant cup of rich Bohea
And snatches by the steaming urn
Part of the solid business day !

Lo, here the kilted warrior wipes
His lips and chafes his ice-cold knees,
Then marches to the skirling pipes,
While mothers erring infants seize ;

See there the hunter bivouac,
Unmindful of his tender wife,
When stag is viewed by yelling pack
Or boar at bay awaits the knife.

The hero of the bounding ball
'Mid jostling forms of friend and foe
Essays with might and main to fall
Across the line in heaving throe.

The student, for his learning capped
A Bachelor of Laws or Arts,
Straight in Olympian clouds is wrapt
And from the mob for ever parts.

But me the cooling bush delights
Across the harbour at the bay
And quaint fandangos danc'd o' nights
By rustic nymphs in light array ;

Yet if Torzillo touch the lyre
Or Arral warble sweetest bars,
I feel such music might inspire
Songs worthy of the lyric stars.

TRANSLATION BY A.F.T.C.

N.Z. University Senate.

SOME of the matters which were considered at the Annual Session of the Senate are of great importance, and have a direct effect upon the students of Victoria College.

The most notable of the improvements made was in the LL.B. degree statute, which has been entirely revised and cleared of anomalies, and at the same time made to include a definite statement of the matters comprised under various headings. We trust that the examiners will in the future observe carefully the divisions which have been made, and will avoid putting questions not properly comprised in the subjects of their respective papers.

In the Honours in Arts Examination it is still necessary, notwithstanding attempts to amend the statute, to take two languages in order to qualify for Honours. The examination is thus divided into two distinct portions, which are entirely independent of each other. In many recent cases marks equivalent to first-class have been obtained in one language, and only third-class marks in the other. In those cases the Senate has awarded "Third-Class Honours in Languages and Literature." We do not suggest that the candidate is necessarily entitled to be credited with second-class Honours in such a case, but we think that some means should be provided of indicating, both in the diploma and in the Calendar, the standard reached in each language.

Sir M. O'Rorke again brought forward a motion with reference to degrees in Divinity being granted by the University. The resolution was passed by 11 votes to 10, and steps will probably be taken to obtain the necessary legislative authority to carry out the proposal. The subject is one in which a high degree of learning can be acquired, and which is capable of as scientific a study as, say, philosophy or jurisprudence. While on the one hand the University should not associate itself with any particular school of theology, it seems unjust that it should refuse to offer rewards for the careful study of so intricate and scientific a branch of learning.

The Proposed Women's Hostel.

The Scheme outlined by Mrs. Wallis.

We have received from Mrs. Wallis a statement as to the aims of the Joint Committee which has taken this matter in hand, and the means by which it is proposed to carry the scheme into effect. The following is an extract from Mrs. Wallis's statement, and contains all the material facts :—

I have been very much afraid that some of my friends at Victoria College would think that I was forgetting them and my promise to provide some sort of a Boarding Hostel for them, but that is very far from the case. Only, when I set about fulfilling my promise, I found it would take a longer time than I had anticipated. For one thing, my little private scheme, as it was then, has grown into something far better and bigger, and there is now a Joint Committee (which you very likely have already read about in the *N.Z. Times*) to carry the whole thing through. Also I think we are all determined to aim high. If we of the Committee had been content with low aims and a small Hostel we might by now have had a clique residing in a small and poky house and called it a Hostel, but it would not have been the real fulfilment of my promise. Perhaps I had better say what my promise was, for the benefit of those who do not know. It was to provide a comfortable home where any girl attending Victoria, or the Training, Colleges can board at a reasonable fee. The advantages which such a Hostel will have over an ordinary Boarding House are :—

1. Everyone in it will belong to the College, so that there will be a sort of diffused atmosphere of the same interests. And as those interests will be a good deal to do with the same work it is probable that the work itself will be found to be a good deal easier when it can be the subject of friendly talk and joint study than when it has to be done more or less alone.
2. There will be a lady Superintendent at the head, whose business will be not only to look after the housekeeping, but also to be a sort of general friend to everyone, and who will also be specially glad to help anyone in a difficult piece of work as far she can.
3. The fee will be about £1 a week. This we are afraid is a shilling or two higher than some are paying now, but it is hoped to cover more. The Students will we hope, get all their washing done, and will also get a good, hot meal at any time of the evening, say between 5 and 9 p.m., according to the arrangement of their lectures.

4. In building the house we are making ample room for study and for recreation. There will be certainly one large room, if not two, as a sort of "silence room" for study, besides room for the Students to see their friends, as well as for their own work or chat.
5. The site on which we hope shortly to build is quite near Victoria College. We searched all over the College neighbourhoods, and we came to the conclusion that if we could not have a place halfway between the two Colleges it was better to be nearer Kelburne than Thorndon, as most of the evening Lectures are at Victoria College. Besides these advantages, the house is to be of a Christian character, though no one will be forced to go to Prayers or Church.

Now, I should like to close with saying a few things that do *not* enter into our Hostel idea. For one thing I may repeat what has been said in the *N.Z. Times* that it is not a charity, as the fees should cover expenses. We do certainly want help in the initial expenses of buying, building, and furnishing—but though we are arranging for the first two of these for the present we want the College friends to help in them all, and especially in the furnishing. We believe there is quite a lot of help available, all probably in small ways, at the College, and we shall very likely soon call for it. Are we wrong? But, chiefly, the Hostel is not a Boarding School, nor is its Head a Mistress. We intend that there shall be very few rules to be observed by the Students in it, but what we do hope is that those who make use of it will always be loyal to its principles, and will create a sort of orderly, cultured atmosphere which will be worth any amount of hard and fast rules. For this reason we very much hope that many Students now at the College will enter for the Hostel when they are making their next year's arrangements. We do want to have a good set of second, third, and fourth year Students to start with, besides the probably large number of first year girls who will be starting their work next year. The house will hold about 40 girls, and I am sure we shall not have the least difficulty in filling it with the pick of the Colleges. Thereby we shall not only be supplying a real want in Wellington, but shall be setting a noble example to all the other University Colleges, who only want to be shewn the way in order to do it themselves. Forward, Wellington!

MARGARET E. J. WALLIS.



Election of Life Members.

"In recognition of their faithful services and personal sacrifices in the interests of Victoria College."

—*Extract from Constitution of V.C.S.A.*

The rules and regulations which hedge round the election of Life Members of the Students' Association were not sufficient to exclude two of us from the Holy of Holies. They were "two of us" in the particular and peculiar sense that they made our interests, as students of Victoria College, their own, and as soon as they were eligible by reason of having ceased to attend lectures, they were given those post mortem (*tanquam*) honours so seldom accorded to laborious and virtuous days.

To give a full and detailed account of the services of George F. Dixon to the Students' Association would be to give a history of that illustrious institution from about the year 1901. Sometime in the dark ages a notice signed by one J. W. Joynt invited intending students to give in their names at the University Office at 10 o'clock in the morning. On that eventful day G. F. Dixon was standing on the pavement of Museum Street at 10 a.m. waiting for the door to open. The Victoria College door has been an open one to him ever since. Six years a member of the Executive Committee, never once during those six years did he miss a meeting. He was President of the Students' Association for three successive years, and promoter and organiser of most of our Clubs during their early struggle for existence. His work in connection with the founding of the University Tournament was of such a colossal nature that we are unable to do it justice. We have seen the files of corres-

pondence, and at a moderate estimate they contain as much as about three volumes of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. He has been one of the Victoria College delegates from the beginning, and manager of the team on four occasions. Dixon is a Victoria College landmark, and we hope to see him on Victoria College land for a long time to come. There will always be a spade and a shovel ready for him at the tennis courts. The present election is the only one which has not promised to involve him in toilsome days and nights. May he escape the annual half-crown for many years.

The other life member is William Gillanders. He has severed his connection with us in good earnest, and "Gilly's Shovel" will have to be wielded "on the old clay patch" by some less lusty arm. Dixon and Gillanders both hail from the same school and the same province, they are "prime Canterbury." Gillanders followed in Dixon's footsteps as President of the Students' Association, and his strong personality combined with that shrewd diplomatic Scotchness of his left its mark on the College life. He always pushed his weight and was muscular withal. As General Secretary for Australasia of the Y.M.C.A. he will have plenty of scope. We are sorry to lose him—but congratulate the Y.M.C.A.

Sound, Light, and Heat.

In connection with these branches of science there are certain phenomena within the College buildings which, we believe, have not yet come under the notice of the Professor of Physics. The eagle editorial eye has, however, had the misfortune to stumble across the said phenomena, and we felt it our duty to bring them beneath the searching gaze of the readers of THE SPIKE. In the first place we have observed that the Library, the room in the College where silence is most desired—and the hints to that effect hanging about the walls are surely broad enough—seems to be recognised as a happy hunting ground for would-be orators. Some time ago one might have thought that the printed requests for silence gave advice unnecessary to students; and we hope that those misguided undergraduates who disregard them, will before long mend their ways. There has also been a noticeable lack of light on several occasions, much

to the annoyance of students, who have been compelled by circumstances to return home with their craving for knowledge unrelieved. With regard to heat, we have observed an overdose of it in the lecture rooms, and an absence of it in the Students' Common Room. This latter deficiency may, to some extent, account for the limited number of students who seem to know of the Common Room's existence. There are one or two other details about the building which might be remedied—the lack of ventilation worthy of the name, to take one instance. Nobody however would dare to assert that the architects did not make the external beauty of the College all that could be desired.

Supper to Rhodes Candidates.

“Moderation is the silken thread running through
the pearls of all virtues.”

—Bishop Hall.

On the night before the fatal day on which this year's Rhodes scholar was to be chosen, the Students' Association gave a complimentary supper to the candidates. The only damper to the evening's entertainment was the absence of representatives from Otago and Canterbury—the former because he did not arrive till the following morning, and the latter because the Canterbury College authorities did not appoint a candidate. The two candidates present, however, to wit R. L. Ziman of A.U.C. and G. V. Bogle of ours, did their best to make up for this loss; and their efforts were ably seconded by those of a hungry individual from the “N.Z. Times,” who helped to keep things moving in fine style. During the course of the evening, the usual complimentary speeches were made, the usual toasts were honoured, the usual songs were sung, and—de la Mare recited. But the *pièce de résistance* of the evening was the reply by W. Gillanders to the toast of the University of New Zealand; we doubt if the advantages of University life and the widespread power of a true University spirit could have been better described by the Registrar himself. The gathering was indeed one of those occasions—and may they ever increase—when purely College interests are forgotten, and a spirit of loyalty to University alone is evident.

Wellington College.

Once again we would express our heartiest thanks to Mr. J. P. Firth for the use of the Wellington College Grounds for training purposes. As on the previous occasions when we have been allowed the use of the grounds, Mr. Firth took the kindest interest in our doings, and we have to thank him, his staff, and the boys of Wellington College for the many courtesies shown towards us.

Via Litterarum.

The approaches to the College have been made much more tolerable than they were last year, but even now much is to be desired. The river-bed which wound its course down the Mount Street approach has been filled up, and the feet of students have performed a function which usually falls to the lot of a steam-roller—the smoothing-down of the rough metal laid on the track. We are pleased to offer our thanks for the new lights, but the authorities have not themselves to thank that no student's limbs were broken when it was dark.

Jacob Joseph Scholarships.

These two scholarships were this year awarded to C. B. Collins, LL.M., who gained first class Honours in Law in the recent examinations, and Miss J. O. Abernethy M.A., who gained second-class Honours in Languages and Literature (Latin and German). We offer our heartiest congratulations to the successful candidates upon their well earned successes.

Macmillan-Brown Prize.

We are pleased to be able to announce that this prize was in January last awarded to a student of Victoria College, making five successive years in which the University essay prizes have come to Wellington. This record is one which can be extended, and we sincerely hope that some students will come forward this year to fill the gap created by the incapacity of former winners to compete. The prizes are very valuable, the work is interesting, and the competition, limited to undergraduates, is not severe. Let it be possible to say that in literature, as well as in

debating, Victoria College can set a standard which others will find it hard to reach.

Sir George Grey Scholarship.

This scholarship was gained by G. R. Barnett at the end of last year for work in Pure Mathematics, Mechanics and Astronomy. In the November examinations, however the Senior Scholarship in Mathematics was awarded to him as second to Ziman of Auckland who was debarred from it by holding another Senior Scholarship. The Sir George Grey Scholarship was therefore awarded to J. F. G. Richards, for work in Chemistry, Physics and Zoology. We congratulate both students upon the distinction awarded to them.

The Grounds.

On May 24th, Empire Day was celebrated by Victoria College students in a manner suggestive of Arbor Day. The trees with which the Council propose to adorn "the old clay patch" were duly produced, and those who had dutifully obeyed the summons of the Council appeared on the scene to dig trenches and commence planting. We hope the trees will grow, but the subsoil certainly doesn't give much promise. It is understood that the Gardens Committee estimates the whole cost of beautifying the College grounds at £20, but whether this sanguine assumption proceeds from a vivid imagination or a shortage of cash is not explained. Perhaps it was a misprint for £200!

The Tennis Courts.

"On the old clay patch at Kelburne
Looking eastward to the sea,
There's a tennis court wants fixing."—Still!

A season's play on our three tennis courts has proved conclusively that a fourth court is absolutely necessary. It was very difficult to get *any* practise this last season without long waits, and *good* practise was out of the question. Consequently most of the first team had to get practise elsewhere. Those that did not, suffered. If the junior players are to improve they must have practise with their seniors, and more accommodation must be provided. How?

The three courts cost £274. Of this the College Council provided £100 for levelling and £75 towards cost of asphaltting and the Students' Association voted £50. £50 was raised in debentures from friends of the Club. The Club has a credit balance of £15 and the Construction Committee has a balance of £9 1s 10d. The Tennis Committee have therefore to face a debit balance of about £25 18s 2d. This is not a serious matter, and with reasonable economy should be wiped out from revenue in two or three years. Notwithstanding its importunity, the Committee will almost certainly get a share of the building fund. This should do a good deal towards laying the asphalt and top-dressing the new court. But the rough-hewing, the rock-shifting, can be done by the students. Let those who want the new court take off their coats, and there will be no need for their eloquence at general meetings. Working-bees will be organised as soon as the winter games are over, and there is no reason why the new Court should not be in use by Christmas-time.

The Gymnasium.

“Let's join together for the commonweal.”

Notwithstanding the complaints of the Football Club, the Gymnasium Committee has so far not reported to the Students' Association any startling progress in its schemes. Nothing can be done until the sum of £350 is provided, and even that would not be enough. Up to the present only about £55 has been collected, and of that sum £20 was contributed by the generosity of the Professorial Board. This, however, is a start, and an earnest that the scheme will not die. We learn that the appeal for subscriptions at the end of last year was something of a fiasco, as it was made right at the end of the term, and more than half the students never claimed their circulars—which adorned the rack for some months and were then surreptitiously removed by the Secretary. Anyone aggrieved may apply to the Secretary and the missing circular will be supplied. A further effort will be made by organised canvass this year, so every man should prepare himself either to pay over or dodge the Treasurer. In our last number we said that we had reason to believe that there were friends of the College in Wellington who would help in

this cause. We are sure that such friends exist and will appear at the psychological moment. Let us in the meantime show that we ourselves are willing to do our share for the Gymnasium.

Thanks.

The thanks of all connected with the College are due to Professors Kirk and von Zedlitz, Mr C. P. Powles, Mr Thompson (of the Parliamentary Library), Miss M. R. Barkas and W. B. A. Quick, for much sacrifice of time and trouble in the arrangement and indexing of the College Library. The magnitude of a work of this kind cannot well be realised by a glance at the neatly arranged shelves and the compact index case, but those who during the long vacation saw the quantity of literature to be disposed of might almost have despaired of the task of evolving order out of such a chaos.

H. D. Skinner has been appointed assistant librarian to Mr C. P. Powles.

The Council and the Students.

At the meeting of the Council held on 15th May, Mr. McCallum said a few words on behalf of the students' organisations, and suggested that members of the Council should, in their private capacities, subscribe to the various funds. We do not see that there is any special claim upon Councillors in this direction, and we ask rather for their sympathy than their financial support, but at least Mr. McCallum in the past has shewn himself ready to practise what he preaches.

Graduates' Association.

At the second Annual Meeting of the Graduates' Association, in addition to the election of officers for the year, Mr. A. R. Meek was nominated by the Association to fill a vacancy upon the College Council. Mr. Meek was subsequently elected as representative of the graduates.

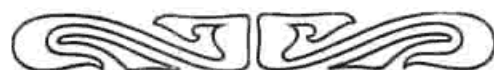
All graduates should become members of this Association, which exists for the protection of their interests, and constitutes the means of voicing their opinions.

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"Some have greatness thrust upon them."

—*Twelfth Night.*

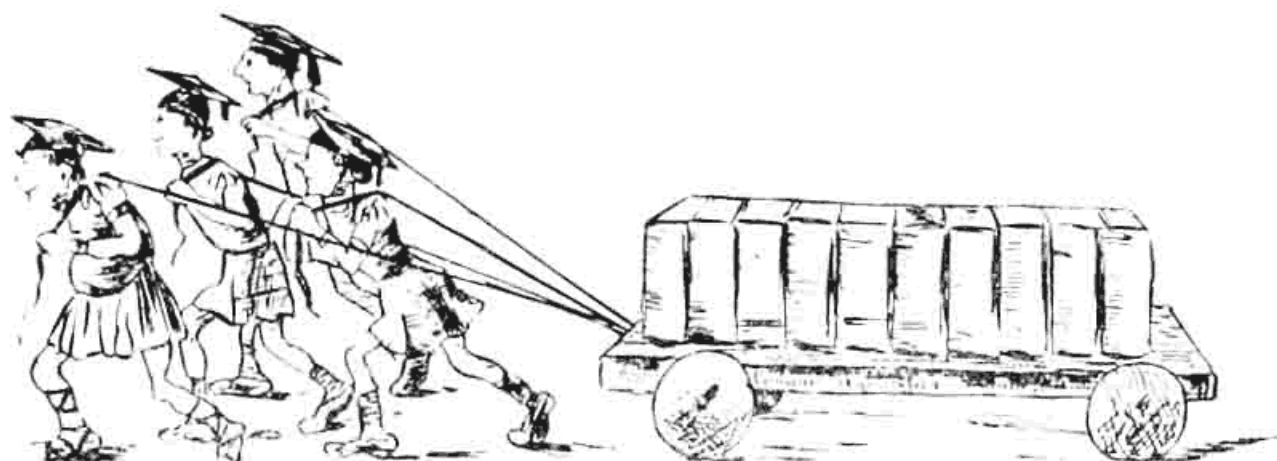
It has been usual, on the occasions of previous changes in the editorial staff, for the incoming talent to make an apologetic statement for their appearance in print. We, therefore, take this opportunity of assuring our readers that we have no such intentions. We were appointed to our position by the Students' Association Committee for the purpose of writing the magazine. If we have failed to satisfy them, we shall be pleased to print a statement of their objections not more than half a page in length. Such statement must however, be typewritten and on one side of the paper only. Any other persons with grievances against us are respectfully requested not to use firearms.



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Notes from Other Colleges.



“Home keeping youth have ever homely wits;
I rather would entreat thy company
To see the wonders of the world abroad.”

—*Two Gentlemen of Verona.*

It gives us much pleasure to congratulate Colin M. Gilray of Otago on his election as Rhodes Scholar for 1907. Although his scholastic attainments are not as high as those of previous Scholars, yet we doubt if a man could be found more adapted to the late Cecil Rhodes' ideals. His prowess as an athlete, and his good qualities as a man and leader of men, are in themselves sufficient to bring honour to the University which he represents.

Both the Canterbury College and the Otago University football teams have been distinguishing themselves this season. The latter have lost one match and made a draw of another, while the former have won a match. How are the mighty fallen!

The annual meeting of the Otago Students' Association was characterised by an unusual state of decorum. A writer in the Otago University Review expresses a hope that the same state of affairs may hold at the debates during the year.

It is the custom at Auckland for the Students' Association Committee to depute some student to write a play for the Capping

Carnival every year. This year the task was entrusted to L. T. Pickmere, but, after having half written the play, it proved too much for him, and he is now recovering from scarlet fever.

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Otago Hockey Notes: "Ryburn is a *new* player from the North Island."

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The Sydney University football team is having a successful season. There was a crowd of 20,000 to witness their game with Glebe on the 25th May. So far the University is leading for the Metropolitan premiership; and there are ten other teams in the competition. It is stated that Varsity's success is due to their visit to New Zealand last year when, it will be remembered, they played matches against O.U., C.C. and V.C.

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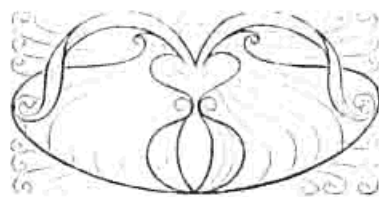
A report of an Oxford capping ceremony provides somewhat light reading. One writer, describing such a function, stated that the undergraduates have developed the gift for sauce into an art that even knows the laws of proportion and restraint. Later on he states that nobody has a chance of knowing what the various speakers say until the speeches are reported in the papers. We certainly are at a disadvantage in New Zealand in not being an old enough institution for habits of this sort to have become custom.

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There seems to have been a certain amount of dissatisfaction at Otago University and Canterbury College, as well as amongst ourselves, with regards to the manner in which the football teams were selected last year. The contributor of notes about the first XV to the O.U. Review expresses satisfaction at the fact that "the Selection Committee had not followed last year's principle of discarding old and trusted players for new blood"; on the next page the contributor of notes about the second XV complains that, "the first eleven show too little consideration for the Juniors." At C.C. the constitution of the selection committees was altered at the annual meeting of the Football Club.

The Victoria College ladies will be please to hear from Canterbury that we hold a dance here once a month. The Victoria College Councillors will be even more pleased to hear that these dances are held in the College Hall. Where is this College Hall ?

The Auckland Capping Ceremony and Carnival held at the beginning of this month were unqualified success. The Chancellor was unable to be present to confer degrees, and in consequence Sir Maurice O'Rorke presided. The chief feature of the concert in the evening was the acting of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" by students. The evening was also enlivened by several items effectively rendered by the College Orchestra, which is evidently a flourishing institution.



EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—*The Otago University Review*, *The Canterbury College Review*, *The Kiwi* (Auckland University College), *The Waitakian*, *The Nelsonian*, *Blue and White* (St. Patrick's College), *The Scindian*, *The Southland Boys' High School Magazine*, and *The Government Insurance Recorder*.



Dr. J. G. F-ndl-y.—Your story describing the angling experiences of the Attorney-General in the V.C. Well of Knowledge, and telling how he caught a thousand-pound Salmon, is a fishy tale. MSS. will be returned on receipt of a sufficiently-stamped envelope.

G. S. Pr--se.—No. The position of tennis champion carries with it no prerogative in the way of being late for photograph appointments. When your absence affects twenty-two others you should either shave over-night or have less breakfast.

F. N. J-hns.—We agree with you that the Men's Robing Room is over far from the Science Building. Although *phenol* does not burn through trousers, we cannot but admire your celerity in obviating any risk.

Mr. Br--k.—Your "Notes on the Cow Question" received. We sympathise—both with you and the cow, but can take no action. Try another legal adviser next time.

F.A. de la M-r.—Complaint received. With eggs at 3d apiece the fact that your tea cost 2/3 does not necessarily argue fraud on the part of the management. Your offer to toss Mrs. Brook "doubles or quits" was sporting, but ill-advised in view of the recent "raid."

R-x M-s-n.—We think so. Why not? Few crack walkers have your natural aptitude to begin with, and your style is after Kerr's own—rather a long way after as yet; but courage.

J.W.A.H--n-n.—Certainly not. You are the last man in the College we should have suspected of any tendency to professionalism. Since the other cracks had however, signed the declaration, your failure to do so naturally excited some comment.

Pr-f--s-r Br--n.—Yours to hand of Sunday 12th ult. covering jest arising out of a personal experience. "Gutta percha" — "a person who sits or perches in the gutter" is not bad for a Glesga' body (presuming, of course, that it is original). Nevertheless, is it not now your opinion that the situation referred to was slightly derogatory, not only to professorial dignity, but also to your ideal of a classical pose. Caesar would not have acted thus.



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